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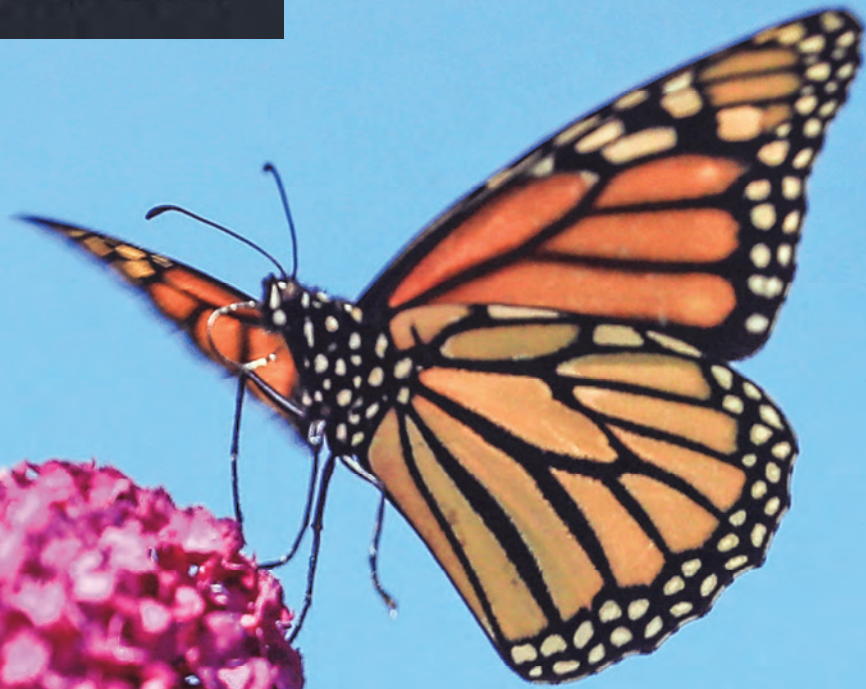
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house at 48 Main Street. The school was operated by several people, most famous being Sister Mary MacKillop. Sister Mary, canonised in 2010 as Australia's first Catholic saint lead the Sisters of St. Joseph at this quaint and iconic landmark in 1867. Also known as 'The Brown Joey's', this order of nuns was devoted to teaching the children of the poor.

This unique and historic school house, now residence, is steeped in early Australian rustic charm with the natural tones and warmth of stone, slate and timber reflecting the strength, character and tenacity of yesteryear. It's current custodians who have loved their home for over six years are now moving on, creating an opportunity for another chapter of this notable antiquity.

The grounds surrounding the cottage, approximately 980sqm in total land size, complement and enhance the authenticity of her beginnings with various native and cottage gardens, original outbuildings and still-present pioneering Australian lifestyle features.

It's charm and serene environment instantly fills the soul; its floorplan and features providing an ambience of a relaxed home life featuring three bedrooms, renovated

bathroom, modern country kitchen, open plan living with additional cosy lounge with open fire place, combustion heating in living area as well as air conditioning for year-round comfort. Front and rear verandah - Aussie style; large shed, garden shed, seasonal garden with fruit trees, vegetables and bush herbs adorns the spacious outdoors. The location of this beautifully maintained cottage is prominent yet humble; typical of its original importance of purpose of those founding years – to provide a place of learning and love in a peaceful setting. This purpose can be yours to continue this significant

custodianship today.

48 Main Street, Yankalilla was released onto the market on 25th March, 2021 and can be viewed on www.realestate.com.au.

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Ever since the establishment of the Mens Shed, our aspiring metal workers have been relegated to a corner of the shed, which to be frank, was not really fit for purpose. More often than not it became cluttered with detritus from those damned wood workers (Sandy asked me to include this comment). Now our wishes have been realised, with the acquisition of the existing shed previously used by Club Fleurieu's groundsman. This shed is actually attached to the Men's Shed building, thus is ideally located for our intended purposes.

From our own hard earned funds and organisational effort, we have replaced this shed with a purpose built shed complete with concrete floor and a covered potting area for the Gardening Club and was given, in exchange for previously mentioned groundsman's shed, to the Club Fleurieu. This new shed is located adjacent to the Gardening Club at the rear of Club Fleurieu's main building.

This has been a very satisfactory solution to what has been a frustrating issue for our budding metal workers.

Another issue that has been the bane of our Secretaries life, is the fact that his "office" has been located (still is) in our kitchen and lunch room area, and on more occasions than he would care to recall the volume of the "chatter" emanating from the members congregated therein, is such, that poor old John can't hear himself think.

Thanks to the efforts of our Vice President Peter, a grant has been obtained from The State

Government - Volunteers S.A. to construct a sound proofed office within the structure of our new metal working shed. For the comfort and efficiency of our Secretary and of course other members the shed will be air-conditioned.

The next step is to install adequate lighting, power points, insulation and wall lining within the shed and to relocate all of the metal working machinery and equipment therein, so that it can take pride of place in its new shiny location, free of the aforementioned detritus. And of course the secretaries new office.

On the Saturday of the Adelaide Cup long weekend we, along with many other stall holders, held a sausage sizzle which was very successful, selling many bacon and egg and sausage sandwiches. On the thirteenth of March we held our frequent sausage sizzle at Bunnings, Seaford, which was also very successful. Both events helping to keep us afloat financially. Believe it or not these events are very demanding of our time and effort, being a bunch of "elderly gentlemen", but it is very rewarding for those that participate and financially. One meets with some very fine people who are always interested in the Men's Shed concept and seem eager to contribute to our continued success. Thank you folks, very much appreciated.

The Men's Shed is open on Tuesday and Friday mornings as well as Wednesday evenings.

Enquiries may be directed to the Secretary, John Nyveld, on mobile **0468370274** or by email to yankalilla@mensshed.org.



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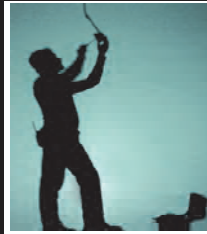
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Editor's Comments

Hello Readers,

A couple of editions ago I ran a survey to gather your thoughts on the content of the YRN. Thanks for the many responses and the different suggestions that were sent in. Now, I did mention that someone would pick up \$50 in a lucky draw - actually a lucky dart with all the names on a piece of paper stuck facing away on the dart board. It took a few attempts to hit one and Val Gubbin turned out to be the one.

Anyway, over the last couple of editions you may have noticed a few different inclusions, a few more local stories and other subtle changes, based on your feedback. There is more in the pipeline and will be included once I have sorted out the details.

Festival Fleurieu is here! Yes, after many months of leading up to it, you finally get to indulge in all the things that have been promoted. Pick up a programme if you haven't already and get out there.

Yankalilla District Residents Association held talks with several Yankalilla Council EMs and a crowd of concerned citizens over concerns about the health of the Bungala river system and the establishment of the Bungala Linear Park. There was constructive outcomes from the meeting and a new coordinated approach is under way. More details are on page 20. I would highly recommend joining the YDRA if you are a

resident or ratepayer of this district.

The other bit of news - just as I was going to press - is the successful application of over \$2M in grant money for the building of the elevated cabins at Normanville foreshore. Now, that may shock a few people as the decision to go ahead with these cabins - in the face of extreme opposition by the community - has not been officially made. Are unknown decisions being made behind closed doors that we as ratepayers are expected to pick up the tab for? As Councillor Verwey explains on page 20, we are not locked in and the unused grant will simply go back in the government coffers if not used. If we do use the funds, it needs to be matched by Council - which means funded by ratepayers - and it must be used for the purpose stated.

I am still wondering what sort of priorities our Council has when they can easily find grants for their pet projects but drop the ball completely when it comes to getting a grant for the much needed and wanted community library.

Don't take it from me though, there are many pages of your letters and opinions on how you view the Yankalilla Council, from foreshore masterplan, road works in Normanville, the library, to the Bungala river system and even the completely substandard attempt at Zoom meetings in the chambers. Spread throughout as there weren't that many vacant pages in one spot.

Happy Easter!

Until next issue...

Cheers,
Paul Jelfs
Editor



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For information about membership or lecture bookings email: fleurieu@adfas.org.au or phone **0452 556 193**.

Over the next few months ADFAS Fleurieu will be presenting lectures on Nora Heysen, The David Roche Museum and the English cottage garden.

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Claire will also play in a program of music and poetry in the garden at Eliza Cottage, noon Sunday 11 April.

Local Myponga poet Kate Alder will read along with Adelaide poet Louise Nicholas. Both poets are favourites in this district, known for their moving words and accessible, lively performances. Their poetry will weave its magic between both classical and popular selections played by Claire, creating a feast of music and words.



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Every two years our communities work together to create this engaging family festival. Especially after the challenges of 2020 we look forward to see the community spirit flourish in the weeks of the 3rd till the 17th of April.

Gallery 88 will contribute with an array of artworks by seventeen Fleurieu artists who form a longstanding Community Art Collective.

Our theme for the festival will be

"New Beginnings".

Our Collective represents a colourful variety of artistic styles and artforms. Paintings, textiles, photographs, jewellery, glasswork, and other artifacts will be on display, showing the creative talent of our community members.

Gallery 88 is located at 88 Main Street in Yankalilla and open daily during Festival Fleurieu, from 11am to 4pm.

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Who

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When

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Where

Yankalilla Show Grounds. Between Yankalilla and Normanville on Main South Rd. Due to increased numbers and interest, performances are now in the main hall with jamming options in the Supper Room and around the campfire.

How Much

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Musicians

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Hall Format

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Red Cross Branch

Thank you to everyone who attended the Combined Churches Op Shop and Red Cross fashion parade on Monday March 1st. Thank you to Heather Clarke for organising the models (again), they all performed beautifully. To the Red Cross ladies for all the donations of clothing, jewellery and raffle prizes and for serving our Covid-19 afternoon tea. Over \$600 was raised for Red Cross and the sales for the Op Shop totalled \$165. Well done! We are hopeful we will be able to continue this event on Monday March 7th 2022. See you there.

On a personal note I would like to thank Ann Krichauff and Joyce Blesing for nominating me to receive a Red Cross award for "Out Standing Services". This is a National award and I was overwhelmed when it was announced. We have a small hardworking branch at Yankalilla and it is a pleasure to work with you all. Our meetings are held on the first Monday of the month and new members are welcome.

Our **next meeting** will be on **Monday May 3rd** at 1.30pm in the Yankalilla Uniting Church Hall. No April meeting as it falls on Easter Monday.

Thank you all for your support.

Coralie Law



Readers' Poetry

Ode to the Truckie

Panicked faces emerge
Car on the right not left
Losing it on a bend
Speed and inattention.

The skilled truckie swerves
Unable to avoid
Saving the day, not the car
Or the damage to his truck.

Fearing the worst
He approaches the car
To see a young man outside
On the phone to his Mum.

Only damage to property
Or so it seems at first
But these things take a toll
On drivers and families.

Anyone on a road
Runs a degree of risk
But those who do it for their bread
Raise this, they all know.

Take it in their stride, of course
It's just another day
But without them we'd be lost
No transport, no freight.

Acknowledge them we should all
But maligning them too common
As some travel in little bubbles
Oblivious to all but their own.

Salt of the earth
Loudly I proclaim
Avoiding the self focussed
Doing their job, not their careers.

Ensuring that we have our eggs
Veggies and meat on the table
Or something to store these in
And fix equipment disabled.

We all have our part to do
The role that we must play
But spare a thought for those who do
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THE NIGHT SHIFT at The Backyard Universe

Occasionally it's been suggested to us that we should do our tours in the Dark Sky Reserve north-east of Monarto, because "it has the darkest night sky in SA" or similar comment. Or that we should operate in the Outback. We disagree. There's plenty of locations on the southern Fleurieu which we've measured to be just as dark.

If you've been under a clear and moonless night sky here recently you've noticed the Milky Way arching overhead. And at certain times of year the night sky above a recent sunset (or an imminent sunrise) includes a long, vaguely triangular, region that looks slightly less dark. This is Zodiacal Light - sunlight reflected from interplanetary dust particles - and it's a common sight from the rural parts of our district.

On moonless nights away from towns you'll also see that the night sky in between the stars is not totally black. It's actually a very dim grey due to light from (1) very distant stars + galaxies too faint to see, (2) the glow from air molecules re-combining in the upper atmosphere after they were broken apart by daytime solar radiation, and (3) light scattered from any airborne dust or smoke or moisture. Compare this nearly-black of the

night sky with any tree foliage silhouetted against it. Healthy foliage at night *is* black...unless a light is shining on it.

