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On Monday of the October long weekend visit Dunstall Cottage to find out the aims of the Yankalilla District Branch and the role of the National Trust in SA. Our stall will sell local products (cash only).

Find out how you can become a National Trust of SA member or a volunteer supporting the local Branch.

Hear about our projects and tell us what you would like to see happen to protect natural and cultural heritage in the District.

We will be joined by the Yankalilla Men's Shed - selling items made in Yankalilla (cash and card).

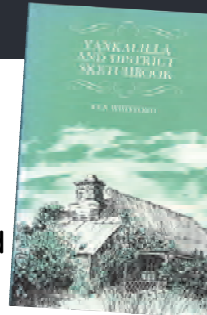
What's On? Yankalilla District Historical Society

GENERAL MEETING
Mon 14 Oct, 7pm

Yankalilla Library Meeting Room
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**50 years Yankalilla & District
Sketchbook – What has changed
and what remains**

It has been 50 years since the publication of the Yankalilla & District sketch book, published 1974 with text and sketches by Ken Whitford. Find out about artist and author Ken Whitford and what has happened to these places since the book was released.



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Cover photo: There has been some spectacular sunsets recently!
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Locations Released for Main South Road Overtaking Lanes

The Department of Infrastructure and Transport have released the results of their planning study. The overtaking lanes will be built between:

- Second Valley and Normanville (northbound),
- Delamere and Second Valley (southbound), and
- Cape Jervis and Delamere (northbound).

The idea here is to improve traffic flow, improve safety, and reduce frustration for locals, tourists, and heavy vehicles, also smoothing the region's path to growth.

Funding is from a 50:50 blend of State and Federal dollars and the work will require 115 full-time equivalent workers.

Feedback was sought from locals and visitors about how they use the road, and the most consistent trouble-spots identified. This, along with environmental, safety, and construction challenges, has been considered and the project is moving into the concept design stage. Further consultation with stakeholders and the community is planned.

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Editor's Comments

Hello Readers,
It felt like *Groundhog Day* watching the September Yankalilla Council meeting on Zoom. In the June meeting you may recall the loud and tantrum-like resignation and walk-out by Cr Glen Rowlands which followed a failure to get the CEO wage rise approved. He didn't follow through with that resignation and instead took a couple of months off.

The September Council meeting was a long and boring affair, as one EM called it, being extended as the end time was reached before finishing the agenda. At the start of the meeting, Cr Rowlands read his formal apology for his June meeting outburst to Councillors, the Gallery and those watching on Zoom.

Nick Pearce spoke on behalf of local farmers regarding the Parawa Progress Association meeting with about 80 in attendance. At the Parawa meeting a 'no confidence' vote in DCY's financial management received almost 100% agreement.

Towards the end of the extended time period a vote to re-instate the floating pontoon at Normanville beach was lost due to the costs involved to do so. Cr Rowlands spoke very

much in favour of spending the money, even offering \$5000 of his EM allowance towards it. He wasn't happy about the vote outcome. Shortly after, Glen spat the dummy (about 7.26pm) and sent a resignation to the Mayor and CEO directly from his laptop, which he then read out for those in attendance.

We can be fairly sure that having driven himself and the groundhog full speed off the cliff, Glen won't be returning for another re-run.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.30pm with the unfinished agenda items attended to in a re-convened meeting a couple of days later.

At the time of going to the press, it is unclear if there will be a re-count of the recent supplementary election to get the runner-up or if we will have another supplementary election.

There is a lot going on in this edition. I added four pages and still ran out of room. David's Pretty Fishes and Rob's scientific journeys are therefore having a holiday this month.

Reminder: October is the Yankalilla Show and in November we have the Shannons QMT Yankalilla Classic Motor Show.

Until next issue...

Cheers, **Paul Jelfs - Editor**

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A Great Day Out on the October Long Weekend 5th October, 2024

If you are lucky enough to be enjoying the Fleurieu Coast on the October Long Weekend, consider the Yankalilla Annual Show for a great day out.

This small, friendly, country show is big on activities, displays and events that are engaging and affordable. In its 142nd year, Yankalilla, Rapid Bay & Myponga Agricultural & Horticultural Society, appeals to young and old. Entertainment runs throughout the day on both the shearing shed stage and the main stage (variety of live music and shearing demonstrations). Our shearing commentator is Australia's last gun shearer, John Hutchinson OAM.

There are show rides and sideshow attractions, camel and pony rides, market stalls, main hall competitive exhibits, Aldinga & Sellicks Spinners & Knitters Shorn to Worn demonstrations, an art pavilion, photography exhibits, a supper room, food stalls a Show Trail, show bags, show-jumping and much more. It's affordable and small enough to get around everything on the day, with plenty of shaded seating.

This year look out for the return of Beaut Utes. New for 2024 are the Farm Firefighting Units and a marquee with activities run by the vibrant Yankalilla Youth Theatre group. The sheep, the cattle and the horse ring will all be there. Don't miss the School for Dogs, the Amazing Drumming Monkeys, the Yalkin Spanish Dancing Horses, or the flowers in the Main Hall. Unique to the Yankalilla Show is the Yankabald Art Prize, a portrait of a local identity. The Create A Scarecrow Competition is on again along with the tea cosy competition.

Katie Bell, our youngest convenor, will officially open the Show at 12 noon. Look out for a special rendition of the National Anthem. Gates open at 9am and close at 4pm.

ATM facilities are not available but most of the stall holders will have EFTPOS. Tickets are available online.

If you can't find a parking spot on Show Day, drop the family off at the Show Grounds and park at the Yankalilla Memorial Park (Sports Ground) and catch our free courtesy bus back to the Show Grounds.

Keep up to date with information via the website www.yankshow.com and our Facebook page.

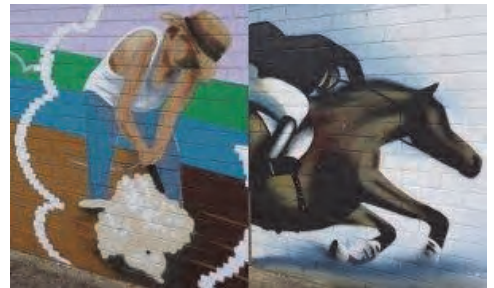


Pictured: Left: 2024 winner of Yankabald. Joy Whellum by Carla Blair; Below: Action in the horse ring; Right: Photography section; Bottom Right: Show Grounds wall mural



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Club Fleurieu – A Club for Everyone!

Club Annual General Meeting 2024 held on Saturday 31 August

Our Club AGM in August was well attended. Thank you to all our members who came along. President Louise Allstrom was pleased to report a successful 12 months, with highlights including:

- Many successful events, mostly Club-based but also a number for community groups and private individuals
- Excellent sales in our Club Op Shop
- Preparation of a half-court croquet lawn
- Upgrade of the garden area near the river bank
- Southern Fleurieu Film Society monthly movie nights, with a pre-movie themed meal prepared by Club volunteers
- Return of Night Bingo, which has proved to be very popular
- Inaugural Mayor's Charity Lunch which raised \$4,250 for 5CY
- Two Quiz Nights during the past 12 months, raising \$1500 for Yankalilla RSL and \$2000 for YAS student extra-curricular programs
- Preparatory work for Cottage Homes development on the bowling green area of land.

Treasurer Bjorn Nilsson was pleased to report that our donations to local groups increased to \$11,750 this financial year. As well as the funds raised by the above-mentioned functions, \$4000 was contributed from Club funds.

Our Committee members for 2024-25 are: Louise Allstrom (President), Roy Moore (Vice President), Bjorn Nilsson (Treasurer), Sue McGurgan

(Secretary), Rosalie Harrison, Jan Donovan, Rae Reynolds, John Noack and Peter Webb. Kathy Robertson and Ken Harrison will continue as Publicity Officer and Welfare Officer respectively. Louise concluded the meeting by conveying sincere thanks to the Committee, and to all the volunteers who contribute to the Club in so many ways.

Rock & Roll Afternoon Sunday 27 October 1.00pm-5.00pm

Our Rock & Roll group, the "Seaside Rockers", invite you to the Club for an afternoon of music, dancing & fun with DJ Deane! Cost is \$10 per person. Please bring your own nibbles. The Bar will be open for drink purchases. All welcome! For more information contact Pam on 0407 516 216.



COME & TRY CROQUET Thursday 10 October



In the past few months you may have noticed activity on the Club's front lawn, between the rotunda and the road.

Club Fleurieu now has a half court croquet lawn! If you would like to try the fascinating sport of Croquet, come along on **Thursday 10 October**. Equipment, support and instruction will be provided. **Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the front foyer**, for one of the four 45 minute sessions

between 12 noon and 3pm. Limited to eight members per session. You will be warmly welcomed to join in the fun!

October Diary Dates

Thursday 3 October Film Night 7.00pm start

Southern Fleurieu Film Society presents "Victoria", a drama set in Berlin. A meal with a "German flavour" will be available from 5.45pm, for \$15. Bjorn's Bar will be open for snacks and refreshments. *If you wish to attend the film evenings, please visit sffs.org.au to join the Film Society. There are no ticket sales at the door.*

Saturday 5 October Yankalilla Show

The Club will have a stall at the Show again this year and we'd love you all to drop by, have a chat and find out everything we have to offer. Our stall will have a "Pop-Up Op Shop", and there will also be baked goods, crafts, plants, produce and lots more. We look forward to seeing you at the Show!

Tuesday 8 October Barbecue Lunch 12 noon \$15 per person, bookings required.


Tuesday 8 October BINGO Night 6.00pm Eyes down at 7.00pm.

Come and have a drink at Bjorn's Bar from 6pm, before Bingo starts. Our Bingo evenings are lots of fun and you don't need to be a Club

member to come along. If you would like to come as a group, please contact the Club to book.

Thursday 10 October Come & Try Croquet 12-3pm

Wednesday 16 October Spring Lunch 12 noon

Main Course:  Roast Lamb or Roast Chicken, both served with assorted roasted & green vegetables
Dessert: Crunchy Icecream Balls with maple syrup (yum!)
\$20 members, \$25 non-members, bookings essential.

Wednesday 23 October Monarto Day Trip

This trip is now fully booked.

Friday 25 October Happy Hour & Dinner from 5.00pm - Octoberfest Theme
One of our members will be cooking a delicious German meal. \$20 members/\$25 non-members. Please book for dinner, otherwise just pop in for a "Zum Wohl" with friends! (Cheers!)

Sunday 27 October Seaside Rockers Dance Afternoon 1-5pm
140-142 Main South Road Yankalilla SA
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Come one come all, over 75 years. The Invisibles.

Visiting and contributing from a 'My Aged Care' provider, St Louis Aged Care, are Kym Bowden from their head office and Carol from Victor Harbor. There is no imperative to utilise St Louis as your provider, the application is generic.

**Wednesday
October 9th
10am-Noon**

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Tony Nicholl 0423 690 708**

**Secret men's business aka
THE INVISIBLES (relaunch)**
*"Yesterday upon the stair, I saw a man
who wasn't there. He wasn't there again
today, I wish that he would go away."*
Hugh Mearns poem 1898.

Old people are commonly referred to as 'the invisibles'. Activity, any activity, is the means by which people can enhance their lives, especially over 75s. Even morning coffee with others is an activity. This is another. There are many in our area. This one is informal and has no affiliation. Let us not become invisible or irrelevant because we all have a story. Growing older gracefully and not disgracefully!

"Heads, shoulders, knees, and toes" we once did, now it is "wallet, phone, hearing aids and glasses." A number of people far wiser than I have suggested we get secret men's business up and running again and nobody I know finds the title offensive as one male caller from Adelaide did and caused me to back off, for a while.

We live in an area where retirees predominate, like a retirement village but with the vibrancy of young people and families also, so it is less like a place not far away

with the name attributed to it as "God's waiting room". We previously have had many coffee mornings for twelve months now and at each one GRATITUDE predominated particularly on account of living here. My mindset personifies this after living here six years, it is easy to keep busy too. Be vigilant to all such opportunities to get out and about and they exist now every day along with other activities especially the high calibre and well equipped Men's Shed and community clubs, and churches but if you cannot hammer a nail in straight and are socially reticent then just come and have coffee with a small number of others, with us. Everyone has a remarkable life story we have found.

Climate change. Your opinion? If we were taken back to 1950 how would you find it? Your opinion. If I could have been even more successful how would it have been? Perhaps you were ultimately successful. Accessing your allowance via my aged care? Are you getting what you are entitled to? Let's get someone from a provider along. Share with others the main lesson learnt from life? Sharing travel experiences.

