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# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2024.

We've brought in the new year with a bang and have already had a busy start with so much more to come over the next 12 months.

One of our biggest assets – besides our spectacular coastline – is our capacity to host major events, which brings with them so many benefits for our local businesses and the wider economy.

This year is no different and we are absolutely thrilled to have the Adelaide Festival's captivating dance production, Baleen Moondjan, being performed on Glenelg Beach at the end of February.

This enchanting production will also mark the official opening of the 2024 Adelaide Festival and will be the first time the opening will be held outside of the city.

Turn to page 4 to find out more and see the full list of events happening across Holdfast Bay throughout summer and into autumn.

In this edition, you'll meet our wonderful and growing community of waste warriors, who have been helping to promote the benefits of weekly green-lid FOGO bin collections over the past 18 months.

Without the support of our community, this innovative change to how we deal with household waste would not be the success it is.

Enjoy our Summer Treats Trail, rediscover the history of our seaside suburbs – from grand mansions to memorable characters – and read about John Miller, whose name lives on at Somerton Park.

Summer is a beautiful time to live, work and play in Holdfast Bay and I'd like to wish all our residents, businesses and visitors a healthy, happy and prosperous 2024.



**Amanda Wilson**

Mayor, City of Holdfast Bay

## SUMMER SAFETY



Volunteer and professional lifeguards are back on our beaches doing their best to keep swimmers safe.

Surf Life Saving SA is also encouraging all beachgoers to take their own simple precautions to keep themselves, friends and family out of harm's way.

Volunteer surf lifesavers patrol the beaches on weekends and public holidays at Glenelg, Somerton, Brighton and Seacliff, including Seacliff Surf Life Saving Club president Jacinta Day (pictured).

On weekdays during the summer months, paid lifeguards patrol Glenelg Beach.

### Here are lifesavers' top beach safety tips:

- Always swim at beaches with patrolling lifesavers or lifeguards
- Stay between the red and yellow flags
- Never swim alone
- Don't swim under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Learn how to spot a rip and keep clear of it
- If you get into trouble in the water, stay calm. Signal for help by holding up one arm and waving, float and wait for assistance
- Be sun smart: slip, slop, slap, seek, slide
- Keep out of dunes and fenced areas
- Avoid dangerous activities such as jetty jumping or venturing near the breakwater rocks



# NEWS

## Accessible beach days back for the summer

Glenelg Beach will host a series of accessible beach days in the coming months, taking to six the total number of accessible beach events held this summer.

Council is working with ParaQuad SA (PQSA) to host the beach days, two of which were held in December last year and this January.

The next four accessible beach days will be held on Saturday 20 January, Saturday 3 February, Sunday 18 February and Sunday 10 March 2024.

Council will supply 50-metres of beach matting from the Glenelg Foreshore, north of the jetty, to the water, providing access for wheelchair users and people with mobility difficulties.

There will also be beach wheelchairs available to use and the Mobi-chair floating wheelchair, with PQSA volunteers on hand to provide assistance and support.

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## Iconic tram returns to the Bay

A teenage LEGO enthusiast has brought Tram 361 back to Glenelg – in model form. And his creation now has a permanent home at Glenelg's Bay Discovery Centre.

Jackson Hefford has been passionate about trams and everything transport since he was three years old – and a

Holdfast Bay Community Grant allowed him to bring his vision to life.

The model took nine months of planning and design, two days to complete the build and used about 1,700 LEGO bricks, some of which were sourced from overseas.

Jackson says he's thrilled to see his creation on permanent display at the Bay Discovery Centre. The tram display is on the first floor of the museum.

## Awards for our green businesses

Congratulations to the winners of our inaugural Green Business Awards, which celebrate local businesses who are actively involved with environmental or sustainable practices.

The three award winners were The Seller Door (Waste Reduction), Gate to Garnish (Circular Economy) and Grocer with a Heart (Community Engagement).



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# WHAT'S ON

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## Brighton Jetty Sculptures

18 - 29 January 2024

Brighton Esplanade and Bindarra Reserve, Brighton



## Foreshore Fridays

19 January & 9 February 2024

Glenelg Foreshore

## Channel 7 Brighton Jetty Classic

4 February 2024

The Esplanade, Brighton

## Glenelg Sunset Markets

11 February & 10 March 2024

Glenelg Foreshore

## Moseley Beach Club

Now until 7 April 2024

Glenelg Beach

## Mix 102.3 Giant Wheel

Now until 12 May 2024

Moseley Square, Glenelg

## Sand Castles Exhibition

Now until 26 May 2024

Bay Discovery Centre, Moseley Square, Glenelg



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## ADELAIDE FESTIVAL COMES TO GLENELG

28 February – 2 March 2024

Get ready to be swept off your feet as Glenelg Beach transforms into a stage of wonder and enchantment for the world premiere of the captivating dance production, Baleen Moondjan.

