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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Spring has sprung across Holdfast Bay – and quite literally at Glenelg with 23 tall, colourful flowers that have created Jetty Road's new eye-catching entry statement at the corner of Brighton Road.

The installation, which is titled Elysian Fields, was completed in recent weeks, as the accelerated construction works continue at the western end of Jetty Road as part of the Transforming Jetty Road Glenelg project.

We know that a lot of visitors to Glenelg usually hop off the tram at Moseley Square and head straight to the beach, but we want them to explore the whole street - starting with an immersive experience under Elysian Fields before walking the length of the street and enjoying what our 300 plus local traders have to offer.

For those who haven't yet seen Elysian Fields in real life, the beauty of it is that people's experiences will change depending on the time of day they see it, as it comes to life as the sun shines through the panels.

It's truly magical and I encourage everyone to pop down to Jetty Road to see what Elysian Fields has brought to the street. Meet up with friends, snap an insta-worthy selfie or create a TikTok dance.

Read more about how it all came to life on pages 6-7 with an in-depth interview with artist / scientist Nick Athanasiou.

In other exciting news, our events season is kicking into gear again and we're looking forward to celebrating the magic of Christmas with a special community event on the first weekend of December – in lieu of the traditional Glenelg Christmas Pageant which has been reimaged for 2025 due to the Transforming Jetty Road Glenelg construction works.

Christmas at the Bay will run for five and a half hours and incorporates fun activities for kids and families, youth-run market stalls, photos with Santa, performances by dance and school groups – plus a stellar line-up of singers who will take to the stage to perform everyone's favourite Christmas carols, against the backdrop of a summer sunset.

I cannot wait for this event and to celebrate the festive season with my family, friends, colleagues and the wider Holdfast Bay community.

Turn to pages 4-5 to read more and start planning your Christmas at the Bay.

Best wishes for the festive season and the new year.



Amanda Wilson
Mayor, City of Holdfast Bay

HOLDFAST HEROES



These dedicated environmental volunteers are not only the Holdfast Heroes for this edition of Our Place – but they are actually known as the Holdfast Habitat Heroes.

The group, which has up to 50 members – mostly local residents – has been actively working together, for a couple of hours each week, in the dunes at Glenelg and between Brighton and Kingston Park since 2003. That's an impressive 22 years.

They've helped transform the dunes, which were once riddled with declared weeds, and have replanted indigenous plants recreating the thriving coastal ecosystems that once existed.

Behind the scenes, many volunteers have been involved in advocacy work to ensure these areas remain a protected space for biodiversity.

Earlier this year, the group was named as a finalist in the Working Together category at the SA Environment Awards, which celebrates South Australians who give their time, expertise and passion on behalf of our precious natural environment.

Want to join the Holdfast Habitat Heroes?

Explore all the opportunities on our website at holdfast.sa.gov.au/volunteer

NEWS



The Transforming Jetty Road Glenelg project is one third completed, with the spectacular entry statement near Brighton Road the final piece of the puzzle for the City zone.

The raised, continuous footpath across Rose Street was also installed recently along with extra greening, street furniture and new uplighting for the street's trees.

In the Coast and Transition zones, which includes Colley Terrace and Moseley Street, construction is well underway to take advantage of the State Government's temporary closure of the Glenelg tram line. The accelerated program of works means the project's expected completion date has been brought forward more than 12 months, to the second half of 2026.

See more at transformingjettyroad.com

Renewed, repaired and reopened



Before

Significant structural damage to the Esplanade at Glenelg North has been repaired and the pathway has reopened to pedestrians and cyclists.

The repair works included filling large voids and sinkholes and reinstating the pavers along the pathway, which were ripped up after two storm events in May and June this year.



After

Student study snacks and support

If you know a young person preparing for high school exams or someone who needs to complete a uni assignment, the Brighton Library has what they need: a quiet place to work, free Wi-Fi and a fully stocked study station.

Think pens, post-it notes, highlighters, mindfulness activities and most importantly, study snacks. The Study Station is available year-round at the Brighton Library thanks to the support of the HoldUp Youth Committee.



Two hours free car parking

Enjoy two hours free parking, seven days a week, in the two undercover car parks on Partridge Street – on both sides of the street.