7 men a day die by suicide. This is not a vote catcher for obvious reasons thus under addressed but surely should by. The USA elections are history in the making. Some people are passionate about it. The puerile Higgins/Lehrman saga has been avoided to date by us. Should it have gone on so long? BPH (it is secret men's business!) while on the subject of prostate, a close friend of mine for decades told me a few weeks ago he had prostate cancer. I asked him about the prognosis. He said he had been given ten years which frustrated him because he does not want more than eight!! There has been much discussion about domestic homicides. I believed the figure to be a woman every five days and a male about twenty one. Last year four women in SA alone died in one week. Remember the Victor Zonta girls mounted a protest? Well the official figures are one female every 15

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days and one male every 81 days. (2023) It bears discussion. Like legions of others I have become a volunteer doing this. It fits with my near four years as a facilitator at a "Dads in Distress" chapter but not so full on, a way I could make my contribution. There must be some feisty dames out there who want to form a similar group but how do we get to the target group of reclusive lonely old folk? Finally in the interests of the charity on everybody's lips, 'the projected dog park', let me tell you we have earned \$255 at this point from TAB bets placed from loose change.'

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Southern Fleurieu Film Society

Victoria is our second German film this year and, like **Good Bye Lenin**, it is set in Berlin. It is a remarkable film, extolling itself as 'one city, one night, one take', and is generated by a 12-page script with lots of improvisation. It follows Victoria and the choices she makes as a young woman on a night out alone in Berlin. It very quickly becomes a gripping thriller.



hi-viz national pride on show.

In October, schnitzel may be on the menu for the pre-dinner meal at 5:30. There will be a vegetarian option. Look out for more information from Club Fleurieu or in a Cinemalilla email. Cost \$15.

The movie will screen at Club Fleurieu on **Thursday, October 3rd**. Doors open at 6:30 with time for a catch-up, a drink or an ice cream before the 7:00pm start. Alternative venues are:

Goolwa in Centenary Hall on Wednesday, 1st October.

Victor Harbor, Victa Cinema, on Tuesday, 2nd October.

Last month's **Antonia's Line** received some very good feedback as 15 of the 32 votes awarded it 5 stars. The overall score was 4.3 stars. The pre-screening meal was very popular, almost standing-room only. There were at least two Dutch speakers in the audience and some

If you are not already member, consider this for 2025. \$60 provides a good night out each month, excellent company, and a film worth talking about. Membership might be a good Christmas present. The new programme usually arrives in December. The 2024 programme is available at <https://sffs.org.au> or find copies at the Visitor Information Centre and other locations. Find member benefits, past reviews and more information on the site.

You can also contact Mike Tye (Chairperson SFFS) on 0438 800 066 or through mike@michaeltye.com.au.

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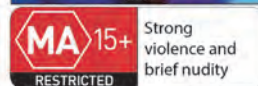
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A young Spanish woman who has recently moved to Berlin finds her flirtation with a local guy turn potentially deadly as their night out with his friends reveals a dangerous secret.

The Industrial Revolution and the Decorative Arts

Talk by Andrew Spira

What's the difference between a computer and an early industrial loom? Not as much as you might think!

The Industrial Revolution represented an extraordinary upheaval in many areas of English society. The decorative arts flourished as a new urban middle class gained wealth and started to demand some of the luxury goods formerly only available to the nobility.

Demand fostered innovation such as the cotton looms which used an early computing system to program patterns in fabric.

This and other fascinating insights will be revealed by lecturer Andrew Spira, an art historian and author who has worked for a number of major galleries and auction houses in the UK.

Andrew's talk, entitled *The Industrial Revolution and the Decorative Arts*, is being brought to the south coast by ArtsNational Fleurieu on **Monday 28 October at 10.30am**.

The venue is the Gospel Centre on George Main Road, Victor Harbor and price of entry is \$30 for non-members which includes morning tea from 10am.

This lecture will be preceded by the AGM for ArtsNational Fleurieu at 10.15am and the 2025 lecture

program will be available at the meeting.

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Punch cards used by early computers owe much to the Jacquard Loom card system in use from the early 1800s. Each row of punched holes in these cards corresponds to a row of the textile being woven.



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During September the club holds the Captains Trophy competition, best two rounds of three.

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The Greens Keepers are continually improving the course, notably remodeling the paths that access the tees. The recent coring and sanding



of the greens should set the course up for some fair but challenging golf over the coming summer and beyond. Guests and new members are always welcome, for further information phone the pro shop 8598 2415.

Positive Ageing Forum, Club Fleurieu 17 October 2024 at 1pm - 4pm

As Australians enter their golden years, ageing well becomes a topic of great interest. While on the surface, this may appear straight forward, it is important for all of us to better understand what actions we can take to improve our own positive ageing experience.

Federal Member for Mayo, Rebekha Sharkie MP, has been a passionate advocate for matters relating to older Australians and aged care throughout her time in the Parliament. Ms Sharkie is offering residents of Mayo the chance to engage

with her and guest speakers at an upcoming Positive Ageing Forum to be held at Club Fleurieu.

The Forum will host a variety of speakers, offering valuable advice to assist with the positive ageing journey. Alongside guests speakers, special interest groups will also be present, providing attendees with a chance to learn more about the services they provide across the Fleurieu region.

Ms Sharkie is pleased to advise she will be accompanied by:

- Chris Grice, Chief Advocate, National Seniors – discussing current issues at a National level.
- Prof Tanya Buchanan – Dementia Australia – discussing current research and news.
- Salvino Provino – who will share an understanding dementia from a family perspective.
- Sarah Andrews – Exercise Physiologist – offering tips to be physically proactive.
- Tim Donlan, Donlan Lawyers – Where there is a Will there is a family.
- Patricia Sparrow – CEO of Council of the Aging Australia.

To secure a ticket to this free community event, simply visit <https://events.humanitix.com/positive-ageing-on-the-fleurieu> or call Ms Sharkie's team on: **08 8398 5566**

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2024 Mayors' Short Story Challenge Winners Announced!

Tuesday, 17 September 2024

The talents of young writers from across the region were celebrated during the 2024 Mayors' Short Story Challenge.

An initiative of District Council of Yankalilla, City of Victor Harbor and Alexandrina Council, the Challenge is about encouraging school aged children from reception to year 10 to let their imaginations run wild and share stories through creative writing.

There were 226 entries from District Council of Yankalilla, 430 from the City of Victor Harbor and 446 entries from Alexandrina Council.

The winners of the 2024 Mayors' Short Story Challenge were announced at a celebration held at the Yankalilla Library on September 11th. More than 100 people from right across the Fleurieu Peninsula attended to recognise the talented work of all the entrants.

Individual category winners received a \$50 book voucher, with the overall winner from each

council area receiving an additional \$50 book voucher. The school from which each overall winner originates also received \$1000 from their



Victor Harbor Shortlisted with Cr Henderson



Alexandrina Shortlisted with Mayor Parkes



Yankalilla Shortlisted with Mayor Houston

Category	Alexandrina Council	City of Victor Harbor	District Council of Yankalilla
Reception to Year 2	Amaya Baker Year 2 Mount Compass Area School	Annelise Ashby Year 2 Encounter Lutheran Collage	Lucy Almering Year Reception Rapid Bay Primary School
Year 3 to Year 4	Tallan Pingel Year 4 Tyndale Christian School Strathalbyn	Serville Taylor Year 4 Victor Harbor Primary School	Queenie Hunt Year 4 Yankalilla Area School
Year 5 to Year 7	Buffy Hamer Dal Pont Year 5 Home School	Samuel Watters Year 7 Victor Harbor High School	Addi McArdle Year 5 Rapid Bay Primary School
Year 8 to Year 10	Jonathon Green Year 9 Home School	Alannah Falanga Year 9 Encounter Lutheran College	2024 Mayors' Short Story Challenge Winners
Special Options	Shiloh McKenzie Year 3 Tyndale Christian School Strathalbyn	Taj Hird Year 11 Victor Harbor High School - SESS	
Overall Winner	Buffy Hamer Dal Pont Year 5 Home School	Alannah Falanga Year 9 Encounter Lutheran College	



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Short Story Challenge continued

Council and in the case of the Home School student winning, the student will be invited to select up to \$1000 worth of books or library resources for their local Council Library.

In presenting the awards, the mayors from each council praised the children who took up the challenge and demonstrated their creative writing skills.

They also thanked the three public libraries for their coordination of the challenge and principals, teacher-librarians, teachers and student service officers who played a key role in encouraging their students to enter and showcase their talents.

The prizes were provided by the respective councils and Friends of the Library groups.

New Regional University Study Hub for Victor Harbor

19/9/24

A new Regional University Study Hub officially opened today in South Australia's Victor Harbor region, bringing university closer in the Fleurieu Peninsula.

Nearly half of young people in Australia have a university qualification but not in regional and remote Australia. In Victor Harbor, only around 18 per cent of young people have a degree.

Regional University Study Hubs are one of the ways to change this. The evidence shows that where they are, university participation and completion goes up.

The new Fleurieu Regional University Study Hub is part of the Albanese Government's \$66.9 million investment to double the number of University Study Hubs across the country.

This will see the establishment of up to 20 new Regional University Study Hubs, and up to 14 new Suburban University Study Hubs in the outer suburbs of our major cities.

The Study Hubs provide spaces to support students, including those from low socio-economic backgrounds and First Nations students.

Member for Mayo, Rebekha Sharkie MP said, "Since my election in 2016 I have been a vocal advocate for regional study hubs to provide students with extra support. The opening of the Fleurieu Study Hub is a significant win for the South Coast community."

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Council Rates Explained

In the July issue of the YRN we published an article called “Yankalilla Council Rates to rise 34.7% over the next 5 years”. In the wake of this, many people were doing napkin mathematics to figure out what that would mean for them. So, when the rate notices were issued one ratepayer in the town of Carrickalinga was surprised to find that his rates had only gone up by \$35 a quarter (up by 1.5% from his last notice) and a meeting of farmers at the Parawa Hall was grimly thunderous that some of their rates had risen by up to 39%. Given that Yankalilla Council does not use differential rates, “the primary Production Rate continues to be 100% of the Residential Rate” (Budget p. 42) but why are rates rising by different percentages for different ratepayers in different areas?

Council has responded by explaining how rates are worked out.

Firstly, Council looks at their expenses for services, projects, maintenance, and staffing to find out how many dollars they need, with Council staff “seeking cost-saving opportunities”. Then they try to cover as much of that as possible from grants from the State and Federal budgets. The rest will need to be raised by rates, which we are reminded are “a tax based on the value of your land and property – not a fee for the services offered by Council or enjoyed by the individual”. To interpret, whether there are potholes or patchy rubbish collection might be something a resident could take up with Council, but it is not like people could refuse to pay their rates because they are unsatisfied with their service since it is a tax designed to pay for local government in general.

Secondly, the Council decides which ratepayers will bear more or less of the burden of funding the remainder. Some councils do charge different rates for town and country residents, but as mentioned above, Yankalilla does not. Instead, it designates nine categories of land use: Residential, Commercial - Shop, Commercial - Office, Commercial - Other, Industry - Light, Industry - Other, Primary Production, Vacant Land, and Other [Source: Yankalilla District Council website “Rates” <https://www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au/contact/payments/rates> [Accessed 13/09/2024]. Apart from vacant land which is charged a rate of 0.505133, they are all set to the same rate of 0.374173 cents in the dollar, which, according to Council “has been reducing year on year for a number of years” for residential properties.

The calculation goes like this:

Calculation example based on the 2024-25 rate in the dollar:

House valuation \$700,000

Residential rate in the dollar (2024-25) \$700,000 x 0.00374173

= \$2,619.21

The Hills & Fleurieu Landscape Levy \$700,000 x 0.00009921

= \$69.45

Total Rates \$2,688.66

The calculation above is an example based on the 2024-25 rate in the dollar and a house valued at \$700,000.

Council’s explanation of the rates system insists that “Council does not receive more money simply because property values increase. Instead, the total amount of revenue needed is distributed proportionately across all

properties in the district. If property capital values increase by 20% across the district, but Council only requires a 7.6% increase in ‘Total Rates Income’, then the rate in the dollar is reduced to ensure Council doesn’t collect too much. This means individual rates bills will vary from property to property and it is unlikely that any properties will directly align with the overall 7.6% rate increase.”

So, if the rate for practically everyone is 0.00374173 cents in the dollar, why wouldn’t the rate increase be the same percentage for everyone? It’s a rate, not an amount. The answer is: the value of your property might change.

You might wonder how Council knows what each property is worth to begin with and the answer is: The Valuer General figures it out. The Office of the Valuer General is an independent authority consulted by Councils about the values of properties. It has a lot of eyes, ears, and tech prowling property sales listings, market trends, locations, usages, and property condition. Your property might score a higher value if: it is located somewhere attractive e.g. near the beach, has some kind of unique feature like a view, it’s relatively safe from droughts and flooding rains, is fashionable in some way, or has higher development or income potential e.g. it might be good for a B&B. Can you find out what the Valuer General thinks your house is worth? Yes, it’s printed on your Rates Notice from the Council. Since valuations can change quite a bit from year to year, can you object to a valuation made by the Valuer General? Yes, they offer a pathway to this on their website here: <https://www.valuergeneral.sa.gov.au/valuation/objecting-to-a-valuation>.

