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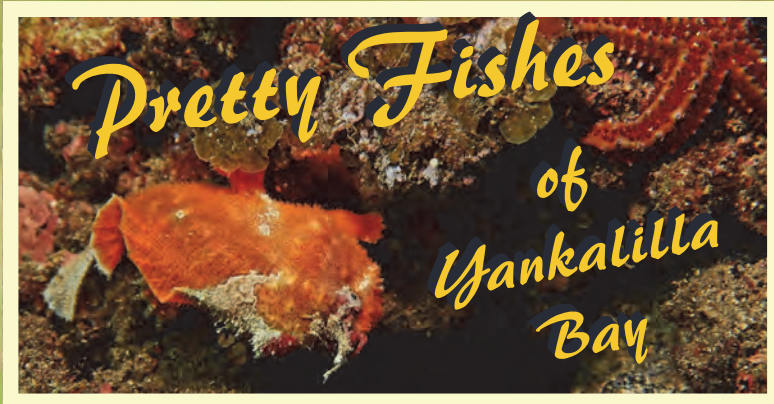
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The Demise of a Church and the Rise of Community

The Late James Cole might never have thought it conceivable **155 years ago** when he donated the land for the historic State Heritage listed **St James Church & Cemetery** at Delamere, that in 2025 a small cash-strapped entity of Anglican churchgoers, having favour of interest in SA's McLaren Vale region, could decide that the St James Church and Cemetery be 'cashed-in' to serve a better use "to secure an income stream for use in future Ministry" elsewhere. [Extract: Sale of Parish Trust Property, Feb 2025. See below]

Digging a little deeper though, you might think there's a problem. Cemetery. Same site. Same title. Fundamental morality; there are people's family, loved ones and friends there. "But we've sold cemeteries before" was heard. People have protested but we've gotten away with it! Problem solved.

To be completely fair to the McLaren Vale friends though; a meeting was called at the Delamere Hall to inform the community of an intention to sell - 22 members of the community made it clear they objected and a steering group of eight immediately formed the

Delamere Community Hub Project. An extensive survey was conducted throughout the local district with strong result for local social, welfare and other interactive preference for all ages. A following of some 90 persons resulted on social-media. Highly attended, 60-70 community members, information and social-mixing events followed.

Thereafter a most diligent and detailed formal proposal was put to the Church hierarchy, to a very cold reception and ultimate rejection. A later citizen proposal to purchase the nearby church Hall to facilitate a dynamic *Community Hub* facility and to preserve the ongoing integrity and sanctity of St James Church and the Cemetery as a registered Heritage and War Memorial site; was ignored. Instead, to be read out by proclamation in Yankalilla on 23rd February 2025 -

In accordance with Sub-Section 63.2 of the *Parochial Administration Ordinance 2021* I am reading to you the Resolution



St James Church, Delamere

that was passed at the Meeting of the Parish Council on 10 February 2025 concerning the sale of Parish Trust Property comprising the Church, Cemetery and Hall at St James' Delamere.

Cover photo: This is Basil.
Basil loves playing on the grass in his local dog park.
He hopes to visit the Yankalilla Districts Dog Park one day.
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That this Parish Council request the Synod to sell the following Parish Trust Property

(a) the land situated at 8507 Main South Road Delamere on which are a Church building (St James' Delamere, pending de-consecration) and a Cemetery being Parish Trust Property and contained in Certificate of Title Book Volume 5832 Folio 718, and

(b) the land situated at 8495 Main South Road Delamere on which there is, a former Church Hall and outbuildings

being Parish Trust Property and contained in the Certificate of Title Book Volume 5222 Folio 329,

and That the purchase money be used to invest in the development of the Parish Trust Property at St Margaret's Church McLaren Vale in order to secure an income stream for use in future Ministry.

To the Late James Cole and all the resting pioneers, farmers, fishers and their families of Delamere and environs who toiled to make St James for the ages - **Rest in Peace.** 'It was not your need and greed that persisted'.

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Editor's Comments

Hello Readers,
Here we are at the start of autumn and the data shows we have gone through our driest year on record. The data is on page 13 and have some empathy for our local farmers while you read it. A last minute email from a local man, Tom, said "I hope you received some letters regarding this Council for next month's newsletter. This Council is getting away with far too much given the financial position they are in." Well, as it happens we have both 'letters' and 'financials' to delve into. Read on!

Coming up in April, along with Easter, is the Festival Fleurieu and there is a bit of information included to get you in the mood.

Congratulations to Yankalilla Lions who have just celebrated 40 years.

Sadly, in a case of 'use it or lose it' the local scout hall is being sold up as we have been unable to find interested adults to run scouts in recent years even though kids were interested. Until next issue...

Cheers,
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80 people enjoyed the delicious Moroccan style dinner, cooked by Mayor Darryl Houston and his wife Leonie, and supported by our Club volunteers. An auction and a raffle were held, and Tracey Starkey entertained us all with delightful live music.

On Sunday 19 January it was time for **Bumper Bingo**. An enthusiastic group of 70 people joined in the fun, while also raising funds for 5CY.

We are delighted to announce that these two special events raised a total of \$6,500! Sincere thanks go to everyone involved in making both these events so successful, while contributing to such a worthy cause. The presentation will be made to representatives of 5CY at our Club Lunch.

Australia Day Award

Australia Day seems a while ago now, but we just had to share this important item from our February Club Newsletter.

We are very proud that on Australia Day our President, Louise Allstrom, was presented with the 2025 Citizen of the Year Mayor's Award!

As we all know, Louise is a tireless worker for the Club, as well as other community groups. Congratulations on this well-deserved award Louise!



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More details of March menus are available in our newsletter or on our website.

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What's on in March?

Thursday 6 March ... **Movie Night ... Movie starts at 7.00pm**

Southern Fleurieu Film Society presents **Paris, Texas** - a drama set in the USA. Hamburgers will be on the menu for our themed meal, served from 6.00pm for \$15. Bjorn's Bar will be open for drinks and icecreams. If you'd like to see a movie each month, visit

<https://sffs.org.au> to join the film society.



Tuesday 11 March 12 noon ... **Barbecue Lunch**

Enjoy a casual lunch, and why not buy a beer, wine or soft drink from the bar to accompany your meal? Coffee and tea are also available. **\$15 per person.**

Tuesday 11 March 6.00pm ... **Night Bingo, eyes down at 7.00pm**

Night Bingo is back for 2025! Come and have a drink at Bjorn's Bar from 6pm, before Bingo begins. You don't need to be a Club member to come along and join in the fun! If you would like to come as a group, please contact the Club to book. Please BYO plate of nibbles.

Wednesday 19 March 12 noon ... **St Patrick's Lunch**

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The program has a proud history of supporting local community groups deliver events and projects that aim to foster greater sustainability in local communities across regional and metropolitan South Australia.

SA Water's Manager of Brand and Community Connection Kellie McDonald said its initiative has a strong record of making an impact in local communities across the state.

"It is always exciting to learn how these passionate grassroots community groups are working to improve the sustainability and the environment across South Australia," Kellie said.

"We are proud to be able to support these groups, knowing that the worthy initiatives align with our vision of delivering trusted water services for a sustainable and healthy South Australia.

"We know from past years how popular the Community Partnerships Program is, so we would encourage applicants to start thinking about putting in their submissions as soon as possible."

Past recipients have included BioR who reconstruct habitats to support native wildlife, the Seaford Independent Learning Centre who developed a bespoke mural to link their students to their local environment, and the Marine Discovery Centre's new water wise episode educating and informing thousands of students each year.

"These programs are incredibly valuable to the local communities and we are proud to have supported them through our Community Partnerships Program," Kellie said.

Applications for the 2025-26 Community Partnerships Program opened on 10 February, and close on 4 April 2025. Funding for the successful recipients will be made available from July 2025.

To apply or find out more, visit <https://sawater.com.au/education-and-community/partnerships-and-sponsorships/community-partnerships>

Island Echoes calling

Entries for Kangaroo Island's premier visual art event, the KI Easter Art Exhibition 2025, are now open.

Find the entry form and instructions at:

<https://kangarooislandartworks.com/easter-art-exhibition/easter-art-exhibition-2025/>

Kangaroo Island and mainland artists may enter up to three works of art into the general adult competition. All adult entries are eligible for the Diana Keir Art Award, and for all other relevant prizes that the judges choose to award. We can expect prizes in categories such as 2D and 3D artworks, photography and printing, and youth age categories.

A separate entry form is to be used by young people. Please email the organisers at:

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for that entry form.

The judges for 2025 are Tansy Curtin and Catherine Buddle.

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Come along for an exciting display! All welcome.



Yankalilla Ladies Probus Club

Gee, the month of March is almost upon us! It is a big time of the year for our club with some new faces on our committee and some new challenges and happenings.

It is the time of the **Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 26 March at 10am.**

A new term beckons and we will look forward to great speakers and exciting events and times throughout 2025 and into 2026. An event is being arranged for Monday 17 March 2025 for any members interested to travel from Seaford to Adelaide by train to attend the *Chihully Art Glass Exhibition* at the Adelaide Botanical Gardens.

Our meetings are held at the **RSL Hall, 18 Main South Road, Normanville** on the **4th Wednesday of each month at 10am.** If you are retired and looking to join a ladies club for friendship, fun and enjoyment, you can contact Bev on 0407186823.



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Not a cent paid off \$6.5 Million Loan

Back in 2008 the Yankalilla Council Chamber authorised administration to take out a loan of \$6.5 Million. Though the loan changed its name and was combined with another cash advance from the Local Government Finance Authority (LGFA), the amount is still owing.

In a question to the Council's current Finance Manager during a recent Council meeting, Councillor Wayne Gibbs asked: "Is it correct to say that a loan of \$6.5m taken out in 2008 has not had a cent paid off the principal to date?". To this the Finance Manager answered "Yes, that is correct. \$6.5m that was taken out in 2008 has no principal paid off it."

The consequence of taking so long to repay such loans is that, even where the Council may receive a grant from the Grants Commission that will pay part of a project, the grant is chewed up just paying interest with the principal still owing. Currently, the Council has a budget of only \$360,000 per year to pay off the principal on loans it owes. A quick calculation shows it will take almost 40 years to pay off a debt of, say, \$14 million.

This raises serious questions:

- Why would Council take out loans it was unable to repay, and,
- Why would the Local Government Finance Authority be willing to lend to a Council that was unable to pay?

This problem goes beyond Yankalilla – the Essential Services Commission (ESCOSA) now says many local Councils are either financially unviable or at risk of being unviable, just like Yankalilla was judged to be in the most recent report. One question is answered though: Why did the council take out such a high proportion of variable loans (which then ballooned when interest rates rose)? According to Cr Gibbs, the answer is partly that to be eligible for a fixed rate loan you need to be paying off at least part of the principle which Council could not afford to do.

