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Our annual Christmas Party held on 1st December last year was a more intimate gathering than usual, but despite lacking in numbers, (Marcus and David were sorely missed), we had a fun, and even serious at times, evening. The theme turned out to be about relationships: friendship and loss, love and forgiveness, motherhood

and bonding. Barbara read a beautiful and intimate piece she had written, which set the tone and set others free to share. Everyone seemed to have something – poems, pieces of prose, excerpts, best book for the year, and off the cuff comments and memories. 3 special books were mentioned by people present which should be

added to your reading list:
After Story: A story about life after unimaginable loss by Larissa Behrendt

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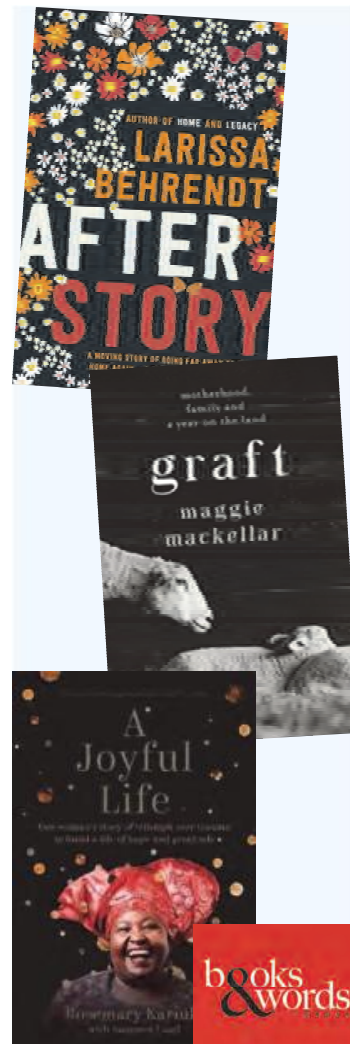
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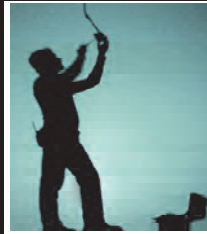
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We now have received the proceeds of \$1,500 that we are so thankful for. We only have 14 members now, we struggle with all costings that have gone up, just like

everyone else that faces financial difficulties, so once again to the Team that supports the club a VERY BIG THANK YOU!

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Editor's Comments

Hello Readers,

Happy New Year and this year commenced with the resurrected Normanville New Years Eve Pageant and Fireworks. Some photos are on the opposite page. There were estimated to be about 7000 spectators along the length of the pageant route. It is also estimated that about 5000 ended up at the foreshore for the fireworks whilst indulging in the food and fun after the parade. It is already looking good for next year with renewed interest from locals and visitors. Potential sponsors from the business community are also taking an interest.

Pro-active and community involved DCY Elected Member, Wayne Gibbs, was spotted taking part as one of the 'Sea-curity' contingent.

Summer is usually frying us about now but this year has been more like a re-run of winter. In the last month we achieved the dubious honour of coolest summer day, on the same day London had their highest winter day, both being 14°C. We don't see summer floods in the main street of Normanville but apparently now we do. Drainage infrastructure may need to be checked.

However, summer is not over yet and it might

even get hot. There are certainly plenty of things to do around the area for January through February. Do you like going to the movies? You could join the newly formed Yankalilla branch of the Southern Fleurieu Film Society. Screenings are held at Club Fleurieu.

The Friends of Bungala River Group received some grant money recently which went towards purchasing electric fencing to keep livestock out of the working areas. The fence erection will be happening soon in cooperation with landholder, John Croser.

Heritage Fleurieu Coast is coming up in May and the Festival will be launched at Inman Valley. As usual it coincides with the statewide S.A History Festival which means that there is a whole month of interesting historical stuff to delve into.

We are back to the monthly cycle after this edition so the next one will be the March issue.

Until next issue...

Cheers,
Paul Jelfs - Editor

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Normanville New Years Eve Pageant Rides Again!

It has been a few years since the Normanville NYE Pageant made its way through the streets to the foreshore, the last one being 2019. The emergence of Covid in 2020 put an end to many such events but now we are back to doing the things we have missed.

Here are a few photos of the parade sent in by readers in the following days. These photos by Tony Nichol, Kathryn Pentecost and Amanda Crossley. Congratulations to organisers and participants on a successful event.





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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 2024.