As far as those farmers at Parawa are concerned, there are another two factors that are intended to have offset any increase in rates. There is a Primary Production Rebate of 9% “automatically applied” and printed on their rates notice (for properties over 35 hectares). The other is rates capping (also printed on the rates notice) which kicks in if values increase more than 20% compared with last year so long as the increase is not because of capital works or development. The objections raised by farmers were that a rate of 0.374173 in the dollar is too high (compared with Victor Harbor’s Rural Rate of 0.2965 or Onkaparinga’s of 0.2486) so clearly not enough “cost-saving opportunities” had been found by Council. The Council offers support for those experiencing financial difficulties and their rates team can be contacted on 08 8558 0200. Failing that, the Council is in the process of revising its VISION 2030 document “to ensure it still prioritises what our Community hold important for the future” and they “encourage your ongoing input in its review.” Why not give them a call?

Parawa Farmers Vote ‘No Confidence’ in Council’s Financial Management

At a recent meeting of the Parawa Progress Association, local farmers gathered to hear from guest speaker John Lush, a dryland farmer from near Two Wells and a former Councillor at the Adelaide Plains Council. In his opinion, the rates system is broken and needs fixing at a more systemic level than just local councils doing better.

The ratepayers present at the meeting passed unanimously a vote of lost confidence in some elected members, the administration, and the financial management of the District Council of Yankalilla:

“We, the attendees, wish:

- A rate review immediately to limit future rate increases
- Take notice of public consultation
- A cost cutting program to be enacted as recommended by ESCOSA, and
- Elected councillors to take control of spending and staff movements, including machinery purchases.”

Many in the association were intrigued to hear that Adelaide Plains Council had managed to reduce their staffing costs, despite being locked into a similar Enterprise Bargaining Agreement as is in play at Yankalilla. It took farmers blockading the Council Chambers with their tractors to persuade Council to scrap their existing business plan, cap wages, reduce spending, and balance their budget.

Currently, according to Steven Rogers, one of the farmers at the meeting, the four Fleurieu Councils of Yankalilla, Onkaparinga, Alexandrina, and Victor Harbor, will this year collectively have a debt of \$200 Million dollars. He calculates that if Yankalilla is spending \$8.1 Million dollars a year on staffing, they must have to find \$156,837 per week to pay everyone, alongside \$18,076 a week just in interest payments. He agrees that rate revenue from the townships have held fairly steady, so the increase in rate revenue (of 16.6% in the last two years) must have come from Primary Producers.

Councillors present at the meeting were: Hatch, Moffat, Gibbs, Quirke, and Rowlands.

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Question on Notice 10.2 18 June 2024

Item No: 10.2 **To:** Council **Date:** 18 June 2024

Author: Cr Wayne Gibbs

Subject: DCY EMPLOYEES

Attachments: Nil

Question of Which Notice has been Given

Pursuant to Regulation 10 of the Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations, 2013, the following Question on Notice has been submitted by Cr. Gibbs.

Question

1. What is the current Full Time Equivalent (FTE)?
2. Are there any positions currently unfilled recorded in the above number?
3. Are there any positions currently unfilled but not recorded in the above number?
4. How many FTE employed in the Office under the MOA Award for the Y/E 2023 & budgeted 2024?
5. What is the total amount paid to employees under the MOA Award for Y/E 2023 & budgeted 2024?
6. How many FTE employed in the Depot under the LGE Award for Y/E 2023 & budgeted 2024?
7. What is the total amount paid to employees under the LGE Award for Y/E 2023 & budgeted 2024?

Response

1. Current FTE = 68.89
2. Yes at any point in time, Council is managing multiple vacancies and transitions.
3. All unfilled vacancies are included in the above number as that is recognised as the total positions currently required or actively filled. The current FTE figure above also includes the non-award employees on fixed term contracts.
- 4, 5, 6, 7 responses included in the table (right):

	Budget 2023-24	Proposed for 2024-25
Total employee costs (includes overtime, super, workcover, income protection, long service leave provision & \$50K FBT)	\$7.543M	\$8.325M
Operating	\$7.043M	\$8.155M
Capital	\$500K	\$170K
Total FTE	68.89	68.89
FTE employed under the MOA Award	42.89	42.89
Total amount paid to employees under the MOA Award		
Total MOA employee costs (includes overtime, super, workcover, income protection, long service leave provision)	\$4.668M	\$5.265M
Operating	\$4.514M	\$5.209M
Capital	\$154K	\$56K
FTE employed in the Depot under the LGE Award	22	22
Total amount paid to employees under the LGE Award		
Total LGE employee costs (includes overtime, super, workcover, income protection, long service leave provision)	\$2.025M	\$2.184M
Operating	\$1.680M	\$2.070M
Capital	\$345K	\$114K
FTE Employed non-award - fixed term contract (CEO, Directors, Manager People & Performance)	4	4
Total non-award employee costs (includes overtime, super, workcover, income protection, long service leave provision)	\$800K	\$826K
FBT	\$50K	\$50K

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Is Yankalilla Council past use by date ?

It seems there are many property owners within the area of the DCY who are fed up with the expense, waste, lack of regard, incompetence and perhaps even corruption of the Yankalilla Council. I can't help but wonder what Thomas Willson, my two times great grandfather and founding member of not only the council but also the township of Yankalilla would make of the present self serving team of councillors and employees. I have been here for five years on five acres on the edge of town and now find that because I chose not to live on a 1/4 acre "suburban like block" I am now paying in excess of \$ 4000 in rates which equates to over \$80 per week and for what. A comparison with Onkaparinga Council last year revealed that rates payable on this property would be considerably less if located within the Onkaparinga district . I never use the new cabins at the caravan park nor do I frequent the surf cafe, yet it would appear that my excessive rates are in part due to the cost of those projects initiated by DCY. And then when you happen to contact the council about an issue you invariably get told that "the computer says no". I enquired about the plague of roos that are invading our gardens and that we have to dodge when driving on the local roads, even the roads within the township limits - once in front of Romeos - and was told, sorry not within our remit. I mentioned about the lack of adequate road close signage for the SA Water roadworks and the inconvenience it causes having to do a u turn at the top of Willson Drive and go all the way back to South Road just to get home and again sorry, can't help. I mentioned that the lid of my rubbish bin had been broken, expecting to be told I would be put on the list for repairs, instead I as told to take a photo and send to DCY for assessment! Is it Faulty Towers or is it Yes Minister. Is it any wonder at the recent DCY by election that I did

not vote instead I wrote a comment and posted it in. Never again will I engage in any voting for the DCY as doing so would be to legitimise it. DCY has a permanent population of approx 5834, in this day and age it is absurd to have a stand alone district council for such a small population - economy of scale is something I have heard of. Since the days of Thomas Willson there have been advances in transport and communications bridging the distances that once made small local councils necessary. In my view the best thing that could happen for the ratepayers of DCY would be for the DCY to be dissolved and merged with Onkaparinga or Victor Harbor, if not both. I personally have zero regard for DCY and the sooner it is gone, the better.

Mark Roberts
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Footnote: It should not be forgotten that DCY absorbed DC Myponga 5/1/1888 and DC Rapid Bay 12/5/1932.



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At time of writing Comet Tsuchinshan-ATLAS (C/2023 A3) is still in one piece. See last month's Night Shift for details. However it's been hidden in the glare of the Sun and invisible to Earth-based observers since mid-August, and it won't become visible again until this edition's deadline. Meanwhile it's been getting an occasional view by various space probes in between their other tasks.

During late September and beginning of October the comet is only visible from the southern hemisphere, low in the eastern dawn sky. The late September finder chart shows the comet's track from Sep 15 to Oct 5. It reaches its closest approach to the Sun on Sep 28. And coincidentally from our latitudes, it's about 40 degrees to the right of a waning crescent Moon on that morning.

The comet is lost in the solar glare again during the second week of October, and then rapidly emerges into everyone's evening sky from mid-October. See the October finder chart. However a bright evening moon will spoil our view until the third week of October.

Eyeballing this comet will require a dark sky, and any tail will be much easier to see with binoculars. And the latest orbital calculation confirms it's departing our solar system forever.

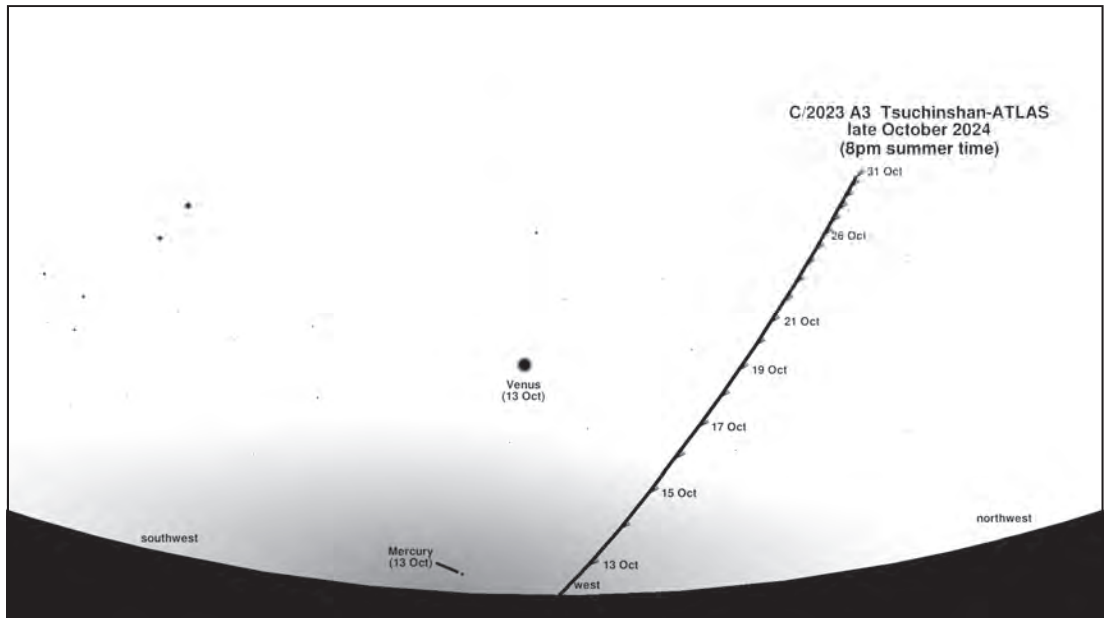
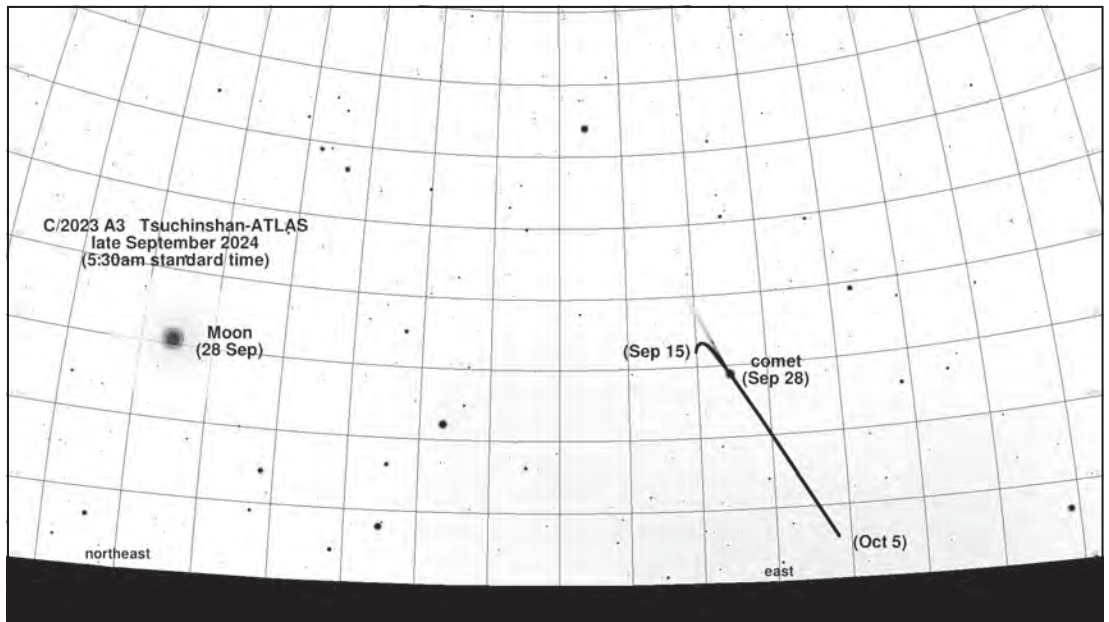
Bright planets in October:

Mercury emerges from behind the Sun into the western evening sky from mid-October. Late October to mid-November will be its best viewing opportunities this year.

