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VALE Jill Pearse (December 29, 1942 – December 23, 2020)

Jill Pearse's life was a story of strength and wisdom. I am grateful I had the opportunity to tell that story in my biographical book "Lives in art" featuring her and her late husband, Mark, along with George Tetlow.

Although an unassuming and extremely private person, Jill was prepared to share details of her life for the book and prodded Mark into helping me trace his story. She grew up in a suburb on the outskirts of Melbourne and met Mark during their art school days at the National Gallery of Victoria. Over three

years from 1963 they worked and studied in Rome and London, and spent months living on Skyros Island in Greece, for some weeks camping on its beautiful beach.

Back in South Australia, they lived in the Adelaide Hills while Mark worked as a teacher, painter, and then full-time potter. There, the couple's three children, Ruth, Anna, and Alex were born. Jill kept the household and business side of things together and made astute real estate decisions which kept them afloat. She claimed she did all this wittingly although it meant

sidelining her own considerable talents as an artist.

When they came to Yankalilla in 1979 and rescued historic Bungala House from falling into complete disrepair, Jill's artistic flair created a beautiful and unique home on a frugal budget. Colourful walls and well displayed art and furniture brought the old house back to life. Bungala became an important venue for the arts with life drawing and pottery classes, exhibitions and community art, literary and musical events. Behind the scenes, Jill's kindness, counselling, and hospitality reached out to many over cups of tea and homemade cake in her kitchen.

As Jill shared her story and became a dear friend, I grew ever more impressed by the strength she had exerted to endure life's challenges: a bout with cancer as an eleven-year-old, the death of a daughter in 2000, a stroke five years ago, and then the death of Mark in 2019. Her own ill health tainted her last years, but it didn't dim her interest in art and books until the last few months.

Jill was a thoughtful, considered reader and contributed insightful responses in a local reading group. A sentence or two from Jill packed as much punch as meandering paragraphs from the rest of us.

She was a loyal friend, a funny and



witty person, and a deep thinker. Her broad knowledge about art and a keen eye for talent in others led her to collect significant Australian art works as she supported emerging artists. And she was always creative: a talented painter, a mosaic artist, a gardener, and a person who could display objects, furniture, and flowers to let their beauty sing.

Loved and missed by Ruth and Alex and their partners and Ruth's children and grandchildren, she is also remembered warmly in the wider community.

Lorraine McLoughlin (author)
 December 2020

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Editor's Comments

Hello Readers,
Happy New Year and I hope you are enjoying the summer so far. It certainly seems busier in our part of the world this year. A number of businesses are reporting record sales figures to back up the observation. Some visitors that would normally go interstate are reportedly making the Fleurieu this year's destination and possibly future years too. It is interesting how the pandemic has altered people's perceptions, expectations and priorities. Our area is in a good position to capitalise on the opportunities.

The covid-friendly Christmas lights competition and the NYE display competition were a big hit with those who ventured out. Congratulations to Nathan of Nathan's Rubbish Removal for organising a first-time venture and pulling it off pretty well. If it happens again next year, this will have been a good practice run and lessons learned will be implemented in the future. Nathan revealed that the YRN he is keen to do it again now that he has done it once and has developed the know-how.

The Normanville Foreshore Masterplan is currently the talk of the town. Naturally there will be those for and those against but there looks to be a majority that are not happy with the plans. It could be partly due to the behaviour and erroneous calculations of our beloved Council. A short consultation period over the busiest time of year makes ratepayers a bit edgy (what are they hiding?) or it could be that they are not what the community really wants. (Remember the glamping tents fiasco? Or the surf club in the car

park episode?) Do we want to add \$11.3M to our debt load? There are many more questions being asked in the 'Letters' this edition.

Take a moment to contribute to the consultation on the Normanville Foreshore Masterplan through the website or email. All those details are in the 'Letters' section which is spread over a number of pages and not all together. Constraints of the layout. Have a read and more research if you like then express your wishes as a ratepayer to Council.

Now on to a lighter subject... Festival Fleurieu is coming this April, which is not that far away. The latest from the organisers can be found on page 9. It will be the first major event in the district since the start of Covid, almost a year ago.

Until next issue...

Cheers,
Paul Jelfs
Editor



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The work continues on our infrastructure upgrades and the Supper Room is now being used for regular yoga classes.

Thanks again to all of those volunteers and paid employees/contractors who work tirelessly to improve the facilities at the Showgrounds. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. Included (below) is a photo of the new toilet and shower area on the grounds.



There has been considerable activity around the grounds with two markets in December and a celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the model T Ford (below) that led the Show parade in the early years.



The Show Committee hopes that the community had a wonderful Christmas with limited impact of the covid restrictions and plenty of opportunity to socialise and celebrate both the religious and family aspects of Christmas. We also hope that those of other faiths have a wonderful holiday season with their families and that everyone in the community has the opportunity to enjoy the wonderful environment in our area. It is clear that the Fleurieu has been a hub of activity during the holiday season and, hopefully, we will be all able to help our businesses recover from the unusual restrictions that have been necessary in recent times.



Thoughtful reflection ... not just for testing times

On reading Lorraine Penny McLoughlin's latest publication *Thinking on paper*, one could be forgiven for assuming it was written this year, during trying times of lockdowns and deprivation of travel and attendance at cultural activities. However, this timely collection of thoughtful and insightful prose pieces was written between 2016 and June 2019.

Topics covered range from the relevance of Shakespeare in the 21st century and how exchanges about words and ideas can be life changing, to the importance of reflection, following instincts and the wisdom to tread new paths and grasp new opportunities; often in close proximity and within easy reach if only we allow our minds to perceive them.

Having inched out of our comfort zone and opened up new possibilities we never previously thought possible, it is also imperative to record our observations and experiences, thoughts and feelings. Only *you* can tell *your* story ... and the combination of reflection and writing can be an enriching experience, not just for yourself but for future generations.

Thinking on paper is available from the Fleurieu Visitor Information Centre, Yankalilla; the Normanville Newsagency; Maudie and Fox gift shop, Normanville; the Bookstop, Victor Harbor; and through the websites – www.fitz.mcl.com and www.freestylepublications.com.au.

Other books by Lorraine McLoughlin are *Barbara Robertson: An Australian artist's life*,

George Tetlow and Mark and Jill Pearse: Lives in art, and *Elaine Haxton: A colourful artist and life*.



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Club Fleurieu

All of us at Club Fleurieu would like to wish everyone a safe, healthy & happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you at the Club in 2021.

The weeks leading up to Christmas were certainly a busy time at the Club. In early December it was our turn to cook the barbecue at the Normanville Village Green Market. The following week we hosted four major events...a private 60th Birthday for one of our members, the Lion's Christmas Dinner, Men's Shed Christmas Dinner and finally our Volunteer Thank You evening!

During the next week, several of our activity groups held their Christmas breakups. Then on Wednesday 16 December it was time for our own Club Christmas Dinner. Our final event for the year was a Festival Choir Concert. The Choir's performance delighted the audience and one of the carols was a composition by our very own Mark Allstrom. Congratulations Mark!

All our pre-Christmas events went very well and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the festivities. Many heartfelt thanks to our hard-working hospitality volunteers for a truly amazing job.

L-R: (1&2) Our Rock & Roll Dancers, the "Seaside Rockers", enjoying their Christmas breakup dinner; (3) Rockers Peter & Keith really looked the part! (4) Mark Allstrom composed a beautiful carol; (5) The Festival Choir delighted the audience.



Garden Shed News

Our gardening group will continue to attend the garden on Tuesdays over the holiday break. We will be spending time watering and having a cuppa with the chooks! If anyone would like to just come and sit in the garden and relax, with no work involved, please feel welcome to enjoy the garden's ambience with us. We bring our own morning tea, sit around the table and solve the problems of the world! Why not come and join us over the summer break on a Tuesday, between 9.30am and 11.30am?



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Club Weekly Activities

All our weekly activities have taken a break over the Festive Season. They will resume on the following dates:

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|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Activity | First Session for 2021 |
| Tai Chi | Monday 25 January |
| Scrabble | Monday 11 January |
| Mahjong | Monday 11 January |
| Rock & Roll | Monday 18 January |
| Threads Quilting | Tuesday 12 January |
| Line Dancing | Tuesday 19 January |
| Bingo | Thursday 7 January |
| Mosaics | Friday 5 February |
| Cards | Friday 8 January |

January – February Diary Dates

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|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Friday 15 Jan 5.30pm | Happy Hour & Meal |
| Tuesday 26 Jan 12.30pm | Australia Day BBQ |
| Friday 29th Jan 5.30pm | Happy Hour & Meal |
| Thursday 11th Feb 12.30pm | Club Barbecue |
| Friday 12th Feb 5.30pm | Happy Hour & Meal |
| Wednesday 17th Feb 12 noon | Club Lunch |
| Friday 26th Feb 5.30pm | Happy Hour & Meal |

Please note there will not be a Club BBQ in January. However, there will be two Happy Hours, on **Friday 15 January** and **Friday 29 January**. Both will be followed by a meal. Menus will be posted on the Club noticeboard &

in our January newsletter. Happy Hour starts at Bjorn's Bar at 5.30pm – hope to see you at one or both events! **Bookings essential for meals. \$15 members/\$20 non-members, \$5 optional dessert.**

Instead of our usual monthly lunch in January we will hold an **Australia Day Barbecue**.

Australia Day Celebration

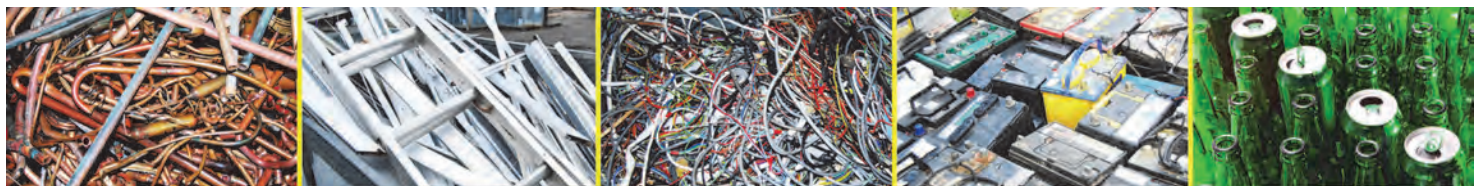
Tuesday 26 January 12.30pm

To celebrate Australia Day, the Club will hold a special barbecue lunch. Come along and enjoy the company of friends, and a menu with a very Aussie flavour!