There are also 12 new 15-minute parking spaces that have been added around the Jetty Road precinct to support quick visits such as coffee runs, pick-ups, drop-offs and takeaway services. These short-term parking spaces can be found on Colley Terrace, Sussex Street and Nile Street.

REDISCOVER THE BDC

Since the Bay Discovery Centre (BDC) came to life 24 years ago, thousands of history buffs, tourists, school students and those who like to reminisce about the days of old have passed through the doors to soak up the fascinating heritage and culture of Holdfast Bay.

The permanent exhibitions explore the stories of the Kaurra people, South Australia's Proclamation and settlement and the evolution of beach culture.

Today the collection boasts up to 10,000 individual items including thousands of weird and wonderful discoveries that have been found under our jetties – including jewellery dating back to the 1800s.

The museum and gallery are open daily, 10am – 4pm (except Christmas Day and Good Friday) and entry is via donation.

Bay Discovery Centre, Glenelg Town Hall
Moseley Square, Glenelg

Exhibitions

**Australian Toys 1880-1965:
The Luke Jones Collection**
November 2025 - February 2026

Enjoy a nostalgic look at childhood wonder and play, from tinplate trucks to wooden wonders. This is one of Australia's best toy collections.

Photo credit: Mark Spaven



Fred Feneley: Australian Modern
On now

Fred Feneley was the embodiment of modern Australia in the 1930s. He was the inaugural captain and founding member of the Glenelg Surf Life Saving Club and his athleticism was renowned on Glenelg Beach.

holdfast.sa.gov.au/BDC

CHRISTMAS AT THE



**Saturday 6
3pm - 8**

OUR COMMUNITY CH

Join us as we come together in a spectacular community celebration to mark the start of the festive season in Holdfast Bay.

The traditional Glenelg Christmas Pageant has been paused for this year due to the Transforming Jetty Road Glenelg construction works.

But Glenelg will still come alive on

Saturday 6 December 2025 for Christmas at the Bay – a five and a half hour long celebration of all things festive from 3pm – 8.30pm.

You'll be able to enjoy the best of Christmas all within one afternoon – and get some Christmas shopping done too!

Start the afternoon with a host of free



Pat painting on display

A painting of the Patawalonga, captured more than 120 years ago by a renowned South Australian artist, now hangs inside the Bay Discovery Centre as part of the award-winning Tia Wangkanthi Kumangka (Truth-Telling Together) exhibition – thanks to the generosity of Alexandrina Council.

It has also been recreated onto a vinyl wrap that now envelopes the public amenities block at Wigley Reserve, right next to the Patawalonga – which is apt as the original painting is titled The Patawalonga.

MAS BAY

December
.30pm



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

kids' activities including Christmas crafts, face painting and games.

Meet Santa and snap a happy pic with him inside the Glenelg Town Hall and you can even pre-book your timeslot to make your life easier on the day.

Peruse the stalls at the Youth Market and stock up on Christmas presents.

Enjoy an early dinner in Moseley

Square or along Jetty Road, Glenelg.

Or BYO snacks and picnic rug and get comfy on the Glenelg Foreshore lawns ahead of an evening of live entertainment.

From 6pm the stage will be warmed up with performances by school and community groups before the Christmas carols begin at 6.30pm.

MORE TO ENJOY

Mix 102.3 Giant Wheel

From Friday 24 October 2025
Moseley Square, Glenelg

The Local

Saturday 8 November 2025
Jimmy Melrose Park, Glenelg

Remembrance Day

Tuesday 11 November 2025
Moseley Square, Glenelg

Glenelg Summer Market

Sunday 21 December 2025
2pm - 10pm
Jimmy Melrose Park, Glenelg Foreshore

Bay Sheffield

Saturday 27 and
Sunday 28 December 2025
Colley Reserve, Glenelg

Proclamation Day

Sunday 28 December 2025
Old Gum Tree Reserve, Glenelg North

New Year's Eve fireworks

Wednesday 31 December 2025
Brighton and Glenelg

Santos Tour Down Under

Saturday 24 January 2026
THINK! Road Safety Men's Stage 4:
Brighton to Willunga Hill
Brighton Esplanade