Venus is still a bright evening planet in the western sky.

Mars is a morning planet, rising in the northeast from about 2am (Oct 1) to 1am (Oct 31)

Jupiter rises progressively earlier each evening; at about midnight on



Oct 1 and about 10pm on Oct 31.

Saturn is visible in the eastern evening sky as soon as it gets dark and it remains visible for most of the night. In early October its rings are just a few degrees from edge-on, and this angle decreases to zero

by late March 2025. See July's Night Shift for details.

The Moon is near Venus on Oct 5 & 6, near Saturn on the night of Oct 14-15, near Jupiter on Oct 21 & 22, and near Mars on Oct 24.

New Moon Oct 3, **First Quarter**

Moon Oct 11, **Full Moon** Oct 17 and **Last Quarter Moon** Oct 24. **Closest approach to Earth** on Oct 17.

There's an annular solar eclipse on Oct 3 (SA time) but it's not visible from Australia.

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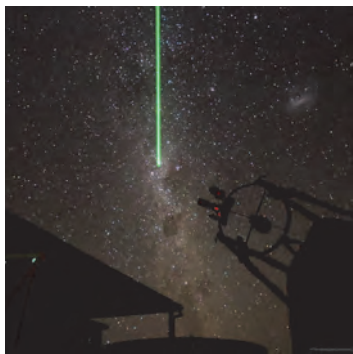
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Carrickalinga has recently achieved the prestigious designation of an International Dark Sky Community by DarkSky International (DarkSky). This recognition underscores the community's dedication to preserving its natural night sky, making it an ideal location for stargazing and astronomical exploration.

The Fleurieu Stars tour, a staple of



The Backyard Universe's offerings, continues to provide a captivating 90-minute guided journey under the stars. Participants are treated to a unique blend of traditional stargazing and modern astronomy, enhanced by multicultural insights provided by an experienced local astronomer. The tour offers interpretations of the night sky from various non-Western and Southern Hemisphere cultures, providing a deeper, more enriched experience.

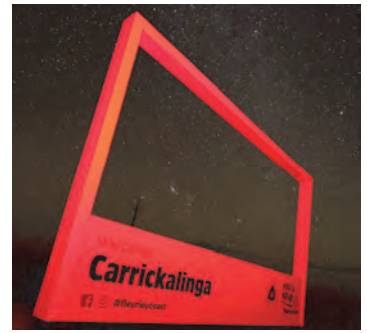
"We're thrilled to continue our Fleurieu Stars tours in Carrickalinga, Australia's first Dark Sky Community," said Fraser Farrell, for The Backyard Universe. "This designation protects our stargazing experience, ensuring views of our starry night skies continue into the future."

The certification of Carrickalinga as a Dark Sky Community is the result of years of dedication from the local community, including significant contributions from Sharolyn Anderson, Dr. Sheryn

Pitman, and Professor Chris Daniels. Their efforts have protected the area's night skies and established Carrickalinga as a key destination for astrotourism in SA.

"Designation of Carrickalinga as a Dark Sky Community and the preservation of its pristine night sky will remind residents and visitors alike of our place in the vast universe and foster a deeper connection to nature," said Sharolyn Anderson, one of the key advocates for the dark sky certification.

Fleurieu Stars tours take place at The Forktree Project, a re-wilding property located in the rural hills above Carrickalinga. This site offers some of the best night sky views in the region; almost as dark as the Outback yet conveniently accessible from Adelaide, McLaren Vale, and Victor Harbor. The interactive tours feature a laser pointer and a large telescope, allowing participants to discover the universe in an intimate, small-



group setting. Carrickalinga's commitment to dark sky preservation not only enhances the stargazing experience but also supports wildlife conservation and community education about light pollution. The Backyard Universe is honoured to be a part of this journey, offering tours that inspire a greater appreciation for the natural world and our place in the cosmos.

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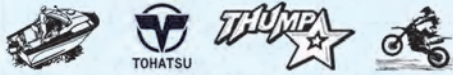
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Yankalilla Tigers Hockey Club Wrap-Up

Tiger's Hockey is being put to sleep after a fun-filled season in the South Coast Hockey Association. While none of our teams quite made it to the grand finals, we were pleased to host the finals on Saturday 14 September at the Yankalilla Memorial Park Sports Complex. The weather was perfect, and the Park curator had the fields looking sharp. A big shout-out to the Yankalilla Council for the loan of their 'Events' trailer for our day-long carnival.



Figure 1 The Memorial Park hockey pitch

A special mention and a thank you gift was made to our three primary barbequers, Steve Rogers, Callum Mathison and Mike Hatch. The life and success of a day-long sports carnival is wrapped up with the quality of the egg and bacon sandwiches, and our Hockey BBQers do a great job of keeping people fed.

Our Club players also featured in the awards given at the South Coast Hockey Association season celebration (see Table 2).

As one of the women's team players commented, "...Looking forward to next year". We'll all enjoy the summer, but hockey will be back before we know it. Go Tigers.

Table 1: Yankalilla Hockey Club Awards 2024 Season

Name	Award
Amy Dalitz	U14s Best and Fairest
Macklin Baldock	U14's R/U Best and Fairest
Emmet Baldock	U17s Best and Fairest
Kye Mells	U17's R/U Best and Fairest
Ashley Gibbons-Lewis	Women's Best and Fairest
Emmet Baldock	Men's Best and Fairest
Aaron Khaniarian	Men's R/U Best and Fairest
Alexia Fell	U14's Most Improved
Oakley Nelson	U17's Most Improved
Sarah Densley	Women's Best Team Person
Iona Robertson	Women's Best Rising Star
Tai Pocock	Men's Best New Player
Rachael Dalitz	Verity Baldock Award

You can't keep a Tiger down for long, and as the afternoon turned into the evening, we rolled straight into our presentation dinner and season celebration at the Normanville Hotel. The staff were so helpful, and put on a terrific menu for us in their function room.



Figure 2. The Normanville Hotel. A great venue for our Tigers Hockey presentation dinner.

Table 2: South Coast Hockey Association Awards 2024

Name	Award
Amy Dalitz	U14's R/U Challenger's Award
Macklin Baldock	U14's R/U Best and Fairest
Macklin Baldock	U14's R/U Challenger's Award
Chelsea Faggoter	U17's R/U Best and Fairest
Emmet Baldock	U17's Challenger Award
Emmet Baldock	U17s R/U Best and Fairest
Stephen Holt	Best and Fairest
Stephen Holt	R/u Player's Player

Table 1 shows the Yankalilla Hockey Club awards across our divisions.



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Yankalilla Netball Club

Club News

A fantastic night of celebrating our talented junior netballers was held by Great Southern Netball Association on 2nd September. The Yankalilla Netball Club had top 5 Contenders in Inter 1, 3 & 4, 13 Div 3 and 11 Div 2. It was great to see a big crowd from Yankalilla to support our girls on the night. Congratulations to...

11 & Under Div2

Tracey Hue Linh Singh - First Place!

Zoe James - 3rd

13 & Under Div3

Emily Soper - Runner up

Lilly O'Brien - 4th

Inter 4

Eve McCardle - 3rd

Inter 3

Charlee Borlace - Runner up

Inter 1

Halle James - 4th



determined to win at their next meeting. Our Yankalilla girls had a nervous start, with the McLaren Vale team taking an early lead by six goals. However, Yankalilla responded with two quick goals, narrowing the margin to four by quarter time. Yankalilla settled better into the game and had some great passages of play but were still chasing McLaren Vale at every break. The final score Yankalilla 15 defeated by McLaren Vale 21.

11 Div 2 went into the Grand Final undefeated. They were up against the talented Langhorne Creek girls who beat Willunga the previous week. The team were focussed and knew what they had to do to win. They had a great start to the first quarter just the way Coach Cath Thorn would have liked. They worked well as a team with everyone doing their bit to be up by four at quarter time. They continued to expand their lead each quarter and it was like watching a mini league team out there. With great play down the court and the goalies nailing their shots, they took the grand final 17 to Creek 8.

Yankalilla Netball Club would like to thank all the community for getting behind us for the support to the teams for Grand Final week. It was great to see so much yellow and black around the town.

KEEP THE DATE FREE – AGM is being held at the Clubrooms on Monday 14 October at 7.30pm. We love to see new faces come along and get involved. The future of the Yankalilla Netball Club is looking bright and strong.

Great Southern Netball Association Senior Best and Fairest was held on 9th September at the McCracken Country Club celebrating our talented senior netballers.

It was great to see so many from Yankalilla players invited and who were placed in the top 5 of the association.

Congratulations to...

Senior 7

Meg Ward - Runner Up

Senior 6

Tash Bailey - 4th

Senior 3

Ali Barnes - Runner Up

League

Millie Basedow - 3rd

Lenise Barnwell - 5th

Also a huge congratulations to the girls who made the 2024 GSNA Team of the year

GS - Maggie Kerr

GA - Emily van den Munckhoff

WA - Lenise Barnwell

C - Brittany Bugg

WD - Kayla Ellis

GD - Millie Basedow

Yankalilla Netball Club had 3 teams reach the grand final in the Great Southern Netball Association on Saturday 14 September.

League went through to the grand final undefeated, but unfortunately were not able to take the win on the day. It was the third time in a row that the League girls had to play Victor Harbor. Our girls worked hard all match and were up by two at half time. Victor Harbor worked harder, playing the short game to their advantage. Their attack was strong, and their goalies made the most of their opportunities. Yankalilla made changes to combat Victor's attack but could not find their rhythm and went down to Victor Harbor 53-66.

13 Div 3 went into the Grand final beating McLaren Vale for the first time this year by two. They knew McLaren Vale would come back



Back L-R: April Baily, Choe Richardson, Evie Miller, Meka Sauerbier, Tracey Singh, Lexi Gibson; Front L-R: Zoe James, Ruby Thorn, Heidi Graetz

Coaches (below): Cath Thorn, Jemma Fulton



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Community Chronicles Volume 2 2024 from DCY Councillor Karin Hatch

(Please note: The views, information, or opinions expressed in this piece are solely mine and do not reflect those of the DCY office staff or other elected members. Any factual information is referenced.)

Dear Community,

Topic 1. I attended a meeting at the invitation of the Parawa Progress Association at the Parawa Hall on Wednesday evening 11 September. This meeting was called to bring together DCY farmers to discuss the significant rate rises seen across the District over the past several years.

The Parawa evening air was brisk, and the sausages at the sizzle were delicious. Inside the Hall, the room was packed. I counted perhaps 80 people. Presentations on the night were well done and thorough. I found the presentation by John Lush quite informative, as my understanding to date of the particular issues facing our DCY farmers across the region was limited.

I was interested to see how much property values and rates income in the Council have changed across the past 6 (financial) years. (Any data and information have been taken from DCY Annual Business Plans and Budgets from 2018 through 2024/25. A few numbers are estimates based on compiled data from various sources, as some data were not available in any one source. I am fairly confident of the accuracy of the information as presented, but happy to be corrected.)

Figure 1 illustrates the change in the Capital value of property (as classed by type of Land Use) in the DCY from 2018/19 to 2020/25. Post-Covid, both residential and Primary Production property values have increased significantly.

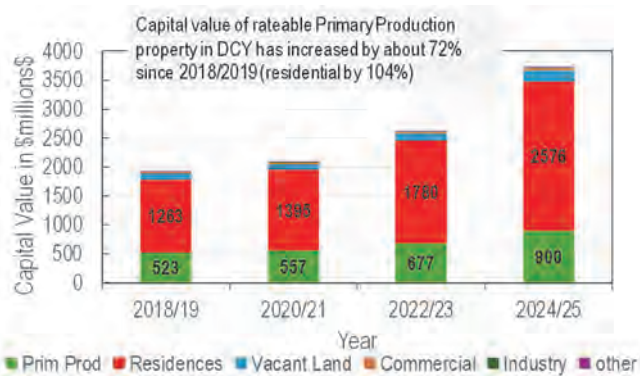


Figure 1 Change in Capital Value of Land Use classes across DCY, 2018/19 through 2024/25.

Figure 2 illustrates the growth in gross general rates over the same period of time, for our different Land Use classes.

