

Clayton Bay

Clayton Bay community vision for A2040

We are a proud and inclusive community, committed to preserving our tranquil, environmentally responsible town. As a gateway to nature, we protect our pristine environment, dark sky, and heritage. With a focus on the arts community spirit, we welcome those seeking nature and peace.



Clayton Bay entrance sign

Clayton Bay is a quiet and secluded township located on Lake Alexandrina and the Lower Murray River, it is part of the Lower Lakes and Coorong region at the end of the Murray River System.

The post office, community hall, and local café serve as key hubs for social connection. The Clayton Bay Community Association, Nursery and Environmental Group, and Boat Club provide locals with volunteer opportunities and year-round social events.

Additionally, the natural beauty of the area – rivers, lagoons, walking trails, wildlife and ‘dark sky’ environment – creates a tranquil environment for holiday park visitors and day-trippers to connect with nature. The mix of community pride and nature appreciation makes Clayton Bay a special place for both residents and visitors.



Clayton Bay lakeside

Quick statistics

 People	Total population 536 people > < 15 Years 45 people (8.4%) > > 65 Years 202 people (37.7%).
 Dwellings	> Private dwellings 431 > Occupied private dwellings 220 (51%) > Unoccupied private dwellings 211 (49%).
 Employment	> Volunteers 114 people > Total working population 176 > Top industries of employment (residential population): • Health Care and Social Assistance 44 (19.3%) • Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing 18 (10.2%) • Construction 18 (10.2%) • Retail Trade 15 (8.5%) • Education and Training 15 (8.5%).
 Language spoken at home	> Speak only English at home 474 people (88.4%), Maltese 8 people (1.49%), Tagalog 5 people (0.93%), French 3 people (0.56%), Indonesian 3 people (0.56%).

Community ideas for our township

Through the Village Conversations, community members from Clayton Bay identified ideas that they would like for their town. The ideas that received the most support from other community members are listed below. Council will further these ideas within its role and financial capacity through ongoing services, asset renewal planning, grant applications and advocating to other levels of government.

A2040 Action Area	Idea	Council's Role
	Protect Lake Alexandrina, especially Dunn's Lagoon, as a Ramsar Wetland of International Importance	A
	Four knot speed in lagoons on Lake Alexandrina	A
	A dedicated off-leash dog park	Ex
	Clayton Bay dark sky reserve accreditation and promotion	Em
	Improve reserves and pocket parks in the town	Ex
	Share the stories of Ngarrindjeri	Ex P
	Community-led and business opportunities: > boating events and activities > frog breeding > cafes > arts programs > community repair shed > plant nursery.	Em



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Council initiatives 2020-2024

- As part of the **Clayton Bay Master Plan**, laid over 2.5km of limestone rubble over a loop footpath in Clayton Bay connecting the foreshore to Dunn's Lagoon
- **Foreshore boardwalk repairs** and renewal
- **Implemented Smart Light** streetlighting
- Secured a grant (\$9,800) to support the delivery of a second round of **Food Matters workshops** and **Mentoring Program in Alexandrina** with The Food Embassy, Strathalbyn Neighbourhood Centre, and MUSIC
- **Shade sail installation** at the reserve.