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An update from the Show Society

As we move closer to the next Show on the Saturday of the October long weekend (**October 4**) the Show Society Committee is notifying previous stall holders of the need to book their space early, particularly if they are seeking a spot in the large shed we call the Pavilion. This now has evaporative air conditioning and, given the warmer weather we have been experiencing in the region this may come in very handy on Show Day. The Committee is in the process of organising entertainment options

and refining our Show Day processes. We are approached by many people spruiking the features of the options they provide and we try to tailor the choices we make to feedback we have had in the past as well as trying to provide variety in our offerings. Of course, our budget is limited as we need to raise as much money as is possible so that we can maintain the Showgrounds and its infrastructure. Importantly for the community, we aim to make cost of entry manageable for



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individuals and families and, again this year, the cost of Membership and entry fees has been kept to that which we have maintained for a number of years.

Entry and Stall Holder Fees

So, the good news is that Membership of the Show Society has been kept to \$25 for a family \$20 for 2 adults, \$15 for competitors, and gate fees remain at \$10 per adult, and \$5 for children and concession card holders. We also support free entry to Companion Card Holders for those with a disability. And again, our tradespace fees will remain at \$36 for a, 3 x 3 metre outside site and \$4 per extra square metre. Inside fees will also be the same as for the last few years at \$60 per site. Power, of course, is extra with a fee of \$50 for each 15 amp power outlet and \$25 for limited power. Remember that if you plan to have a stall at the Show you need to get in early if you have particular preferences about location.

Yankalilla Show Trail

The Yankalilla Show Trail has been a very successful part of the Show for many years now, made possible by very generous local and South Australian sponsors. Our sponsors for the 2024 Show included Fleurieu Milk, Normanville Mitre10, Normanville Newsagency, Romeos Normanville,

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Editor's Comments

Hello Readers,
It is Festival Fleurieu month with a wide variety of events to get along to. This year it covers a much wider area than before. Check out some of the attractions in this edition. The full program is online if you follow one of the links or QR codes in this edition, you will find what you seek.

At the most recent Yankalilla Council forum (18/3/25) there were a number of motions put forward to help the district's farmers, who are doing it tough with the drought causing feed and water shortages, including looking into rates relief and a rates review. The measures were supported by all except Cr Olsson and Cr Rothwell. Interestingly, both these Councillors are members for the Field ward predominantly looking after the rural areas of the district. In the same forum, a motion to increase the number of elected members to 9 plus a mayor

was supported by Cr Olsson, Cr Rothwell, Cr Polomka, Cr Grocke and Mayor Houston. This will effectively increase the spending of DCY by about \$200,000 over the next 2 terms before the next opportunity to change it. This was pushed through as there were only around 40 responses with ambiguous answers from the recent Your Say survey on the topic. There was, however, a large number of verbal discussions between some EM's and ratepayers that should have swayed the vote towards the '7 plus a mayor' option. It could have saved around \$100,000 over the next 2 terms and still have ample representation per ratepayer. Council also decided to keep the 2 wards rather than not have wards even though the ward system does not seem to be working very well. Residents were very much against the idea of a name change in the recent survey and so it was unanimously decided against. Cr Olsson was the only EM to say a name change could be a good thing.

Calling out to all the 'older' residents of the area. I am on the hunt for old copies if the YRN from the 1970's, and early 1980's when it was called 'The Yankalilla Newsletter'. If you have any of these stashed away in a forgotten spot, I would

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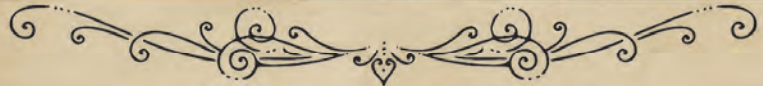
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At our Club Lunch in February we were proud to present a donation of \$6,500 to 5CY.

These funds were raised in January at the Mayor's Charity Dinner and our Bumper Bingo event. Sincere thanks to everyone who was involved in organising and attending these special events.



Mayor Darryl Houston presented the donation to Keren Webber, who represented 5CY. Keren expressed great appreciation on behalf of the organisation, and also the members of our local community who are helped by 5CY. She said the funds would be used to provide grocery vouchers to enable clients to buy fresh food. This will supplement the non-perishable items which are donated during the year.

Weekly Activities at Club Fleurieu

Many of our Club members enjoy taking part in one or more of our weekly activities. Check out our timetable, and you might find an activity that appeals to you!

Contact the Club if you're interested, or just come along to a session and see if you'd like to become involved. You'll be made very welcome. All our activities, except Zumba, are run by Club volunteers.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday	Thursday
2.00pm Mahjong	10.00amBingo
6.30pm Rock & Roll	
Tuesday	Friday
10.00amQuilting (Weeks 2, 4, 5)	10.00amCraft
10.00amCroquet	2.00pm Cards
2.00pm Line Dancing	3.00pm Croquet
Wednesday	Sunday
5.00pm Zumba	10.00amCroquet



APRIL Diary Dates

Thursday 3 April ... Movie Night ... 7.00pm start.

Southern Fleurieu Film Society presents "The Crime is Mine", a French murder mystery. Our pre-screening meal will feature the flavours of France, and will be served from 6.00pm, for \$15. Meal bookings are now required, via phone/email to the Club. The Bar will be open for refreshments, and the ever popular icecreams! Visit sffs.org.au to join the Film Society, and enjoy a sociable evening with a movie (and optional meal) each month!

Tuesday 8 @ 12 noon...

Barbecue Lunch \$15 per person, bookings required.

Tuesday 8 @ 6.00pm...

BINGO Night Eyes down at 7.00pm.

Bjorn will be behind the bar from 6pm, so come and have a drink before you settle in for an entertaining evening of Bingo. Everyone is welcome, so come along and try your luck! Please BYO plate of nibbles. You don't need to be a Club member to take part. If you wish to come as a group, please contact the Club to make a booking.

Murray River Paddle Boat Cruise & Lunch...

Wednesday 16 April Bus departs the Club at 9.00am

This trip proved to be extremely popular, and is **booked out**. We have now **organised a second Cruise and Lunch**. The date for the second trip is **Wednesday 30 April**.

If you are interested, please enter your name on the sheet in our foyer, or contact the Club. There is a maximum of 54 passengers, so get in quick!!

All-inclusive cost is \$30 Members, \$70 Non-Members, full payment due early April.



***Please note that due to the River Murray Cruises and Anzac Day, there will not be a Club Lunch or Happy Hour in April.**

Wishing all the community a happy, relaxing Easter with family & friends!



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Senior Palaeontologist, Aaron Camens from Flinders University will unveil the life size Diprotodon replica that roamed the local area 50,000 to 100,000 years ago.

A mural with more Megafauna and various replica bones will also be on display in the Museum.

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Development in Normanville stalled?

Rumours surfaced on Facebook recently that three big developments in Normanville have stalled because it will cost too much to update the wastewater system and developers are not willing to pay. Horizon, Aspen (the old Comic Court site) and Links Lady Bay subdivisions have gone quiet for some time now. However, if all three were to go ahead it would add hundreds of homes to Normanville and literally swamp the STEDS (Septic Tank Effluent Disposal Scheme). Upgrades would likely cost several million dollars for each of the proposed developments. But is the pause a blessing in disguise? Long-time local real estate agent, Luke Hutt, suggests it might not be a bad thing if these developments did wait a while and gave these reasons for not rushing in:

The existing STEDS was not well designed. The current plant exists inside a town and on a river. It also uses a pump which burns through electricity and must be maintained where it might have been gravity-fed in several places. Re-building it in a more logical place with a better design might cost \$5M which the Council certainly does not have.

People move to the country for big blocks and expansive living. The most recent development at Bungala shows that all the big blocks were sold within the first year – that's where the demand is, though buyers may settle for small blocks if that is what they can get. Only a small area of Normanville Heights offers these 4.5 acre blocks where trees could be retained and people can have their own septic or envirocycle system and room for a boat. Buyers are tempted by that

rural elbow room, not cramped subdivisions – and they'll pay high council rates for it, lured by the beach, the quiet, and the rolling hills amazingly within reach of the state capital. With big enough blocks, there is no need to upgrade the STEDS just yet.

Real estate prices are so high right now developers will be tempted to create small blocks. This can make for cramped little houses on narrow streets with insufficient parking and even odd by-laws such as limiting your dog to 10kg or less (Links Lady Bay). It also means clearing more trees which might have been saved on larger allotments. Having fewer trees creates a windier experience for everyone come 'Blowvember', but once this kind of development exists, there is no getting rid of it. Worse, a flood of new homes could tank prices. Five years ago, the Wirrina development offered homes that were the cheapest in the state - this did not promote social cohesion. Pausing now might dodge these pitfalls.

Who Pays, Who Decides?

In context, there have been big changes to planning and development processes since the 2016 *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act*. These were designed to cut red tape and streamline approvals, removing inconsistencies and making for a more coherent approach. The downside of a more coherent approach is sometimes a one-size-fits-all result and Luke points out that district councils might choose to go with good quality dirt roads and without curbs in some areas where it would reduce costs and fit

with the rural aesthetic. As with any big change, there has been some grumbling about this inflexibility from applicants and some from councils who find themselves having to employ more people to inspect and enforce state-level regulations without receiving extra cash to pay for it.

Luke maintains that developers, when they do a good job, make a lot of money and are the main beneficiaries of development. It is council's job to hold out for quality and maintain a vision for what will work best for the community. In his view, the district's best bet is the generously sized blocks he knows people are dreaming of when they consider making Normanville their home. With those, the town can retain trees, dodge the STEDS upgrade, and retain its rural charm as it grows at a more manageable pace.

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ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE AT SECOND VALLEY

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Ceremony to be conducted by Brian Thorpe and Fr. Peter Randle.

Breakfast/tea/coffee provided in the hall after the service, sponsored by the Second Valley Progress Association.

All welcome.

For more information, please contact Jane Olsson (m) 0422 009 482 or olssons@ozemail.com.au

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE AT YANKALILLA

The RSL supported by community volunteers will be conducting an ANZAC Day dawn service commencing at 0630 on 25 April 2025 at the Yankalilla Memorial Park, 104 Main South Rd.

The service will be followed by a Gunfire Breakfast with tea and coffee at the Yankalilla football club facility - walking distance from memorial park.

Poppies made by the residents of the Yankalilla Centre Eden-Field will be offered on the morning for a donation

Anyone that would like to lay a wreath is to contact the RSL Dawn Service event coordinator - Darren Jones, 0420909594, or email at tania.jones@inet.net.au



Thanks to community volunteers and local businesses and associations for donating their time and goods for the service and breakfast.



Yankalilla Men's Shed

In my last Yankalilla Men's Shed article in the March edition I mentioned the upcoming Men's Shed Open Day.

It seems our fearless leader, George Adler, thought there may not have been emphasis on this very special (well it is to us) occasion and has asked me to remind all you good readers about it.



**Yankalilla Men's Shed
Open Day**

**Saturday 5th April starting at
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Celebrate Local Creativity at the Delamere Community Hub Art Exhibition!

