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We see care, defiance, creativity and community, core values of the solarpunk movement, being enacted in pockets all around us. We want to amplify these pockets into a vibrant ecosystem in Adelaide and beyond. As such, Solarpunk News will seek to be a gathering bag for local events, action, art, initiatives, and ever evolving collective conversation.

HOW THIS NEWSLETTER WORKS?

That's really up to you!

- For the community, by the community
- Send us your upcoming events, share your art, writing, and local success stories or more (Email details to: adlsolarpunk@proton.me)
- If you would like to be a part of the team, we need: people with skills in graphic design, writing, community engagement, or journalism
- It's completely open to change based on community feedback and needs

This newsletter exists to support and share events run by the local community - we want to hear from you!

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

This section is where you can share any miscellaneous announcements. Send in your:

- Things to swap or give
- Looking for a team or someone with skills
- Mutual aid callouts

Want to get involved in Anti-Poverty Network SA Federal Election Campaign? Complete their short survey on how to volunteer and get involved!
bit.ly/APNSA-Vol

Instagram
@CommunityHealthOnKY
Follow for local COVID updates and community health resources

Second hand jars for medicine
Kurna Elder Aunty Ange is looking for donations of mini jars and dropper bottles. Bring donations to next SAGE event or contact SAGE via their socials.

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Transgender research study participation

“How do trans people believe researchers should conduct research on the trans community, specifically with regard to gender euphoria?” is a question Stella Kulesza is focusing on in a study and want your help! If you are of any non cis gender and wish to be involved in a zoom focus group led by Stella Kulesza complete this short survey.

adelaideuniwide.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cBLE526XMzd0CJ8



CCSA Federal Election Campaign

Host a lawn sign and get involved!
Contact the Conservation Council
for more info:

www.conservation.sa.org.au

Protect our urban tree canopy

Planning SA are seeking feedback on planning regulations regarding tree maintenance and public land; among other issues. 5-10 min survey ongoing till 22nd April.

yoursay.sa.gov.au/amendment-regulations



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announcement/request/pro-
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‘SAVE OUR JOINERY’ CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED TO PROTECT VITAL COMMUNITY SPACE



PRESS RELEASE

Save Our Spaces has just launched its first major campaign, ‘**Save Our Joinery**’, aimed at safeguarding one of Adelaide’s most cherished and active community venues.



Located in the heart of the city, the Joinery is home to **over 100 community organisations** ranging from environmental advocacy groups to creative arts collectives. For ten years, it has served as a gathering place, event hub, and educational centre that fosters collaboration and grassroots action.

Since its inception the Joinery has hosted **over 4000 events and 50,000 visitors**; in 2023/24 alone, the Joinery hosted 456 events involving 112 organisations.



See updates and get involved at Mastodon:
[@saveourspace_sa@adlsolarpunk.net](https://mstdn.social/@saveourspace_sa)



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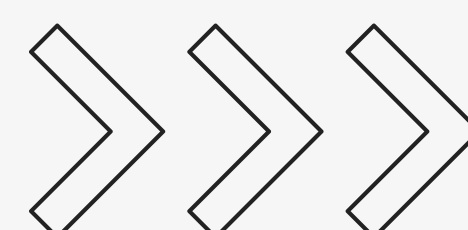
PRESS RELEASE



In light of recent State Government plans for urban redevelopment, the Joinery now faces **demolition with no clear or affordable alternative** provided for the many groups who rely on its facilities. This jeopardises crucial volunteer-driven initiatives, social programs, workshops, and countless other activities essential to Adelaide's civic and cultural fabric.

"The Joinery is more than just a building; it's a vibrant ecosystem of passionate people and impactful ideas," said a spokesperson for Save Our Spaces. **"We fear that losing it would fragment these networks and leave many community-driven projects without a home."**

The State Government has announced broad plans to redevelop the site into residential, commercial, and retail spaces, but **no formal commitments** have been made to preserve or replace the valuable functions the Joinery provides. Save Our Spaces is calling on Premier Peter Malinauskas and Lord Mayor Dr. Jane Lomax-Smith AM to **prioritise the interests of grassroots organisations** and ensure they have a seat at the table in shaping the future of this vital public space.



