



## NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next ordinary meeting of an Sister City Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday 23 July 2026 in the Council Chambers, 43-51 Tanunda Road, Nuriootpa, commencing at 5:30 PM.



Martin McCarthy  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
THE BAROSSA COUNCIL

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# A G E N D A

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Welcome by the Chair

## 1. ATTENDANCE RECORD

### 1.1 Members Present

Apologies

Nil

Not Present

Nil

Leave of Absence

Nil

## **2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **2.1 Minutes of previous meetings – for confirmation:**

- 2.1.1 Adjournment of the Sister Cities Advisory Committee meeting due to be held on Thursday 28 May 2026 at 5:30 PM
- 2.1.2 Sister Cities Advisory Committee meeting held on Thursday 26 March 2026 at 5:30 PM
- 2.1.3 Sister Cities Advisory Committee meeting held on Thursday 25 September 2025 at 5:30 PM

### **2.2 Matters arising from previous minutes**

Nil

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Verbal Update - Mayor William D. Tate's 50 Years Celebration,  
Grapevine Texas

2027 Barossa Vintage Festival - People's Choice Wine Event

## **5. DEBATE REPORT**

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## **6. CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA**

Nil

## **7. URGENT OTHER BUSINESS**

## **8. NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 24 September 2026 at 5:30 PM

## **9. CLOSURE**

## **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

### **3.1 SISTER CITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MEMBER SURVEY RESULTS**

**Author: Executive Support Officer  
26/47149**

Following discussion around the future strategies of the Sister Cities Advisory Committee, a survey was distributed to members for completion. It was also distributed to members of the Trade Development Working Group. Collated responses are attached.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1     Sister Cities Advisory Committee - Summary of Members' Survey April 2026 [!\[\]\(ec9132f1d27c8919987d92907322654d\_img.jpg\) !\[\]\(9db1a20e6fdae9c15975d240125424df\_img.jpg\)](#)

#### **SUPPORTING REFERENCES**

Nil

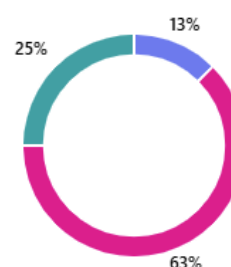
## Sister Cities Advisory Committee – Survey of Members – April 2026

1. What do you enjoy most about being involved in the Sister Cities Advisory Committee?

Committee members most enjoy contributing to a meaningful community initiative while working collaboratively with like-minded and community-minded people. They value the opportunity to share ideas, build networks and gain insights that benefit the Barossa community. Members particularly appreciate the genuine connections and opportunities created through the Sister City relationship, especially the positive impact on young people through cultural exchange, personal development and community involvement, as well as the strong relationships fostered between local schools, businesses and community members.

2. Overall, how satisfied are you with the current direction of the Sister City program?

|                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Very satisfied                     | 1 |
| Somewhat satisfied                 | 5 |
| Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | 2 |
| Somewhat dissatisfied              | 0 |
| Very dissatisfied                  | 0 |



3. What do you believe are the strongest aspects of our Sister City relationship with Grapevine, Texas?

The strongest aspects of the Sister City relationship with Grapevine are the strong personal, community, and municipal connections that support cultural exchange, collaboration, and mutual learning. Respondents particularly value student exchanges, participation in Grapefest, knowledge sharing in event management, and opportunities across tourism, hospitality, wine, and agriculture sectors. The relationship is seen as positive, authentic, and full of potential for future growth.

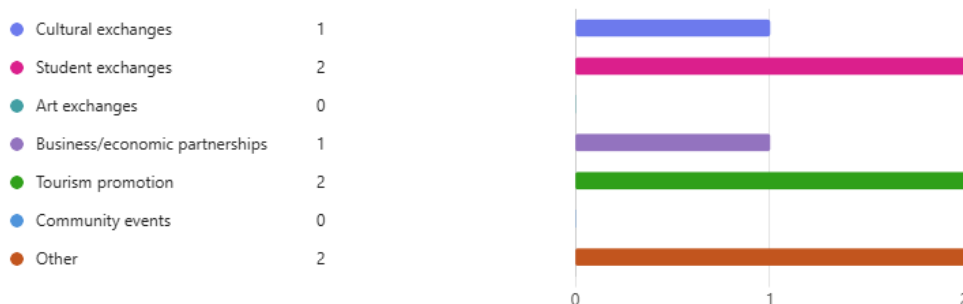
4. What areas of the Sister City program do you think need improvement?

Committee members identified opportunities to improve community engagement, communication, and strategic direction within the Sister City program. Key themes included the need for a clearer long-term vision and mutual benefit framework, stronger focus on measurable outcomes, improved communication and collaboration with Grapevine despite time zone challenges, and greater awareness and participation from the broader community, including younger people and diverse industry groups. Some also sought a clearer understanding of the program's economic development benefits.

5. What should the key priorities be for the Sister City program over the next 2–3 years?

Over the next 2–3 years, Committee members believe the Sister City program should prioritise strengthening and expanding exchange programs, particularly for young people. Key priorities include increasing youth engagement, broadening access to student exchanges across the region, developing education, industry, tourism, and trade partnerships, and fostering ongoing knowledge sharing, mentoring, networking, and capacity building. Members also emphasised improving community involvement and ensuring the program is inclusive, sustainable, and focused on delivering long-term benefits.

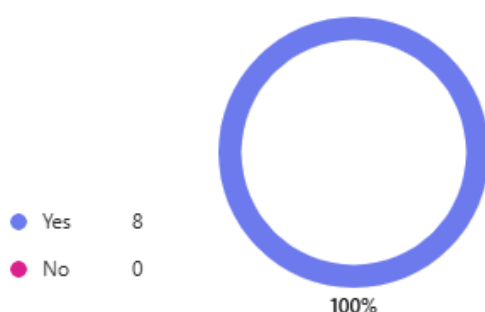
6. Which types of activities should we focus on more? (Select all that apply)



7. What should the Sister Cities Advisory Committee focus on less or stop doing?

Most members had no specific suggestions for changing the Committee's activities, however, it was noted that the Committee should recognise that developing economic partnerships may be hard to develop.

8. Do you think the current frequency of meetings (bi-monthly) is sufficient?



9. Do you think there is benefit in having the Working Groups?

Some Committee members felt that Working Groups provide focused discussions, improve project delivery, and enable participation from members with specific interests or expertise, with a clear strategic direction and tangible outcome. Others questioned their value, suggesting discussions could be incorporated into main committee meetings, that some groups lack clear outcomes, or that activities could be managed through existing operations and direct relationships.

10. What could be done to improve communication and collaboration?

Committee members suggested improving communication and collaboration through more regular and accessible communication channels, such as group chats, virtual meetings, email updates, social media, and community platforms. There was also support for establishing a dedicated team to help progress priorities and for strengthening engagement and buy-in from Grapevine. Improved collaboration between schools, businesses, tourism operators, industry groups, and community organisations was identified as an opportunity to enhance participation and outcomes.

11. Are there any groups or stakeholders we should involve more in the program?

Committee members suggested broadening stakeholder involvement to include young people, schools, local businesses, tourism operators, service groups, hospitality providers, and industry sectors such as agriculture, wine, hospitality, and the arts. There was also interest in engaging sporting clubs, musicians, artists, and emerging professionals to expand the program's reach and relevance. Several respondents noted that stakeholder involvement should align with the program's future strategic priorities.

12. Is there anything else you would like to share to help improve the Sister City program?

Committee members expressed strong support for the Sister City program and its achievements to date, particularly the opportunities it provides for local students. Suggestions for improvement included strengthening two-way learning between the communities, creating more opportunities for direct engagement between the Barossa and Grapevine committees, and increasing public promotion of success stories. Overall, respondents emphasised the importance of maintaining authentic community connections, youth-focused opportunities, and practical exchanges to ensure the program remains relevant and sustainable.

## **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

### **3.2      SISTER CITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BAROSSA COUNCIL AND KUMENAN TOWN, JAPAN**

**Author:    Executive Support Officer  
26/47335**

To advise the Committee that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 21 April 2026, Council endorsed the cessation of the Council's Sister City Agreement with Kumenan Town, Japan and to formalise the end of the arrangement.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- Attachment 1    Letter to Mayor of Kumenan Town - cessation of Sister City Agreement [↓](#) 
- Attachment 2    Letter from Mayor of Kumenan Town - cessation of Sister City Agreement [↓](#) 

#### **SUPPORTING REFERENCES**

Nil

Reference: TRIM

26 May 2026

Mayor Atsushi Katayama  
Kumenan Town Office  
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JAPAN

Dear Mayor Katayama,

Re: Sister City Relationship between The Barossa Council and Kumenan Town

On behalf of The Barossa Council, I would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank Kumenan Town for the friendship and goodwill shared through our Sister City relationship established in 2002.