Enjoy barbecued meat with plenty of salads and assorted breads, followed by some delicious Australian desserts.

Bjorn's Bar will of course be open, and everyone is welcome. So dress up in your best Aussie outfit and join us to celebrate our national day!

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Normanville Foreshore Masterplan - Discussion, Letters, Opinions

Normanville is looking good with the village green and many summer visitors and the Yankalilla Council has deserved acknowledgement of its excellent work in the parks and surrounds of Normanville. In addition, worthy of mentions are the volunteers who have worked hard in plantings like Banksia Park. Thank you.

Thanks must also go to the consistent publishing of this excellent local journal now in its fifty first year. Congratulations Paul and thanks for persevering during a difficult year with an angry Yankalilla Council and covid-19.

Of concern, however the plan to allocate over one million dollars of ratepayers hard earned dollars towards just one local group. Forgotten are all of the other sporting and community groups in the council area. Similarly is the plan to lock up much of the community land around Normanville Beach into the caravan park, parking areas and other areas no longer providing to our total Yankalilla community.

With planned works concentrating on Normanville foreshore, what will be done for other townships in the Council area?

A letter from Tom Coats, published in the December issue drew our attention to the complete lack of care for the Bullaparinga Cemetery at Delamere and this is true of other council responsibilities. The single focus on the Normanville foreshore area and increased

tourism will probably take further funds away from the rest of the Yankalilla Council area. The ratepayers of the Council deserve better. Please make sure you make known local concerns and input into the current consultation.

Peter Vandepuer OAM

The release of the Normanville Foreshore Master Plan in the December Council Meeting calls for a significant increase in Council Debt. This follows other recent significant increases for the Library and the Normanville Green area.

The plan includes building a new Surf Lifesaving Club and Kiosk, increasing lawn areas, reducing parking at the Foreshore area, building 2 storey up market accommodation and turning the Heritage listed Basin area into carparking.

We encourage every ratepayer and resident to have a close look at this plan and the financial impact it may have on this Council District and any future projects. Overall, the plan calls for a capital outlay of \$11,300,000.

If projected incomes are not achieved then it will be left to Ratepayers to carry the burden.

The Foreshore area and Caravan Park are Community owned and the Foreshore area should reflect what the Community wants. Please take the time to participate in the Consultation.

The plan can be viewed at www.yoursayyankalilla.com.au where you can read other feedback and add your own comments and suggestions.

**Management Committee
Yankalilla District Residents Association**

It is interesting to note that the Administration of DCY can see but a few minor risks in their Plan, despite its many inaccuracies, misleading statements and obvious lack of information.

It made me laugh when I saw the comment in risk mitigation regarding the process being hijacked by the 'usual suspects'.

It is sad to see that the usual suspects in DCY Administration and most of our esteemed Elected Members consider anyone that cares about the outcomes for the Community, that put their own time and energy into properly researching information and are willing to stand up and say something are considered little more than a nuisance. Perhaps the Administration would be far better off to harness the combined knowledge of this Community and we would arrive at much better outcomes with far less cost. We may even get reports that are actually

accurate!!

While apathy prevents many from offering comments or responses to the consultation process, DCY can easily dismiss feedback as a minority when in fact it is often the silent majority view. It would be nice if many others took the time to give Council their honest feedback on most issues so better outcomes for all the Community are achieved.

I am proud to say I am one that they would consider a 'usual suspect'.

But then again, perhaps I should feign hurt and dismay and then sue them for defamation.

**Wayne Gibbs
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Normanville Foreshore Masterplan - Discussion, Letters, Opinions

I have had a lot of contact with residents very concerned about the proposed Normanville Foreshore Masterplan currently available for community consultation. The drawings of the concept plan is very enticing - looks good. Checking the plans on-site presents a different picture.

These people have been passionate in analysing the concept plan and have supplied me with their written submission. I will collate all the information into a report for Elected Members of Council, Council Administration and the residents. Contributors can remain anonymous if they wish or receive credit for their efforts.

Concerns include:-

- inaccurate data regarding parking spaces and green areas
 - questions about the cabins and their location
 - the application by Council to remove the Heritage Listing on the Basin
 - incomplete costing figures and anticipated revenue returns.
 - the unsustainable increase in debt, regardless of current low interest rates, and the impact (d) and (e) may have on future rates.
 - the short length of time to respond to the consultation process - holding these during the summer holiday period when people's focus is on other things.
 - why the SLSC/Kiosk rebuild, which seems to have strong support, is not regarded as a separate project to the Normanville Foreshore Masterplan, even though both need to be considered ultimately as an integrated outcome.
- Please let the Council know your thoughts about the Normanville Foreshore Masterplan - this is one particular project that we can not afford to stuff up.

Cr. Bill Verwey

Light Ward

District Council of Yankalilla

Further comments on the Masterplan from Cr Bill Verwey with some residents comments included.

Please note that there are actually 142 car parks in the existing foreshore area including the 2 disabled carparks. This however does not

include the longer bus and car/trailer/boat/caravan/horse float parks that would equate to another 12 car parks approximately. It also does not include the current car parks along Jetty Road (approximately 12 more) that appear to be lost in the plan. So in actual fact, the parks increase from about 166 to 188. A slight error on Councils behalf but I am sure it is accidental.

So Council are seeking to destroy the heritage listed Basin and spend a lot of money for an additional 22 car parks. Seems like a good idea I am sure.

Also, the statement that 'a new car park area is proposed in the area where sand mining has removed the former sand dunes' is totally inaccurate. This area was never mined for sand but I am sure this incorrect statement was also accidental and never meant to devalue the Basin's Heritage listing which covers about 2/3rds of the Basin area.

'I got an email from Bill Verwey last night and he asked Nigel yesterday if the area was heritage listed and Nigel said he did not know.' This is an out and out lie because Heritage SA told me there was an application from DCY to them to turn this into a carpark and an Officer had arranged a meeting to come and have a look at the site.

Please note that the increase of lawn area from 1500m² to 2500m² is not '(Close to) doubled' as stated in the document. It is actually 66.666% increase so it is really closer to 50% increase than 100% increase. But we should not quibble over small details and I am sure the misrepresentation was accidental.

Please note that the statement "One benefit from the integrated approach to the Foreshore Master Plan is an increase in the area of the dunes to the East and North East of the surf life saving club." Unfortunately, this is again incorrect as the heritage sand dunes currently occupy 2/3rds of the Basin as shown in red/shaded in the following map taken from www.location.sa.gov.au. I believe Council has already lodged an application to have the Basin removed from Heritage listing so I am not sure that this one is accidental.

Even taking the Basin out of the equation, there is only a couple of metres where the surf club sits that is actually being returned as heritage

listed sand dunes. The delineated lines drawn on this map are simply existing heritage listed sand dunes.

And can **any local person** please tell me when the Basin was renamed the "Pine Bowl"???? Or is this again a measure to devalue the heritage status of the Basin.

We need far more detail on the following items:

- what type of structures are being proposed? How big are they going to be that Council feels the need to encroach on the Community Foreshore area and carpark? There appears to be ample room for very generous sized cabins to be built within the existing footprint of the park.
- what the target market for the park is? Who are they planning to target and at what price? It is all well and good to say we are losing 800 bookings a year because of lack of cabins but if the price is not right, we stand to lose the existing guests and then have to find a whole new market. Is this viable?
- What becomes of the plan if the carparking in the Basin cannot go ahead?
- Where will storm water be stored or disposed of?

The Master Plan should not be included with the NSLC and Kiosk. I am not against investing in the caravan park but by my calculations, there is ample room for good sized cabins without the need to extend into the Community Foreshore area.

Please note the term "Community Foreshore area". I think it is important to refer to the area as this as much as possible.

Finally, I have been banging on about the Council needing to include a risk analysis in their reports. This allows Elected Members to consider both sides of any debate and allow 'considered' decisions. This is their idea of Risk Mitigation.

The following is a list of risks that need to be addressed.

- What happens if the Heritage SA do not allow the car park in the Basin?
- What if the residents/ratepayers do not want the Community Foreshore area reduced?
- Where will buses, cars with trailers/vans/horse floats park.
- How will the reduced area affect the New Year's Eve function?
- What if the targeted market for the upmarket cabins does not eventuate? Currently losing 800 nights bookings due to lack of cabins. Can 4000 additional nights accommodation be realistically reached? The increased cost of cabins may drive away much of our existing market.

"We have been counting the car parking spaces in the foreshore car park. The council has not counted them properly. We worked out that there is 143 parks there not 125 as council claimed. They have overlooked the 2 parallel parking areas entirely. This morning, Malcolm my husband went to the foreshore parking and stepped out the parallel parking areas. He estimated that each car park is 5m long so he calculated that there would be enough space in the 2 parallel areas, for a total of approximately 17 more cars. That would be a total of around 160 car parking spots available at the foreshore and Basin."

Therefore they would only be increasing parking in the two areas by 28 parks. Also, no area is allowed for boat trailers, busses etc. In their proposed masterplan. That is a strong argument against destroying the Basin also



Festival Fleurieu 2021 Forges Ahead

Much has been said about 2020 and there are a number of words used to describe the year that's been very challenging for so many people and organisations but we're going to focus on just one word: **community**.

Since holding our public meetings in the middle of the year there has been an enthusiastic response from the local **community** of artists and creative people which has resulted in a program rich with a diversity of events across the two weeks of the Festival in April 2021.

Our opening event is **Carnival Festival**. This will be a **FREE** family, **community** event bringing people together to enjoy, celebrate and experience the beauty of the region, the new Normanville green space and the joyous spirit of the western Fleurieu community. This event will be a boost for the local community and businesses and bring in visitors and holiday makers.

By popular demand we're bringing back the fabulous **Landscape Doors Trail**. As per the

beautiful example with this article we are encouraging **community** members across the region to get hold of a door and let their creative streak run wild. Modern, surrealist abstract or whatever takes your fancy, we would love to see as many doors as possible across the region during the Festival. Pop them somewhere on your property (safely) where locals and tourists can enjoy their drive through the region one door at a time!

Festival Finale...sun, sea and surf. The sparkling coastline of the Fleurieu Peninsula will be the location for the grand finale of Festival Fleurieu. For the first time in festival history, Festival Fleurieu will be partnering with the Normanville Surf Life Saving Club to hold an all-inclusive family fun day at the beach. It will be a day of sand and surf events, colour and music, and the inaugural pontoon individual and team swim competitions, bringing the joy of life and even a bit of silliness to the proceedings. This event will be one for all the **community**.