If you have a dark southern horizon, you may also see the colourful Aurora Australis if it happens to be especially active that night.

Unfortunately from our district we can also see the skyglow of Adelaide and its 200 thousand or so public street lights to our north. The Dark Sky Reserve gets a similar Adelaide skyglow to its west, plus smaller skyglows from Mannum and other nearby towns.

There's an internationally recognised standard to quantify the darkness of a night sky, and pocket-sized gadgets which can measure it in a few minutes. We've had one of these Sky Quality Meters (SQM) in action for a few years and done measurements in many locations. Due to historical reasons the sky darkness measured by SQMs is reported as *Visual Magnitude Per Square Arcsecond*. Explaining that peculiar unit would be a long & boring read for non-astronomers. Suffice to say that:

- Higher SQM measurements indicate darker skies and a measurement above 20 is considered good. Above 21 is considered excellent.
- The highest SQM measurement at sea level on a clear moonless night is about 22, based on thousands of measurements from remote & uninhabited places all over the world. You can get even better measurements at high altitudes.
- The measurement scale is logarithmic; so the visual difference between SQM 19 and 21 is much more obvious than the difference between 17 and 19. And most of you won't notice the difference between those last few decimal places above 21.5.

So where is the darkest night sky we've ever measured in SA? It was about 200km south of Coober Pedy late last year, and our SQM



reported 21.89. When we were still operating our tours in the Flinders Ranges, the Rawnslay Park and Wilpena airstrips had SQMs of 21.5 to 21.7...which our guests unanimously described as "it's *so* dark here and there's *so* many stars!!!"

For comparison we've measured SQMs between 21.5 and 21.6 on many occasions from our usual tour location on the Wirrina golf course. Which is why we tell people that we're almost as dark as the Outback *and* close to some nice beaches. More isolated locations, such as Naiko Retreat or Lush Pastures or Deep Creek park, have produced SQMs of 21.6 to 21.7.

On a recent clear and moonless night we took our SQM into the Dark Sky Reserve, and got measurements between 21.5 and 21.6. The same as Wirrina's golf course... and lots of other places near home.

At this level of sky darkness, moonlight and the Milky Way both affect the measurement. The Milky Way will brighten the SQM measurement by 0.2 to 0.4 depending on which part of the Milky Way is viewed. The moon is worse. A half moon at Wirrina brightens the SQM to about 20.5 (similar to outer suburban Adelaide SQMs) and a full moon brightens it to about 18.5 (similar to inner suburban Adelaide).

A full moon would barely affect the night sky from Adelaide city. During a moonless night last year we measured a SQM of 16.7 from South Terrace. Which was the only place we could find that didn't have a big tree or tall building or streetlight overhead; in our SQM's field of view.

We have a beautiful starry night sky here. Let's try to keep it that way.

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as every wine is personally selected by John and comes with a 100% money back guarantee. John and Jackie are also big supporters of the local community working with other local businesses and getting out an about and actively involved. They recently raised \$1,500 dollars for the Yankalilla Footy Club and sponsored the Ladies Day last month at Links Lady Bay. You can find all the great deals at www.winenutt.com.au or on the back of this issue of the YRN.

Foodnutt's Spiced Prawns with Broccoli Tabouli

Jackie Mazzocato is your local Foodnutt and when she isn't tasting wines with her husband John you will find her creating in the kitchen. This prawn dish is a fresh and easy meal that has great flavour and is well balanced. Great low-carb option. Could also be made with sliced Chicken!

Ingredients

500gms Raw Prawns shelled
Ras El Hanout Spice Mix
4tsp Smokey Paprika
4 Ground Cloves
1.5tsp Ground Coriander
1.5tsp Ground Ginger
1tsp Ground Cardamom
1tsp Turmeric

0.5tsp Black Pepper
0.5tsp Cinnamon
0.5tsp Nutmeg
Tabouli
1 small head Broccoli
1 small Zucchini
4 Spring Onions
1/2 bunch Parsley
2 cloves Garlic
Juice and rind of 1 lemon
1/2tsp Sesame Oil
1tsp Honey
200gms Pine nuts
12 diced Cherry tomatoes



Instructions

Add the garlic, broccoli, zucchini, parsley, and spring onions to the blend. Blend until a nice consistency do not over blend. Mix the lemon, honey and sesame oil

and then add to the tabouli mix. Reserve pine nuts and cherry tomatoes for serving. Coat prawns in the Ras El Hanout Mix and then cook in a fry pan or on BBQ until just cooked through. A few minutes on each side. Combine in a bowl with tomatoes and pinenuts. Add some aioli to complement.

Great paired with the Fox at the Door Gold Reserve Riesling.

Many more great recipes at www.foodnutt.com.au

New business supports local community

Kendehl Lewis-Baida has recently been awarded a Certificate of Appreciation and an Award for Excellence from the Yankalilla and District Lions Club for her cooking during the Covid-19 period in 2020. She filled the role of caterer at the Lions Club kitchen, making two or three-course meals.

She catered for special dietary requirements and the club was grateful for her attention to detail. Kendehl is currently finishing her Certificate III in Commercial Cookery with Salford College in Adelaide. Kendehl also caters for the public in the wider Adelaide area and

delivers fresh and/or frozen meals for all. Her meals are both delicious and affordable and cater to special dietary needs such as gluten-free, vegan, vegetarian, as well as meat and more traditional dishes. She caters for special occasions: parties, weddings, baby showers, anniversaries and more. Kendehl also cooks for the local Yankalilla Out of School Hours Care group, who said: "Tonight we had a delicious after-tea of vegetable cannelloni donated by K's Delicious On The Go. Thank you so much. Another thumbs up from the children!"

Kendehl getting creative in the kitchen



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On Saturday **April 3**, jaunty Scottish airs, reverberating African drums, harmonic choir notes and cheeky ukulele strumming will flood the sound waves of Normanville central green.

On Saturday **April 17** the activities of *Beach Fleurieu* at Normanville Beach jetty and sea and sand, will be backed with the sounds and infectious energy of a Cuban styled 5 piece band, and the soaring vocals of Sunitra Martinelli.

These family friendly, free events form the book ends of Festival Fleurieu, April 3-17. Between these dates there is a program with something for everyone: **Environment, History, Heritage, Art, Food and Wine, Literature, Music and Performance** and the new *Light it Up*, Youth Program.



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The festival website is your go-to for details on: **Carnival Fleurieu** - all day workshops plus

Flowering On The Fleurieu: Create a tapestry of flowers as part of a community project to later hang in the Marquee Hub (Visitor Centre). Bring crafted flowers along or make them on the day.

Beach Fleurieu - Prizes, prizes, prizes!

Sand Sculpture @12.30-1.30 - All ages; prizes in categories

Saunter The Jetty: Choose a person, a landmark, a food, a book... Put your costume together (age categories for prizes) Registration@11am; Saunter@12noon.

Fleurieu Float Find a fun floating device and float your way around the shortest jetty on the Fleurieu for the festival finale. The Surf Lifesavers will be on duty.

From the Surf Club Balcony, sounds of salsa, samba, merengue, calypso, cumbia or perhaps reggae will vibrate the sea air with Caribbean rhythms.

Auction On-line. A festival first!! With absolutely wonderful things to bid on from food to wine, KI packages to local accommodation, design and electrical services, an original painting... Bidding is open. (www.festivalfleurieu.com.au)

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Books and Words Group

The Books and Words Group is very pleased to present for the forthcoming Festival Fleurieu two events to entertain.



Tracy Crisp, writer and performer extraordinaire will present her one woman show, *The Vegetarian Librarian* at Club Fleurieu, Yankalilla on April 9 at 7pm. Her eloquent, witty and touching storytelling is sure to enchant. The bar will be open and platters will be available for purchase.

Newcomers to the Festival, The Butterfly Theatre Company will perform Shakespeare's sonnets, soliloquies and songs as they weave their way around the audience in the Normanville Hotel on Sunday April 11 at 4pm. *Shakespeare in the Pub* will delight those who already love his work as well as those new to the Bard.



Two more literary events for which places are expected to fill quickly have been organised by Books and Words Group past Chairperson, Lorraine McLoughlin.



Sharing memories of artist Barbara Robertson will be held at Christ Church Hall, 132 Main South Road, Yankalilla on Monday 5th April from 11:30 - 12:30. Deb Robertson from Melbourne loved her aunt dearly and will share memories with Barbara's biographer, Lorraine McLoughlin amid an exhibition of Robertson paintings

both religious and secular. Barbara trained at the National Gallery of Victoria and returned to South Australia in the 1950s, painted to acclaim and become a much-loved teacher at Adelaide Girls High School. Her passion for the environment and Indigenous peoples is evident in the Church's renowned collection which she gifted to the parish. It is one of the whole district's treasures and on show for the festival. There will be a brief time for local people to add some memories too.

Combining words with music: poetry and cello in the garden. Adelaide poet Louise Nicholas and local Myponga poet, Kate Alder, will combine with cellist Claire Oremland for a feast of words and music in a garden setting. What



more could one wish for? Sunday 11th April at noon, Eliza Cottage, Daniels Road, Yankalilla. Books and Words invites you to an entertaining Post-COVID Relaunch at 5pm on Monday 10 May at the Normanville Hotel. In a Mock Court presentation, David Quick, a retired QC, will cross-examine former Police Chief John Murray about his latest novel, *Adolf Hitler: Behind the Door at No. 16*. John will have to be on his toes when this skilled barrister calls on him to justify why people should read his book. If he is convincing enough, you might want to buy a signed copy of the book on the night. This event will be hosted by the Books and Words Group committee who will announce some upcoming events and invite attendees to make suggestions about future events.



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There are quite a few things happening in our local fishing news for March and April. Firstly, the South East Snapper season closed early (March 10th) as the total allowable recreational catch limit was reached in one month - due to reopen on 1st July 2021. The Gulf St Vincent region is still closed for snapper fishing until 31st January 2023.

Increased fishing fines have been introduced from March 2021 from \$50 to \$625 for taking undersized fish and exceeding bag limits. For up-to-date fishing rules and regulations head to www.pir.sa.gov/fishing/recreational_fishing or download the SA Fishing app onto your smart phones for a quick and easy reference tool.

Myponga Reservoir has now opened for fishing from kayaks, this will be a great opportunity for many of us to try new styles of fishing and targeting different species.

Lastly, we are celebrating our **FIRST** birthday at our new premises in late April. There will be lots of sales and deals happening throughout the month, so if you haven't been in to check out the

shop yet, now would be a great time! You can keep up to date with our specials on our Facebook and Instagram!



REPORTS

A little quieter last month for fishing, but as always, the staples of Tommies and squid are around from most jetties and rocks. Garfish have started to slow down with only small numbers being caught. Blue Swimmer crabs have been moving through the area and a few were caught from Rapid Bay jetty. Mullet from the beaches at Carrickalinga and Myponga have been on the smaller side, but plentiful. Salmon from Morgans Beach and Carrickalinga have been caught using either metal casting lures or pilchards on ganged hooks. A young lad was spotted walking happily from the Second Valley jetty with a couple of King George Whiting in his bucket, a great sign of things to come, as we should see whiting numbers increasing soon.

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Yankalilla Lions Club

Lions have been busy recently with the Scout Day and then in March the Fun run. This article was written before the run but I am sure that it was a successful day.

We are having a car boot sale on April 4 and you can see the information in the advert.

Fleurieu Coast YAC have organised a film night at the RSL on April 11 (5.00pm-9.00pm). The night is titled "Night in the Graveyard" and bookings can be made at the visitors centre.

The sheep shotters have been busy again and bags of sheep shot are available.

Some of our members have been involved in making dementia mats.

They were assisted by students from Myponga primary school who helped by making pom poms for the mats. Our club was proud to be involved in the raising and donation of \$30,000 to the Hospital Research Foundation to purchase two islet chiller units to be used in a life changing procedure for people with hereditary pancreatitis.