The relationship between our communities provided valuable opportunities for cultural exchange, educational engagement, and international friendship, particularly through the student exchange programs conducted during the early years of the arrangement. These exchanges contributed positively to mutual understanding between our communities and strengthened the broader relationship between Australia and Japan.

Following a review of Council's international partnerships and strategic priorities, The Barossa Council has resolved to formally conclude the Sister City relationship with Kumenan Town. This decision reflects Council's capacity to support future sister city relationships and focus our limited resources to fewer formal partnerships. We always will welcome and consider supporting any future projects or initiatives with Kumenan Town as a long-time friend and wish you and your community every future success.

Please accept this letter as formal notice of the conclusion of the Sister City Agreement between The Barossa Council and Kumenan Town.

We express our sincere appreciation for the cooperation and friendship extended by Kumenan Town over the past two decades and wish your community continued prosperity and success into the future.

Sincerely



Mayor Bim Lange OAM  
**The Barossa Council**

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18 June 2026

Mayor Bim Lange OAM  
The Barossa Council  
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Nuriootpa, SA 5355  
AUSTRALIA

Dear Mayor Lange,

Sister City Relationship between The Barossa Council and Kumenan Town

We are deeply grateful for your kind letter regarding the sister city relationship between The Barossa Council and Kumenan Town, which has continued since 2002.

We understand that your Council reached this decision after careful consideration of its international partnerships and priorities, and we fully respect the policy you have adopted.

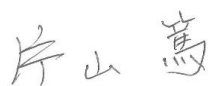
Since our partnership began in 2002, the residents of our two communities have enjoyed over twenty years of cultural and educational exchange and warm friendship. In particular, the student exchange programs conducted during the early stages of our partnership provided invaluable experiences for our younger generations and served as precious opportunities to deepen international understanding. We are confident that the bonds forged through these exchanges will remain a cherished legacy, long to be remembered in the history of our town.

On behalf of Kumenan Town, I extend our heartfelt and profound appreciation for the kindness and cooperation so generously shown to us over many years by The Barossa Council and the residents of your community.

While our official relationship under the sister city agreement is coming to a close, we firmly believe that the friendship and mutual understanding we have cultivated will continue to live on in the hearts of the people of both our communities. As a long-time friend, we will likewise warmly welcome any future projects or initiatives with The Barossa Council, and we wish you and your community every success.

In closing, I wish The Barossa Council continued prosperity, and the residents of your community good health and happiness.

Yours sincerely,



Atsushi Katayama  
Mayor of Kumenan Town

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**MATTERS FOR INFORMATION****3.3      RECIPROCAL STUDENT VISIT**

**Author:    Executive Support Officer  
26/47340**

To provide the Sister Cities Advisory Committee with an update on the reciprocal student visit by the Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District.

Correspondence was received on 6 May 2026 advising that unfortunately, Grapevine-Colleyville ISD is still in search of a superintendent. Therefore, no international travel is being approved until a new superintendent of schools in the district has been appointed and approvals in place.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**SUPPORTING REFERENCES**

Nil

## **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

### **3.4      UPDATED APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SISTER CITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Author:    Executive Support Officer  
26/47346**

To advise the Committee that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 21 April 2026, Council endorsed the update of representatives on the Sister Cities Advisory Committee to appoint Lorna Schiller and Milly Hoffmann as community representatives.

Since this time, Lorna Schiller has resigned from the Committee and James March has nominated to join the Committee as a community representative.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

#### **SUPPORTING REFERENCES**

Nil

## **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

### **3.5 TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITH GRAPEVINE, TEXAS**

**Author: Executive Support Officer  
26/47434**

Heidi Helbig, Economic Development and Strategy Lead, had a meeting via Teams with Steven Jones, Senior Business Engagement Manager and Dallas Snow, Commercial Outreach Manager from the City of Grapevine Economic Development Team which gave an opportunity to exchange ideas on growth, investment and community development.



## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

## **SUPPORTING REFERENCES**

Nil

## **DEBATE REPORT**

### **5.1      ESTABLISHMENT OF A TEMPORARY WORKING GROUP - PLANNING OF THE GRAPEVINE DELEGATION ITINERARY FOR APRIL 2027**

**Author:    Executive Support Officer  
26/42250**

#### **PURPOSE**

To seek the Committee's endorsement of the establishment of a temporary working group for the planning of the Grapevine Delegation itinerary for April 2027.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Sister Cities Advisory Committee establish a temporary working group for the purpose of planning of the City of Grapevine Delegation itinerary for April 2027.

#### **REPORT**

##### Background

The Barossa Council hosted a delegation of sixteen from Grapevine, Texas during the Barossa Vintage Festival 2025. Since hosting our counterparts from Texas and in supporting the delegation Mayor, Martin McCarthy, Janine Harding, Sister Cities Advisory Committee Members Rolf Binder and Louise Hickinbotham and the Nuriootpa High School Study Tour, we have identified a number of learnings to enhance the experience.

##### Discussion

Under Council's Sister City Relationships and Engagement Policy, Section 3.5 - Council Missions to Sister Cities of the Council will support a program of formal delegation missions for each of its Sister Cities on the following basis.

- 3.5.1. Any delegates, both inbound and outbound, will be supplemented by an appropriate funding allocation in Council's annual budget.
- 3.5.2. The program will allow for an annual delegation (either incoming or outgoing) to be reciprocated to/by the partner City in the following financial year or at a later date. The program will be routinely reviewed by the Sister City Advisory Committee and a report submitted to Council as a means of assessing the outcomes of the missions and determining their value for the future.
- 3.5.3. Council will encourage all delegates (both inbound and outbound) to be supplemented with representatives who may be able to assist in furthering the objectives of these relationships.

We are currently seeking confirmation from Grapevine, Texas on their delegation to The Barossa Council during the Barossa Vintage Festival 2027. The Committee will play an integral in the successful hosting of our Sister City delegates with further details to be provided to the Committee members once available.

### Events

The Committee will have an opportunity to develop events and activities during the Vintage Festival 2027 that promote our Sister City relationship with The City of Grapevine and investigate ways in which the community can actively participate.

To look at ways to build connection and celebration of each other's unique cultural experiences and our communities.

### Summary and Conclusion

The Committee is asked to discuss the purpose of the establishment of a temporary working group to provide support for the planning and hosting opportunities for the delegates of Grapevine, Texas, incorporating their visit with the Barossa Vintage Festival through their committee.

## **ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES**

Attachment 1     Grapevine Visit 2025 - Itinerary [!\[\]\(9cc80862e225935f5e2ce39495f8c582\_img.jpg\) !\[\]\(61d994ce6ab49eb913df74f27f0b7005\_img.jpg\)](#)

### Supporting references

Nil

## **COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

### **Community Plan**



Implementing economic development strategies to support future growth opportunities and a diversified and resilient economy showcasing the Barossa rural and regional character.

### Strategic Outcome

- We strive to support income and job stability and growth for the future in support of quality of life outcomes.
- We partner with and support local business.
- We are a destination of choice.
- We look to maximize community economic return.

### **Corporate Plan**

- CS20     Tourism - Provision of a range of tourism services, including; managing the nationally accredited Barossa Visitor Centre, development and maintenance of tourism resources both digital and printed, customer service delivery encouraging longer stays, dispersal throughout the region, and maximising visitor yield and investment in our region, Tourism Business Support, capacity building, training, product development, marketing
- CS10     Economic Development - Facilitating the economic well-being and quality of life of the local businesses and the community
- CS11     Events - Management of community development projects and events, including enquiries and logistics. Event management supporting a variety of internal service areas and community that support the delivery of successful, community focused events.

Legislative Requirements

Nil

**RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

These statements are qualitative in nature and designed to provide an indication of Council's general position when deciding to take or retain risk in pursuit of its objectives.

**1. SERVICE DELIVERY**

*Refers to the delivery of services to the community, which includes the systems and physical assets that enable provision of these services, including structures (such as roads, buildings and facilities) as well as IT infrastructure, plant, vehicles & other equipment.*

Nil

**2. SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT**

*Relates to measures to preserve, protect and minimise impact on the natural environment, including sacred and indigenous lands, flora, fauna, heritage, water, waste, hazardous materials and pollution.*

Nil

**3. FINANCIAL**

*Refers to planning and control of Council's budget to align with the sustainable achievement of the desired outcomes articulated in its Community Plan.*

To be discussed at a future meeting.

