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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

This time of year is a great opportunity for us as a Council to reiterate to the community what our focus and plans are for the year ahead.

Enjoying a coastline that stretches for 9kms, our focus on protecting the environment is unwavering with a constant view to adapting to and mitigating climate change.

At the ground level, we are working on boosting our tree canopy with the winter tree planting program now underway.

Other projects for the upcoming year include a major upgrade to stormwater infrastructure, a street light

conversion plan and the creation of a pocket park in Seacliff.

Other areas of importance, as highlighted in the Annual Business Plan 2024-25, are our city's assets and infrastructure, our sporting and recreational facilities, the wellbeing of our people, boosting tourism and attracting visitors through events and supporting our business community.

This year, our major focus is the start of the \$40 million Transforming Jetty Road, Glenelg project.

Council will allocate \$30 million over three years for the project which will be a development of state significance and will have economic benefits for the entire city. Work will start in the City zone, at the Brighton Road end of Jetty Road, this spring.

The details of that project, plus the full list of Council's planned projects and budget allocation for services, are included in the Annual Business Plan 2024-25. Download a copy from our website – **holdfast.sa.gov.au** – or pick up a printed copy from the Brighton Civic Centre.



Amanda Wilson

Mayor, City of Holdfast Bay

HOLDFAST HERO

When Kinda Tabbaa-Snyder emigrated from Syria to study in Adelaide, she felt "uprooted from her community" – that was until she started volunteering.

"Volunteering helps me to get out of my shell, to meet other people, to learn about the community and to meet friends and amazing people," said Kinda.

"I always thought volunteering would be later in life but I'm discovering more and more, just doing it now, and especially as a migrant, it's helped me a lot.

"I'm connected to the community, I'm more confident with my language and you feel the kindness."

Kinda's first volunteering experience was at the Marino Community

Garden. She then started the Friends of Pine Gully community group and jumped at the chance to be involved with the Wednesday Gardening Group, which is made up of participants from disability service provider Minda.

They meet weekly at the Holdfast Bay Community Centre and have built a flourishing vegetable garden and do other maintenance tasks like pruning and weeding.

"Each person has their own task that they love to do and they interact with lots of people from the community," Kinda said.

"It's beautiful to see this as they are living a normal life, being in the community and volunteering with other people and I think this is what we should strive for – an inclusive community where everybody has their place."

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NEWS



HUNDREDS MORE TREES FOR OUR SUBURBS

The streets of Somerton Park and Glenelg East are the recipients of hundreds more trees, as part of the winter tree planting program.

Around 780 trees - among them Jacarandas, Coastal Banksias and Drooping She-Oaks - are being planted with another 100 trees to go into the ground as part of the Adopt-a-Tree program.

Other species being planted include Kurrajong and Illawarra Flametrees, which as the name suggests, boast flame-red flowers during spring and summer.

HOLDFAST BAY SET FOR TWO TDU RACE STARTS

Brighton and Glenelg will both welcome the world's best cyclists in the 2025 edition of the Santos Tour Down Under.

On Friday 17 January 2025 - which is also the first day of the 10-day cycling event - the female riders will start their stage 1 race from Brighton.

A week later, on Friday 24 January 2025, it will be the men's turn and they'll start their stage 4 race from Glenelg's Colley Terrace.

Santos Tour Down Under Race Director Stuart O'Grady OAM said next year's event, which is its 25th birthday, will be extra special.

"Elite cyclists look forward to starting their seasons in South Australia and the amazing welcome they receive from fans here. Many teams consider the Santos Tour Down Under their favourite race experience of the year," he said.



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Go to **holdfast.sa.gov.au/holdfastnews** or scan the QR code.



PET REGISTRATIONS DUE SOON

Dog and cat registration renewal notices will be delivered in coming weeks by text message, email or in the mail. Renewing your pet's registration is easy via the Dogs and Cats Online website.

Ensuring your pet's registration is up-to-date is essential to ensure that they can be quickly returned home if they are lost.

Renewals must be done before 31 August 2024. Go to **dogsandcatsonline.com.au**

ALWYNDOR

JOAN'S ARCTIC ADVENTURE

Holdfast Bay's Joan Perkins is living proof of the benefits of being fit and strong – and celebrated her achievements with an adventure of a lifetime to the Arctic Circle.

Joan regularly attended the Strong and Steady fitness classes offered at Alwyndor in Hove with her friend Carolyn, with the goal of being physically prepared for their trip which included climbing in and out of boats.

"You notice the difference when you don't keep up with the classes," said Joan, who said she started exercises for "strength and balance".

"You have to use it or lose it."

Joan has continued with her fitness regime and has no plans on stopping anytime soon.

She does a gym circuit class at Alwyndor and reformer Pilates at the Holdfast Bay Community Centre and is enjoying being fit and active.

"I can feel the benefit of it and I'm still improving," Joan said.



STAYING ACTIVE IS EASY

Alwyndor offers a range of wellness and exercise classes which are held at multiple locations across Holdfast Bay and adjoining suburbs.

Locations include Alwyndor and the Holdfast Bay Community Centre, both at Hove and Kauri Community and Sports Centre at Seacliff.

There are also the Monday Moves sessions held every Monday at the Brighton Rugby Club which includes Yoga, Core

Fit and Fit Ball Drumming.

Those who love the water can join the Aqua Fun class at the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre at Marion.

The wellness classes on offer at Alwyndor's Hove location include Mindfulness Meditation, Chair-Based Exercise classes, Balance and Core @ the Barre, a program called Upright for Life and a Multiple Sclerosis Group.

See the extensive list of wellness and therapy classes at alwyndor.org.au or call 8177 3200 to speak to Alwyndor's Customer Care team.

