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Men's Shed
Southern Fleurieu Film society
Cr Karin's Community Chronicles

Local History:

Normanville Jetty...

once served a busy port

Tiger Talk - Yankalilla Football Club News

Tigers President Adrian Dauk welcomes Shane Sinclair to Yankalilla Football Club

Yankalilla Football Club's committee have been busy in the off season ensuring that key off field roles are filled for season 2025. After farewelling A grade coach Chad Simmons, the club wanted to build on the tangible improvements Chad had made with the team over the last two years and keep working on improving the culture of the club.

To that end, Shane Sinclair has been signed as Yankalilla's A grade men's coach for the 2025 season. Shane comes to Yankalilla after finishing his playing career at the end of the 2024 season with the Plympton Football Club. Shane was involved with Plympton over a number of years in a range of coaching roles, including an A grade premiership and several B grade flags. Shane is married with 4 children and runs his own plumbing and earthworks business. Shane has hit the ground running, with preseason training starting on November 20. He is keen to create an atmosphere that allows players to play their natural games. He is using the preseason to assess the playing group's talents, ensuring the players develop a game style that plays to their strengths, starting with improving their overall fitness. He is keen to improve the players as footballers but also as people. Shane will be ably supported by Gary Hogben, who has been named as coach for the men's B grade team. Both Shane and Gary want to see players work hard in the 9 sessions leading into Christmas to build a sound fitness base – the key to any successful season. In turn, Shane and Gary will be supported by Aaron Smith and Matt James, coaching our future A graders in the senior and junior colts respectively.



Yankalilla's Island connections – from Kangaroo Island to the Tiwi Islands!

Five of Yankalilla's recruits last year hailed from Australia's most well-known Islands – the Tiwi Islands and Kangaroo Island. Michael Thomson and Karlson Kantilla added Tiwi culture, flair, run and skill to the team last year and are returning to play in 2025 with two other Tiwi players. Cooper Gregor and Toby Nolan travelled across from KI each week to play senior colts and often, A grade in 2024. Both of these great lads are currently playing in the NTFL with Michael and Karlson at the Tiwi Bombers – Island to Island! Bailey Gaskin from Parndana on KI won the A grade best and fairest award in 2024 after a great season. Yankalilla FC looks forward to welcoming back the Tiwi and Kangaroo Islanders for 2025.



Michael, Karlson and Bailey Gaskin – another KI man

The Stingrays – Yankalilla / Encounter Bay's Womens' Football team



The Stingrays will have 3 coaches in the w/17s - but are on the hunt for an A grade coach



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Interested in playing for Yankalilla FC?

The club is continuing its recruitment of quality players for the 2025 season for all grades. If you are keen to play at a great country football club, in one of South Australia's best country football leagues, e-mail yfcsecretary@gmail.com

Keen to join Yankalilla Tigers as a member?

Yankalilla Football Club welcomes new members to the club - locals or Adelaide based members. Members from previous years, keep an eye out in your inboxes for membership renewal notices in coming weeks. The Club appreciates your past support and would love to have your support again in season 2025. Do you live in Adelaide but have a holiday property in Yankalilla, Normanville, Carrickalinga, Second Valley or Inman Valley and would like to watch some great country

footy while visiting on winter weekends? If so, take out a membership for season 2025. Send an e-mail to yfcsponsorship@gmail.com to register your interest.

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It's a fact - volunteers live longer!

Like any club, Yankalilla is run by volunteers - and any help is warmly received - from helping out in the canteen, staffing the bar, qualifying as a trainer to prepare footballers on game day to running water for all grades. If you want to get on board the Tiger Train and support our teams in a practical way in 2025, email yfcsecretary@gmail.com



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Editor's Comments

Hello Readers,
The Shannons QMT Yankalilla Classic Motor Show took place in November, which appeared to be a resounding success for the Yankalilla Lions Club.

There was much debate over the future of the pontoon at Normanville beach during November and a win-win situation was achieved. The original motion to fund the pontoon was lost due to the lack of finances of the DCY. Then, some thinking outside the box by Cr Moffat with some input from Cr Quirke formed a new motion and supported by Cr Gibbs, Cr Hatch (Cr Olsson and Cr Polomka voted against the motion and Cr Rothwell had left the meeting) meant that the pontoon didn't end up on the scrap heap. The end result is that DCY have escaped all costs in repairing and refloating it and the tab has been picked up by a fundraising drive with a bunch of donors who couldn't bear the thought of losing their summer fun toy on the water.

Our ACH centre that the Council and community came together to get going back in 2001, on land that was donated to the cause, is probably going to be sold in January. There is more about it in this edition but probably not a lot that can be done to change the situation. An unfortunate consequence due to a lack of forward thinking by the DCY of the day.

Being the lead up to Christmas, there are a bunch of markets and carols and other Christmassy things to get the season happening in the following pages.

The Normanville New Years Eve Pageant is on this year. Get involved and make it bigger and better! See page 18-19.

One last thing... wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Until next issue...

Cheers,
Paul Jelfs - Editor

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Club Fleurieu – A Club for Everyone!

2024 has been another great year for the Club, with members and visitors enjoying a wide range of activities and functions. Two recent highlights have been an October bus trip to Monarto, and our Melbourne Cup Lunch.

We have also added Croquet to our schedule of weekly activities.

On behalf of the Management Committee and members, I would like to wish all the community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, healthy and safe New Year. We look forward to seeing you at the Club in 2025!

Louise Allstrom, President

December / January Diary Dates

Thursday 5 December

7.00pm start **Movie Night**

Southern Fleurieu Film Society presents "Asteroid City".

An American themed meal will be served from 6.00pm for \$15, and Bjorn's Bar will be open for drinks, snacks & icecreams.

Tuesday 10 December

12 noon **Club Barbecue**

\$15 per person

Tuesday 10 December

6.00pm for eyes down 7.00pm **Bingo Night**

If you wish to come as a group, please book by calling 0447 633 034. Bar open for refreshments, BYO plate of nibbles.

Wednesday 18 December

12.30pm **Club Christmas Lunch**

Please refer to separate item.

Saturday 18 January

6.00pm for 6.30pm **Mayor's Charity Dinner**

After the success of our Mayor's Charity Lunch in January 2024, the Club looks forward to hosting and sponsoring this special dinner. Our Guest Chef will be **Mayor Darryl Houston**, and all proceeds will benefit 5CY. Dinner will consist of a two course meal, at **\$40 per person**.

More details will be available on our website, Facebook page and in our December club newsletter.



Sunday 19 January

Bumper BINGO Doors Open 12 noon, Eyes Down 1.30pm

All welcome... come and try your luck! See separate item for all the details.

Sunday 26 January

12.30pm **Australia Day Lunch**

Celebrate Australia Day at the Club! Enjoy a barbecue lunch, salads and some classic Aussie desserts. Relax over a drink or two from Bjorn's Bar, and join in some light-hearted fun with games, a quiz and an Australiana raffle. Don't forget to dress up in your finest Aussie attire! Bookings Essential. \$35 members, \$40 non-members.

Changes to Activity Schedule for December - January

Our weekly Club activities will take a break over the Christmas - New Year period. Many thanks as always to our volunteer activity coordinators, for your continued commitment to running our activities this year. Please see the table below for some of the dates. For Quilting, Cards and Croquet dates, please refer to our noticeboard or December newsletter.

Holiday Timetable

Activity	Finish Date	Start Date
Mahjong	16/12/24	6/1/25
Rock & Roll	9/12/24	13/1/25
Line Dancing	17/12/24	7/1/25
Zumba	11/12/24	8/1/25
Bingo	12/12/24	6/2/25
Craft	13/12/24	10/1/25

The first Movie Night for 2025 will be held on Thursday 6 February. Evening Bingo resumes on Tuesday 11 March, eyes down at 7.00pm.

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Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 18 December 12.30pm

Join us for an early Christmas with friends!

ENTREE
Seafood Cocktail (option available)

MAIN COURSE
Turkey & Ham, with roasted & steamed vegetables

DESSERT
Christmas Pudding or Trifle or Fruit & Icecream
Coffee/tea & chocolates will conclude the meal.

\$35 member/\$40 non-member **Bookings Essential**

Don't miss our raffle with a hamper for first prize!

Pontoon to be back in the water before Christmas

At a recent meeting of the Yankalilla District Council, residents who had raised money to repair the pontoon for use on Normanville beach, were frustrated to find that the council would not take their money.

The pontoon has been much enjoyed – especially by members of the surf club, Whitecaps swimming club, and tourists. Its refurbishment was supported by the Yankalilla & Normanville Progress Association who were able to raise \$9020 for its repair in less than two weeks.

An incredulous ABC radio host speaking with David Jolly, treasurer of the Progress Association, could not understand how the Council could refuse the generous community funds offered. David, while disagreeing with the decision, explained that the money raised would only pay for repairs to the pontoon, but another \$10,000 would be needed from Council funds to get it into and out of the water – a process requiring scuba divers and safety compliance checks.

As they had been involved in the fundraising, two elected members (Mayor Houston and Cr Grocke) properly declared an interest and

stepped back from the vote. After hearing from the deputation, two Crs (Olsson and Rothwell) supported the vote. However, Crs Gibbs, Hatch, Quirke, Polomka, and Moffat, initially voted against the spending with a view to reining in Council expenditure. They left the door open for the pontoon to get back in the water if the community could either raise the additional funds for its transport and installation or take over ownership and management of the pontoon (which the Council would happily gift them).

The challenge was accepted: within a few more days two generous donors contributed an additional \$10,000 for Council to go ahead with the necessary repairs and re-launch plans. Longer term plans for the management and maintenance of the pontoon will continue to be developed, but for the moment, it looks like making a welcome appearance before Christmas this year. Mayor Houston, in a press release on November 11th commented “I am proud to serve a community that is so active and engaged, and I know the Elected Members and the team of staff at Council are excited to see the pontoon back in the water ahead of Christmas”.

Fiona Vogel - Copywriter www.fionavogel.com.au

1st Birthday for Aqua Blue at Normanville Beach

As this edition hits the streets, Aqua Blue Normanville Beach's Kiosk will be celebrating their 1st birthday. Opening the shutters for the first time on December 7th 2023 we hit the ground running and the kiosk provided take aways, coffees and lots of ice creams. We tweaked things along the way, as you do, with the main focus on providing a greater experience for customers. I'd like to say “thank you” to all the locals and visitors who have visited and used the services at Aqua Blue Kiosk. To help celebrate, on Saturday 7th come on down to the Kiosk Beer Garden, where Guitarist Andy will wow you with his vast catalogue of cover versions, between 4pm and 7pm.

Also, starting beginning of December we will be opening later than normal Friday and Saturday nights. Cocktails, tunes and snacks from 9pm 'til late we will lower the lights, turn up the music and create a nice alternative venue to experience your Friday or Saturday night.

Andy Easthope is a solo musician from Adelaide, delivering a mix of covers chosen on the fly to suit the room. Known for his impressive vocals, guitar style and clean sound, Andy layers guitar, vocals, and rhythm live to create a full-band experience as a one-man act. Whether it's classic tracks or his own music, Andy brings a relaxed and engaging vibe to every performance.

As it looks like we are actually going to have a nice hot summer this year, where else would you want to be? Cold beer or wine, seaside tables, good friends, stunning views of ocean and southern coastline, and free entertainment. A great place to spend a summer's afternoon as it heads towards another beautiful sunset.

Coming at the beginning of December will be our new PVC Bistro Blinds which will create warm dry areas in front of kiosk that will protect customers (and staff) from the cold winds and any rain. There will be a variety of ways the blinds can be opened or closed that will enhance our customers experience.