**4. PEOPLE**

*Relates to recruitment, retention, wellbeing and safety of employees and volunteers and engagement and management of contractors as well as the wellbeing and safety of the community.*

Nil

**5. REPUTATION**

*Relates to policy, decisions, actions and circumstances that may cause Council to lose credibility with the community, ratepayers, key stakeholders, other levels of government and its own employees and contractors.*

Nil.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

It would be envisaged that the Committee would engage with the Barossa Vintage Festival Committee, Barossa Young Ambassador Committee, Barossa Australia and other community members to support the delegation through its events and formal engagements during April 2027.



# City of Grapevine

## Delegation Visit 2025

Sister City Mission



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### Elected Members



From Left to Right: Crs, Heidi Thompson, Don Barrett, David de Vries, Cathy Troup, Tony Hurn, John Angas, Mayor Bim Lange, Rick Lane, Deputy Mayor Jess Greatwich, Bruce Preece, Jane Evans and Kathryn Schilling

## THE BAROSSA COUNCIL

The Barossa Council was originally formed in 1996 after the amalgamation of the District Councils of Barossa, Tanunda, and Angaston. The majority of the District Council of Mount Pleasant was later amalgamated in 1997.

We are one of the largest regional local government authorities in South Australia, covering the internationally renowned Barossa wine region.

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*Our Vision:*

*To create a vibrant and growing community where people support one another and come together to have fun and foster a sense of belonging, community spirit and connection to the Barossa.*

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### The Barossa Council Area Community Profile

The Barossa Council Area Estimated Resident Population for 2023 is 26,268, with a population density of 29.4 persons per square km.

#### Location and boundaries

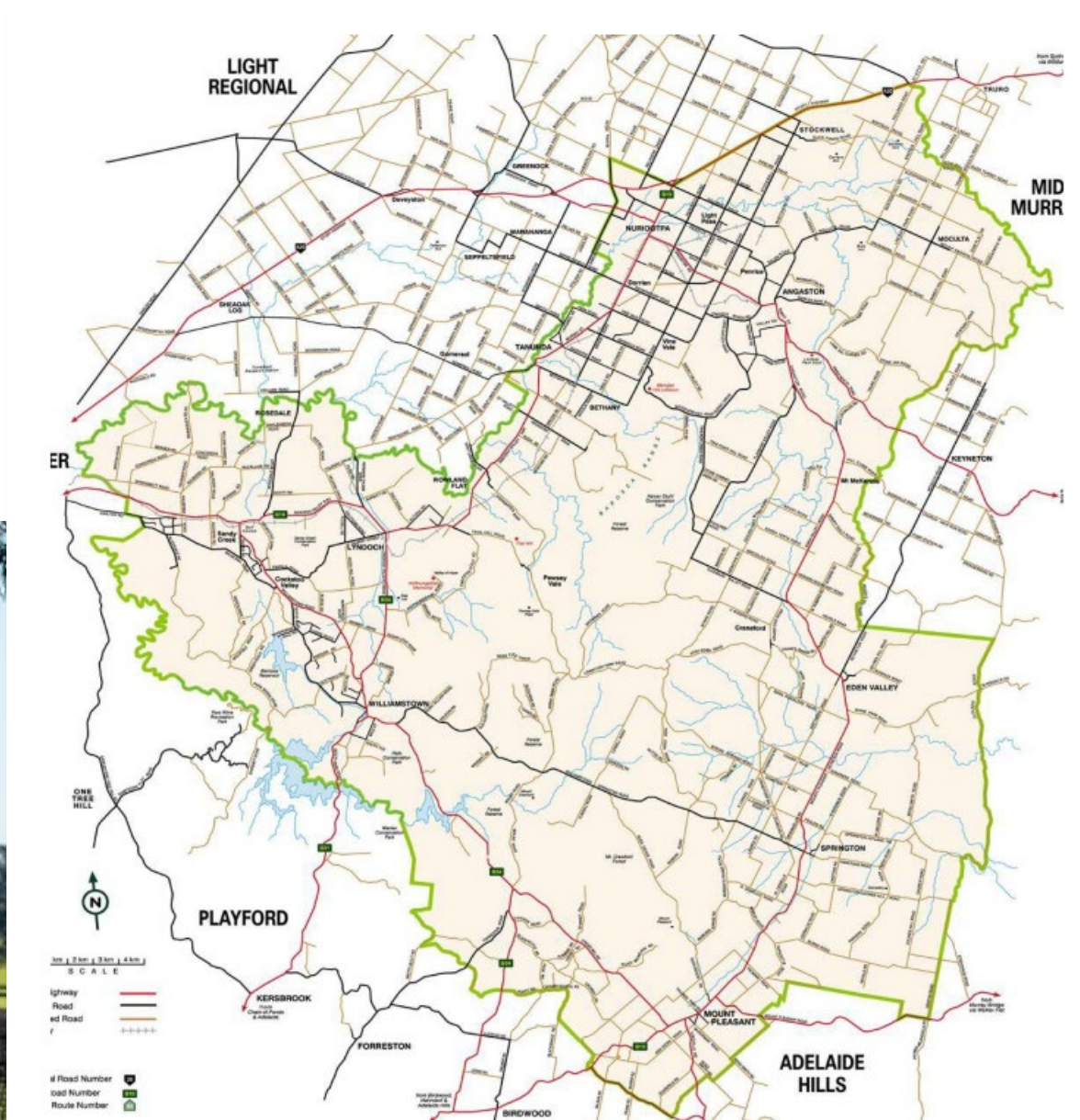
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The Barossa Council area is located to the north-east of metropolitan Adelaide, between 50 and 60 kilometres from the Adelaide CBD. The Barossa Council area is bounded by the Light Regional Council area in the north, the Mid Murray Council area in the east, the Adelaide Hills Council area in the south, and the City of Playford and the Town of Gawler in the west.



Altona, Angaston, Barossa  
Goldfields, Bethany, Cockatoo  
Valley, Concordia, Craneford,  
Cromer, Dorrien, Eden Valley,  
Flaxman Valley, Kalbeeba,  
Krondorf, Light Pass, Lyndoch,  
Moculta, Mount Crawford, Mount  
McKenzie, Mount Pleasant,  
Nuriootpa, Penrice, Pewsey Vale,  
Rosedale, Rowland Flat, Sandy  
Creek, Springton, Stockwell,  
Tanunda, Taunton, Vine Vale and  
Williamstown

## MAP - Location and boundaries



## Traditional Owners

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The original inhabitants of the Barossa Council area were the Ngadjuri, Kurna and Peramangk Aboriginal people.



## Name origin

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The Barossa Council is named after the Barossa Ranges, which were named by Colonel William Light, South Australia's first Surveyor General, after Barrosa in Spain, the battle site of the Peninsular War.

## Settlement history

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European settlement of the area dates from the late 1830s. The townships of Angaston, Eden Valley, Krondorf, Light Pass, Lyndoch, Mount Pleasant, Nuriootpa, Penrice, Rosedale, Rowland Flat, Springton, Stockwell, Tanunda and Williamstown were established in the 1840s and 1850s. Land was used mainly for farming, particularly sheep grazing and crop growing.

Expansion occurred from the 1880s into the early 1900s, with the area becoming a major wine producer. Development continued from the post-war years. The population increased gradually from the early 1990s, rising from about 16,000 in 1991 to about 23,000 in 2016 and 26,268 in 2023.

## Populations Snapshot

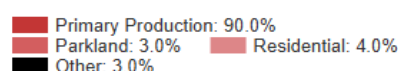
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| Population<br><b>26,268</b><br>ABS ERP 2023 | Land area<br><b>893.2</b><br>square km | Population density<br><b>29.41</b><br>persons per square km |
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## Land use

The Barossa Council area is predominantly rural, with substantial rural residential and township areas. The Council area encompasses a total land area of over 893.2 square kilometres. The major townships include Angaston, Lyndoch, Mount Pleasant, Nuriootpa, Tanunda, and Williamstown. Rural land is used mainly for sheep and cattle grazing, crop and fruit growing and viticulture. Tourism is also an important industry, with Barossa being one of Australia's renowned wine regions.

### Land use

The Barossa Council



## Transport

The Barossa Council area is served by the Barossa Valley Highway and the Sturt Highway.