This contemporary dance production is from creative visionary Stephen Page, an icon of Australian

Indigenous dance formerly of Bangarra Dance Theatre.

Set among giant whale bones on the sandy shores of Glenelg, Baleen Moondjan tells the story of a proud Elder, a curious granddaughter and the day a baleen whale comes close to shore.



## Explore Glenelg's underground wartime history

Located beneath part of the Glenelg Oval is a slice of Glenelg's wartime history, which dates back to the 1940s.

Built during World War II, the Glenelg Air-Raid Shelter was one of seven constructed in Adelaide's most populous suburbs and formed part of a communication network.

Converted into a museum in the 1990s, it is now staffed by volunteers with cabinets displaying photos, diaries and personal effects including helmets and a gas mask.

There are also tributes to fallen heroes such as Australian nurse Millie Dorsch

and William Kibby VC, whose memories both live on at the William Kibby VC Veterans Shed at Glenelg North.

You can visit the Air-Raid Shelter on the following dates, between 1pm – 3pm:

- Sunday 21 January 2024
- Sunday 18 February 2024
- Sunday 17 March 2024
- Sunday 21 April 2024

On Anzac Day, 25 April 2024, the Air-Raid Shelter will be open from 11 am – 1 pm.

Entry to the shelter is via a steep flight of stairs. It is located at Rugless Terrace, Glenelg East.



# SUMMER TREATS TRAIL



What better way to enjoy the warmer weather than with our Summer Treats Trail, which will take you from Marina Pier at Glenelg, all the way along the coast to Seacliff. If you're after an ice cream, a fruity cocktail, a refreshing juice or delicious dessert, we have you covered.

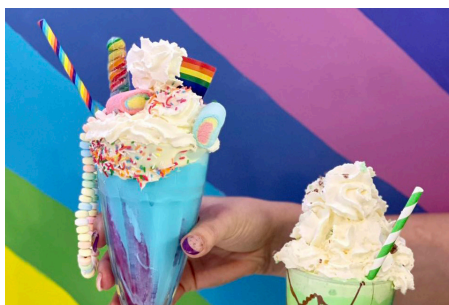


## Junipers on the Marina, Glenelg

Kickstart the Summer Treats Trail at Junipers on the Marina at Glenelg's Marina Pier. Pop in for a refreshing gin, which includes a long list of local distilleries or enjoy a sweet treat from the dessert menu.

## Uniqorn Eats, Glenelg

If you're into bright, colourful desserts and sugary treats, Uniqorn Eats has you covered. From crazy shakes to rainbow sundaes and their signature range of adult only cocktails, it's the ultimate Instagram-worthy destination.



## The Organik Store & Café, Glenelg South

Looking for a healthy pick-me-up? The Organik's smoothie menu has something for everyone with nine different smoothie flavours including Choc Maca Mint and Berry Choc Cream or try a Green with Envy, Detox or Zinger juice.



## The Kiosk at Somerton, Somerton Park

Located right on the Esplanade, The Kiosk at Somerton is the perfect place to stop and pop your feet up after a long walk. Cool down with a delicious iced-coffee or even a strawberry milkshake. They also offer a range of ice creams if you're feeling extra warm!



## Alimentary Eatery, Brighton

Follow the trail to Brighton and head to Alimentary Eatery on Jetty Road. They offer a large range of smoothies and smoothie-bowls as well as their ever-changing Alimentary creation shake! Try a house-made juice, and if you're feeling extra cheeky, you can make it boozy!

## Seacliff Beach Hotel, Seacliff

Enjoy the view with an ice cold drink at the Seacliff Beach Hotel. With three different bars to choose from, they offer a huge range of delicious cocktails, beers and wines.





# HISTORY



Take a walk around Holdfast Bay and rediscover our fascinating history, from the opulent mansions that lined the foreshore to the influential figures who played a role in shaping our seaside suburbs.

Our four historic walking tour brochures will help guide the way, from Glenelg to Brighton and around Seacliff and Kingston Park.