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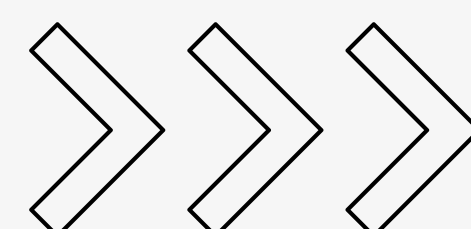
PRESS RELEASE



“We all need community!! We need physical places for that community building to happen,” shared a concerned citizen who frequents the Joinery for community gardening sessions. **“As councils continue to destroy our third places, it leaves these community groups even more isolated and vulnerable.”**



Recognising the potential loss for Adelaide’s social and environmental movements, Save Our Spaces emphasises that **over 100 groups – spanning environmental advocacy, youth programs, cultural events, and more – will be directly impacted.** The coalition is actively working on petitions, media outreach, and collaborations with local leaders to highlight the importance of the Joinery’s continued presence in the CBD.



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PRESS RELEASE



“We invite the public to join our movement – sign the petition, attend our open gatherings, and share personal stories on social media,” the SOS spokesperson added. “We strongly believe that vibrant, community-led spaces like the Joinery are the bedrock of a thriving, inclusive Adelaide.”



Save Our Spaces is a grassroots coalition dedicated to **protecting and reimagining crucial community spaces** across Adelaide (Tarntanya). Through advocacy campaigns, volunteer-led events, and collaborations with stakeholders, SOS strives to preserve the city’s cultural and civic heritage while **championing new models for sustainable, community-owned venues**.



For more information, to sign up for updates, or to volunteer, please contact:

- Email: socials@saveourspace.org
- Social: [@saveourspace_sa](https://www.instagram.com/saveourspace_sa) on [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/saveourspace_sa)/[Mastodon](https://www.mastodon.social/@saveourspace_sa)