See more at
holdfast.sa.gov.au/whatson
or scan the QR code

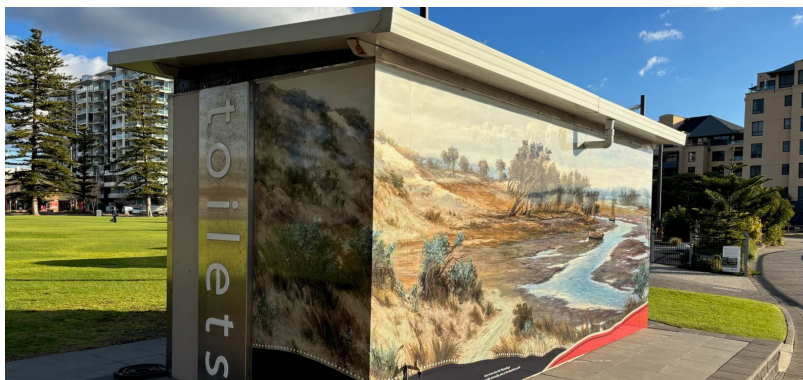


- inside and out

Painted by James Ashton, who was a former resident of Brighton, this is the first time the original artwork has been at Glenelg since it was first painted, and it will remain in the Bay Discovery Centre for 12 months.

Ashton arrived in Adelaide in 1884 and established Ashton's Academy of Arts in Victoria Square in 1896.

He died in 1935 and is buried at St Jude's Cemetery in Brighton.



MEET THE ARTIST BEHIND JETTY ROAD GLENELG'S NEW ENTRY STATEMENT



Nature has always inspired art. And artists have always been inspired by how light and colour play with each other, especially in nature.

Think of Claude Monet's iconic painting, Water Lily Pond, which depicted his garden in France. Or Vincent Van Gogh's obsession with golden sunflowers. Closer to home, Australian impressionist Tom Roberts encouraged artists to paint "en plein air" or outdoors so they could best capture the Australian landscape's unique and diverse colours.

It's no different for Nick Athanasiou – the visionary artist behind Glenelg's newest installation, Elysian Fields, pictured right.

Nick harnesses his love of the natural world, light and colour to craft intricate, immersive and engaging creations which are delivered through his contemporary art company Skunk Control.

At Glenelg, this has translated into a 21-metre-long avenue of 20 colourful flowers, some of which stand atop 5-metre-high stems and stretch up to 2.7 metres in length. Three more stand tall on the opposite side of the street.

Together, they are Elysian Fields –



a public art piece and an eye-catching entry statement that welcomes people to Jetty Road, Glenelg and lets them know they have arrived at Adelaide's premier coastal destination.

The installation is part of the Transforming Jetty Road Glenelg project, which kicked off in October last year and is expected to be completed in the second half of 2026.

Nick hopes that Elysian Fields will elicit a sense of wonder in people as they travel past it - in a car or on the tram - walk alongside it or wander through it.

"I like the idea of people stepping in, stopping and trying to figure out how it's all working ... and then taking a step forward but stopping again to pause. I like the idea of that pause," Nick said.

Along with the visual enjoyment, Nick wants his works to prompt questions from the people viewing it. Especially around how colour and light interact and connect, which is a feature in all of Skunk Control's creations.

"We use elements of nature to recreate something that is not biological, but nevertheless is what happens in biology and ecology," Nick said.



To the casual observer, the flowers look like they are made of stained glass. But they're not.

Rather, each petal contains layers of stainless steel, inlaid with optical filters – some of which display different colours when viewed from different angles.

"And what nature does is create colour from the physical process of white light passing through microstructures, that are arranged in ways that allow only one or two waves of light to reflect," Nick explained.

"In nature, we see this phenomenon play out when we observe the colourful wings of butterflies. Their colour is a consequence of light's interaction with fine microstructures found deep within their wings.

"The materials that we use mimic what happens in nature. Some of the filters we use are made up of hundreds of layers so as light enters these filters, only certain waves (colours) are reflected while others

are transmitted."

Nick was a scientist before becoming an artist. He gained a PhD in Chemistry and taught at university before founding Skunk Control in 2020.