Find out about the Glenelg property that was lost in a bet in the 1800s, read about Mad Lucy and why she earned herself that nickname, and see a famous Brighton castle.

The free brochures are available at Glenelg's Bay Discovery Centre, our libraries at Glenelg and Brighton and the Brighton Civic Centre and online at [holdfast.sa.gov.au/trails](https://holdfast.sa.gov.au/trails)

## Historic Glenelg



This 45-minute walk challenges you to uncover Glenelg's unique past. Understand more about its historical importance as South Australia's first mainland settlement and how it developed over the years.

## Historic Brighton



Take the time to discover Brighton's hidden secrets on this 45-minute stroll. Visit a castle, the Arch of Remembrance and learn about the development of Brighton from a rural town to a bustling seaside community.

## Historic Seacliff & Kingston Park



Take a 1.5-hour stroll around Seacliff and Kingston Park, learning the history behind Kingston Park's beautiful open spaces and Seacliff's eclectic-built heritage. Meet Pat and Charlie along the way.

## Historic Glenelg Mansions



By the mid-1880s, the sand dunes of Glenelg's Esplanade had given way to the summer residences of wealthy South Australians. Take a 1-hour stroll past some of the mansions that still stand today in Glenelg.



## MAJOR PROJECTS

# Finish line in sight for Glenelg Oval upgrades



The multi-faceted, multi-year upgrade of Glenelg Oval - which has resulted in upgraded tennis courts and clubrooms, new unisex change rooms, cricket practice pitches, tiered seating, a playspace and improved accessibility - is coming to an end.

After more than three years, the final pieces of the puzzle are coming together. This includes the much-anticipated improvements to Margaret Messenger Reserve in the north-eastern corner of the oval precinct.

Along with new accessible pathways, which link through to Glenelg Oval, still to come is a new fitness station, BBQ, shelter, seating, upgraded basketball court, mini soccer goals and irrigated turf to provide an open space for all to enjoy.

The real-life Margaret Messenger, after whom the reserve is named, was pleased to see the upgrades unfold.

"I was told about the plans for the reserve and I thought it was lovely," Mrs Messenger, an Olympic gold medalist, said previously.

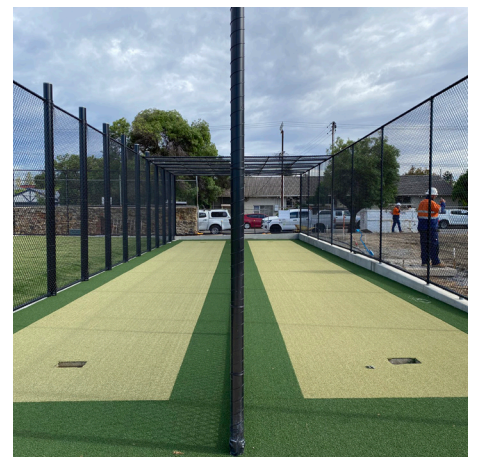


"The reserve has been neglected in the last few years and it is nice to think that (council) is not forgetting about it and that gives me an enormous amount of pleasure."

Improved plaza entry from Rugless Terrace into the north-east corner of oval will soon be completed, along with landscaping.

On Williams Avenue, at the back of Glenelg Oval, the service access laneway to the oval and Glenelg Primary School was recently improved including separated pedestrian and service vehicle access into these points.

The upgrade of Glenelg Oval began with significant improvements at the Holdfast Tennis Club.



In October 2021, new multi-purpose change rooms were installed, providing a much-needed boost to female participation in sport.

In March 2022, new football goal posts were installed at the oval and an electronic LED scoreboard replaced an old manual scoreboard. New behind goal ball stop/cricket sight screen structures also helped bring Glenelg Oval in line with other SANFL grounds across Adelaide.

An official opening of the upgraded Glenelg Oval is planned for later in the year.

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# FOGO



## Tips for tricky waste

Some waste items are not suitable for any of the three kerbside waste bins - and need to be disposed of elsewhere, including batteries.

Batteries can cause fires in the rubbish trucks so should only be recycled at designated battery recycling locations which can be found at the Brighton Civic Centre, Woolworths, Coles, Drakes, Foodland, Bunnings and Aldi stores.

Soft plastics, including cling wrap and plastic bags or wrappers, can be recycled in designated bins located at the Brighton Civic Centre and Glenelg North Community Garden.