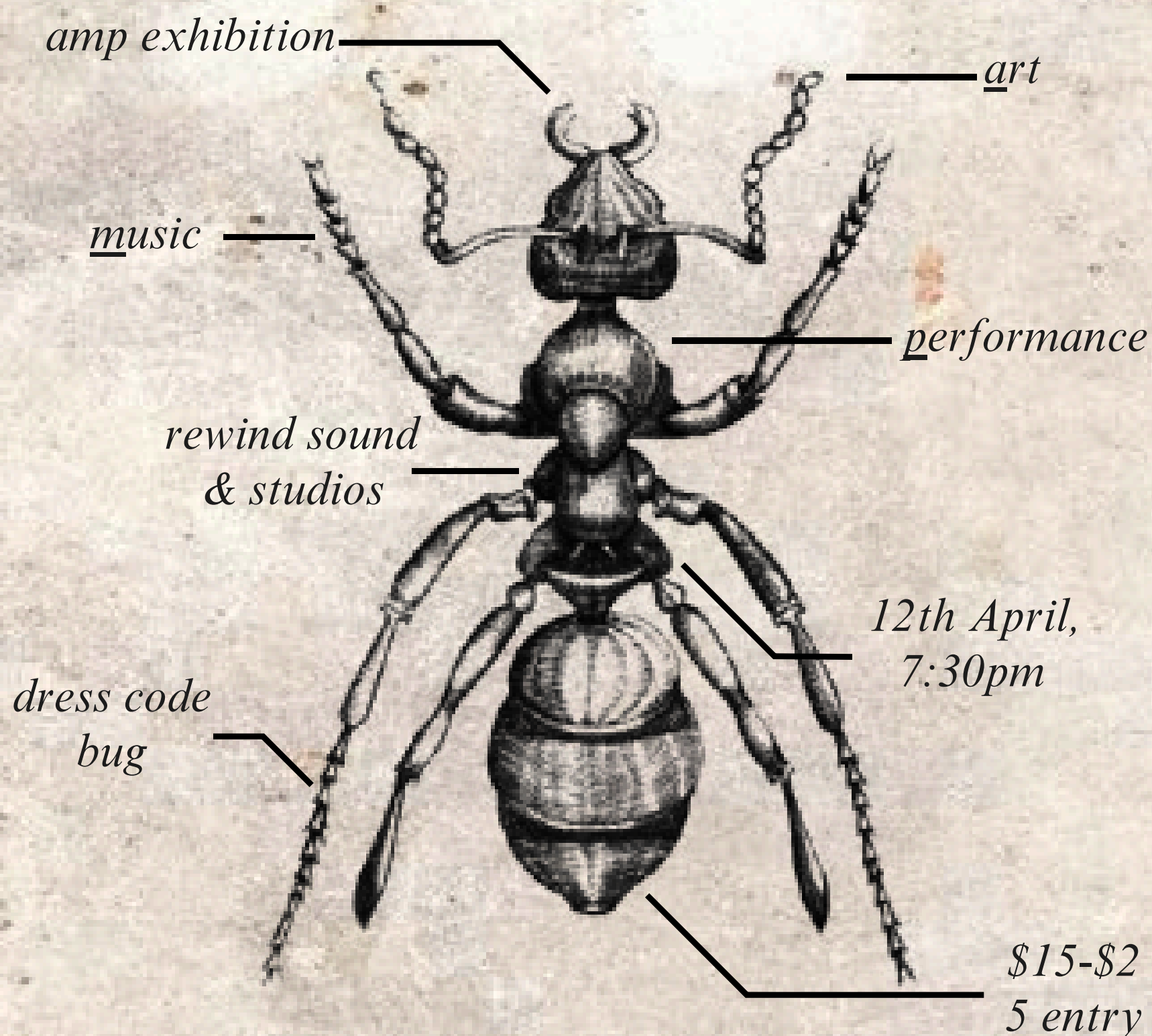


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Metamorphestival

The year is 6030 and the most abundant creatures on Earth are gathering for their annual Metamorphestival, engaging in rituals celebrating life, birth and death. You are invited to immerse yourself in an insect-dominated future, rich with culture, connection and collectivism. Dress code: Bug. Featuring performance, live DJs, installation works, theatrical shenanigans and lots of opportunities to dance.

This event is the culmination of 13 weeks of collective art-making from over 20 different artists through the AMP program at Rewind Sound & Studios.



What is AMP?

Arts, Music & Performing (AMP) is an exercise in community art-making and skill-sharing. For over ten weeks, small groups have been working together to create multi-modal works, including costume, film and sculpture.



[Buy tickets here.](#)

BACKYARD BIODIVERSITY

In recent backyard news the Backyard Biodiversity group has added on a heap more soil to the planned community garden bed next to Rewind Studios.

Over the coming weeks and months Backyard Biodiversity is working on a new project:

“The Waite Arboretum covers 30 hectares of land and features more than 800 species. We are looking to join in on gardening activities from June on either Tuesdays or Fridays, let us know if you want to find out more!

benbrice1106@gmail.com”



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HOME ACTIVITIES

Easy ways to improve your community and make life a little more solarpunk!

Simplest bread recipe

first start with about a cup of flour. then add about a cup of water.

you'll want to mix this together and generally add either a pinch of salt or add $\frac{1}{3}$ cup of sugar.

once it's somewhat like how you'd expect pancake mix to be put it in the microwave for around 3-4 minutes.

test that it's cooked through or put it in for a little longer.

you can do this with just flour and water or any liquid that would cook well into it like a milk.

sometimes I add food dye or sprinkles. Sometimes it can be more savory.

Try it out and you'll have a cheap extra food option.



Community box.

recently I've put a tote bag outside of my house with some non perishable foods like cans of food.

often when you see a community mini library it will be a wooden cupboard but a weather safe box or bag will work fine.

place 2 cans of food in there and an extra that's either a book to give away, some art to give away or maybe some jars.

I don't recommend putting fresh fruits in there unsealed because ants will come and it may be worth noting birds can open some plastic packaging.

~Wren



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COMMUNITY ART WALL



Amp photo for Metamorphestival where we all came together to create community art. Many hands reaching towards a lamp. Many attendees are donning bug masks. (get tickets at [rewind](#) April 12th)



Drawing by Lee Davy
[@buzz_wad_garden](#)

Your art here:
Art is an essential part of a thriving community, and it is meant to be shared! If you want to promote your art, express yourself, use art to send a message to the community, or you just made something you think people might enjoy, send it in and it can be in the next edition!

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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Found and submitted local events

Events are clickable for more info on the digital version



Over 80 youth events between
April 5-12th

19-27 April

FESTIVAL FLEURIEU

Art, workshops, music, exhibitions, food, science and more, all across the Fleurieu Peninsula



= RSVP or booking req.