The full program will be on the website by early March and likewise a printed program will be available around the same time. We're carefully managing the program and our resources to ensure that we can deliver the Festival within the ongoing COVID regulations. This is not without its challenges but our COVID officer will ensure the Festival meets all requirements to make each event compliant and safe for all to enjoy.

We welcome sponsorship and volunteer enquiries and in the first instance they can come to Desmond Ford, Chairperson: **0409 280 459** or dtford24@bigpond.com

So, all that remains is to mark out **3rd to 17th April 2021** to be part of this fabulous Festival which has something for everyone and is built on a foundation of **community**, connection and collaboration.

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Normanville Sailing Club

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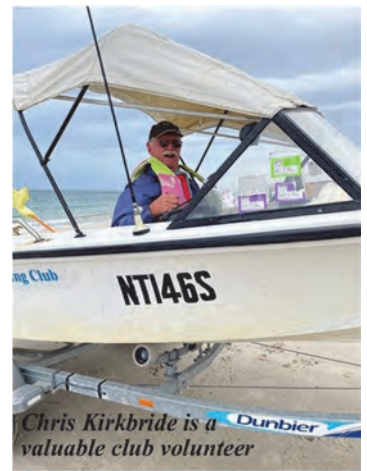
The sailing clubhouse (a shelter) is erected every week on the beach just to the South of the beach access area and activity becomes apparent on the beach from midday on each Sunday. The Club is dependent on

the many volunteers who support our activities through towing boats onto the beach with the Club Tractor, time keeping races, piloting the Club Safety Boat, and a myriad of other tasks. Our Club fees are minimal because of our limited infrastructure and the volunteer support we so graciously receive. If interested in joining the Club as a sailing member, everyone is welcome and our group is very supportive of new members and many of the sailors are a dab hand at boat maintenance issues and always ready to lend a hand.

We hold races from roughly 2pm

onward every Sunday afternoon and Easter Sunday is always a special day with a morning race around the sunken wave energy generator off Carrickalinga with the usual racing in the afternoon. This special event was cancelled in 2020 due to restrictions but will be on the cards for 2021 and there is keen competition for the daggy trophy.

If you wish more information about the Club you can contact the Secretary, Brian Matthews on 0402340029, email us at normanvillesailingclub@gmail.com or search for our page on Facebook. We are hoping that the weather Gods will favour the remainder of the season. Drop in and introduce yourself if you are interested in sailing or becoming one of our support crew.



Chris Kirkbride is a valuable club volunteer



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We run an A and B grade competition.

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To register or for more information, please contact our Coordinator:



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Normanville SLSC

Normanville Nipper First Place Junior Carnival

Nine-year-old Normanville SLSC Nipper, Harper Molenaar came first in her swim age group at the Junior Carnival Seacliff SLSC. Harper went on to come 3rd in the Boards and 4th in the Sprint. Harper was the only entrant from the club beating some very strong young athletes from the larger Metropolitan SLSC. Congratulations Harper we are all very proud of you. Pictured Harper first in swim.

COVID-19 Lockdown and Restrictions

The recent lockdown and restrictions temporarily postponed all services in the club other than our primary function Emergency Service 24/7 call out and some modified patrols. This included Bronze and SRC Training, Bronze Proficiencies, Nipper Training and general access to the club for members and the public, other than our rostered patrol team members. Surf Lifesaving SA

assisted all SLSCs navigate these difficult times by providing accurate up to date information, direction and guidance which we are very thankful for.

Thank you to all of our members and the community for their understanding that safety of our members who are all volunteers and the public is paramount in our services and programs.

This is a good opportunity to thank John Freeman who built all our hand sanitiser stations located at all entry points including the beach. Many thanks to our volunteers who patrol, train, support Nippers and work behind the bar to keep the lifesaving club viable whilst providing a service to the community and visitors. The club could not function without you.

New Website

<https://normanvilleslsc.org.au/>
Our new website built and designed by club member Annemaree Clementson went live on 1st December. We are in the process of adding information and programs, but it is worthwhile having a look and keeping up to date with what's happening in the club. Annemaree also looks after

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our Facebook page, which is proving very popular with members and the public. Both of these functions enable us to keep members and the public up to date with club services and programs. Huge thankyou to Annemaree for her time and expertise.

Associate Membership

We now have an Associate Membership category for those people who want to support the club and become members other than training for their bronze and patrolling. The cost is \$50.00 annually. The Board is in the

process of developing membership cards with a discount for members at the bar and when purchasing merchandise. Go to SLSSA website, members and join - don't forget to join Normanville, follow the prompts or you can complete a form and pay EFTPOS at the bar.

Patrols

On patrol each weekend and all public holidays. A safe and Happy New Year to all.



Yankalilla Men's Probus Club

So now we see the back of 2020, the year so many despaired of. As a group we have made the most of it and have been holding meetings in the latter months. The December meeting was on the first of December with an attendance of 74% and five apologies.. Our Almoner indicated that none of our members are having major health crises (is a knee replacement a major health crisis?).

As a members profile Bruce Burford (not the Bruce Burford who writes letters that are published to the Advertiser every week) shared his fascination with number patterns especially the Fibonacci Sequence (1,1,2,3,5,8,13,.....). Although there is evidence this sequence was known in earlier

cultures in India, Greece and Rome, Fibonacci first published a study of it in 1202 when he posed a problem on rabbit generations where he claimed that the numbers of pairs at a given time would be a Fibonacci number. Further studies showed that the numbers are of pairs at a given time would be a Fibonacci number. Further studies showed that the numbers are evident in many areas of nature such as petals on flowers, the spiral patterns in the seed heads of sunflowers and Leonardi Da Vinci used them in his descriptions of human proportions and in many of his designs. Over time, further study of the ratio of consecutive terms lead to the expression of the sequence in terms of golden ratio, 1, 61803.....

This extreme ratio was recognised by Euclid in 300 BC and from his work evolved the concept of the golden rectangle which has sides in proportions of the Golden Ratio. The Golden Rectangle has appeared in art design and architecture ever since.. A check on rectangles drawn by children and by many designers show that the Golden Rectangle is pleasing to the eye to the extent that in the 16th century it was described as the Divine Proportion, or is it the da Vinci code unscrambled?

Bruce supplied me with the above information so it can be used by members by way of a revision! There will be no questions but maybe discussion??

The December speaker was Trevor Corbell (AOM) an absorbing

account of his career in Canberra mostly as a Senator staffer and being a chameleon to adapt to the policies and procedures over the extended period requisite to prime minister's from Black Jack to John Howard.

Our Next Meeting will be on Tuesday 5th February at the RSL hall commencing 10am lunch after for those who wish to. There will be a cordial greeting to visitors and any new members especially considering the influx of new residents in the area. Roll on 5th February!

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Rebekha will be hosting more mobile electorate offices at Aldinga and Sellicks on January 28 and Myponga and Yankalilla January 29.

"COVID-19 and social distancing have meant our communities have had to adapt to different media platforms to communicate, but nothing beats face-to-face" said Rebekha.

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Future Events

Anyone interested in a Car Boot/Trash n Treasure Sale around Easter holidays or before?????? Depending on enquiries, we will keep you posted! An ideal time to clean out or sell unwanted

Christmas Gifts instead of regifting!!! He He!

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Books and Words Group

The Books and Words Group will recommence their activities in 2021. Our committee is meeting in mid January to plan our events and, at this stage, it looks like our first events will be those planned for the Festival Fleurieu as

follows:

Books and Words Group, with support of Club Fleurieu, will proudly present: Well known Writer and Performer Tracy Crisp in her new show "An Evening with a Vegetarian Librarian"

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(behind Meals on Wheels building)
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Books and Words Group, with the support of the Normanville Hotel, will present:

Butterfly Theatre in an event titled "Shakespeare in the Pub".

A pub?? A different setting for this type of theatre and the troupe present a series of Shakespeare's beloved soliloquies, sonnets, and songs in five themes – "Wooing, Surmises, Ambition, Melancholy Madmen, and Death"...
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If you wish your name added to the email list please email us at booksandwordsgroup@gmail.com. There will be no fee for this addition and you can have your name taken off this email list at any time.

As mentioned previously, membership fees have been waived for 2020. If you have already paid this will be credited for 2021 and we are now accepting membership fees for 2021. Check our website at <http://booksandwordsgroup.weebly.com> / for updates on our activities as soon as these become available.

It is with considerable sadness that we will be farewelling Janice High from the Committee at our next meeting. Janice has been the Treasurer of Books and Words Group since its inception and the committee wishes her and her husband John all the best for the future and hope that they can stay in touch and join us at future events when possible. Thank you Janice for all of your hard work over many years.

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Meet The Author Book Club

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Normanville Foreshore Masterplan - Discussion, Letters, Opinions

Dear community members,

The Normanville foreshore, caravan park, lawn and car parking area, is either community land that has been given to us by early farming families, or purchased by Council from the Crown etc. for the benefit of the community. 90% of our community land has been swallowed up by the Normanville Caravan Park, which is run by our Council.

In this very difficult year, Yankalilla District Council has planned to rush us through the essential community consultation, over the Christmas and holiday period. Their proposed concept masterplan (below) is a work in progress so it may be altered later on. Emails can be sent to the addresses (see below) of council elected members, the CEO and council staff. Emails are a very effective form of communication. From 5pm on Friday 18th Dec, feedback forms were available in the council office. The community can only make comments and recommendations over a 6 week period. This is obviously a very busy period for many of us and is a very awkward but important time for such important decision making.

In the new carpark masterplan, 2 parallel parking strips for buses, vehicles with boat trailers, horse floats and caravans will apparently disappear and turning areas are restricted. A major reconfiguration of the existing car park area to create a larger lawn area (attached) increases lawn area from 1500m² to 2500m². Currently there are 143 car parks plus 2 large parallel parking areas at the foreshore. Council data says there are only 125 car parks there and the masterplan states that there is still 125 car spaces at the Normanville foreshore in the masterplan. Hopefully the fence on the sea front of the caravan park is not moved westward, to enlarge the caravan park area even more, where new double cabins are planned. This appears to be the case on the masterplan map.

We have a very well designed and user friendly foreshore space. Does this area really need major changes?