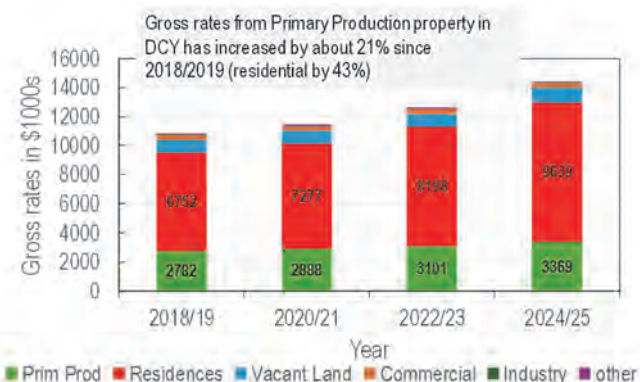


Figure 2: Growth in gross general rates for different Land Use classes across DCY, 2018/19 through 2024/25.

After this bit of number crunching, what do I conclude? Both the rural ratepayers on land classed as Primary production and the residential ratepayers have seen a striking rise in the overall rates revenue derived from their land use classes. It is not clear to me where to find immediate relief on rates for either group. As Figure 3 shows, as Council has generated increasing amounts of income from 2020/21 through to the current 2024/2025 budget, the main source of that income, rate revenue, has had to carry the load.

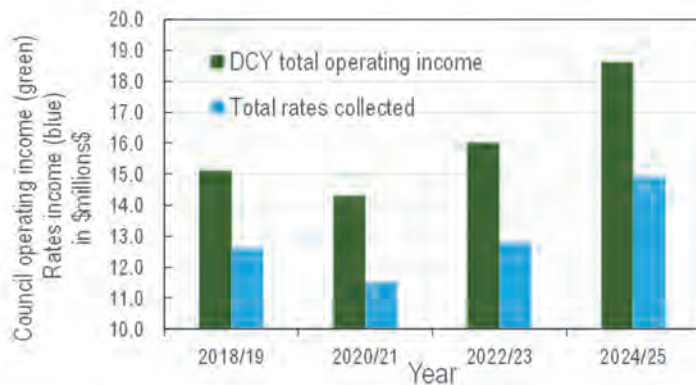


Figure 3: DCY operating income (green) and total rates income (blue) from 2018/19 to 2024/25.

Topic 2. Some equally enjoyable activities I undertook in the first two weeks of September included my swearing-in ceremony at the Council offices on 3 September. I also took a tour of the Normanville Caravan Park with Mayor Houston. It was the first close-up look I have had at the permanent sites, and the old and new cabins.

Another community activity that I enjoyed; while the Yankalilla Tigers footy teams did not make the finals round, the Tigers Club hosted a semi-final day-long carnival on Sunday 8 September at the Memorial Park Sports Complex. Have a look at the cars jamming the area!



Figure 4: The parking area jammed full with carloads of people attending the semi-finals footy round at Yankalilla Memorial Park.

I've also had a couple of morning and evening Monday Community Catch-up events. I can't say I've been swamped with residents and their questions; let's just say I took home a lot of finger buns after my Monday 16 Sept session. Nonetheless, I will persist. I can see that most of the monthly Council meetings end by around 7pm. I plan to head to the Yankalilla Hotel for a light meal after those meetings. That would be an opportunity once a month to catch up with anyone who wanted to chat about Council affairs.

If you're interested in anything happening around Council or in the Council meeting agenda pages, drop by and see me for a chat on any Monday morning at the Yankalilla Memorial Park netball clubrooms. I'm also happy to take phone calls (0477 000 137) and/or email Karin.hatch@yankalilla.sa.gov.au on any topic.

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Cancer Council Daffodil Day Dip

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The Cancer Council organise many different fund raising activities each year such as The Biggest Morning Tea, Relay For Life, The Marilyn Swim and Daffodil Day is one of the better known and more successful of these programs.

This year emanating from the NSW Cancer Council, an activity called the Daffodil Day Dip or Cold Water Plunge gathered momentum over August and across Australia. There is research that suggests that Cold Water immersion is good for you.

Here in Normanville as many of you would know, there is a group of people who swim at the Normanville Beach each and every morning of the year. This group called the Normanville Whitecaps chose to get involved in this Cancer Council initiative this year around the experience of John Clements, a Bowel Cancer Survivor and Helen Pritchard who has recently been going through treatment for Bowel Cancer. In our minds too was the recent passing of our dear Whitecap mate Smurph.

Our group raised over \$1700 and over \$700,000 was raised around Australia during this campaign. We chose to have a group swim at 11.00am on Sunday 25th August immediately following John Clements having his head shaved. Two years growth was removed in a matter of minutes to support those people who lose their hair whilst going through Chemotherapy. It was something a bit different and a fun morning and an enjoyable process to be involved in.

Many thanks to those people who contributed to this cause, your donations are very much appreciated. Many thanks as well to Rory Rogers for the photos and to Bungala Caffé, Maude and Fox, Aqua Blue and the Normanville Terry White Chemmart for your continued support of such programs.



Helen and Bryce Pritchard wearing their purple caps with pride.



The Whitecaps gather as a group prior to their Cold Plunge.



The crowd gathering to listen to an appraisal of the Cancer Council Programs.



Helen getting stuck into shaving John's head before the swim.



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Myponga Reservoir parkrun

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In our report in the September Edition of the Yankalilla Regional News we focused on some local participants who had reached significant milestones. Getting to a milestone whether as a participant or a volunteer takes a regular commitment and means missing out on Saturday morning sleep-ins. One thing people realise once they have a go though, is that involvement in the parkrun world can become quite addictive.

Stacey with first finisher on the day, Haydn Dyer



On Saturday 7th September at the Myponga Reservoir parkrun Event #117, Clare Stacey who lives in Adelaide took part in her 500th parkrun, something that very few Australians have achieved.

This is quite an effort as Clare has worn the red vest as a volunteer on a number of occasions as well. Significantly too, she was the first female finisher at this event. She was well supported by family and friends who made a weekend away of the occasion. Her husband Martin has notched up 444 parkruns and her children, James and Matilda both still juniors have done 264 and 62 respectively. Not to be outdone by all this, Clare's mother, Lynne has done 361 parkruns as well. Congratulations to this family and thank you for choosing to have your significant Milestone Event at our parkrun. May they be involved in many more parkruns.

Another significant happening at this event was having 8 young locals do their first parkrun, now that the Football and Netball seasons are coming to a close. Perhaps this could become a regular occurrence.

Milestones are a significant occasion for a parkrunner/walker but a number of volunteers

are needed each week for a parkrun to happen successfully. We have a few local volunteers headed for their 50th and even 100th volunteer credit too, you do not have to be a runner or walker to enjoy being a part of a parkrun.

Our parkrun happens at 8am every Saturday at the Myponga Reservoir Kayak Carpark at the end of Eatts Street, Myponga. parkruns are free, weekly, community events that happen in over 500 towns/cities in Australia and all around the world on Saturday mornings in local parks and open spaces. parkrun is a positive, welcoming and inclusive experience where there is no time limit and no one finishes last. Everyone is welcome to come along, whether you walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate. There is no pressure to be a runner!

How do I take part? Registration is completely free and only needs to be done online once, whether you intend to walk, jog, run, or volunteer or do a combination of all these things! Simply complete the registration form at parkrun.com.au, and head down to your local event, be it Myponga Reservoir or elsewhere in South Australia, Australia or the World. You can find your nearest parkrun using the event map. We'd love to see you soon! If you are interested in finding out more, follow us at Myponga

Awaiting the start of event #117



A few of the young locals having done their first parkrun



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Martin, James and Matilda during their parkrun



Stacey, James, Martin, Matilda and Lynne. 1631 parkruns between them. Not a bad

Reservoir parkrun on Facebook or check out the parkrun Australia webpage at <https://www.parkrun.com.au/> or email us at

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Cover: Stacey, waiting for the start of Event 3117, her 500th parkrun!



Yankalilla Men's Shed

Dear Readers,

Unfortunately, our regular contributor has not been well, and this inclusion has been a last moment rush. To that end I have included my presidents report that was recently presented at the shed's AGM. It summarizes the last years highs and challenges. It highlights some of the issues that volunteer organisations are having from outside pressures placed upon them and it is little wonder that volunteering, the fabric that holds our communities together is under threat.

Presidents Report 2023/24

I would like to thank all members of our shed for making it the shed that we are. With out you our members the shed would be just that a shed. You make it the vibrant organization that it is.

I would also like to thank the members of our management committee without whose governance our shed would not function. Then there are the members who go above and beyond what is expected from crewing our BBQ's and making them the success they are, making items for sale and repairing and undertaking workshop jobs all of which keeps us financially afloat.

Our year has had many challenges, some good some not so good but we have faced these challenges and in the main have overcome them or are in the process of doing so.

Having to have our own toilet to stop members peeing out the back was a challenge but was successfully solved with the purchase of our toilet trailer. Our purchase was with the help from Rivkin who donated \$1200 towards it. Getting it registered in South Australia was daunting and Bob and I spent over 3 hours at motor registration to be told that they had changed their system and that we would have to come back another day. More phone calls and frustration but eventually the manufacture registered it and all we had to do was transfer the registration. Then came insurance with most insurance companies refusing to insure it as members could be inside when it caught fire or fall climbing into or out of it. Youi ended up insuring us. The trailer has now been in use for nearly a year and is working well for us.

We were advised by AMSA that Men's Sheds and most other volunteer organisations had to apply for charity status or pay tax on all funds raised over \$450 a year. This if applied to our shed would have had devastating results. Our secretary, Phil spent many hours trying to get on top of this due to the amount of miss-information being provided by the Tax department. After much effort and luck to get someone in the Tax department who was across this, we finally received our charity status. We now still have the challenge to put in yearly tax reports not having been told exactly what they need. I was on ABC radio a few weeks ago with Rebekha Sharkie about the difficulty of doing this. Even the Tax department's own spokesperson had no idea of the difficulties the return entailed.

We presented what we make at the Strawberry Fete, Agricultural Show and Tracy's Christmas market. Our wares are much appreciated by those that purchase them.

The CNC shed is now fully functional with its dust extractor moved to its own area outside the shed to cut down noise and create more space within. Special thanks to those who helped with its construction, concreting and lining. It was a mammoth task. Also special thanks to Peter Cleland who successfully applied for the grant enabling us to have a second CNC machine. Both machines are in use every week.

Again, our shed helped the community by providing a free BBQ at the Anglican church where Christmas hampers were gifted to those less fortunate in our community.

A near miss a few months ago focussed our need to manage our shed better and to ensure we are compliant with our insurer's requirements. Tony spent many hours delving into this only to discover that we were in fact not complying with the letter of the law as set out by AMSA's insurance. This caused many of us a lot of angst me included. Not until I resigned due to the possibility of being personally sued should the insurance company walk away from a claim that we got straight answers from AMSA's insurance

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agent. I had it explained that Management members were covered by the insurance if we didn't undertake anything that we knew was criminally negligent. On that basis I agreed to again be your president. The insurer also said that a signed document to the effect that the member had read and understood the documents would be sufficient proof as required by the insurer. These answers will now make it relatively simple for our shed to meet the letter of the law as set out by the insurers. Tony, I and the management committee are progressing well on this, and we should soon be able to meet what is required with a minimum of effort. This should entail watching AMSA's Induction and safety video, reading the AMSA documents, our code of conduct and signing that they have viewed, read and understood the induction material. We will be emailing this to members so they can read it at their leisure. A hard copy will be available at the shed for those who do not have email. Hopefully that will be the end of the angst.

As part of the safety review of our workshop, Tony, Bob, Don, Chris and myself under Tony's direction undertook a major rearrangement of the workshop. The intent was to make the space more workable, safer and have more space around machines to take larger timbers in a safer manner. This meant much manual handling of machines and then adapting the dust extraction to suit the new layout. We think that this has been effectively completed. If you have any ideas to make the space even better, please let Tony or me know but also be prepared to help get your idea to fruition.

That sort of covers the year. As I have just another year in the job of President it's time for you to start to look for a possible replacement as I think it is healthy for a shed to regularly have new leadership.

Thanking you for the privilege of being your President for the last year.

Despite the shed being busy meeting our challenges we have still undertaken many projects from building numerous cat homes for a cattery, display cases for the Agricultural society, parrot boxes, dog and cat planter boxes, lots of wooden toys, Bee Hotels (airbnb for endangered native bees) repairs of chairs etc for our society and has added a few extra items to our shop. These being CNC routed collector's car signs, wooden bus, and dolls bassinets.



Yankalilla Lions Club

September Dinner Meeting

At the September dinner meeting the club was very lucky to have Sue Speck a prominent Second Valley beekeeper and member of the Beekeepers Society



of SA, come and talk to the us about the management of bees and the spread of the varroa mite in Australia and its consequences.

I think it's fair to say we all learnt a lot!

Like cattle, bees are classified as livestock and must be registered with PIRSA and each beekeeper must have a unique PIRSA code which is stencilled on their hives for traceability.