Nick says the company evolved organically through an education program designed to help people gain access to university.

Nick continues to ensure there is an educational focus with all of Skunk Control's creations, through community and school outreach programs.

Earlier this year, Nick conducted workshops with students from three Holdfast Bay schools, who

created their own mini versions of the Elysian Fields flowers.

"If we can outreach to the community, the community understands the work a little bit better and it makes them feel like the work is part of their community, and not just there in isolation," he said.

Read more and follow the Transforming Jetty Road Glenelg project at transformingjettyroad.com or scan the QR code.



COMMUNITY WELLBEING



HOST YOUR OWN SUBURBAN SUMMER STREET PARTY

If you have ever wanted to host a party in your street or neighbourhood, now's the time to apply to be part of our Summer Street Meets series.

With a free, Council-obtained permit, Holdfast Bay residents are given

permission to close their street for a designated time on a particular day to hold a street party – be it a casual BBQ or a more formal sit-down lunch.

For the past few years, Seacliff resident Shelley has been her street's Street Meet organiser and says it's an easy, simple and fun way to grow community spirit.

"It was great – the street loved it, everyone who came loved it, and in fact that first year really connected all the kids on the street and some have been friends for five or six years now," said Shelley.

"Council dropped off all the things we needed, like road closures signs and a checklist of things to do and we watched a 10-minute instruction video which was very easy to understand," she said.

Applications are open now for the upcoming summer series of Street Meets which can be held between December this year and February 2026.

For more information and to apply to host your own Street Meet party, visit holdfast.sa.gov.au/street-meets

Chat and connect over a cuppa

Come together over a cup of tea or coffee and enjoy a chat – that's Chatty Café.

Every Monday morning from 10am during the school term, Chatty Café is held at the Holdfast Bay Community

Centre and is a welcoming, relaxed space that anyone can come along to if they want a cuppa and a chat.

Thanks to the team from Sensory Fun, little ones are also welcome and can enjoy

the space with toys and a colouring-in area.

Chatty Café also hosts a guest speaker each week. No bookings needed.



Give and take for free

Have you seen the Grow Free Trolley, which lives at the Holdfast Bay Community Centre?

The message is 'give what you can, take what you need' and the trolley is available 24/7 on the front verandah of

the community centre.

In collaboration with Grow Free SA and the Brighton Art Group, an old baby change station was lovingly repurposed and vibrantly painted by local artist Vanessa Kate Sumner.

The trolley holds an ever-

changing selection of homegrown produce - sourced right from the garden beds, planters and backyards of our generous Holdfast Bay residents and community.

Holdfast Bay Community Centre
51 King George Ave, Hove



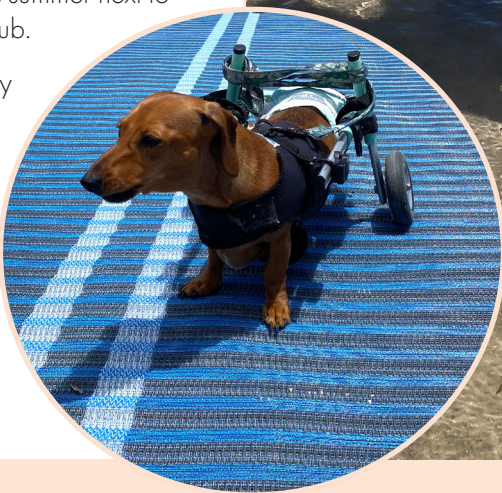
Inclusive Beach Days will be held on Glenelg Beach over summer, following many successful supported accessible beach days provided by Council and estara, formerly PQSA.

This summer's events include supported beach walks, which have been offered previously, but will take precedence this year if the harmful algal bloom continues to be an issue.

People are urged to follow public health guidelines and support will be provided, in the form of floating wheelchairs and helpers, if people do wish to take to the water on the Inclusive Beach Day events.

The blue accessible beach mat will also be rolled out again this summer next to the Moseley Beach Club.

The mat can be used by anyone, at any time of day - including people with prams, people using walking aids or by people who just want an easier path to the water over the soft sand.