Council's foreshore masterplan includes turning the Basin park area into a new car park for 63 vehicles. This is a secluded, very special park area, north of the tennis courts. In a community consultation in January 2020 Council collected community feedback from 18 people in which only 1 person was in favour of a car park in the Basin.

There is concern with the 2 proposed new road entrance areas for the caravan park and Basin area. Having both roads close together with right angle turning of large caravans, next to the proposed new Basin car park, plus the foreshore entrance, would be a congested, dangerous traffic area.

The Normanville Foreshore Masterplan includes the Surf Life Saving Club and Kiosk. It would be advisable for the redevelopment of the Surf Lifesaving club-rooms to proceed as a separate project and not joined with other planned alterations to the foreshore.

In an email sent on 10-11-2020 from Yankalilla District Residents Association it is said that a "meeting was organized with the Council's Chief Financial Officer to discuss our Council's Long Term Debt increasing from \$4,200,000 to \$13,000,000 over the coming years, largely due to the sudden flood of projects, none of which will generate or increase income significantly." It does not appear that there has been any consultation with the general community on a major proposed increase in our Council debt and very likely higher Council rates. This is very concerning.

A request to extend the time to longer than 6 weeks before the final closure date of these alterations is important so that information can be disseminated to the community due to the Christmas/New Year holidays.

For many years, community members have expressed the view that we want our Council to leave this district unchanged as much as possible, to not alter the way things are set up for general use. In particular it is important to not mar the beauty of what remains of the natural environment here.

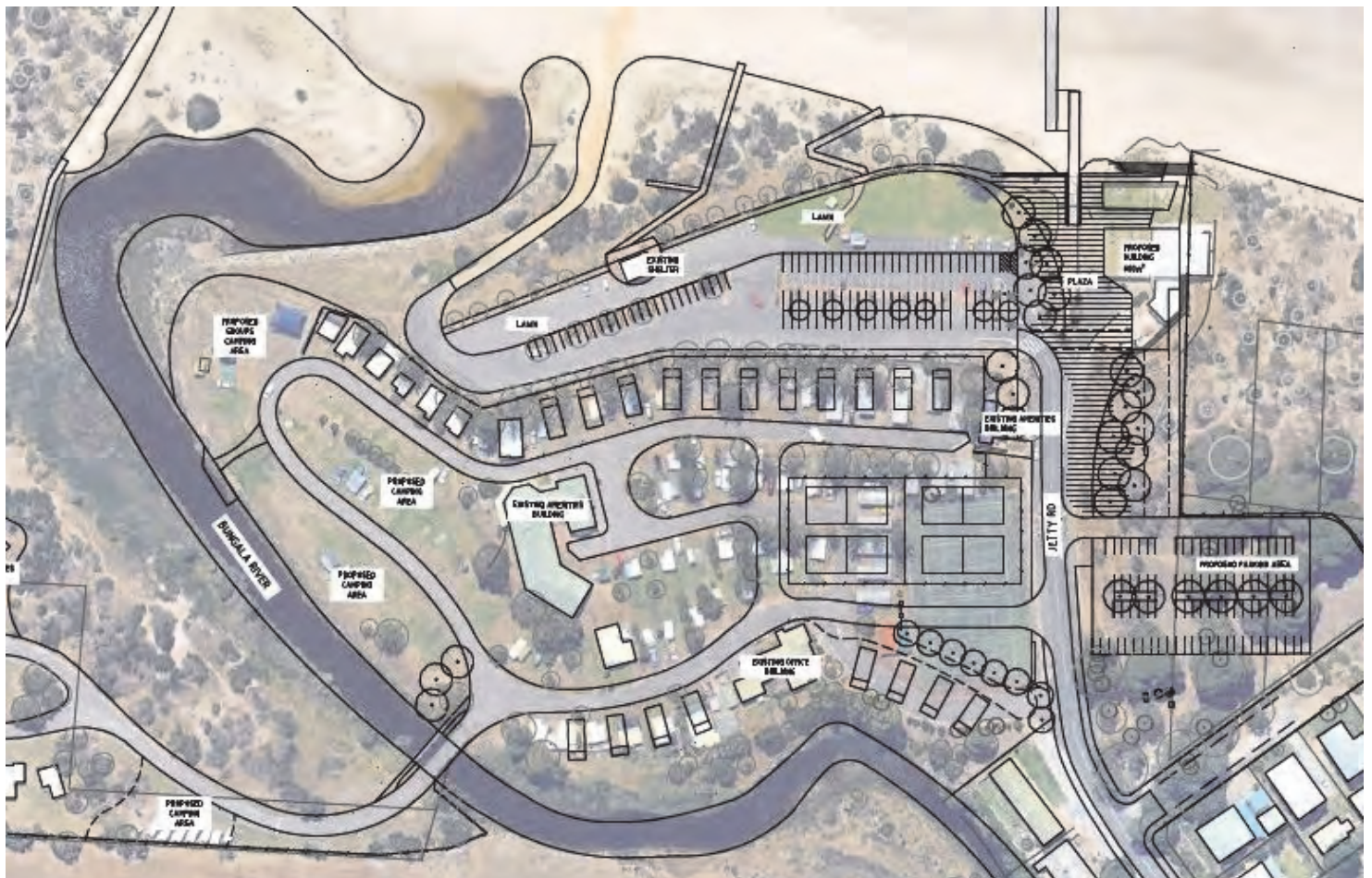
- Would you like to see The Basin remain as a secluded, sheltered park area?
- Do we really need massive reconstruction of the existing Normanville foreshore parking area?
- Are you concerned with massive potential increases in our community/Council debt and even higher council rates?
- What other concerns do you have?

Please participate by looking at the proposed foreshore masterplan and other data on the council website, then emailing (preferably) your comments or using other communication, to our Elected Members and CEO Nigel Morris and council staff. Please pass this on to other community members and groups. Time is very short here.

Here are the email addresses for Nigel Morris CEO, all Elected Members (Councillors), and Council staff:

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Alison Hamilton



Normanville Foreshore Masterplan - Discussion, Letters, Opinions

Normanville Foreshore Reserve

On the 17th and 31st of January at 2pm there will be a display and discussion regarding the creation of a new nature reserve on community land at Normanville Beach. Organiser Des Gubbin will be at the Normanville Foreshore showing a concept plan of what the new nature reserve would look like and talk on the benefit of having a larger public area for recreation. The NFR idea has been discussed over many years by various local groups and Des will present his work on the concept plan along with a history of the Bungala River 1857 to 1885. The talk will centre around keeping the Normanville Foreshore Community Land as a

natural area and not develop multiple 2 story cabins that will block the views of the sand dunes and hills of Yankalilla Bay. New Sports, Sailing and Life Saving Facilities are also incorporated into the plan and will be discussed on the days. The history of the Bungala River is also part of the presentation showing old maps and plans with a ways and means of restoring the river and estuary to a more natural ecosystem as it was in the early days of settlement.

If any one would like to look at the display and talk with Des please feel welcome to attend on Sundays to learn how the Bungala River became a chasm caused by the "FURROW OF THE PLOUGH". **For further information or if you would like to assist call Des on 0417 284 809.**

Discussions, Letters & Opinions

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Over the past year there has been a marked increase in the dumping of rubbish in the bin bank on Hay Flat Road. I won't bore you with a blow by blow dump. Thanks for all those who have donated their unwanted items from mattresses to tyres, broken toys to tv's and videos. Oh and the mountains of cardboard.

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Don't mind you topping up on collection days. Bring a Stanley knife cut your cardboard down and top up bins on the designated removal day. Please don't just dump it there to stand in the weather for the next two weeks to blow around. You know who you are.

Call council, we do have a refuse dump just outside of Yankalilla. Use it, put your hand in your pocket. Don't s*** in your neighbours front yard.

Let's keep the place beautiful for ourselves and our visitors in this supposedly climate conscious green time.

*Resident
Hay Flat, Tonto Road*

Pictured are 3 of the many photos sent in with this letter.



Community Grant

The Myponga Pistol & Shooting Club thanks the Yankalilla District Council for approving a \$2500 Community Grant late in 2020.

The grant will help the club establish upgraded wheelchair access to the shooting ranges, enabling disabled members and visitors easier and safer access to enjoy their chosen sport.

If you are interested in pistol shooting, the club is open on Wednesdays and Sundays. To find out more information or how to join, contact the Club President on 0438 871 979.

Two for the price of one

There are two undeniable truths about Yankalilla (or at least there will be until someone denies them). One, we need to stimulate the local economy by having a unique tourist attraction that isn't going to cost a fortune to maintain.

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Bingo! Two for the price of one. Tourism in Yankalilla bounces back to pre-plague proportions on the back of its international fame as The Village of Lights and it makes the little corellas flock off elsewhere. (Of course this means they become someone else's problem but let the lazy sods think up their own creative solutions.)

*Doug Jacquier
Yankalilla*

For a Friend

The pain is real
Though no one can see
The barbs injected
Never quite free.

All hurt is in the mind
Regardless of how it is for most
Possibly a physical condition
So often due to love lost.

A shining beacon does exist
The glow never erased
Fanned by family and friends
Never totally extinguished.

Clouds may hide the sun
Or it may stream on you
But it's never totally hidden
The love shining through.

It is so easy to feel unloved,
Unwanted as others toil
But we all have a thing within
That can these feelings foil.

A knowledge that we do our best
To be there for the other
When push comes to shove
We really can bother.

A heart as kind as yours
Is never truly alone
No matter the turmoil
Or who casts that stone.

Self soothe please my friend
The clouds will blow away
As in so many hearts you live
And there you'll always stay.

*Brian Matthews
25/11/2020*

Companionship

Young people sitting in the cold
The weather brisk, not pleasant
And yet they sit and eat
Laugh and gestures prevalent.

Finally, they move on
A slow process with group selfie
Different from when I was young
Yet the same and that's healthy.

Talking and laughing
What else did we do?
Eating and drinking
Before some exercise for you.

Engaged in an activity
Of interest for sure
But without the interaction
Not many would it lure.

Particularly with faces grimacing
At fine sand thrown through air
But together they'll face it all
In companionship they share.