WHAT'S ON

For the latest events, go to holdfast.sa.gov.au/whatson or scan the QR code with your phone or tablet.



Glenelg Winter Arts Festival

On now until 21 July 2024

Colley Reserve, Glenelg

Sculptures in the Gardens

5–30 August 2024

Alwyndor, Hove

When Art & Age Collide – an intergenerational collaboration

5–30 August 2024

Alwyndor, Hove

City-Bay Fun Run

15 September 2024

Jetty Road and Wigley Reserve, Glenelg

Glenelg Air-Raid Shelter Open Day

15 September 2024

Rugless Terrace, Glenelg East

Rotary Youth Nature and Environment Photographic Exhibition

21 September –
20 October 2024

Bay Discovery Centre, Glenelg

Sea to Shore – Glenelg Seafood Festival

26 – 27 October 2024

Moseley Square and Jimmy Melrose Park, Glenelg



TOO QUIRKY ON DISPLAY AT THE BAY

Jon Carl is the first to admit his style of art is quirky – so it's only fitting that his exhibition at Glenelg's Bay Discovery Centre is titled *Too Quirky*.

It's also a play on words as Jon first exhibited at the Bay Discovery Centre two decades ago. Back then, the exhibition was simply called *Quirky*.

"My work is a quirky kind of art and most of my paintings have got naughty bits in them too," he said with a laugh.

The self-taught artist, who's also a Holdfast Bay resident, loves painting quintessentially Aussie landscapes and characters, taking inspiration from real life.

"I always do the swaggies wearing an Akubra hat, there's ways someone in a blue singlet and the Northern Territory bird



(NT Tourism logo) with the sunset behind it... these are the things that appeal to me and are really Australian," Jon said.

The exhibition is on from 2 August until 8 September 2024 as part of Holdfast Bay's SALA Festival events. All paintings on display are for sale.

Bay Discovery Centre
Moseley Square, Glenelg
Open daily, 10am – 4pm
Entry via gold coin donation

WHAT'S IN A NAME...

WHO WAS KITTY WHYTE?

It is a rare honour for two monuments to commemorate one person but that's the case for Brighton's Kitty Whyte - a woman devoted to keeping others safe at sea but whose own life was tragically cut short not far from where she once lived.

On the bustling Brighton Esplanade next to the Brighton Jetty, sits a sculpture of a woman swimming with two children. Nearby, there's a stone fountain also bearing her name.

Both are memorials for Kathleen "Kitty" Whyte - the woman who unwittingly made history by becoming South Australia's first recorded death from a shark attack.

Born Kathleen Macully, she was a mum of two young daughters who was holidaying at her family's home in Brighton. She lived with her husband Ernest Primrose Whyte on a sheep station in the mid-north.



Kitty was an accomplished swimming instructor who had received a Royal Life Saving Society award for rescuing a drowning woman in 1919 – just one of many people she had rescued.

On 18 March 1926, Kitty, aged 35, had just finished teaching one of her regular swimming classes for local children at Brighton Jetty, when she decided to take a dip herself.

She was reportedly 30m from the jetty when she was savagely bitten by a shark. Her own children – aged six months and two years old – were on the jetty with a nurse and witnessed the horrible ordeal.

Adelaide's The Register newspaper reporting there was a scream and cries of "a shark, a shark" as Kitty struggled in the water. Despite being taken ashore by two men in a dinghy, and then to hospital, she died from her injuries.



Kitty Whyte (nee Macully) pictured on the steps of Dunluce Castle.

THE STORY OF DUNLUCE CASTLE

Kitty's father, Rev Macully, made and lost a fortune building mansions and owning properties in Melbourne – before being declared bankrupt in 1898.

He moved to Adelaide with his family in 1902 and in 1912, Dunluce Castle was built as the family's new home – just a stone's throw from St Jude's Church where he was the rector.

The grand design is based on a wing of Dunluce Castle in Antrim, Northern Ireland and incorporates a castellated round corner tower.

The original estate of five hectares included a stable and coach house. The house sits prominently on sand dunes and would once have had a 360-degree view of Brighton to the sea and across the Adelaide Plains.





Kitty's family lived nearby in a grand house – namely Dunluce Castle. Her father, Reverend Alexander Macully, built the stately home on five hectares of land on what is now Yester Avenue, Brighton.

Dunluce's current owners, Sarah and Grant Tinney, run tours at the historic property and say that despite their wealthy upbringing, Kitty and her sisters were "very much a roll your sleeves up and help out at charities, nursing, community fundraisers type of girls".

"They had a strong arts background and yet they were practical. They were definitely not conventional," Mr Tinney said.

"I believe Kitty's early life was filled with significant travel and uprooting, much like a military family."

True to her adventurous spirit, at just 26 years old Kitty joined botanist and artist Emily Pelloe on a four-week "holiday" –

just the two of them on an 850km horseback ride from Perth to WA's southwest tip of Cape Leeuwin.

Today, her memory lives on with thousands of beachgoers passing the tributes to her at Brighton Jetty - the sculpture by Gerry McMahon of Kitty swimming with children which was purchased by Council in 2011 and the granite drinking fountain which is dedicated as a "tribute to a noble woman" by The Women of Brighton.

Kitty is buried in the family plot at St Jude's Cemetery, Brighton.



Learn more, and see Dunluce in real life, on a self-guided walking tour of historic Brighton.

You'll also pass the memorials to Kitty Whyte and see her final resting place at St Jude's Cemetery, which itself dates back to 1854.

In the photo on the right, Kitty is standing on the far left with her family at Dunluce Castle.

For more information on our walking tours visit holdfast.sa.gov.au/walking-tours



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