New Years Eve... Aqua Blue Normanville Beach - The Place to be
We have come up with two options for people to enjoy New Years Eve at Aqua Blue this year. As we had only just opened our restaurant the week

before, and kiosk two weeks before that, time was against us so we decided to wait until this year to make Aqua Blue the premier spot to be to enjoy the “Forktree Family Fireworks”.

Upstairs

Upstairs, the restaurant will be transformed into a cocktail style Fancy Dress Party. From 6:30pm to 12:30am. The theme is... your favourite character from Movies, Television or Books (comics). When everyone goes to the trouble of coming in costume it creates something special. Being a cocktail style party there will be a grazing table to enjoy throughout the night and also a range of hot foods circulating through the party, keeping guests well fed. A live DJ will provide the party tunes to dance the night away. There will be tables and chairs but it's not a typical restaurant situation where you book a table for 8 by the window. More like a club where you grab a table as a base and then get up and mingle, dance or go to the bar. There will be prizes given for different categories throughout the night and everyone who comes in costume (and I'm hoping that's everyone, as it'll help make this inaugural NYE party a night to remember) will receive a free drink.

There are limited tickets so get your friends together, check out more details on our website by scanning the QR code in our advert (on page 10), make your booking and then decide who's wearing what.

Beer garden

This year the licensed area of the kiosk beer garden will be the place to enjoy your NYE.

For a small cover charge (which helps cover security and increased wages) people can enjoy space to enjoy the fireworks without being too crowded, legally purchase alcoholic drinks as well as food and cold drinks from the kiosk. A can bar will be set up, and a drinks ticket system will be in place to give quicker service to thirsty revellers. Tables and chairs will be available to get comfortable and security on hand to look after everyone. Music, food, drinks, fireworks, midnight celebrations and friends in a comfortable secure location, making Aqua Blue... THE PLACE TO BE.

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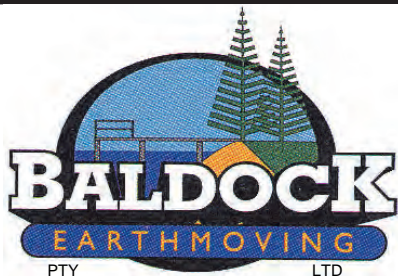
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Victoria Rolinski

“Painting Plein Air is the most rewarding and enjoyable way of painting. You have a heightened awareness of everything around you including perspective, light and atmosphere. The infinite beauty of nature is only revealed when painting outdoors. It enables me to paint with greater sensitivity and conviction. I want the painting to have an Impressionist quality – to feel spontaneous and of the moment. I try to avoid any of the brushstrokes looking laboured – they must be instinctive, spirited and free. This is easier to achieve outdoors where there is a



greater sense of urgency because of the constraints of time, light and weather. Painting to me is not only a passion but also an obsession. People owning original paintings are definitely the lucky ones! They seem to live and breathe any day over a print.”

Candy Zhao

Candy Zhao is a young watercolour artist who was born in Beijing and now lives in Adelaide.



Candy's passion is to capture the humanity of simple scenes or to look for strong emotional connections. With her artworks she hopes to evoke an emotional response in the viewer, whether it is a sense of inner peace, intrigue, or deep compassion. "That is the power of Arts, and so what I strive for", Candy says. Candy's painting style is realistic, though with a glimpse of mystery.

Candy has participated in several exhibitions and been awarded First Prizes for her watercolour paintings and in particular her portraits. In 2018 she was selected as "The Most Potential Artist" by the South Australian Arts Society.

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Yankalilla Lions Club

November Dinner Meeting

Kath Messner from the Yankalilla library was our guest speaker at the November dinner meeting.

Kath's presentation gave a very good rundown on what the Library offers the community.

It offers a range of events for the community for adults, families, children, and youth.

There are book launches, special interest talks, local history presentations and technology programs, or one on one help.

The library is a free service and once joined you can attend any



public library in South Australia. Books may be borrowed for up to a month. There is also an outreach program to the Rapid Bay School. Books can be delivered by volunteers to those unable to attend the Library.

Official opening of the Yankalilla Area School Smart Sign.

On Thursday, November 14th a small ceremony was held at the Yankalilla Area School to recognise the community collaboration that has gone into the project to install the new LED sign at the Yankalilla Area School.

This project started In March 2021 when the Yankalilla & District Lions Club started to pursue the concept of an electronic sign that could be used by multiple groups within the community at a prominent location promoting multiple things.

By chance in January 2022, Peter Filsell called into One World LED at Edwardstown to see about prices for signs as they had an array of signs on display in their windows. Schumann Rafizadeh and his staff had been having similar discussion about the possibility of doing signs which had similar community benefits that we were looking at. They came down to Yankalilla and

we had a look around the Main Road and they indicated their support to partner with the Lions Club on the Yankalilla Smart Sign Project.

In September 2022, the Club hired a mobile LED sign to gauge the public reaction to having a sign in the district. The mobile sign was originally hired for 8 weeks but ended up being here for about 4 months.

Following the success of this trial, talks were held with Christine Bell (Principal, Yankalilla Area School), the Yankalilla & District Lions Club and One World LED with the view to upgrading the existing sign in front of the school.

Contracts were signed in early 2023 and the sign was put up in late 2023. Cabling and computer system upgrades were completed in March 2024 which allowed the sign to be programmed remotely by the authorised people from anywhere in the world. The sign was cladded in July 2024 and is now fully operational.

The sign is utilised by the school between 8am – 4pm during School Terms and the Community has access to the sign outside of these hours from 6am – 9pm. and on weekends and during school holidays. Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure figures from 2023 estimate that 6000 vehicles travel past the school each day.

There are currently 45 groups from the Yankalilla community who have signed Third Party Agreements which allows them to submit slides for display on the Smart Sign.

The Yankalilla & District Lions Club is very grateful for the cooperation between the Yankalilla Area School, One Word LED and the Club to bring the project to where it is today.



how the scholarship has helped them with their further education, they both spoke very positively about how they are using the money to achieve their goals in life and we wish them all the very best with their endeavours. Also, in attendance to support Shannon and Yasmin was Corrina Rodrigues the secretary of the school. Even though Corrina has only been in the job a few months she has been of tremendous help to the Lions club with the many activities that have taken place and we thank her most sincerely for her support, it has been gratefully appreciated. We would also thank new principal Haley Prizabilla who like Corrina has helped the Lions club through many meetings and we look forward to the joint cooperation between the school and Lions continuing into the future. We wish them both all the best with their new positions.



Well done Melinda

At our Lions C2 District Convention held in late October, Melinda Fogden was elected to 2nd Vice District Governor for 2025/26.

This is the first time in our club's 40-year history that one of our members has nominated for this position and our club congratulates Melinda on her successful election. President Russell and 4 other club members attended the convention in Murray Bridge to support Melinda and participate in the program over the weekend.



2023/24 Scholarship Winners Report

It was with pleasure that the lions club welcomed to their November dinner meeting Shannon and Yasmin Clark, the 2023/24 Lions, Bill McGrath, Nettie Forrest, Yankalilla School Scholarship winners. Both gave an address as to



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The event was well supported geographically with people coming from most parts of South Australia.

This year we introduced the 'Evolution of Motoring' display showing how the motoring world has evolved from 1900 to the present day.

This was very popular and created a lot of discussion.

The car show Award winners this year were:

- The Patron's Pick (by Bruce Abernethy) - 1972 Valiant Charger - Peter Baxter
- Lions President's Award - The most 'Presidential' Car - John Hunter 1962 Valiant T-Series
- The One of One Award - Something that is one-off and unique - David Baird 1965 Ford Cortina MK1 Lotus

- The Mayor's Pick - The car the Mayor would like parked in front of the Council Office - Trevor Paynter 1916 Model T Ford
- The Marshall's Award - The vehicle that caught the Marshall's eye - 1981 Cadillac FW Series Limousine
- The Sponsor's Pick (Shannon's) - The car that caught the Sponsors eye - 1959 Jaguar MK2
- 2024 YCMS Gate Prize - Random certificate in Goody Bag - Jo Schmid (1955 Chevrolet Sports Coupe)

The Fashion Award Winners were:

- Best dressed Couple - Fiona and Michael Smitham
- Best dressed Female - Louise McCauley
- Best dressed Male - Geoff Asher

A big thank you to our major sponsors - Shannon's Insurance, Quality Motor Trimming, Forktree Brewing, Yankalilla Council, Fleurieu Accommodation, Yankalilla Regional News, Fleurieu Sun and the Times and to our other numerous sponsors for supporting the event.

Also, a huge thank you to the many volunteers who helped organise and run this event - it wouldn't happen without you.

And lastly to everybody who attended and took part in this year's YCMS. The funds generated will be used to fund our club's community support activities in the Yankalilla and district region.

Interested in joining the Lions Club ?

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Yankalilla's Aged Care Home to be Sold

Having spearheaded the charge to establish an aged care home in Yankalilla back when she was Chair of the Yankalilla Council, Wendy Hunt was alarmed to hear that it will be sold to a new owner on January 31st, 2025.

Back in 2001, it was recognised that seniors who needed more care than they could get at home were faced with the prospect of moving out-of-area and away from family. The community and Council mobilised. A site on the main road between Yankalilla and Normanville was chosen and a huge amount of work went into arranging to transfer ownership of the community land to ACH Group.

Wendy describes ACH of that time as "an ethical not-for-profit" and she had high confidence in the passionate commitment and competence of its CEO, Mike

Rungie. This made those involved in the original gifting of the site comfortable that the community land would be used to benefit the community. On that basis, many locals have continued to volunteer at the nursing home in the years since.

From their side, ACH would sink several millions of their own money into building the residential facility, and Wendy's team secured an extra for the medical facility from Federal funds. When the nursing home and retirement living units, doctors' and medical facilities were opened it was greeted with great relief in the pages of this newspaper.

According to Wendy, those were more trusting times, and the focus was on solving the problem, not on what might happen in twenty-five years if ACH decided to sell.

Ideally, there would have been a caveat in the sale contract that stipulated that the land gifted by the community as a nursing home would continue to be used that way and not be sold to a private company. Was there such a caveat? Does the community retain any say? Is it too late to stipulate? Can we get a lawyer to look at this? Those are questions that have been put on notice by Cr Davina Quirke for the next Council meeting (19 November) to Council CEO Nathan Cunningham for investigation. Since the medical facility is subject to a long-term lease, doctors will retain their offices despite the sale. Current CEO of ACH Group, Linda Feldt, told Wendy the nursing home would be sold to an aged care provider of high quality with a proven track record in regional communities that is closely aligned

with ACH Group's values. She also mentioned that existing staff would continue to be employed at the nursing home under the new management.

In Wendy's opinion, given the origin of the home, the community is owed more timely and open communication about its sale, calling for ACH to give fuller answers to her questions in an open letter (published below).

The new owners, Edenfield Family Care, are listed as a private company by the ATO and described as 'family owned and operated' on their website. They run two nursing homes in Port Augusta and one in Paracombe.

Fiona Vogel - Copywriter
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Letter from Wendy Hunt to the CEO of ACH and CEO of DCY Nathan Cunningham Subject: Yankalilla Centre

I write in regards to the sale of the Yankalilla Centre to Edenfield Family Care.

I was Chairman of the Yankalilla Council at the time and worked closely with ACH CEO Mike Rungie. The land on which the Centre stands was community owned land and a public meeting was held as required by legislation.