BEACH DAYS ARE BACK FOR ALL



Visit [estara.com.au](https://www.estara.com.au) for information on the Inclusive Beach Days which will be held from January next year.

Local voices join disability advisory group

Did you know that Council is part of a regional Disability Advisory Network (DAN)?

The DAN is a partnership between Holdfast Bay, Marion and Mitcham councils, supported by Mission Australia. It brings together people with lived experience of disability to help councils

make programs, services, and places more inclusive.

Holdfast Bay is represented by five local residents on the DAN, who bring a mix of personal experience and professional knowledge from across the disability sector.

Among them are Gai Dawe and Emma Barrett who both work in the disability sector.

"I joined the group when it was first established around five years ago because I wanted to help create positive change," said Gai.

Emma says her inspiration came from her grandmother, who had an intellectual

disability, as well as her own lived experience.

"I learned that people need to have a voice, instead of other people deciding what's best for them," Emma said.

"And I wanted to understand quite specifically what was happening in Holdfast Bay because I live and work here."

The DAN meets monthly and provides direct advice to councils—not just on meeting the minimum standards of the Disability Discrimination Act, but on going further. By sharing knowledge and lived experience, the network is helping councils create communities where everyone feels welcome and included.



PARTRIDGE HOUSE



New nature playspace incoming

Exciting changes are on the way for local families and young adventurers who frequent the Partridge House playspace.

A nature-inspired playspace is now being constructed on the same footprint, with the highly-valued Ombu tree remaining an integral and important part of the redesigned area.

The playspace will include wooden climbing structures, a communication board, swing seats, a sensory totem and quiet play opportunities, shade and native plantings.

The new playspace should reopen to the public later this month or in early November.

GARDENS WORTH A VISIT

While the playspace is temporarily out of action, consider exploring the rest of the gardens that surround historic Partridge House.

The gardens are open to the public all year round, from 7am to dusk, and span approximately 3000 square metres.

The garden beds featured manicured hedges, rose obelisks, a pond with many varieties of waterlilies and the historical Townsend Drinking Fountain, which was gifted to the then council in 1877.

There's also the unique bottle tree, which was featured as our Tree of the Month in June this year.

Not long after it was planted, between 7-10 years ago, the tree was hit by a

truck and was almost removed entirely as it became unstable. But it dug its roots in and has flourished, even with its bent trunk.

"It's not an ordinary tree at all - it's got character," said John, who helped adorn the bottle tree with a Tree of the Month medallion.

He's also one of the volunteers who helps to keep the gardens around Partridge House looking their best, along with Ken and Adam from Council's Open Space team.



From then 'til now...

In 1839, Mrs Elinor Varley purchased the property at 38 Partridge Street.

In 1899, Mr Jackson, an architect of Soward & Jackson, Adelaide, built a house of 18 rooms and outhouses.

It was known as Branksome by Maisie Thomas who occupied the house between 1902 - 1912.

From 1912 - 1973, the house was owned by Pastoralist H. P. McLachlan and his sons.

On 10 April 1973, Glenelg Council purchased the property saving it from demolition.

Partridge House now hosts more than 500 functions a year, including weddings and birthday parties.

partridgehouse.com.au

POLICIES



Making Holdfast greener, safer and more welcoming

Council recently adopted four policies that help to fulfil our commitment to making Holdfast Bay a safer, greener and more welcoming place for everyone.

The new Driveway Crossovers Policy ensures safe, accessible property access while protecting footpaths and street trees.

The Footpaths Policy, also new, supports walking and cycling with well-designed, accessible paths for all ages and abilities. The Trees Policy was updated to safeguard our urban forest, helping our neighbourhoods stay cool, healthy and beautiful, while encouraging everyone to care for street trees.

Finally, the Verges Policy enables residents to enhance the space between their property and the street, supporting attractive and environmentally friendly streetscapes.

Together, these policies balance community needs, safety and sustainability, making it easier for everyone to enjoy and care for our shared spaces.

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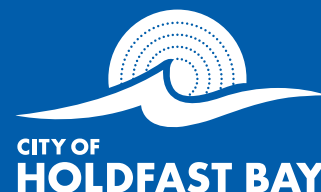
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