The Delamere Community Hub Art Exhibition is joining in the fun of the Festival Fleurieu 2025, and we couldn't be more excited! This exhibition is a celebration of our incredible local talent, bringing together artists and makers from across the region. Whether you're a painter, potter, sculptor, woodworker, metalworker, textile artist or any kind of artist or "craftist", we'd love to see your work on display.

This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your creativity, share your passion, and connect with other local artists and art lovers in the beautiful and historical Delamere Uniting Church Hall. All skill levels are welcome, so whether you're an experienced artist or just starting out, don't be shy—this is your chance to get your work out there in a welcoming and supportive space!

Exhibition Details

When: 23–27 April, 11:00am–4:00pm

Where: Delamere Uniting Church Hall

Cost: Free



Want to Exhibit Your Work?

If you'd like to be part of this exciting event, we'd love to have you! Find all the details on how to submit your work by visiting the Festival Fleurieu website at

<https://www.festivalfleurieu.com.au>

and searching for Delamere Community Hub Art Exhibition. Please submit your work by 5 April.

Join Us for the Official Opening!

Mark your calendar for our Official Opening on Wednesday, 23rd April, from 2pm–4pm. We warmly invite all artists, friends, and community members to join us in celebrating the launch of this fantastic exhibition. It's a great opportunity to meet the artists, enjoy the artwork, and soak up the creative atmosphere.

Not an Artist? Come and Be Inspired!

Even if you're not exhibiting, we'd love for you to visit, explore the exhibition, and support our talented local creatives. It's a wonderful chance to see the unique and diverse artistic expressions that make our community so special.

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Pontoon Update

Fri 14-Mar-25

Message from DCY

This is a quick note to share an update on the pontoon in Normanville.

After suffering some damage in January, we are delighted to announce the Pontoon has been repaired and our contractors took the opportunity of perfect conditions Friday morning (14 March) to get it back in the water.

We hope you can all enjoy it while the weather is still warm. The District Council of Yankalilla would like to thank everyone for their patience everyone.

The pontoon being re-installed



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Yankalilla Lions Club

March Dinner Meeting



At our March dinner meeting we were pleased to welcome Dale Kew to our meeting.

Several months ago we received a request from Dale and his family for assistance to enable him to attend the Australian Scout Jamboree in Queensland.

We were delighted to be able to assist.

At the meeting Dale talked about his participation in the event which we were all very pleased to hear.

Full marks to Dale for reporting back to us, let alone a 'youngster' having to make a presentation to all us 'oldies'!

Protecting our children from skin Cancer

On Wednesday the 5th of March a gathering of people being, the mayor Darryl Houston, Lions club members and guests from the community attended the opening of the Yankalilla playground shade roof. Lion president Russell Boxer gave a brief history of how it all came about and the financial support that brought it to fruition.

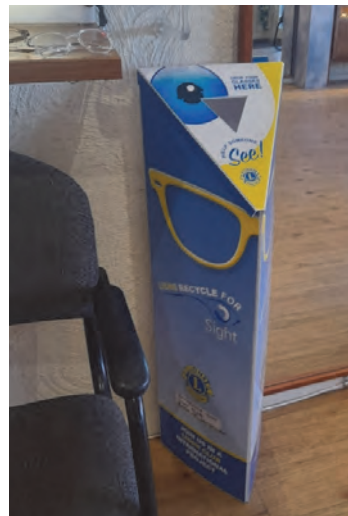
5 years ago one of the lions members Barry Jeffery came up with an idea to have a shade placed over the Yankalilla playground, that idea was approved by the Lions club and from there an enormous amount of time was spent by Barry and other members looking into all aspects to bring this idea to a completion. We have to thank most sincerely the sponsors, Yankalilla Op shop, Club Fleurieu, Jane Powell, Australian Lions Foundation, the Yankalilla and District Lions Club, and community members for their financial support, without that this project could not have been completed.

A very big thankyou also to Mayor Darryl Houston for making his time available to open this project and we appreciate his kind words towards our lions club.

Finally to Barry Jeffery, feel proud yourself for never giving up on your idea and seeing it through to a successful conclusion. The fact is, this project could possibly over many years save children from skin cancer so all the time, work and financial support that went into it will have been well worth the effort.



Old glasses and hearing aids have value



As we know, recycling is important and for many years Lions have been collecting old prescription glasses and hearing aids no longer required. These are graded and recycled for use overseas to countries in need. (Spectacles cannot be recycled in Australia)

Also collected and graded are hearing aids surplus to requirements which also go overseas.

If you have any of these items which are no longer required you can now donate them in special collection bins at Terry White Chemmart Normanville, Yankalilla Family Pharmacy and Geoge and Matilda Eyecare Normanville. Many thanks.

Annual Lions Club Normanville Fun Run.

Too Good To Miss Next Year !!!!

Fantastic day on Sunday morning of the March long weekend for the fun run on Normanville beach. Great mix of locals and visitors many of whom take part in it every year.

Its a great fun event for serious runners and walkers and for families and dogs!

We had 139 participants this year and the great weather really did contribute to making it a great fun event.

The warm up was again this year choreographed by the organiser David Johnson and assistance was greatly received from Matt Evans of Southern Runners for supplying much of the infrastructure and banners. We are also very grateful for the assistance of other sponsors, Mitre 10, Fleurieu Milk, Romeo's supermarket, BP 77, Aqua Blue and Bungala Cafe, without who's sponsorship we could not run this event.

Also to the Lions members who showed up really early on Sunday morning, thank you for volunteering and making this work.

David Johnson deserves acknowledgement. This event is his baby which





QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 16th May

Yankalilla Bowling Club
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he set up 4 years ago and runs it every year. Well done and thank you David.

Future Events

Lions Car Boot Sale - Easter Saturday 19th April at Yankalilla Showgrounds. Buyers 9am-1pm. Contact Peter on 0427 534 095 for bookings. See advert below.

Lions Quiz Night - Details: Friday 16th May. Yankalilla Bowling Club. See advert on left page for more details.

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/>

This is a Lions Club of Yankalilla fund raising event

Coffee Van + Sausage Sizzle

Easter Saturday 19th April

Stallholders from 7.30am. Buyers from 9am-1pm

\$15 per car. Pay on the day! Viewing Free

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Music For Change

An event brought to the community by the Fleurieu Refugee Support Group

On Saturday 31st May 'Music for Change' will be held at the Yankalilla Show Agricultural Hall. Local artists and others from the wider community will provide a magical night of entertainment and soul enriching experiences for you and your family, while supporting women and girls in Afghanistan, Hazara refugees stranded in Indonesia, and other causes that are brought to our attention.

There will be bar facilities and hot beverages and food available for purchase including Barking Bean, Zen's Fairy Floss, Incendio Pizza (gluten-free available but you must order early). As this is a fundraising event, NO BYO. Free camping on the Showgrounds for ticket holders and a campfire will be going for those wanting to jam after the main performances.

The program will include young artists strutting their stuff early in the evening. Later, a diverse musical program will be directed at a more mature audience. Gates will open at 5pm and guests will be free to circulate and obtain refreshments during the breaks between performances. We are expecting some surprise guests in attendance. Details of how our funds are distributed and the real differences they make will be available on the night.

If you would like more information or to volunteer to assist with this exciting event, feel free to contact us by email at refugeefleurieu@gmail.com

This is a wonderful opportunity for a great night out with family or friends that will raise hope and bring positive changes for those trapped in merciless situations. Numbers are limited so **GET IN EARLY** (Adults \$15, Children under 5 free, Children Under 16 \$5,



Special Family entry \$35 - 2 Adults, 2 children 5-16)

Tickets available from the Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre in person, online under Events at <https://www.visitfleurieucoast.com.au/> and via phone 08 8558 0240

By purchasing a ticket to this event you can make a difference.



K's Delicious Catering

Hey there, food lovers! It's **Kendehl & Nikita** here your favourite mother-daughter duo from **K's Delicious Catering!** We're back with some exciting updates and can't wait to share what we've been up to with our amazing local community. First off, we've been on the move! We recently took our delicious eats to Port Augusta, for the **Umewarra Downtown Aboriginal Music Festival**, hosted by Umewarra Aboriginal Radio Station as part of the Adelaide Fringe. What an experience! Incredible people, vibrant culture, incredible performers and, of course, amazing food. If you stopped by for a bite, thank you for your support!

What's next? Mark your calendars!

- Murray Sunset Culinary Festival - 12th April
- Yankalilla Easter Markets - 19th April at Agricultural Hall, Yankalilla Crafts & Produce Market with our friends at **Gluten Matters** who will be selling GF food, bikkie-bags & cookbooks galore!)
- Tasting Australia Collab @ Barley Stack Wines with our close friends, **Babbage Farm & Menzel Meats** - 3rd May

For our **gluten-free community**, we've got great news! **The Coeliac Society of South Australia** will be joining us at **Yankalilla Easter Markets** and **Tasting Australia** to provide support, resources, and guidance for those with coeliac disease and associated conditions. We're proud to have them as a partnership in our mission to create inclusive and delicious food experiences for everyone!

And speaking of **Tasting Australia**, this is an event you won't want to miss! We'll be hosting at **Barley Stack Wines**, serving up mouthwatering dishes featuring premium meats from **Babbage Farm**, **Maitland & Menzel's Meats**, Kapunda.

Plus, Babbage Farm will have their own stall, so make sure to check them out too!

We're also making the rounds in the **Southern Fleurieu** region, so if you see us, drop in and say hello!

Want us at your next event?

Message us on socials or drop us a line or even call us. We can't wait to feed your guests at your next event!

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Victor Harbor, Tuesday 1st
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Yankalilla District Historical Society

General Meeting Monday 14 April 7:00pm
@ Yankalilla Library All welcome
GUEST SPEAKER: Rob Malone
Anacotilla Gorge Native Vegetation Heritage Agreement

Rob and Pamela are applying for a Native Vegetation Heritage Agreement for the Anacotilla Gorge which is home to magnificent ancient red gums, many nesting species of birds and a haven for other fauna. If successful, the agreement will ensure the ongoing rejuvenation and protection of the gorge into the future. Rob will discuss what the Heritage Agreements is, the ongoing requirements it places on the owner and opportunities for grants.



Southern Fleurieu Film Society

The star rating for last month's **Paris, Texas**, was a solid 4. There were no votes below 3. Some found it slow moving, others loved the consistent and considered storytelling pace. The sound-system, newly-borrowed from SFFS, provided the best sound we have ever had.

In April, we will move from the stunning 1980s Texas landscapes of **Paris, Texas** to a very frothy, lavishly decorated 1930s France in **This Crime is Mine**. In this murder comedy, crime pays, or does it? The latter part of the movie takes us to lavish Art Deco sets and stunningly gorgeous gowns. One standout performance is by French diva, Isabelle Huppert. She arrives late in the movie and according to reviewer, Monica Castillo, on Roger Egbert.com, "she bats every line like a spike into the ground, leaving the scene of each conflict like a lioness licking her lips." She was ranked second in the New York Times list of 25 best actors of the 21st century.