The Grants Commission thinks Yankalilla is Richer than it is ...

When the government collects GST money, it all goes into a pool to be redistributed among the states according to the principle of 'horizontal equalization'. This is intended to smooth things out so that the services people receive in a hospital in Perth will be much the same as they might get in Hobart, even though WA is raking in mining revenue and could afford better. Within the states, this kind of

redistribution should probably work out well for Yankalilla because the area has a low socio-economic ranking.

There's one problem: Grants Commission mathematics.

People with holiday homes pay the same rates as everyone else so they contribute as much as anyone to rate revenue. Whether non-residents cost the council less or about the same in services is debated. On the one hand, they are simply not in the district to use those services most of the time, but on the other hand the garbage truck still has to pass their house, and the roads need to be maintained whether people are resident or not. This is hard to calculate, but it is also not the real problem. The issue is that when allocating grants, South Australia's Grants Commission currently looks at land value (which is high because people will pay a lot for spectacular coastal views and rolling hills) and divides it by head of population (which is low because census night is held in August). All the other states look at land value and divide by number of properties. Look out for Cr Karin Hatch's article elsewhere in this issue that explains this in further detail.

A recent report for the Grants Commission looking into this recommended SA change our methodology in line with the other states because our current method disadvantages areas with non-resident ratepayers disproportionately. In context, SA has the second highest rate of non-resident rate payers (behind WA) and of our 15 local councils, Yankalilla ranked 5th with 41% of properties vacant on census night – behind Robe with 59%, Yorke Peninsula with 49%, Elliston with 48%, and Mid Murray with 45%.

The report suggested that by changing the methodology used by the Grants Commission, DCY could increase their share of Grant revenue by somewhere between 222% & 1,000%. The current Grant allocation is approximately \$350,000pa so this could provide significant relief to long suffering Ratepayers.

Cr Gibbs moved a motion in October 2024 that the CEO contact the Grants Commission requesting a visit by Senior Executives of the Grants Commission to have an open discussion regarding the current Grant funding being offered to DCY.

Fiona Vogel - Copywriter www.fionavogel.com.au

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Southern Fleurieu Film Society

Our February screening of **Wicked Little Letters** was a great evening. We saw a voting pattern unprecedented in our 18 month history. No 1, 2 or 3 star votes were cast. All 39 members who voted rated the movie highly at either 4 or 5 stars, and there were twice as many 5 star votes as the 4 star votes.

We were also trialling different speakers and feedback has been positive. The very British fish and chip pre-screening supper, complete with brown vinegar, proved so popular that we will now need to ask people to book ahead, for the meal, by sending their name (s) to Louise via email.

The March movie will bring a very different mood to the screen. It is **Paris, Texas**, a 1984 film, set in the USA, but created by a

German/French/American/British team directed by Wim Wenders. Main actors include Harry Dean Stanton, Dean Stockwell, and Nastassja Kinski. It won a BAFTA award and 3 awards at the Cannes film festival.

The mystery resolves slowly, to a beautiful soundtrack by Ry Cooder as we wonder who is Travis Henderson, why was he wandering lost for four years, and will he reconnect to family. There is a lot to look out for in this film, not least

are photography, acting and music.

Screening details are:

★ **Yankalilla at Club Fleurieu on Thursday March 6th**

★ **Victor Harbor, Victa Cinema, on Tuesday March 4th**

★ **Goolwa in Centenary Hall on Wednesday March 5th.**

Doors open at 6:30 pm for a 7:00pm start.

Club Fleurieu will offer a \$15 pre-screening meal themed according to the movie background.

Book by emailing louise.allstrom@gmail.com.

Arrive at 5:30pm

See the 2025 programme and archived reviews of previous films at <https://sffs.org.au>

Remember, members can borrow movies that have been screened here. They can invite a guest, and can also have someone attend in their place if unable to get to any of the screenings, at any venue.

Visit the website to find out all you need to know.

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Paris, Texas

Victor Harbor, Tuesday 4th

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Yankalilla, Thursday 6th

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Drama

Director: Wim Wenders

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Yankalilla and District Lions Club Celebrates its 40th Anniversary!

On the night of Saturday 15th February the Yankalilla and District Club celebrated its 40th Anniversary of being chartered as a Lions Club on the 15th February 1985.

The celebration was held at the Normanville Hotel and included current and past members and partners, Lions members from other clubs, our District Governor Carolyn Kilpatrick and Mayor Darryl Houston. In total we had 90 attendees celebrate the clubs' achievements over the period and its service to its communities.



The first club meeting took place on the 15th February 1985 at Wirrina. The first President was Trevor Gowling, secretary was Geoff Goodman and Treasurer was John Croser. In total there were 27 charter members. Many were at the event on Saturday night to share their stories.

We are very privileged to still have 6 of the charter members at the club today, Ross Graves, Geoff Goodman, Bruce Spilsbury, Peter Krichauff, Rob Ryan and Jim Martin.

In the last 40 years the club has had 154 members serving the community. The club has 9 life members and 15 Melvin Jones Fellowship members which is the highest award given by Lions International for dedicated service and 6 James D Richardson awards which is given by the Australian Lions Foundation to members who dedicate themselves to Lionism.

The Lions Motto is 'WE SERVE'.

Our current President Russell Boxer, spoke at length of the service achievements of the club over the last 40 years.



The major standouts projects are the Banksia Park playground equipment, foreshore shelters, financial support for the Yankalilla Centre building of which two club members, Jim Martin and Bill Leckie were instrumental in raising \$220,000 from various organisations which was matched by the Regional Partnership Program, and in 2006 the new Centre building was achieved.

There was also the 4 week fire donation collection program during the Kangaroo Island Fires manned by Lions Members and people of the community as Russell remembers, "we have never seen such a focus by our then members and the 54 people from our community who were there every day for 4 weeks"

Other achievements were the financial support for the electronic notice board at the school, the large financial support for the RSL Memorial Park Arch, the purchase of 50 iPads for the local area schools, a year 12 scholarship at Yankalilla Area School for students courtesy of a bequeath from the late Bill McGrath, a past member of the club, and his partner, Nettie Forrest.

We installed the shade shelter for the Yankalilla Playground, partnered with the council in the development of the BMX track and local playground, also partnered with the Lions district diabetes program to raise money for critical Islet and Cell Isolator machines at Flinders Hospital to help cure diabetes and lastly on another health front we set up the Lions Eye Health Program to help detect early potential eye problems in young children from our area schools.

There are many more examples and as Russell pointed out "we as a Lions Club have never been afraid to tackle and achieve some very big projects for our community."

The club members have been very creative in developing fundraising activities to pay for these projects. These can be seen in our area on a regular basis, Bingo tickets, sausage sizzles, marquee hire, newspaper recycling, Lions Mints, Christmas cakes, Footy Gates and our Australia Day raffle. There are also other diverse fund-raising activities, dog trials, film nights, golf days, wine bottling, combined Rodeos with the Rotary club, steer sales, sheep shot, etc, etc, etc. There are in total 44 different fund-raising activities that the club has run or still runs.

There are 3 standouts. In 2002 the club ran a Farm Day at Wangoola at Parawa with 52 different sites offering various items plus an auction. More recently the club runs the acclaimed Yankalilla Classic Motor Show and the Lions Book Shed in Normanville. None of these fundraising activities are possible without our members.

Over the 40 years the club has given out 934 donations which averages 23 every year for 40 years. Over this period the club has fund raised \$1,510,000 and donated \$1,450,000 to all forms of community support, both local, Australian and internationally through Lions Club International.

And volunteer hours, well our President Russell Boxer *conservatively* estimates 160,000 hours of community service by members over the 40 years.

We were also very pleased to hear from past Charter member Rob Ryan and Vic Dowling, who was the Victor Harbor sponsor about the challenges of setting up the new club in 1985 and of the 'exploits thereafter!'

We also heard from our youngest member Cassie Edwards who gave us a terrific insight into what it was like coming into the club as a new member, which was a terrific presentation.

The night concluded with our District Governor, Carolyn Kilpatrick, presenting the Charter members of the club with their 40 years' service, Monarch Awards (*below*). They were, Peter Krichauff, Rob Ryan, Geoff Goodman, Ross Graves, Bruce Spilsbury and Jim Martin (absent).



And finally, congratulations to the team for putting together a great night of celebration.




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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 feel free to follow us on Facebook; <https://www.facebook.com/yankalillaanddistrictlionsclub> or look us up at <https://www.yankalillalions.com/>

Australia Day Activities

We are always involved in the community events on Australia Day.

This year we provided the sausage sizzle on behalf of the Yankalilla Council which was as usual very well supported!

On this occasion we were also very pleased to be awarded the

Community Event of the Year 2025 for the Yankalilla Classic Motor Show. Peter Filsell and Rosslyn Hoffmann received the award on behalf of the club. Well done.

Also, congratulations to one of our Lions Club members Kalpana Reddy, for becoming an Australia Citizen at the Australia Day Ceremony on the Green.



The Lions Australia Day raffle was drawn at the Australia Day Ceremony. The list of winners is as follows.

Prize 1 Playford Adelaide Gallery Hotel. One night for 2 people, including breakfast.

Winner - Trudy Noack (Local)

Prize 2 Lady Bay Resort. 2 nights in a luxurious king spa suite, including breakfast.

Winner - Raelene Jackson (Berrie)

Prize 3 Executive Unit Accommodation for up to 6 people (off peak) at Bayside Holiday Park.

Winner Peter (Woodcroft)

Prize 4 \$200 Vehicle Service Voucher donated by Sam's Service Centre Yankalilla

Winner Mathis (Blackwood)

Prize 5 \$200 Ampol fuel voucher donated by Adelaide Fuel distributors Winner Gus (Local)

Prize 6 Adelaide Zoo. 2 tickets to any special event in 2025.

Winner John Green (Goolwa)

Prize 7 Lady Bay. 2 tickets to a dinner and show.

Winner Megan Miller (Victor Harbor)

Prize 8 Aqua Blue \$100 restaurant voucher

Winner Paul Neumann (Local)

Prize 9 Large Lions rich fruit cake courtesy of the Lions Club

Winner Deb French (Local)

Prize 10 Large Lions rich fruit cake courtesy of the Lions Club

Winner Caroline Schionsky (Local)

Upcoming events

The Lions Normy Fun Run is on again on March 9th on Normanville Beach. Various classes, running and walking. Gold coin donation to enter.

Check the Yankalilla Lions Facebook page for more details or keep an eye on the electronic notice board at the school.