Scouts SA Come and Try Event

Terrific to see so many families enjoying the Scouts SA Come and Try event on Friday 26 February in the Lions Youth Park. Our expectations were totally

exceeded with 195 adults and children signing in on the day. Tremendous fun was had by all with the rock-climbing wall a real hit with the children (and some parents!). Who would have thought that a big block of ice with a towel on top and a rope to hang on to would have the kids flocking for a go down the slope.... who needs snow! With those and a heap of other games and activities, a fair old hunger was built up resulting in 14kg of free sausages provided by the Lions Club of Yankalilla gone by 6.30pm! The Lions provided tea and coffee as well as selling soft drinks to raise money for activities for young people. We talked with

many families about the sort of things they would like to see happening for young people in the Centre once the library redevelopment is complete. Everyone we spoke to was very positive and supportive about the future potential for centre activities and to reform a scout group in the area as soon as possible.

"My kids just had the best time and so did I - made it to the top of the wall!" said by father of four boys as they were leaving.

Did you know that there is an existing scout hall ready to be used? It is on Main South Road before Lady Bay and is in terrific condition with just a clean-up needed before being ready for use.

With so much interest from families and to keep momentum going, Scouts SA hosted a community forum on Wednesday 24 March. Can't wait to hear the outcome! If you are interested in finding out more about a scout group in Yankalilla, contact Hannah at Scouts SA on 08 8130 6000 or by email

hannah.bourne@sahq.scouts.com.au The Lions Youth Committee is so pleased to have instigated the Come and Try Day and sincerely thank all the families who supported the event, Scouts SA staff and team of volunteers who organised and ran the activities and have been exceptionally generous with their time, expertise and ideas, Mayor Glen Rowlands for attending, council staff for helping with promotion and use of the Centre and of course, the Lions volunteers who fed the crowds and made it happen.

Quiz Night

After a break of 2 years, the Lions Club of Yankalilla is having its annual quiz night on Friday 21st May at Club Fleurieu. Cancelled last year because of Covid-19, it promises to be a night of fun and prizes. Because of current Covid-19 restrictions, table numbers are slightly down on previous years, so it is wise to get in early and make your bookings by contacting Jackie Dedicoat on 0437 796 775." Advert on next page.

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Yankalilla Men's Probus

Meeting 333 was held on Tuesday 2nd March and was attended by 21 of our fine members with few apologies.

This was the Annual General Meeting during which Don Binney was elected president with Alan Barnes stepping down.

Don, in his initial address reminded us of the virtues of Men's Probus. "Fellowship with likeminded men, some widowers, it forms a valuable service to the community thus assisting with wellbeing and mental health.

For some of us this is the only forum in which we spend time together. The experiences and life experience of members provides insights into our different journeys and as such enriches our lives.

Meeting together, sharing a meal, visiting places of interest or listening to a guest speaker all adds to our enjoyment."

Bruce Burford is remarkable in his commitment to Probus and will continue as secretary and ambassador. Barry advises that our finances continue in good order and we still have some subscriptions due.

Returning to morning tea was a bonus after last year.

Men's Probus promises a lot for members and potential members in 2021 not the least of which is

Rebekha Sharkie our local MP who has kindly agreed to speak. No doubt there will be many questions at the ready! Visitors and potential members are welcome.

For the meeting in May we have Dr Glen Benveniste the senior specialist vascular surgeon from the Ashford clinic in Adelaide.

The Milang railway museum with lunch was our last visit which will be undertaken on March 18th and then to "Sophie Thompson's garden in Mount Barker. These were both well attended. Well done Craig and more to follow (like the cube at McLaren Vale).

Finally for the March meeting was Rob England, the ultimate oracle on the Coorong one of Australia's foremost national parks and well known to many of us. Rob described himself as a "stirrer" in keeping the bastards honest, in their continuing appropriate development and management of this large area. The world needs more people like Rob England?

With **Rebekah Sharkey** speaking we are expecting a full attendance at our next meeting to be held **Tuesday 6th April** for 10am at the RSL Hall Main South Road Normanville.

Tony Nicholl
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The Usual Suspects: An Equation?

In the February DCY Loop, under "ask the CEO Nigel Morris", the term "the usual suspects" was referred to as having been used in recent communication on the Normanville Foreshore and Jetty Caravan Park. While there has been an attempt to back-pedal from this expression, it provides food for thought concerning the mind set of those who operate in Charles Street, including many of the elected council members.

After some thought, and in consideration of observations over the last 20 years, some definitions suggested themselves.

The usual suspects: are presumably those members of the community, particularly rate payers, who:

- care about democratic process
- expect due process to be followed in management and tendering procedures
- expect good fiscal management and genuine transparency
- care about community consultation whereby outcomes reflect that the community has been listened too.
- endorse development for the benefit of the community and not just vested interests.
- expect good rational town planning to enrich the community and not just developers
- respect the fragile local environment and expect council actions to protect it and to pay heed to climate change issues
- expect the long dormant discussions on storm water management and impact on coastal sea grasses to be revised and implemented
- worry when they see fellow community members treated with no respect

because they question or complain about council/admin actions or lack thereof

- have apprehensions that Council, despite concerns raised, is determined to push through a business development (Normanville Jetty Caravan Park) at great expense providing limited facilities to the greater community to list a few.

Interestingly, as I was drafting this, an article appeared in the daily press about the \$500 million upgrade of the Canberra War Memorial, and the criticism of the expense but also concerns that the purpose of the memorial was being lost or misunderstood. It was stated that "the director has previously acknowledged there would always be people unhappy with the redevelopment".

This struck a chord of similarity with the tones one hears from Charles Street, reflecting "oh well we cannot keep everyone happy so let's keep going (in effect keeping themselves happy).

Many who have observed Council/CEO in action in meetings will recognise that there is a parallel team of "usual suspects" who exhibit entitlement to push through "pet" projects irrespective of community reasoned objections (from those usual suspects). Are these the other side of the equation?

Although one notices similar levels of hubris in Canberra and North Terrace, do we have to put up with this in our own back yard?

Unfortunately, although I hear concerns from fellow community members, as do others of my friends and neighbours, too few come forward to be vocal. Unless we all make our voices heard in line with democratic processes we are at the mercy of those who choose to ignore us and do what is their will.

Alex Anderson, Normanville

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Foreshore Plan

Plenty of feeling in the latest [March 2021] issue of YRN.

From many of the letters, there is obviously much angst regarding the proposed Foreshore Plan with a majority of locals feeling as I do.

We moved to Normanville in the last couple of years for its peace and tranquillity. I only hope that the Council can see that this unnecessary project will disrupt the quiet lifestyle we chose.

I am sure the people that come here, come for the same reason. They are looking for a break from the city hustle. Tourists in good numbers are coming to Normanville because it is a unique, unspoilt beachside destination that has not been ruined by modern development. And they will continue to come.

The Surf Club and Kiosk should be upgraded with the help of Federal, State and Local Government funding.

Council funds should go to maintaining the area, including a solid footpath from the Beachside Caravan Park.

Also I am very pleased to see that Hay Flat Road has now had the upgrade that I previously suggested. Thanks!

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An alternative approach to master planning of the Normanville Foreshore 2021-2035

Introduction

The draft Normanville Foreshore Master Plan is a useful addition to planning thinking around a 5-10 year future for Normanville. It contains many useful suggestions.

The aim of the plan must surely be *to enhance the existing natural beauty and utility of this extensive foreshore while facilitating broad community access.*

To fully complement the Councils 2030 vision the Master Plan needs to deal with the inevitable growth in the Yankalilla/Normanville area as Adelaide's southern suburbs reach inexorably south over the next 10 - 15 - 20 years.

The amenity offered by the foreshore and the complementary Bungala River will come under serious pressure, exemplified by an increasing citizen need for additional, community friendly spaces.

The foreshore at Normanville is a welcoming gem. A gem that, for the future, needs a creative mix of restoration, preservation, and enhancement:

- Normanville is the largest coastal settlement on the Fleurieu Coast.
- It is located in the centre of a 7.3 kilometre long beach,
- The beach is safe and is patrolled by the Normanville Surf Life Saving Club during the summer.
- Best access and facilities are located at Normanville and Carrickalinga.
- Facilities presently include carparking, coach parking, an extensive grassed picnic area, public toilet.
- Great shore fishing from the beach, the Normanville Jetty and Haycock Point.
- Boat launching from the beach .
- Access to observing the rich sea life of Gulf St Vincent, such as the Leafy Sea Dragon, dolphins and the like.
- Beach patrols by the Normanville Surf Life Saving Club during the summer.
- Swimming pontoon anchored 75 metre's off-shore from the low tide mark during summer.
- A kiosk for light meals and takeaways.

To cap it off, the foreshore is bounded on the land side by relatively untouched sandhills, with a cover of native vegetation. These sandhills, extending for most of the length of the beach, are the last major relics of similar coastal dunes that once existed along the east coast of Gulf St Vincent. They are a conservation zone.

The Bungala River

The mouth of the Bungala River, flowing into Gulf St Vincent, could be a feature of the foreshore. It needs thoughtful attention.

Interestingly, map data shows that the historic level of the land upstream from the existing river mouth is below sea level. History shows that the river mouth has been substantially silt affected over the last 150 years. What was once a useful river estuary is now a large pile of sand and silt, introduced over the years by tidal flows and agriculture generated silt from upstream.

This suggests that restoring the river and estuary to former levels through dredging and silt removal could open up the lower reaches of the River to their former glory.

To prevent future re-silting, the river/estuary requires some measure of control over tidal flows as well as regeneration and rehabilitation of the higher reaches of the river. This could reasonably extend upstream past the town of Yankalilla. It would play an important and very useful role.

Recreation of the tidal estuary and rehabilitation of the river and its banks would create a whole new world of tourist attracting, recreational green space from Yankalilla to the sea.

Community Amenity

As suburban Adelaide moves inexorably south over the next 15-20 years - look at Seaford - Aldinga - Sellicks Beach - Myponga - increased community pressure on both Yankalilla and Normanville is inevitable. This in turn will generate a need for more community open space near the sea. This will mean a need for more outdoor facilities - grassed and watered open space, BBQs, seating, shelters, car parking, picnicking, safe access to the beach and sea, toilet facilities.

To open the foreshore to this amenity means relocating the northern component of the caravan park and consolidating it with the existing caravan park on the south side of the Bungala. This would continue to support ratepayer revenue needs

Clearly, there is work to be done to prepare for the future without ruining the 'gem'.

What Next?

One way to prepare for the future is to draw from the past. In the 1860-80s, when the Bungala River ran fresh and free, the estuary of the Bungala provided a port which enabled shipping of the regions produce - wheat, sheep, potatoes, flour from the local flour mill to Adelaide and then to the world.

Let's celebrate the region's history by recreating the Port of Normanville on a regenerated Bungala Estuary? Think:

- A small loading dock,
- A historical pavilion and exhibition,
- A flat bottomed Adelaide Ketch,
- Kids boating, canoeing, sailing,
- Food and small retail activities.
- A base for dolphin or whale watching tours on the Gulf.
- A small soundshell - music recitals of an early evening

There is an indication that a number of aboriginal burial sites are located in the area of the mouth of the Bungala River. This is a further opportunity to celebrate and respect both Aboriginal and European history.

Let's use the Bungala River as a tourist attraction rather than the cess pit that it now is. Think :

- Grassy banks,
 - Clean water,
 - Combined pedestrian and bike tracks on both sides of the river from Yankalilla to the Estuary.
 - Picnic facilities and BBQs between Yankalilla and the Bungala Estuary
- Let's also use this major project as a basis for long term research and conservation with Yankalilla's primary and secondary schools and with Universities and research Institutions. This will attract funding and resources to the area.

The possibilities and prospects are exciting for the future of the Fleurieu.

An Outline Plan

Objective - to re-create the historic Port of Normanville by enhancing the existing natural beauty and utility of the foreshore while facilitating broad community access.

- Time Table - Staged implementation over the period 2021 - 2035
- Staged repair and regeneration of the Bungala River from Yankalilla to the sea. These activities can overlap and will require coordination.

Task 1 - Consolidate caravan operations around the Southern Component of the caravan park by relocating the northern component of the Caravan Park to the southern side of the River . This needs to occur expeditiously to permit the efficient silt and sand clearance activities in the river mouth and in the estuary.

Task 2 - Clear silt and sand from the mouth of the river, permitting reversion to natural tidal influences and a freer flow of water to the Gulf

Task 3 - Re-establish the River estuary by clearing extensive silt in the river upstream of the mouth to the Main South Rd bridge.

Task 4 - Re-establish a controlled tidal influence on the Bungala Estuary by installation of a flow control structure at the interface of tidal waters and the stream.