Screening details are:

★ Yankalilla at Club Fleurieu on Thursday April 3rd

★ Victor Harbor, Victa Cinema, on Tuesday April 1st

★ Goolwa in Centenary Hall on Wednesday April 2nd

Doors open 6:30pm for 7pm start.

Club Fleurieu will offer a pre-screening French-themed meal with vegetarian option. Arrive by 5:30pm

The cost is \$15. Reserve your place by emailing louise.allstrom@gmail.com

New members are very welcome.

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.

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<https://sffs.org.au>

You can also contact Mike Tye (Chairperson SFFS) on 0438 800 066 or through mike@michaeltye.com.au Local contact is Caroline on 0431 438 993



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What I did in my first Chief Executive Officer Performance and Remuneration Review Committee Meeting

April 2025 Community Chronicles with Cr Karin Hatch, District Council of Yankalilla
 (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)

Various Elected Members serve on a range of committees related to the Council, but that are on top of their regular Council responsibilities of Council Meetings and Briefing Sessions. The Chamber carried a motion to appoint me to the CEO Performance and Remuneration Review Committee in October 2024 to fill a vacancy on the committee. The motion was not carried unanimously, but a majority supported it, so here I am!

1. What does the committee do in a broad sense?

The following text is taken directly from the Yankalilla Council's Terms of Reference for this CEO Performance and Remuneration Review Committee.

"Establishment of the Chief Executive Officer Performance and Remuneration Review Committee

1.1. The Council has established the Committee ... to provide advice to Council on matters relating to the performance, remuneration and development of the CEO.

1.2. The primary function of the Panel is to review the performance of the CEO in accordance with section 102A of the Act and make subsequent recommendations to Council regarding the setting of Key Performance Indicators, CEO Remuneration and Contract Terms."

I was pleasantly surprised to find out that these meetings are generally open to the public. The first one I attended was open, until the topic of the selection of a "qualified independent person" who participates in the performance review process was brought up. This selection involves confidential commercial information, so the Local Govt Act requires that we move the meeting into confidence. The actual usage of this independent person is also a legislated requirement of the Act. Of course, the Act doesn't offer to reimburse Councils for the cost of this requirement, surprise, surprise.

2. How are Council CEO salary packages set?

From the Act: "The Remuneration Tribunal is an independent Tribunal established to review and determine salaries, allowances and other entitlements for certain public office holders in South Australia." (From their website: <https://www.remtribunal.sa.gov.au/about-us>)

"Minimum and Maximum Remuneration for Local Government Chief Executive Officers" of any SA Council is set by this Tribunal. They also set the ranges for a bunch of other public office holders. Ever wondered what the Auditor-General earns? Well, there you go. All sorts of interesting data from this website.

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Interestingly the Tribunal is currently reviewing its CEO Remuneration scheme, which runs in 'bands'. Here is the current state of affairs for Yankalilla, with packages from a few other Councils shown, for comparison. Our Council is currently placed in Band 7, and as I understand it, the total CEO remuneration package must fall between \$235,040 and \$265,200. I believe that in the next few meetings our Performance and Remuneration committee will work toward looking at the specific remuneration package of our CEO, but I still need to do more work to understand how this will proceed.

3. What are our CEO's "Key Performance Indicators" (KPIs)?

Once again, I'm very pleased that all this information is public. Now, I will focus on information from the 13 March 2025 public agenda papers for this committee. By the way, the council webpage shown here provides links to all the committee papers for DCY: <https://www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au/council/agenda-and-minutes>.

"At its 4 June 2024 meeting, the Remuneration Committee proposed KPIs for the period July 2024 to June 2025. Those recommended KPIs were subsequently endorsed by Council." I wasn't in Council back then,

so I did not participate in setting these KPIs. For the upcoming year I am looking forward to participating in the process.

I thought I'd go into detail on just one of the KPIs, in this case #7 (there are 9 in total).

This particular status update, which occurred during 2024, goes through a whole range of vacancies that come up through the year and how the CEO has examined each one for potential savings, or for possible shared services with other nearby Councils, etc.

I've put together a table taken from the agenda papers (shown below) that gives all nine of the KPIs, and the criteria or "measure" against each one. Since I did not assist in writing them, I think I can pick a couple of favourites! From an Elected Member point of view, I have found that KPI 2, the quarterly Strategic Finance Workshops, have been well done and vitally useful to the Chamber in getting a handle on the financial difficulties left behind by previous administration and Chambers.

From a DCY resident and ratepayer point of view, I find that nearly all of them give me optimism that the CEO and his leadership team are working toward financial stability. And finally, back with my EM hat on, I am keen to see the outcomes of KPI 8, which has to do with gathering information about the financial and other support that Council currently offers to external and regional bodies. I feel that this work could lead to a good analysis of whether the ratepayer is getting bang for every buck.

Key Priorities to achieve for the next 12 months		
Strategy connection	Key Performance Indicator	Measure
Our Leadership - Demonstrating Good Governance	KPI 7 - Confirm actions undertaken to review services and service delivery approaches with potential shared services considered at the time of any resignation or vacancy with a view to short, medium and long-term savings	Pause recruitment/ replacement of vacancies until documented outline of options considered and pursued to reduce costs or shift from 'employee costs' budget line
	Each vacancy has been treated as an opportunity to review, reconsider, redesign, rescope or amend the delivery model. Key examples are outlined below -	
Status update mid-year	Senior WHS & Risk Adviser role vacated in June 2024. Contact was made with neighbouring Councils regarding shared service opportunities. Proceeded with Service Review and Maturity Assessment undertaken by City of Onkaparinga utilising savings from the delayed replacement. An internal higher duties appointment was made to ensure continuity of critical elements of the role but a decision was made not to undertake further backfill. The recruitment model and level shifted (downwards) with oversight and support arranged via shared service arrangement at no additional cost than what was budgeted which would have simply maintained the previous role at same level. This has led to an improved service outcome and manages the risk/ exposure of Council well.	

Chief Executive Officer - Performance Review and Key Performance Indicators July 2024 to June 2025

Key Priorities to achieve for the next 12 months		
KPI	The Key Performance Indicator	The measure
1	Continued focus on clearing the backlog of outdated policies in need of review	50% reduction of 'overdue' and outdated policies on review cycle
2	Preparation and delivery of quarterly Strategic Finance Workshops with Elected Members to raise the status and broad focus on achieving long term financial sustainability	Four meetings held, covering a range of key topics and delivering a Draft 3 Year Budget to inform the next Annual Business Plan
3	Present an updated Strategic Plan to Elected Members for adoption so as to satisfy S122(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1999	Final updated Draft presented to Council for adoption by December 2024
4	Undertake targeted discussions with Elected Members to deepen the understanding of Council's Asset Management Plans and look at funding opportunities	Meeting/s held, covering key asset classes, outlining the funding gap and improving awareness of cost of Districtwide asset management
5	Engage with Yankalilla Memorial Park Committee in regard to the redevelopment opportunities and connect ideas with Township Planning work for Yankalilla (undertaken in-house)	Meet with Committee Members as needed, and provide staff time, key contacts, insight and general process support. Also undertake Yankalilla Township Planning work which references the proposed Memorial Park redevelopment.
6	Reactivate strategic discussion in relation to Financial Assistance Grants with stakeholders	Develop a basic District Prospectus and use this to advocate for an improved/ increased allocation through letters and engagement in discussions with Federal and State Members
7	Confirm actions undertaken to review services and service delivery approaches with potential shared services considered at the time of any resignation or vacancy with a view to short, medium and long-term savings	Pause recruitment/ replacement of vacancies until documented outline of options considered and pursued to reduce costs or shift from 'employee costs' budget line
8	That a SWOT be undertaken to review and consider all Council contributions to external and regional bodies and that recommendations for change or reductions be put to Council with appropriate Risk Management considerations	Analysis of the 'list' of bodies which regularly receive financial support from Council with consideration of risks or benefits associated with amending or reducing contribution
9	That the management operations of the Normanville Jetty Holiday Park be transitioned (at conclusion of tender and contracting) to the new Management Licence Agreement holder	Successful execution of contract with tenderer and handover occurred



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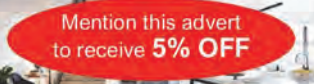
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Children's School Holiday Activities

Looking for something to do with the children over the holidays. Festival Fleurieu has the answers.



Imagine is a children's literary festival for kids aged from preschool to 16 years. It involves writing and art workshops, presented by children's authors and local artists, for the school aged and storytelling activities for the preschoolers.

Held over two days, 22nd and 23rd April, at the Library and Cultural Centre. For all ages there will also be lunchtime guest speakers, including the wonderful Mem Fox, and reading from the finalists in the Mayor's Short Story Competition.

Festival Fun at the Cape

will be a day of activities and fun for the whole family. To be held on Easter Sunday (20th April) at Cape Jervis Community Club, the day will consist of old-fashioned games and races, Farmer Darcy's Travelling Farm, face painting and performances by the Amazing Drumming Monkeys and for the adults the Boogie Men. To end the day there will be colour run and of course an Easter Egg hunt.

And something for the Adults

Get your dancing shoes on as this year the festival has some



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amazing music events to cover all music tastes.

Including: Slipway, with special guest Kim Mitchell, Back Beat 60, the Flaming Sambucas, and the Self Righteous Brothers. Performing at venues across the district.

For more information about these events and to make bookings:



Yankalilla Art Group

This March's Art Group celebrated birds and flowers. The wonderful guest artist Dianne Faccin demonstrated vivid watercolours using little blue wrens and flowers in an amazing design. We all had a great day learning about composition, colour and various techniques when painting. It was a fun, very rewarding, and

relaxing experience enjoyed by all in the class.

A big thank you to Dianne who so willingly helped us out at short notice.

Next Group: Thursday 10th March.

Contact:

Gay Robertson 0409 980 036
Kath Hargrave 0407 400 030



Festival Fleurieu Artists Q&A Forum

Artists from the Fleurieu Peninsula and beyond are invited to the Festival Fleurieu Artists Q&A Forum.

Thursday, 24th April 2025. 1pm-2.45pm.
Club Fleurieu 140-142 Main South Road Yankalilla.

Tickets are limited, so get in early. At just \$5 each, tickets are available from the Festival Fleurieu website, www.festivalfleurieu.com.au or via the Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre, 85580 0240.

Representatives from Country Arts SA, Access2Arts, Guildhouse, and the District Council of Yankalilla will be available to address your inquiries and discuss the most effective ways to support your aspirations in the arts.

This event is for creatives working across all media, including performance, visual, literary, music, technological arts, and more. It is a chance to build new connections and networks.

Supporting our local artists and creatives is essential. Working within the creative industries is an extremely hard slog, often alone. Finding the right help and information to build our career aspirations and practice can be very difficult, particularly when working in the regions. The Artists Q&A Forum is an excellent place to find new networks and learn how we can work together to

improve our careers and region.