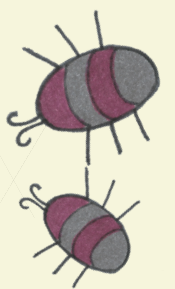
Advocacy

Event	Date	Location	Info
<u>Save Our Spaces</u>	3 Apr 4:30pm	The Joinery	Ongoing action and planning meetings for saving community spaces, currently focused on a campaign to protect the community groups which use The Joinery
<u>Trans Justice Project - Election Campaign Training</u> 	5 Apr, 12pm - 4pm	Online	Join this free online training to get involved in our election campaign.
<u>Mother's Rebellion Global Action</u>	Apr 26 10am	Mall's Balls	our third year of action, fighting for our children's futures 
<u>Snap Rally to Stop Tree Massacre by Save our Trees</u>	Apr 6 10-11am	Keith Stephenson Park	Contact Georgie on 0404276533 for more info
<u>Kidical Mass 2025 Campaign Planning Day</u> 	27 Apr, 10am - 1pm	The Joinery	part of a global movement that believes all children and young people should be able to safely and independently use bike riding as a mode of travel.
<u>Festival for the Future</u> 	Apr 30 10am - May 1 4pm	Victor Harbour	Bringing service providers to the regions, creating connections to these services for LGBTIQA+ people as they age, and building capacity within this community by building knowledge through facilitated sessions, and space for one-on-one conversation.


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Regeneration

Event	Date	Location	Info
<u>Local Food On Country 2025</u> 	Apr 6 11am-3pm	Peninsula Providore	A vibrant celebration of the Fleurieu and Hills region's food, culture, and community, featuring First Nations knowledge sharing, local produce tastings, live music, craft activities, and inspiring talks on sustainability and mental wellbeing.
<u>Walkfest 2025</u> 	Apr 6, 20+ walks departing between 7am to 12noon	Main Oval, Belair National Park	Discover walking and hiking opportunities at the WalkFest in Belair National Park. This year's theme, Connecting with Nature, continues our focus on access and equity to the outdoors for all.
<u>North Brighton Community Garden - Working Bee</u>	Apr 19 10am-1pm	North Brighton Community Garden	There are lots of jobs that needs to be done in the garden and would love any help you can offer. There is a job for all abilities.
<u>North Brighton Community Garden - Autumn Plant Sale</u>	Apr 19 10am-1pm	North Brighton Community Garden	Will feature a variety of member-grown plants and seedlings, a craft and bake stall, and a guided garden tour at 11am led by in-house designer Beau.
<u>Poetry at Rewind</u>	Apr 23 6:30pm	Rewind studios	~ autumn lovers (OF POETRY) ~ Stephanie Joy Mylan is your lesbian queen






Material Support


Event	Date	Location	Info
<u>Trans Journeys: Gender Affirmation Info Session</u> 	Apr 30, 2-4pm	Northern Adelaide Medicare Mental Health Centre	Understanding trans journeys: social, medical & legal transition and how alcohol and other drug use can interact with hormone therapy.

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Skill-Building

Event	Date	Location	Info
<u>Conservation Photography</u> 	Apr 3 5:30pm - 6:30pm	Port Environment Centre	Learn how to take the right kind of scientific and macro photos of plants, insects, birds and other wildlife, helping researchers identify and monitor species in your area.
<u>Slow Food Cooking Demonstration</u>	Apr 5 10am-10:45am	Willunga Farmers Market	Live cooking demonstration with chef Nick Tadija as he showcases delicious dishes made from local market ingredients, with tastings and insights into the Slow Food movement.
<u>Backyards for wildlife</u>	Apr 12 10am - 2pm	Provenance Indigenous Plants	Discover how to transform your garden into a thriving habitat for local wildlife with native plants, expert tips, native animals, and family-friendly activities including presentations, plant sales, and a sausage sizzle.
<u>2025 Context Writers Festival</u> 	Apr 12-13 10am-5pm	Adelaide City Library, and Minor Works Building	Free, two-day festival for writers to connect and share new conversations about story, agency, and truth. Writing, poetry and zine making workshops
<u>Beach Explorers - Youth Week</u> 	Apr 15, 10:25am - 12pm	Meet in the carpark to the north of the Largs Bay sailing club	Learn about the beach environment through a hands-on experience. Bring: sun safe clothing, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, water and snacks, a bucket/small bag to hold what you find, wear appropriate footwear. Will postpone if forecast is over 35C
<u>Linocut printing upcycling workshop for ages 14 - 25</u> 	Apr 16 6:30 - 8:30pm	Gallery 1855	Learn linocut printing and upcycle your own clothing in this hands-on Youth Week workshop with local artist Tyler Carson - just bring a piece to print on and get creative!
<u>Citizen science investigating marine pest species across South Australia</u> 	Apr 16 7pm - 8pm	Online	Join this workshop for all the info and training you need to get started. The project will run throughout 2025, and citizen science volunteers are also able to access a small payment for their contributions.
<u>Anarchist Communist Reading Group 7</u>	April 19 5:30-7:30pm	State Library SA	Critiques of the State - The Spanish Civil War. Reading material in linked FB event