*Brian Matthews
6/12/2020*

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Hopefully most of you got to see the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction just before Xmas. We were totally clouded out on Dec 20 and 22, but on Dec 21 we got about 20 minutes of viewing between clouds. The large difference in brightness between Jupiter, Saturn and their satellites makes it nearly impossible to record them all clearly with a single photo. So here's two of our photos through a 200mm lens:



[IMGP7539...] is a 1/4 second exposure at ISO100 which shows the rings of a slightly overexposed Saturn. nothing at all on an overexposed Jupiter, and no satellites. This is similar to what a good mobile phone camera might have recorded -- if it was supported by a tripod and not hand held.



[IMGP7550...] is a tracked 10 second exposure at ISO1600, which hugely overexposes both planets but does show their satellites and some background stars. Compare with the diagram in last month's article.

On a historical note this is the first Jupiter-Saturn conjunction to be recorded digitally. The previous conjunction in 2000 was too close to the sun to be visible from the ground, and during the 1980-81 conjunctions everybody was still using film cameras.

In January we lose Jupiter & Saturn behind the sunset, leaving Mars as the only bright evening planet high in the northern sky. On Jan 21 and again on Feb 18 & 19 there's a good photo opportunity with Mars near a half moon. During February three space missions arrive at Mars. The United Arab Emirates orbiter arrives first on Feb 9, followed a few days later by China's orbiter + rover, and then NASA's rover + helicopter lands on Feb 19 (SA time).

In the morning sky Venus is still visible until mid February, with a photo opportunity on the morning of Feb 11 with a very low Jupiter, Saturn and a waning crescent moon. Also on Feb 6 Venus and Saturn have their own conjunction less than 1 degree apart, and on Feb 12 Venus and Jupiter are about 0.5 degree apart.

Our summertime Milky Way is dominated by the constellation Orion, which contains the Australian "saucepan" stars. Or for some of our readers, it's men hunting kangaroos, or three incarnations of Rama surrounded by four wise men, or a turtle, or a man with a longbow, or three men in a canoe, or....

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Locals who deliver...

Local postal workers earned a stamp of approval as unsung heroes of the pandemic when online purchases soared and parcel delivery skyrocketed.

Normanville Postmaster Barry Jeffery, who has spent 50 years working for Australia Post and started out delivering telegrams on a pushbike, has never experienced the like.

"If you are wondering what you are seeing here – it is over 350 parcels we got in the back door this morning," Barry says standing amid the mountain of mail with colleagues Glenice Clarke and Renee Walker.

"It's been like that since the Covid virus hit. As soon as people started being stuck at home and getting online, we were getting parcels. The post office didn't slow down at all. It just got busier and busier."

Parcel volumes peaked in November when 5.5 million Australian households took full advantage of Black Friday and Cyber Monday sales by shopping online.

South Australians led the shopping charge, recording a 64 per cent growth in parcels received in November year on year.

"In the last two weeks we have had over 700 parcels a week that we have had to process, card and deliver," Barry reported in early December. "Normally at Christmas time the number would be more like 450 to 500. Basically, it has been like Christmas every day since March."

The delivery van has been upscaled to accommodate all the packages, ranging from the size of a single lipstick to huge boxes.

"We have had wine fridges, lawnmowers and even a lounge suite, come through the mail," Barry reveals.

In addition to handling increasing numbers of bulky items, the usual challenges of delivering the mail remain.

Getting letters addressed to "Nanny and Pop at Normanville" are arguably more of a test than parcels directed to "The Dogs by-the-side-of-the-road" which are occasionally dispatched to postcode 5203.

Everyone knows Ted and Rose, the guardian farm dogs who keep a watchful eye on the sheep and log truck movements along Main South Road.

And almost as many people know Jazz the postal collie and "head of public relations" at Yankalilla Post Office, which has been run by her owners David Fyfe and wife Natalie Laverick for the past four years.

David describes the job of running the post office in times of pandemic as bizarre and unpredictable. "We would go home particularly in that first eight weeks just shattered," he reveals.

"It has been relentless keeping up with the level of change in procedure. Nat and I have been particularly diligent on that because she was a

registered nurse and as a former pork producer, I did a lot of population health stuff. We are very aware of our duty of care to the people we employ and our customers."

The post office operators' hard work was repaid with kindness when David and Natalie suddenly found themselves needing support.

"Just when we thought 2020 could not dish out anymore Natalie got very ill and ended up in Flinders Hospital for 10 days and after she got home, I did my medial cruciate ligament and, oh my God, the support we had!

"Our staff (Sandy Johnson, Tahlia Friday and Peter Stark) stepped up and did stuff well beyond what could be expected and community support was phenomenal. People turned up with meals and all kinds of stuff."

Through it all Yankalilla's much-loved postie Jodie Willmore kept on delivering - with dog treats in her pocket - just as she has for the past 18 years.

During lockdown the putter of the approaching postbike became even more welcome to the elderly as well as a nice distraction for children cooped up at home.

In Myponga the impact of Covid was bigger than the time Humpy accidentally flattened the post box with his tractor and plough attempting to pull across the main road.

Vicki Addington, who has run the Myponga General Store with her husband Kevin since 2013, called on the resources of her years working as a project manager in defence and kept the doors open throughout the lockdown as an essential service.

"When it first hit we were very busy in the post office because people were ordering online because they couldn't go out, and that filtered across the whole business, so we were also doing orders for food and groceries" Vicki explains.

"The local connection definitely became more important and people very much wanted to stay in their own area."

Further down the peninsula the postal run from Delamere General Store to Cape Jervis became a lifeline for some of the most vulnerable people in the community.

"There are a lot of elderly people down there and when we had lockdown in March we home-delivered groceries to them with the mail," long-time store worker Kerry Graves reveals.

It wasn't only the licenced post offices that pushed on during the pandemic. The community postal agents in Second Valley and Inman Valley did their bit as well.

Frances McDonald-Furler and her daughter Kate Furler oversee the running of Australia's most unusually located post office from their Inman Valley General Store and Country Kitchen.

Faced with the loss of local post services more than 10 years ago the valley residents sought

permission to establish a community postal agency.

"I believe we are the only post office in Australia in a toilet block," Frances laughs. "The toilet block had been built by council. There was the mens and ladies and the bit in the middle I think was intended to be a disabled toilet but it was being used as storage. It was the only place we could put it."

The mail service continued throughout Covid thanks to five volunteer postal workers.

"One of the best things I think during the first shut down when people were going on about loo paper we had locals leaving spare rolls on the shelf in the front area of the post office for anyone who might be caught short," Frances reveals.

A wonderfully community-spirited response to a year that, many would say, belonged down the toilet.

Sarah Harris for YRN



Postie Jodie Willmore and Jazz the collie get ready for the morning delivery; Vicki Addington clears the post box at Myponga



Barry Jeffery, Renee Walker and Glenice Clarke process a parcel mountain with cheer.



You've got mail! Normanville postmaster Barry Jeffery behind the scenes.



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REPORTS

Boat fishers have been extremely excited by the arrival of the Tuna, currently they are closer to **Victor Harbor**, but they should



swing around towards **Cape Jervis**. Other reports from the boats are squid, whiting, trevally and snook, also garfish and salmon trout.

Still a heap of squid around the area for land-based fishers. You can usually find some at **Wirrina, Second Valley, Myponga Beach** rocks and **Rapid Bay** jetty. Local beaches have produced Garfish, tommies and small sand whiting, particularly in the early morning and near dusk. Salmon have been travelling along the coast and quite a few have been caught from the beach at **Carrickalinga** when they are within casting range, metal lures or pilchards have been the preferred choice for anglers. Sand crabs have also been in good numbers, so try dropping a net from **Rapid Bay** jetty.



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rugged coastal elements and to this end the 'Lady Bay Yacht Club - A virtual reality' was created ahead of the 2018 Festival Fleurieu as a novel promotional entity to aid fund-raising for key improvements in the core of the Memorial site.

Moving on from this success into 2021, an extension theme 'Friends of the HMAS Hobart Memorial Lookout' has been created to aid funding with specialist treatment coating of the Memorial features including the original anchor of HMAS Hobart DDG 39 that sits in the heart of the Memorial and points towards her where she lays on the deep seabed out in the bay.

Attention to other maintenance such as replacement of cracked pavers is also planned. As with the generous support of key local businesses and donors in 2018, you now too can become a Friend of the HMAS Hobart Memorial Lookout by purchasing a genuine custom-designed 'Burgee' (that's a boating flag as some might not know) for \$50.00. 100% of your purchase, every dollar, is contributed to the planned Memorial upkeep. Additionally on purchase and at no cost, special invitation will be extended you to attend special performance of the Royal Australian Navy Band (SA) on Saturday 3rd April 2021 in the district (venue to be confirmed & subject to co-standard RAN operational factors), as well as special invitation to key events associated with the 'HMAS Hobart DDG 39 Cup' yachting-event being programmed into 2021 and years beyond. Enquiries to: ladybayyachtclub@bigpond.com



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New Faces On The Fleurieu

Are you seeing lots of new faces in town?

The answer is probably yes as more people now call the Fleurieu home. Local real estate agents report homes being snapped up, sometimes before a For Sale board goes up.

In an ABC interview, Ray White Normanville principal Scott Wenham said the agency was "just about out of stock."

Previously, the average on-the-market time for a property was 120 days. Now it's around 15 to 20 days, he said.

"A lot of it has just been from buy-from-inspection, which shows intent before signs can even go up," he said.

It is possible Covid is a reason for the boom in regional real estate sales, the report added.

Anne and Brian moved to Carrickalinga Sands in March.

They lived in Happy Valley for 30 years, and had considered retiring to Kangaroo Island.

The ferry, and distance from their grandchildren, got them rethinking that idea.

They were exploring options, including Myponga, but fell in love with Normanville.

"What I love most is no one is too busy for a chat and people here are

more open to chat with strangers," she said.

She added the town has everything from great doctors and shops, to entertainment like the recent Neil Diamond tribute at Lady Bay Hotel. She and Brian both commute some days to Adelaide for work.

"It's only just over an hour," she said.

Anne added she had heard of others making the move to the area due to Covid.

"More people can now work from home," she said, "so moving out here is more manageable."

Jayde Free and Tom Cooper have also settled on the Fleurieu.

The couple were temporarily in Adelaide, but planning to move back to Melbourne, when Covid hit. Like many people, they lost their jobs

The couple decided to ride out the pandemic in Port Elliot, where Tom had spent many holidays.

They soon had new jobs that they can do from home (Tom is Director of Expansion for Beam e-scooters - the purple scooters seen in places like Adelaide City - and Jayde is Marketing Manager for Payright)

They fell in love with Port Elliot and decided to stay.