Outside of Adelaide, the Fleurieu Peninsula has the most practicing artists in South Australia. The Fleurieu region is one of the premier cultural destinations within South Australia.

One of the wonderful benefits of working in the creative industries is the Fleurieu region's tourism potential. Accessing this fabulous audience can be overwhelming when working solo.

Tourists don't visit culturally dead places. Creatives and artists within the region have an exciting opportunity to take the lead and make the region the best place in Australia to experience cultural vibrancy.

We want artists to succeed, and Festival Fleurieu Artists Q&A is about how we can work together to make the region the best place to create, live and visit.

Please attend and ask your questions about how your career, practice, or anything related to art can be supported.

Presented by Festival Fleurieu and Tripod Dog Gallery

(Art by Leith Semmens).



Motorcycle Matriarch Honoured at 94

A 94 year old Yankalilla resident, Carmel Sanders, was recognised as the oldest, longest serving member of the WIMA (Women's International Motorcycle Association) at their annual meeting on March 15th at the Normanville Hotel.

Carmel has been a driving force behind the South Australian chapter of the WIMA, gathering an amazing group of SA women riders since the early 1990s. Together, they have ridden all over Australia to attend WIMA events in every state (and internationally), been involved in the Women Riders World Relay in 2019, and the International Women's Ride day held every year in May. They have also raised money for Breast Cancer research with Pink Ribbon events and for the Flying Doctor. Back in 2000 Carmel was recognised by WIMA for her efforts to support women in motorcycling - they made her a life member of the association at the international rally gathering in Kiama, NSW.

As an organisation, WIMA is

mainly about bringing women motorcyclists together to share their enthusiasm for the sport, promoting activities, goodwill, and friendship among members around the world. They welcome women of any age, nationality, orientation, religion, type of bike, or level of experience. Even non-riders are eligible for membership, and they emphasise "We're not campaigners and we're not anti-men. Many of our men come along on rides and to events." If you are interested in finding out more, perhaps learning to ride or into racing, touring, or off-roading (even as a passenger!), you can have a look at the WIMA website: <https://wimaworld.com/about-us/who-are-we/>



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Celebrate the night during International Dark Sky Week

While I've always loved gazing at the stars at night, ever since Carrickalinga became the first Dark Sky Community in Australia last year, I think I've noticed them even more! Perhaps, for all these years, I've been taking our brilliant starry skies somewhat for granted.

While achieving international accreditation took three years of work, it was also a lot of fun and has been incredibly rewarding! When I look up I see a most extraordinary universe that so many people (more than 80%) in our world just cannot see due to light pollution. Before I began this journey I didn't realise just how fortunate we are to have the dark skies we have, and how important it is to protect them.

International Dark Sky Week (<https://idsw.darksky.org/>) takes place from April 21-28. It is a worldwide celebration of the night, and people in every country are encouraged to join in by taking meaningful action to protect the night.

There are several ways in which light pollution creates significant problems and many people have an interest in at least one of them: a street light shining into your bedroom at night and interrupting your sleep; the negative effects of short-wave artificial light on human health; the disruptive effect on nocturnal wildlife; the impact on migrating birds and animals; energy wastage and unnecessary contribution to our changing climate; the costs of using power that we don't need to use; loss of visibility of the beautiful night sky; the impacts on culture and astronomy; and the loss of being able to see ourselves as a tiny part of a magnificent universe with all the awe and wonder this brings.

My focus for this edition is the effect of light pollution on wildlife. Numerous studies have documented strong negative impacts from

artificial light at night on a wide range of animal species. Our wildlife has evolved with natural day-night cycles, with the moon the only significant source of night light. However, during the last hundred years or so, the ambient light in urban areas has increased in many places to more than one million times the natural level – which has really changed things for wildlife.

Impacts include: disorientation and interference with navigation; making prey species more vulnerable to predators; impacting safe access to food and shelter; changes to circadian rhythms and activity periods; and changing or even stopping altogether the timing of reproduction. There's another impact we would all be familiar with too – light can be a fatal attraction for insects. Sometimes we forget that insects are critical for plant pollination, seed dispersal, nutrient recycling and as food sources for countless animals. Sadly we're in the midst of an insect apocalypse globally, losing both species and abundance, and artificial light at night is not helping.



Tawny Frogmouth (credit: Martin Stokes)

It's also worth noting that energy-efficient lighting is not always beneficial by itself. LEDs emit blue-rich short-wave light which is often very bright and unhealthy for both humans and wildlife, and have been found to have considerable impact on nocturnal animals.

So what to do? The good news is that we can all do a lot to help, and globally there are big efforts to change lighting practices. We can shield and target our lights so they don't shine up into the sky or into trees and bushes where wildlife live. Use timers or sensors to control when lights are on, and make sure they're not on when we don't need them. Keep our indoor lights from shining into the garden outside. Keep doors closed so insects don't suffer the fatal attraction to lamps. Use warm colours rather than blue or cool white lights. And ensure we don't have brighter lights



Wodliparri (Milky Way) rising over The Forktree Project (credit: The Backyard Universe)

than we need. Dark sky does not mean dark ground! Achieving a healthy dark sky just requires that we use lights thoughtfully - when, how and where we need them.

If you're lucky enough to have a lovely garden or are close to a park, creek, wetland, beach or street tree, it's important to ensure artificial light at night is not disturbing the habitat for the critters we need to survive and thrive.

For more information on this subject check out **The Biodiversity Council: Helping wildlife through lighting choices** at biodiversitycouncil.org.au.

If you are interested in finding out more about light pollution and ways to reduce it, a great place to look is Dark Sky International (darksky.org). You'll also find us there along with over 200 proud Dark Sky Places around the world.



Dark Sky float and folks from the NYE pageant



Hi Paul, No, not restarting the Night Shift... just a diagram of the eastern morning sky for Anzac Day. 3 planets + waning crescent moon this year. Cheers, Fraser

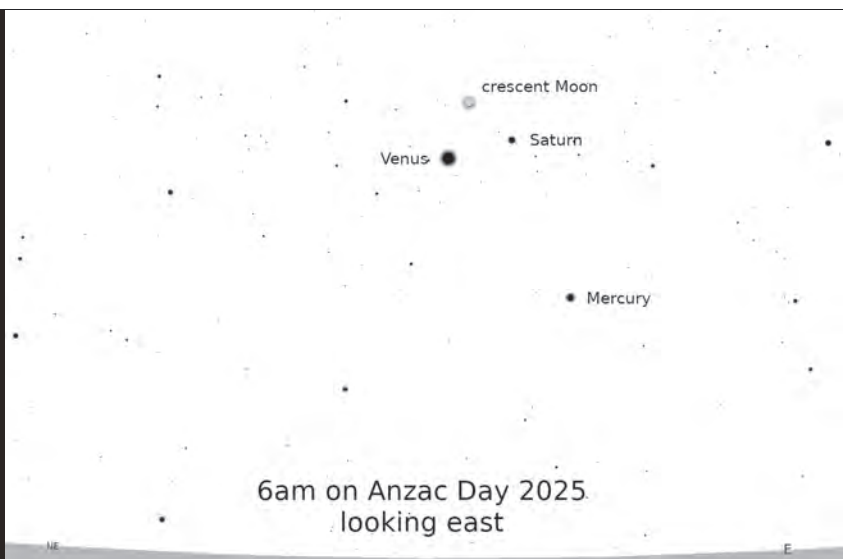
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BelgraviaPRO to Manage Normanville Jetty Holiday Park and Rapid Bay Campground

17 March 2025

The District Council of Yankalilla is pleased to announce that on 17 March 2025, contracts were executed with the highly experienced BelgraviaPRO (Bpro) for the management and operations of both the Normanville Jetty Holiday Park and Rapid Bay Campground.

Following an extensive evaluation process over more than 18 months, Council carefully considered various management models for the operations of the Normanville Jetty Holiday Park. After thorough analysis, Council resolved to pursue a Management Licence Agreement model to ensure the continued success and sustainability of the park.

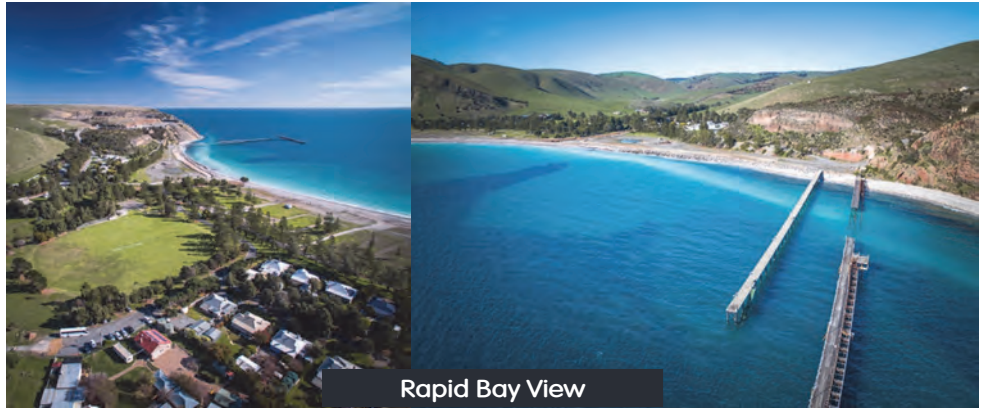
A rigorous tender process followed, leading to negotiations that presented an opportunity for Bpro to extend its industry expertise to the management of both the Normanville Jetty Holiday Park and Rapid Bay Campground. This alignment of circumstances resulted in a single experienced operator managing both parks, ensuring consistency and a high level of service for visitors.

Council's Chief Executive Officer, Nathan Cunningham, reflected on the process: "Through careful planning and a detailed selection process, Council has chosen Bpro to manage these important community assets. We are confident that Bpro's industry expertise and proven track record will enhance the visitor experience while ensuring the long-term viability of both sites."

As a recognised leader in park management, Bpro brings extensive experience, skills and knowledge to the role. With a portfolio of over 42 parks across Australia and New Zealand, Bpro is well-positioned to elevate the standard of service and visitor experience at both locations.

Bpro CEO Nick Cox expressed gratitude for the opportunity to oversee the management and operations of Normanville Jetty Holiday Park and Rapid Bay Campground.

"We're proud to partner with The District Council of Yankalilla in managing both of these wonderful parks on the Fleurieu Peninsula. These parks aim to provide a welcoming place for travellers of all ages and backgrounds, offering a range of activities from outdoor adventures to relaxation, where guests can



Rapid Bay View

socialise, unwind and explore the surrounding natural attractions," said Mr Cox.

"This partnership aligns with our commitment to supporting local economies by employing local staff, engaging regional suppliers and investing in community resources," added Mr Cox.

The transition to Bpro's management has been meticulously planned, ensuring good relationships, extended preparation, on-site handover and provisioning for a smooth transition. Continuity of service remains a priority and visitors to both the Normanville Jetty Holiday Park and Rapid Bay Campground can expect a seamless experience, with the existing booking processes remaining unchanged.