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 <u>Biodiversity Walk</u>	Apr 26 9am - 10am	Coastal Native Food Plants Labyrinth	Gentle stroll in nature, where you can learn about the biodiversity in your area and document sightings. Perfect for all ages. Bring a water bottle, wear comfy shoes and clothing, hat, sunscreen and your mobile/camera . Download iNaturalist app on your phone! If you have any accessibility needs or questions, please reach out 📞 0488 229 925

Solidarity

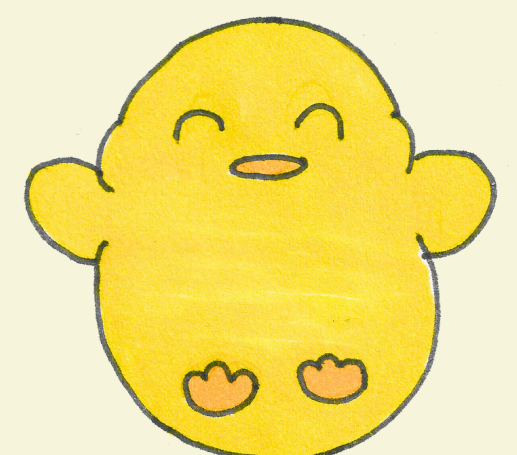
Event	Date	Location	Info
<u>Trans Day of Visibility.</u>	Mar 31 7:30-9am	Pioneer Women's Memorial Gardens	Ride your bike to the garden Bring some coffee Stay for a chat Look for the trans flag** Bikes and coffee not needed**
 <u>Palestine Cultural Day 2025 "The Soul of our Soul"</u>	Apr 6 11-4pm	Semaphore Foreshore	Join the South Australian Palestinian community as we unfold the pages of our Palestinian story and discover Palestine through the lens of its people. This is a family friendly event.
 <u>The Knowledge Project Community Workshop</u>	11 Apr, 10:30am - 11:30am	Adelaide City Library	initiative designed to bridge gaps in understanding of Kurna history, culture, and language. Led by Jack Buckskin, founder of Kuma Kaaru Cultural Services

Disability Inclusion Tip

1
A person's mobility equipment, such as a wheelchair, scooter or cane, is part of their personal space.



Do not touch or move it without permission, even if someone puts it down or chooses to leave it somewhere.



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Social

Event	Date	Location	Info
<u>Community groups and clubs networking: north east</u>	April 4 10am-12pm	Harpers Field Community Building	Connect with local community leaders, share what your group does, enjoy a tour of the new community space, and network over coffee, nibbles, and chocolate door prizes.
<u>Queer easter market</u>	April 6 11am-3pm	Diverse-City	Support Adelaide's queer and queer-friendly artists this year at our first "Queer Easter Market". Entry is FREE. Food & Drinks available.
<u>Be Mental Health Aware</u> 	April 7 9am-10am	The Vault Strathalbyn	Relaxed morning tea while learning how to recognise and respond to common mental health challenges, with practical tips on supporting others and improving your own wellbeing.
<u>Youth Jam Fest 2025</u> 	Apr 9 4:30pm - 8:30pm	Golden Grove Arts Centre	Celebrate SA Youth Week with an epic evening of live music, market stalls, food, and fun at this free youth-led festival showcasing talented local artists aged 12-25.
<u>The Mill Exhibition Opens - Lucky Smith (Under 30's Eat Free), Meg Mader (Patterned Disproportion)</u>	Apr 11 5:30pm-7:30pm	The Mill	Lucky Smith's Under 30s Eat Free explores the anxiety and absurdity of approaching adulthood through vivid, uncanny scenes that blur the lines between humour and existential dread. In Patterned Disproportion, Meg Mader transforms everyday objects and ornaments into whimsical, politically charged characters within surreal, pattern-rich settings that reimagine scale and narrative with playful imagination.
<u>Sage garden party (New date)</u> 	Apr 13 3-11pm	The Joinery	New Date! Food, local musicians, talks, chill area, family friendly
<u>DC ArtSpace Artist Showcase Exhibition Opening</u> 	Apr 28 6pm	Diverse City	You are invited to join the entrants for a relaxed evening with a drink on arrival and canapés while they talk about the artwork they have submitted, touching on their inspiration and technique.