(I believe this not dissimilar to the West Park property where the land was owned by the Alexandra council ratepayers, then Port Elliot and Goolwa).

At this meeting which was extremely well attended by the community the ratepayers were supportive of the land being gifted to ACH for the provision of an Aged Care facility and Medical Centre being built on said land in Yankalilla. The ethos of ACH was one of the contributing factors.

The Yankalilla Council and the Yankalilla community were supportive of ACH at the time. Extra funding for the Medical Centre was received due to the support of the Council. This venture was a collaboration of Local Government (with its ratepayers), State Government, Federal government and ACH working together for this outcome.

It is with some concern and huge disappointment that I heard about the sale of the Yankalilla Centre.

Today I phoned ACH Headquarters at Mile End and was told the Yankalilla District Council CEO had been sent a letter last week.

I find this lack of communication to the community of Yankalilla most disappointing.

As a "not for profit" organisation Yankalilla residents have continued to volunteer (as have I for over 20 years) throughout the history of the Yankalilla Centre.

I would like to ask -

- 1) what security do the Yankalilla residents have in continued high level care in Aged Care facilities?
- 2) what security do businesses have that they will be able to support the facility?
- 3) is Edenfield a "non for profit" organisation such as ACH or is it completely a profit making

enterprise?

4) what communication is going to occur with the community of the DC Yankalilla?

Perhaps ACH could write an open letter to the community in the Yankalilla Regional News to explain what has transpired and answer some of the questions I have raised.

Considering the support of the Yankalilla community throughout the life of the Centre I believe it would show consideration to those who have supported the establishment and of the facility as well as those who have contributed in volunteering.

I look forward to your response.

Wendy Hunt




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Answers to the puzzle on page 21

SOLUTION: ACROSS 1 Reinder, 3 Ode, 6 Christmas, 9 Tree, 10 Manger, 12 Kings, 14 Noel, 15 Night, 17 Angels. **DOWN:** 2 Drummer, 4 Deck, 5 Jingles, 7 Herald, 8 David, 11 Boy, 13 Santa, 16 Bells



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Southern Fleurieu Film Society

Our final film for 2024 is **Asteroid City** by Wes Anderson. If you have seen films like *The Grand Budapest Hotel*, *The Royal Tenebaums*, or *The Darjeeling Limited*, you will recognise his creative, distinctive story-telling style, his quirky characters, the outstanding framing of shots, the colour and design, the meticulous costume and cast of notables. This is a retro creation of a 1950s summer camp in a remote Arizona Desert where there have been reported alien sightings. A bonus is the soundtrack of tunes from the era. The film has divided critical opinion, some rating it as his best and some as his worst. You may not like everything, but there will be something to enjoy.

Watch carefully. There will be a short quiz with prizes of chocolates, specially flown in from Belgium. The movie will screen at Club Fleurieu on **Thursday, December 5th**. Doors open at 6:30 with time for a catch-up, a drink or an ice cream before the 7:00pm start. Alternative venues are:

- Victor Harbor, Victa Cinema, on Tue, 3rd December.
 - Goolwa in Centenary Hall on Wednesday, 4th December.
- The November film, **Last Days of Chez Nous**, had a mixed reception in Yankalilla. It scored an average of 3.4 stars out of a possible 5. The

members who voted spread themselves evenly, with 6 people voting below 3 stars, 15 voting above, and 11 voting 3 stars.

In December, we usually celebrate with ice creams and get our first glimpse of the 2025 programme. The Club Fleurieu team are planning another wonderful \$15 pre-screening dinner. Think retro diner style with chicken pot pie, chili beans, and baked potato with icecream sundaes for dessert. It should be very tasty, very colourful and a lot of fun. No booking is required and there will be a vegetarian option. Turn up at 5:30.

To join or to renew membership and enjoy a monthly good night out, excellent company, and a film worth talking about go to <https://sffs.org.au>. Member benefits, past reviews and lots of information is available on the site.

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



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Asteroid City

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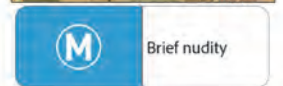
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photo) so have a chat to him if you want something bespoke. After much demand from the community, our Shed is working on a web site which should be up and running in the new year. It will inform readers of our history, why we exist, how we help our community, what we make and sell, joining and induction information and up and coming events such as our Open day in April to celebrate the shed's 10th anniversary. It will also recognise Rivkin Investments who have assisted



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Yankalilla District Historical Society

What's on in January

YDHS FRIDAY TALK

24 January, 10am-12noon

Yankalilla Library, 181 Main South Road, Yankalilla

Tom Gara: Aboriginal people on the Southern Fleurieu Peninsula after European Settlement

Tom Gara is a South Australian historian who has specialised in Aboriginal history. In the 1980s and 1990s he worked with Kaurna people from the Adelaide area and Kokatha and Wirangu people from the Gawler Ranges and the West Coast on a range of historical and heritage research projects. Since that time he has worked mainly on native title claims, including more than a decade with the SA Crown Solicitor's Office undertaking historical research in relation to native title claims throughout



the state. He has published several papers on post-contact Kaurna history and, with Peggy Brock, he edited the book *Colonialism and its aftermath: a history of Aboriginal South Australia* (2017). He lives at Aldinga Beach.

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It's a sobering thought that some members of our Fleurieu community will probably have to face tragedy, loss or loneliness over the coming Christmas period. If you're driving or working during this time, please think about your loved ones and take extra care. If you are alone, Christmas can be a particularly lonely time. The Men's Shed is open on Tuesday and Friday mornings from about 8:30am and on Wednesday evenings. You don't need an invitation to visit so if you are male and are coping with loneliness drop in to the Shed for a look around or just a chat and a coffee. They're a very welcoming bunch of blokes and

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That's all for this year and on behalf of the Yankalilla Men's Shed I would like to wish everyone a joyous Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.



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Normanville Pageant Is All Set For New Year's Eve

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Now is the time to rally a crew and put together a float. The pageant relies 100% on community involvement. It's great fun and everyone enjoys themselves.

It doesn't take much to put a float together. It can be as simple as some decorations on a car, or some funny costumes, or go all out and make a custom float. It's all about having some fun. Don't feel like you have to go above and beyond, being part of the festivities is the important part, and if that means making a float out of whatever is laying around and free, then that's awesome. Just do it!

It's also important to acknowledge how the Normanville New Year's Eve Pageant actually comes about each year. It's a true community event. Local volunteers start work roughly nine months before the event. It takes a huge amount of organising to put something of this size together. It would cost an unimaginable amount if an event coordinator were to be paid to organise such an event, so please support the work the volunteers have done by coming to the



event and supporting the food vendors who are working on new years night to feed us all.

Also, if something doesn't necessarily go to plan, just laugh it off and be patient, we're doing our best!

Of course an event of this size costs a lot to run. We literally couldn't do it without the amazing local businesses that not only open their wallets to assist, but who actively reached out to see how they could be of assistance. They're superstars and I really want the community to get behind and support those who support us. The Rotary Club of Yankalilla, Community



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If you'd like to support the event, please reach out. Our budget is okay for this year, but as it stands without substantial support and a major sponsor for next year, we simply don't have the funds yet.

Some points to note, parking will be unavailable on Jetty Road on the day as we had a lot of cars and caravans blocking the view last time. Unfortunately the few that refused to move have tied our hands and this is the only solution.

Parking in the basin is strictly until 3pm only. Please, and I can't stress this enough, please don't leave your vehicles parked in the basin or on the pageant route. The only way the event can be safely operated is if we all come together and work as a united team.

Please keep your children behind the blue line. Many floats have limited vision. For everyone's safety, no crossing the blue line regardless of how many lollies may be just out of reach.

We had a few dogs get away from their owners last year. Make sure to have a secure harness and someone who can effectively control them, especially during the fireworks.

Float entry is free. The event is fun to come and watch, but its even more fun to be a part of.

Reach out to Ash on 0439047336 or Cassie on 0400856900 and we'll assist you to get involved. We also need volunteers to help with collecting donations on the night. If you can hold a bucket and say "donations", that's all the qualifications we need!

Have a wonderful Christmas and we'll see you all on the 31st, thanks from the team at the Normanville New Year's Eve Pageant.

Photos: Facebook



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Date	Council Office	Visitor Centre	Library
Monday 23 December	9am – 12pm	9am – 5pm	CLOSED
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Wednesday 25 December	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Thursday 26 December	CLOSED	10am – 4pm	CLOSED
Friday 27 December	CLOSED	9am – 5pm	10am – 5pm
Saturday 28 December	CLOSED	10am – 2pm	10am – 1pm
Sunday 29 December	CLOSED	10am – 2pm	CLOSED
Monday 30 December	CLOSED	9am – 5pm	CLOSED
Tuesday 31 December	CLOSED	9am – 5pm	10am – 5pm
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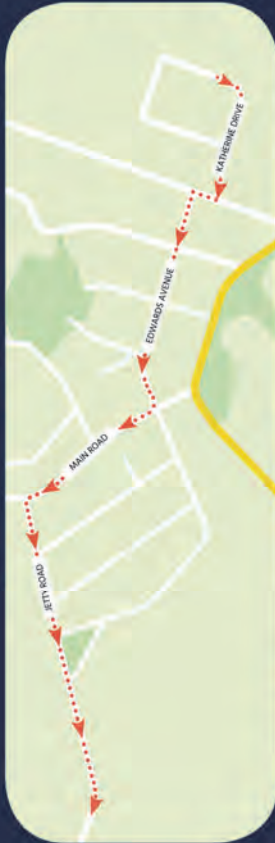
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Some Pretty Amazing Pipefish

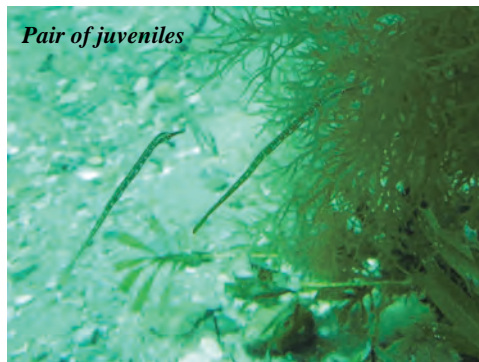
Perhaps it's writer's block. Or maybe sticking to one pretty fish per month has become a bit tedious. In 2025 I'll mostly continue doing one fish per article, but I'll include the odd diversion, as now. After all, variety is not just the spice of life, it's the very stuff of it. I take local photos of local fish. That's my thing. So, this article has photos of 6 species. The first 5 are common. The 6th is rare. I'll emphasise where in Yankalilla Bay each photo was taken, but I'll say much less about colours, distributions and all that other stuff you've grown accustomed to. By all means Google it!

#1:the Brushtail Pipefish (*Leptoichthys fistularius*).

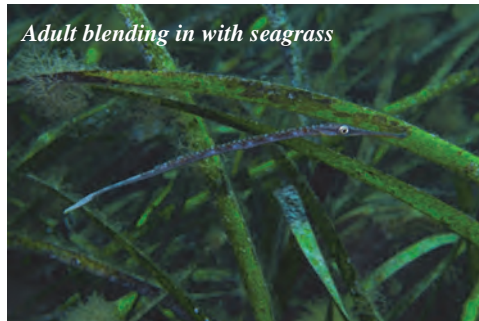
The largest of Australia's pipefish, reaching 65cm and a monotypic genus member, endemic to southern Australia.

Likes sheltered shallow seagrass meadows.

Photo taken near Second Valley.