Task 5 - extend river and riverbank regeneration upstream as far as practicable, in stages if necessary.

- Staged regeneration of the area vacated by relocation of the existing car park further east toward the shopping area.
- Refurbish the land vacated by the car park and the relocated caravan park by creating community open space near the sea with appropriate outdoor facilities - grassed and watered open space, BBQs, seating, shelters, car parking, picnicking, safe access to the beach and water. Link to the community area created by the formation of the estuary with the Port of Normanville.
- Replace the existing car park with a drive-in/drop off/pickup zone close to the rebuilt kiosk/surf lifesaving club.
- Consider conversion of the existing caravan park facilities building for commercial food related activities.

The Future

Further detailed planning will be required to flesh out this thinking. As to enable execution of these rough ideas, they will require fleshing out to an ever increasing greater level of detail. Perhaps the formation of a small task group composed of local residents and Council staff might be a useful mechanism.

I commend my thoughts for your consideration.

Peter Hamilton MIEAust MIEEEE CPEng (Rtd)
Normanville

Yankalilla Community Library

I would like to thoroughly endorse the comments from R Ryan about the library in the March issue of YRN. In the early 1990's I was Principal of YAS when the community library was established. I have always felt that the community library concept was a great advantage to the communities in which they were established and to the students in the school. I was a member of the first group established to look into the concept of a new library that would be funded by council. Since then, many other committees have been established and many hours of work have been spent investigating the most suitable library setup for Yankalilla. Council claim to consult with the community but they only seem to listen when the group opinions are the same as theirs. Any alternatives are ignored. The GLAG committee organised costings for a 500sqm building. Council ignored this and paid a consultant to come up with a 314sqm building that cost \$1 million more. How can this be justified?

Geoff Goodman

I was recently approached by some disillusioned members of the Community Library Action Group (CLAG) to review recent decisions made by Council over the new Library building. Some of the information provided to Elected Members (EMs) and the subsequent decisions is cause for concern.

How the Administration of this Council could not find appropriate Grant funding for the building of a Community Library, the cornerstone of any vibrant Community, is also concerning.

At the June 2020 Council meeting, Council resolved that "if grant funding has not been secured by December 2020 for half of the \$1,767,000 building that a report be presented to Council on a smaller sized building that fits within the remaining allocated budget."

At the October Council meeting Administration recommended that "With no additional grant funding opportunities for the construction of the Library currently on the horizon, the likelihood that 50% funding for the New Library be secured prior to the December 2020 Council meeting being minimal, Administration has commenced investigations into a lesser sized building"

Unfortunately, what the Administration failed to mention is that if we waited 1 month, there would be a high probability that we could receive 50% funding under the Covid-19 Stimulus Grants, announced March 2020, which closed at the end of January 2021. It may have taken another couple of months to be approved but I am quite sure no one in the Community would have minded waiting for a little bit longer to receive a library that this Community deserves.

Should this Community settle for a smaller than desired Library? The original CLAG committee worked many hours to come up with a plan that they believed best suited the needs of the Community, for now and into the future. A plan using long lasting masonry materials that would match the existing building and stand the test of time. This work was wiped away with little respect to their efforts.

Were the EMs aware of this Grant Funding and ignored it or were they misled by the Administration? Either way, it is a sad day and a huge loss for this Community.

Has the Library building suffered because the focus was on the Foreshore Disaster Master Plan? (Sorry, slip of the pen there.)

We pay dearly for expertise but, from my experience, we are getting poorly presented reports which look more like a sales report. Administration is finding the outcome they want and then providing information that supports that outcome only.

It is time that our Elected Members started seriously questioning the CEO and other Senior staff and should be demanding:

- **Accurate reports that clearly set out all options available.**
- **Balanced recommendations based on all the information.**
- **Balanced summaries of all reports presented from outside bodies**
- **Proper risk analysis that considers more than one optimistic outlook**

Despite the fact that this Council has a history of ignoring the Community, it is time for Ratepayers to start taking more notice of how our money is being spent and take an active role in holding the Council accountable by demanding Elected Members work for the benefit of the Community, not for the Administration of this Council.

Wayne Gibbs

We were on the committee of the Community Library Advisory Group, since it was decided to re address the relocation of the current temporary library in September 2019.

We accessed the expertise of local retired draftsman Rhys Jones, who subsequently drew up concept plans, following our and the librarian's recommendations.

We endorsed his plan and recommended this concept to council.

Council applied for a grant to cover a \$2.2m cost, which also covered the cost of the car park redevelopment. The grant was subsequently not granted. We, the committee, were asked if we would accept a smaller sized building, which we agreed to.

We thought that council would go back to Rhys Jones for new drawings, just reducing the size of the endorsed building.

This didn't happen and we and Rhys were not given the courtesy of being informed that a new building designer had been engaged to scope the project. Question: Tender process?

We found out later that we had actually been invited to a meeting, to view the new concept drawings, but through miscommunication, we were not informed.

Federal funding of \$250,000 for the fit out was given in October 2020.

With a new budget of \$883,500 for the building a new concept plan was drawn up for a 314m2 building.

We first saw the new concept plan in the October 2020 agenda for the council meeting.

None of this has been put out for community consultation and furthermore it doesn't appear, according to council agenda October 2020, 14.3 point 25, that it ever will be.

Upon asking the CE if it would be put out for public consultation, his answer was no, followed by an analogy about some people liking red wine and others liking white. I took from that that everyone has a different point of view and it's not worth getting those different opinions, so council would just go ahead with the new plan.

That is the very reason for consultation, to get different opinions, collate them and act on the majority rule. After all council should be representing the ratepayers.

I feel that with all the attention on the Normanville Foreshore Masterplan, the library build will sneak under the radar and the ratepayers will have no say in what happens.

Question: Where is the transparency, consultation and care for good architecture that this community can be proud of in the future?

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Yankalilla Youth Theatre

The Yankalilla Youth Theatre has been successful in receiving funding from the regional arts fund quick response grant through Country Arts SA, which has been used to give participants the opportunity to learn vocal skills from local singer/songwriter Margie Russell, and microphone skills from professional theatre technician Clinton Camac. These skills will help to build confidence of the young performers, who are excited to present their very first public performance "DOORS AND LADDERS" as part of Festival Fleurieu.



The group gathered with their families last month to make their own costumes and props under the expert guidance of artist Barb Pettigrew. Bits and pieces of recycling were turned into gas masks, mad scientist hats and rope ladders! The Sunday Sessions gave families the opportunity to meet and get to know each other.



belonging, grow self-esteem, gain confidence and meet new people from their community." DOORS AND LADDERS is on 1pm, 2.30pm & 4pm on Sunday 11 April at the Yankalilla Show Hall. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased from the Fleurieu Visitors Centre.

In other news, enrolments are now open for young people aged between 9-18 who are interested in developing a second performance, this time with a focus on lighting. The Yankalilla Youth Theatre is planning to perform at the Hopgood Theatre, Noarlunga this September. Participants will first visit the theatre in May to explore and learn what is possible with stage lighting. The young actors will then use this as inspiration and during weekly workshops will develop a story to perform under lights in September. For enrolments and further information please contact Evette Wolf on **0480292920** or yytheatre@outlook.com.

Yankalilla Youth Theatre's Director Evette Wolf encourages people of all ages to come along to the show to support our region's talented young performers. "It takes a lot of courage to stand up in front of your community and share your ideas. These experiences help young people to build a sense of



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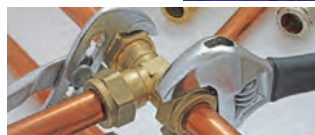
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Basin Facts

As I'm that "Some fool" mentioned in a letter to editor in the March issue I wish to state some facts.

The Pines in the Basin are not Douglas Firs. They are Aleppo Pines (*Pinus halapensis*), native to Eastern Europe including Turkey.

Many were planted around southern Australia as Anzac memorials after WW1.

They eventually began invading bushland including coastal dunes and are now a recognised significant woody weed species in South Australia.

The Department of Environment and Water has for some years been supervising the progressive removal of Aleppo Pines on public land including conservation parks, and replacing them with local native trees eg sheoaks.

My own home garden contains no exotic plant species, everything is native, almost entirely local native species.

Most declared weeds in Australia arrived as garden plants which eventually escaped to become serious invasive weeds.

Australian taxpayers spend hundreds of millions of dollars annually on weed control programs as a direct result of the stupidity of our predecessors who in their ignorance imported countless exotic plants. Many of which were destined to be exotic weeds.

*Dr David Muirhead,
Normanville resident*

Time for Change

Reading letters in the Yankalilla Regional News it seems the majority of ratepayers are deeply concerned with the direction our council is heading. They ask for feedback but never actually act on the rate payers wishes and concerns. The council seems completely incapable of curbing spending, and the huge debt which will be forced upon us by the foreshore master plan is a recipe for disaster. While our streets and verges away from the tourists eyes fall into disrepair they concentrate on plans to alter our already beautiful foreshore. Our magnificent relatively un-spoilt coastline is our greatest asset and the major attraction to our area and does not need modifying by councils grandiose plans. It seems the only way to prevent a financial disaster (which we will all be responsible for paying) is to amalgamate with other councils on the Fleurieu Peninsula. Large businesses, farms and other councils such as York Peninsula etc., have amalgamated in order to stay viable and make better use of staff and resources so why not our local councils. With our huge advances in technology, communications and plant and equipment do we really need all these councils on the Fleurieu Peninsula all with their highly paid top staff draining vast funds which could be better off funding essential council work and necessary future projects?. With the council continually dreaming up expensive unnecessary projects which are then rubber stamped by our councillors our extremely high rates can only increase further, forcing many resident to relocate to cheaper areas.

M. Morris

Mad As Hell

To quote that famous line from the movie 'Network', 'We're mad as hell and we're not gonna take it!'

It seems to me that Council, with its planned 'upgrades', consistently gets the whole process back-to-front. They come up with finely detailed plans, e.g. for the proposed Normanville Foreshore 'upgrade' and then, through what seems to be a kind of token gesture, invite community feedback. This all creates the distasteful impression that they've already made up their minds to go ahead with the plan(s) and are inviting feedback simply because they're obliged to.

That's simply not good enough for most of us who are sick and tired of Council pandering to tourism and investment, instead of - first and foremost - taking care of the community it's supposed to serve and represent. Based on recent feedback, most of us, it seems, have serious reservations about the proposed Normanville Foreshore 'upgrade', which is unwanted by many, seen as destructive of the unique character of the area, and deemed an unnecessary, huge cost that will surely hike up already ludicrously high rates.

Council needs to wake up and smell the roses as well as LISTEN to us, the community, who would have to live with these 'upgrades' and the increase in noise, pollution, traffic and crowd size that they'd attract. I suggest that Council needs to change its values and strategy. Proposed plans need to be general rather than finely detailed, then put to the community at this beginning stage for feedback and constructive input. If the community are for the most ok with the general proposal, Council could then work on a detailed plan. This would save Council a lot of time and effort, as well as

reassure the community that Council is not continuing to operate behind closed doors, with possibly hidden agendas, before we, the community get to hear about what has been planned - without our ongoing input from start to finish.

Dr M. Roberts, Second Valley

YDRA holds open forum with DCY

On Wednesday 17th March, the Yankalilla District Residents Association held a community forum with Elected Members of the Yankalilla Council and various community members including representatives of other local community groups and clubs. EM's included Mayor Glen Rowlands, Deputy Mayor Simon Rothwell and Light Ward Councillors Bill Verwey and Alistair Christie. There were about 40 all together.

The main thrust of the discussions was the continuation in developing the Bungala Linear Park, which has been haphazardly and sporadically worked on for the last 30 years. Many groups and associations have been involved along with Council over that time but the plans never seem to reach fruition.

The Park, running from Yankalilla to the estuary at Normanville beach is a huge task and will take a long time to complete, not to mention, a big budget. However, the community is tired of the lack of progress and through the YDRA are pushing for action.

There was constructive dialogue between the attendees and Elected Members and the general consensus was positive.

It was decided that a committee be formed with 2 YDRA members, 2 Normanville Natural Resource Centre members, 2 Elected Members (of which Glen and Bill put up their hands) and an independent resident. There may be other positions for other community groups as they get organised including local Aboriginal representation.