I am sure that we have all heard about the varroa mite recently but not really understood the impact. For example within the next 3 years that it is likely that all feral (wild) bees will have died as a result of the spread of the mite and that beekeepers will be forced to leave the industry.

Because of the reduction in bees new methodologies for pollinating trees are being developed amongst other initiatives.



With biosecurity plans, the use of selective pesticides and pest management methodologies it's good to see that we are 'fighting' the varroa mite.

Sue thank you, for your very informative talk and samples of honey which were gratefully received by the club members.



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More early starts!

Ever wondered what Lions members do around 7.00am on a Sunday morning? (Probably not!) Well, we get up shockingly early to feed amongst other things participants in running races! The other Sunday you may have seen the signs for the half marathon around Myponga Reservoir, well we were there ready to feed the masses. In all over 500 people took part in the event!

Yes it's that time of year again!

The Shannon's QMT Yankalilla Classic Car Show will be taking place again on Sunday 10th November with general admission from 11.00am. The show will finish up around 3pm.

The theme of the show this year is '125 years of motoring'. We are looking to have at least one car from each decade on display. This is a big, big goal!

For example, there will be a 1909 GREGOIRE and 1913 VAUXHALL on display. Both vehicles have incredible histories and it's a unique opportunity to talk to the owners about them.

As always there will be many vehicles from across the world and many ages represented. Last year a total of about 2,000 people either visited the event or exhibited their classic cars.

295 classic cars of just about every make were on display and all of them were outstanding examples of their model. The event was well supported geographically with people coming from most parts of South Australia. Have a look at some of the photos of last years show as a memory jogger!

We expect the usual outstanding turnout this year!

To register your vehicle for the

Shannon's QMT Yankalilla Classic Car Show you can 1. Scan the QR Code on the Facebook page 2. Go to the Event on the Facebook page and follow tickets or 3. Contact Rosslyn Hoffman on 0414 995 669.

This is very much a 'family' event which is fully catered for, providing food and drinks during the entire event.

Free face painting for the kids and the Route 5203 Checkpoint Challenge will be there again to entertain the smaller ones!

As usual there will be the Car and Classic Fashion Awards.

We are very lucky to have Bruce Abernethy as the patron of the show who likes to take an active part in it. Once again, the roaming MC will interview exhibitors and visitors during the event. This will be broadcast via the PA system – always a bit of fun.

As we get closer to the 10th November more details about the event will be posted on the Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/YankalillaClassicMotorShow>

Follow this for up-to-date information.

See you there for a great family day out!

Interested in joining the Lions Club ?

New Lions members are always welcome to join our organisation to help us serve the community in many ways whilst having fun and making new friends at the same time.

For more information on the Yankalilla & District Lions Club activities please free to follow us on Facebook;

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Happy 100th Birthday

Elizabeth Lindsay turned 100 on Wednesday 21/8/24 and it was celebrated at her home almost exclusively with family members. She received best wishes from the Governor General, King Charles and other people of note.

Technology

Although I am constantly at my computer, keeping up with IT changes is often frustrating and baffling. Without the assistance of the calm helpful manner of Shannon Hamilton at the Yankalilla Library, I could easily lose the plot. His expertise and patience have been amazing and often kept me sane. I applaud the Library (and Council) for continuing to provide this outstanding service.

Lorraine McLoughlin
Author



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Alarmism? About Climate or Fringe Conspiracies?

It was disappointing to read the recent letter/opinion piece from Maureen B Roberts regarding a whole raft of conspiratorial fringe talking points lifted straight out of the far right of US politics. Having lived in the USA for a decade I thought I'd left it behind – sad to see it take root here.

While I believe in freedom of speech, I hope that with a modicum of critical thinking, people see the alarmism projected by the opinion piece presented in the last issue.

Look at the grab bag of topics: Climate change is a hoax, school brainwashing, transgenderism, CO2 is good, Bill Gates, COVID vaccines, WHO...I guess the UN missed out this time in the litany.

All designed to touch on as many fear and loathing buttons so as to generate an emotional response... not a rational one. It's called flooding the field. And because you might disagree with any one of those mentioned in the article – you'll think the rest of the article is on the level – but it ain't.

The Heartland Institute? It's not a scientific organisation, it's a USA right wing free market think tank that promotes anti-environmental policies, conspiracy theories and corporate control. Why would you even refer to them as a scientific organisation – unless you mean scientifically-based propaganda.

Clintel, founded by a Dutch climate denier and like the Heartland institute, funded by the Koch brothers. For those who don't know the Koch brothers, they are American Billionaires that fund far right, anti-worker and anti-environmental policies in the USA and beyond. If ever there was a conspiracy to be uncovered it's the oligarchs like the Kochs currently opposing change to keep the status quo – they are doing quite well thank you very much and learnt a lot from the tobacco industry. Delay, delay, delay.

Yes, CO2 is important for plants, but it is undeniable that the levels are the highest they have been since humans appeared (and well

before that). About 300,000 years ago we had the previous high of 300 ppm. Three hundred years ago we were at around 270 ppm – today we are around 420 ppm. BTW, around 5,000 ppm it becomes toxic to breathe...

Furthermore, as part of the carbon cycle it also interacts (dissolves) in oceans, creating more acidic oceans and causing calcium-shelled oceanic life to have problems with creating viable shells.

Ian Pilmer works for the Heartland institute and is a geologist by trade – not a climate scientist. Even his own peers question his thoughts in the area of climate science... consider this quote from the Geological Society ... *"The story of planet Earth is a marvellous chronicle written in stone."* Pilmer writes. *"The only way to understand climate is to read the rocks because the present derives from the past."* True. So in that case why does his latest book gloss over the Paleocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum, when a massive injection of carbon into the atmosphere caused it to warm by 5-6°C... *Perhaps it is one of those 'Inconvenient Truths' for the anti-environmentalist Pilmer manifesto."*

While I don't wholly disagree with Maureen's assertions regarding the interwebs being flooded with bogus science. Be it from corporate "studies" or think tanks promoting a certain self-interested policy or three, I do refute that the scientific agenda is poisoned to the level at which it offers no value and we can choose to ignore it. Does she have any regard that her own misinformation is helping bring the scientific edifice down?

At the end of it all a critical thinking approach – leavened by a look at the motivations of the people commenting on the science is a good way to cut through the BS. Follow the money.

So, what are my interests? The planet, my children, the good of humanity. I don't represent anyone else except myself.

Furthermore, I am for good science based on facts – our one and only tool to truly understand the reality we live in. Is science always perfect? Always right? Of course not, it's an evolving body of knowledge and understanding, which is why scientists never talk in absolutes. That having been said, I'd rather trust a large group of people who have spent their whole life studying something and have generated a consensus rather than groups who have pretty obvious self-interested goals to deny the science or promote spin that maintains the status quo.

For those who then make the inference that climate scientists have their own "self interest" I'd ask you to consider that scientists are contrarians and competitive by nature. If there

really was no case for climate change they could notch up a Nobel prize or two to help with the grants if they had the data to prove it... Besides, do you know how hard it is to get 96% of scientists in any particular field to agree on anything? For that matter, the populace in general? Maybe those climate change facts are persuasive?

Change is difficult for us humans, we tend to like to hover at our comfortable point. However, the best info we have shows we are despoiling the planet for our generations to come. Of course there will be some discomfort in moving to new energy sources, but it pales into insignificance when compared to the pain of knowing our offspring inherit our thermostat settings and all that it implies.

You know I've always liked that expression that turns around the whole "inherit" thing – it's that we are borrowing the planet from our children. Think on it...

Henk Plaggemars
Thinking Human
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Communications Tower

Amplitel (CPS Technology and Infrastructure) has approached a local organisation with a request to install a 45m telecommunications tower adjacent to the Yankalilla Area School. They are offering a lease agreement for 20 years and a very modest annual payment. Jeffrey Ng, cpstech.com.au was the listed contact.

It seems to me that this should be a whole community decision rather than a single landholder especially with the lack of comprehensive research being conducted. (There has simply not been enough time for longitudinal studies to be conducted).

The organisation that has been approached has had several discussions with no clear consensus and has sought further information from Amplitel.

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Climate Alarmism and Science

I must congratulate the editor of YRN for allowing an alternative viewpoint to the usual alarmism and falsehoods peddled by those who are convinced that the earth will end soon as we are all going to cook or boil to death, etc, etc.

The letter by Dr. Maureen B Roberts summarises the situation well, pointing out that the discussion about climate change and its cause (CO2?) has many falsehoods, where alarmism such as a "climate crisis" is exaggerated to the point of ridiculousness, and how there is a consensus of the science.

Rubbish, it's because most politicians and the media prefer to frighten us so they can tax us more and sell more papers and media subscriptions, and pay for the many instant climate experts!

After all, are the Pacific islands being inundated

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by rising water levels, or are they sinking?
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And look at Sydney, Istanbul, and most other coastal cities. The sea level looks the same as in photos from 100 years ago. But it's a crisis!!!

Hmm, free money for the Pacific Island rulers and anyone who asks for it because of natural climate change?

*Mike Woenig
Lady Bay*

Climate Change Action is Urgent

In 2024, climate change action is more urgent than ever. If we had acted decades ago, we might not be facing the challenges we do now.

It is astonishing that we are still debating climate change in 2024. Contrary to the claims of a small minority of scientists, the overwhelming consensus supports that climate change is real and driven by human activities. Renowned climate scientist Joelle Gergis provides critical evidence of rising global temperatures and emphasises the urgent need for action. Ian Plimer's views lack support from current scientific research and undermine the robust evidence presented by experts like Gergis. It is crucial that we rely on credible science to guide our response to climate change.

For those still uncertain, I recommend turning to reliable sources. Dr. Joëlle Gergis is an award-winning climate scientist and writer, internationally recognised for her expertise in Australian and Southern Hemisphere climate variability and change. She has authored over 130 scientific publications and was a lead author on the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Sixth Assessment Report—a comprehensive global review of climate science. Her latest book is the Quarterly Essay, *Highway to Hell: Climate Change and Australia's Future*. It is available in most good books shops, maybe our wonderful library or, if you are a member, you can loan a copy from the Fleurieu Environment Centre Library.

We owe it to our children and future generations to take this issue seriously and act now.

Jane Power

Access to CASH!

'Keeping cash alive' has been a bit of a catch cry of late, even more so due to the recent IT system crash, caused by a defect in a software update from cybersecurity firm CrowdStrike, which disrupted various industries in Australia, including airlines, banks, and media outlets. The outage, which occurred on July 20, 2024, resulted in widespread technical issues, including Flight information screens going blank at Sydney airport, Australian Broadcasting Corporation and Network Ten systems being affected, Cash registers displaying blue screens at a grocery store in Sydney, etc.

The above hiccup prompted thoughts around the security and resilience of the online digital services and then just how the elimination of cash would affect local communities. Many children learn maths and the value of money:

by recycling cans and bottles for cash.

By doing small jobs for pocket money.

Using a piggy bank to save for something special.

Using cash gifts eg, from grandparents, to help save for something special

By using cash at the shops to buy things.

Because money in the hand, cash, is tangible and real and money direct into a bank account is unseen and has little to no meaning.

In fact, many children learn maths this way because access to cash allows for kinesthetic learning, (learning by doing). It gives learning maths a real-life meaning. So how will that affect children scholastically?

How will children's sporting clubs hold fund raising events to buy equipment and uniforms to make the club inclusive for all children irrespective of financial status?

How will charities hold fundraising events to support the less fortunate within our communities?

How will people be able to busk in the streets?

Many homeless people collect recyclable goods to feed themselves. What happens to them?

How will small farmers transact profitably at Farmer's Markets?

Once cash is gone, what will happen to the ever-increasing fees for using digital money? Will small operators be able to make enough profit over and above those fees or will the consumers costs escalate as result? Inflation anyone??

Oh, and what happens to garage sales and the like? They encourage the recycling of one person's possessions to another, saving the environment from unnecessary rubbish disposal.

A friend of mine was traveling in the rural parts of WA a couple of years ago. A town, over 150kms away from any other towns, had its only digital communication tower out of order for more than 10 days. The only public fuel was reliant on digital payment only prior to use. The council depot had run out of spare unleaded petrol (ULP) but if you had cash, there was still some diesel available. Those tourists, carrying no cash or needing ULP to continue traveling, had to stay at the caravan park and run up the bill until digital access was reinstated. Only those with cash could buy food easily as well!!

There are still many people who do not feel confident to transact digitally and with the number of scams catching out quite digitally literate members of our population, it seems criminal to support the removal of cash. In effect it is discrimination to push digital only.

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Yankalilla Art Group

Our focus for August, with artist Hugh Adamson, was...
"Animals in Action".
Known for his paintings of animals in 'arrested motion' he seems to capture the exuberance and personality of his furred or feathered subjects.