Additionally, Annual Licences will remain the responsibility of the Council, including the ability to set prices and enter into licence agreements. However, the payment process will be adjusted and this will be communicated to all relevant Annual Licence holders in due course.

Mayor Darryl Houston expressed his enthusiasm in reaching this milestone, stating, "I'm excited to see this long and complex process conclude, which secures a positive operational future of such important community assets through the signing of the agreements. We are confident that visitors and the broader community will benefit from the Parks being managed by such a professional operator with extensive and highly relevant experience"

The District Council of Yankalilla looks forward to working with Bpro to continue delivering

exceptional holiday experiences at these iconic local destinations.

About Bpro

Bpro also known as Belgravia Pro, is a dynamic network comprising owners and managers in the camping, glamping, holiday parks and unique stays sector. We serve as a gateway for travellers seeking extraordinary experiences throughout Australia and New Zealand. With a strong portfolio of holiday parks and an unwavering commitment to excellence, Bpro sets new standards in the hospitality and leisure sector.

Bpro was unveiled in February 2018 through a strategic partnership between Belgravia Health and Leisure Group and Parks and Resorts Operational (PRO) Management. Since 2020, it has been under full ownership of the Belgravia Health and Leisure Group.

With our influence now extending to more than 250 tourist parks, accommodations, aquatic facilities, sports venues, leisure centres and wellness establishments throughout Australia and New Zealand, Belgravia Leisure brings scalability and a robust operational framework to ensure top-tier service delivery.

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Myponga Reservoir parkrun

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By the time you read this article, the Myponga Reservoir parkrun will have celebrated our 3rd birthday on 5th April.

We owe a great deal of thanks again to the groups that provided the initial funding for this event;

- The District Council of Yankalilla
- Regional Sport and Recreation Program (Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing; City of Victor Harbor, Yankalilla Council, Kangaroo Island Council)
- The Yankalilla and Districts Lions Club
- The Yankalilla Community Opportunity Shop

For the statistically minded, after 138 events (8th March), we have had 2,022 different finishers/parkrunners/parkwalkers who have completed 4,480 events with assistance from 191 different Volunteers who have volunteered 1,171 times. The Myponga Reservoir parkrun happens each and every Saturday at 8am. Unfortunately we have had to cancel a few times especially this summer due to a fireban which means the Myponga Reservoir Reserve does not open to the public.

By the time you read this article, our 2 Event Directors, Clare Conroy and John Clements will have both volunteered at 100 different events. Parkrun does not just happen, each event needs several volunteers to fulfill all the necessary roles such as Timekeeper, Run Director, handing out tokens, scanning tokens and recording results being the bare minimum roles needed at our parkrun. We always need around 6 volunteers each week. It is very social and good fun.

The parkrun happens at 8am every Saturday at the Myponga Reservoir Kayak Carpark at the end of Eatts Street, Myponga. parkruns are free, weekly, community events that happen in many towns/cities all around the world on Saturday mornings in local parks and open spaces. parkrun is a positive,

welcoming and inclusive experience where there is no time limit and no one finishes last. Everyone is welcome to come along, whether you walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate. There is no pressure to be a runner!

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

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

<https://www.parkrun.com.au/> or email us at mypongareservoir@parkrun.com

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 things by attending our parkrun on a Saturday morning.



Volunteers, Event #4, April 30th, 2022. John Clements is pictured at the far right in the rear.

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Event #60, two of our Run Directors, Fiona Shanahan and Sandy Johnson getting the course set up!



A picturesque view from the early part of the course as it winds around close to the reservoir.



The leaders going up the first hill. Event number is unknown!



Clare Conroy pictured in the foreground wearing the red jacket of a Volunteer and amongst some of the finishers.



Clare Conroy and John Clements with the Active Citizenship Award which was received by Myponga Reservoir parkrun on Australia Day in 2024.

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Yankalilla Men's Probus Club

On Tuesday the 4th of March we conducted our annual General Meeting, then moved onto our regular monthly meeting. Our outgoing President, Bryce Pritchard handed over the chair to the new President, Jeff Stringer after he thanked the last committee members and urged all, "You have to come try". Still in the black after purchasing a laptop, projector, screen and an exterior Probus banner, Matt Robertson proudly presented our yearly financial statement, mostly due to the generous donation of the Op Shop. We were pleased we had two visitors at our meeting and look forward to them joining the club. Our local musicians again entertained us during a break. Song, "Moonlight on the Meadow" was written in 1935 for a Marx Brothers

film but was not successful until 1951 when Louis Armstrong released it as "A Kiss To Build A Dream On". Craig notified us of a trip to the Tram Way at Victor Harbor later in the month. Rob Kirk, who we have had the pleasure of hearing from before showed us examples of "fossils from under the sea". It was refreshing to know the examples he had to show were a lot older than the sum of us.

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at the RSL hall and you are most welcome to come and take a look. Contact Brice Burford on 0412474421

Clockwise: Jeff receives the office of President; Rob Kirk explains how the fossils begin; smiles all round as Bryce hands over to Jeff with Bruce Burford looking on



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Jed Masters will be involved with the future steps needed to stabilise the walls to support a new roof. Join us for this initial working bee, to remove and store the original roofing slates with the opportunity to learn about reconstruction from the experts at a barbecue lunch and consider how the community can help preserve historic/heritage buildings. Be part of the solution, be hands on. Now is the time.

History of the Biddle Cottage

Built about 1863 or 1864, this cottage was the home of James and Ann Biddle and family who arrived in SA in 1848 and acquired Section 18 in 1855. The builder was possibly Richard Stone, a stonemason and close neighbour. One floor was raised to keep it off the damp ground. The slate roof survived for many years and finally collapsed about 2010 – 2015.

Biddle Cottage photos from YDHS collection.

Yankalilla Ladies Probus

AGM Season for 2025

Our club will be holding an AGM in March, along with lots of other community groups who also do this in March. This is an ideal opportunity to take on an active role in the Clubs that you value and enjoy. We all rely on willing volunteers to fill the roles that are required by Incorporated Association rules.

Hopefully, by the time you read this in early April, all the new committees will be working away for their members. It is never too late to offer to assist in a role and learn the ropes.

We had the pleasure of a presentation and demonstration by Lions Hearing Dogs Australia at our February meeting. A wonderful service that places dogs - at no cost - to clients with profound hearing loss. The lovely Pinky, a very clever Border Terrier bred and trained by the organisation at their Verdun site, showed us her skills responding in different ways to different noises she can hear but her human cannot.

Pinky will give a different sign to a smoke alarm noise, which tells her human friend that's what she hears. If it's the doorbell, she will lead her person to the door. You don't want her to take them to the fire do you? Very clever dogs and clever trainers.

The group is now also working on training dogs as companions to diabetics. There is good evidence to

indicate that a trained dog can recognise an impending hypoglycaemic event at least 15 minutes earlier than a permanently worn blood glucose monitor. Valuable time in which the event can be fended off.

Have a look at their website at <https://lionshearingdogs.com.au>.

Maybe you can assist their valuable work in some way?

We have interesting speakers and outings through the year. Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month, January to November, at the RSL Hall, Main South Rd, Normanville, and visitors are welcome.

Pinky and her trainer Sarah



*Lorraine Felix
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Come and check out the Fleurieu Environment Centre!

At the Fleurieu Environment Centre (FLEC) we're a dedicated community of volunteers and staff committed to empowering people to live sustainably and help enhance our natural environment.

FLEC delivers workshops, educational events and serves as a hub for environment and sustainable living practices with an eco store, eco library, and free resources.

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.

Other Amazing Fleurieu events in April

Sunday 6, 11am to 3pm
- **Local Food On Country** at Tooperang (www.thefoodembassy.org)

Friday 11, 10am
- **Controlling feral olives on your property** at Normanville (www.bit.ly/olive11apr)

School holiday kids activities:
Coastal Adventures Comes to Goolwa (14 & 15 Apr), **Delightful Dolphins** (16 or 23 Apr) **Coastal Custodian Mini** (22 Apr) and (www.fleurieumarineeducation.com.au)

Sunday 20, 11am to 3pm
- **Festival Fun at the Cape** at Cape Jervis (www.festivalfleurieu.com.au)

Fleurieu Environment Centre and local Landcare group events in April

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

Friday 4th, 9.30am to 2pm - Cape Jervis Coastal Community Group Planting Day with Rapid Bay Primary School, Cape Jervis

Saturday 5th, 10am to 4pm - Cape Jervis Coastal Community Group Working Bee, Cape Jervis (no working bee Sunday 6th April)

Saturday 5, 9.20am - Veggie Swap at Fleurieu Environment Centre, 50 Main Rd, Normanville

Monday 7, 9.30am to 3pm - Fleurieu Coast Community Nursery Working Bee at 1 Kemmiss Hill Rd, Yankalilla

Friday 11, 10.30am to 12pm - **NEW! Make and Mend Circles** at Fleurieu Environment Centre, 50 Main Rd, Normanville

Saturday 12, 8am to 10am - Friends of Banksia Park Working Bee at Banksia Park, Normanville

Friday 18, 9am - Friends of Bungala River Working Bee at the BBQs in Bungala Park

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

No Fleurieu Coast Community Nursery Working Bee on Monday, 21 (public holiday)

Tuesday 22, 10am to 3pm - **SOLD OUT:** Spoon Carving at Ingalalla Falls

Thursday 24, 6.30 to 7.30pm - Sad Sex event at Yankalilla Library

For more information on any events, please email: info@flec.com.au or call (08) 8558 3644
We also proudly support six Landcare groups: Friends of Banksia Park, Friends of Bungala River, Friends of Nixon Skinner, Friends of Wirrina Cove, Cape Jervis Coastal Community Group, and Second Valley Environment Group. These groups work tirelessly to enhance biodiversity and revegetate our local landscapes.

NEW

Make and Mend Circles

We are launching a NEW casual make and mend circle at the Fleurieu Environment Centre. Come along with your fabric items to mend, your spinning, crocheting, knitting, or darning. We will have a sewing machine set up, and someone demonstrating drop spindle spinning – you can even have a go! Free morning tea treats provided.

Fire Wise Grant Project Finale- a celebration of the achievements

On Monday the 17th of February we celebrated the achievements of our Fire Wise Grant Project! Attendees enjoyed presentations from project partners including the

Fleurieu Environment Centre's Project Officer, Maddie Maguire, Green Adelaide's Southern Coastal Conservation Officer, Corey Jackson who is hosted by the District Council of Yankalilla, Burka Senior Man, Karl Winda Telfer and Local Environmental Consultant, Paul Green.