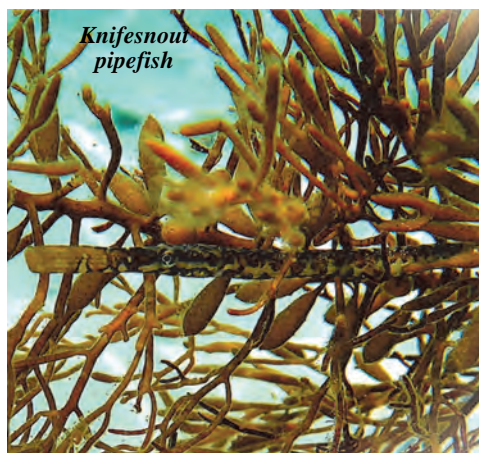
Pair of juveniles



Adult blending in with seagrass

#2:the Knifesnout Pipefish (*Hypselognathus rostratus*).

Taken waist deep off Normanville Beach between the jetty and the Bungala. This is the second largest of SA's pipies. The squared off, knife like snout helps it blend in well with bigger seaweeds, including this single bit of drifting Sargassum.



Knifesnout pipefish

#3:the Sawtooth Pipefish (*Maroubra perserrata*).

One of our few reef dwelling pipies, but don't be alarmed by the name. It reaches only about 9cm and doesn't really have teeth. The name derives from the saw-tooth patterning on the sides of the body, with the main dorsal and ventral fins having similar profiles, although less obvious to the observer. Taken at Second Valley at night. Often seen as pairs in tiny caves by day, they're nocturnally active. You might be able to see *eggs on the male's belly



Sawtooth pipefish mating pair

#4:the Crested Pipefish (*Histiogamphelus briggsii*) and

#5:the Rhino Pipefish (*Histiogamphelus cristatus*).

The two members of this *Histiogamphelus* genus are exceedingly common here in Yankalilla Bay. I've hundreds of photos of each to choose from, and they are nearly all taken at depths between 0.5m and 5m, with the majority being encountered while snorkelling in less than two metres depth. So one photo covers both species, which are close kin, share the same habitat preference, and are of moderate size. They are the only two members in this genus, which is endemic to southern Australia. They pretend to be dead bits of seagrass, even rolling and tumbling back and forth with the swells on shallow sandy areas very close to shore. Look closely at each dead, brownish blade of seagrass on the bottom as you snorkel in a metre or less



Crested pipefish mating ritual



Rhino pipefish

anywhere near Normanville Jetty and, sooner or later, you'll see an eye at one end and a tail at the other. Usually later: although they're very common, they can't possibly compete numerically with dead seagrass blades! But your patience will be rewarded, especially in the warm season).

#6:the Verco's Pipefish (*Nanacampus vercoi*).

Small, rare, with very limited distribution based on the few valid records. The one shown here (photographed in 2010) was the first record of Verco's Pipefish in Yankalilla Bay. And in case you think I've tickets on myself, at the time I didn't know what species I was imaging. It just looked slightly different to all the other members of it's genus I saw on that dive. Directly out from the Normanville SLSC.

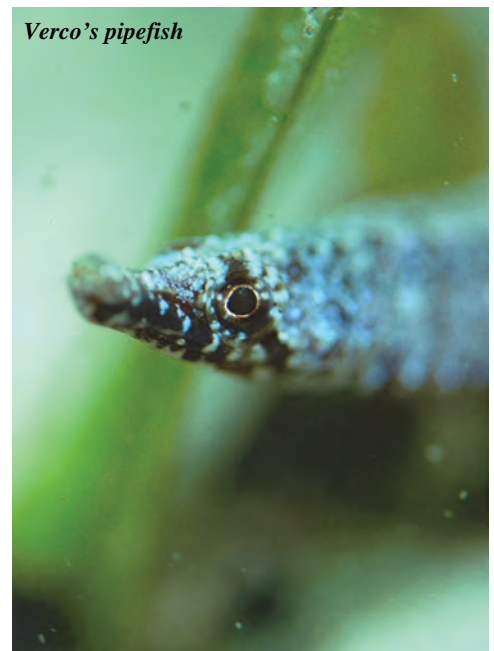
I've seen VERY FEW since. I hope they're still here. But they're too small to find on snorkel, and opportunities to scuba dive off our SLSC have diminished markedly since 2010. Some days it's almost off limits, what with swimmers, paddle boarders, sailboats, IRBs, and even spears using the shared recreational space. You can't book ahead. But I'm just another human amongst the many who love that particular spot. I'm lucky that I could dive there anytime, on a whim, back then. Without having to weave my way through human traffic.

The upside of the here and now is this.

That so many people now enjoy what I once affectionately called Pipefish Hotspot is evidence that more of us value our daily dose of outdoor nature. And that, my friends, is a great upside!



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Verco's pipefish



Verco's pipefish



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The motivation of first timers to Myponga parkrun varies, for some they are trying to get a complete set of running or walking in each of the 50 odd South Australian parkruns. For others they are semi local and trying a different run route to their usual parkrun at say Kuitpo, Victor Harbor or Aldinga. For some like Judith who proudly replied to our Saturday morning question "I'm from the Netherlands and whilst backpacking in Australia in the last 2 years I've done 27 different parkruns." This sent one local going off to count his number and he later conceded he had 'only done 26'.

Another 'first timer' who pops up at Myponga parkruns is the person who is trying to find a complete set of alphabetical location parkruns. Yes, there are runners and walkers out there that tick off parkruns by trying to get all 26 letters of the alphabet. For example, Aldinga probably has its fair share of first timers to tick off an 'A' and at Myponga we get those who will be ticking off an 'M'. And yes, it's possible to get to 'Z' as Zeehan in Tasmania and Zillmere in Queensland conduct a parkrun.

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

If you are interested in finding out more, follow us at Myponga Reservoir parkrun on Facebook



A group of walkers from Event #125.

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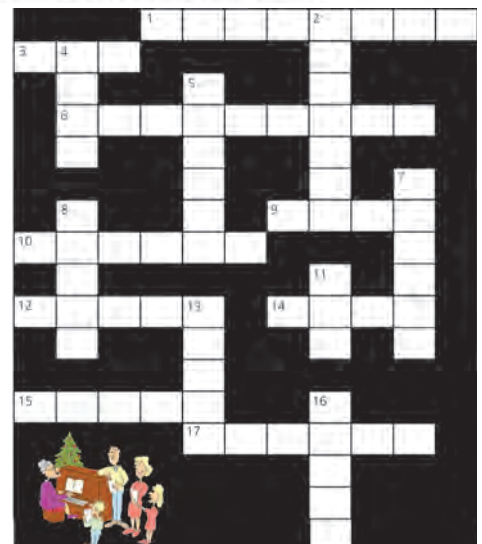
See how well you know your Christmas Carols. Below are the clues to this crossword. All are the names of well-known Christmas Carols.

ACROSS

1. Rudolph the Red-Nosed ????
3. ??? to Joy
6. We Wish You A Merry ?????
9. Oh Christmas ???
10. Away In A ????
12. We Three ????
14. The First ???
15. Silent ???
17. ??? We Have Heard On High

DOWN:

2. Little ??? Boy
4. ??? The Halls
5. ??? Bells
7. Hark The ??? Angels
8. Once In Royal ???'s City
11. Mary's ??? Child
13. ??? Claus Is Coming To Town
16. Jingle ???



Answers: page 14

True or False: Yankalilla Council has too many staff and pays them too much!

Please note: The views, information and/or opinions expressed in this piece are solely mine and do not reflect those of the DCY staff or other elected members. To the best of my knowledge, all data used are correct.

Introduction: Since becoming a Councillor in the Yankalilla District in July, I wish I had a dollar for every time it has been suggested that ‘Council wages are too high’.... When you helped me decide “What to look at next” in my anonymous survey a few weeks ago, the Council wages were ranked #3. I am still working on understanding topic #1, Debt and Loans. I’ve had to get outside help with that. I’m also working on understanding Topic #2, the \$6.4 million category mysteriously named “Material, Costs and Other Expenses”. So, I thought I’d answer this question on Council wages for myself and for residents for the December YRN, telling myself, “this will be quick”. Instead, the Editor had to give me an extension, and it’s been really interesting, albeit time-consuming. So fasten your seatbelts for a quick whirl through wages in regional Councils.

Method: I looked at 28 different rural and regional SA Councils, ranging from about 1,000 to 18,000 residents. I classed 14 as ‘high tourist’ Councils when compared to ‘low tourist’ Councils. Additionally, note that while the Yankalilla Council is a tad on the high side in the little group of 4 at similar population (Kangaroo Island, Lower Eyre, Coorong and us), we are certainly not what I would call ‘way out there’.

Why are Council staff wages generally higher in the ‘high tourist’ Councils, at any given population? Perhaps it is as simple as the general cost of living is higher in a ‘high tourist’ area, so a higher wage is required. Certainly median housing prices are also likely be higher than

All data are publicly available on various websites to anyone. The population data are all from the Aust Bureau of Statistics. Nearly all the rest of the data are from each Council’s 2024/25 Annual Budget documents. A couple of times I had to go back to a 2023 Annual report, especially to find FTEs. I’d like to commend our Council for having very accessible and complete documentation. Then I got to work. I haven’t reproduced the entire data table in this piece, just the list of Councils. But I would happily send the Excel spreadsheet to anyone interested in seeing it. Just email me at Karin.hatch@yankalilla.sa.gov.au

Results

Tested: “Our Council pays too much in staff wages”

Plot 1 presents Council population vs total Council staff wages for the 28 Councils. No surprise at first: as a Council gets bigger, more staff are needed, so the wage costs increase. I was surprised to see there are two different trendlines, one for the ‘high tourist’ and one for the ‘low tourist’ Councils. The R² value is a number that can go between 0 and 1, with 1.0 being a perfect fit. It is a statistic that tells us how well a straight line fits the data scatter. All the R² values here are pretty good. Also, our eyeballs can see the fit is pretty good!

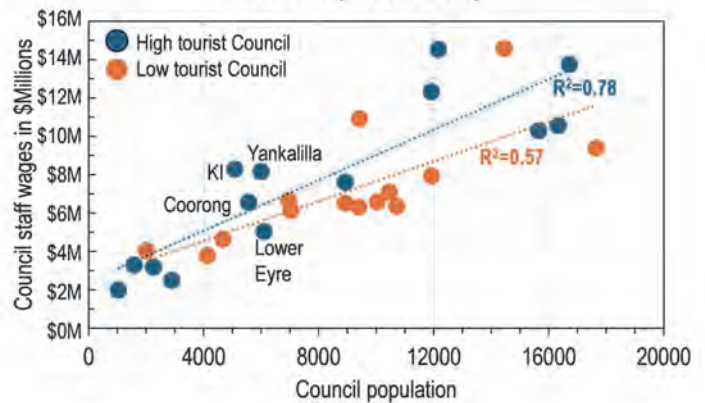
At all populations, the difference between the two trendlines shows that staff wages are more expensive at any given population for ‘high tourist’ Councils. Additionally, note that while the Yankalilla Council is a tad on the high side in the little group of 4 at similar population (Kangaroo Island, Lower Eyre, Coorong and us), we are certainly not what I would call ‘way out there’.