The annual Lions Car Boot Sale will be on again on Easter Saturday 19th April at the Yankalilla Show Ground. The Yankalilla Market is on the same day so expect lots of people there. More information for stall holders and general admission on the advert on the opposite page. It's always worth a visit!



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Discussions - Letters - Opinions

Bollards

Here is a photo (right) of the current installation of bollards at the Normanville Police station. Apparently, according to one close to me and spoke with a member of the constabulary, it is to make the station safer from grumpy grannies who reside in our area. Amusedly yours,
Dalton Dupuy



Over-taking Lane the Length of #7452 Main South Road

I AM DISGUSTED!!! Someone could have told me. As much as I support a new periodical in town, the obvious choice for the Notification of a Consultation Period, regarding an Over-taking Lane being built the length of a local resident's rural property, would be the Yankalilla Regional

News, surely? When I want everyone in the District of Yankalilla to be aware of something, I put it in the Yankalilla News. I do *not* put it in a rival newspaper with a circulation mostly based in Victor Harbo[u]r.

Well friends, enemies and strangers alike – that is what our South Australian Government's, Department of Infrastructure and Transport ("DIT"), have done to my family and I. Placed the Notification for Consultation, for something which will heavily impact my family and I for the rest of time, in a newspaper which nobody I know around here reads. Further – my house is the *only* house along the full length of the proposed Over-taking Lane. Would it *really* have been *that* hard to ensure that I knew about the Consultation Period? Yes – there were a series of "Information Sessions" at the end of last year (2024) but by then "the horse had bolted". The Consultation Period had ended 31 March 2023 and I only know about *that* thanks to one of my neighbours (and may God Bless that neighbour!) Such information was *not* passed on to me by the "Engagement Team" of DIT, when they showed up at my doorstep halfway through last year (2024), wanting me to sign a Contract for another team to do a "Vegetation Survey".

For Those Still Less Informed than I – a series of 3 Over-taking Lanes are planned by DIT to be built between Myponga and Cape Jerv[o]is with



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THURSDAY 27 MARCH

6 P.M. - 8 P.M.

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construction scheduled to begin in July this year (2025). One of these Over-taking Lanes is planned to run, essentially and in all practical terms, the full length of my rural property, located just north of the Wirrina Cove turn-off. You know that historic cream entrance with the double iron gates and all those trees? Well - bid them, "Good Bye", next time you see them! I am also being threatened with Land Acquisition (brazen "Land Grab" if you ask me). Also, For Your Information ("FYI"), the Over-taking Lane planned for the front of my property is due to run North directly towards a crest along Main South Road - so look out for that, when you travel South from Normanville, *for the rest of your lives!*

As for the justifications for these Over-taking Lanes - an increase in tourism and freight traffic due to improvements at the Kangaroo Island Ferry Terminal and possibly a larger ferry and then safety concerns for this traffic - What do I care? What about me, as a Local Council Rate Payer, right here and as a Registered Voter for South Australia? If DIT, or anyone else for that matter, were serious about Road Safety along Main South Road, they would simply reduce the Speed Limit. NOT enable even more speeding along an already dangerous stretch of road (4 serious accidents - 1 fatal - since I moved here in 2012). The Speed Limit has already been reduced to 90 kms per hour along Main South Road, as you travel north down from Sellicks Hill, seemingly without incident.

As for the District Council of Yankalilla - if it was you that advised DIT to place their Notice for the Consultation Period in the periodical which they did you have been deceptive and negligently lacking in your Duty of Care to me as a Rate Payer. And I pay a large sum in Rates. Maybe I shall just stop doing that. Look out for me at Easter Time when the Tourists are out again in force - I shall be chained to my own

"Significant Tree" which has been Marked for Destruction. Feel free to Honk if you support me! If you do not support me, well, that is your Right. It is a Free Country last time I checked. Or is it? **And to the 26 Members of the Community involved in the Consultation whom, in their infinite wisdom, dumped this Over-taking Lane on my doorstep and never told me about the Consultation Period I have this to say - THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH!!!**

So Much for "My Place",
Winnie Wetherby.

Path to Normanville

I agree with Sherry O'Leary [Jan/Feb 2025 edition] that it is time for the path from Beachside Caravan Park/Village into Normanville to get some much needed attention. When I first came to live in the Village, the path was little more than a track and people had to make part of their walk on the edge of the road. Our then Councillor, the late John Sanderson, got the Council to grade a much wider path which is used every day by residents, tourists and people from South Shores. To my knowledge, nothing has been done to the footpath since then - even grading it again for the safety of people on walkers and pushbikes would be something if Council can't afford bitumen or paving.

Alison Skillicorn

Scare tactic for firing service providers

The pre-election language about firing people who work in the public service is nonsensical, disappointing and very un-Australian.

The nurse that triages in a hospital, the clerk that

issues our drivers licenses, the postal clerk (and part time bank teller), the policeman that stops a speeding driver, the helper for our MP that answers our phone call or the teacher who helps our kids learn and many, many more are fundamental to our society. They warrant our support not some political manipulation by politicians who want to "score points".

The recent reliance on highly paid private sector consultants and contractors has proven to be seriously misguided and disguised favouritism. And very expensive.

There is a place for profit making organisations but equally a place for the public service.

I want an air traffic controller to safely manage the flight I am on not having to see if they can manage an ever growing number.

If I am sick, I want a nurse who has the time to hear me not running bed to bed to some economic rationalist patient/nurse quota.

Better yet, no person in a political office for more than two terms or at the most three.

An honest, reasonably paid, dedicated public service is an essential part of the foundation for our country.

Support them rather than threaten them.

Dalton Dupuy

Council Cars

In October I had a heavy fall necessitating getting on the medical merry go round.

I have utilised the services of the council cars on many occasions to Victor and Flinders Medical Centre.

I cannot speak highly enough of this service orchestrated by Brenton and Clive and especially the patience and understanding of all the drivers I have encountered.

It is in fact a microcosm of the community spirit and goodwill existing here.

Tony Nicholl

Weather Summary for 2024

It was a very dry 2024 in the local area with a number of rainfall stations reporting their lowest ever rainfall. Yankalilla reported only 349.6mm (opened 1892) and Parawa 601.0mm (opened 1942) both recorded their lowest falls since records began. Local rainfall readings for 2024;

	2024	Previous lowest	Average
Yankalilla	349.6 mm	361.4 (1982)	569.2 mm
Normanville	336.6 mm	326.9 (1982)	520.7 mm
Myponga Res	506.4 mm	443.8 (1982)	678.5 mm
Inman Valley	541.2 mm	466.6 (1967)	744.8 mm
Parawa (Sharon)	601.0 mm	636.6 (1982)	937.2 mm

Mean monthly Temperatures for Parawa AWS (deg C)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Mean Max	22.3	24.7	21.5	20.2	14.8	12.3	12.5	11.8	14.7	18.7	18.7	25.5	18.5
Mean Min	13.9	13.9	13.0	11.3	9.6	7.8	7.0	7.1	8.1	9.0	10.7	12.1	10.3
Highest Daily	34.6	34.0	37.0	20.6	20.4	15.3	14.9	20.7	20.0	27.5	34.2	35.6	
Lowest Daily	9.2	10.6	8.9	7.5	6.2	3.8	3.0	5.6	3.5	6.9	7.0	9.3	
Avg Max	23.7	23.0	21.1	18.2	14.8	12.3	11.8	12.8	14.7	16.6	18.8	21.9	17.5
Avg Min	13.8	14.0	12.8	11.5	9.5	7.8	6.9	7.1	8.0	9.1	10.6	12.0	10.3

Mean maximum temperatures for the year was 18.5 deg C, which is 1.0 deg C above the 1994 to 2024 average. Mean minimum temperature for 2024 was 10.3 deg C which equals the long term average minimum of 10.3. Because of the elevation of the Parawa AWS at 341 metres above sea level Maximum temperatures for Yankalilla will be approx. 3 to 4 deg C higher.

Averages for temperature are 1994 to 2024.

Peter Webb
Normanville

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An Evening with Colonel Light



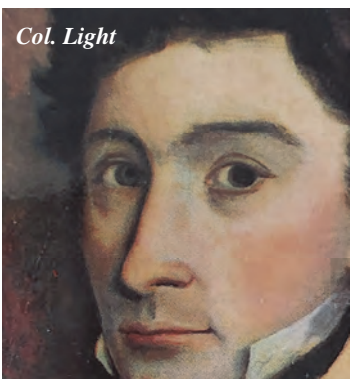
Bungala House

An Evening with Colonel Light at Bungala House, Yankalilla is set to be a sumptuous celebration of Colonel William Light's decision for Adelaide's location, and his visionary planning of the new colony. This event's focus is in keeping with the **2025 SA History Festival** theme of 'Decisions'.

The event will start at 6pm on Thursday, 15 May, and combine theatre, music, a choir of voices, a raffle, a silent art auction, as well as food and drink, with some tantalising history and a bit of historical fiction. Two artworks are on offer via a silent auction and a raffle: one is a portrait of Colonel Light; the other a pencil (replica) drawing of the settlement in Adelaide. Proceeds from the raffle and auction will support refugee causes.

Colonel William Light, who arrived on the brig *Rapid* in 1836, and fulfilled the role of the state's first Surveyor-General, was himself an artist, (and writer). Light's artworks document a range of natural and man-made environments across the world, including Rapid Bay and Yankalilla. Bungala House is planning to stage a series of printed images of some of Light's artwork for the event.

Bungala House is located at 34 Main Street, Yankalilla, and currently operates as an accommodation and function venue in a uniquely beautiful garden



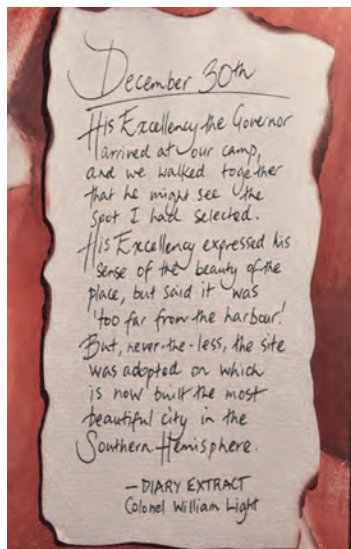
Col. Light

setting. At the event, twinkling fairy lights will guide visitors through the trees to a magnificent venue under the stars. Visitors will be invited to dress up in historical costumes: all sailors, pirates, wenches, fine ladies and gentlemen are welcome and there will be a special staging area where guests can, for fun, take selfies while dressed in their finery.