Useful techniques helped to overcome the angst of capturing on paper the lively animal. ie.
* work from a photo
* use a photocopy or grid-lines to enlarge
* draw up general composition in watercolour pencil as it blends in and disappears when painted (unlike lead pencil)
* a great 'mistake-eraser' for line-work or paint (even up to 1/2 an hour later) is the house-hold wall-cleaning 'super-sponge'.
Hugh's positive encouragement, sharing of ideas and painting sessions were greatly appreciated by us all. We have invited him to return in March.
Some of our works captured during the day...



Our task...
"Explore the sense of Activity" with animals as the subject. Our work needed to convey a sense of movement in the animal plus any associated background movement of shape, windy trees, rolling water, etc. that related to our animal.

'I think we were good listeners!'
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At the Fleurieu Environment Centre (FLEC), we're not just a not-for-profit organization - we're a dedicated community of volunteers and staff committed to empowering people to live sustainably and help enhance our natural environment.

Thanks to core funding from Green Adelaide, FLEC delivers workshops, educational events and serves as a hub for a diverse range of services and resources related to the environment and sustainable living practices. Together we can make a meaningful impact on our environment!

If you want to get involved with any aspect of what we do, feel free to pop into FLEC, located at **Shop 3/50 Main Street, Normanville** to have a chat to one of our volunteers or staff members. **Our opening hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10am-3pm and Saturday 10am-1pm.** You can also stay connected with us by joining our free mailing list on our website: www.flec.com.au or drop in to register.

Fleurieu Environment Centre and local landcare group events in October

Wednesday 2, 9-11am: Community Gardening Session at Youth Park, 180 Main South Rd, Yankalilla

Saturday 5, 9am-4pm: FLEC stall and Fleurieu Marine Education kids stall at the Yankalilla Show

(No Veggie Swap on Saturday 5th October as it's the Yankalilla Show)

(No Fleurieu Coast Community Nursery Working Bee on Monday 7th October as it's a public holiday)

Friday 11, 1-2.30pm: Natures Nurture: DIY Eco Face Masks and Deodorants at Yankalilla Library. Please see separate advert.

Saturday 12, 8-10am: Friends of Banksia Park Working Bee at Banksia Park, Normanville. BYO brunch, celebration of the last year.

Sunday 20, 10am-12pm: Community Gardening Session at Youth Park, 180 Main South Rd, Yankalilla

Monday 21, 9.30am-3pm: Fleurieu Coast Community Nursery Working Bee at 1 Kemmiss Hill Rd, Yankalilla

For more information on any events, please email: info@flec.com.au or call (08) 8558 3644

We also proudly support six Landcare groups: Friends of Banksia Park, Friends of Bungala River, Friends of Nixon Skinner, Friends of Wirrina Cove, Cape Jervis Coastal Community Group, and Second Valley Environment Group. These groups work tirelessly to enhance biodiversity and revegetate our local landscapes.



DIY Eco Face Masks and Deodorants

Youth and teen event

Friday 11th October, 1 - 2.30pm
Yankalilla Library

www.flec.com.au/events





Discovering Native Birds of the Fleurieu Peninsula Through the Aussie Bird Count

Every spring, bird enthusiasts take part in the Aussie Backyard Bird Count, an annual event that encourages people to spend 20 minutes observing and recording the birds they see in their backyards, parks, or local areas. Not only does this provide valuable data on bird populations and species health, but it also offers a fun and engaging way to connect with nature.

The **Aussie Bird Count website** has more information about how participants get involved, including how to simply download the Bird Count app, record the birds you spot and submit your data. It's perfect for beginners as well as seasoned birdwatchers.

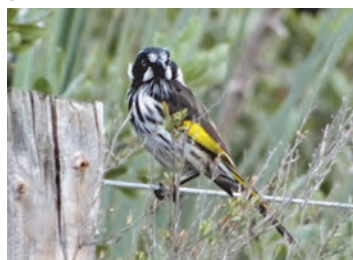
Native Birds You Might Find on the Fleurieu Peninsula

(We also have a few copies left of the Fleurieu Birds book by Peter Gower available at the centre)

1. Superb Fairy-wren (*Malurus cyaneus*) These delightful small birds, with vibrant blue plumage on the males, are a common sight in bushland and gardens across the Fleurieu.



2. New Holland Honeyeater (*Phylidonyris novaehollandiae*) This striking black-and-white bird, with its distinctive yellow wing patches, is commonly found in gardens and coastal scrub.



3. Australian Magpie (*Gymnorhina tibicen*) A familiar sight in backyards across the peninsula, the Australian Magpie is known for its melodic warbling and curious nature.

4. Galah (*Eolophus roseicapilla*) A member of the cockatoo family, the Galah is easily recognised by its pink and grey feathers.

5. Laughing Kookaburra (*Dacelo novaeguineae*) The iconic kookaburra, known for its distinctive "laugh," can be spotted often in more forested areas on the

Fleurieu Peninsula.

6. Eastern Spinebill (*Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*) This small honeyeater has a long, curved beak perfect for sipping nectar.

7. Red Wattlebird (*Anthochaera carunculata*) One of the largest honeyeaters in Australia, the Red Wattlebird is named for the red fleshy wattles on the sides of its neck.

8. Silveryeye (*Zosterops lateralis*) Small and agile, Silveryeyes are often spotted in flocks, especially during the cooler months when they gather in gardens or bushland.

9. Pacific Gull (*Larus pacificus*) Larger than a typical seagull, it has a powerful beak and is often seen flying over beaches or resting near the water.

10. Wedge-tailed Eagle (*Aquila audax*) The majestic Wedge-tailed Eagle is Australia's largest bird of prey, and while less common in urban areas, you might spot one soaring over the open landscapes of the Fleurieu Peninsula.

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Yankalilla Youth Theatre Street Filming Day



On Wednesday 18 September the Normanville Main Street was filled with cardboard cacti, cardboard holes and cowboy hats! Around 70 community members, including children from the Yankalilla Area School, came along dressed for the western theme and played extras in the youth theatre's film – Tumbleweed. During the crowd scenes, the crowd gathered around a shoot out, cheered and made expressive faces, threw their hats in the air, read newspapers and line danced in the middle of the street. A group dance to the Nutbush in the middle of the street was certainly a highlight of the day! The event gave several jobs to young professional artists in the roles of film director, journalist and photographer. The comedy western script was written by Evette Wolf with the Yankalilla Youth Theatre's Performances Troupe aged 9-12. The filming will continue around town for the remainder of the year and the community will be invited to a big red-carpet film premiere next year. Thanks to all involved for joining in this fun community event. Yeehar!

Photos were by one of our young professionals - Katja McCumiskey

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Why Our Environment Centre Needs an Eco Book Club

At the Fleurieu Environment Centre, we have a fantastic library and reference resources on various environmental and sustainability topics. We're excited to share these with our members and the broader community. Given the increasing urgency of environmental issues and the benefit of connecting like-minded individuals, we are launching a monthly Eco Book Club. Here's why:

Educational Value

Books are a powerful educational tool. An Eco Book Club can make complex environmental issues more accessible, offering insights into climate change, biodiversity, and sustainable living.

Community Engagement

The club will bring together individuals passionate about the



environment, fostering discussions and a shared commitment to sustainability.

Inspiration for Action

By exploring stories of environmental success and innovation, members can gain motivation and practical ideas to implement in their own lives.

Diverse Perspectives

Featuring books from various authors will ensure a comprehensive view of environmental issues, addressing different social and global perspectives.

Advocacy Knowledge

The club will help members learn effective advocacy strategies and

understand policy implications, empowering them to champion environmental causes more effectively.

Local Focus

Including works by local authors and on regional issues will strengthen community ties and address specific local challenges.

An Eco Book Club at our Environment Centre will enrich our community's environmental awareness and drive meaningful change. Join us for monthly meetings with tea and cake!

Register by emailing info@flec.com.au with "Book Club" as the subject or visit us in person.



Fleurieu Environment Centre

The Fleurieu Environment Centre acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land, sea and waters of the area that we live and work, the Kaurna Meyunna, Ngarrindjeri and Ramindjeri people of the Fleurieu Peninsula. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all First Nations people. We would like to thank our funding sponsors and partners who enable us to deliver our programs. The Fleurieu Environment Centre is part of the Greater Adelaide Environment Network, seeded by Green Adelaide with support from Landscapes Hills and Fleurieu.



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Fundraising For Fido

What a wonderfully generous community we live in! On the 31st of August the Yankalilla Districts Dog Park Committee held a fundraising music night at Club Fleurieu. Our aim is to raise funds for the construction costs of a dog park - fencing, shelter, seating,

landscaping, water tanks and signage. All the entertainment, the venue, the raffle prizes and auction items, were donated by local businesses and individuals. So many people worked hard to make the night happen, and we would like to say thank you to them. Over \$1500 was raised during the evening.

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Thank you to everyone who donated items and/or their time and talent, including our wonderful MC, Rob French. Our next milestone will be our preferred site going out to public consultation after the go-ahead was given at the September Council meeting.

Lorraine Felix
Secretary
Yankalilla Dog Park Committee

Council approves consultation

At the September meeting of the DCY, the Councillors voted in favour of putting the proposed Yankalilla Districts Dog Park out for public consultation.

The proposed site is at the Hay Flat Road end of the park on a large flat



area bordered by the Bungala River and with easy access from the Main South Road. The area gets used by dogs and their owners already - for those whose dogs don't decide to run off on unknown adventures without a fence - and the central location makes it easy to grab a drink or bite to eat to take with you. It will also be ideal for passing visitors travelling with their fur babies.

The consultation process and information will likely be in the November edition of YRN.

Pictured are committee members and friends and future users of the YDDP in front of the proposed area of Bungala Park.



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Applications open for coastal grants

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More than \$1 million in coastal protection grants will be made available to councils and community groups committed to restoring and preserving vulnerable sections of the state's coastline.

Applications are open for the Coast Protection Board's two annual grant programs, the 2024-25 Coast Protection Grants - where more than \$1 million will be available - and the Community Participation Grants, which provides another \$40,000.

The Coast Protection Grants provide funds to coastal councils for work that helps restore, protect and manage the state's valuable coastal assets and addresses climate change risks.

High priorities include projects that address erosion or flood risks, including foreshore protection and beach replenishment works.

The Community Participation Grants Program enables not-for-profit organisations and volunteer groups to partner with councils and undertake small-scale coastal management projects or education initiatives.

Coast Protection Board Presiding Member Jeff Tate said the local government grants are extremely important as councils are on the frontline of managing coastal issues.

"We are also incredibly lucky to have such passionate people and community groups involved in environmental work, so the Coast Protection Board highly encourages them to apply for this funding to help meet their goals," Mr Tate said.

"South Australia's coastline stretches more than 5000km and it is vital that we continue to manage and protect it for future generations and these funds support important work to do just that." Eight coastal councils from around the state received grants in January this year to undertake sand replenishment works, sea wall repairs and model the potential impacts of climate change on their coastal areas.

Recent projects to benefit from the grants program include:

- Protection of the North Shields dunes with a \$113,000 grant to the District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula.
- Groyne repairs at Beachport within the Wattle Range Council supported by a \$240,000 grant.
- A \$68,000 contribution to the Whyalla Foreshore Sand Replenishment Program.
- Modelling the potential long-term environment changes at Black Point, south of Ardrossan, with a \$43,000 grant.

Further to these funds, community group Victor Harbor Coastcare received \$2018 to help fund the replacement of a 6.5 metre beach-monitoring pole, enabling the group to collect data about changes to beach conditions.

Applications close 25 October 2024 with successful applicants to be announced early next year. Potential applicants can email

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Stewardship News

Helping you care for land, water and nature

LANDSCAPE SOUTH AUSTRALIA HILLS AND FLEURIEU

26 August 2024

Owning or managing a rural property can have its challenges, and it's not always easy to know where to go for the right advice.

A new program being delivered by Landscapes Hills and Fleurieu has been developed especially to support land managers to protect and restore the natural resources on their properties.

"Land managers play a crucial role in regenerating and sustaining landscapes for current and future generations," said Landscapes Hills and Fleurieu general manager Michael Garrod.

"Many land managers would like to see creeks alive with frogs and birds, dams with good water quality, healthy soil and fewer weeds and pest animals," he said.

The Stewardship program helps land managers make this happen by supporting them in five important ways to care for land, water and nature:

- caring for native vegetation and doing revegetation
- restoring waterways
- controlling weeds and pest animals
- improving soil health, and
- good planning to manage natural resources.

Mr Garrod said the Stewardship

program provides a range of free advice and property visits; free or low cost courses and field days, connection to funding opportunities, and connections with neighbours, local volunteer groups and contractors to help control weeds and animal pests.

"The best way to stay across all of the opportunities is to subscribe to our new free monthly newsletter - *Stewardship News* - to access timely advice, stories of good stewardship in practice, news of upcoming workshops and events, and funding opportunities.