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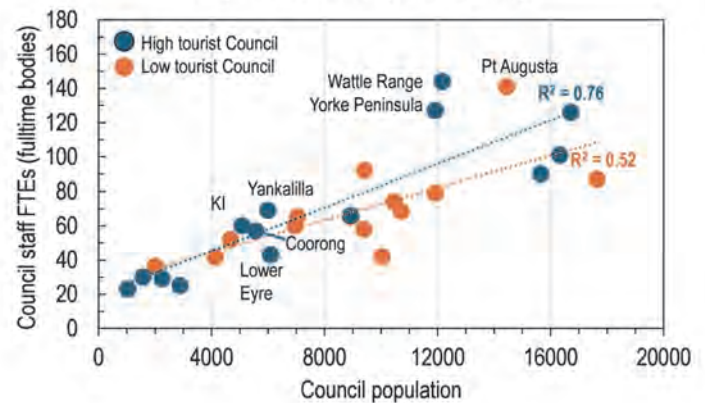
"High tourist" Council	population	"Low tourist" Council	population
Coorong	5569	Adelaide Plains	10461
Copper Coast	15652	Berri Barmera	10713
Elliston	1037	Clare and Gilbert	9393
Grant	8925	Goyder	4134
Kangaroo Island	5084	Loxton Waikerie	11928
Light	16332	Mid Murray	9415
Lower Eyre Peninsula	6100	Naracoorte Lucindale	8928
Robe	1583	Northern Areas	4671
Streaky Bay	2254	Port Augusta	14456
Tumby	2889	Port Pirie	17648
Victor Harbor	16720	Renmark Paringa	10044
Wattle Range	12163	Southern Mallee	2013
Yankalilla	5998	Tatiara	7040
Yorke Peninsula	11922	Wakefield Regional	6958

High or low tourist Council defined by township house vacancy % and/or annual report information

PLOT 1: Council population vs total Council staff wages in \$Millions (2024/25 data)



Plot 2: Council population vs Council staff FTEs (fulltime bodies) (2023-25 data)



in a ‘low tourist’ Council.

My conclusion: Among these 28 rural and regional Councils, and especially among the ‘high tourist’ Councils, Yankalilla has a reasonable staff wages bill. It would be preferable to be on the other side of the trendline, though.

Tested: “Our Council has too many staff employed”

Plot 2 presents Council population vs Council staff FTEs. In other words, how many staff are employed in these Councils? Again there is a difference in the trend of the ‘high tourist’ vs ‘low tourist’ Councils. At all but the lowest populated Councils, it appears to take more staff to run a ‘high tourist’ Council

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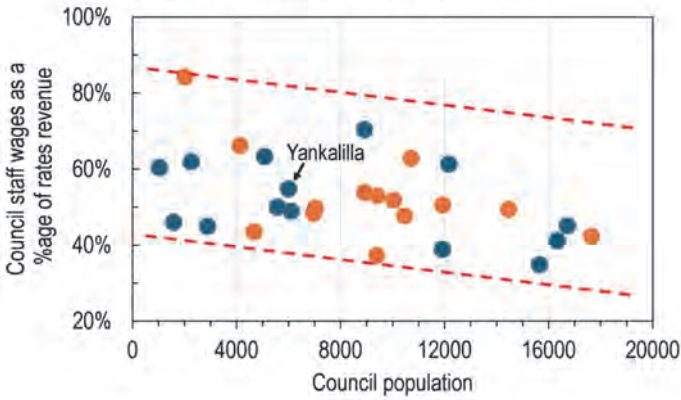
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PLOT 3: Council population vs Council staff wages as a percent of rates revenue (2024/25 data)



than a 'low tourist' Council. The 'fit' of the data to the lines is not quite as good as for the previous plot. In particular, Yorke Peninsula, Wattle Range and Pt Augusta Councils have quite high numbers of FTEs for their population. The first two I classed as 'high tourist', but not Pt Augusta. Its dwelling vacancy rates did not support that classification. If I lived in one of these three Councils, I would be investigating this further! It seems to me sensible that it could take more staff to run a 'high tourist' Council of any population. Additional impositions in a 'high tourist' Council area might include needing more staff to deal with greater wear and tear on infrastructure, the cost and the staff required to attend to tourist needs, and to provide tourist-related facilities. Tourist-related activities in regional Councils are generally funded through residents' rates. It can be argued that with increased tourism there is significant benefit to the economic development of local businesses. But I suggest important questions for small regional Councils like Yankalilla to consider is: *Does the economic benefit of tourism to the region justify the expenditure of rate-payers' money? And to what level of expenditure? I think together we need to explore these questions when we get to the budget setting process early in 2025.*

Once again, Yankalilla Council is not far from the trend line, and does not appear to have a particularly high number of full-time equivalent bodies on staff.

My conclusion: Among these 28 rural regional Councils, and especially the 'high tourist' Councils, Yankalilla Council is not unusual in its number of full-time equivalent Staff bodies (FTEs). Again, it would be preferable to be on the other side of the trendline.

I did much more analysis of the dataset, but none of it changed the two conclusions that I stated above. There is one more simple plot I'd like to show. I wondered if our Council spends a much bigger proportion of its rates revenue on Council staff wages when compared to other rural and regional Councils. Plot 3 gives Council population vs staff wages as a percentage of rates revenue. Yankalilla is comfortably in the middle of the pack in this analysis.

Wrap-up: None of this work says anything about the possibility that perhaps most or all Councils employ too many staff. That is a complex question that takes us into areas like the productivity of staff, the demands of Council residents for a growing range of services, and the fact that state governments have been pushing more and more requirements and duties onto local government, without any additional attached funding. But I feel comfortable after this work to say that Yankalilla Council does not appear to be significantly out of step with a selection of other rural and regional Councils in terms of staff wages and staffing FTEs.

When it comes to the new year budget setting process, where does this leave us if there is any intent to reduce our debt burden? Raising the rates revenue and/or cutting back on non-essential expenditure are the main two places to have an impact. I'd be happy to talk about this with anyone. You can always find me at the Yankalilla Memorial Park Netball Clubrooms any Monday morning from 10-11am. And don't forget to keep up to date with the posts on my facebook page. Phone chats are always welcome too 0477 000 137



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Normanville jetty ... once served a busy port

Land around what would become Normanville was first selected in 1840 when Robert Hastings Norman selected sections 1014 and 1012 while still living in England, possibly on the advice of his brother John, and sister Anna (she had married Septimane Herbert), who had already arrived in the colony in 1839. Ten years later, in October 1849 Norman bought section 1031 where he built a 'house' (a chapel with a vault) and where by 1865 he had planted 10 acres of vines. About 1850 he had his original section, 1014, surveyed and divided into town blocks. Half a million bricks were made from clay sourced from the banks of the Bungala River, and a blacksmith shop, hotel, church and houses were built, and land offered for a police station and approaches for a proposed jetty.

As land around Yankalilla and Normanville was surveyed as country acres and taken up, wheat production was increasing to feed the colony, and also to export. The rich southern Fleurieu region was producing sheep, potatoes, and wheat. Flour mills were erected at Second Valley, Yankalilla and Normanville, and dairy farming and timber was also being pursued, all requiring a seaport.

Following a petition by the local community in March 1853, building of the first jetty started at the mouth of the Bungala River, and was completed in 1855. The jetty was 115 metres long with a depth of 2 metres at low tide. However, the following year, sand beneath the jetty was washed away during the severe 1856 flood, exposing the structure which was damaged beyond repair.

A second jetty was built later that year, close to where the present jetty is, but not perpendicular to the beach. To assist in handling the increasing quantity of goods and produce, £1000 was granted in 1859 to construct a tramway through the sandhills from the jetty to the storage sheds. The poor workmanship of the tramway drew much criticism because of it not being level.

In 1865 Normanville was declared a port (officially Port Yankalilla) with its own harbour master. A report that year on the state of the jetty recommended that it be replaced with a new jetty, but at right angle to the beach. This third jetty was completed in 1868. In 1921 a fourth jetty was built – at Haycock Point – but this site was poorly chosen as the jetty was exposed to the wind and a constant swell, and so was demolished.

During the 1850s and 1860s, Normanville was a busy port, with ketches and schooners bringing in supplies for the community and taking out locally grown produce. With the decrease in wheat production, the shipping trade was declining by the 1870s and, as roads improved, motorised transport took over from sea transport, although the port was still being used in the early 1900s.

The 46-ton ketch *Free Selector* (Captain J Lashmar) regularly serviced Normanville from the 1880s to about 1920. On 16 March 1916 the *Free Selector* sank alongside the Normanville jetty, having on board about 25 tons of cargo for Normanville, besides several tons of artificial manures and other freight for Kangaroo Island.

The water was shallow and there was a slight roll which caused the ketch to bump heavily on the bottom. In 10 minutes the hold was full of water. Captain John Lashmar requested the agents Messrs A & F Le Messurier to send a diver and a tug. The greater portion of the cargo was removed from the flooded hold to the jetty but towards evening work was suspended as the tide was rising to a level with the deck. The cargo landed consisted of groceries for Yankalilla storekeepers, bran and pollard, and artificial manures, as well as cases of kerosine and other oil carried on deck. The steamer *Kapoola* landed a diver, Mr McArthur, and pumps for use in refloating the sunken ketch. The diver effected temporary repairs, and the water was pumped from the hold. During the afternoon the remainder of the cargo was discharged, and the *Free Selector* left under sail in the evening, expecting to be picked up by a promised tug.

The steel steamship *Karatta*, of 527 tons, traded twice weekly between Kangaroo Island and Port Adelaide from December 1907 until November 1961, carrying both freight and passengers. Commanded by Captain R Pearson for the 54 years of its service, in 1950 *Karatta* was converted from coal to an oil burner. The ship had a large saloon for day passengers and could load 2600 bags of wheat or carry 900 shorn sheep. Later she would also carry cars on her deck.

The third jetty at Normanville, built in 1868, was once 900 ft (about 274 metres) long but suffered storm damage in 1948 and again in the 1950s. When the jetty was repaired in 1974, the

SS Karatta at Hog Bay jetty, Kangaroo Island, 1933
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Old Normanville jetty, c. 1900
(State Library of South Australia, B 27252).



Normanville jetty c. 1923
(State Library of South Australia, B 13367).



The ketch Free Selector in Port Adelaide,
March 1898
(State Library of South Australia, B 19958).



Ketch Free Selector under construction at Port Adelaide in 1875.

The Yankalilla & District Historical Society Inc. meets on the second Monday of the months of September, October, November, February, March (usually on the Tuesday in March as Monday is Adelaide Cup Day) and April. The next general meeting will be at **7pm on Monday 10 February 2025 at Yankalilla Library.**

Normanville Sailing Club

The Normanville Sailing Club is up and running for the 2024/25 season. The AGM and presentation night for the 2023/24 season was held at Mare Bello Pizza's new premises on Friday, 18th October, with great food and fun enjoyed by all. After the official business was taken care of, the winners of the different classes were presented with their awards. Division 1 was jointly won by Roy Douglas and Dave Overall with Matt Ward coming in second. The Division 2 title was taken out by Peter Nicholson followed by Rob Howard in second place. Division 3 was won by George Reeves followed by runner-up, Brian Matthews.

Following a working bee on 27th October to ensure the safety boat and associated equipment was in tip-top condition to start the season, our first sailing day was on Sunday, 3rd November. We had 11 boats on the water in the first week, with 8 the following week. This included a couple of new comers, which is great for the Club. The weather for the start of the season was perfect, with sunshine and steady onshore winds both days.

We sail every Sunday off the Normanville beach (weather permitting) on the South side of the jetty, from the start of November to the end of April. Come and see us any time between about 1pm and 4pm. We are pleased to welcome anyone to join our Club, whether they are seasoned sailors or have never been on the water before.