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– its formation and purpose

The local branch of the National Trust, established in June 2024, evolved from the Yankalilla & District Heritage Watch group, which was formed after the loss of Butterworth Beach House. The branch's principal aim is to advocate for the cultural and natural heritage of the district. Hear about progress to date and aims for the future.



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Yankalilla Men's Shed

I am very pleased to report that the Yankalilla Men's Shed will celebrate 10 years of operation on the 5th of April this year and will mark this anniversary with an Open Day at the Shed from 10am until 2pm (so it's more of an open half-day really). All are welcome and it's a great opportunity for the local residents and visitors alike to check out the Shed, see what it is we do there and explore the amazing array of equipment and tools we have at our disposal. Just to sweeten the deal there will be a free sausage sizzle at the Shed at lunch time.

Did you know the Yankalilla Men's Shed plays a pivotal role in supporting and improving the wellbeing of men in the local community, but it also plays a role in supporting various initiatives which aid the local community as a whole through its support of organizations such as the 5CY, which runs the local Food Pantry - a valuable service staffed by volunteers from the Yankalilla District Inter-Church Council (5CY). This year, as in previous years, the Men's Shed helped organize, and contributed significantly to, the 5CY Community Christmas BBQ, which was free for all residents of Yankalilla and the surrounding communities. As a member of the Normanville community, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Men's Shed for its generous contribution of food and to the Shed Members who volunteer their time to bring this event to life for the community.

So, every time you buy a sausage at the Yankalilla Men's Shed Bunnings BBQ (held at Seaford once a month on Sundays) or purchase an item from the Men's Shed range of wooden toys and gifts, you are supporting this vital community organisation. The Yankalilla Men's Shed is independently funded and depends heavily on the revenue generated from these sources to continue its operations.

Looking ahead, 2025 will undoubtedly bring challenges to the operation of the Men's Shed. However, it will hopefully also present opportunities to become more involved in the wider community and make a tangible difference to the townships and the people who live there.

Some of the Shed Members working their BBQ magic at the 4CY Christmas BBQ



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Yankalilla Men's Probus Club

After a seasonal holiday break it was good to join fellow members on Tuesday 4th February for our monthly meeting, and what a large turnout we experienced. We heard reminiscing stories by Peter Whitford, "coincidences". Shyla Miles, CEO of Palliative Care S.A. spoke to us about the urgency to be prepared now for life's end, then remaining time with a loved one may be spent peacefully. We had a birthday in January, Rob Martin, reaching the early age of eighty, therefore qualified for our O B E award. Certificate proudly presented to Rob by our president Bryce Pritchard. During our coffee/tea break we were entertained by Bryce on the piano and Ken Hill on the trumpet, playing songs that brought back memories of a time lost. Craig Harris announced events coming up over the next months and Allan Barnes told us a local, Rob Kirk, a geologist will speak to us about "Underwater Fossils" at

our March meeting. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 10am at the RSL hall and you are welcome to attend; take a look. Contact the secretary Bruce Burford on 0412474421 for details.



Pictured: Bryce presenting Rob's OBE; Rob with OBE; Shyla Mills presentation

Yankalilla Art Group

There is something magical about a roomful of people silent with concentration. A room of artists quietly and intently drawing, painting and creating. Our subject was animals, our materials paper, fine pen or brush and watercolour and our focus tone. We were most grateful to Karen Devitt (our inspirational artist) who willingly gave us the day at very short notice.

Diana's bird painting.



Mason's pet kelpie - skilfully rendered in pen and wash.



Sugar-glider by Steph (superb eyes)



Kath's finely patterned finch is on the cover!
The concentration paid off!
Next group: Thurs 13th March
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This furry chap typifies Karen's attention to detail and mastery of tone with pen.



Leanne's bats (hanging around)



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Recycling Depot Expanded

Cashing in your scrap metal, bottles and cans is now much easier, thanks to a major upgrade to South Coast Recycling & Scrap Metal Co's Yankalilla depot.

The redevelopment included expansion of the depot into the neighbouring block, construction of a new shed, and road network improvements to allow for a two-lane drive through for bottles and cans at the front, and a scrap metal section out the back.

The new shed, built by Shed King, is home to a baler, supplied from Torque Industries, that will allow containers and cardboard to be processed and baled, rather than having to transport them to Victor Harbor.

South Coast Recycling & Scrap Metal Co's managing director, Grant Levy, says the upgrade will make the site safer for customers with less congestion. The undercover drop-off for bottles and cans will also mean customers will be out of the elements.

"It's going to make things safer and more efficient for our staff too," Grant said.

"We've got a new and expanded team, so it's important that they have a safe and practical space to work in."

Grant, thanked customers for their patience and understanding during the construction work.

"The project went smoothly thanks to the support of Yankalilla Council, Shed King, and local contractors including South End Fencing, SA Buzz Electrical, BCS Electrical and TMW Earthworks and Hire," he said.

The Yankalilla depot is one of three depots across the Fleurieu offering recycling services for bottles, cans, scrap metal and a range of other recyclables. Other depots are located in Victor Harbor and Goolwa.

The Yankalilla depot was purchased by Grant and his wife, Kate, in 2008, located at 3 Bartlett Place, Yankalilla, and is open weekdays from 9am-2pm and Saturdays from 9am-12noon.

For the latest scrap metal prices, or to find out what is accepted at the depot, visit the website at

<https://southcoastrecycle.com.au>.



Jason Simon, Roger Bonnes and Paul Richmond outside the new undercover drop-off zone at South Coast Recycling & Scrap Metal Co.



Jason Simon operates the new baler.

History Talks

YDHS Friday Library talk
March 21 Yankalilla
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History of the Leafy Sea Dragon/Festival Fleurieu. Guest speaker Lorraine McLoughlin co-founder of the 2005 inaugural Leafy Sea Dragon Festival, now Festival Fleurieu will share the history of the festival through the years. Held biennially this festival of arts and culture has grown from an idea to celebrate our regions unique assets through artists, artisans, and creatives to be one of the biggest festivals in our district. With the 2025 Festival almost here Sat 19 April – Sun 27 April this will be an opportunity to



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In this series of Yankalilla Regional News we will visit different sites on the Fleurieu and look at the geology-a virtual field trip!
You may want to visit these sites for yourself.

Morgans Beach, Cape Jervis Lighthouse Field Trip

On this trip you will see deep water submarine fans deposited on the east coast of Australia as well as boulders dropped by melting glaciers. Allow 1-1.5 hours for this trip.

Cape Jervis is in the area being sheared and deformed by the Delamerian Orogeny, 500 Ma. This folding and mountain building is due to an oceanic plate smashing into this area from what will become Victoria, and subducting beneath what is to become South Australia.

Figure 1 is a Google map of the Cape Jervis area. You will visit the Cambrian submarine fan at Stop 1 and Permian glacial sediments in Stops 2, 3 and 4.

Figure 2 is a simple model for the packaging of the geology in this area, and it shows a typical geological cycle which starts with an unconformity, then fans (Carrickalinga Head Formation, or Kanmantoo), then shallows up with muds and finishes with deltas (Backstairs Passage Formation) and then another unconformity.

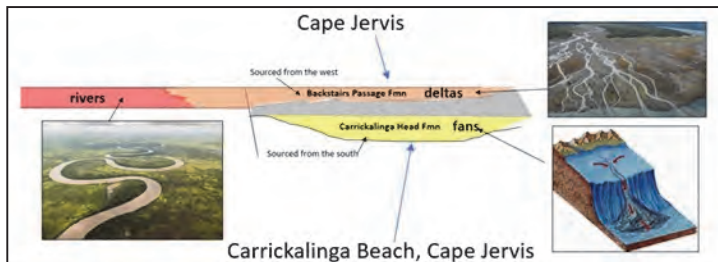


Figure 2 - geological package showing Backstairs Passage Formation deltas with Carrickalinga Head fans underneath.
Johns, R., 2023, author, Wikipedia.

Figure 3 shows the two main geology types that you will see here. Pink Cambrian Carrickalinga Head “turbidites” (deep-water, fine-grained sands deposited by submarine fans - 500 Ma) at Stop 1 and blue Permian glacial sediments (sands, muds, silts deposited in glacial lakes and granite and Adelaidean erratics-250 Ma).

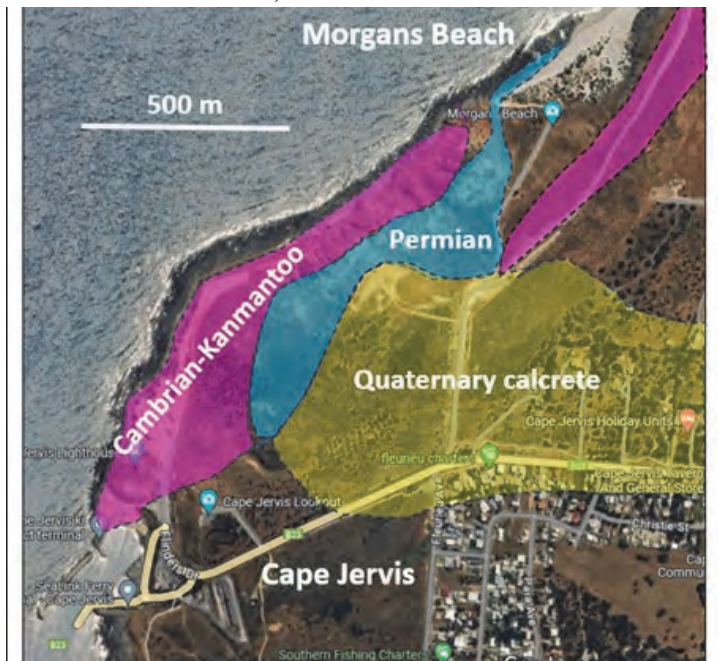


Figure 3 - Cambrian Kanmantoo rocks (yellow) and Permian Cape Jervis Beds (blue) at Cape Jervis. Google, author.



Figure 4 shows the Cambrian Carrickalinga Head sands just below the lighthouse at Cape Jervis -Stop 1. They are similar to the same units at Carrickalinga Beach, near Normanville.

Figure 4- Cambrian Carrickalinga Head fan sandstones at Cape Jervis lighthouse.
Author.



Figure 1 - location map for this field trip and where to park at Cape Jervis.
Google, author.

You can see the bedding and possibly coarsening up sand beds in these rocks. These were part of a large submarine fan complex on the east coast of Australia.

Climb back up to the car parking area for the ferry to Kangaroo Island and walk 100 metres or so north looking at the very different Permian sediments up from the beach - Figure 5-Stop 2.