Over the past two years the Fleurieu Environment Centre in partnership with the Fleurieu Coast Community Nursery, Green Adelaide and the District Council of Yankalilla have delivered this \$250,000 grant project focusing on investigating the flammability of local native plants species and how planting methodologies can be used to improve the resilience of our local landscapes and protect assets against the threats of bushfire. This grant was part of the Landscape Resilience Program delivered across 10 local government areas in Australia and supported by the Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife with grant funding received from the Australian Government

Make and Mend Circles

Join us for fabric repairs, drop spindle spinning, crochet, knitting and more

*The second Friday of the month at the Fleurieu Environment Centre, 50 Main Rd, Normanville
Free morning tea provided*

Friday 11th April
10.30am to 12pm

Friday 9th May
10.30am to 12pm

Friday 13th June
10.30am to 12pm





Eco Book & Podcast Club

Join us for discussions about these books and/or podcasts with the authors

*The first Thursday on alternate months, 1-2pm
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Date	Book	Author
Thurs 8th May	Songlines (First Knowledges)	Margo Neale, Lynne Kelly
Thurs 3rd July	Entangled Life	Merlin Sheldrake
Thurs 4th Sept	Hidden Life of Trees	Peter Wohlleben
Thurs 6th Nov	Braiding Sweetgrass	Robin Wall Kimmerer

You can read the books above and/or listen to the linked podcasts listed at www.flec.com.au/library



through the Preparing Australian Communities local stream. The Fire Wise Grant is now coming to an end in our region with numerous positive outcomes including on ground revegetation sites, the delivery of over 20 educational events including workshops, plant giveaways and propagation demonstrations, as well as the development of resources and knowledge relating to fire wise plant selection, use and maintenance of these plants within the Yankalilla and Onkaparinga Local Government Areas. We'd like to thank all those who have been involved in this project and helped us achieve this incredible array of outcomes. For more information about the grant please head FLEC's website www.flec.com.au/firewise-grant

Renewed 2025 Eco Book & Podcast Club

We are excited to launch our Eco Book & Podcast Club this year. Please buy or borrow the books over the year and join us! Remember, you can also **just listen to the podcast** with the author and join us too. Podcast list via www.flec.com.au/library

Our most recent read and listen was Secondhand by Adam Minter. Here are five important takeaways from the book:

- 1. The Global Impact of Secondhand Goods** - Secondhand goods, from clothes to electronics, flow across borders and shape economies worldwide. The book highlights how these goods are not just a local issue but a global phenomenon, impacting both the countries that export and import them.
- 2. Environmental Benefits** - The secondhand trade contributes to reducing waste and conserving resources by extending the lifespan of products. Minter shows how buying used goods helps mitigate environmental harm, such as cutting down on the need for new production, which can be resource-intensive and polluting.
- 3. Cultural Differences in Attitudes Toward Used Goods** - Different countries and cultures have varying perceptions of secondhand goods. In some regions, they are highly valued, while in others, they might carry a stigma. Minter explores how societal attitudes shape the market.
- 4. The Power of the "Waste" Economy** - What is often considered "waste" in one part of the world can be a valuable resource elsewhere. The book delves into how materials considered garbage in high-income countries are often repurposed and recycled in lower-income countries, contributing to livelihoods and the economy.
- 5. Challenges of the Secondhand Market** - Despite its benefits, the secondhand market also faces challenges, such as issues with quality control, exploitation of labour, and the ethical dilemmas around dumping unsellable goods. Minter provides a nuanced view of how the secondhand trade, while beneficial, isn't without its complexities and ethical considerations.

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

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St. Peters Catholic Church

(Willis Drive, Normanville)

Peter Bohnsack 0400 525 690.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays @ 10.30am.

2nd & 4th Sundays @ 8.30am.

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Christ Church Yankalilla

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3rd Sunday, 10am Walking with Jesus

5th Sunday Combined Parish Service — ring contact number for details.

Yankalilla Community Church

135 Main South Road, Yankalilla

Pastor Josh Pitman: 0408 080 822.

Sundays at 10.00am.

Thursdays 6pm — Prayer meeting

Yankalilla Lutheran Fellowship

Pastor Nigel Rosenzweig: 0490 889 108

Mike Cotton: 0416 069 337

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1st & 3rd Sunday 7pm

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in the water again and I was able to kick" she was a competitive swimmer & swim instructor. A gentleman commented "how kind the Surf Life Saving club was to open up their club rooms upstairs for us to have lunch and be out of the wind." Some family members joined their loved ones to share the experience. On behalf of the residents, I would like to thank all the Surf Life Saving volunteers, Yankalilla Centre volunteers and the staff from Edenfield for supporting this amazing day and the opportunity to access Normanville Beach which brought lots of smiles, memories.

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A Baptism at Christ Church

On Sunday February 9, Mahlia Vawser Stuart was baptized into the Christian Faith. The photos show (1) mother Bella Vawser, godmother Jannah Sabey with Mahlia, godfather Jordan Stuart, and father Marshall Stuart (the other godfather, Callam Vawser, is not in the photo), and (2) Bella with Mahlia.



Our *Walking with Jesus* gathering for February was led by Liz Gordon-Mills and emphasised God's Light as shown through Jesus. This was illustrated by the story of the man who cried out to Jesus on the road to Jericho, pleading for his sight. Jesus replied, "your faith has healed you" and he immediately received his sight, seeing both natural daylight and spiritual light.

In our discussion we tied this story to Jesus being the Light of the World. We looked at some of the ways we may have darkness in our lives. Many people experience depression where they can't see any purpose in their lives or may feel angry and powerless. Jesus can heal us from this condition if we put our

trust in Him. Some of us find that if we consciously give all our problems over to God, we can gradually move into a more positive and light-filled space. "Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you" is the advice of the Psalmist. Our darkness can be due to us purposely shutting our spiritual and mental eyes to the truth. Perhaps this may take the form of being wrapped up in our social media bubble where we only allow information that suits certain preconceived ideas. We may need to take responsibility to open our minds to what may be staring us in the face. The point was also made that darkness may be the prerequisite to seeing the Light. Think of the seed that germinates in the darkness below ground and then grows into life above ground. One of our members mentioned "Gail's Law" for health carers to carry out their work safely for their clients - this requires them to work in twos rather than alone. It was developed as the result of the tragic death of Gail Woodward who was carrying out her work alone. The darkness of her death has now led to the development of new protective measures.

An interesting discussion occurred about the origin of halos, often depicted around the heads of religious figures. Moses face shone when he came down from the mountain after receiving the ten commandments, and Jesus was seen shining on the mountain during his transfiguration. We don't know the explanation to this phenomenon, but perhaps we should endeavour to present a radiance in our facial expressions to reflect the light that we have from our heavenly father.

SERVICES IN APRIL 2025 SUNDAYS

11am, Holy Communion. April 6th (daylight savings end), 13th (Palm Sunday), 20th (Easter day) and 27th in the church.

NB. The "Walking with Jesus" gathering will not be held in April due to the Easter service in the church on the third Sunday.

THURSDAY

7pm, April 17th, Maundy Thursday service in the church

FRIDAYS

9.15am, Christian meditation in the church.

11am April 18th (Good Friday), in the church.

Enquiries,

Liz Gordon-Mills, 0411 189 023.

Local Weather Summary

January/ February 2025

Temperature for Parawa AWS - Degrees C

	January	Average all years
Avg Monthly Maximum	24.6	23.7
Average Monthly Minimum	14.5	13.1
Highest Daily Maximum	33.0	
Lowest Daily Minimum	11.5	



	February	Average all years
Avg Monthly Maximum	27.1	23.3
Average Monthly Minimum	16.3	14.0
Highest Daily Maximum	39.4	
Lowest Daily Minimum	13.8	

Rainfall	January	Average	February	Average
Inman Valley	8.4mm	25.9 mm	3.8mm	25.5mm
Parawa	10.6mm	29.0 mm	NA	28.3mm
Myponga	7.2 mm	21.8 mm	0.6mm	21.6 mm
Normanville	6.0 mm	14.9 mm	0.4mm	17.8 mm
Yankalilla	6.6mm	18.0mm	1.2 mm	20.2mm

The long dry spell over the southern Fleurieu continues with rainfalls being well below average. Temperatures were above the long-term average particularly during February. It should be worth noting that Parawa AWS had several days of outage during February which have affected the rainfall record.

Peter Webb, Normanville

Data courtesy of Bureau of Meteorology

End of Cricket Season

As summer sadly comes to an end, we wrap up another successful cricket season for the mighty Tigers.

This year saw the return of our T20 side to finals, with special thanks to marquee players like Gary Putland, Mark Cosgrove, and Trent Kelly (just to name a few) pulling on the whites. A big shoutout to DJ Hazzman for keeping the spectators entertained during those brilliant T20 matches!

Our club once again merged our U14s with Aldinga, who made it to the semi-finals - a great effort from the young guns! We also fielded three senior teams, showing the strength of cricket in our small town.

Our A Grade fought hard all season, making it to the semi-finals, but unfortunately, their run came to an end. We want to acknowledge their dedication and commitment - fielding an A Grade team week in, week out is no small feat in a community like ours. Our C2s also had a fantastic season, progressing to the qualifying final before falling just short. And our C1s - well, they've stormed their way into the 2024/25 GSCA Grand Final, which is just days away as we write this. Fingers crossed for a fairytale finish!

Finally, a huge thank you to our incredible sponsors (pictured below). Your support makes each season possible, and we truly appreciate it.



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Tiger Talk - Yankalilla FC

The Yankalilla Football Club has been working hard on the track in preparation for the 2025 GSFL Season, which starts on April 5 vs Strathalbyn FC at Strathalbyn. The men's teams have been working hard on their fitness at Aldinga on Monday nights to accommodate Adelaide based players and on Thursday nights at Yankalilla to accommodate locally based players. Senior Coach Shane Sinclair has been drilling the players on a new game style which will provide some exciting football to watch for Tigers supporters this year.



Yankalilla men's teams at training on Yankalilla Oval

Player returns

It's with great excitement that the club can announce that the ever-popular Karlson Kantilla and Michael Thompson are returning to the Tigers in season 2025. Both men were a huge addition to our club last season and were very much loved amongst the playing group. Karlson and Michael have been back home in the NT playing with the Tiwi Bombers over the summer break with both having breakout seasons for Tiwi in the NTFL in Darwin. We can't wait to see the amazing skills, raw pace and excitement these two bring. Liam Gerber will also be available for the first few rounds before returning to play for his home club when their season starts in the Great Flinders Football League on Eyre Peninsula.

Recruitment

Yankalilla Football Club is thrilled to welcome Kim Kantilla to the Tigers in 2025!

A skilful forward with state league experience, Kim brings speed, flair, and X-factor to our attack. As the captain of the Tiwi Bombers in the NTFL, he's a proven leader and goal-kicker who knows how to turn a game on its head. Tiger fans, get excited - Kim is set to light up the competition!

We are also very excited to welcome Thaddeus 'T.J.' Puautjimi to the Tigers in 2025, also from the Tiwi Bombers FC. TJ is an elusive, hard running wing/forward. He has elite kicking skills on his left foot and is very dangerous with ball in hand around forward 50.

Still a young fella at 18 years of age, TJ has lots of potential to become a game breaker.

He's taller than you think and will excite when he has space and time to create.