If you are interested and would like more information, contact Club Secretary, Matt Ward (ph. 0414 978 339), or search for Normanville Sailing Club on Facebook. If you're a boatie but not into sailing we're always looking for people to pilot the club safety boat and time races.



Members receiving their first briefing for the season, 03/11/2024.



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If you want to get involved with any aspect of what we do, feel free to pop into FLEC, located at Shop 3/50 Main Street, Normanville to have a chat to one of our volunteers or staff members. Our opening hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am to 3pm and Saturday from 10am to 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.

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Fleurieu Environment Centre and local Landcare group events in December and January

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Wednesday, 4 December 2024, 9 to 11am - Community Gardening Session at Youth Park, 180 Main South Rd, Yankalilla

Friday, 6 December 2024, 9.30am to 12pm - Firewise Native Grassland Management Field Event with Seeding Natives in Yankalilla (*more details to the right*)

Saturday, 7 December 2024, 9.20am - Veggie Swap at Fleurieu Environment Centre, 50 Main Rd, Normanville

Saturday, 7 December 2024, 10am to 4pm - Cape Jervis Coastal Community Group Working Bee and

Sunday, 8 December 2024, 9am to 12pm - Cape Jervis Coastal Community Group Working Bee

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Saturday, 14 December 2024, 8am - Friends of Banksia Park Working Bee at Banksia Park, Normanville

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The Fleurieu Refugee Support Group was formed by a group of locals who wanted to help by raising community awareness, raising funds, advocating policy changes to Australia's treatment of refugees and where possible, through personal contact, actively support refugees coming to South Australia. This still remains our focus.

2024 has been a challenging year for the Fleurieu Refugee Support Group (FRSG) as we moved into operation with a new constitution and a different approach to meetings and leadership while some of the initiators stepped back. It was very clear that the knowledge and contacts which

Bill Page, (our founding Chair) had developed was not easily replicated. We were all on a learning curve: sharing experience and information was crucial to our operation. We are still developing that shared understanding and refining our operation so that we can broaden participation of our members and ensure effectiveness over time. One challenge this year is that virtually the whole of the committee seemed to get the travel bug. Between us I'm sure we set a record for distance travelled and wonderful images shared!

Despite absences a number of projects have been completed and we have been able to maintain a consistent funding focus on the education of women and girls in Afghanistan. The conditions for women and girls there is catastrophic. No education beyond 12 years, no ability to leave the home without a male escort, no employment opportunities, beatings, reintroduction of stoning as a form of punishment and execution. It is so bad that a European court recently decided that to simply be female in Afghanistan was grounds for recognition as a refugee.

FRSG has been part of a national postcard campaign targeting MPs and urging action to recognise the abuse of women by the Taliban. Penny Wong, the Foreign Minister, has responded and our local member Rebekha Sharkie continues to support refugee issues and the work of FRSG. Australia will now work in collaboration with Germany, Canada and the Netherlands to take the Taliban to the

International Court of Justice over gender injustice.

We conducted an evening meeting for local writer Beverly Bell to discuss her book exploring the refugee experience "The Other Side of the Ocean". The Easter Art Show on the theme "Connection" provided a varied exhibition, including works from children, and generous contributions to a successful silent auction.

We have maintained a presence at the annual Show and continue to notice the growing acceptance of the group in the community. With our help we have seen a family of refugees from Syria progress from providing delicious food as an experiment at the Show to becoming a regular feature, and now establishing a catering business. We can make a difference to refugees settling in South Australia and our direct funding into Afghanistan has made a difference. When girls were starving lessons were suspended and we funded bread! The FRSG has been recognised by an award from the Rural Australians for Refugees at their recent national conference for our work in Afghanistan.

As we approach the end of 2024 we hope that peace and climate action will reduce the pressure to leave homes to seek a better future. However, across the world authoritarian governments continue to oppress and persecute people seeking freedom or offering a critique of policies and practices which marginalize minorities. The year ahead looks bleak and the need for our work undiminished.

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A tank and some rocks are here comes Christmas!

Firstly, a little correction to last months' title. "Futuristic Dairy and Fantastic Daring" (not Dairying) referring of course to the robotic dairy and the daring of Victoria Cornell swimming the English Channel. Damn autocorrect!!

Our outing in October was to the Tickle Tank in Mt. Barker. If you have not had the opportunity to visit, please investigate it online. Irene purchased an old town water supply tank on 450sq metres of land in 1998, or thereabouts. Over the years since then, she has turned it into an amazing home and a lush garden. Add to that a morning tea of her scones and homemade jams with cream, and it was a delightful visit.

After a brief meeting and a slightly longer morning tea (?), we enjoyed a presentation by Karin Hatch, our newly elected Council Member. Karin is also a retired Professor of Geology and Geophysics, and it was the subject of our local geology that Karin spoke to us about. Although she was more than willing to take questions about her new role, our members left any questions to do with Council matters unasked. The geology was just too interesting. Did you know the Australian continent is slowing drifting north and sliding under the Indonesian tectonic plate? Not to worry, the rate of drift is estimated at 10cm per million years.

By the time you read this, Christmas will be a few weeks away. We wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas. enjoyed however you like best. We don't meet in December but look forward to welcoming you to our January meeting at 10am on 22nd January at the RSL Hall in Normanville.

Lorraine Felix – Publicity Officer 0409 099 867



Wirrina Cove Golf Club

Ladies Day

Wirrina Cove Golf Club annual Ladies Day was held mid November with a positive feedback from the visiting ladies, although the deceptive breaks on some greens had a few scratching their heads. The club would like to thank New Terry for the use of the course and catering, Drummond Golf at Darlington for the donations and Sponsorship. Also the primary sponsor of the day South Coast Realty, the generosity of the sponsors meant that all the ladies went home with a prize or a gift. Pictured below are the winners of Division I and 2 with Ken Ninnis of South Coast Realty presenting the prizes



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One of the driest growing seasons in 150 years

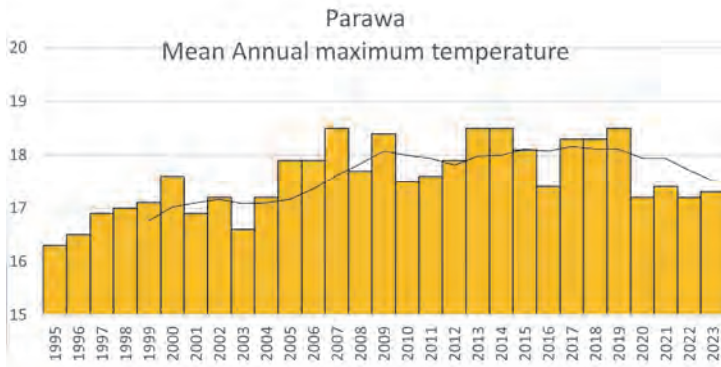
The recent dry spell for the 2024 growing season (often to be considered to be from May to October) is the third driest since records began in the district. Rainfall readings commenced at Normanville in 1867, Second Valley 1876, Yankalilla post office 1892 and Myponga 1914. Only Normanville and Yankalilla have continuous records for the same location. The Yankalilla PO site has only missed a few months in the 132 years of record and has one of the best long-term records is South Australia. The Normanville record is also good with the exception of missing months during the second world war.

The average rainfall at Yankalilla over all the years of record is about 9% higher at Yankalilla (571mm) than that recorded at Normanville (522mm). This difference is largely due to Yankalilla's closer proximity to the ranges.

The average rainfall for the growing season over the 132 years of record at Yankalilla is 412 mm. During May to October 2024, 238.2 mm was recorded at Yankalilla, only 1959 when 191 mm and 1914, when 151 mm was recorded have been drier. At Normanville for the 157 years of record the growing season average is 378mm, only 1959 with 176.1mm and 1914 149.7mm have been drier. For the old timers that is nearly 7 inches below the norm. During the last 10 years only 2 years of those years have recorded higher than average (2016, 2017) for the growing season.

Is this year's low rainfall and an apparent drying trend over the last 10 years just an aberration, or is it a function of climate change.

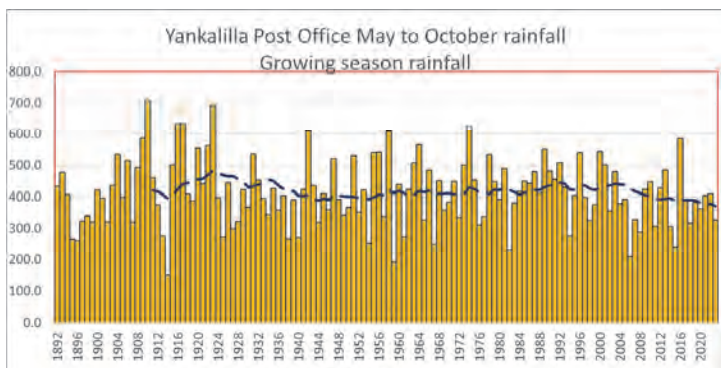
Good Long term temperature records are almost non-existent over the Fleurieu Peninsula.



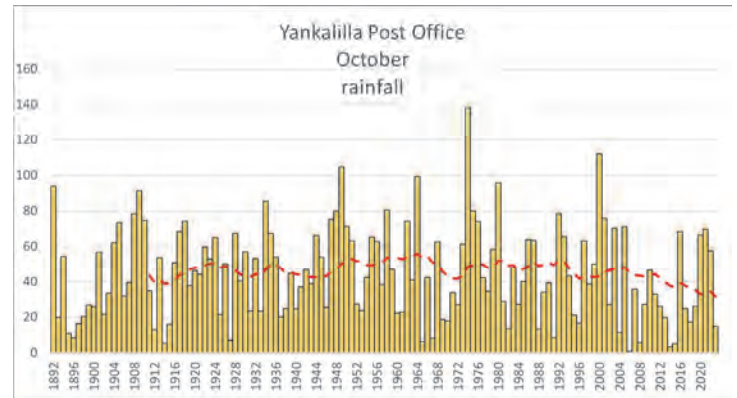
The automatic weather station at Parawa has been operating since 1995 and is the oldest one site location in the area. Parawa AWS has shown about a 1 deg increase in the maximum temperature since 1995. Whilst this record is far too short to indicate evidence of global warming, it is consistence with other Australian locations, and fits with the 1.5 to 2 degrees of warming experienced across the world since 1950. Its also worth noting that maximum temperatures at Yankalilla are about 3 degrees warmer than those recorded at Parawa due to the elevation difference.

We know that the sub-tropical high-pressure belt has been strengthening south of the continent since the 1950's. The migration of the high-pressure systems from over the continent during the cooler months, to over the sea is now happening earlier during spring. This has the effect of reducing the intensity of the cold fronts passing across the south of the state. It is almost universally accepted by scientists that global warming is well under way, but is that warming having an affect on the local rainfall.

The graph below shows the growing season rainfall for Yankalilla. There is some evidence of drying since the turn of the century, but records show there was a similar drying period in the 1920's. Overall though, I think it is fair to say we have dried a little during that 132 years of record. The black dashed line is a running 20-year average.