"We feel like we are always on vacation," said Jayde. "It's a beautiful village and we have made

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"We'd love to buy a house here in the next 12 months," said Jayde. "It's such a lovely life here."

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Jayde and Tom in the PE Pilates studio and on the beach with their dog Stella

Cheryl Willie for YRN



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Reader's Photo

The view over Carrickalinga Creek looking north at a quiet time during 2020. Currently the town is full with the annual summer visitors. Taken by John Gerhardy using a DJI Mavic Air.



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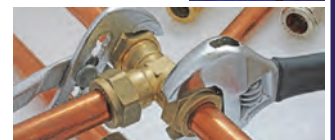
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Christmas and NYE Display Competitions

There were many entries in both the Christmas and New Year's Eve display competitions which was organized by Nathan's Rubbish Removal in conjunction with the Yankalilla Community Op Shop at 76 Main Street, Yankalilla. Prize money for the Christmas display was funded by the Community Op Shop and the NYE display

competition prize money was funded by the Yankalilla District Council.

The Christmas display was won by Kirsty Haggan in Wallman Street, Yankalilla (\$500), second (\$250) was Shay Malthouse also in Wallman Street with third (\$125) going to Jessie Neal in Sophia Court, Normanville. The business



Business winner, Fernbank Farm



The winning Christmas display and Kirsty receiving her prize from the Op Shop.

entry winner was Fernbank Farm at Wattle Flat (3 adverts in the YRN). The New Year's Eve competition was won by Dianne Melville (#10 Black Jack Revenge—pirates) at Normanville (\$500). Second (\$250) went to the Phillips family of Normanville (entry #12). Third (\$125) went to the band Ultimate

Distraction (entry #6) in the Mitre 10 car park. Best business display (3 adverts in YRN) went to Krystle Gillingham at Ebony Lee Normanville (entry #13). Many local businesses donated vouchers which were won by random SMS voters for both events.



The Neal family collect 3rd prize



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Yankalilla and Districts Men's Shed

The Yankalilla and Districts Men's Shed welcomes the new year. We hope the whole district enjoys a good year in 2021.

The Shed members had a lovely Christmas dinner at Club Fleurieu on 10th December. The evening was very well attended and the delicious meal and drinks were really enjoyed by all.

The Men's Shed are very grateful to Volunteers SA and NT for a marvellous grant that has been received. The Supplementary Volunteer Grant will be put towards the development of additional shed area, which will be used specifically for metal work and to meet Covid-19 requirements.

Activities for the year finished up with the

Normanville Christmas market, that was held on 18th December at the Normanville Green. Our stall had lots of quality items for sale and drew plenty of interest from the many who attended. Shed members were very happy with the support from the community and thrilled with the number of sales made on the evening. Many thanks to those who supported the stall and of course, to those members who made time to "work" on the stall



The Shed is open Tuesday and Friday mornings as well as Wednesday evenings.

Enquiries concerning the Men's Shed may be directed to the Secretary, John Nyveld, on mobile **0468 370 274** or by email to yankalilla@mensshed.org

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A party of some size
My main memory the grimace
At the light beer.

Life changes forced on him
By past choices
Made by so many
Then and now
Part of the rich tapestry.

A joyous occasion his party
The last time I think
I saw and mixed with his family
Once he was no longer here
Neither were they.

Parents are often a linchpin
To generations present
Their connections the link
Their shared experiences
The vital glue.

My Dad was loved by many
Not easy for him
To show his true depths
In his last months I knew him better
Than in the 37 years before.

Talk to him often I have
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13/12/2020

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The curiosity of the child
Morphing into enthusiasm of youth
Facing the challenges of the day
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Soon leaving behind the wild.

A child never leaves the heart
Of a parent invested in
The happiness of their offspring
Knowing not what the future brings
But sure that you will be apart.

Life cannot be lived through children
Or grandchildren for a fact
Evolve and develop they surely will
Moving in directions unseen
With motivation from you hidden.

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I have had unwavering support for what I do with the care and rehabilitation of injured, orphaned and all Raptors in need of immediate and long term care.

Their generous donations have helped me build new enclosures for my ever expanding Raptors in care.

I want to publicly acknowledge to the ladies my appreciation and gratitude for their past and on going support of what I do to help our Wildlife.

I took some birds I had in care at the time down to show the ladies. They had such a wonderful time interacting with these birds and got to see firsthand what I do.

I took Southern Boobook Owls, baby Kookaburras and baby Eastern Rosellas.

Maggie Clausen

Broken Wing Raptor Rescue

Volunteers Alison and Kirsten are introduced by Maggie to some new feathered friends at the Op Shop.






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Local projects awarded \$220K in Grassroots Grants

Twenty eight innovative and practical environmental projects have received a total of \$220,000 in Grassroots Grants from the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board. Board chair David Greenhough said applicants came from a broad cross-section of the community, including not-for-profit organisations, individual landholders, agricultural industry bodies, schools and volunteer groups.

"The quality and diversity of applications has been impressive, showing a keen interest in improving our environment with local targeted activities. I thank everyone who applied," he said. The annual Grassroots Grants program, which commenced this year as part of the Landscape SA reform process, offers the community an opportunity to apply for funding to improve the management of natural and productive landscapes at the local level.

Among the recipients, the **Echunga Community Association** will use its grant to rehabilitate areas of Echunga Creek within the Mt Barker Council area. The project aims to transform this weedy degraded area into a community park with a thriving ecosystem for the benefit of nature and people.

Aboriginal consultancy **Tribal Expertise Facility** has received a grant to produce a guide to Aboriginal knowledge and values in the Fleurieu Swamps, focussing on particular local plants and animals.

"First Nations peoples have a wealth of knowledge about our natural environment and this guide will share some of that insight with the broader community," Mr Greenhough said.

McLaren Vale Biodiversity Project will use its grant to restore and create habitat on vineyards with the help of 500 volunteers, aiming to plant 6000 seedlings across six hectares of land. Native vegetation supports vine health by attracting beneficial bugs, birds and bats as a non-chemical way to control pests.

A grant provided to the **Goolwa Coastcare Group** will help the group weed and restore some of the

last remaining coastal vegetation in the area, involving significant volunteer input.

Encounter Lutheran College will revegetate four hectares with Sedge Grass to provide habitat for the threatened Sedge Skipper Butterfly, weeding, planting native species and installing signs to educate students, teachers and community. Within the Yankalilla Council area the following received funding:

Normanville Natural Resource Centre Incorporated for the Heritage Fleurieu coast tree trail interpretive signage.

The project will deliver interpretive signs to engage visitors with the natural heritage of the district, communicating the tree's contribution to the environment including size, shade and oxygen provided and amount of carbon dioxide removed.

Jane McKenzie for weed control from Mount Robinson Reserves and roadsides. The project will control all mature and juvenile weeds in the 2.5 hectare Mayfield Road Conservation Reserve. Social media will be used to engage with the community to increase participation at field days.

Nicholas Dommenz for Griffin Gully watercourse and swamp restoration. The project will undertake revegetation of the Griffin Gully watercourse by planting tubestock sourced from Trees For Life and with the assistance from volunteer growers.

"These projects will support the valuable work of volunteer organisations, schools, landholders and community groups to deliver important landscape management activities. I wish everyone good luck with their projects and I look forward to seeing the results of these great ideas," Mr Greenhough said.

For the full list of recipients, go to: <https://www.landscape.sa.gov.au/hf/get-involved/grants-and-funding/grassroots-grants>

A Grassroots grant to Encounter Lutheran College in Victor Harbor will help students restore habitat for a rare butterfly. Photo credit: Encounter Lutheran College.



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JANUARY 2021

Monday 18th..... Community Nursery Working Bee
 Thursday 21st..... Bees Wax Wrap Workshop
 Tuesday 26th..... Local Wellbeing Walk
 Wednesday 27th..... 2040 Film Screening

FEBRUARY 2021

Monday 1st..... Community Nursery Working Bee
 Friday 5th..... Friends of Nixon Skinner Activities
 Saturday 6th..... Veggie Swap
 Saturday 6th..... Kokadamas Workshop
 Thursday 11th..... Social Sewing
 Saturday 13th..... Banksia Park Working Bee
 Monday 15th..... Community Nursery Working Bee
 Monday 22nd..... Bird Field Trip to Hallett Cove
 Tuesday 23rd..... Local Wellbeing Walk

Percy the injured Hooded Plover returned to the beach

On 15 November a Hooded Plover chick at Watson's Gap, Port Elliot was spotted being attacked by a Pacific gull by young local resident and wildlife enthusiast Keit Hack. He managed to rescue the injured chick which was taken to the Wildlife Welfare Organisation (WWO) in Goolwa for care and assessment. Rena from WWO initially assessed the chick. "He was found to have minor bleeding to the left wing and some bone damage to the left leg", Rena said. In consultation with BirdLife Australia staff who manage the threatened Hooded Plovers as part of Green Adelaide's Sharing our Shores with Coastal Wildlife project, the chick was then taken to Dr Anne Fowler at Adelaide Bird and Exotics Vet Centre in Adelaide for expert care. It was found the bird had a fractured leg, which over the course of 4 visits to Dr Anne was x-rayed, splinted and bandaged.

Liaison between those involved kept everyone up to date during the 3 1/2 weeks the chick, nicknamed 'Percy' was in care, with daily treatments initially and several replacement splints before he was deemed as good as he could be and placed into an outdoor aviary at the wildlife facility. Although there was some permanent damage, it was believed by experts that this should not affect his ability to survive in the wild and he was feeding and moving around well. He had by this stage fledged, so it was important to get him back out onto the beaches as soon as possible.

With less than 40 Hooded Plovers in the whole Fleurieu region and nesting on busy beaches, they are very vulnerable to natural threats, such as storm surge and high tides and native predators, but also to introduced pests such as cats and foxes. A dedicated group of volunteers help monitor this protected species each breeding season, putting up signs and fences around their nests and talking to beachgoers and seeking their assistance to ensure the chicks survive the 35 days from hatching to fledging. We ask all beach users to help their survival by following the signs and keeping dogs on leashes in the vicinity of the signed areas and keeping their distance when they are feeding at the water's edge.

On Wednesday 9 December, 'Percy' was returned to the beach not too far from where he hatched but not too close to any current Hooded Plover nests. He immediately wandered down to the water's edge and instinctively knew to forage among the seaweed and to retreat from the waves, which gave all at the release great joy. Before he left, "Percy" was reunited with Keit at the Wildlife hospital facility for a quick 'thank you'.