Accessing the Hard Waste collections is another great option for large items including e-waste and mattresses. Each household is allocated one free pick-up per financial year. To book a collection, call 8295 5077.

# What's next for ho

## Our FOGO champions have the answer

Did you know that this year marks 17 years since the yellow-lid recycling wheelie bins were first introduced in Holdfast Bay? Imagine how full our landfill bins would be without them!

And while removing items such as plastic bottles, tins, cardboard and paper has been a game-changer in reducing the amount of waste we send to landfill, more can be done.

If you ask our FOGO champions, some of whom are the faces you see on these pages, the next frontier is food recycling through our household green-lid FOGO bins.

Our champions are among approximately 75% of households who have embraced weekly FOGO bin collections since it came into effect city-wide in September 2022.

Over a 12-month period, residents helped reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill by 23%.

At the same time, an additional 2,295 tonnes of food scraps and garden clippings were processed from households' green-lid FOGO bins.

That's the same as approximately 327,857 watermelons or 76.5 million brussel sprouts! Instead of being buried in landfill, it was recycled into nutrient-rich compost and mulch products.

For Kaleo from Seacliff, the move to weekly FOGO has been a simple change to make.

"It really gets you into the habit of going to the green bin first, and leaving the red bin alone," he said, adding that he can go for weeks without putting anything in his red-lid landfill bin.







# usehold recycling?



Another resident, Peter, is a proud FOGO champion and says his son Jayden's passion for recycling has prompted the family to buy less items that can't be recycled and more that can.

"Jayden is only three years old, but he's started bringing home pictures of trees and soil because he is so passionate about rejuvenating our planet through recycling," Peter said.

Remembering what items can go into your household green-lid FOGO bins is easy – if it grows, it goes. This includes food, nail clippings, hair, and even pet fur.

Meat, bones, eggshells, and dairy are other food products that can be recycled through household FOGO bins along with shredded paper, egg cartons and pet waste in a compostable bag.

All Holdfast Bay households are entitled to one free roll of compostable kitchen caddy bags (per financial year) with extra rolls available to buy for \$3 each. Pick up a free roll from the Brighton Civic Centre or Glenelg Library.

All Woolworths, some Foodlands and Coles supermarkets offer compostable produce bags, which are also suitable for kitchen caddies. Once full, the bags can go straight into your green-lid FOGO bin.

If you are on the old service and want to return to weekly FOGO bin collections, please visit our website to see what options are available.

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## Five fun FOGO facts

- Holdfast Bay is the state leader in diverting waste from landfill, at a rate of 69%
- Holdfast Bay households on weekly FOGO bin collections divert 83% of their waste from landfill, which is one of the highest diversion rates in the country
- Households on weekly FOGO bin collections place almost two thirds of their food waste in their FOGO bin – this is four times higher than households on weekly landfill bin collections
- Our weekly FOGO and fortnightly landfill bin collection model has been recognised as best practice, and is referenced in the State Government's Better Practice: Sustainable Kerbside Service guide for councils
- Three other metropolitan Adelaide councils are now undertaking similar pilot programs of weekly FOGO bin collections.

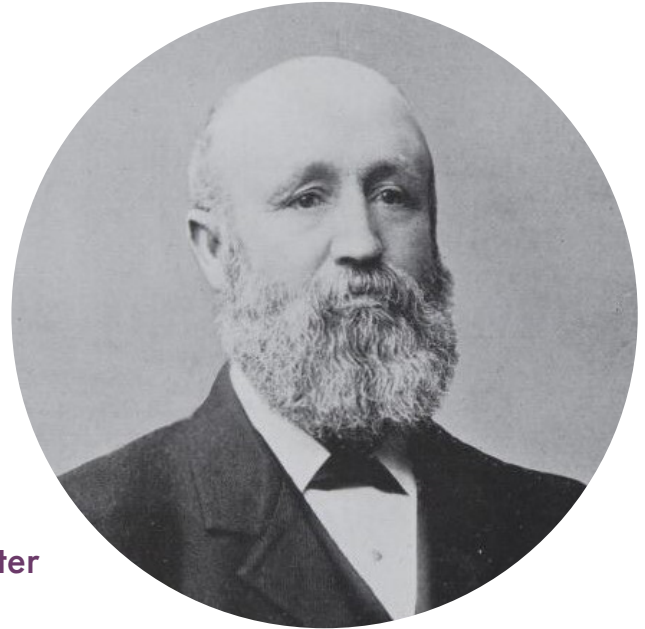


## WHAT'S IN A NAME...

# WHO WAS JOHN MILLER?

Many of us have been to, walked by or driven past John Miller Reserve at Somerton Park, which boasts a playground, gym equipment and lots of green space.

