

Strathalbyn, Finniss and Ashbourne

Strathalbyn community vision for A2040

Strathalbyn is a cohesive community that values its gardens, river and land and village feel. Safe, inclusive, accessible and community-minded we work together to support young and old for a sustainable future for our town.

Finniss and Ashbourne community vision for A2040

We are small, rural communities that have retained a quiet and community feel. We are proud of our towns and facilities and welcome others that wish to come to Finniss and Ashbourne.



The communities of Strathalbyn, Finniss and Ashbourne are centrally located in the Alexandrina area. Strathalbyn is one of Alexandrina Council's largest townships and an important service area.

Strathalbyn is an historic country township on the River Angas that services a growing population of residents and residents from surrounding towns and farming country.

Finniss, named after its local river, was once a stop on the railway line from Strathalbyn to Goolwa with a post office and general store. Today, it is

small residential community and the general store is a licenced café.

Ashbourne is a small township next to Cox Scrub Conservation Park. With a local school, Inn and agricultural services, the town services its residents and the surrounding farming area.

Quick statistics

 People	Total population 7,846 people > <15 Years 1,365 people (17.4%) > >65 Years 2,050 people (26.1%).
 Dwellings	> Private dwellings 3,306 > Occupied private dwellings 3,068 (92.8%) > Unoccupied private dwellings 238 (7.2%).
 Employment	> Volunteers 1,499 people > Total working population 3,278 > Top industries of employment (residential population): • Health Care and Social Assistance 540 (16.5%) • Retail Trade 351 (10.7%) • Construction 312 (9.5%) • Education and Training 267 (8.1%) • Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing 257 (7.8%).
 Language spoken at home	> Speak only English at home 7,315 people (93.2%), German 33 people (0.4%), French 14 people (0.2%), Polish 12 people (0.2%), Thai 12 people (0.2%), Filipino 11 people (0.1%).

Community ideas for our township

Through the Village Conversations, community members from Strathalbyn, Finnis and Ashbourne identified ideas that they would like for their towns. 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
	Maintain green areas, safeguard primary industry, and encourage sustainable housing design	A
	Truck bypass from town	A
	Increase focus on rural roads and networks	Ex
	Bus and train to Adelaide, community bus, taxis and ride share	A
	Greening and tree canopy through plantings and seed propagation and tree giveaways	Ex
	Leverage Goolwa Business Hub to support Strathalbyn business growth	Ex
	Extend the opening hours and season of the Strathalbyn Pool (trial for 2024/25 underway)	Ex D
	Annual hard rubbish collection	Ex
	Health support for the elderly	A
	Community-led and business opportunities: > cross-generational activities, > joint facilities > garden and food festivals > verge greening > local business loyalty programs.	Em



Council planned new and upgrade capital works

- **Ashbourne Stormwater Upgrade**
- **Lot 10 Langhorne Creek Road** - Recreation Precinct
- **Pipers Crescent Public Amenities.**

Council initiatives 2020-2024

- Bridges and culverts renewal, **Strathalbyn**
- **Dry Plains Road** - resheet and upgrade, Strathalbyn
- Finnis - **Braeside Road culvert upgrade**
- **Graham Forrest Reserve Nature Play**, Strathalbyn
- **New shade cover** over playgrounds at Strathalbyn
- Pathway expansion/upgrade - **Old Bull Creek Road (West Terrace to Love Avenue)**, Strathalbyn

- Pathway expansion/upgrade - **Parker Avenue (No. 22 to Liverpool Drive)**, Strathalbyn
- Pedestrian Level Crossing Expansion - **East Terrace**
- Remediation wastewater **Lagoon Swamp Road**
- **South Terrace** - roadside parking upgrade, Strathalbyn
- **Strathalbyn Caravan Park** ablution block renewal shared cost with committee
- **Strathalbyn Oval** (Service Road) upgrade
- **Strathalbyn Streetscape and Strathalbyn Hall** Revitalisation
- **Strathalbyn Wier** wing wall
- **South Terrace** (southern side) stormwater and parking improvements
- **The Strathalbyn Neighbourhood Centre** relocation to new facilities
- **The Strathalbyn Senior Citizens Building** upgrade
- **The Strathalbyn Swimming Pool** upgrade
- Wastewater - **Berry Smith** emergency storage.



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