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Sustainability

Event	Date	Location	Info
<u>XR Action: Santos AGM</u>	Apr 10 9am	Adelaide Entertainment Centre	Join XRSA and friends for a colourful, peaceful protest outside the Santos AGM in support of Gomeroi traditional owners from the Pilliga who will be attending. Together we can send a strong message to Santos shareholders:
<u>Citizen Science in Action</u> 	13 Apr, 10am - 2pm	Port Environment Centre	10am - Morning Tea and Produce Share 10-11am - Eco Discussion Group 11am-12pm - Clothes Share 11:30am-1:30pm- Art Session
<u>Mend In Public</u>	Apr 26 11am-12:30pm	Corner of Rundle Mall/ Gawler Pl	Join us in a creative action to call an end to the cycle of fashion waste. Bring your mending and a chair. Stay for BYO picnic at State Library

Ongoing services/events

New or updated ongoing services/events:

Event	Date	Location	Info
<u>Rewind_yoga</u>	Every Saturday 9-10am	Rewind studios	Bring a mat
<u>Deaf Butterfly Effect Craft Group</u> 	Monthly, check day on instagram, 10-2pm	19 On Green Community Centre	Different craft workshops each month
<u>The Hive Community Resource Hub</u>	Weekdays 9-5 Saturdays 10-2	The Hive Community Resource Hub	Cooking programs, home maintenance workshops, community garden workshops, free tea and coffee, financial counselling, weekly playgroup, art classes, pet care workshops, monthly repair cafe, monthly neighbour meet and greet catch ups. No Interest Loans, conversation cafe, disability programs, over 50s programs, walking group

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Event	Date	Location	Info
<u>Women Only Dance Classes for Fun & Fitness</u>	Tuesdays 6-7pm	Diverse-City	Class guided by Julie & Jayne as they share their years of dance experience in a relaxed and inclusive venue. Gold coin donation please. Wear comfortable footwear/clothing.
<u>Adelaide Parklands Walks</u> 	Most Sundays	Different location in parklands each event	Walk, run or ride a loop around Adelaide completely through our beautiful parklands! Join the main walking group or go at your own pace in your own time.
<u>TransMasc SA Social Meetups</u>	Fortnightly Wednesdays 6.30-8.30pm	Hyde Street Practive	Regular meetups with different themes, please see the event page for details and guidelines
<u>Roll with Pride (D&D)</u> 	fortnightly on Tues, 8th April 4pm - 5:45pm	headspace Port Adelaide	Dungeons and Dragons group for young people 12-17 who identify as LGBTIQA+ or as an ally of the queer community.
<u>Rainbow Connect - Over 50s Social Group</u> 	April 28 11am - 12:30pm	Jack Young Centre	Join the City of Salisbury for a relaxed afternoon, for those in the LGBTQIA+ community 50+. For more details contact Leslie - lwightman@salisbury.gov.au
<u>Yarning Blak & Queer</u> 	3 April 6-7pm	Online	monthly online yarning group for LGBTIQA+ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander First Nations mob.
<u>Fleurieu Make and Mend Circles</u>	2nd Friday of the month 10:30am-12pm	Fleurieu Environme nt Centre	Come along with your fabric items to mend, your spinning, crocheting, knitting, or darning. We will have a sewing machine set up, and someone demonstrating drop spindle spinning - you can even have a go! Free morning tea treats provided.
<u>Multicultural Youth SA The City West Hub</u>	10pm to 5am. Fri - Sat	MYSA Millers Arcade	after-hours crisis service, located in Hindley Street. The program aims to enhance protective factors and ensure safe environments for young people accessing Adelaide CBD, where young people can access culturally sensitive drop in, assessment and transport home.
<u>Biblio Banter</u>	2nd Mon of month. 4-5pm (Excl. Public Holidays)	Cultural Centre Library	Share what you are currently reading, engage in lively discussions and uncover hidden literary gems. A welcoming space to connect with fellow bibliophiles, explore literature and swap recommendations.

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**Previously listed ongoing services - Find full details at:
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Weekly

- [Chill n chat](#)
- [Community Bike Workshop Market](#)
- [CUDL Street Kitchen](#)
- [Duck Radio](#)
- [Gay Bingo SA](#)
- [Inside Out: Be who you are on the inside in a safe space](#)
- [LGBTQIA+ arts therapy](#)
- [Lived Experience Leadership and Advocacy Network - Alternatives to Suicide](#)
- [North Adelaide Community Centre Community Garden](#)
- [North Brighton Community Garden - Morning tea gathering](#)
- [Palestine Rally](#)
- [Rewind Drop-In Days](#)
- [The Kurry Kitchen](#)
- [Yoga @ ABK](#)