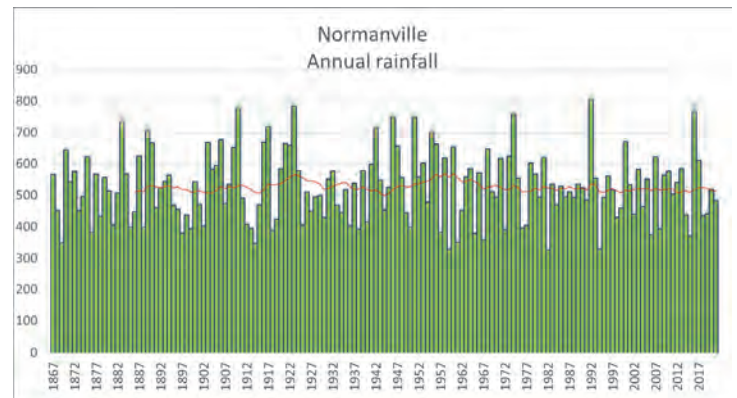
The clue to that slight drying trend may lie in the graph below. The Yankalilla PO rainfall record shows a drying trend for the month of October of 15 to 20mm over the last 30 years. A lesser drying trend of about 10 mm can be seen in the May rainfall data, indicating the "break in the season" may be starting slightly later and finishing earlier.



The southward migration of the sub-tropical high-pressure belt from over the continent to the Southern Ocean during spring, is now happening about 3 weeks earlier than measured in the 1950's. This forces the cold fronts further southward during spring. The earlier migration of the high-pressure systems is the likely cause of the October rainfall reduction. The result is a shorter growing season. The lower rainfall in combination with warmer temperatures is decreasing the available soil moisture and reducing grass growth.

Overall annual rainfall for both locations has shown little change over the years and it is difficult to separate and trends from the natural annual variability in rainfall.

The graph below shows the average annual rainfall for Normanville since records began in 1867. The missing data from 1939 to 1944 mentioned earlier is recalculated using the available Yankalilla rainfall for the month minus 9%.

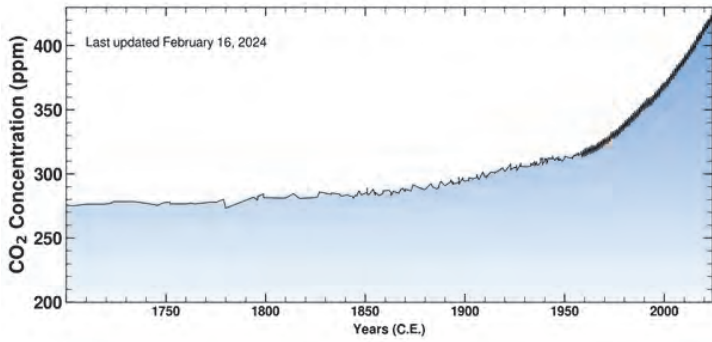


In my personal observations over 40+ years as a weather forecaster with the BOM I have noticed quite marked changes in the weather patterns across South Australia. When I started looking at the local rainfall trends, I was expecting to see much larger changes to the rainfall than have shown up. Despite global warming having a large affect already in some areas, the affects so far over the southern Fleurieu Peninsula have been reasonably small. The only real indications have been the earlier drying in spring resulting in a shorter growing season. I believe we have also been largely protected from change by our close proximity to the southern ocean.

It is worth noting also that for every rise in air temperature by one degree C, the air can actually hold 7% more water vapour. With temperatures in Europe and other parts of the northern Hemisphere having already risen by 3 to 4 degrees already the air can carry much more moisture. Thus, when it does rain the potential for much heavier falls increase. We are already seeing this over the last few decades with many record flooding events.

So, what can we take from all this. The drop of in rainfall during October over the last 30 years has been somewhat compensated for by a very slight increase in summer rainfall. Unfortunately summer rainfall (unless very heavy) does little for the winter/spring grass growth.

What does the future hold. Climate scientists first started reporting global warming in the mid 1980's. It took until 2015 and the first "Paris climate agreement" to coordinate a global reduction in CO2 output. So far, no reduction in output has occurred.



Recent observations and modelling would suggest that the goal to keep global warming to no more than 1.5 degrees C by 2050 is no longer possible. Early indicators are that the worlds average for 2024 is likely to be 1.67 deg C above the pre-1950's average.

The current trend in modelling shows that that rise is now likely to be closer to 3 degrees by 2050. To put that in perspective, that is like Adelaide having a climate similar to Port Pirie by 2050.

So far climate change has had only a relatively minor effect on the southern Fleurieu. Unfortunately, if the modelling of the future climate proves to be correct those changes will become more significant in the future.

I think it's time to give thanks to the early settlers in the area who had the foresight and interest to start recording the rainfall in the area all those years ago. Without their efforts none of this study would be possible.

Peter Webb
(Retired Weather Forecaster)

The Secret Life of Local Artists

Lorraine Mc Loughlin's book *Portraits of Local Artists* launched in August. The book is a collection of 20 essays about local artists in various media: painters, singers, writers, and dramatists originally published here in the pages of the Yank News.

When asked what she had noticed about these artists, Lorraine said: "people tend to assume they are just naturally talented. They don't think of the hard work, study, and dedicated persistence involved". The life of an artist is not usually one that people just fall into – they choose, over and over, to go stare at their canvas and begin the uncertain business of making something happen.

On the other hand, many of the artists mention 'coming back' to art or music after trying other things, as though compelled to understand through art, to see, to represent, to connect ideas picked up from various places, and to share with others something about the world not perceptible in other ways.

For intense work, Lorraine noted that artists tend to seek solitude and need to pass up invitations to the pub or coffee shop to be alone with their instrument and try to get that riff to really fly. Hence there are quite a high proportion of artists working all around the Yankalilla district who are quietly getting on with things right now but won't be



Lorraine speaking at the launch in the Visitor Information Centre

visible until gig night or an art show. They may not chat about their work at the netball club – but they are out there, doing it.

Lorraine should know, she is a writer herself and married to the painter Peter Fitzgerald as well as having worked with the many artists involved with the beloved Leafy Sea Dragon Arts Festival. The essays in her collection each took about 10 hours to research, interview, and write so it is certainly a passion project and not her first exploration of the work of Yankalilla artists. Sadly, she could not document as many artists as she would have liked.

If you would like to know more about some of the people contributing music and colour to the community here, Lorraine's book is available from the Visitors Information Centre at Yankalilla and at Normanville Newsagency for \$15 and there are still a few copies left. Publication was with assistance from the Yankalilla District Council and the Yankalilla Regional News.

Lorraine's next project will be to bring two well known poets, Louise Nicholas and Jude Aquilina, to read their work in Yankalilla's Lot 50. Both poets have visited previously to much acclaim and proceeds from the event will go to an Afghani refugee family. Purchase tickets for January 10th from the Visitor's Centre.

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Portraits of Local Artists

a series of interviews from Yankalilla Regional News
by Lorraine McLoughlin



Fleurieu Writers Competition 2025

Books and Words Group, in conjunction with Festival Fleurieu 2025, are pleased to announce the inaugural Fleurieu Writers Competition 2025.

Entries are invited for two categories:

- ✍ Short Story - with a maximum of 2000 words
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Entries are open to Fleurieu residents 16 years and over, and are to be submitted by 28th February 2025 to Books and Words Group. To obtain an entry form go to

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Looking ahead, it is hoped this will be the inaugural competition of a bi-annual prize to be awarded during Festival Fleurieu.

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Dog Park Update

As we mentioned in our last submission to YRN, we have been continuing with fundraising for the dog park construction costs, in anticipation of a positive result to the public consultation process. The power of positive thinking, right? On Sunday 27th October our group provided a morning tea for 98 members of the BSA Club. The Club was conducting a weekend ride all over the Fleurieu and stopped for a scheduled break in Yankalilla. You have never seen 170 homemade sausage rolls, 300 sandwich triangles and countless cake and biscuits disappear so quickly, washed down with plenty of tea, coffee and water. The Club

members were lovely people, and we know they left with a good impression of our side of the Fleurieu.



That same day there was a Jack Russell birthday party (no food, just fun) held at the Victor Harbor dog park. 30 or so dogs (they don't stand still so you can count them!) and their owners came from as far away as Aldgate and Strathalbyn to be there. And they went shopping in town too, plus took themselves to lunch. All good for local

businesses. We could do that here someday perhaps, in our own dog park?



Christ Church Upholds Humility

Our *Walking with Jesus* gathering on October 20, 2024, centered around the subject of HUMILITY and was led by Hamish Stokes.

“Do not be proud but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.”

This admonition from Romans 12, verse 16b, is the tenth so far for this year. Oh, that we could demonstrate all the virtues that we have been studying throughout the year!

To illustrate the virtue of humility, we read the story of John the Baptist (John 1:24-34 and 3:22-32). When asked if he was the Messiah, John denied it and pointed to the one who would come after him. The true Messiah was Jesus who would baptize in the Holy Spirit as well as with water as was John's custom. John demonstrated humility when he said, “He must become greater and I must become less”. Jesus would be so much greater that John even felt unworthy to untie his sandal straps! Our discussion topics explored the meaning of humility which could perhaps be defined more from its opposite state; pride. In the words of Mary: “He has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness” and “he has

scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly”. Jesus himself was born into a poor family and took up the lowly profession of carpenter in his early years. John Bell's lovely hymn “Not the powerful” expresses how we should not be obsessed by our achievements, our worldly wealth or our family tree!

For our prayer session, we were divided into three groups and asked to construct our own prayer from a pile of words we were given on tiny pieces of paper (see the photos). Each group then read out the prayer they had constructed. These were:

Please don't let me think I am smarter or better than others.

Help us to appreciate your criticism and not be discouraged.

I pray, as we gather, to be humble always.

SERVICES IN DECEMBER 2024 SUNDAYS

11am, Holy Communion. December 1st (Advent Sunday), 8th and 22nd in the church. Healing prayers on the 22nd.

10am, “Walking with Jesus” gathering in the church hall, December 15th. **Coffee/tea and cake to begin with.** Topic for discussion: **Jesus the Way.**

10am, Combined service of Western Fleurieu Anglicans at St Nicholas, Seaford, December 29th, with shared lunch afterwards.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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Your choice of library opening hours or a pontoon – Karin Hatch consults the community

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New Yankalilla District Council elected member Karin Hatch is a researcher. Before retiring she was a professor in Earth Sciences at the University of Adelaide with a long list of citations that all sound like this: “Textural and geochemical analysis of chalcopyrite, galena and sphalerite across the Mount Isa Cu to Pb-Zn transition: Implications for a zoned Cu-Pb-Zn system”. She can handle the reading involved in being a local councillor if anyone can and is persistent about things like making a detailed comparison of salaries and staffing at councils of similar size, populations, and meterage of dirt road. Karin was elected on a platform of reducing the Council’s \$16.1M debt by finding ways to cut expenses or increase non-rate revenue. She thinks transparency and community involvement is the key to doing this democratically. Firstly, she says when people know more about what is going on they vote differently. In the recent supplementary election, there was a voter turn out of 44% - which is

very high considering most periodic council elections only attract about 30% of their voters. That kind of turn out has already changed the make-up of the council. When asked why it was that historically Councillors from Field ward tended to vote in agreement with Council administration and members from Light ward (the townships) tended to vote in a different direction – Karin thought it had less to do with which ward they came from and more to do with ‘old guard vs new guard’; that is, new councillors bringing in fresh attitudes. Maybe higher voter turnout results in members who are more in line with community feeling. To aid in transparency, Karin commended Cr Davina Quirke on calling for divisions so that the voting behaviour of elected members is recorded in the minutes. In fact, Karin would like this taken a step further so that council meetings could be recorded and made available online. So far, she has been answered that this is not allowed to be done by individuals or EMs, but she was recently successful in having a motion passed for recordings to be investigated further. Top tip: if you want to see how your elected members have been voting, go to the DCY website and

look at the minutes to see the decision and voting tally (<https://www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au/council/agenda-and-minutes>). Then, backtrack to the agenda for that meeting to see the detail of what they were voting on – the decision won’t make much sense without that. Being an informed citizen is a pain. Secondly, Karin feels it is hard for people to make sensible decisions during public consultation if they don’t have a decent understanding of how council is already spending their money. If the current Enterprise Bargaining Agreement locks council into their \$8.1M spend on staff contracts, maybe Council could tackle the \$6.3M spent on ‘Materials, Contracts and Other’. But how can a community know whether it wants a pontoon or to keep the library open more hours, or the footpaths upgraded, or more regular rubbish collection if it doesn’t have a sense of the other items coming out of that pot? If you are asked ‘Do you want to spend money on a Sea Dragon Festival?’ in isolation, you probably do – who wouldn’t? If asked ‘Would you rather a Sea Dragon Festival or a pontoon?’ that will slow people down a bit, there are different interests. Karin wants to set up rolling

consultation where she will apply her skills as a researcher to a set of specific topics e.g. understanding debt, short and long term loans etc. Residents can vote and comment on them on her webpage and she will do the legwork to research those topics in order to present the community with independent, up to date information so that they can choose to support one of several projects and potentially defund others. Maybe cutting the pontoon doesn’t save much individually but finding 50 items to shave by \$20,000 will absolutely make a difference. You can see Karin’s Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61565885202907> and complete her new survey on rates. Also catch up with Karin on Monday mornings from 10-11am at the Yankalilla Memorial Park Netball clubrooms and have your say.