Locals in the State League

Local Ryan Borlace was picked to play in the South Adelaide League team for a trial game recently. Well done Ryan and all your best in the big time - you are always welcome back at YFC.

Stingrays news - Women's football

SANFLW Women's League RD 1

RD 1 of the SANFLW league kicked off recently and we had some local Stingrays stars starting their 2025 seasons.

Madi Russell will captain West Adelaide once again this season.

Jemma Ellis returns after an injury interrupted 2024. The sky is the limit for Jem in 25.

EBFC local Tess Huxtable

(All West Adelaide)

RD 3 of the Development League saw representation from:

Halle James (South)

Matisse Hunter (South)

Bella Walden (West)

Laura Niejalke (North)

Also a shout out to our new Stingrays recruit for 2025 Monet Hunter, who played in the Grand Final of the NTFL for St Mary's FC Premier League recently.

Players, volunteers, memberships and sponsorship

We are always keen to welcome new players, volunteers, members and sponsors to Yankalilla Football Club. Come and join the Tigers in 2025 - email yfcsecretary@gmail.com

Yankalilla Bowling Club

The CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS - MIXED PAIRS CLUB FINAL was played on 26th February 2025 between Anna Richard's and Steve Shute v Kaye Elsworth and Shaun Betts.

What an incredible game watched by members and friends of Yankalilla Bowling Club as bowl after bowl left each team member as they stepped on the mat holding their bowl, positioned their feet ready to bend over and roll up their bowl to finish right on the jack or as close in the head as possible.

The scoreboard went from 12-11 on the 9th end with Kaye and Shaun having the advantage and continued in this manner as the game neared the 14th end. Shot after shot built up the head and the silence from spectators as well as from Kaye who, like Anna is very exuberant watched as Shaun rolled his bowls right onto the jack and now it was her turn to slowly watch her bowl roll onto the jack touching it. Steve quietly assured Anna as she stepped on the mat, before she rolled her bowl, which landed not quite as close to the jack. Steve now had the desire and need to become proficient as he surveyed what needed to be done to save the game. He drove his bowl and took the jack out of bounds and, hence, the game had to be replayed (known as a dead end). What an exciting game and was eventually won by Anna and Steve 16-14 who will now go on to play in Region 7's Champion of Champions Finals at a later date in March.

The CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS - MEN'S SINGLE CLUB FINAL was played 27th February 2025 between Gary Cooper v Mark Tynan.

Yet again another exciting game as many spectators watched from the Club House glued to the windows to eliminate the cheering as shot upon incredible shot from both members landed, on many occasions, side by side along the jack. Measuring was relentless as to whose bowl was closest as was the measuring to establish whether the jack's roll up was too short! Tactics certainly came into play watching this game - where to place 'that' mat, will it be long or too short and in whose favour? At the end of this most interesting, well played game the victory on this occasion was to Gary Cooper who will also be playing in the Region's Champion of Champions Finals at a later date in March.

This was just two of the Champion of Champions Final games that Yankalilla Bowling Club members have played over the last few months and we thank them for their

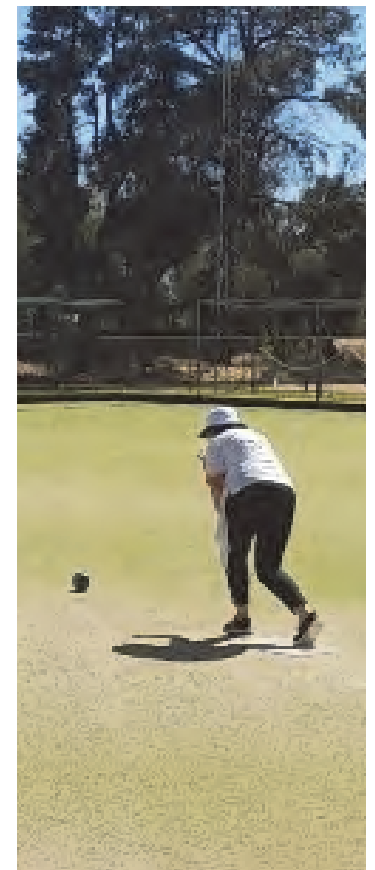
commitment and we wish all players well as they proceed in their games against other bowling clubs Champion of Champions as well as thanking our Internal Tournament Directors for encouraging individual members to enter.

Men Club Members other than the above two games include:- Singles - Gary Cooper; Fours - Malcolm Putland, Gary Cooper, Dave Maddern, Colin Elsworth; Triples - Colin Elsworth, Gary Campbell, Peter Maxwell.

Various Lady Club Members have played in their Final "Champion of Champions" against other club champions.

Singles - Raelene Rigoir; Pairs - Karen O'Leary and Sandy Johnson; Triples - Kaye Elsworth, Sandy Johnson, Wendy Baida-Lewis; Fours - Raelene Rigoir, Sandy Johnson, Karen O'Leary, Jackie Dedicoat. Congratulations to all players.

Pictured: Anna Richards rolling her last bowl down the green to win that great game 16-14



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Yankalilla Dog Park Update

The minutes of the February Council meeting have been distributed in several forums, but in case you missed it, this is the Motion that relates to the Dog Park proposal:
C25020 Moved Cr Hatch Seconded Cr Rothwell

1. That Council receives the Yankalilla Dog Park Proposal – Consideration of Development and Ongoing Responsibilities Report.
2. That Council notes the results from the public consultation received for the proposed Dog Park at Bungala Reserve, Normanville.
3. That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to commence discussions with Friends of Normanville/Yankalilla Dog Park Committee on suitable agreement models and explore in more detail the likely responsibilities and project costings for the proposed dog park at Bungala Reserve.
4. That the Administration works with its lawyers and/or insurers to investigate suitable agreement models on how responsibility for these tasks on Council land can be transferred and that results of this review (and the discussions with Friends of Normanville/ Yankalilla Dog Park Committee) be reported back to Council for approval at a

future date.
5. Any agreement model must include explicit statement(s)/ sections that recognise that any and all costs related to the establishment and ongoing operations will not be at net cost to Council and must be borne by the committee responsible for the dog park.
We are now seeking a meeting as per Point 3 of the Motion. The fundraising committee has committed to funding the construction of the Park and will assist with future maintenance with an active Friends Group and working bees. We understand the need to create no extra costs to Council, and believe this is achievable, as the area is already maintained by Council staff. This will be a perpetual community asset supported by the Community.
No public dog park on public land in Australia is leased and run by a private group, but many are supported in other ways by local groups.

Pictured: Yankalilla District Dog Park Fundraising Committee held a working lunch at 'Belicious' where they officially received the \$10,000 donation cheque from CWA.



Fleurieu Equestrian Clubs

Hello from Fleurieu Equestrian Clubs!

We are a combination of Fleurieu Horse and Pony Club and Yankalilla District Equestrian Club, we meet on the first Sunday of the month on the Yankalilla Showgrounds. We are a very friendly Club and welcome children and adults of all ages, unfortunately you do need to have your own horse or pony. We have three qualified instructors and also have visiting instructors at our Club days. We cover basic horsemanship, flat work, jumping, games etc., and run a camp in January every year.

In April we will be running a Freshman's Showjumping Day which is open to everyone and we also run the Showjumping at the Yankalilla Show.

We do have a website www.ydec.com.au and a Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Yankalilladec/>) page and you can ring Denise on 0409 124324 for more information. New members very welcome.





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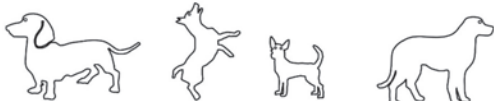


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Fleurieu Ag Fest is set to bring together local producers, industry experts, and students for a dynamic day of learning, networking, and hands-on agricultural experiences. This event is designed to upskill local farmers, strengthen industry connections, and inspire the next generation of agricultural leaders.

With an engaging program featuring interactive workshops, expert panel discussions, and expert agricultural advisors, Fleurieu Ag Fest will provide valuable insights and learnings into key industry challenges and innovations.

Producer Networking Breakfast

Kickstart the day with an exclusive networking breakfast featuring keynote speakers:

- Sean Hickey – Senior Agriculture Analyst, Elders Ltd, discussing market trends and seasonal outlooks.
- Tom Cosentino – Nuffield Scholar, sharing global insights on succession planning.
- Brett May – RDA Drought Resilience Plan update.

School Engagement & Producer Workshops

The event will feature interactive sessions designed to enhance producer knowledge and student agricultural awareness. Schools will be welcomed and oriented before breaking into hands-on learning groups. Workshops and producer sessions will cover key topics including:

- Data Usability in Farming – Making informed decisions
- Animal Nutrition in Dry Times – Strategies for containment feeding and drought resilience.
- Soil Health & Productivity – Best practices for soil improvement and sustainable farming.
- Emissions & Sustainability – Understanding carbon management and on-farm sustainability.
- Pasture Trials & Traceability – Industry updates on pasture research and livestock tracking.
- Pest & Disease Management – Effective strategies for tackling key agricultural challenges.
- Vertical Integration in Agribusiness – Insights into local success stories and collaboration.



Student Learning & Industry Advocacy

Students will participate in interactive sessions on:

- Food Production Myths – Understanding where food comes from and debunking common misconceptions.
- Careers in Agriculture – Exploring pathways and opportunities within the industry.
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Drought Relief for the Fleurieu

You know it's a bad year when Parawa only gets 408.8mm of rain (Feb '24-Jan '25) - half its usual 812.9 mm. The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) says for many Fleurieu areas, it's the driest year ever recorded. Creeks and springs we've always counted on are drying up, and farmers are staring at dry, cracked dams.

Emergency Water Collection Point Opened at McLaren Vale

In response, the state government's rolled out \$18 million for drought relief. Part of that funds emergency water collection points, and as of March 12, there's one on Field Street, behind Coles in McLaren Vale. It's for domestic use only - no stock or gardens - and a temporary fix for those out of water while waiting for cartage. Open 7am to 7pm daily, it costs \$28 per kilolitre via EFTPOS for containers over 1000 litres, or \$6 per 200 litres for containers up to 1000 litres. Bring your own containers and be ready to lift them yourself.

For those on mains water, the desalination plant's output - now quadrupled - has staved off restrictions. But on the Fleurieu, 80% of households are off-grid, including Cape Jervis, Rapid Bay, and Second Valley. For them, accessing water is the real struggle. Some can't wash clothes or shower, and a few are even keeping kids home from school until laundry's done.

Water Cartage is the Bottleneck

As the drought drags on and more tanks run dry, people are turning to water cartage businesses, only to hit long waitlists - hence the emergency collection points. Non-farming households, though, rarely have spare tankers for bulk water, and smaller containers don't stretch far. Mayor Houston suggests a milk tanker or similar for bulk delivery could bridge this gap. Four new water carting providers recently registered through SA Health's Safe Drinking Water Act accreditation, with more on the way.