Gayl Males, from South Coast Environment Centre, liaised with all during this great effort. "We would like to give special thanks to Rena and her team at WWO for their tireless and dedicated work rescuing and caring for hundreds of injured wildlife she receives each month; to Dr Anne Fowler, Wendy White and the Friends of the Hooded Plover - Fleurieu Peninsula, the staff at BirdLife Australia, and to Green Adelaide and Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Boards for their continued support." She added, "and good luck to little 'Percy', for a second chance at life given by young wildlife champion Keit and his quick thinking which saved his life".

The 'Sharing our Shores with Coastal Wildlife' project is jointly funded through Green Adelaide and the Australian Government's National Landcare Program, with support from BirdLife Australia.

The project is jointly coordinated by Green Adelaide and BirdLife Australia, with local support from City of Victor Harbor, City of Holdfast Bay, City of Onkaparinga, District Council of Yankalilla, Alexandrina Council, City of Marion and City Of Charles Sturt.

If you find sick or injured wildlife please call the WWO 24 hour hotline on 0434 114 628.



Reduce your food waste in 2021

The way we as individuals consume products in our everyday lives has significant consequences for the environment. Food waste has been identified as one of the major contributors to the planet's increasing greenhouse gas emission. When food ends up in landfill not only has the water and energy used to grow the food been wasted, but it also then produces methane, which is a more harmful greenhouse gas than CO2. In Australia alone we send 7.3 million tonnes of food to landfill annually, with 1/3 of that coming from household waste. A shift towards sustainable consumer choice and changed individual behaviour can play an important role in the reduction of food waste. If living more sustainably is one of your goals for 2021, addressing your household's food waste is one great place to start.

Here are some tips and recommendations on how to reduce your food waste starting today.

- **Plan your meals.** Writing shopping lists, organising your meals for the week and sticking to the plan is key to reducing the purchase of excess food. Avoid impulse buying of foods on sale that are not part of your planned meals.

- **Store your food correctly.** Fresh fruit and Vegetables often go to waste if not eaten within a few days of purchasing. Learning how to store different produce correctly can ensure that they will stay fresh and delicious for far longer.

- **Buy locally grown,** in season fruit and

vegetables. Food that has been grown or produced locally has a smaller environmental footprint than food that has been transported across states or imported from overseas.

- Grow your own.

Growing fruit and vegetable can not only save you money, but also gives you access to fresh and nourishing food, without the added carbon footprint of transporting that food from farm to supermarket to plate. Homegrown food is fresher, therefore lasts longer and can be picked as needed.

- **Freeze it!** Place food that is close to its use by date in the freezer. Most foods can be frozen including dairy, meat, cakes, bread, fruit and vegetables.

- **Cook it!** Use up limp vegetables or over ripe or soggy fruit by chopping them up and adding them to muffins, sauce, soups or stews. These cooked foods can then be frozen if there is an excess leftover.

- **Compost your food scraps.** 35% of the average Australian's household bin is filled with food waste. Maintaining a healthy compost bin is easier than ever with many new designs of household compost bins available. Along with turning your compost to allow aeration, ensuring a balance of dry and wet materials going into your compost bin is very important to help food scraps breakdown. Composting your own food scraps also comes with the added benefit of producing the free compost for your garden. If you've got the space, why not build a worm farm or chicken coop!

These creatures will love eating any fruit & vegetable scraps you have and will reward you with free fertilizer for your garden.

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Coastal Nature Bingo Sheet and Competition

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Thanks to the Bird Life Australia, Australian National Botanic Gardens, CSIRO, and the Department of Environment and Water.

Add some interest to your next walk and work your way through our coastal nature bingo sheet.

Competition

NNRC Nature Bingo Competition - tell us how you go - we would love to hear from you! Send us a photo of something you saw, or tell us about something interesting you noticed while using these nature bingo sheets and go in the draw to win one of three prizes. Send your photos or short comment via email to maddie@nnrc.com.au or on Facebook tagging @NormanvilleNaturalResourceCentre and #NNRCNatureBingo. (Note that we may share your photos further). Winners will be drawn at random and notified via email or Facebook message.

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If you would like a copy of this Nature Bingo Sheet, please pop in the Normanville Natural Resource Centre or download a copy from our website: <https://www.nnrc.com.au/CoastalNatureBingo.php>

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There is lots of products that would make great gifts too! Please pop in and say hello from 10am -3pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. Thanks to all those who attended our Sustainable Christmas Wreath and Decoration workshop in December! We had an absolute ball making our natural wreaths and learning new ways to embrace sustainable practices during the holiday season. A wonderful effort by young Cy MacWilliams (Pictured) who helped his mum, Hannah, create this beautiful wreath.



Monthly Book Review

Fight for Planet A
Craig Reucassel
2020, ABC Books.

Most Australians know that climate change is real, but many don't know what to do about it and feel powerless. In *Fight for Planet A*, Craig Reucassel shows it isn't as scary as we think, and we can make a difference to help protect the world for future generations. Craig sets out solutions and practical day-to-day changes we can make to reduce our carbon footprint, as well changes governments need to



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- Why electric cars have more grunt than your average muscle car
- How long we could power our homes on the emissions generated by our favourite cuts of beef
- And much more

Featuring a few shocking statistics to make you sit up and take notice, plus many more proactive tips and strategies for everyday Australians who want to make a difference, *Fight for Planet A* is for anyone who has no Planet B - which is most of us.

If you'd like to read *Fight for Planet A* and learn more about what you can do to make a difference there is a copy that can be borrowed at the NNRC.



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If you are interested in joining email: seasidestunners2021@gmail.com or phone Tracy 0488 965 164.



Gallery 88



Gallery 88's Summer Exhibition has welcomed the new year with a colourful array of beautiful artworks by acclaimed guest artists Ruth Flaherty, Joseph Gonzales, Andrew Munn, Diane O'Brien, Victoria Rolinski and Candy Zhao.

Landscapes, stillifes, birdlife, portraits, seascapes and other appealing subjects are presented in a wide range of art-mediums, colour palettes and artistic styles.

Gallery 88 invites you to come in and enjoy this visual treat of diverse artworks, made by such a talented group of South Australian guest artists.

We also remind you of the clay-making workshops which take place in Gallery 88 during the School holidays.

These workshops are planned for Friday 15th and 22nd of January 2021, from 11am till noon. Price: \$10 per person.

To comply with Covid-19 regulations, bookings are essential. For bookings call: Rita: 0438 220 466 or Jacqui: 0411 027 071.

Covid-19 precautions will be in place and numbers are limited to six per workshop.

PLEASE NOTE : A parent or caregiver will be required to stay with children. Instructors do have Working With Children Checks and Covid-19 training, but we don't provide a Vacation Care program.

Gallery 88 is Yankalilla & District's Community Art Gallery and located at 88 Main Street, Yankalilla.

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These little bits of plastic
Plague our fruits
Though not veggies
I think!

Why is there not outrage
At this unnecessary act
Little information given
Another source of pollution.

As into the green bins
They travel in compostable bags
That don't break down
In my neglected system.

Remove them I do
But still many go
Undetected on hard skins
The content what's wanted.

But what are they for?
Pretty clear it's a nectarine
Maybe the brand and code
Serve some retail purpose.

After so many years of wondering
Did I Google consult
What purpose do stickers on fruit serve?
How is their presence justified?

The answers quite surprising
So it's good for me
To know I'm receiving
The correct fruit and cost

And all the time I'd thought
It was a form of trainspotting
An industry developed
From meandering bureaucracy.

But still couldn't there be sense
A compostable alternative?
Me, I don't care for them at all
Denigrating the joy of eating fruit!

Brian Matthews
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Feelings of purpose can us aid
That things have been accomplished
But some days no outcomes help
The joy and excitement demolished.

Taking ups and downs in our stride
A solution so apparent and strong
Can be so hard to grapple with
When for peace and happiness you long.

The platitudes commonly rolled out
Think of others living in despair
With not enough to eat, no place to sleep
So many people with real issues to repair.

Accepting what is there
Knowing that ups need downs
One day a visage that beams
Another, covered in frowns.

We never know what is next
But one thing can be predicted
That life cannot bring endless peace
And moods so often need to be shifted.

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A Wonderful Community

I am very blessed to be a volunteer, I love the fact that there are so many in the community. Recently as a thank you the council treated their volunteers to a lovely lunch at the resort. I was surprised at just how many volunteers they actually have from drivers taking residents to appointments, library assistants, the award winning visitors centre volunteers the list goes on and on. There are many other volunteers in the area from meals on wheels, op shops etc. Covid made things very difficult at times but our volunteers found a way to carry on. We have a wonderful community spirit keep it up and hopefully 2021 will be a year of wonderful new beginnings, love and kindness.

Jan Thompson

Ladder Donations

The Yankalilla Youth Theatre is seeking donations of ladders to use in an upcoming performance. Donations of old and new ladders, (or short-term loans) would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Evette Wolf on 0480 292 920 or yytheatre@outlook.com.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who has given their encouragement and support to the new Yankalilla Youth Theatre. It is wonderful to see how much

young people are loved and treasured in our community. The creative ideas from the Performance Troupes have been inspirational and we are working hard towards our first public performance on April 11, 2021. I hope you can join us!

Evette Wolf

Rental Horrors

When we were first fortunate enough to build a simple holiday house in Carrickalinga, some thirty five years ago, we found a pristine beach and a healthy amalgam of permanent residents and holiday home owners, sharing a common love for the environs. Christmas/New Year was a time of camaraderie between locals and we interlopers. What we see now is a street of overflowing bins and box after box of booze bottles left out outside monstrous rentals for weeks and cars parked everywhere and more dogs than bins. The owners of these party houses only make rare inspection visits, in their BMWs, to check if their rental managers are looking after their overblown investments. Gone are the days when owners bought a holiday house for their own family's enjoyment. It's now all about money. These ridiculously greedy owners never endure the chaos and disruption their party houses create because they can never afford to enjoy them themselves. To keep their rents flowing they resort to advertising dog friendly rentals, sleeping half a regiment, regardless of sewer capacity or off street car

parking to never care about their neighbours because they never see them. It's about greed. Houses are built to block the neighbours' views in order to boast on Instagram of the rental best view available. What it actually shows is how shallow the owners are. It's high time our council regulated these gross, multi bedded monstrosities. These are high turnover accommodation businesses in residential streets. Regulate, restrict and tax them accordingly. Rather than being jealous of these owners of these blue board horrors we should pity them for their

complete absence of taste and conscience.