Figure 5 - Permian Cape Jervis glacial lake beds, Cape Jervis lighthouse.
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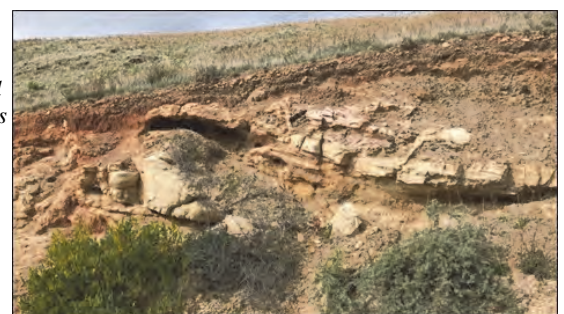
These units are not nearly so “lithified” (turned to stone). You can break some rocks into the component sands and silts. These are sediments dropped by glaciers into a cold lake and you may find pieces of granite taken from Victor Harbor, or further south from Antarctica, which was joined to South Australia at the time.

You will find similar Permian glacial lake sediments a short drive away to the north at Morgan’s Beach. Here you will see many large erratics, dropped from glaciers on the beach, and up the local hillside - Figure 6-Stops 3 and 4.



Figure 6- Permian erratics at Morgans Beach, Cape Jervis. Author.
Figure 7, also from Morgan’s Beach, shows sands and silts in a glacial lake (on the east side of the road as you drive down to the beach). These sands may have been brought in by glacial outwash channels as the glaciers are melting further east - such as we also see at The Links at Normanville. They are bedded and reasonably well sorted so have been affected by currents in the lake.

Figure 7 - bedding in a Permian glacial lake, Cape Jervis Beds, Morgans Beach, Cape Jervis.
Author.



In the last installment I changed my approach to these articles. I felt refreshed and nobody complained, so I'll continue my increasingly liberal application of Pretty. It's a pretty good prefix, after all.

Pretty Peculiar

A Pretty Peculiar Fish, the Goblinfish, Glyptauchen panduratus (monospecific genus) is so hard to spot, motionless under jetties, that we usually swim past. Check the photo. The peculiar little head, looks like it's been stepped on, and seems separate from the high body and dorsal fin. In turn, the body seems separate from the mostly transparent tail end. Is there a fish more cryptic? They perfect that art by spreading their scallop-like pectorals over themselves. And the dorsal spines are venomous, so beware, barefoot reef waders. Goblinfish are highly site associated and extremely sedentary. If a diver is lucky enough to recognise one as being more than rocks and shellgrit, and returns next day, it'll often be in exactly the same spot. Or so near as makes no difference!



Pretty Odd

The Shorthead Seahorse, Hippocampus breviceps, is a small local Seahorse. I find the common name odd, because although it is true that the head is marginally shorter than the snout, when compared with other small seahorses, it's not a big difference. It certainly doesn't work underwater for identification purposes, I assure you. And even if it did, you'd need a lateral view. Guess what? They are experts - no exceptions - at turning their heads and bodies away from any diver who gets close enough to see them clearly. They always do it! Getting photos from the side is so frustrating. The only way I've ever managed is to wait patiently, and in a fleeting moment, as the swell or current sways the seaweed branch it's tail is gripping, it hasn't quite managed to turn away. Snapshot!



Pretty Prickly

The Prickly Anglerfish, Phyllophryne scortea, is yet another example of southern Australia's freakish marine endemism, as a monotypic genus representative. Anglerfish are increasingly called Frogfish, globally and locally, but I'm too old-fashioned to abide this trend. 'Frogfish' has some merit, with most looking like they are squatting low on hands or feet (the pectorals are modified to look like hands or stumpy legs) and with froglike mouths. But some fish in unrelated groups do the 'resting on hands' thing, use their pectorals like hands or feet for 'walking' along the bottom, and many have froglike mouths.

Only Anglerfish (Family Antennariidae) have a lure, like a fishing rod with bait or lure, so I'm staying with Anglerfish. It's a more honest term. But how then do we account for the so-called Rodless Anglerfish - which also occurs here - being included? Easy. It's simply a misnomer, based on the small, recessed 'rod' being very hard to see. They actually do have the requisite 'rod' (illicium) at the snout base, plus a tiny terminal bait (esca)! But because this apparatus is recessed in a shallow groove, it's invisible most of the time.

Hey, I said I'd be brief.

In closing, I've never seen a Rodless Anglerfish, but they're here, and on that bucket list.



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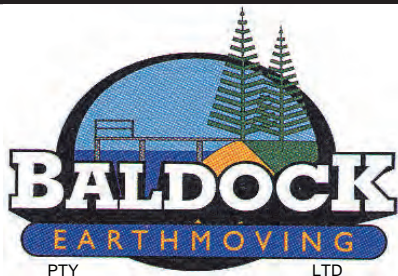
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The former Scout Hall located on Willis Drive near Garnet Kelly Park was listed for sale on January 24th for \$650,000. The property backs onto the Yankalilla River 500m from Lady Bay Beach and is large enough to fit 2-3 houses.

The Scout Hall was built on land gifted by Bedford Industries to Scouting Australia for use by the district's youth back in the 70s. Bedford bought the site originally to run a farm and would bus down people from its sheltered workshop to work there and bus them back in the evening. Possibly this did not turn out to be a viable model for them, but as a civic minded organisation, they were kind enough to think of giving away an unused corner (where the pump house was located) for Scouting activities.

Des Gubbin, whose mother Val had been involved in the early days of the Scout Hall's fundraising, recalls how the Scouts were able to move from their meeting place in the Anglican Church Hall to the more expansive property which was perfect for camping, play in the creek, and building campfires. Original Scout leaders were Graham Duke and Andrew Taylor, and money was raised by the Lions Club over the years to build and improve the hall. After a pause for a few years, Rosemary Griffin and her husband Bill got the Scouts group going again and it has operated on and off. Even as recently as 2023 there are Facebook posts about kids camping activities being held at the site by more recent volunteers. However, though there are still interested youngsters, it is hard to find adults to lead the group so the hall has been vacant for a couple of years.

Mr Gubbin noticed a garage sale in progress and the 'for sale' sign up and started investigating; contacting Scouting Australia and Bedford Industries. Though he has not seen the deed, it is probable that Scouts have clear title to the property with no entitlement for the community. He hopes that some funds could be recouped from the sale that might go toward youth activities in the area in consideration of the fundraising efforts of past community members and the original intent of the gift. In the meantime, marketing for the sale will go ahead.

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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.

Festival Fleurieu Events!

Tuesday 22nd April, 10am to 3pm – Spoon Carving workshop at Ingalalla Waterfall. Bookings essential via the Festival Fleurieu website, calling 08 8558 0240, or at the Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre.

Thursday 24th April, 5.30pm – Sad Sex on the Fleurieu talk at Yankalilla Library and Cultural Centre. Bookings essential via the Festival Fleurieu website, calling 08 8558 0240, or at the Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre.

Yankalilla Community Garden update

At times it may appear slow progress, yet it has absolutely been steady progress forward.

As you would have noticed, there is a wonderful shelter/shed within the garden site. The funds for this were kindly donated by the Yankalilla Community Opp Shop and greatly appreciated.

The summer garden has been flourishing despite a few tomato plants being challenged by the hot weather. The watering system installed by some of the garden volunteers has certainly made for easier maintenance.

The local wildlife have tried a few of the tasty plants, but so far have only developed a liking for the strawberry plants.

Grants have been applied for and approved, so you will see some more developments very soon! This includes power to the shelter/shed, installation of seating and a table, and the construction of a curved stone wall on the southern end of the shelter. District Council of Yankalilla have been very supportive of the development of the garden and infrastructure. There is much more going on in the background so watch this space to see what else blossoms 🌸

If you would like to get involved with the Yankalilla Community Garden, please send an email to communitygarden@flec.com.au to be added to the mailing list.



The Fleurieu Environment Centre acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land, sea and waters of the area that we live and work, the Kurna 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.

Fleurieu Environment Centre and local Landcare group events in March

Saturday 1, 9.20am - Veggie Swap at Fleurieu Environment Centre, 50 Main Rd, Normanville

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

Wednesday 5, 9 to 11am - Community Gardening Session at Youth Park, 180 Main South Rd, Yankalilla

Thursday 6, 1 to 3pm - Eco Book Club at the Fleurieu Environment Centre (more details below)

Saturday 8, 8am to 10am - Friends of Banksia Park Working Bee at Banksia Park, Normanville

Sunday 16, 10am to 12pm (9-11am if warm weather) - Community Gardening Session at Youth Park, 180 Main South Rd, Yankalilla

Monday 17, 9.30am to 3pm - Fleurieu Coast Community Nursery Working Bee at 1 Kemmiss Hill Rd, Yankalilla

Friday 21, 9am - Friends of Bungala River Working Bee at the BBQs in Bungala Park

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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.

Eco Book Club

Our first book for the inaugural meeting of the newly established FLEC Eco Book Club was PLANTS: Past, Present, and Future. It is one of the six books in the First Knowledges collection, the others being SONGLINES, DESIGN, COUNTRY, ASTRONOMY, and INNOVATION. This series of books is an amalgamation of Indigenous wisdom and knowledge, researched and written by Indigenous scholars and scientists for the 21st-century reader. All of these books are available from the FLEC library.

PLANTS focuses on some of the important staple plants used by Indigenous peoples from different nations, ecologies, and geographies. In each case, we learn how these plants - some still abundant, others not - were used and how their stories were woven into cultural understanding and knowledge, some of which is now sadly lost.

Check out our full book review with key takeaways here: www.flec.com.au/blog/bookclub2025feb



The March book will be Secondhand by Adam Minter. There is a copy in the FLEC library, or you can listen or watch a Youtube video "Adam Minter on Secondhand 01/13/20" by EconTalk. Next Eco Book Club get together: Thursday March 6th at 1 to 2.30pm. There will cake and a cuppa!

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Councillor Karin's Community Chronicles

Why does our Council get next to nothing in the distribution of Federal Financial Assistance Grants each year?

Councillor Karin Hatch, Light Ward, DCY March 2025

(please note: This article contains my own views and opinions, and does not reflect the views or opinions of any other Elected Members or DCY Staff. To the best of my ability, facts and data are accurate and appropriately referenced)

Background Quoting from a South Australian government webpage: "The Local Government Grants Commission makes recommendations to the Minister on the distribution of untied Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants to local governing authorities in South Australia." (<https://www.dit.sa.gov.au/local-government/grants-commission>)

To say we are duded by the distribution of this funding is not an exaggeration. In the 2024-25 distribution of about \$157M of the General Purpose Grants (GPGs) to SA's 68 Councils, we got the 3rd smallest share. Figure 1 below shows the distribution of the GPGs among 27 small to medium regional and rural Councils. As the name implies, GPGs are untied funding. The grants are given to help Councils provide services to residents and their district. To put our puny grant of \$230,000 into perspective, Playford Council received \$14.9M! Yes, it is a populous Council, with about 107,000 residents. That works out to \$139 per person. We receive only about \$39 per person. Why have I plotted the vacancy rates for each Council? Because it is my contention (and others) that SA Councils with high numbers of non-rate paying residents are penalised by the methodology of calculating distribution of grant money that is used by the Local Government Grants Commission. Kangaroo Island and Mid Murray Councils are unusual. Although they also have high vacancy rates, they still managed to capture good amounts of funding.