Accessing Government Help for Farmers

Many farmers have had to destock, buy hay at \$150 a roll, or pump water to consolidate dams and cut evaporation. Water deliveries pile on more costs. The state's \$18 million package offers rebates for carting water or fixing pipes, subsidies for fodder transport, and mental health support - call Rural Aid at 1300 175 594 or PIRSA at 1800 931 314 for details. Longer-term, the government's pushing resilience-building: new tanks, bores where suitable, or dam upgrades. They want deeper

reserves - physical and social - over emergency reliance. Grants for community networks are part of this, sparking ideas like Kangarilla Footy Club opening its showers or neighbours sharing mains water from backyard taps. Meanwhile, the Department for Environment and Water is rethinking drought modeling for the Western Mount Lofty Ranges.

More information

More detail on Emergency Water Collection Points:

<https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/water-and-river-murray/water-and-dry-conditions/emergency-bulk-water-collection-points>

Water Cartage services in Yankalilla District Council area:

<https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/public+health/water+quality/registered+drinking+water+providers>

Support for Farmers (emergency financial relief, domestic water, fodder support, free mental health services) via Rural Aid on Yankalilla District Council website:

<https://www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au/news-and-events/latest-news/2025/support-for-farmers-rural-aid-assistance>

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Casuarina

It was the last Casuarina along the marbled rise
that caressed the breeze under azure skies
bending softly in the morning light
it spoke of lovers in the night
and of how when the great moon came
they found their cave alright

Here and there the orchid flower
speaks to me of a Divine power
and honeyeaters drooping along the fronds
gurgle their essence in their song
the song that is the voice of the world
since time began and flowers uncurled
the honeyeaters sing this is the place
the bower of the human race

Those carefully woven fronds
make a universe of warbled song
the last long haired Casuarina stands
and in its glory displays the land
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Finniss Valley ... port, flour mill, timber town, and holiday destination

Second Valley was discovered by Colonel William Light and his survey party in September 1836, after first landing at Rapid Bay from his ship *Rapid*, while looking for a suitable site for the planned city of Adelaide.

On 17 September, after William Pullen (later Admiral Pullen), William Cloughton, William Jacob, and Dr John Woodforde landed to walk to Yankalilla from Rapid Bay, Light took the gig to examine an inlet two miles northward, where he was to meet up with the walking group. From Light's journal entry that day:

'... On landing at this inlet, which I shall call 'Finniss Valley', I found there was a little cove for mooring a vessel of 70-90 tons, in any weather, but there is only room for one; and there is a beautiful stream of fresh water running into the sea, where a boat may approach within 50 yards of a good spot for filling water casks. On joining my shipmates on the rising ground above, we beheld a valley three times as extensive as the last, and equally rich in soil; there is abundance of wood all the way, yet not so thick that agriculture might be pursued without the trouble of clearing.'

William Light had named the valley after deputy surveyor general on the *Rapid*, Boyle Travers Finniss (later South Australia's first premier). In his diary entry for 12 November 1836, Light referred to this place as the 'second valley', and Second Valley, where the Parananacooka River runs into the sea, remained, although sometimes Finniss Vale was used.

William Randall (1820-1898) and his wife Anne (nee Wickes) arrived in Adelaide with their young daughter Annie in December 1846 aboard the *Duke of Richmond*. Randall initially bought a property in Magill and an 80-acre section which he called 'Burnside' before selling up and purchasing property at Second Valley, becoming one of its earliest landowners. Having been appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1850, he regularly travelled to Willunga and Normanville for court sittings. He also conducted occasional inquests at the Finniss Vale Hotel, built in 1851 (burned down in 1928).



William and Ann Randall's home 'Randalsea' at Second Valley, built in the 1850s. (YDHS collection.)

Randall purchased a property from Henry Jones in the mid-1850s and named his estate 'Randalsea'. He had also bought several sections in Glenburn (Delamere) in 1850. Randall built a farmhouse 'Randalsea' at Second Valley, as well as a two-storey house today known as 'Palm House', built in 1855, which later became a guest house. On 29 July 1857 the official private subdivision of a town, following the name of his estate, was declared.

Randall's property had 30 acres of vineyards, a winery, dairy, 1200 sheep, pigs, and crops including wheat and potatoes. He also bred horses.

In 1854 William Randall became chairman of the newly constituted Yankalilla and Myponga Council. Two years later, he was appointed chairman of the new Rapid Bay Council, holding this position for nine years. In this role he was one of the main drivers Palm House, Second Valley, built by William Randall as a guest house in the 1850s. (YDHS collection.) for the building of decent roads and bridges in the district. The following year, in 1855-56, a wharf was constructed of stone, on what is today generally referred to as 'the island' with a wooden quay for vessels to moor, with a depth of six feet at low tide, and a single-track tramway connecting the wharf to the shore. Land for the new access road was purchased from William Randall for £60.


Randall drew up plans in 1857 to subdivide some of his land into a township called Randalsea, although these documents weren't lodged with the Land Titles Office until 1866.

William Randall was captain of the Finniss Vale Mounted Rifles when it was formed in 1860, and they regularly held drills on Randall's land at Second Valley, and also hosted the Yankalilla Rifles for joint drills, sham fighting, and socialising. He was one of the trustees of the Second Valley School, as well as a lay preacher, with Church of England services held at his home on Sundays.

Other early buildings included the three-storey steam-driven flour mill which was in operation by 1859, land having being purchased by the Leonard family in 1858. John Clover Leonard operated the mill and lived in the mill house. His brother James Leonard lived in nearby Palm House, where they also operated a store. The Leonards were instrumental in establishing the Wesleyan chapel at Second Valley and the institute. On 20 April 1863, the Adelaide Observer's Finniss Vale Correspondent



Palm House, Second Valley, built by William Randall as a guest house in the 1850s. (YDHS collection.)



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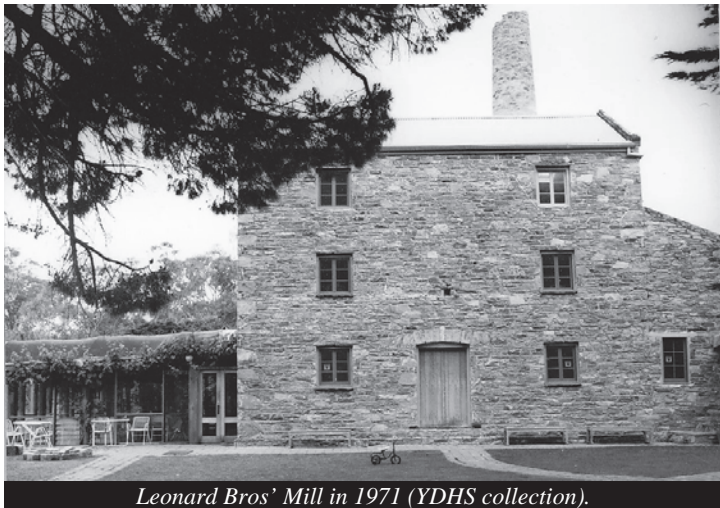


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reported that:
 'A fine brig, the Centaur, belonging to the Messrs Butterworth, has just taken her third load this season from our wharf. Some idea of our facilities for shipment may be formed from the fact that 1142 bags of wheat were put on board in one day.'
 Although wheat was the principal produce shipped from Second Valley, a considerable amount of ore left the port from the mines of Wheal Coglin and Campbell's Creek, the first shipment occurring at Second Valley wharf in May 1864.
 Rapid Bay Council, under chairman William Randall, in October 1864 defined an area of Crown Land to be gazetted as a timber reserve, known as Second Valley Forest, believed to be one of the colony's earliest such reserves, which Woods and Forests Department would later establish in 1912.
 By 1866, there was a hotel, post office, store, and steam-powered flour mill at Second Valley. The wharf enabled wheat, timber, and wattle bark to be shipped from the little port. When wheat yields declined many families left the area, and winter storms took their toll on the port structures. A storm on 8 July 1867 caused most of the wharf to be washed away, together with the weighing machine and 20 bags of wheat belonging to Robert Alexander. Huge pieces of timber were strewn along the beach which in places was sown with wheat, and the solid wall of the tramway was breached for a length of about 10 feet; rendering the shipping facility useless. The jetty at Rapid Bay, built in 1865-66, especially for the use of the Wheal Coglin mine, had also long since disappeared.
 A month after destruction of the Second Valley wharf, in August 1867 residents petitioned for a new jetty, to be built straight out towards the sea, and with only a third of the tramway to maintain, on the site of the present structure. However, after being back in service for less than a year, gales and heavy seas in July 1868 once more destroyed the wharf and caused breaches in the stone walling for up to 30 feet.
 Plans for a new jetty at Second Valley, to cost £1700, were approved in 1870 by Rapid Bay Council. Construction was completed by May 1871 but the jetty was only 51 feet long and 12 feet six inches wide, and connected to the 1855 causeway with a 85 feet stone extension. This small jetty served the district for many years until demolished in 1910, when a



Second Valley jetty, 1900s (YDHS collection).



Leonard Bros' Mill in 1971 (YDHS collection).

new jetty, 150 feet long, was completed in November the same year, and the three-ton crane overhauled and replaced on the jetty.
 By 1867, most of Randall's property was sold to Joseph Grundy, and the following year Randall left the district to live with his brother at Mount Crawford. William Randall was appointed Clerk to the local courts at Port Pirie, where he lived until his retirement in 1892. He returned to Adelaide and lived with his son in North Adelaide until his death in 1898.
 Second Valley Cottages, over the track from the flour mill, began life as 'Poplar House', the ever-expanding family home for a Scottish immigrant Alexander Florence, and his family, including 16 children. Mr Florence received the title for the land on 9 September 1852.
 William Roper Snr, who had worked for the Leonard brothers at their flour mill, took over the mill in 1877 when the Leonard brothers moved to Wauraltee on Yorke Peninsula. William Roper Snr paid £600 for the mill and associated buildings, and wheat grinding continued until 1890. Following his death in 1893, the mill passed to his son George Roper and it was used for grinding wattle bark until 1935. George's wife managed the business.
 Second Valley Forest was planted in 1912. James Small from Parilla, near Pinnaroo, took on five men with him to start planting. Of these men, four were from the local Jones family. A century later, members of the Jones family had provided more than 250 years of service to Forestry SA.
 Thomas Backhouse built a sawmill on section 1554, Beach Road (now Finnis Vale Drive), Second Valley, not far from the jetty. When Broken Hill mines could no longer secure oregon timber from the US for pit props, it sourced stringybark as an alternative native timber which was available on government land close to Second Valley.
 The felled logs were carted by horse teams to the newly-built sawmill, not far from the jetty.
 The former flour mill, sea wall, and geological features are State Heritage listed.
 Second Valley Forest, to the east of the settlement, now has shared-use trails for walkers, horse riders, and bike riders.
 The flour mill was used as a shearing and storage shed until 1984 when it was sold and restored by architect David Grieve and, until 2022, was a restaurant.

– 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 7 pm on Monday 14 April 2025 at Yankalilla Library.



Thomas Backhouse's sawmill under construction c.1914, then sold in the early 1920s to Junction North Broken Hill Mine Ltd.

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