## Major features

Major features of the Council area include Hale Conservation Park, Kaiserstuhl Conservation Park, Parra Wirra Conservation Park, Sandy Creek Conservation Park, Barossa Reservoir, South Para Reservoir, Warren Reservoir, Barossa Bushgardens, TAFE SA (Barossa Nuriootpa Campus), Angaston District Hospital, Mount Pleasant District Hospital, Tanunda War Memorial Hospital, The Barossa Museum, Barossa Regional Gallery, The Rex (Barossa Aquatic & Fitness Centre), the Heysen Trail and countless wineries.

## Included areas

The Barossa Council area includes the localities of Altona, Angaston, Barossa Goldfields, Bethany, Cockatoo Valley, Concordia, Cromer (part), Eden Valley (part), Flaxman Valley, Kalbeeba, Krondorf, Light Pass, Lyndoch (part), Moculta, Mount Crawford (part), Mount McKenzie, Mount Pleasant (part), Nuriootpa (part), Penrice, Pewsey Vale, Rosedale (part), Rowland Flat (part), Sandy Creek, Springton (part), Stockwell (part), Tanunda (part), Taunton, Truro (part), Vine Vale and Williamstown.

## BIOGRAPHIES



### Mayor Michael (Bim) Lange OAM

Mayor Bim Lange OAM was elected Mayor of The Barossa Council in November 2018 after serving one term as an Elected Member. His professional career spanned five decades in Local Government, and he held the position of Director Works and Engineering at The Barossa Council prior to his retirement in 2013. Bim was instrumental in delivering significant community infrastructure projects, notably, the construction of the Barossa trail, a cycling and walking track, and public access to Warren Reservoir for on-water activities.

As the Barossa's population continues to grow, Bim welcomes new opportunities for public and private investment to position the Barossa as a lifestyle destination for families and skilled professionals. In his spare time Bim takes every opportunity to ride and has completed Tour de Legacy, a 9000km bike ride across two continents to raise funds for Legacy.



### Councillor Jess Greatwich – Deputy Mayor

Deputy Mayor Jess Greatwich was elected as Deputy Mayor of The Barossa Council in 2024, during her first term as an Elected Member. Jess has diverse and in-depth experience in the wine, tourism, hospitality and events sectors; at a regional level she has owned her own Estate vineyard and Cellar Door, and is a former Regional Tourism Manager of both the Barossa and Yorke Peninsula tourism regions. Her previous career as a lawyer, along with her current role as a Board Director of the South Australian Tourism Commission speak to her governance experience, while her position as Managing Director of Munda Wines – Australia's premier Aboriginal-owned wine company – allows her to actively pursue commercial and community outcomes that align with her personal values of honesty, integrity and courage.

Jess' fulcrum is her two children, Georgia and Charlie. Her desire to leave behind a Barossa in which they and their friends can thrive, learn, grow and truly live inspires her work in the public sector, and motivates her particular focus on early childhood outcomes, environmental sustainability, diversity and equality, and meaningful reconciliation with our First Nations.

## BIOGRAPHIES



### Martin McCarthy – CEO

Martin is a Senior Executive Officer who has served the community at both Local and State Government levels. With degrees in Economics and Accounting and as a Fellow of the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants, he has strong financial acumen and a keen interest and passion for improving lives of South Australians.

Martin has extensive experience and skills in serving a range of community, sporting, economic development and governance bodies and identifies his main skills and value to the organisations and community he serves.

His down time is focussed on family, friends, food and wine. Martin enjoys cooking especially curries, attending and watching sports such as MotoGP and motor sport generally, cricket, football and golf to name a few. He also loves simply hopping on the couch and getting into the latest binge TV / streaming show, reading trivia and history, especially about the world wars and even the Roman Emperors, and has previously dabbled in photography.



### Jo Moen – Deputy CEO/Director Corporate Services, Strategy and Innovation

Jo is an experienced senior public sector manager with a career spanning over 20 years across Federal, State and Local Government in a range of portfolios and business functions including defence, police, youth, transport, economic development, tourism, organisational development, information technology, business transformation, risk management and governance.

Leveraging off her Honours Degree in Psychology, she has a demonstrated history of driving continuous improvement and building high performing teams within the government sector. She is a passionate advocate for accountable, values driven leadership and dedicated to enabling the growth and success of others whilst serving her community.

Outside of work Jo loves to escape to her little slice of heaven in the Barossa foothills where she stays busy raising teenage sons, operating a small shiraz vineyard and pursuing her lifetime love of horses.

## BIOGRAPHIES



### **Ben Clark – Director Infrastructure and Environmental Services**

Ben is an experienced leader and Asset Practitioner with a demonstrated history of work in the Local Government sector. He is skilled in Asset Management, Project Management, Leadership and Strategic Modelling.

A strong asset professional with a Master of Business Administration (MBA) focused on Portfolio, Program and Project Management from RMIT, Ben was winner of the National Asset Management Award at the IPWEA International Conference.

He has also won the SA division IPWEA Emerging Leader award, IPWEA Emerging Leader Australasia 2019, and is the first international participant in the American Public Works Association Emerging Leaders Program. In his downtime, Ben is an avid sportsman and enjoys raising his family on a small farm in our neighbouring Council of the Town of Gawler.



### **Jake McVicar – Director Development and Community Services**

Jake is a senior Local Government Executive with experience in both the public and private sector. His skillset is centred around strategic framework development, land use planning, and community capacity building. Jake is a people focussed leader with demonstrated ability in building relationships through effective communication.

With qualifications in Urban and Regional Planning, Jake is a Level 1 Accredited Professional and Registered Planner with the Planning Institute of Australia. He also sits as an independent chair on a number of Council Assessment Panels, which are responsible for development assessment and approvals.

Outside of work, Jake enjoys spending time with his family and coaching junior basketball and football, but in his spare time, you will find him on the golf course or waterskiing along the River Murray.

## BIOGRAPHIES



### **Janine Harding – Executive Business Partner, Office of the Mayor and CEO and Sister Cities Program Manager**

Janine has over 35 years' experience working in six different Council in South Australian Local Government, ranging from large metropolitan councils to regional and grass roots councils. Her career began in Libraries and has developed into high level Community Development, Events and Place Activation and Senior Governance Roles.

She now supports the Office of the Mayor and CEO including the Executive Leadership Team in project management and governance support.

She has been instrumental in developing the Sister City relationship with Grapevine and creating a high functioning Sister City Program implementing the Sister City Advisory Committee and guiding the Trade Development and Exchange Programs Working Groups.

Living locally in Tanunda, with her husband and two adult children, her passion is building community capacity and seeing the Sister City Program develop with positive community outcomes. She is an avid reader and loves international travel.



### **Catherine Nacey – Support Officer, Office of the Mayor and CEO**

Prior to joining The Barossa Council to provide support to the Office of the Mayor and CEO, Catherine's Business degree in Administrative Management and over 35 years' in administration and executive support roles in Insurance, Real Estate, Stockbroking, Architecture, Alcohol industry and Tertiary Education with a focus on the rural health sector, Catherine offers high level experience and understanding of project management and events.

Living locally in Penrice, with her husband, Mark and youngest daughter, Piper, Catherine enjoys exploring all the wonderful food and wine that the region offers. Catherine is a very passionate volunteer with the Barossa United Football Club and also the Angaston Country Fire Service, actively serving the Barossa community.