GPGs are just one part of the Financial Assistance Grants scheme (the other part being Roads funding). The Roads funding is another sizeable chunk, about \$55M in this fiscal year. We placed 63rd out of 68 in that race, getting only about \$229,000 of that funding. The largest Roads funding went to Onkaparinga and Yorke Peninsula Councils, each receiving over \$3M. That does at least make some sense to me. They are geographically large and have a lot of Council-owned roads.

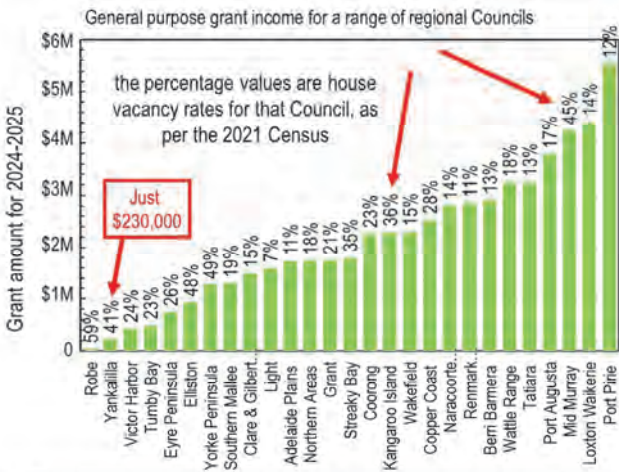


Figure 1. 2024-2025 General Purpose Grant Funding for a set of small regional/rural SA Councils.

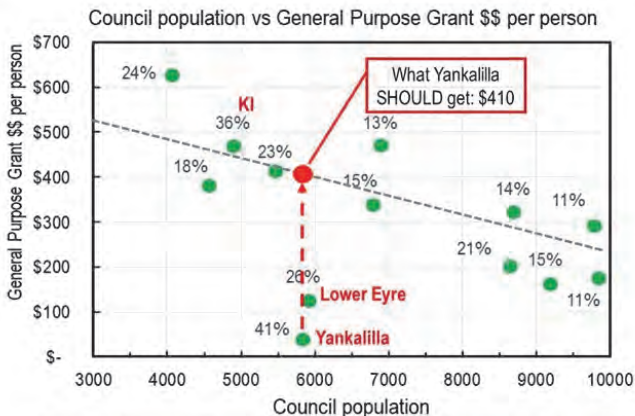


Figure 2. small population Councils and what they get in General Purpose Grants per person

In Figure 2 I plotted Council population against GPG funding per person for 13 small Councils with populations between 4,000 and 10,000. Most of the points form a linear trend, with a correlation value of 0.70, which is a pretty good correlation. I left Lower Eyre and Yankalilla Councils out of that linear trend. They clearly do not fit. Note their high vacancy rates of 26 and 41%. Although Kangaroo Island has a high vacancy rate, it finds itself on the trendline where all small Councils, including Eyre and Yankalilla, should lie. I've seen that Kangaroo Island is often on the high side of funding. To be fair, it's probably hard to be an economically viable island.

For once, rural SA Councils get a bigger share of this pot of federal grant funding than the metro Councils (Table 1)! Irritatingly, several rural councils, including Yankalilla, just don't seem to be benefiting from that distribution. (<https://dit.sa.gov.au/local-government/grants-commission/grant-allocations>)

RURAL V METRO (2024-25)

General Purpose (GPG)	Metro	Rural	State
General Purpose (split) (\$)	\$54,730,020	\$102,459,486	\$157,189,506
General Purpose (split) (%)	35%	65%	100%

Table 1. Rural vs Metro General Purpose Grant Funding, 2024-2025

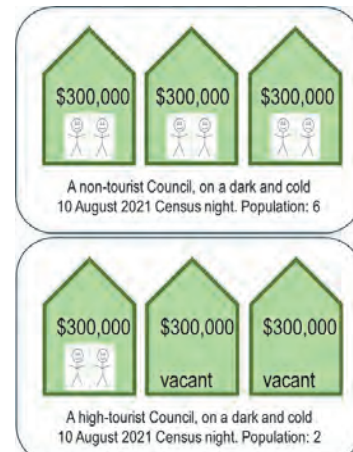
I know there are other factors that come into the complex equations used by the Local Grants Commission in calculating GPG distribution. But I suggest the data here, and also the report I discuss below, show that high vacancy rate appears have the greatest adverse impact on the calculation methodology used by the Commission.

So what is going on! Quoting from the Commission's website: "In 2023-24, Ms Michele Bennetts completed a review of the impact of non-resident ratepayers on the Commission's methodology. The Final Report - LGGC Non-Resident Ratepayers - May 2024 was tabled at the Commission Meeting on 22 May 2024. The Commission noted the recommendations and resolved to undertake a detailed assessment of the use of **population vs properties** as a denominator in the Commission's assessment of capacity to raise revenue...." (from: <https://www.dit.sa.gov.au/local-government/grants-commission>, the methodology review section)

From my read of her report, an assessment by the Commission of its method of using population vs property numbers to calculate the ability of a council to raise revenue is long overdue. As Ms Bennetts states in her Executive Summary:

"The current assessment capacity to raise revenue (the Revenue Assessment) is based on a comparison of the valuations per capita for the State versus that of the individual councils rather than a comparison of the valuations per number of properties for the State versus each council. As such, a council with NRR's (non-resident ratepayers) will be penalised not because of high valuations but because its resident population is low. South Australia is currently the only state to use population as a denominator in its Revenue Assessments."

In her paper Ms Bennetts presented a nifty example of how using population instead of properties affects the Commission calculations for high-vacancy rate Councils such as ours and therefore our grant income. I thought I'd illustrate with a similar example here. I've created a scenario to show the effect of vacant houses on the calculation of our Revenue needs assessment, using the Commission's formula of counting population rather than properties.



Picture a mythical non-tourist council of 3 homes on a cold August census night. Everyone is at home bundled up with a heating system at work. Then, picture a beautiful coastal high-tourist council, same 3 homes, but a lot of empty houses in the winter. In fact, just one house in our high-tourist council has 2 people – the other two houses are vacant.

We are going to calculate the 'raw revenue number' for these residential properties. (The

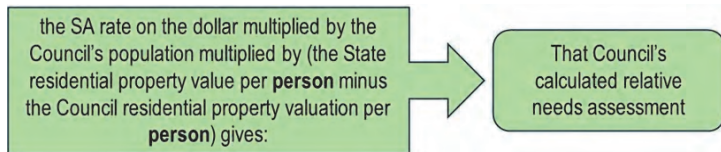
Commission calculates this number for all types of Council properties, but it is the residential calculation that hurts a Council with a high vacancy rate, like ours.) The revenue assessment number we will calculate shows if the revenue raising capacity of a Council PER CAPITA is greater or less than the state PER CAPITA. As you'll see, it is the per capita part that disadvantages our Council. The revenue assessment number can even come out negative. That means to the Commission that the Council has great capacity to raise revenue, by taxing its residents with high rates. So therefore that Council does not need as much grant funding. That is exactly what happens to DCY, and we receive just a minimum per capita grant amount.

Table 2 presents the data for the calculations.

Table 2. An example of a non-tourist Council with a low vacancy rate on census night and a high-tourist Council with a high vacancy rate on census night (a large number of non-resident ratepayers).

ITEM	Non-Tourist Council	High-Tourist Council	The whole state
1 Number of rateable houses	3	3	
2 People per household	2	2	
3 Total population on census night	6 people	2 people	1.764 M
4 Vacancy rate in percent on census night (empty houses)	0%	67%	19.9%
5 House value per property (all the same value)	\$300,000	\$300,000	
6 Total Council valuation (3 homes * \$300,000)	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$304 B
7 Residential Valuation per person (/people present on census night). Line 6 divided by line 3.	\$150,000	\$450,000	\$172,678
8 Rate on the \$ (made up for the mythical Councils)	.0030	.0030	.0037
9 Average rates per each property. Line 8 times line 5	\$900	\$900	
10 Total rates raised. Line 1 times line 9.	\$2,700	\$2,700	
11 Average rates per person from census night. Line 10 divided by line 3	\$450	\$1,350	\$638.91
12 Grants Commission's Raw Revenue Assessment: A calculation of Council relative need	\$503.45	-\$2052.18	

Here is how the Grants Commission calculates a Council's calculated relative need assessment; first in words and then in formulas.



For our low-tourist Council, where in the darkness of an August census night everyone is tucked away in their residential homes, here is the formula calculation, using the data from the table, of the non-tourist Council's need, relative to the entire state.

SA rate on the \$ Council population SA property value per person Council property value per person Low-tourist low-vacancy

$$0.0037 * 6 * (\$172,687 - \$150,000) = \$503.45$$

With a positive raw assessment number of \$503.45, our non-tourist council appears to need some grant assistance.

For our high-tourist Council, where on a dark August night, the non-resident ratepayers (NRRs) are also tucked away in their residential homes, which are not in the district, here is the assessment of the high-tourist Council's need, relative to the entire state.



$$0.0037 * 2 * (\$172,687 - \$450,000) = -\$2052.18$$

At a negative assessment value (-\$2052.18), it would appear to the Commission that our little high-tourist Council doesn't need much grant assistance at all. We residents of course know that is certainly not true.

In its wisdom, and to put it simply, the Commission's methodology figures that a Council's ability to raise its own income (its rates revenue) is based on the average house valuation per number of people on census night, rather than the number of properties. Using the number of people gives our houses in the high-tourist Council a property value of \$450,000 per person! If the census were run on New Year's Eve, we would be raking in the GPG and the Roads income! Remember also that according to Ms Bennetts' report, we are the only state that uses a method that incorporates valuations per head count from census night.

Where to from here?