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Community joining together to 'Escape the Vape'

Back in 2023, former Yankalilla Area School Principal, Christine Bell, reached out to local community organisations in an effort to address the increasing use of vapes amongst young people in our district. She named this group 'Escape the Vape'.

The first meeting in July 2023, saw Yankalilla Football Club, Yankalilla Hockey Club, Yankalilla Lions, Yankalilla Netball Club and District Council of Yankalilla Community Team discuss ideas about how to support young people and understand why vaping has become so prevalent.

The first initiative was a session to hear from community who care about our young people and brainstorm solutions. From this session involving over 50 people, a list of ideas was

created which has become the basis of the Escape the Vape group's focus.

In addition, the District Council of Yankalilla Community Team worked on obtaining grant funding from the Alcohol and Drug Foundation, which allowed them to fund a variety of activities supported by the Escape the Vape group.

The following is a list of the achievements of this group to date:

Development of a **Wellbeing Hub** at Yankalilla Area School.

Implementation of counselling sessions for all students found vaping at school.

Taylor Walker ran a health session for young people focussing on a healthy mindset and encouraging young people to care for their bodies, role modelled by an AFL superstar (if you are a Crows fan!).

Parent session informing them of **local support services available** for their young people in relation to vaping.

Vape information packs were developed to educate community on support services and resources to address vaping addiction.

Attendance at **community events**, such as Yankalilla Show and It Takes A Village, to provide people with vape information packs.

Students and staff attending **Cancer Council Vaping Hackathon** to report on the initiatives and support that Yankalilla Area School were providing their students. Christine was a guest speaker on a panel at this session.

Providing young people with opportunity to engage in health activities, including **Dungeons and Dragons** once off sessions which 17 young people attended!

Four **parenting education sessions**, with 67 people attending. 78% of attendees reported these sessions increased knowledge to best support children during development.

115 people trained in **Responsible Service of Alcohol** via two trainings. This increased knowledge of alcohol and other drug related harm by 92%.

28 people were accredited in **Mental Health First Aid**.

Sammy D education session to students. **Mission Australia Youth & Family Alcohol and Other Drugs Support (YAFAODS)** service visiting the local school regularly for student or family support.

Eight regular **Escape the Vape meetings** with partners to ensure issues and initiatives were relevant and progressing.

It can be seen that these initiatives were not limited to vaping support, as alcohol and other drugs are also prevalent in many areas in our community. More recently the Federal Government have made changes to limit the access to vapes in Australia, which has decreased the access young people have to vapes. This in turn, has reduced the addiction and vaping prevalence in our community. Moving forward, the group will continue to focus on how we can best support young people in relation to alcohol and other drugs, as well as providing healthy engagement in a variety of



areas.

Further funding has been secured by DCY from the Alcohol and Drug Foundation in September this year which has enabled the following to be delivered thus far:

One club session focusing on alcohol and other drugs at the Yankalilla Football Club.

Two parenting workshops – focusing on technology use and creating calmer home environments with ten parents attending. Monthly parenting workshops will be held (with a break over the summer holidays).

Our Futures education modules to be delivered to students at Yankalilla Area School.

Youth leadership ideas being developed to engage young people and develop leadership capabilities.

The Escape the Vape group has achieved a lot in a short time, which is testament to what can happen when people work together for a common goal.

We look forward to continuing to work together and implementing meaningful initiatives in our community.

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A Link With The Past Lost

A link with the past was lost with the death of Ray Barton, aged almost 98 years old, on 17 October 2024. Ray lived his whole life in Normanville and Yankalilla, seeing a transformation from days where he could drive his herd of cows down the main street, to the towns we know today. The Barton family are long-time pioneering residents of the district, with roots in Yankalilla, Hay Flat and Port Elliot. "Rose Cottage" at Hay Flat, now known as Barton's Forest Ruins, was his mother's family home.

Ray, the youngest son of George and Jessie Barton, was born in the front room of the family home, which still stands today, the second house down from the Yankalilla Uniting Church. The house was purchased in 1914 for 500 pound. In 1914, Ray's father established a blacksmith shop in the building next to the Yankalilla Uniting Church. His two brothers subsequently joined him to form Barton's Garage where they designed, built and repaired horse



carriages, carts and buggies. Over the years it evolved to sell and service motor cars, tractors and farm equipment.

Barton's Garage also supplied electricity to properties in Yankalilla and Normanville. Ray remembered being woken in the middle of the night many times to help crank one of the two large diesel motors that had stopped, so that power could be restored. In 1943, the SA Electric Co took over the supply of electricity to the district.

The Garage was eventually taken over by Ray's twin brothers, before being sold in the early 1960's.

Ray didn't enjoy school and after completing his Qualifying Certificate (or his "Qually" as he would say) was determined to leave. His father thought a stint working in the blacksmith shop would soon convince him to return. However, Ray was resolute and despite the hot, hard work stuck it out until he was offered a job as a "postie" with the Yankalilla post office with a payrate of 14 pound 3 shillings per week (about \$28.00). This increased after 6 months to 16 pound 3 shillings (about \$32.00). During the war he had to deliver a telegram to his brother Burn telling him he had been conscripted to serve in the army.

An even harder task was delivering a telegram from the War Office to his parents advising them that Burn



was missing in action, presumed dead, while on active service in Papua New Guinea. Fortunately, he was found alive some three weeks later.

After leaving the Post Office he had a short stint working on the family sheep farm at Torrens Vale. At age 17 his father set him up with a few cows, which he milked by hand on the 30 acre farm behind the family home in Yankalilla. As he increased his herd he was able to purchase a milking machine to make life easier.

He married Dawn in 1950 and, in 1955, they bought a farm of 186 acres in Normanville and he drove his herd of 30 cows, down the main road from Yankalilla to Normanville – a feat hard to imagine these days.

Ray remained dairy farming, with his son Wayne joining him in 1973 and they bought adjoining properties to increase the farm to 400 acres where they milked 115 award-winning, jersey stud cows. They converted to beef cattle in 2007 on Ray's retirement at age 70. In his retirement he maintained an extensive "veggie" garden and would surprise his adult grandchildren when explaining something about the garden by saying he had "Googled it." During this time he also grew seedlings for




Trees for Life and planted hundreds along the creek beds on the farm. These gums now stand majestically and can be easily seen from the main road (behind the service station.)

In his later years, despite his reduced mobility, Ray still helped on the farm where he could, including driving the big "Fergie" tractor to cart fence posts at 96 years of age – quite a challenge when you consider how high the cabin is.



Ray was active in the boy scout movement as a foundation member of the Yankalilla Boy Scout Troop and he subsequently became Scout Master for five years. Many years later, he returned as the Group Scout Coordinator, for an eight year term.

Ray was an active member and former Elder of the Yankalilla Uniting Church, a former president of the Men's fellowship and a Sunday School teacher for 32 years. He was a life member of Probus and, as Almoner he was required to tell a joke at each meeting and he was the master of the "Dad jokes!" His contribution to the community also included many years as a Hall Steward for the Yankalilla Agricultural Show, a volunteer driver with the Yankalilla Council Transport Service and a member of




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the Yankalilla Agricultural Bureau. Ray only ever lived in two houses – in Yankalilla and Normanville but, with Dawn, had several overseas trips and trips within Australia but he always thought that home in Normanville/Yankalilla could not be beaten. In March this year Ray and Dawn celebrated their 74th wedding anniversary having lunch together at the Aqua Blue restaurant at Normanville beach. Ray remained determined with a positive attitude to the end, even though he would say he was “as giddy as an old chook and deaf as a post” or “I just need to be rubbed out to start again.”

His days would always be brightened by visits from friends and family and, until 12 months ago, he could be found on the floor playing with his great grandchildren. Unfortunately, three weeks before his death, Ray was diagnosed with a blood disorder and deteriorated rapidly. Despite this he was still able, to the end, give a big warm, genuine smile, converse with family members and express his thanks to those caring for him. He will be dearly missed by Dawn, his three children and partners, 5 grandchildren and partners and 11 great grandchildren.



BARTON, Raymond George

Died peacefully at home in Normanville, aged 97 years 8 months on 17th October surrounded by family. Devoted and loved husband of Dawn for 74 years, loved and admired father and father in law of Ian and Sue, Wayne, Kerrie and Jeff and much loved and adored Papa of 5 grandchildren and their partners and 11 great grandchildren. A gentle humble man, a role model to all of us. Well done good and faithful servant. Now in God's care. A special thank you to friend and carer Adele, the Palliative Care team at Victor Harbor and Dr Hollie for their care and support in his final days. Dawn and family thank all who attended his Memorial Service in the Yankalilla Uniting Church, sent cards, offered prayers and messages of support on Ray's passing.

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Two People Killed in Road Accident at Wattle Flat

At midday on Monday 4 November, a major crash involving a truck and three cars on Main South Road at Wattle Flat killed two women from Queensland and injured seven more people. The two women were in the back seat of a Silver Ford, whose driver is now in critical condition at Flinders Medical Centre. Also in the car, a 14-year-old boy who sustained minor injuries. The driver of a Ute was seriously injured, and a man, woman, and child in a black Ford were treated for non-life-threatening injuries. The truck driver, from Victor Harbor, was also treated for minor injuries but later arrested on several counts of causing death by dangerous driving and causing serious harm. He has been released on bail. The Premier, Peter Malinauskas, maintains that the road is safe and will become more so once extra over-taking lanes are created. However, recent dashcam footage from the day before the crash of the

same stretch of road between Yankalilla and Myponga, illustrates the dangers of vehicles of vastly different weights and top speeds sharing narrow winding roads. A pedal trike was moving toward Myponga in a 100 zone where there were guard rails. A 4WD coming up behind it around a slight bend had to slam on the breaks AND veer across the center line to avoid hitting the trike. Behind the 4WD a prime-mover and semi-trailer had a much harder time pulling up short and also veered into the middle of the road. That was the moment the vehicle with the dashcam came into view coming the other way and also had to break heavily to stop from hitting the two vehicles in its lane. The drivers involved have been praised for their quick reflexes in avoiding this potential accident. The deaths of the two Queensland women brought South Australia's road toll to 75.

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