Overlooking the reserve is a stately white house which was once the seaside home of John Miller – the man after whom the reserve is named. But who was John Miller?



His story started in 1840, when he was born at Hindmarsh – just four years after the colony of South Australia was established.

His work life was varied. He was a farmer and president of the SA Farmers Association, a member of the House of Assembly and was one of the founders of a boys' college, Wayville.

He was Chairman of the Campbelltown District Council and then a councillor at Brighton Council from 1909-1910.

After he retired to Brighton in 1908, he built the 12-room stone house, which became

known as Somerlea and is the house that still stands today.

John Miller's first wife Mary was a niece of William Rounsevell, a prominent Mayor of Glenelg. She died in May 1912. In December 1912, John Miller married Bessie Edith Puxton, also of Glenelg and who was 40 years his junior.

They had seven years together before his death in 1919 at his Somerton Park residence. His final resting place is the North Brighton cemetery.

In 1940, his widow Bessie gifted the parcel of land - now known as John Miller

Reserve - to Brighton Council. This was 100 years after John Miller's birth and was so significant, it was reported in The Advertiser newspaper at the time.

The report, published on Tuesday 27 February 1940 on page 18 said: "The Mayor of Brighton (Mr. F. J. Brown) officially received on behalf of the corporation, the title deeds of land comprising approximately 21 acres on the Esplanade at Somerton, as a gift to the municipality, from the widow of Mr. John Miller, the ground to be known as the John Miller Recreation Park."

### VALUABLE GIFT TO BRIGHTON Land For Recreation Reserve At Somerton

Yesterday afternoon the Mayor of Brighton (Mr. F. J. Brown) officially received on behalf of the corporation, the title deeds of land comprising approximately 21 acres on the Esplanade at Somerton, as a gift to the municipality, from the widow of Mr. John Miller, the ground to be known as the John Miller Recreation Park.

Mr. Brown said the magnificent gift would be for ever treasured. The land comprised one of the most valuable sites in Somerton, with a frontage of 445 feet to the Esplanade, with a depth of 180 feet to Whyte and College roads.

Ex-Councillor R. H. Niehaus introduced Mrs. Miller, who handed the title deeds to Mr. Brown. In doing so she said she hoped that funds would be made available for the necessary improvements for the establishment of a recreation park.

Mr. Brown said that the recent transport service to Somerton had improved the value of the land in that vicinity. The new park was the terminus of the bus service, and there was not a more favorable site for a recreation park at any of the beaches along the coast. The commercial value of the land was £4,000. He assured Mrs. Miller that the land would be made the best possible use of for the benefit of ratepayers and visitors. On behalf of the members of the council he thanked Mrs. Miller for her most generous gift.

Subsequently the mayor and mayoress entertained those present at afternoon tea in the parlor of the mayoress, which had been decorated with bowls of Melbourne Star dahlias by Mrs. A. H. Sanders, wife of the town clerk.





# HOLDFAST HEROES

Colleen Slattery is happiest when she's arts and crafting.

And her creations can be seen all over Holdfast Bay – from the ornate drapes which are part of the Sand Castles exhibition currently on at Glenelg's Bay Discovery Centre, to some of the costumes that added extra sparkle and joy in the most recent Glenelg Christmas Pageant.

Colleen was dressed as the Snowflake Queen in a costume she designed and created herself, along with the walking Christmas trees and presents, which she described as 'Christmas gifts to the community'.

"I've done so much and so many different things," she said of her 13 years volunteering with Holdfast Bay.

"Throw anything at me and I'll do it.

"Now I'm obviously the resident Holdfast Bay dressmaker," she said with a laugh.

Colleen began volunteering as the arts coordinator when she retired from an art framing business she ran with her husband Chris.

With art being her passion, Colleen hosts the Creative Holdfast arts bus tours and has recently started taking art classes with more senior members of the community.

"I do love it – my husband will say to anyone, 'she's living the dream' as I have the best volunteer job," Colleen said.

"And it's great to do something for other people."

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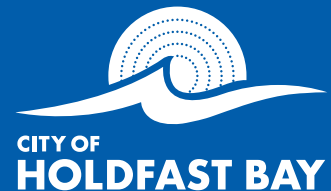
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