Fortnightly

- [Adelaide Neurodivergent Crew - Social get together](#)
- [Kukes Jam Session](#)
- [Queer Quest 2025](#)
- [Sunday Morning Gardening Club](#)
- [Tea Tree Gully Sustainability Group](#)
- [TFSA events](#)

Monthly

- [Adelaide Repair Cafes](#)
- [Bower Cottages Fruit n Veg Swap](#)
- [Campbelltown Community Produce Swap](#)
- [Coffee PoTS](#)
- [CONNECT/CREATE](#)

- [Craftanoon](#)
- [Critical Mass - Sci Fi and Fantasy discussion group](#)
- [Double Diversity](#)
- [Essential Edibles Produce Swap](#)
- [Everard Park Produce Swap](#)
- [Extinction rebellion all-in meeting](#)
- [Inky Fingers](#)
- [LGBTIQ Book Group](#)
- [Neurodivergent Adults Meet Up](#)
- [North Brighton Community Garden - New Member Orientation](#)
- [One Planet Market](#)
- [Recycled Reads - City Library Book Sale](#)
- [SA Grassroots Ecosystem](#)
- [SAMESH Sustainable Style](#)
- [Seacliff Community Produce Swap](#)
- [Something At City Library](#)
- [Surrey Downs Garden Group](#)
- [Transformations - Social Trans-Friendly Catchup](#)

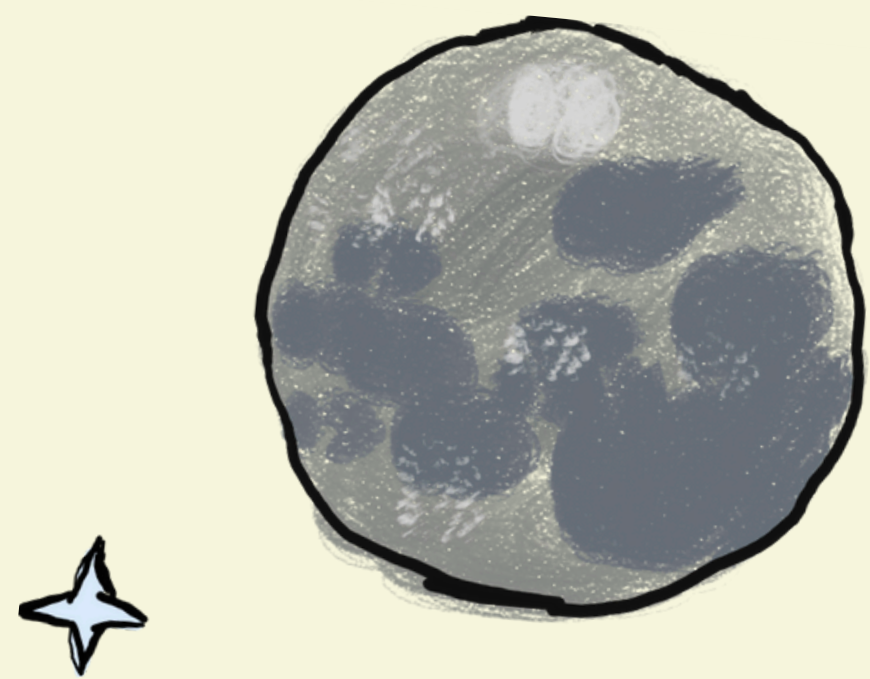
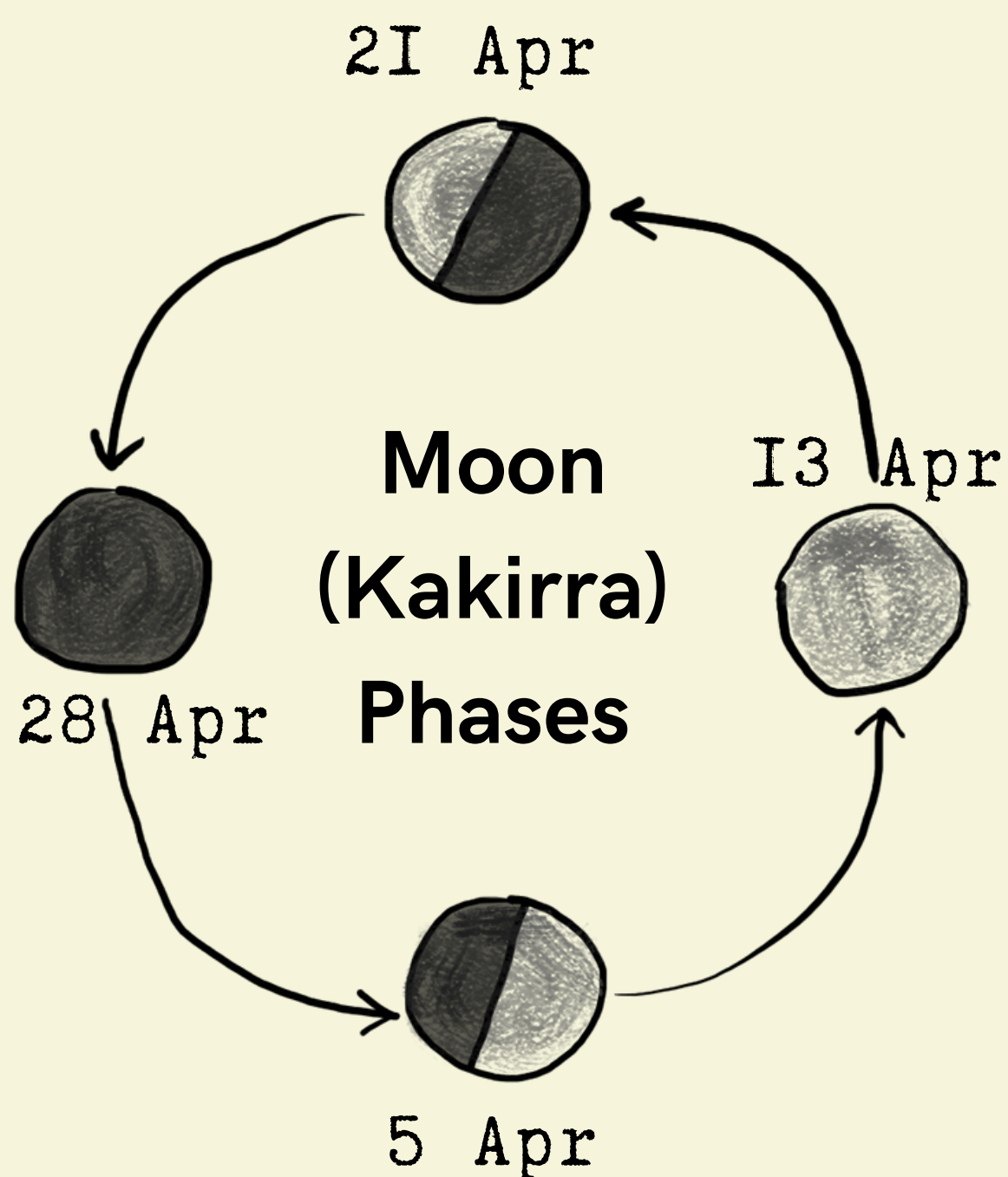
Other