The Bungala Linear Park plan takes in about 6km of the river and covers about 70 hectares or land. There is widespread concern in the community about the parlous state of the Bungala River system. Some work has been done over the years to take remedial action but it has largely been piecemeal and sporadic. The task is huge and complex and will take years, if not decades to fully restore the river system to a healthy state. The YDRA and NNRC are committed as a matter of priority over the long term to partner with Council to fully implement the proposed park.

There has been a surge in activity among the various environmental groups in the area since the meeting but this has also highlighted some lack of communication between Council and the various groups, so they didn't really know what the others were doing and others were missed for the forum invitation. The new coordinated approach should rectify this.

There are currently discussions to have two meetings a year that all the relevant groups and associations would attend to coordinate the next period or stage.

Cr Verwey said: "The meeting of residents demonstrated eagerness by the community to rejuvenate the Bungala River. The idea of forming partnerships between community, Council and other stakeholders has been a recipe for success in previous programs - locally and elsewhere. It does demand passion and commitment to drive the project."

Residents of the DCY are encouraged to join YDRA and become involved in the important plans for the future of this district. For a small annual membership fee (\$15) you will be kept informed of the important issues affecting residents of this district.

Contact the Secretary on email secretary@yankalilladra.org or go to the website yankalilladra.org where you can download a membership form. The YDRA also has a Facebook page for residents to join and get involved with the conversation.

Paul Jelfs - Editor

\$2m grant to fund the contentious raised cabins approved

The Advertiser reported on 23 March that the Yankalilla Council has had funding approved for the foreshore raised cabins. Cr Bill Verwey had this to say to the YRN.

"The CEO of the Yankalilla Council needs to be congratulated on having \$2.045m grant approved for the 23 cabins in the caravan park. The ratepayers will need to match that amount, if it goes ahead - whether to meet loan repayments or directly. Having the grant approved is NOT the end of the story. The resounding responses from the community has been to object to the elevated cabins in particular and showing concern about the financial data presented regarding the whole of the project. I hope my fellow Elected Members have heard the concerns of the community and vote against the elevated cabins in particular. All that will happen is that unspent grant funds are then returned to the State Government."



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No Deputation

I have been a resident of the District Council of Yankalilla for 50 years, attending and making deputations at Council meetings for about 25 years. I requested a deputation at the council March meeting on the 16/3/2021 to CE Morris by letter dated 3/3/2021, regarding car parking and understanding of the Australian road rules that the council is responsible for enforcing, which was noted in the January Loop 2021, and to clarify the rangers comments that were made at the Councils informal gathering (open to the public) 2/3/2021 Parking on Verges etc.

I received a letter from a staff member on behalf of the Mayor CR. Rowlands on Friday saying he denied my deputation. This is the

first time this has ever happened to me. I believe I followed the deputation guidelines.

I registered a follow up letter to six councillors at the Council Office at 9am 15/3/2021 and I also personally delivered letters to two councillors on the morning of 13/3/2021.

At the Council meeting on 16/3/2021, Councillor Verwey moved a motion for me to have my day with a deputation and Councillor Quirke seconded it. Councillors Christie and Spilsbury supported the motion and the other 5 councillors voted against the motion for me to have my say with a deputation. The motion was lost.

It appears to me that freedom of speech is only for a select few in our council.

It has been a very upsetting process for me and my family since I found

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out at the council office on the 12/3/2021 about Mayor CR. Rowlands denying my deputation. I thank the caring office staff during that time.

I also thank Councillor Verwey and

the other councillors for following through with the denied deputation, with respect for a 79 year old woman rate payer!

*Val Gubbin
Normanville*



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Alidad picking as the sun rises

The moon still rules the sky as a conga line of pickers with little wheeled carts heads out across strawberry-scented fields to begin work.

In less than six months, from the start of the season to the first week in March, a fluctuating group of 20 to 50 laborers has hand-picked an astonishing 335 tonnes of strawberries - enough to fill 1.34 million standard 250g punnets - from this one Myponga farm.

When the plants, a mix of three varieties over six hectares, are in full flush the gun pickers can fill as many as 160 trays or around 220kgs of berries a day.

Most of the crew – chiefly Bhutanese, Burmese, Afghani and Indonesian immigrants - travel for well over an hour from Adelaide’s northern suburbs to arrive by first light.

Some sing or talk softly as they pick side by side. One worker, who identifies himself as rapper Young DJH whose family came to Australia as refugees from war-torn Burundi, plays his own compositions as he rolls down the rows.

All work diligently including the two “Aussie girls” who are unusual candidates for this job as operations manager Ralph Ceravolo explains. “This year has been really hard because it has been nearly impossible to get labor to come and pick on farms. It’s not that we don’t make the job attractive, it is just not the sort of job people want. I have no trouble filling jobs in the packing shed. They would rather be in here where it is nice and sheltered than outside in a picking cart. I understand that.”

The Ceravolos, a leading SA farming family who own 300ha of orchards in the Adelaide Hills, are relative newcomers to the Fleurieu having purchased the Rowley Road property six years ago.

Since taking back the lease from another grower two years ago they have invested heavily in the site, including installing a \$50,000 scanner in the packing shed to prevent a repeat of the contamination scandal that engulfed the strawberry industry in 2018.

They have also planted 7000 cherry trees which are expected to produce their first crop at the end of this year.

“This is the best growing land and best growing water that you can get pretty well anywhere in South Australia I think,” Ralph says.

“We are at Nairne and there are a lot of Hills growers, but the water is nowhere near the quality it is here. This is very clean water. There is no salt, no heavy metals or dissolved solids. Combined with high rainfall it means you don’t have to input so much of everything else.”

For a good part of the year most of the premium strawberries sold in SA Coles stores will bear the address of this small Myponga farm. It is just one example of the bounty of the Fleurieu.

Agriculture underpinned the region’s economy from the earliest days of white settlement and its continuing importance is outlined in *Prosperous by Nature*, Yankalilla District Council’s economic development strategy for 2020-2025.

“As well as being the area’s largest provider of jobs, the Yankalilla District’s agricultural sector accounts for more than one-third of total industry or \$56.4 million,” the report noted.

“For the District of Yankalilla future prosperity lies in clean and green agriculture/agribusiness and regenerative farming. There is a strong link between food and tourism and this needs to be nurtured.”

Michelle and Dean Bagshaw are doing just that by offering visitors a farm experience complete with glorious Gulf panorama on their 400ha property at the top of Forktree Road.

Since downsizing from their 3200ha broadacre farm at Meningie to their aptly named Lessismore Farm eight years ago, the couple has been working to turn it from bare paddock into the agricultural showcase which recently featured on Channel 9’s *Adelady*.

“At the moment the tours are the main avenue we have to promote things,” Michelle explains. “Visitors get to make damper, make their own butter from Fleurieu Milk, enjoy a platter of produce from around the region and things we have made. They can play with the chickens and guinea fowl and meet the pigs.”



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Chong picking at Myponga



Strawberry packing line



Tricia and chickens at Leisismore



Ralph Ceravolo checks the production line

Within months they plan to have their on-farm shop up and running where they plan to sell their own lamb, pork, eggs and other produce direct.

"I don't think people realise how much we have in this area," Michelle says. "It is great that Jane (Arnold) from Second Valley Cheese is now in the Main Street because she is putting people's products in there and you can see there is quite a bit."

One of the main hurdles to building the high-value Fleurieu food brand remains the lack of an abattoir. "It

is the weak link in your ethical food miles," Dean says.

There's no need to look further than your own fridge to find a powerful example of what local farmers can achieve with vision and support.

In just 15 years Fleurieu Milk has gone from producing a trickle for sampling to over one million litres a month across a range of 50 products delivered to 1300-1400 cafes and shops across the state.

The company is now the largest employer in the district with 75 people on the payroll compared to 68 staff (57.11 full time equivalent)

who work for Yankalilla Council.

From the ruins of the de-regulated dairy industry, which saw the number of operating local farms slashed by 75 per cent, Fleurieu Milk has emerged as the cream.

"The difference is that we pay our farmers a premium dollar for their milk," Clay Sampson, the company's sales and marketing manager, explains. "That makes their farming sustainable and profitable. They can farm and they can earn good money by farming." And customers are willing to pay more for a premium, sustainable product.

"We are fortunate here in SA that we do support our local brands. Our

marketing is all around local and supporting local and I guess making sure that the community understands that when they purchase the product all the proceeds stay here in SA."

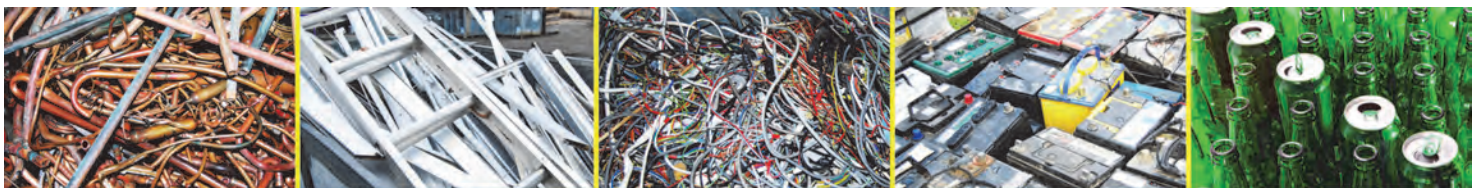
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Fleurieu Milk's product range



Dean Bagshaw with Spot, Ginger and George

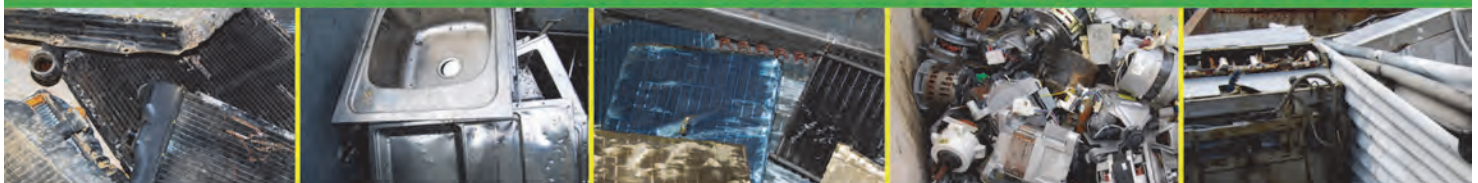


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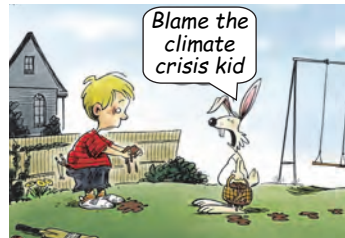


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For Council, everything is someone else's problem

Let me update YRN readers on 2 issues I have been pursuing with Council and relevant Departments and MPs, the proposed pedestrian refuge on Main South Road, Yankalilla and the invasion of the District with Little Corellas.

I recently received this advice from Nigel Morris, CEO of the Council (summarised for space reasons):

Pedestrian refuge on Main South Road, Yankalilla

Given that Council has now provided ours and the community support for the project the next stage is for DIT to secure funding. Council is likely to hear from the State Government as they progress their budget cycle. As this section of road is owned by DIT we need them to perform action. As Elected Members have already stated, I encourage you to continue to lobby State Government for the funding of their project.

Little Corellas

As Elected Members have stated, this is a state-wide issue that we continue to work with the State Government towards a resolution. I encourage you to attend the 6 April 2021 Elected Member Forum at 4pm to hear direct from State Government on their approach.'

I responded as follows:

Re the pedestrian refuge, I continue to lobby both Minister Wingard and our local MP, Leon Bignell, on this matter and it would be helpful if Council could publicly encourage residents, especially those who responded to the consultation, to do the same. However, with competing priorities, funding may be some time coming. In the meantime, Council could be proactively pursuing interim strategies to protect residents and visitors. One strategy I have proposed is a volunteer-based crossing system, similar to school crossings, to be operated in peak pedestrian traffic times over the summer period. This would provide limited disruption to traffic but maximise amenity to pedestrians at virtually no cost. I would be happy to be such a volunteer. I'm sure others in the community could generate further suggestions if asked.

Re the corella issue, I can only assume from your response that Council is currently doing nothing directly to deal with the issue locally. While Council's involvement in developing state-wide strategies is commendable, my experience is that horse design committees invariably produce camels and SAROC's proposed investment of the vast sum of \$19,000 into solutions is a fairly strong indicator of the level of seriousness of their commitment.