At least I have a better understanding as to why our Financial Assistance Grants from the Federal Government, routed through the SA Local Government Grants Commission, are so miserly. Here is a suggestion (my personal opinion only). We could wipe out the Local Grants Commission and instead divide the \$157M of grant money by the state's population of about 1.8M. That would be about \$87 per person, or about \$507,000 to the DCY. At least we'd be doing better than we are now, at \$39 per person. We could also add the money we'd save by winding up the Commission's funding into the total funding pool. The cost of government bureaucracy is always hard to pinpoint, but I see that the Commission members are currently paid about \$19,000 just in sitting fees!

Ok, that probably won't happen. But I suggest the 1st recommendation in Ms. Bennett's excellent report says it all:

"Recommendation 1:

As the capacity to raise revenue of a council is not affected by the NRR, it should not be considered within the revenue component of the Commission's calculation. The current methodology does incorporate a penalising factor for NRR by using valuations per capita rather than valuation per property. It is recommended that the Commission considers changing the denominator in the revenue assessments from valuations per capita to valuations per property to recognise NRR's within a council area and to be consistent with other state Grants Commissions."

Councils that are being short-changed need to lobby at the state level about this. Maybe we are doing that. Or perhaps a resident-driven petition to our local Member? Happy to hear any suggestions.

As always, feel free to contact me on any issue. Karin.hatch@yankalilla.sa.gov.au or by phone 0477 000 137

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Myponga Reservoir parkrun

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The Myponga Reservoir parkrun has been very well attended over the holiday period with many visitors from near and far. We have had people from Overseas and from most states of Australia attend our beautiful parkrun course.

Whilst helping the physical and mental health of participants and volunteers the Myponga Reservoir parkrun which started on 9th April 2022 has had 1980 participants completing 4385 parkruns with a total of 187 different individuals volunteering 1155 times.

A recent highlight for our Volunteers especially, was our presence in the Yankalilla New Years Eve Pageant. It was great to see the Pageant happen once again and pleasing to have a group of people represent our parkrun. As we wound our way down the Pageant route we received a number of positive comments from people from other parkruns who were in our area to see our wonderful Pageant.

Other recent highlights and many congratulations to these people;

Tia Russell's 50th Volunteer credit
Chris Symes' 150th parkrun

Robby Deblen's 50th parkrun
Exercise is an important part of staying healthy. Getting into an exercise routine and particularly staying in that routine can be very difficult. Having regular contact with other people is also an important part of our lives if we want to stay mentally healthy. An excellent opportunity exists to do both of these things by attending parkrun each Saturday morning. There are now over 500 parkrun events happening every Saturday morning in communities all around Australia and we are lucky enough to have a local event in Myponga. There is a parkrun event 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 many towns/cities all around the world on Saturday mornings at 8am 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, 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!

There are so many reasons to take part! When you take part, you can learn new skills and enhance your health and happiness in the great outdoors whilst making new friends, feeling part of your local community and improving your fitness. If you are interested in finding out more, follow us at Myponga Reservoir parkrun on Facebook or check out the parkrun Australia webpage at

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parkrun/walkers at the Normanville NYE Pageant.



Here we go!



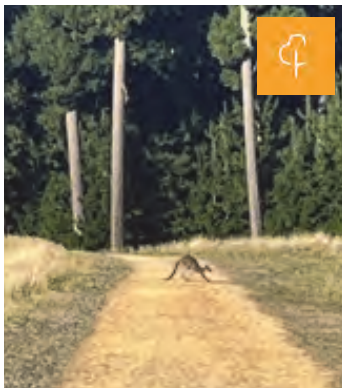
Chris Symes at his 150th Event.



Tia Russell, bottom right, Run Director at Event #4.



Robby Deblen, posing for the camera after his 50th parkrun.



This bloke was there to greet our visitors at a recent event.

Full house at Lot 50 for Poets in the Pottery

Festival Fleurieu patrons Lorraine McLoughlin and Alison Fort were delighted that *Poetry in the Pottery* successfully marked the beginning of this festival year as Festival Fleurieu is coming up this April from 19th - 27th.

Lot 50 proved an appropriate venue for the poetry event, eliciting much praise from locals and people from across Fleurieu Peninsula, as well as from our city and overseas visitors. It seems set to become a mecca of creativity and community activities and get together. With their sensitive renovations, Ruth and Andy have stamped the pottery building and gardens with their own version of the community orientation and values that were the hallmark of Ruth's artistic parents Mark and Jill Pearse.

The ambience suited well the readings by our ever popular poets returning here after some years. **Jude Aquilina** from Milang is a Fleurieu writing identity as poet, teacher and publisher, and **Louise Nicholas** from Glenelg is a well published poet and recent winner of the national Bruce Dawe poetry prize.

Their performances thrilled the sell-out crowd with accessible readings of their moving and insightful poetry, occasionally causing a tear as well as laughter. Clever language, sometimes almost risqué but always pertinent, had the audience spellbound, and responses and complimentary comments lasted long after their superb readings. The district is still talking

about the event.

As the poets proved such a drawcard, ticket sales and donations amounted to \$2,132 to directly support a refugee family from Afghanistan. The mother and her five daughters who live in inner Adelaide are funded by community members through Circle of Friends108 who do a mammoth job raising over \$5000 per month to keep them housed and fed.

Thanks go to our warm community for embracing and supporting this occasion.

A WARNING THOUGH, buy tickets early for upcoming festival's events to make sure you don't miss out. The arts are alive and well in our district.



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Jude Aquilina and Louise Nicholas at Lot 50
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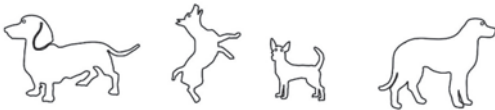
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Yankalilla Districts Dog Park

YANKALILLA DISTRICTS DOG PARK



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The public consultation survey has been assessed and turned into a report for presentation to Elected Members at the February Council meeting. The contents of the report were not available to our group until they were released in the meeting Agenda on Friday 14 February. We had a deputation to Council at the February meeting, in reference to the report recommendations.

The results are in. 71% of respondents to the Your Say public consultation, are in favour of a dog park in Bungala Reserve. We will now be working with Council staff to ensure that the park design and site requirements meet the appropriate standards for such a

facility. Our commitment to fundraising for the construction costs of the park will continue, including applying for grant funding from external sources.

To date, we have been restricted by the lack of a site when seeking to apply for grants, so hopefully we can now apply, based on the site in Bungala Reserve. The fundraising committee is grateful to all those who have assisted us to get this far in the process.

Our thanks to Yankalilla District Residents Association for allowing us to operate as a sub-committee project under their community association structure. The Association exists to support the community by providing a forum for presentation and discussion of ideas and the concerns of residents. Please consider supporting YDRA by joining or renewing your membership. The AGM is 27th March if you wish to nominate for a committee position. You can find them at

<https://yankalilladra.org.au>



Thank you from the Yankalilla Districts Dog Park Fundraising Committee.

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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This was a steep ascent and descent, so an automatic brake had to be added to the dray or wagon in the form of a log attached by chains parallel to the axle. When the bullocks needed a spell on the steep incline, the vehicle would roll back onto the log and remain stationary.

As with many early colonial 'roads' they generally followed well-worn paths previously used predominantly by the Kaurna, Ramindjeri, and Ngarrindjeri people, making their way between coastal camps such as Encounter Bay and Myponga Beach and other places inland.

The 'Victory Road' was formed around the eastern slopes of Sellicks Hill, and completed in 1859 by contractors Messrs Betts & Patterson, according to a route suggested by surveyor Edmund Delisser, which was formerly an Indigenous travel route. This Victory Road, officially named by John Norman's eldest unmarried daughter Jane, enabled horse-drawn coaches to operate, although there was initially a ford across the Bungala River, not replaced by a

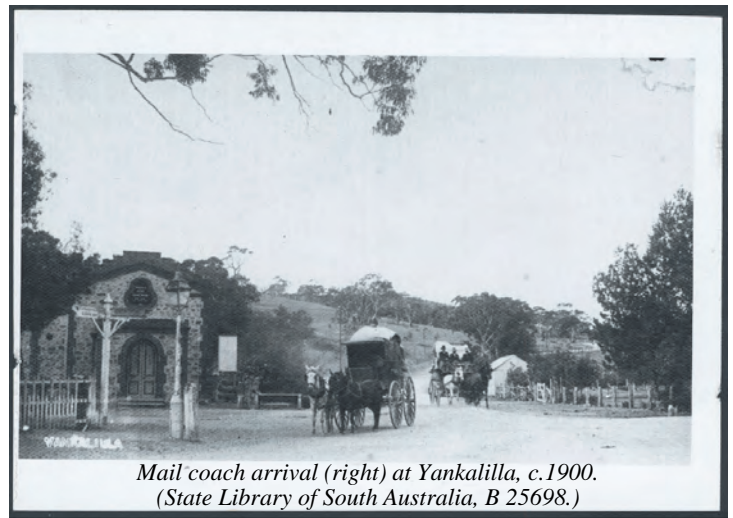
bridge until 1869.

By 1860 Rounsevell's Coach Service ran twice a week from Adelaide to Talisker, later extended to Kingscote when the Christie family began operating an open boat from Cape Jervis to Penneshaw on Kangaroo Island.

In order to water the coach horses along the way, the Council installed a trough on Clarke's Hill, midway between Yankalilla and Myponga. In the 1870s the trough was adzed out of the trunk of a large gum tree from George Hunt's property and carted into position by Reuben Eatts. Water was piped to it from a nearby spring. The remains of the trough are now in Tom Roberts Reserve, Myponga, with a plaque unveiled by AT 'Bob' Eats on 5 October 1986, as a memorial to Tom Deagon Roberts in recognition of his community service to the Myponga district. In 2018 the trough was moved into a new position in the park and fenced.

With the introduction of regular coach services light draught horses were needed so some settlers began breeding them, as faster travelling required horses to be changed more often. Mr Arthur Waterhouse was one such farmer who began breeding horses when he bought Manna Farm originally owned by Henry Kemmis.

Horses also provided power for the



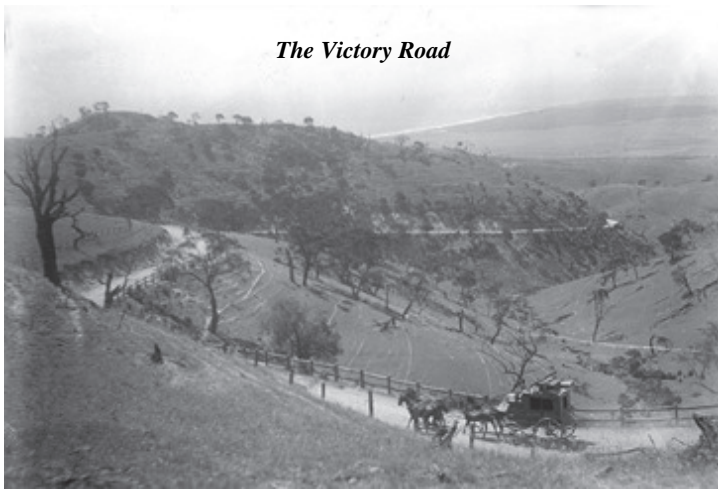
Mail coach arrival (right) at Yankalilla, c.1900. (State Library of South Australia, B 25698.)

local blacksmith, turning lathes to repair and make farm machinery and implements. Three generations of Bowells conducted this business for more than 60 years in Yankalilla before transferring the business to J Barton & Sons in 1914.