PROGRAM

| Day 1 - Wednesday, 23 April 2025       |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Weather Forecast: Max: 75.2/ Min: 57.2 |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| 1.00pm                                 | Airport pickup                                                   | Bus to collect from airport and travel to the Barossa Weintal Hotel. This will take approximately 1 hour.<br><br>The bus will meet you at the domestic arrivals gate holding a sign reading 'Grapevine Delegates'<br><br><b>WELCOME!</b> |
|                                        | Dinner or Quick Drink and Catch Up at the Hotel – delegates wish | Mayor Lange, Martin McCarthy and Jo Moen will come to say hi!                                                                                                                                                                            |



| <b>Day 2 - Thursday, 24 April 2025</b><br>Weather Forecast: Max: 71.6 / Min: 55.4 |                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| 8.00am                                                                            | <b>Barossa Weintal Hotel</b>                                                     | Breakfast at the Hotel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 9.00am                                                                            | <b>Travel - Bus</b>                                                              | Pick up at hotel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 9.05am                                                                            | <b>Ziegenmarkt - Tanunda Main Street</b>                                         | <p><b>*Barossa Vintage Festival event – open to the public</b></p> <p>Ziegenmarkt is a unique event, much loved by locals and marvelled at by visitors. Step back into a time when Goat Square was a hustling bustling market where locals sold and exchanged their wares. Traditional food, produce and wine on offer and the auction is always a highlight. Steeped in history, full of fun and entertaining. Listen to the history of the market by Councillor Kathryn Schilling and explore at your leisure.</p> <p><b>Dress code:</b> Casual</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Mayor Bim Lange, Deputy Mayor Jess Greatwich, Elected Member Kathryn Schilling, Janine Harding and Catherine Nacey</p>                                                                                                                                               |
| 11.20am                                                                           | <b>Walk</b>                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 11.30am                                                                           | <b>Private Tour of Organ at the Barossa Regional Gallery with Steven Kaesler</b> | <p>The Barossa Regional Gallery is located in the heart of the beautiful Barossa Valley, only a short stroll from the main street of Tanunda.</p> <p>A Musical Masterpiece - One of Australia's most beautiful instruments, the Hill &amp; Son Grand Organ was first played at the Adelaide Town Hall over a century ago, and now stands proudly, restored to its original glory, in the Barossa Valley.</p> <p>Presentation on the upcoming new Barossa Creative Industries Centre by CEO, Martin McCarthy and after, enjoy lunch in the courtyard of our Visitor Information Centre.</p> <p><b>Dress code:</b> Casual</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Picnic style outside the Visitor Information Centre</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Mayor Bim Lange, Deputy Mayor Jess Greatwich, CEO Martin McCarthy, Steve Kaesler, Janine Harding, Catherine Nacey</p> |
| 1.55pm                                                                            | <b>Travel - Bus</b>                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| 2.00pm | <b>The Barossa Council</b>           | <p>Tour of the Council principal office, Sister City friendship foyer and presentation on the newly built Barossa Rugby facility. Keep a look out for the Friendship Scarecrows as part of the Barossa Vintage Festival!</p> <p><b>Dress code:</b> Casual</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Mayor Bim Lange, CEO Martin McCarthy, the Executive Leadership Team: CEO, Jo Moen, Ben Clark, Jake McVicar. Janine Harding and Catherine Nacey</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 3.00pm | <b>Travel to Hotel</b>               | Freshen up                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 4.45pm | <b>Travel - Bus</b>                  | Pick up at hotel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 5.00pm | <b>Touch Down &amp; Taste Off</b>    | <p><b>*Barossa Vintage Festival event – open to the public</b></p> <p>Celebrating Barossa Council's sister city relationship with Grapevine, American Football SA will present an exhibition match and there will be some fine American and German fare to enjoy.</p> <p>Our wine making and beer brewing prowess will also be put to the test with a Barossa vs Grapevine blind tasting - for everyone to try! With the Nuriootpa High School Marching Band opening - A great family friendly event with sport, food and fun!</p> <p><b>Dress code:</b> Texas wear - Council staff will be in corporate uniform and Mayor Bim Lange will wear his ceremonial chains.</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Mayor Bim Lange, Elected Members, the Executive Leadership Team: CEO, Jo Moen, Ben Clark, Jake McVicar. Sister Cities Advisory Committee, Students and Teachers from the Study Tour.</p> |
| 8.30pm | <b>Return to hotel for the night</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |



| Day 3 - Friday, 25 April 2025 - Public Holiday – Anzac Day |                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Weather Forecast: Max: 69.8 / Min: 53.6                    |                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| 5.45am                                                     | Travel                                         | Pick up at hotel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 5.55am                                                     | <b>ANZAC Day commemorations</b>                | <p>For those wishing to attend the dawn service for the ANZAC Commemorations – Dawn Service.</p> <p>Anzac Day is a national day of remembrance in Australia that commemorates all Australians "who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations" and "the contribution and suffering of all those who have served". Mayor Lange will attend this service in Nuriootpa. There will be a March and Memorial service with the laying of wreaths (we have a wreath if Grapevine would like to lay at the site). A gunfire breakfast will be provided by the Lions Club of Barossa Valley.</p> <p><b>Dress code:</b> Smart Casual or Military dress if applicable. Please wear warm clothes.</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Mayor Bim Lange, CEO Martin McCarthy, Elected Member Kathryn Schilling and Catherine Nacey</p> <p>*Return to the hotel (to change if needed)</p> |
| <b>OR</b>                                                  |                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 8.00am                                                     | <b>Barossa Weintal Hotel</b>                   | Breakfast at the Hotel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 9.30am                                                     | Travel - Bus                                   | Pick up at hotel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 10.00am                                                    | <b>The Grapevine Journey at Lambert Estate</b> | <p>Vintage Festival Wine Tasting &amp; E-Cart Tour! Savor a premium tasting of Lambert Estate's finest handcrafted wines, paired with a guided e-cart journey through the vineyards and kitchen gardens, showcasing sustainability and estate-grown produce. Enjoy a tasting plate.</p> <p><b>Dress code:</b> Casual – walking shoes</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Mayor Bim Lange, Sister Cities Advisory Committee Member, Vanesa Lambert and visiting winery to Grapefest</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 12.00pm                                                    | Travel - Bus                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| 12.05pm | <b>Mengler Hill lookout, Sculpture Park &amp; Union Chapel</b>     | <p>Mengler Hill Lookout and Sculpture Park offers an amazing view of the Barossa Valley. Barossa Sculpture Park, situated on Mengler's Hill. The Park features 17 sculptures by international and Australian artists ranging from France, Belgium, USA, Japan and Egypt to the Barossa Valley.</p> <p>Union Chapel is the Barossa's oldest public building; the chapel's history forms part of a rich tapestry of local church activities from the time of settlement.</p> <p><b>Dress code:</b> Casual - walking shoes</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Mayor Bim Lange, Elected Member John Angas and Janine Harding, Gerlinde Trapp - who was one of the main forces behind the creation of the Valley with a trip to Angaston</p>                                                      |
| 12.30pm | <b>Travel - Bus</b>                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 12.40pm | <b>Angaston Adventure Station &amp; Historical Railway Station</b> | <p>The Barossa's landmark play destination, Barossa Adventure Station at Angaston. A clever integration of heritage, open space, adventure play, natural landscape, events spaces and community connection points at the site.</p> <p>The Barossa Valley Machinery Preservation Society at their Angaston shed, formed in 1976 by a group of like-minded persons, who were interested in the collection and preservation of historic farms and industrial equipment.</p> <p>Restoring the heritage railway station building and adaptively reusing railway elements was also a key feature of the redevelopment.</p> <p><b>Dress code:</b> Casual - walking shoes</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Mayor Bim Lange, CEO Martin McCarthy, Elected Member John Angas and Janine Harding.</p> |
| 1.15pm  | <b>Travel - Bus</b>                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1.20pm  | <b>North St. Studio</b>                                            | <p>Hosted by Carol &amp; Jason – owners and artists. North St. Studios is a local Barossa boutique studio space which collaborates and showcases a collection of contemporary art, leather artisanship, and fashion.</p> <p><b>Dress code:</b> Casual - walking shoes</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Mayor Bim Lange and Janine Harding.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 2.20pm  | <b>Travel - Bus</b>                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| 2.30pm | <b>ANZAC Day Sport at Tigerland</b>                             | <p><b>*Barossa Vintage Festival event – open to the public</b></p> <p>Experience a thrilling day of camaraderie and competition as we pay homage to ANZAC heroes. Commencing with a poignant remembrance service, followed by adrenaline-fueled football and netball games, this family-friendly event packs excitement and emotion. With A-Grade matches set to stun and wine stalls adding a touch of sophistication, it's not only a tribute to our brave soldiers, but also a celebration of community spirit. Come, witness sportsmanship and patriotism intertwine in this unforgettable event.</p> <p><b>Dress code:</b> Casual</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Mayor Bim Lange, CEO Martin McCarthy and his wife Lisa, Executive Leadership Team: Jo Moen, Ben Clark &amp; Jake McVicar, Elected Members Kathryn Schilling and Tony Hurn. Janine Harding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please note: for those that have attended the ANZAC Dawn Service, there will be an option to return to the hotel for rest.</li> </ul> |
| 5.00pm | <b>Travel to Hotel</b>                                          | Freshen up                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 6.15pm | <b>Travel - Bus</b>                                             | Pick up from Hotel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 6.30pm | <b>Dinner with the Sister Cities Advisory Committee Members</b> | <p>Dinner at the Stockwell Hotel</p> <p><b>Dress code:</b> Smart Casual</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Sister Cities Advisory Committee Members – Janine Harding, Catherine Nacey, Rolf Binder, Ingrid Day, Milly Hoffmann, Carol Dadds, Vanesa Lambert, Louise Hickinbotham</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 8.30pm | <b>Return to hotel for the night</b>                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |



| <b>Day 4 - Saturday, 26 April 2025</b><br>Weather Forecast: Max: 69.8 / Min: 53.6 |                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| 9.15am                                                                            | <b>Travel - Bus</b>                            | Pick up at hotel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 9.30am                                                                            | <b>Vintage Festival Parade Party Breakfast</b> | <p>Kickstart your day with a delicious breakfast and a refreshing beverage. The ambiance will be buzzing with excitement, making it the perfect setting to soak in the festival atmosphere. Let's celebrate the Barossa Vintage Festival in style!</p> <p><b>Dress code:</b> Casual – walking shoes</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Mayor Bim Lange, CEO Martin McCarthy, Elected Members Kathryn Schilling, Jess Greatwich, Bruce Preece, Dave de Vries, Rick Lane. Executive Leadership Team: Jo Moen and Jake McVicar</p>                                                                                                                                                       |
| 10.00am                                                                           | <b>2025 Barossa Vintage Festival Parade</b>    | <p><b>*Barossa Vintage Festival event – open to the public</b></p> <p>The Vintage Festival Parade has been a treasured tradition since 1949. We invite you to join in the fun, witness the spectacle as the Barossa community puts on a show of colour and pageantry. Join the thousands of locals who line the streets and celebrate Barossa community and industry. LOOK OUT for our friendship float!</p> <p><b>Dress code:</b> Casual - walking shoes</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Mayor Bim Lange, CEO Martin McCarthy, Elected Members Kathryn Schilling, Jess Greatwich, Bruce Preece, Dave de Vries, Rick Lane. Executive Leadership Team: Jo Moen and Jake McVicar</p> |
| 12.00pm                                                                           | <b>Walk</b>                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 12.05pm                                                                           | <b>Parade After Party &amp; Grape Stomp</b>    | <p><b>*Barossa Vintage Festival event – open to the public</b></p> <p>This event harks back to festivals of the past where the community comes together to celebrate, have some fun and socialise. Join us for a relaxed afternoon lunch including music, family entertainment and food and wine at the Tanunda Recreation Oval. All the parade floats will be there so you can take a closer look! Free time after if required.</p> <p><b>Dress code:</b> Casual</p> <p><b>Grape Stomp: Dress code:</b> Costume (change rooms available)</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Mayor Bim Lange, CEO Martin McCarthy, Director, Jo Moen, Janine Harding and Catherine Nacey</p>          |

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| 2.45pm | <b>Travel - Bus</b>                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 3.00pm | <b>Seppeltsfield Winery</b>          | <p>Seppeltsfield is an award-winning tourism destination, providing world-class luxury experiences with the cellar door serving as the heart of the Estate. Seppeltsfield is a vibrant community of artisans, with wine, food, art, craft and retail experiences on offer. Seppeltsfield is most famed for the Centennial Collection – an irreplaceable and unbroken lineage of Tawny, every vintage from 1878 to current year. The estate remains the only winery in the world to release a 100-year-old, single vintage wine each year.</p> <p><b>Dress code:</b> Casual</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Mayor Bim Lange, Janine Harding and Catherine Nacey</p> |
| 4.45pm | <b>Travel - Bus</b>                  | Travel to Hotel to freshen up                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 6.25pm | <b>Travel - Bus</b>                  | Pick up from Hotel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 6.30pm | <b>Dinner with Community Members</b> | <p>Dinner at The Vine Inn</p> <p><b>Dress code:</b> Smart Casual</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Ken &amp; Helen Semmler, Simon Newbold – Chair, Barossa Co-op, Cathy Main – CEO, Barossa Co-op, The Vine Inn General Manager Gabrielle Marschall and Board Member and Elected Member Kathryn Schilling</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 8.30pm | <b>Return to hotel for the night</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |



| <b>Day 5 - Sunday, 27 April 2025</b><br>Weather Forecast: Max: 64.4 / Min: 51.8 |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| 8.00am                                                                          | <b>Barossa Weintal Hotel</b>                 | Breakfast at the Hotel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 9.30am                                                                          | <b>Travel - Bus</b>                          | Pick up at hotel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 10.00am                                                                         | <b>The Great Vintage Picnic</b>              | <p><b>*Barossa Vintage Festival event – open to the public</b></p> <p>Held at the Lyndoch Village Green is a charming community family event celebrating nostalgia and togetherness. Come along to enjoy classic picnic fare, vintage games and fashion, friendly competitions and live music. With its picturesque setting, it's a perfect day for friends and family to connect and celebrate the finale of the Barossa Vintage Festival!</p> <p><b>Dress code:</b> Casual - walking shoes</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Mayor Bim Lange, Janine Harding</p> |
| 11.00am                                                                         | <b>Tour of Barossa Park - Lyndoch</b>        | <p>The facility for the local community and sporting clubs, including the Australian Football, Netball, Cricket, Tennis, Lawn Bowls, Little Athletics and Pigeon Racing. The facilities will cater for major arts, festivals and community events, creating potential for another 18,000 visitor stays in the Barossa each year.</p> <p><b>Dress code:</b> Casual – walking shoes</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Mayor Bim Lange, CEO Martin McCarthy, Director Ben Clark</p>                                                                                   |
| 12.00pm                                                                         | <b>Driving Tour - Southern Barossa</b>       | <p><b>Lunch:</b> Along the way</p> <p><b>Dress code:</b> Casual - walking shoes</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Mayor Bim Lange and CEO Martin McCarthy</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 2.00pm                                                                          | <b>Liedertafel 175th Anniversary Concert</b> | <p><b>*Barossa Vintage Festival event – open to the public</b></p> <p>Celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the Liedertafel as the longest serving cultural organisation in the Barossa and the oldest Male Voice Choir in Australia. The concert will also feature the 1928 JE Dodd pipe organ and supporting artists.</p> <p><b>Dress code:</b> Casual</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Mayor Bim Lange</p>                                                                                                                                                      |

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| 4.00pm | <b>Travel - Bus</b>                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 4.00pm | <b>Free time</b>                       | Free time for those not attending the Barossa Young Ambassador Awards. A chance to freshen up for those that are attending the Barossa Young Ambassador Awards.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 5.00pm | <b>Travel - Cars</b>                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 5.30pm | <b>Barossa Young Ambassador Awards</b> | <p>The Barossa Young Ambassador Program is for young adults aged 18-25 helping develop leadership skills and confidence, and rewards excellence in young adults who have an interest in promoting the rich and diverse culture of the Barossa region. The Program identifies and raises the profile of future community leaders. Three Grapevine delegates will be able to attend the awards ceremony to be held at Rockford Wines.</p> <p><b>Dress code:</b> Business Casual</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Mayor Bim Lange, CEO Martin McCarthy, Rolf Binder, Janine Harding and Catherine Nacey (including 6 Grapevine delegates who will be transported in cars)</p> |
| 7.00pm | <b>Travel - Cars<br/>Travel - Bus</b>  | <p>For those attending the Awards</p> <p>For those leaving from the hotel</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 7.15pm | <b>Dinner with Community Leaders</b>   | <p>Dinner at The Tanunda Hotel</p> <p><b>Dress code:</b> Smart Casual</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Scott Hazeldine, James March, Anne Moroney, Jennifer Lynch, Patsy Biscoe &amp; Jake Irwin, Jack Ferrett – General Manager, Tanunda Hotel, Maz McGann and Rebecca Reynolds – Barossa Festival Vintage Directors</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 8.30pm | <b>Return to hotel for the night</b>   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |



| <b>Day 6 - Monday, 28 April 2025</b><br>Weather Forecast: Max: 64.4 / Min: 50 |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| 8.00am                                                                        | <b>Barossa Weintal Hotel</b>                 | Breakfast at the Hotel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 9.00am                                                                        | <b>Travel</b>                                | Pick up at hotel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 9.10am                                                                        | <b>Tour of Nuriootpa High School</b>         | <p>Tour of the School hosted by the Principal, David Marino as well as Rick Lane and Milly Hoffman (teachers visiting Grapevine in September 2025). The tour will include a tour of the Wine School - Nurihannam Winery Education Program, and Agriculture department. The aim of the Program is to help students improve their wine making skills; produce high quality commercial wine; and to develop industry skills and career awareness in students so they may enter the Wine and Viticulture industry.</p> <p><b>Dress code:</b> Business Casual</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Mayor Bim Lange, Principal David Marino, Teachers – Milly Hoffmann and Rick Lane, Committee Member Ingrid Day, Janine Harding</p> |
| 10.20am                                                                       | <b>Travel - Bus</b>                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 10.30am                                                                       | <b>'Meet the Makers' Trade Show</b>          | <p>Meet some of Barossa's amazing trade and businesses, showcasing their products and services. See, taste, smell &amp; touch their amazing wares at The Barossa Cellar.</p> <p><b>Dress code:</b> Business Casual</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Representatives – State Minister for Tourism and Multicultural Affairs, Rolf Binder &amp; Jennifer Lynch – Chair &amp; CEO - Regional Development Australia, Barossa, Anthony Grundel – Assistant Manager TradeSmart Network, Department of State Development, Scott Hazeldine – Barossa Australia, Janine Harding and Catherine Nacey</p>                                                                                                                              |
| 12.30pm                                                                       | <b>Travel - Bus</b>                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 12.45pm                                                                       | <b>Long Table Lunch hosted by John Angas</b> | <p>John Angas' Hutton Vale Farm is set amidst an iconic Barossa landscape. Pioneers of the region, the Angas family are custodians of this land; renowned for their fine wine, quality wool, free-range natural pasture lamb and hand-made artisan produce.</p> <p>John Angas is a long-standing Elected Member on Council. His family is dedicated to the land on which we live, committed to</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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|        |                                                         | <p>enhancing the natural, cultural and community landscape. Join John and his wife Jan, for an intriguing history talk, wine tasting in his historic cellar and long table lunch under the vines.</p> <p><b>Dress code:</b> Business Casual</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Mayor Bim Lange, CEO Martin McCarthy, Milly Hoffmann, Janine Harding and Catherine Nacey</p> |
| 4.00pm | <b>Travel - Bus</b>                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 4.15pm | <b>Free Time</b>                                        | Free time                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 5.55pm | <b>Travel - Bus</b>                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 6.00pm | <b>Dinner - Hosted by Rotary Club of Barossa Valley</b> | <p>Dinner at the Rehn Bier. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Barossa Valley.</p> <p><b>Dress code:</b> Smart Casual</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Rotary Members and elected Member Don Barrett</p>                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 8.30pm | <b>Return to hotel for the night</b>                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |



| <b>Day 7 - Tuesday, 29 April 2025</b><br>Weather Forecast: Max: 66.2 / Min: 51.8 |                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Time                                                                             | Venue                                 | Notes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 8.00am                                                                           | <b>Barossa Weintal Hotel</b>          | Breakfast at the Hotel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 9.00am                                                                           | <b>Travel - Bus</b>                   | Pick up at hotel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 9.15am                                                                           | <b>Morning Tea at the Bushgardens</b> | <p>The Barossa Bushgardens is a community-led project displaying, conserving and distributing local native vegetation. The gardens are used for recreation, environmental education and it is also a place to bring the community together.</p> <p>Volunteers will offer tours of the site, walking trails and the Community Garden. Join our Aboriginal leaders in celebrating our indigenous culture of Australia.</p> <p><b>Dress code:</b> Casual – walking shoes</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Mayor Bim Lange, Council Staff – Glen Carter, Penny Devlin, Doreen Von Linde, Kim Thompson and Quenten Agius, Janine Harding and Catherine Nacey</p>                               |
| 10.45am                                                                          | <b>Travel - Bus</b>                   | Through the Adelaide Hills                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 12.00pm                                                                          | <b>Gorge Wildlife Park</b>            | <p>Gorge Wildlife Park is not your average wildlife park; it's a place where people and animals get together. Under shaded trees, paths meander amongst the animals offering many relaxing hours of wildlife enjoyment.</p> <p>See all your favourite Australian animals such as Tasmanian Devils, Wombats, Dingos, Echidnas and more. Walk amongst and feed the Kangaroos and Wallabies and enjoy a cuddle with one of their Koalas. There is also a variety of exotic animals on display such as, Meerkats, Otters, playful Monkeys and more.</p> <p><b>Dress code:</b> Casual – walking shoes</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Mayor Bim Lange, Janine Harding and Catherine Nacey</p> |
| 3.15pm                                                                           | <b>Travel to hotel</b>                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 4.30pm                                                                           | <b>Hotel</b>                          | Freshen up                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| 6.00pm | <b>Grapevine hosted - Farewell Dinner</b> | <p>Located at the Weintal's, 'Champagne Room', we spend our last night with our Grapevine friends. Hosted by Grapevine, it is an opportunity for your delegation and ours (including Barossa Elected Members, Sister City Committee Members, Study Tour students and teachers) to cement our wonderful friendship and say farewell.</p> <p><b>Dress code:</b> Evening Wear</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Mayor Bim Lange, Elected Members, Sister Cities Advisory Committee Members, CEO Martin McCarthy, Executive Leadership Team - Jo Moen, Ben Clark, Jake McVicar. Nuriootpa High School - Milly Hoffmann and Rick Lane, Study Tour Students and a parent.</p> |
| 8.30pm | <b>Return to hotel for the night</b>      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |



| Day 8 - Wednesday, 30 April 2025        |                        |                                                                   |
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| Weather Forecast: Max: 64.4 / Min: 53.6 |                        |                                                                   |
| Time                                    | Venue                  | Notes                                                             |
| 4.00am<br>&<br>10.00am                  | Departure –<br>Airport | Bus to collect from the hotel and travel to the Adelaide Airport. |

## BAROSSA REGIONAL GALLERY – Hill & Son Grand Organ

The Barossa Regional Gallery is located in the heart of the beautiful Barossa Valley, and is only a short stroll from the main street of Tanunda.

Combining heritage and contemporary architecture, the gallery is part of the Tanunda Soldiers' Memorial Hall complex.

The site also houses the magnificently restored Hill and Son Grand Organ, which is a stunning example of musical heritage, finding its new home in Tanunda after being removed from the Adelaide Town Hall in the late 1990s. Built originally for the Adelaide Town Hall in 1875, it is the oldest concert organ on the Australian mainland.

The Organ Historical Trust acquired the instrument in 1994 and with the cooperation of local organisations the Tanunda Soldiers' Memorial Hall became its permanent home in 1997. Since then, the Hill and Son Grand Organ has been fully restored both internally and externally.



### Steven Kaesler – Chairman

Steven has enjoyed a comprehensive civil engineering career in both private consultancy and Local Government sectors. Within The Barossa Council he manages all engineering service functions, including planning, design and construction of roads and transport infrastructure, traffic management, stormwater drainage, and engineering assessment and construction supervision of new land division and building developments.

He is a Member of the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association (LGA) Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee and an Honorary Life Member of the South Australia Local Government Officers Association (SALGOA).

As a 6th generation Barossan, Steven volunteers in numerous community roles, including as Chair of the Barossa Regional Gallery Management Advisory Group and as Curator of the Hill & Son Grand Organ.

Steven was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 2015, within the Australian Honours system, for service to community music through a range of roles.

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## ANZAC Day Commemorations

### - Nuriootpa RSL (Returned Services League)

Australians commemorate Anzac Day on 25 April every year.

This is the anniversary of the day when Australian and New Zealand soldiers landed on Gallipoli in 1915 as part of the Allies' invasion. Anzac Day draws large crowds of people to the dawn services, and marches are held around the country.

Anzac Day is a time for all Australians to recognise the more than 1.5 million service men and women who have served our country in all conflicts, wars and peacekeeping operations. It's also a time to remember the over 103,000 Australians who sacrificed their lives in our country's name.

The March begins at 6:00 am from the corner of Murray and Greenock Streets and proceeds northward along Murray Street, turns right into Memorial Avenue and ends at the RSL clubrooms.

A short memorial service to the fallen is given followed by the laying of wreaths.

A gunfire breakfast will then be provided, kindly cooked by the Lions Club of the Barossa Valley.



#### The Ode

They shall grow not old, as  
we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn. At  
the going down of the sun  
and in the morning

We will remember them.

#### Response:

We will remember them.

ONE Minute's Silence



## LAMBERT ESTATE WINES – The Grapevine Journey at Lambert Estate

Nestled in the rolling hills to the west of Angaston, the Lambert Estate vineyard is blessed with some of the region's finest soils and climatic conditions with our Shiraz and Cabernet grown at the highest elevation in the Barossa Valley.

Situated on 250 acres, the vineyard consists of 17 unique soil types growing 11 different varieties of grapes planted around old gum trees that are scattered throughout the property.