While some of the longer term strategies may have some merit (although these are yet to be tested), ideas like filling waterways and dams with reeds would seem to be counter-intuitive to many environmentalists. Similarly, non-lethal electric bird shock tapes are designed for buildings, not roosting trees. It is clear that multiple coordinated strategies are the most effective, including the most effective method, according to most studies, of culling early in the nesting season.

For example, each November the Barossa Council uses a combination of:

- the use of rotating or strobing lights, high powered torches, and starting pistol
- the use of bird-scaring cartridges and live ammunition in selected and appropriate locations
- working with property owners to limit access to food and water sources.

The program operates in various locations at various times, but primarily at sunrise and sunset with the aim to keep impacts on the community to a minimum.

Finally, I cannot stress enough the potential health implications of allowing this annual invasion to continue, opening up potentially serious questions for Council regarding liability if no action is taken to reduce the risk to the public. I have written to the Ministers for Environment and Health respectively to alert them to this issue, including the potential for an avian flu or SARS-like outbreak from mass roosting, e.g. as is occurring in the trees surrounding the public toilets in Yankalilla.

I look forward to attending the 6 April 2021 Elected Member Forum at 4pm to hear directly from the State Government about their approach and Council's plans to take proactive local action.

Then the Mayor, Glen Rowlands, stepped in, again stating that these issues are out of Council's control and 'We will not be responding to you any further.' I took him to task on this dismissive response, for which he has now apologised but reinforced the fact that Council will take no further action on these matters.

This passive attitude to matters directly affecting the health and safety of District residents is totally unacceptable. I encourage readers to lobby Council and relevant Government agencies to meet their statutory obligations.

Doug Jacquier, Yankalilla

Verge parking in Field Street.

I am a resident of Field Street, Normanville and would like to congratulate the Council on the upgrades to Herbert, Field and soon Heathcote Streets. The streets provide a great surface on which to drive, ride and walk and are particularly good for children to ride bikes and people who are mobility impaired. However the verges are so uneven that even my dog refuses to walk on them. A good description of them would be a goat track with many varying surfaces from manicured lawn to rough ground broken up by stobie poles and some trees providing an obstacle course.

The only use for the verges as I see it is car parking. This allows the cars to be parked partially off the narrow roads providing great vision for oncoming traffic and pedestrians. Forcing cars to park on the road takes up almost half the width of the road thus making it much more dangerous for all concerned with cars weaving around parked cars which can conceal people walking on the roadway.

These streets are used, and will continue to be used, by people walking to the beach with their dogs, children on bikes and skateboards, particularly during holiday season and mobility impaired people on "gophers". It is a far more pleasant way to go than via the main road.

Instead of blocking up this thoroughfare by parking cars on the road, how about enforcing car parking on the verge and making it a shared vehicle and pedestrian precinct complete with appropriate speed restrictions. I do not believe this would be much of an issue as most people only travel slowly on the road now. This would make a great relaxed thorough fare to the foreshore providing an enhanced experience for visitors to Normanville.

I hope the Council can think outside the square and use these new streets for the benefit of everyone.

Denis Falland

Response to Ray Beavis

Hear, hear Ray, and to many others, who not unlike myself are still waiting for a response from our local council regarding the parking issue in Normanville's narrow streets. Not only is it illegal to park on a council verge/footpath but also to be parked on a narrow road full stop.

The Australian Road Rules state the following: You must keep at least 3 metres of clear road between your vehicle and the far side of the road where there is no dividing/centre line.

The newly paved streets in Normanville are not 4 meters wide so the above legislation makes on street parking illegal in those areas. In my humble opinion the actual planning stage of the roadworks was poorly thought through. Still patiently waiting for council to contact me.

Jeanette Carol

Mobile service ensures better care for regional patients

Thursday, 4 March 2021

Regional and rural patients at risk of osteoporosis are accessing quality care closer to home thanks to SA Medical Imaging's (SAMI) Mobile Bone Densitometry Service.

Associate Professor Dylan Bartholomeusz, Campus Clinical Head SAMI, RAH Nuclear Medicine, said the service, which measures bone mineral density (BMD), provides reliable and timely service for patients and healthcare providers who may not have had access to the treatment otherwise.

"The SAMI Mobile Bone Densitometry Service is good news for thousands of regional and rural South Australians who receive this care every year," Associate Professor Bartholomeusz said.

"This is an essential service which has operated continuously since November 1994 and has seen over 30,000 patients, visited more than 50 towns, and travelled more than 100,000km."

A BMD test assesses people for low bone mass or osteoporosis, determines future fracture risk, and measures a patient's response to osteoporosis treatment.

Almost five million Australians are at high risk of osteoporosis or have an increased risk of fracture due to low

bone mass, with one fracture occurring every 2.9 minutes.

The direct and indirect costs of these conditions account for \$33.6 billion across a 10-year period.

Medical Scientist in Charge of Bone Densitometry at SAMI, Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH), Chris Schultz, said the service has also been upgraded to advance the valuable service which is operated by the SAMI Nuclear Medicine Department.

"The improvements ensure the service provides faster reporting and is more reliable for patients, as well as the doctors who are waiting for the results and ensuring effective treatment for patients," Mr Schultz said.

"The service has been upgraded to improve the continuity of care and service delivery for both patients and referrers," Mr Schultz said.

"The data is now available across all sites in South Australia, which means clinicians ensure that the therapy is working and improve a patient's long-term service of care and treatment."

Rigorous quality control of the equipment ensures consistent, reproducible measurements and includes the ability to exchange data with equipment at the RAH.

Standing for the Community's Best Interests

Entering the world of Local Government as an Elected Member has been a very gratifying learning curve. I am still on my P-plates but getting more and more confident in the role. The most important lesson is that all decisions are made by the Elected Members, those elected to represent the best interests of the community.

From the beginning I have been accused by fellow councillors of grand-standing or, even worse, representing particular people or community groups with sinister intent. My first Council meeting in March 2020 I presented Motions regarding the protection of the freedom of expression and freedom of publication following Council attempting to take Yankalilla Regional News to Court. That was because of the importance to protect the democratic principles so dear to us all.

When I presented my report on the gifting of land at the Normanville Foreshore it was to make the Elected Members aware of a situation that could frustrate the impending (at the time unknown to me) Foreshore Masterplan.

The Elected Members now have a responsibility of deciding the direction of the Normanville Foreshore Masterplan - in particular the erection of 23 upmarket cabins. This is subsidised commercial venture competing with private accommodation providers already active in the District. By subsidised I mean taxpayers through Government grants and ratepayers of the District either directly or honouring loan repayments.

Councils do at times invest in commercial enterprises. In some communities that I have worked in it is the only way to create opportunities because the private sector is not interested to fill that role. For example, Perenjori in remote WA has a beautiful caravan park established by the Council. They wanted to attract passing tourists to stop and enjoy the town and spend money in the various businesses. I have often stayed there on business and am thankful of the Council in providing such service.

In the case of the Yankalilla District it is a different situation. There has been an indication of projected plans to do the same elsewhere in the District through private investment. Nothing is certain until plans are lodged but private industry are more savvy to plan future growth than Council is. Considering the hard times the tourism industry has endured because of COVID-19 in 2020, the industry needs Council's

encouragement not Council competition. The Elected Members must take responsibility for decisions made as to the future development at the Normanville Foreshore. The community, if unhappy with the decisions of Council, have their democratic right to make their objections known.

Cr Bill Verwey
Light Ward



Thank You

Mervyn would like to thank the Bike Riders that came down to Cape Jervis, to show Merv their bikes. He loved it. We all enjoyed it, so thanks a million.

Thanks, Thanks, Thanks!

From Merv, Norma & Julie



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Swimming in winter

If you have thought about this, but have never followed through, now is the time. The benefits in physical fitness, mental effects to keep depression at bay, and spiritual delight, are well known to those who eagerly approach the joys of swimming through winter.

Here are five tips to get started.

One. Change the language. The water is not cold, it is providing a micro-massage to every cell in the body. The effect of this is like having champagne running around your system. A very enjoyable sensation for the next few hours.

Two. Walk into the sea to chest depth, bend the knees, get the shoulders under, and push forward. Every time. No standing around shivering, waiting for extremities to adjust.

Three. No need for a wetsuit. Ten minutes is enough to get the benefits. Keep upright and keep your head dry, to avoid hypothermia.

Four. A quick shower in cold, not hot water.

Five. Warm clothes, a hot drink, and wait for the exhilaration of the body, champagne now flowing, to kick in saying, thank you, thank you!

Come on - give it a go!

*Ruth Trigg
Normanville*

Yankalilla Library - our cultural hub

Again, our Yankalilla Library - the cultural hub of our district - has proved its worth in immeasurable ways: as a place of intellectual inquiry and response, a nexus of social connection and a peaceful haven from the 'slings and arrows' of life itself. Last week, (1-4 March 2021), Adelaide Writers' Week was live streamed in the large meeting room. This is a wonderful program of events and attendees were very grateful not to have to travel to Adelaide. The four-day excerpt of the festival featured world-renowned writers who spoke in conversation on a wide variety of topics.

Some of us who attended even made new friends. This brings me to the main point of this letter which is to praise the Yankalilla Library staff for creating a place for social connection, for those of us who are 'nerds' who find our solace in intellectual and cultural pursuits. Of course, we 'nerds' are not the only ones who benefit from what the library has to offer. Even my husband who has struggled as a reader in his early life, finds reasons to 'hang around' in the library - borrowing DVDs or magazines, attending various events, making new friends. Of course, many younger people bring their children with them and enjoy the *Story Time* - with stories, songs and colouring activities. Women with older children sometimes study or help their children with homework at the library. Older residents of the area are helped with their computer skills by Shannon Hamilton who is both knowledgeable and patient. A *Cuppa*, A *Chat and Craft* group and *Weaving for Wellness* group meet regularly to ameliorate loneliness - with residents new to the area able to get to know others, while also sharing the joys of all sorts of creative making.

In addition, I offer free writing workshops for the locals called *Bringing Your Writing Alive*.

These sessions and others of this sort have been running now for several years with excellent attendances from residents. As well, the library staff have supported *International Women's Day* and various poetry gigs. A variety of locals have participated in each of these sorts of events. We've all benefitted from hearing the stories of other people in our area, and events such as these offer us the chance to recognise what a wealth of creative talent flourishes in the Yankalilla district and surrounds.

I do feel deeply concerned, however, that some of the people making the most important decisions about the future of the library *do not* actually have much contact with it or the staff who do their very best to foster a culture of intellectual curiosity, literacy and life-long learning. There are those of us who feel that the consultation process has gone through some arduous stages that have changed dramatically as the originally proposed amount of finance for any extension to the existing structures has reduced drastically to an amount that, in no way, can adequately fund a proper restructure. In addition, the idea that one group of people in the community is putting enormous pressure on the 'powers-that-be' to do their bidding, is entirely repugnant and unfair - even if this group believes that their past financial contribution entitles them to the 'lion's share' in decision-making about Yankalilla Library's future.

Finally, I urge everyone who is passionate about the future of the library, to 'let go of the past', consider the benefits it offers now and see its future within a context that benefits everyone - not just some imagined idea of the 'youth' of the community - who, in any case, are well-served by the year-long program of events that the library staff facilitate with community members.

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I also urge councillors who have shown antipathy or antagonism to the library, to rethink their narrow *Weltanschauung* (world view). We live in a world that increasingly demands higher levels of communication and literacy from all of us. Think about the fact that other council areas are proud to have built bigger and better libraries, (all exceeding expectations as far as usage is concerned), not of your own selfish and outdated ideas about what a library is and what a community needs. Yankalilla Library should be a source of pride for everyone in our area.

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- Saturday 3rd - Sustainable Saturday Session
- Thursday 8th - Social Sewing
- Thursday 8th - Wet Sex @ Normanville Hotel
- Thursday 9th - Nixon Skinner Working Bee
- Saturday 10th - Banksia Park Working Bee
- Sunday 11th - Tree Trail Launch
- Monday 12th - Nursery Working Bee
- Sunday 18th - Yoga In Nature Session
- Friday 23rd - Adopt A Spot Info Session
- Tuesday 27th - Well Being Walk
- Wednesday 28th - Bird Field Trip To Laratinga

May

- Saturday 1st - Veggie Swap
- Monday 3rd - Community Nursery Working Bee
- Friday 7th - Nixon Skinner Working Bee
- Saturday 8th - Biochar Workshop
- Saturday 8th - Banksia Park Working Bee
- Thursday 13th - Social Sewing
- Monday 17th - Community Nursery Working Bee
- Monday 31st - Bird Field Trip To Ferries-McDonald Cons. Pk

The Bushfoods Tasting Experience

We would like to thank all that attended our recent bush foods tasting degustation and a special thanks to Kerron for creating this delightful experience. Our guests were treated to numerous tantalising and unique dishes that blended Australian bush foods with modern Australian cuisine.