Andrew Knox
 Solitude Drive

They said that a mask and gloves were enough to go to the supermarket.

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Dr Jedidiah Lintag

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Response to Letter

I have just read the Lies, Damned Lies by Ammun Luca. I am astounded and disappointed that you printed this article from someone who appears a conspiracy theorist without fact checking is concerning e.g. claiming the pandemic is over when US and Europe cases skyrocketing is plainly wrong. Dr Mike Reardon who is refereed to claimed that the pandemic was over in October and there was no need for vaccines. Reardon's speculation on a range of covid 19 related issues is countered here <https://unherd.com/2020/11/the-trouble-with-covid-denialism/> If I wanted to waste the rest of my afternoon debunking what is said I would, but have better things to do.

Trevor Strother

Response to Letter

I'm saddened to see Ammun Luca still being deceptive in his comments. He cites a study on how a "flu vaccines may have effected mortality outcomes"

The editor's note, preceding this study, says the following in the 3rd paragraph -

"this article should not be taken to suggest that receiving the influenza vaccination results in an increased risk of death for an individual with COVID-19 as there may be many confounding factors at play (including, for example, socioeconomic factors)." (The bold emphasis is the editor's, not mine!)

As for "The "pandemic" was over, months ago....", I'll let you be the judge of that statement by Ammun, because at the time I write this, there are 1.69 million Coronavirus related deaths in the world, and just in the last 6 days, 71,449 deaths worldwide (<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/>). How is 71 thousand deaths in 6 days an indicator of the pandemic being over?

We've seen enough long winded letters lately, so I'll stop here, though if anyone wishes to see my full rebuttal to his letter, it is at <https://www.facebook.com/1732029830348767/posts/2793497650868641/> and feel free to leave a comment.

Perhaps if letter length is restricted, in the future, we will be saved from some of these conspiracies and misinformation?

I almost forgot. You lose the bet Ammun. I have full confidence in the science and in flu vaccines.

Tony Clifford
Second Valley

130 acre tree planting charity

I have just viewed the charity website theforktreeproject.com (Normanville NRC Dec 2020 Issue) and fully support some of the aims of this 130 acre project. However, I do have an issue with the appropriation of the Forktree name in the charity title. One could be excused for thinking that either the name of the charity is to capitalise on extensive plantings that have been quietly proceeding through the personal time, effort and capital of local landholders, or worse, the denying or rejection of that effort, by establishing a demonstration site to show these landholders what they should have been doing for the past forty years.

James Malthouse purchased around 3000 acres (ca 1870) that became known as Forktree Station, it was bought by George Stacey in 1918. Forktree was then subdivided in the late seventies, and was in generally good condition, although lacking major tree cover. Anybody looking left or right as they leave Carrickalinga on Forktree Road, would see former Forktree titles planted out to trees and shrubs. Recent owners have generally improved and cared for their land, without recourse to sponsorship, public assistance or high profile advertising. My wife and I purchased 80 acres of former Forktree in 1979. We and our neighbours have put in extensive time, effort and our own funds to propagate, plant and guard trees. We also purchased plants from Men of the Trees, SGAP, Trees for Life and State Flora and received advice from PIRSA and Landcare. Two neighbours built kilometres of eight foot high 'roo exclusion electric fence' that was only partially effective, and was not

helped by the headland fire a couple of years ago. They received a Government grant for tree planting in the late nineties, when Telecom was privatised. Kangaroos have since become even more of a problem for growing and guarding trees. There are hundreds in the area and the double height exclusion fencing of 'the planting project' site (that claims an aim to encourage native wildlife) has increased the pressure on neighbour's plantings.

Satellite imagery reveals four decades of Forktree plantings on many hundreds of acres. The plantings are scattered, rather than a reforestation or total re-wilding. There are various reasons for this. Large sections by the coast have shallow soils and many limestone outcrops. Some areas probably never supported large trees, more likely it was coastal heathland. Gully erosion, wind breaks and steep slopes were planted to stabilise the soil, and shrubs were planted in clumps to provide a safe habitat for small birds. Other plantings were to form wildlife corridors. Most importantly we have conserved the best arable areas for future food production needs.

The driving force for "quiet achiever Forktree plantings" was not to seek financial reward from carbon credits, an incentive suggested by the charity website, although a rate remission for tree cover would be nice. Some of our early planted wattles have now ended their life cycle and are releasing their stored carbon as they decay. What would we do, pay back the credits? (joke)

Our reward comes from having built an environment where we can now find echidna snuffling, blue wrens hopping and willie wagtails bothering magpies. It is known that the 'rapid carbon cycle' involving photosynthesis, production of sugars, that are then consumed, will not sequester carbon for long. Whereas, the 'slow carbon cycle' involving limestone, coal, gas or oil formation is true sequestration, this will be enhanced by care for our oceans - still the most important 'carbon sink'.

The 130 acre planting site has indeed been degraded, as the charity website states, but not by Forktree grazing pressures. The site was previously owned by a demolition contractor who stored machinery, broken bricks, concrete and massive tree stumps amongst other items. He also built the huge shed on the skyline. When Forktree was sub-divided the 'planting project' site was in really good health, it has a large flat productive area that was cropped and well tended. The charity website does not mention any plan to retain this very important agricultural resource for future food production. Any plan to plant it out to trees in order to 'twitch' the rapid carbon cycle would be short-sighted and should be discouraged.

In conclusion, I support the planting of trees and shrubs on land that is not useful for cropping and food production. If you want to assist this charity in 'the planting project' to help them catch up to their neighbours efforts, please do, because every bit helps. However, do not think that you are rehabilitating Forktree, or saving the world by changing the climate. You are simply improving the 130 acre property. And, for those locals who feel that their responsible land stewardship is belittled by the establishment of a 'Forktree Revegetation Project" I would like to say that your endeavours are noticed and I don't think I am alone in thanking you for your decades of dedication to the environment.

Colin Daly



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Yankalilla Sea Dragons grew out of a long history of croquet

It is believed that the first croquet club in South Australia was at Angaston, officially formed in early 1867, and played at various venues until land for a Sports Park was given to the town by George Fife Angas whom the area was named after. This was in late 1867. The club membership was by ballot. The club celebrated its Centenary in 1967 and, due to a drop in membership, closed in 1970 after 103 years. Kapunda was the second club formed in 1868.

At the instigation of Mr TN Stephens, the South Australian Croquet Association was formed in 1917 and by 1926 there were 47 registered clubs. A newspaper cutting records that in 1934 there were 1300 players, six of whom were men. These were the first men to join the association. Both women and men have excelled in the game over the years. The Association and Golf Croquet interstate competitions are held annually and are in South Australia every few years. South Australia has a team of men and women representing our state in both Association and Golf Croquet every year. South Australian players have represented Australia in overseas tournaments and World Championships; the McRobertson Shield is one of those.

In April 2012, the 13th World

Croquet Federation's Association Croquet World Championships were hosted in Adelaide. There are currently 35 registered and several unregistered clubs in South Australia.

Further south, the earliest records of the Victor Harbor Croquet Club show that a meeting to form the club was held on 8 August 1914. The club went into recess in January 1915 during the First World War and did not resume until 1922. The club was then situated on Flinders Parade, with the croquet and bowling club sharing a small clubroom. By August 1947, the Victor Harbor Croquet Club began operating from its current premises, and included Golf Croquet in 1997. Aldinga Bay Croquet Club opened on 28 October 2000 with nine members who played on Lawn 2 of the Aldinga Bay Bowling Club until March 2012 when two new dedicated croquet courts were opened in March 2012. The Club now has 24 members and plays Association Croquet, Golf Croquet and Ricochet.

Yankalilla district women played croquet at the Dennis property at Bald Hills before the game moved to the Memorial Park in Yankalilla. Some of the early players included S Stone, Miss Nosworthy, Floss Mayfield, Rose Williams, Mrs Ed. Williams and Julia Mayfield.

In 1928 a wealthy farmer donated land to the community for a sporting ground – Yankalilla Memorial Grounds. Interestingly, one of the conditions was that there would always be a croquet court situated there, as his wife was a player.

Social croquet was played for a short time at the Club Fleurieu on two courts at this site. Residents of the area travelled to Aldinga, Victor Harbor and Mount Barker when there was no club in Yankalilla. On 26 August 2019, a special general meeting of the Yankalilla Bowling Club was held, and a motion put forward for discussion 'that the Administration Committee of the Yankalilla Bowling Club be empowered to start a Croquet Club'.

In 2019 the Yankalilla Bowling Club approached Ann Hesse regarding setting up a Croquet Section at the Bowling Club on their natural lawn with the assistance of Ron and Shirlene McBride and the generosity of Tea Tree Gully, Norwood, Victor Harbor and Aldinga croquet clubs for their donations and loans to get the (croquet) ball rolling; the courts were opened on 3 September 2019. Within the first six months of running, the club obtained 20 members and had a 9+ Team in the SACA GC Pennants 2020.

As the club continued into 2020 it is apparent that croquet is a positive community sport in Yankalilla and

surrounding districts with players coming from Delamere, Carrickalinga, Normanville and Yankalilla. In May 2020, due to the pressures of the Yankalilla Bowling Club, the croquet players decided to form an independent club now known as Yankalilla Croquet Club Inc., named the Yankalilla Sea Dragons.

The club is fortunate in having two dedicated and highly-qualified coaches and referees who have played at both international and national levels, and have won many State Titles in SA. Members compete in Croquet SA Pennants in Adelaide on Saturdays or Sundays and in the Fleurieu Pennants. Individual players also compete in singles and doubles tournaments throughout the year in South Australia and interstate.

Yankalilla Croquet Club plays two codes of croquet – Association Croquet and Golf Croquet (a more social code, also known as the 'Hit for Health'). The club is currently looking for a permanent location to play as the bowls lawn is no longer available to them. Members are temporarily playing on provisional courts at the Yankalilla Showgrounds and travelling to Aldinga and Victor Harbor for play on better courts.

[If anyone can fill in some gaps in the Yankalilla Croquet Club's history, please contact me on 0417 856 963.]

– Lorraine Day



A group of croquet players in a paddock at Angaston on New Year's Day 1867

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