### Vanessa Lambert – Lambert Estate Wines



When Jim Lambert's business travels brought him to Australia in the 80's, he realised his love of wine and beautiful places could mark out a new future for him and his wife Pam. This dream was realised when they discovered the vineyards in the Barossa hills that would become Lambert Estate.

Their son Kirk joined them on their journey from Wisconsin in the USA, studying wine making in Adelaide where he met and fell in love with fellow student Vanessa - who was all the way from Peru!

Now married with a growing family, Kirk and Vanessa are fusing their Mid-West and Latin American backgrounds with their expertise in wine making.

Vanessa is a member of the Sister Cities Advisory Committee as well as a frequent participant at Grapevine's annual 'Grapefest' event.

## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA – Barossa Gawler Light Adelaide Plains

RDA Barossa Gawler Light Adelaide Plains is a Board of industry leaders from key sectors across the region, supported by a professional team, which collaborates with the three spheres of government to identify economic opportunity and challenges – and ways to address them.

In addition to targeted investment attraction, investor information and regional analysis, RDA delivers a range of services to business to support better business performance so not only do new businesses invest but existing business thrive and create jobs as well.

Key focus areas:

- Business advice and referrals
- Investment attraction
- Industry development
- Regional analysis
- Community consultation and facilitation
- Applying for grants



### Rolf Binder – Chairman

Rolf Binder is an iconic name from the Barossa Valley, known amongst true wine collectors and connoisseurs as a producer of rich Shiraz of cult status. With his sister Christa, Rolf has built up Rolf Binder Wines through consistently high standards and uncompromising wine quality. An interest in agriculture took him to Roseworthy College where he attained a degree in Agricultural Science, specialising in Oenology.

Rolf is also a member of the Sister Cities Advisory Committee.



### Jennifer Lynch – CEO

Jennifer is an experienced and awarded executive with proven experience driving mid to long term strategic planning and delivery for sustainable economic growth in regional communities and ecosystems. Jennifer's twenty years' experience includes directly engaging with public and private organisations, both domestically and internationally, to enhance regional and sector capacity and capability by building awareness and understanding with ecosystem players regarding future industry changes ahead of time, including topical and pertinent factors such as policy and legislative change, and sustainability.

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## NURIOOTPA HIGH SCHOOL

Nuriootpa High School was established in 1935 and is a public high school with a student population of over 1300 students (years 7 to 12). It is located in Nuriootpa, a township within the Barossa Valley region in the state of South Australia. The Barossa Valley is one of Australia's most significant wine regions.

The school services the broad Barossa Valley region and has a long history of successful achievement in all areas of learning and in a range of extracurricular activities including sports, music, drama and agriculture.

A strength of the school is the breadth and depth of its curriculum and the availability of a wide range of extracurricular activities that cater for the interests and needs of students.



### Milly Hoffmann – Agriculture Coordinator and Wine Education Manager

Milly Hoffman is an enthusiastic agricultural teacher at Nuriootpa High School leads the school's innovative 'Vine and Wines Program' and its connection to careers in the sector. Providing a wine program with the support of the industry – from the donation of fruit, donation of yeast, dry ice, and testing.

The Program offers invaluable hands-on experience in viticulture and winemaking. It serves as a vital stepping stone for students, opening doors to apprenticeships and careers in the wine industry. A growing number of young women feel empowered to work in agriculture and viticulture and she hopes to inspire some of her students to contemplate a career in the grape and wine sector.



### Rick Lane – Wellbeing Leader

Councillor Rick Lane has happily grown up in the Barossa. His commitment to the local community has come in many varieties including volunteering to raise money for charity, coaching various sports teams in the Southern Barossa and being active in the local music scene for the last 15 years. One of Rick's most satisfying achievements has been his role as Well-being Leader at Nuriootpa High School. He has had the privilege to meet and work with many people from the community during his decade at this school.

Rick constantly liaises with support services and community providers to assist families in need. Family and community are his passions and in becoming an elected council member it has strengthened Rick's ability to enhance and further develop the beautiful area of the Barossa.

Both Rick and Milly are members of the Sister Cities Advisory Committee.

## THE BAROSSA CELLAR – 'Meet the Makers' Trade Show

The Barossa Cellar is the hub of the wine community in the heart of the Barossa. The only regional wine facility of its kind in Australia, it is a touchstone for winemakers, viticulturists and wine aficionados. Built into a hillside overlooking the Barossa Valley floor and straddling Barossa Valley and Eden Valley, this stunning, environmentally considerate building makes an indelible mark in the timeline of the region.



A regional centre for the Barossa wine community, including the day-to-day operation of Barossa Australia. A place to educate the global wine community about Barossa wine and promote brand Barossa. Home of a magnificent collection of fine wines generously donated by Barossa wineries

An extraordinary community project, The Barossa Cellar has been made possible by generous donations from the Barons of Barossa, Barossa wineries and growers, families, businesses and wine enthusiasts from around the world.



### Scott Hazeldine – CEO, Barossa Australia

Scott Hazeldine is currently a Chief Executive Officer at Barossa Australia and brings experience from previous roles at Schild Estate and JCP Maltus Wines. Scott holds a WSET Level 3 @ Wine & Spirit Education Trust. With a robust skill set that includes Winemaking, Wineries, Viticulture, Winery Design and Layout, Bottling and Packaging and more.

Barossa Australia is uniquely positioned to nurture and promote brand Barossa to a global audience, to facilitate within Barossa the uptake of tourism, vineyard, winery and business best practice and to comment and lobby on government and industry policy issues.

Scott is also a member of the Sister Cities Advisory Committee as well as a frequent participant at Grapevine's annual 'Grapefest' event.

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## HUTTON VALE FARM -

### Long Table Lunch Hosted by John & Jan Angas

Hutton Vale Farm was first established in 1843 by John Howard Angas, known as J.H.A. during the early colonial period. John was only 19 when he arrived in the Barossa, sent by his father from England, to oversee the family's agriculture properties. Sustaining the new settlers of South Australia with food was part of his charter. It was on Hutton Vale Farm that he established his prized studs and mixed farm produce. He went on to become one of the largest landowners in the colony.

The Angas family remain pioneers, as farmers dedicated to the land on which they live. Using sustainable practices and the utmost respect for mother nature, the family's wines, accommodation and produce capture the true essence of the terroir.

Hutton Vale Farm is set amidst an iconic Barossa landscape. Pioneers of the region, the Angas family are custodians of this land; renowned for their fine wine, quality wool, free-range natural pasture lamb and hand-made artisan produce.



#### John & Jan Angas – Hutton Vale Farm

John Angas is a long-standing Elected Member on Council. His family is dedicated to the land on which we live, committed to enhancing the natural, cultural and community landscape.

Celebrating 45 years of marriage, Jan and John have lived and worked in perfect partnership, ever since they first met in Adelaide during John's boarding school days at St. Peter's College. With their two of their three children now involved in the business and contributing to the next chapter in Hutton Vale Farm's story.

Join John and his wife Jan, for an intriguing history talk, wine tasting in his historic cellar and long table lunch under the vines.

*'We believe in ambitious dreams, brave hearts and patient hands with recognition to all those before us and respect for those yet to come'.*

## BAROSSA BUSHGARDENS

The Barossa Bushgardens is a community-led project displaying, conserving and distributing local native vegetation. The gardens are used for recreation, environmental education and it is also a place to bring the community together.

The Bushgardens commenced in 2001 after the realisation of just how little native vegetation remained in the Barossa region. Most of the remnant vegetation is only found on roadsides and reserves with species numbers dwindling at an alarming rate.

Today, the gardens are home to over 200 of the 400+ species of plants that can be found in the region, some of which are rare or critically endangered. It showcases different plant associations, as well as garden beds filled with a diversity of vegetation. Most areas are wheelchair accessible, and it promotes mental health and wellbeing through the Labyrinth, Dementia Friendly Garden, Food for the Soul Community Garden, as well as offering weekly dementia and disability-friendly workshops.



### Quenten Agius, Ngadjuri Elder

A husband, a father, a grandfather, a local, a footballer, a teacher, a mate, a storyteller.

Most of all, Aboriginal man Quenten Agius is a community-minded man. He holds dear his Aboriginal heritage and invites people to share with him the wonders and stories of Aboriginal culture – a culture he stresses belongs to all of us and is to be shared by all.

Quenten's work as an Aboriginal guide – who lives on Country, knows his Country and cares about his Country – is how he involves local, national and international guests to connect with his ancient culture and ancestors.

*'I welcome you to the lands of the Adjahdura (Narungga) and Ngadjuri people, the lands of my ancestors; the lands I am physically and spiritually connected to.'*