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Nixon Skinner Conservation Park

The Nixon Skinner Conservation Park comprises of 8 hectares of native vegetation and is situated towards the southern end of the Myponga Reservoir. The park is an island of native vegetation in a picturesque setting, framed by the Myponga Reservoir and pine plantations.

There are two major plant associations within the park. The larger proportion is mostly Messmate Stringybark with Pink Gum and River Red Gum. Understorey plants include Erect Guinea-flower (*Hibbertia stricta*), Heath Tea-tree, Myrtle Wattle and Golden Wattle. There is another smaller area of South Australian Blue Gum with Silver Banksia, Cross-leaved Honey-myrtle and Silty Tea-tree. This site is also home to a variety of native orchids including the Fire orchid and the rare Cherry Helmet orchid.

The NNRC has started a Friends Group to maintain the diversity of the park. If you are interested in joining us in this activity, please contact the centre on 8558 3644 or email maddie@nnrc.com.au. At this stage working bees are held on the first Friday of each month commencing at 9.00am, this could increase depending on interest, it would be lovely to see this small reserve free of some of the more obnoxious weeds.

The NNRC would like to thank the Yankalilla & Districts Lions Club for their generous donations to support our 'Friends of Nixon Skinner' and 'Friends of Banksia Park' groups. These donations will be used to purchase gardening equipment and will certainly make maintenance of the park much easier for our volunteers. Thanks again for your support!

Pictured are some of the 'Friends of Banksia Park' proudly displaying their recent acquisition of 2 mobile Hose Reel Trolleys. These trolleys were purchased with funds made available from the Yankalilla & District Lions Club.



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Veg of the Month: Spring Onions!

This month we would like to celebrate one of the most versatile and easy to grow veggies around, the humble Spring Onion! This kitchen staple is a fantastic crop for beginner gardeners.

They are highly tolerant and can be grown year-round in South Australia's mild Mediterranean climate. Whilst most traditionally used in Asian cuisine, spring onions can be used to flavour a huge variety of savory meals. They can be eaten raw in salads and dressings or cooked in stir fry, curries, quiches, omelettes or just about any dish you would like to add a bit of mild oniony flavour.

Spring Onions require little space, they can be grown in pots or any funny little empty part of your veggie garden. Remember to plant them regularly so that you always have a fresh bunch ready for the kitchen. Their care requirements are amazingly simple, sow them in compost-rich, well-drained soil, keep them watered around 2-3 times a week in the warmer months and enjoy the harvest within 8-12 weeks of planting. When harvesting your spring onions, you can either snip the plant off at the soil level and the remaining roots will quickly regrow new shoots or carefully pull the whole plant from ground, clean and store them with their roots submerged in a glass of water in the fridge. So why not grow yourself some spring onions and enjoy the benefit of having fresh onions on hand when needed!



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Chicken and Spring Onion Stir-fry

Serves: 4 Prep time: 15min Cook Time: 15min

Ingredients

- 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon wholegrain mustard
- 500 grams chicken breast or thigh meat, sliced into thin strips
- 1 bunch spring onions, trimmed, cut into 8cm lengths.
- Green veggies, you can use snow peas, green beans, capsicum, broccolini, bok choy or whatever you have in the fridge or veggie garden
- 1 tablespoon ginger, grated
- 3 garlic cloves, sliced
- 1 long green chilli, sliced
- 1/4 cup honey
- Juice of 1 lime
- 2 tablespoons of soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon sesame seeds

Method:

Combine oil and mustard in a large bowl. Add chicken and toss to coat. Heat a wok or large frying pan over high heat. Stir-fry chicken for 5-7 mins, until golden and cooked through. Remove from wok. Add spring onions and other greens and cook for 1-2 mins, until just tender. Add ginger, garlic, and chilli. Stir-fry for 30 secs, until fragrant. Return chicken to pan, drizzle in lime juice, soy sauce and honey. Stir to combine and stir-fry for another 30 secs. Finish off by sprinkling with sesame seeds and serve with rice or noodles.



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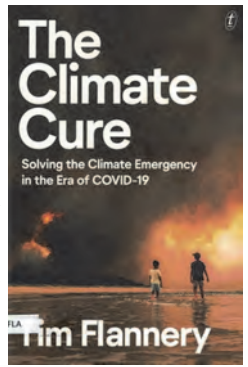
Book Review

The Climate Cure, Solving the Climate Emergency in the Era of COVID-19, Tim Flannery. 2020. The Text Publishing Company, Melbourne.

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Flannery demands a new approach, based on the nation's response to COVID-19, that will lead to effective government policies. *The Climate Cure* is an action plan for our future. We face a fork in the road and must decide now between catastrophe and survival.

This book is available for loan for the Normanville Natural Resource Centre.



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Weed of the Month Evening Primrose

(*Oenothera stricta* ssp *stricta*)

(Photos: growth habit and dying flower, close-up of newly opened flower; C. Schultz; Cape Jervis)

Evening primrose is an upright plant, growing locally to about 45cm. It is fairly easy to identify when flowering (which is most of the year!). Along the sturdy flowering spikes it produces are 10cm tubular yellow flowers, each with 4 petals and 8 stamens. No, there aren't 8 petals in the pictured flower ... just 4 heart shaped ones. As the name suggests, flowers open in low light, such as the evening. (Why? Well, they are pollinated by moths, which are more likely to be around then.) The flowers then



redden and wither away the next day as the flower above them on the spike opens. Most of the leaves are at the base, but smaller ones spiral up the flower spike. Both sets of leaves have a pointed tip and wavy edges; however the base leaves are hairless while the leaves on the flower spikes have tiny hairs. The stems themselves are hairy too, and often woody but unbranched. Originally from South America but now naturalized in S.A., the evening primrose is classified as an environmental weed; that is, it invades native ecosystems and adversely affects the survival of indigenous flora and fauna.

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It's Ugg Boot Time Again



With autumn here and winter on its way, no doubt many of us are reaching for our ugg boots. Did you know the ugg boot has a strong Yankalilla connection? These snuggly boots were invented by the dad of local guy Graeme Spencer. Graeme this year celebrates half a century of making these boots. Sure, there's some controversy about the origin of the ugg. Californian surfers, for example, say they hold the honour. Even Channel 7's Today Tonight did a segment on this. But there are undeniable facts that

can lead us to claim the ugg as our own. In 1962, Charlie Spencer was making sheepskin buff pads for crash repairers. His daughter asked if he could make her sheepskin slippers to keep her feet warm. His surfer son John and buddy Barry thought they'd be great to put on after surfing. Charlie's boots had a soft sole. Adelaide surf shop owner John Arnold applied a heeled sole. More pairs were made in Charlie's shed, and the day came when surfing legends Nat Young and Midget Farrelly dropped by and bought some.

The rest, as they say, is history as this Aussie icon made its way to the USA.

Fifty years after making his first pair, Graeme is still making ugg boots out of a Holden Hill shop.

The ugg name was born after a customer remarked the boots were ugly. John registered that name in 1971.

Graeme's boots are Huggys Ugg Boots.

Because of the controversy over the name ugg, they don't use that word on their boots.

But rest assured, they are the real deal. You won't find better!

Pictured: Charlie Spencer

Cheryl Willie for YRN



Reader's Photo

This is one of a mother and baby koala which frequent trees near us. We are regularly seeing more koalas in our area which is fantastic.

- Martin Morris



Historic Flagpole Unveiling

A community event is to be held featuring the unveiling ceremony of the old Delamere School Flagpole, 2pm, Thursday 6th of May 2021. Originally a signal pole at Cape Jervis in the 1800's, the pole was relocated to the Delamere School and erected in 1936 to commemorate the Centenary of Light's landing at Rapid Bay in 1836. The flagpole remained a focal point for the school community until the school closed and the flagpole was taken down. It slowly deteriorated in the grass until a group of interested locals worked to get the flagpole restored and re-erected in its new spot adjacent to the Delamere Store.

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Tackling the big issues together: Landscape plan open for feedback

Community feedback is being invited on a draft five-year Landscape Plan for the Hills and Fleurieu region.

The Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board, established in July last year, prepared the plan to guide management of land, water, pests and biodiversity across the Adelaide Hills and Fleurieu Peninsula.

Comment on the draft plan opened on March 18, at yoursay.sa.gov.au.

Board chair David Greenhough said the plan sets out a vision for protecting the uniquely biodiverse and productive landscapes of the region.

"In scoping this plan, we consulted widely with our stakeholders and community through meetings, public forums and a survey," he said.

"People told us there was a need for urgent action to reverse declines in species and ecological communities. We were also told about the importance of supporting producers and landholders to manage their land in a sustainable way, to maximise both economic and ecological benefits," he said.

The plan identifies five priorities: Land, Water, Nature, Climate and Community, with Focus Areas for action and Strategies spelling out how these broad priorities will be achieved. A central theme of the plan is pursuing action on the priorities in an integrated and collaborative way. As Mr Greenhough explained "the challenges faced by the region require whole of community effort. The plan captures strategies needed across the region to protect and restore our landscapes. Whether it be working with First

Nations, industry groups, volunteers, schools and tourism and agri-businesses - we need to work together and bring in new stakeholders to multiply our efforts.

"The community called on the board to tackle issues like climate change and integrated management of agriculture and nature - but also not lose sight of the essentials, like pest animal and weed management. The board will play a strong role in building new partnerships and championing those who are innovating with the region's long-term health in mind.

"After receiving great feedback in our forums last year, as well as hundreds of survey responses, we're excited to show how we've incorporated people's ideas and suggestions. This will be the final round of comments before we finalise the plan and get moving with its implementation," Mr Greenhough said.

The Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board was established in July 2020, following the introduction of the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* which replaced the former *Natural Resources Management Act 2004*. The new Hills and Fleurieu landscape management region runs from Kersbrook to Cape Jervis, and from the Lower Gulf St Vincent across to the Murray Mouth and Langhorne Creek.

The draft plan is available for comment from March 18 - April 15, at yoursay.sa.gov.au, or email comments and feedback to hf.landscapeboard@sa.gov.au

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Shrove Tuesday

If you like pancakes, the Youth Park in Yankalilla was the place to be on Shrove Tuesday. The Anglican Church organised a gathering to celebrate the beginning of Lent, an important event in the Church Year. An invitation was extended to the whole community. There were pancakes of many shapes and sizes topped or filled with savoury and sweet delights. The meal was provided free of charge in a COVID safe environment.

For those who attended it was a great opportunity to meet and chat with friends and make new acquaintances. The weather was very kind and everyone was able to enjoy the outdoor setting.

Thank you to TJ Marks from 21 Junk Street for being on hand to provide her delicious coffee. For those who missed out on the event there is always next year.



Siam Sea Change

Siam Sea Change will be closing later this year as mentioned in the last edition. A firm date is still unknown.

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The front of the Ag Hall is now looking very good with painting being completed by Nigel Burnett who leapt into the fray after previous arrangements fell through and is completing the work at no cost, apart from the paint, of course. On behalf of the Show Society, and the community, we thank you Nigel.

Nigel is one of many volunteers and contractors who continue to work tirelessly to improve the facilities at the Showgrounds and recent events have made good use of the improved areas.

At our March meeting, the Show Committee continued to deal with the planning of the Show. The likelihood of a Tug of War is increasing, as is that of dog activities, the developing Writing Section is still developing, and the Fleurieu Refugee support group have proposed some lovely ideas to promote a more inclusive and accepting community through food, art and music.

Importantly for all of the foodies out there, Glenys White and Chrissy Nyveld have some strongly developing themes in the Cookery Section with Junior categories (Under 5 and 6-9 years) and lovely ideas applicable to these age groups such as Chocolate Crackles, Pikelets, and Fairy Bread. The suggested ingredients provided make this a fun activity for kids and parents, so we're hoping families will get involved. And, of course, the Open Cookery Section provides so many options for everyone to submit their favourite cooking product (from scones, to bread, pasties, cakes, biscuits and so many more...). And this year there are no entry fees in this and most of the Sections at the Show. So watch out for this information and jump in to this local and relevant community competition – you might get a ribbon and/or a small sponsored prize, and have a lot of fun along the way.