A good team of horses could cover 10 miles an hour. Additional changing stations came near the

Victory Hotel at the foot of Sellicks Hill and at Myponga near Mrs Putland's eating house, where passengers could have a hot evening meal for only one shilling and sixpence. Normanville was the final changing station before the 20 miles of rough road to Talisker. Rounsevell sold out his business to Cobb & Co. in the mid-1860s.

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Horse-drawn coach services continued through to the early 1900s. Operators included Fred Martin in the 1880s, James J James in the 1890s, along with George Lowe, Bill Cliff, and Philip Couchman. However, Philip was badly injured while harnessing a young horse at the Noarlunga Hotel and he was pinned between the shafts and a water trough, and subsequently died in hospital. A Mr Evans held a fund-raiser for his widow and family who then went to live at Willunga where Mrs Couchman's sisters lived.

In the early 1900s Andrew Hutchinson became the proprietor of the mail and carrying business between Normanville and Adelaide, operating two mail vans, driven by himself and his brother Fred. They travelled once a week to Adelaide



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and back. Their covered vans carrying dairy produce inside, crates of poultry slung underneath, and hares and rabbits hung along the sides, were delivered to the

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Trolleys were used for taking livestock to the abattoirs and saleyards. A team of eight draught horses hauled a wagon of heavy goods. Vehicles usually left Normanville between 5pm and 6pm and travelled all night to be in Adelaide for the early market the next morning. Teams were changed four times during the trip. The terminus in Adelaide was the Shakespeare Hotel, Currie Street, run by Anna Dixon. Overnight feed for the horses was one shilling. The stables at Normanville were at the old St James Church of England in Jetty Road (now a private residence).

– Lorraine Day

The Yankalilla & District Historical Society Inc. meets on the second Monday of the months of September, October, November, February, March (usually on the Tuesday in March as Monday is Adelaide Cup Day) and April. **The next general meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday 11 March 2025 at Yankalilla Library.**

Jean Sinkinson

6 Jan 1932–1 Feb 2025

To the community

Following the sudden death of our dear, inspirational Mum, Jean Sinkinson, our family would like to sincerely thank the community.

Mum loved being able to have a chat with the friendly faces she met at the beach or on her walks to the shops. The doctors, particularly Holly, the nurses and the staff at Southern Fleurieu Family Practice showed lots of love and care in helping Mum to continue to live an independent life in her own home.

Thank you so much for all the loving words, acts of kindness and thoughts over the past weeks.

What a caring community we are privileged to live in.

Karen, Robyn and Gail and all our families.



Jean Sinkinson

*Loving wife of Thorrie
Treasured Mother and Mother-in-Law of Karen & Bob, Robyn & Bill and Gail & Jeff*

Cherished Grandmother of Rachel, Daniel (dec), Amy, Jamie, Kym and Leah

*Great grandmother of 9
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Festival Fleurieu 2025

Festival Fleurieu 2025 is only a month away and it is an interesting and diverse program that hopefully has something for everyone.

at www.festivalfleurieu.com.au.

This year we have continued with the cornerstone of the festival The Artist's Studio Trail and Art Exhibitions with artists ranging from Sellicks Beach to Goolwa. We also



have music offerings at our community halls in the area. There are plenty of workshops to help you develop your artistic talent and some great food offerings at The Links and Aqua Blue.

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Something new to this festival is our two-day children's literature and art festival titled **"Imagine Your World in stories and art."** This event consists of storytelling, writing and art workshops from kids from preschool to 16 years. There are also lunchtime guest speakers including Mem Fox and Mandy Foot, suitable for all ages. The workshops will be run by South Australian children's authors and local artists. Tickets for this event are limited so please get in quickly if you have someone interested in any of these workshops.

How can I get involved? This year's theme is Totem Poles – The Story of Your Life and we are asking the public to decorate their front yards with totem poles painted with

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We look forward to seeing you at one of our events.

Christ Church Starts 2025 With Some Questions


The New Year **Walking with Jesus** program was kicked off on January 19th with the beginning of a new set of themes, devised by Fr Peter Randle, based around the questions of Jesus in the context of his "I am" statements. The first one was "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16, vs. 16)



The Old Testament background to this was the experience of Moses when he saw the burning bush that was not consumed. The message from God for his people was "I am who I am", meaning that he was the self-sustaining God who was, who is and who will be. "I AM" would bring deliverance to his people.

Jesus frequently introduced his messages and actions with a question, perhaps to gain insight about the state of mind of his followers but also to get them thinking about their understanding of him and his mission on earth. He asked his disciples who other people said that he was and who they believed he was. Simon Peter famously answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God", then receiving the affirmation from Jesus that this had been revealed to him by God in heaven. Jesus advised them that he would use this statement on which to build his Church.

Who am I? Our discussion started by examining our beliefs about our own personal identities, whether based on inheritance, gender, profession or interests. Who are you in other people's eyes? We all wanted others to view us in a positive light – caring, loving, giving etc, but we realised that we can experience negative descriptions from others. Sometimes these are malicious and untrue, but we do need to spend some time thinking about how we project the love of Jesus to others, since it may be the only thing that people have experienced of him. Are there some aspects of our identity that need improving? The question "Who is Jesus for you" brought out a variety of responses such as carer, friend, comforter, example, advisor and honest appraiser. We sang some lovely old songs which reinforced our understanding of our place in God's eyes. "Just as I am" and "Be still and



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know that I am God" helped us to focus on how precious we are in God's sight and that when we are going through difficult times, he is there to support and relieve us.

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Walking Club, coordinating weekly walks and numerous social events to bring together its fifty members. She raised money for Cancer Council research and services by bringing about Myponga's Biggest Morning Tea.

Eve Jansen was awarded **Young Citizen of the Year** for her inspirational leadership in the Youth Advisory Committee, delivering events for young people, and advocating to Council. She has been a keen volunteer with Surf Life Saving by teaching Nippers in VACSWIM, and patrolling the beach (when not playing netball or football or supporting boys football matches).

Shannons QMT Yankalilla Classic Motor Show (run by the Yankalilla & Districts Lions Club)

Who was honoured this year?

Ros Hutchinson was awarded **Citizen of the Year** for her life-long commitment to local sports. Specifically, she supported the Myponga-Sellicks Tennis Club and Myponga Netball Club as coach and mentor. She was also regional organiser for the Heart Foundation

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won **Community Event of the Year**. This event fosters community connection and has become an annual tradition for car buffs, families, and community members interested in motoring nostalgia. It raises money for other community causes and boosts tourism with dazzling displays, vintage vehicles, live entertainment, food stalls with local vendors, and interactive activities for kids.

The **Carrickalinga Ratepayers Association** won the **Active Citizenship Award** for their Dark Sky Community initiative. This made Carrickalinga Australia's first and the world's 47th Dark Sky Community. Their efforts over three years to meter light quality, host events, put on educational presentations, consult with the public and collaborate with Council are preserving and promoting our natural night skies for locals and

tourists to enjoy.

Former Councillor and Deputy Mayor **Louise Allstrom** won the **Mayor's Award** for her work advocating for community needs. She founded Normanville Traders to support local businesses, volunteered at the Yankalilla school on the Governing Council, as well as running a free book club for children. She volunteered at Meals on Wheels, and at Club Fleurieu where she organised activities from Tai Chi to Scrabble and lunches, BBQs, Bingo and Quiz nights to create an inclusive and welcoming environment. These citizens join the ranks of many other hard working recipients of these awards who have seen a need and given their time and energy to work on it.

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Planning for the 2025 Show on October 4th

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Though still early in the year, the Show Committee and the many community volunteers who support our activities have been planning for the **2025 Show on the Saturday of the October Long Weekend** (October 4th) which, luckily for our attendance figures, does not clash with an AFL Grand Final again this year.

Many, we are sure, have noticed how good the main building on the Showgrounds (the Agricultural Hall) now looks with its new roofing and the maintenance completed on the outer walls. The contractors and volunteers who brought about this significant upgrade are to be commended for a job well done and we know many positive comments have been made. What may be less apparent are the new evaporative air conditioning units now installed and operational on the Pavilion (the large newer shed on the Jervois Road side). Half of the funding for this has come from the Show Society funds raised from the profits of the Show and the hiring out of Show buildings and areas and these funds are dependent on the many community volunteers and organisations who support our efforts.

We would like to acknowledge the funding for the air conditioning in the Pavilion provided by the Yankalilla Community Opportunity

Shop, The Bendigo Bank, and the very active and supportive local Lions Club. The Yankalilla Showgrounds are an important community resource that provides venues for so many events throughout the year (monthly markets, the sale of clothing and other goods, fitness, yoga, arts, Table Tennis, Youth Theatre, karate, Pony Club, hiring of the kitchen, birthday parties, Yankalilla Acoustic Music, Yankalilla Classic Motor Show and many more). **We thank all of those who choose to use our Show Grounds and support us in being able to continue our focus on bringing the community the best Show that is possible.**

Thinking of Entering a Competitive Section??

A major part of the Show, of course, are the *competitions*, broken down into *Sections*. We would ask that people start to think about a Section in which they may like to enter. Will you have some veggies that you think would stack up well against others and be interested in making an entry in the Vegetable Section? Is there a painting you are particularly proud of, or some other form of art or creative endeavour you would like to submit. In addition to being about horses, cows, and sheep, Country Shows are about product and creative endeavours in the Community. And this includes the *Children's Section*.

Google Yankalilla Show or go to

<https://yankshow.com/images/Showguide/2024ShowBookAfterPrint.pdf>

to explore sections in which you might be interested.... It's over to you.....

Our Cooking Convenor, Chrissy Nyveld, asked for this to be put in this month's article

It's been a great season for tomatoes and the stone fruits and berries have been abundant, we hope that there are some great cooks out there who have been making jams and sauces, pickles and chutneys for their families and also a few bottles kept aside ready to enter our show in October.

Here's looking forward to a family friendly, interesting, and engaging Yankalilla Country Show in 2025.

Some Entries in last year's show



Australia Day 2025 on the Normanville Green.



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