"Each issue, *Stewardship News* features tips and tools, fact sheets, practical advice and inspiring stories to help landholders and land managers care for land, water and nature," Mr Garrod said.

Subscribe through the Landscapes Hills and Fleurieu website - go to landscape.sa.gov.au/hf and search 'Subscribe'.

The proposed Dog Park in the Yankalilla area will be funded by the community.

To help the committee raise funds, and be a hero to furry friends far and wide, you can donate using the go-fund-me link:

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Christ Church Explores Compassion

Our *Walking with Jesus* gathering in August was led by Liz Gordon-Mills. We discussed COMPASSION, the eighth topic this year in our series on the ways we can express the love of God in our lives. Each month so far we have discussed steadfast love, mutual respect, commitment, perseverance, generosity, and forgiveness, all taken from Paul's letter to the Romans, chapter 12. The virtue of compassion is seen in verse 15:

"Rejoice with them that do rejoice and weep with them that weep".

The bible reading chosen to exemplify the compassion of Jesus was the story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. This story contains the shortest verse in the bible, "Jesus wept", which showed how dearly Jesus loved Lazarus and his sisters, Mary and Martha.

We talked about the true meaning of compassion in contrast to sympathy or empathy. Compassion was seen as the deepest emotional feeling of these three because it implies a strong intention to relieve the suffering of others, whether that be emotional or physical suffering. Jesus is described in one of our hymns (*Love divine all loves excellant*) as "all compassionate", and this is truly seen in the way he was always healing people's sicknesses or relieving their hunger. We were also reminded of how Jesus was compassionate towards children when the disciples tried to push them away, and towards women who were often relegated to a very low status in that society.

The word compassion is often used loosely in our society. In the August edition (2024) of the *Australian Women's Weekly* there was an article which emphasized compassion towards oneself then others. "Have a bubble bath" or "open the door for someone", while worthy acts of being considerate, seem rather trite when compared with real compassion. The roots of the word mean "to suffer with" or bear one another's burdens. Think of Jesus on the cross when he said "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do". Another remarkable act of compassion can be seen in the attitude of Corrie Ten Boom, a Dutch woman who was caught hiding Jews from the Nazis in her house during the second World War (*The Hiding Place*, ISBN 978-1-4412-3288-5). She and her sister constantly expressed

compassion towards their captors despite the inhumane treatment they gave.

How can we be compassionate to others in our lives? Sometimes it is most effective when you are just there for someone in times of need. At other times, words of sympathy or gentle encouragement can be appropriate. Even a short prayer together can work wonders. Gifts of food, helpful books, company or music can just touch the spot for people going through a difficult time.

We also need to graciously accept compassion from others rather than trying to put on a brave face. Sometimes our friends may say things with the best of intentions to help us but can come across as unfeeling. If you hear the words "I know what you are going through" you may think "No, you do not know what I am going through". Sometimes it is hard to know what to say to help a friend through a difficult time. We can't see inside someone's mind, but they are usually genuinely trying to help, even if their experiences don't match yours exactly. We should accept their expressions of compassion as genuine.

SERVICES IN OCTOBER SUNDAYS

11am, Holy Communion. October 6th, 13th, 27th in the church. Healing prayers on the 27th.

10am, "Walking with Jesus" gathering in the church hall, October 20th. **Coffee/tea and cake to begin with.** Topic for discussion: **Humility.**

FRIDAYS

9.15am, Christian meditation in the church.

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Enquiries, Belinda Rosser, 0411591628

Yankalilla Ladies Probus

Journalism and Jaunts

In mid-August our members and a few guests, enjoyed a visit to Government House in Adelaide. Car carpooling, the train, and a short walk up to King William Street makes for an easy day out. Add a nice lunch afterwards in town, and the group had a great day out. The tour guide was excellent, and the beautiful interiors of the House are a pleasure to see. There

is even a portrait of Gough Whitlam in tights! Not really – it is good old King William, but the resemblance is striking.

Our August meeting guest speaker was Dani Brown, Senior Journalist at the Fleurieu Sun and The Times newspapers. Dani is an interesting, informative and entertaining speaker. Our members enjoyed her visit very much, and we are sure she has found her true career. A

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very pleasant presentation, and we sincerely thank Dani for her time. 14 members and visitors followed the meeting with a delicious and chatty lunch at Café on Bungala. The servings are generous – just ask Marj Flynn who had to work out how to tackle a fabulous steak sandwich. We try to have informative speakers and entertaining outings regularly. We meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month, except December, at the RSL Hall Normanville.

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The Community Connections Program - Helping Social Wellbeing in the Yankalilla Region

Research has demonstrated how social interactions and connections with community, family and friends significantly reduces mental and physical illnesses. In England Medical Professionals are using social prescribing to help combat social isolation and loneliness and perceive treatment coming from community activities and not just medication.

providers, so they can be provided with additional support; In Normanville linking people into activities facilitated within the Yankalilla Library and supporting a small group of Cultural Diverse community members to create the Culture Club – a coffee group celebrating the multicultural diversity within the region.

Skylight Mental Health have also fostered relationships with The Yankalilla Youth Theatre, which provided an opportunity for parents to come together over lunch and created more awareness of the Community Connections Program, along with two referrals. Working in collaboration with the Cape Jervis Community Club this has also seen the enhancement of their community garden, support to seek funding for alternative community activities and by utilising the programs connections, it is also helping to bring more service providers to their local October Fete.

Although social prescribing is not available in Australia, support through the Community Connections Program is helping South Australians to get involved in activities and help participants gain independence, make strong, sustainable connections with family, communities and other networks.

Due to each town/region and community being diverse and unique, this means the experience of each participant and community itself looks different. For the Yankalilla Council Region examples have included; Supporting a family to connect to their neighbourhood through the Cape Jervis Pancake Race facilitated by Skylight Mental Health last year; Linking another family into specific service

The Community Connections Program is funded by the Department of Human Services (DHS) and supports people aged 18 -64, living in South Australia and who are not eligible for mainstream programs such as NDIS and My Aged Care. It's a short-term program (up to 12 weeks) delivered with a person centred and goal orientated focus. **For more information,** please contact Chrissie Roberts, Community Development Officer on Mb: **0417 981 317** or email: christine@skylight.org.au





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Appakaldree – 180 years of history

The history of the property now known as 'Appakaldree' at 179 Hay Flat Road, Normanville, goes back to when it was part of the 80-acre section 1043, Hundred of Yankalilla,



originally granted to Frederick Ransford on 17 September 1844.

Ransford shortly after sold the property to James Chisholm who then leased it, with the right to purchase, to Charles Shelley in 1850. Mr Shelley didn't buy it but conveyed his 'interests' to George James Mills who bought the land from Mr Chisholm in 1857. Local records at the time show that the 80 acres was partly cultivated and fenced, and there was a slab house on the property.

In April 1867 George Mills brought the property under the Real Property (or Torrens Title) Act 1858 and, on 3 October 1867, sold it to Robert McIndoe Robertson who, after leasing it for a time to George Mills and a wheelwright Thomas Curl, moved there with his family from Tonquililla station (now Tunkalilla), between Waitpinga and Cape Jervis (section 1372).

Originally from Abbotshall, Fife, Scotland, Robert was born on 4 or 5 June 1831 to Alexander Robertson and Ann Keddie. In 1841 his family was living in Linktown, Abbotshall. Prior to leaving for Australia, according to the 1851 census Robert, listed as a cabinet maker, was staying at West Bridge, Kinghorn, Fife, with his elder brother James, also a cabinet maker, and James's family. Robert departed Liverpool on 4 July 1852 on the Marco Polo for Victoria, arriving in Melbourne on 20 September that year, and is thought to have come to South Australia in 1854. John Wise, from Edinburgh, Scotland, had landed in South Australia in 1836 in the Buffalo. On 3 May 1850 he married Anne Wilson (daughter of Robert and Margaret Wilson of Abbotshall, Scotland). They initially lived at Mount Barker and then Parkhurst near

the Meadows before coming to this district in 1852. John and Anne Wise's first child, William, was born on 19 February 1851, while they were living at Tunkalilla station which John managed, a remote and almost inaccessible location.

When Mrs Wise wanted to go shopping she had to saddle up a horse and, holding her baby before her as she travelled through the rough scrub, ride to the Second Valley store, putting her shopping into saddlebags on either side of her horse. A second son Arthur was born on 28 August 1853. However, less than a year later, John was seriously injured while mustering cattle near Tunkalilla Beach. He was taken by a Mr Tonkin to the whaling station at Yilki where he died of concussion of the brain. He was buried at The Tabernacle Church Cemetery, Encounter Bay, on 11 June 1854. Anne was just 27 and her boys aged three and one. John had died intestate.

It is believed that Anne had previously known Robert McIndoe Robertson from Abbotshall in Scotland. Following her husband's sudden death, she had asked Robert for some assistance on the farm.

On 13 July 1855 Robert M Robertson married



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Mrs Anne Wise (nee Wilson), the widow of John Wise (1813-1854), at Holy Trinity Church, North Terrace, Adelaide. Their witnesses were Thomas and Janet Jackson; the bride could not write.

Robert and Anne went on to have two daughters, Margaret Annie (1856-1909) and Augusta, and a son Robert Alexander 'Alex' Robertson (1858-1947) who, in 1925, was farming Tonto station (section 1095), which his father had bought in 1889 (Anne is believed to have changed its name from Utiekah to Tonto).

When Robertson bought section 1043 in 1867, there was already a stone cottage on it which had been occupied by the previous owner and then rented out for some years. After a while Robertson began building a new house which he called 'Appakaldree'. Just five months before moving to Appakaldree, the eldest son of Robert's wife Anne, William 'Willie' Wise, died on 23 April 1867 at Tonquililla, of typhoid fever, aged 14, and was buried at St Paul's Church of England Cemetery near Hay Flat.

The new house was a substantial two-storey stone dwelling of nine rooms with a commanding frontage, and with brick quoins and surrounds to the doors and windows. Originally, the front facade had a balcony. A slate behind the stairs bears the inscription 'Alex Robertson 1877'.

The house was built over a period of three years by local stonemason George Taverner (with Robertson and his sons assisting) and was completed about 1878. Local stone from the creek area and within the Big Gorge nearby was carried via horse and dray. Even after moving to Appakaldree, the Robertsons still spent an occasional holiday at Tunkalilla, taking all necessary provisions with them for a couple of weeks.

Robert McIndoe Robertson died suddenly on 4 September 1902, aged 71 years, of heart disease, and was buried in the Yankalilla Public Cemetery, the service being conducted by the

Rev. WR Buttrose. After Robert's death, the property went to his wife Annie and family. His son Alex, already established at Tonto, inherited Tunkalilla, as well as land adjoining Appakaldree. Robert McIndoe Robertson had been chairman of the local council for 10 years and a justice of the peace for 20 years. He was also a prominent member of the Free Presbyterian Church, being also on the committee and treasurer.

On 9 January 1911, Robert and Annie's daughter Augusta married Norman Bruce McNeil at Appakaldree. Norman was working on the property. He was an active member of the Agricultural and Horticultural Society, and vice-president and staunch supporter of the District Trained Nursing Society.

The source of water for stock and the stables at Appakaldree came from a small spring nearby. It is reported that when the spring was cleaned in 1914, a large bone was found, too large for a cow or horse. It was sent to the SA Museum, and then to England for identification, and it proved to be a Diprotodon bone (now in the Yankalilla District Historical Museum).

After Annie's death in 1916, Mrs Augusta McNeil inherited the property which then went to Mrs Annie Kennedy (step-granddaughter of Robert McIndoe Robertson) and her husband and son who continued to live there for a time.

Annie Robertson is also buried at Yankalilla Public Cemetery along with her husband, daughters Margaret Annie, and Augusta, and Augusta's husband Norman Bruce McNeil (c.1876-1929). The house was owned by the Robertson family for about 114 years and



occupied by members of the family for more than 100 years, until sold to John Alvarez Brown and Grace Mary Brown in 1960 (CT Vol. 3152, Folio 1276). It was later bought by farmer Raymond George Barton, who sold the house and a small portion of the land in 1976 to Mr and Mrs Barry Pitman who began restoration of the two-storey stone building. This house on Hay Flat Road, lovingly restored, now has a new owner. The two stone buildings nearby, including the original stone cottage, are soon to be incorporated with Appakaldree.

In the Fleurieu Peninsula Heritage Survey for the District Council of Yankalilla, 1985, the house was recommended for State Heritage listing.

— Lorraine Day

Left: Robertson family carting wool at Appakaldree.

Above: Appakaldree, Hay Flat Road, c. 1950.

Page 36: The two stone buildings near Appakaldree homestead, including the original cottage.

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