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Our February meeting started off with a terpsichorean exhibition the likes of which have possibly never been seen before at the Yankalilla Community Church hall. The photos will show our fabulous members Bev and Glenda as they channel Fred and Judy performing “We Will Walk Down the Avenue”. What a way to start a meeting! Well done ladies you are such good sports.

Following our formal meeting and a pleasant Covid compliant morning tea break, we welcomed our Guest

Speaker, Mr Glen Rowlands, Chairperson of the Elected Members Committee of Yankalilla Council, and his wife Joy. Glen explained that the title of Mayor is applied to the committee chairperson voted in by the Elected Members. Other council mayors such as Victor Harbor for example, actually run for the office of Mayor and are elected by the community. It is an important difference in that Glen is able to put resolutions and must vote on all resolutions before Council. Community elected Mayors have just a casting vote in the event of deadlock and cannot propose resolutions for consideration. Wheels within wheels – who knew that Mayoral structures could be so different from one side of the Fleurieu to the other?

Glen is a knowledgeable speaker



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and knows his District well. With 85kms of coastline including 25kms of beach, tourism is a major economic contributor and so are pastoral enterprises, with the entire District except for townships, designated as an Environment and Food Production Area (EFPA). Balancing the needs of the entire community within the constraints of budgetary limits is a real juggling act. We could all have everything I suppose, if we did not mind a huge increase in council rates!

Glen spoke about the “hot potato” issues of the moment – The Normanville Foreshore redevelopment and the Library Project - and took questions from the floor. His answers were informative and well stated and I believe we all left a little better informed on the difficulties, procedural hoops and data minefields that make up the process of applying for Government funding.

Our Club thanked him sincerely for his time and attention, and presented him with a small token of appreciation.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings. If you would like to know more about our Club, please contact Lorraine or Avril on the numbers below.


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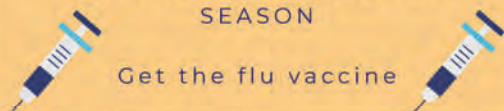
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Dunstall cottage – a community treasure in Normanville

The quaint stone cottage at the junction of Main South Road and Main Road, Normanville, is believed to be at least 135 years old. Known today as the Dunstall Cottage, it has had a long and productive history.

The land on which the Dunstall cottage is situated was originally part of Main South Road. When the bridge over the Bungala River was built in the late 1860s the alignment of the road was altered slightly. When Robert Norman sold part of section 1014 to the Commissioner of Roads for the new road, the old road became an unused road reserve of about ¼ acre which bootmaker John Fowler bought in 1871 for the sum of £6. Fowler relocated his business to Yankalilla about 1873.

It is not known when the cottage was built other than sometime between 1871 and 1886, when William Mitchell bought the land from John Fowler in January 1884. The rate assessment book for the year 1886-7 records a new house belonging to William Mitchell, which was not listed on the previous year's assessments,

although, according to Stan Putland, the cottage was built by his grandfather, John Fowler.

According to the Newbold family, William Theophilus Caudle and his wife Mary Adah (nee Newbold) lived in the cottage after they married on 24 December 1888, moving into the cottage possibly about 1890. From 1909 to 1919, the land and cottage were rented by the Chenoweth family.

From 1919 it was occupied by the Dunstall family. Guy Percival Dunstall served in Gallipoli and when he returned in 1919, he married Mildred, and rented the cottage for 10 years before buying it in 1929. Guy and Mildred brought up their 10 children, all born in the front room, and raised in the small cottage where the family lived until 1955. Guy's son William 'Bill', at age 87, visited the cottage in 2014 on the occasion of the unveiling of a plaque on 17 May during History Month. The cottage in the park was also open for the public to see the progress being made on the restoration of the cottage and view photographs and exhibits by members of the Yankalilla and District Historical Society and the Friends of Bungala Park. Bill Dunstall donated a bench seat to be erected in the garden adjacent to the cottage under the shade of a tree, and also a plaque for the cottage wall in memory of his mother and father. The plaque has a photo of Bill's Mum and Dad, along with the 10 children, taken outside the cottage. Bill had fond memories of growing up in the cottage along with his four brothers and five sisters. He said the girls slept in the back room and the boys in outhouses. Although they had no running water or electricity, he remembered it being a happy childhood.

After Guy's wife, Mildred, died in 1955, he remarried in 1964 and moved to Victor Harbor, the property having been sold to John Allen Morgan in 1959. In 1965 Loudon Cranston Smart bought the property and, in 1982 it was sold to Thomas Mitchell Gall, barrister, and

Barbara Phyllis Gall. Following the death of Thomas Gall in 2007, ownership of the cottage was transferred to the District Council of Yankalilla on 7 September 2009.

– Lorraine Day

The Yankalilla & District Historical Society Inc. meets on the second Monday of the months of September, October, November, February, March (usually on the Tuesday in March as Monday is Adelaide Cup Day) and April. We meet at 7.30 pm at the Council Chambers. Also, on Wednesday mornings (10 am-12 noon) there is usually a member of the society at the library to assist people who have local history enquiries – free, but please book at the library.

The next meeting will be on 12 April 2021.



An early photo of the cottage and Dunstall Cottage as it is today.



Yankalilla Art

Artists gather your painting things together! We are planning monthly workshops starting on Wednesday May 12th. I have had to change the day and hope this will suit most people. The supper room is in great demand at present.

Our first workshop will be presented by local artist Judith Sweetman and the theme will centre around water reflections. Starting at 10am Judith will demonstrate using oils how to create a touch of magic!

You will need to bring primed paper on a board or a small canvas, drawing and painting tools, paint can be oil, water colour, acrylic or gouache. Judith suggests that you give your paper or canvas a base coat of paint prior to the day. A pale ochre or shade of green or blue.

I suggest you arrive by 9.45am to set up your table and work area. Please bring your lunch and a cup. Tea and coffee will be provided.

The cost of the workshop will be \$25.

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Look forward to seeing you!

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Supporting Palliative Care in the Fleurieu

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As a result, we are intending to lobby the Government for funding by presenting a petition and convening a forum for public discussion on the 28th of April. We encourage local residents to attend and participate on the day.

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Autumn prescribed burns begin early

The State Government's autumn program of prescribed burns is set to begin early, taking advantage of the mild weather conditions experienced over summer.

Areas of both public and private land have been strategically chosen across the state to help manage the intensity and extent of bushfires across the landscape and provide safer access for fire fighters.

A total of 61 burns are planned for this autumn following on from a successful spring 2020 program where 47 burns were completed. An increase in the burn program numbers in the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges and Kangaroo Island regions has been facilitated by additional funding resulting from recommendations of the independent review undertaken following the 2019/20 bushfires.

The prescribed burns are carried out by the Department for Environment and Water (DEW), in partnership with the Country Fire Service (CFS) and SA Water.

Fiona Gill, Director of Fire Management with the National Parks and Wildlife Service, said that one of the first burns on the program will be providing protection to critical infrastructure in Cherry Gardens.

"We understand that the sight and smell of smoke will be concerning for some residents so soon after the recent bushfire, but want to reassure the community that this will be a highly planned and carefully managed operation with the overall aim of making the area safer," she said.

"Other burns that were originally planned in Scott Creek Conservation Park and Mount Bold Reservoir will no longer take place due to the bushfire impacting in these areas.

"Mild conditions during summer have also led to an overlap of unharvested wine grapes and suitable prescribed burning conditions.

"The State Government will continue working cooperatively with industry groups to address any concerns.

"The number of prescribed burns that can be safely and effectively completed in any season is always subject to a window of specific weather conditions and we will never burn unless we can achieve a safe outcome.

"They are part of an ongoing, rolling three-year program of bushfire mitigation and extra burns are planned to allow flexibility to move burns to another season or year according to the conditions."

The South Australian Government has committed an additional \$37 million over five years to the state's prescribed burn program, as part of the \$97.5 million response to the Keely Review into last season's catastrophic bushfires.

The investment will see the Department for Environment and Water aim to increase the prescribed burns program by 50 per cent in coming years.

Prescribed burns can also play an important role in regenerating habitats for native plants and animals, and the requirements of these species are factored into the planning process.

In South Australia, prescribed burning is part of a shared responsibility with the CFS, government agencies which manage land (e.g. DEW, Forestry SA and SA Water), local councils and private landholders.

The community still has a significant role in undertaking risk reduction strategies on their own land.

If the smell or sight of smoke or fire triggers distress, please know this is a normal reaction after our recent experience of bushfires. You can seek support with free professional phone counselling on 1300 032 186 and visit the Recovery SA website for more resources.

For the most up-to-date information on prescribed burns follow @SAENVIRWATER on Twitter.

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Zoom in a Time of Pandemic

As the pandemic progressed and covid-19 restrictions on numbers at gatherings were introduced, the District Council of Yankalilla (DCY) dutifully complied, resulting in limits of gallery attendees at council meetings. To compensate, the DCY introduced an economic version of Zoom to allow community members to follow meetings from home. This was an excellent idea, but the quality of transmission was so poor, and remained so, that during the February 2021 meeting it was frequently impossible to follow what was said.

Part of the problem is probably poor discipline on the part of some of the Elected Members with regard to turning microphones on and off. This was already an issue for the gallery in pre-pandemic times. In particular the microphone for external speakers was frequently not functional. For me, as one of the earliest lobbyists for the installation of microphones, this was unacceptable, coloured by the last 10 years of my working life.

While organizing in Europe, for an international association, a series of congresses and training seminars on pharmaceutical sciences, clinical trials and regulations, with volunteer chairpersons and speakers from the EU medicines evaluation agency and the Commission, heads and seniors from EU Members State regulatory agencies, FDA, and major international pharmaceutical companies, there was an obligation to provide quality technical equipment. While I had competent staff, I frequently made personal spot checks to ensure that we were doing the

best for our volunteers and the paying participants (I guess the later are somewhat equivalent to ratepayers in our district). I have not generally noticed that this level of pre-council meeting care takes place here. On the Zoom issue, after the February meeting I wrote to the Mayor and Light Ward councillors pointing out the problem. I received answers indicating that I was one of many community members who had complained and that the staff were being requested to find a solution but cost might be a restriction. One of the Light Ward Councillors suggested that the Victor Harbor council has a system worthy of assessment.

I understand that the Victor Harbor installation, using some equipment already in place, cost in the vicinity of \$155,000. Although I am not a technical expert, with current DCY facilities, an upgrade to a satisfactory system might be expected to cost something similar. I have heard that this was discussed at the March workshop and deemed to be too expensive, and that experiments using two laptops to improve the sound would be tried, at best a short term Band-Aid solution.

When I wrote to the Mayor I made the following point about the pandemic:

If the reluctance to make an investment arises from a belief that we will soon be out of this, particularly since a vaccine is on the horizon, then I would respectfully suggest that you think again. The pandemic issues will be with us for years to come. There will be a future series of challenging variations of covid-19, and renowned experts in the field of virology have been quoted that they see this as only one in a series of other problematic viruses to come owing to population issues and high international travel. These views are based on reviews of similar viral infections that have arisen internationally over the past decade or more, many of which we were thankfully spared.

This has been underlined in the 14 March SMH by Nobel laureate immunologist Professor Peter Doherty in a discussion on potential future viruses, to quote:

Vaccines mean we are hopefully coming to the end of COVID-19's most-lethal phase. But really, we're at the start. This is the rebirth of the pandemic age. We need to treat COVID-19, painful though it is, as a trial run.

My point is that an investment in quality Zoom, or equivalent, would be for the long-term. The attitude of Council/Administration reflected by comments on cost somewhat places into question an ability for visionary and strategic thinking on issues of real service to the community. That such a system would facilitate "involvement" in council activities by a larger number of community members appears to be lost, or is it possibly not considered desirable? Imagine the ease with which community members ranging from Myponga to the Cape could follow meetings, and make deputations without the inconvenience of travel.

Costs of \$155K for a system of real service to community when contrasted with the \$376K which was to have been spent on four glamping tents, and fees over \$100K spent on consultant studies, all in the light of the vast sums proposed to be spent on the foreshore project, would appear very reasonable. This brings into question capacity for balanced judgement.

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