- [First Nations Dance Program: Community Office](#)
- [Full Moon Bike Ride](#)
- [Linux Support Group](#)
- [Ozharvest Free Market](#)
- [Pink Ink Slingers Club](#)
- [Safe Haven Mental Health Free Walk-in](#)
- [Salisbury Hub After Dark](#)
- [Talk Out Loud Hub](#)

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CONNECTING WITH THE WORLD AROUND US

With the artificial rhythms of our constructed environment, it is easy to lose track of the patterns and cycles of our ecosystem. The first step to valuing the world around us is to be aware of its changes.



Current Kurna Season: Parnati

(Approx Apr-Jun)

Indicators: (Source)

- In April, Parna, a star near the Moon on the lower left side
- Pukarra (north/west wind)
- Cold mornings with Kudmu (fog/dew) on the ground
- highest rainfall movement
- Waadlawarnka (fallen trees)

Plant and Animal Indicators

- Mullet netted in shallows during high tides
- Small stone fruits eaten
- Roots, possums, kangaroos, wallabies and bandicoots caught and eaten
- Wild tobacco leaves/flower chewed and small stone fruits eaten
- Roots, yams, wild cabbage, seeds eaten
- Yellowfin whiting, mulloway, salmon trout in estuaries
- Reed beds turn to boggy swamp, birdlife plentiful

Planting guide for sowing seeds in Adelaide (April)

- **Veggies:** brassicas (e.g. broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower), broad beans*, garlic, kale, leek, lettuce and other salad greens, onion, pak choi, parsnip, peas, potatoes, silverbeet, spinach, spring onion, swede, turnip
- **Herbs:** chives, coriander, dill, oregano, parsley, thyme
- **Flowers for pollinators:** calendula, cornflower, lavender, sweet alyssum

*better suited to cooler areas such as the Adelaide Hills

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