There were busy times at the Club in the lead up to Christmas! Our Christmas Market Day was enjoyed by both sellers and buyers. While the market was in progress, a game of Mahjong was held in the Games Room. Other Christmas events were a Festival Choir Concert, the Men's Shed Christmas Dinner and our own Club Christmas Lunch. These occasions



The Festival Choir gave a delightful performance



Some members of our Mahjong Group



Club Christmas Lunch

Club Christmas Lunch

Congrats to Sonya, who won first prize in our Christmas raffle!

were all very enjoyable, and as always we thank our hospitality volunteers for a wonderful effort. Thanks also to everyone who came along, had fun and supported Club Fleurieu at the same time.



A Big Thank You to our Members...

Your response to our 5CY Community Pantry December collection was amazing! Our food basket is filled throughout the year, but at Christmas it was well & truly overflowing. It was also heart-warming to see the number of gifts left under the tree for local children. Many thanks for your generosity.

And another important Thank You

Goes to our Op Shop volunteers, who always have an extra busy time during the holidays. Thank you so much to this wonderful team!

Weekly Activities

Our weekly Club activities are resuming after the holiday break. Check out the schedule for all the days and times. The first session dates for 2024 are in bold print.

If you are interested in trying any of our activities, just drop in to see us in action! If you are new to our area, it's a great way to meet some like-minded people, and you will be made very welcome. Alternatively, feel free to contact the Club by phone or email.

Monday 2.00 pm Mahjong 8/1/24 6.30 pm Rock & Roll 15/1/24	Wednesday 5.00 pm Zumba 10/1/24
Tuesday 10.00 am Quilting 9/1/24 (Weeks 2, 4, 5) 2.00 pm Line Dancing 9/1/24	Thursday 10.00am Bingo 15/2/24
	Friday 10.00am Craft, Coffee & Chat 12/1/24 2.00 pm Cards 12/1/24

Mayor's Charity Lunch

On Sunday 14 January the Club was proud to host and sponsor the inaugural Mayor's Charity Lunch. Special Guest Chef was Mayor Darryl Houston and proceeds from the day were donated to 5CY. Due to YRN publishing deadlines we will report on this special event in the March edition.



Diary Dates for January – February

Friday 26 January 12.30pm	<i>Australia Day Lunch (left)</i>
Thursday 1 February 6.30pm for 7pm	<i>Movie Night "Burn After Reading"</i>
Tuesday 6 February 12 noon	<i>Club Barbecue</i>
Friday 9 February 5.00pm	<i>Happy Hour & Games Night</i>
Tuesday 13 February 6.30pm	<i>Night Bingo... Eyes down 7.00pm</i>
Wednesday 21 February 12 noon	<i>Club Lunch</i>
Friday 23 February 5.00pm	<i>Happy Hour, Games & Snacks</i>

Please check our website, noticeboard and newsletters for menus and prices of our February meals. **Bookings are essential.** Just contact the Club or enter your name on the booking sheets in our foyer.

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Over 20 children aged between 3-14yrs participated in “DEAR FUTURE ME”, Questionnaire about their future aspirations at the Yankalilla 2023 Childrens Week Event . The Time Capsule was made by the Yankalilla Men’s Shed. The participants from Yankalilla, Myponga, Normanville and Goolwa were excited to be a

part of this special project. The contents in the Time Capsule includes: Children’s Questionnaire, an edition of The Myponga Mudlark, Yankalilla Regional News, White Caps Normanville Newsletter, Yankalilla Youth Theatre Mini Mag, Yankalilla Council In the Loop brochure, Carri to Club Normanville Surf Club event, The Advertiser & Fleurieu Sun.

The children included in the Time Capsule Project are invited to return 20 years later with their families to Lollies and More@84 for the official opening of the time capsule on the 31st October 2043. Where ever the children of today will be



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living they will have this connection to the Fleurieu Peninsula and will be able to share their stories with their children and future generations to come.

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Participants are encouraged to stay in contact with the store and email admin@lolliesandmore84.com in 20 years to confirm their attendance.

The Time Capsule will be situated behind the counter for all to see in the lolly shop. Come in to check it out and show family and friends. Every item in the store is from different generations, Step back in time and find your “remember when moment” with an item in the store, be it candy or a toy that you loved and share your memories with us.

The Lollies and More@84 Time Capsule was officially Closed at 10.48am on the 21st of December 2023 by District Council of Yankalilla Mayor Darryl Houston.

Yankalilla Men’s Shed

Happy New Year to all the Yankalilla Regional News readers from the Yankalilla Men’s Shed. We hope the Christmas period has been a joyous and safe time for all southern Fleurieu Peninsula residents.

Well, another year has passed and none of us are getting any younger. In fact, according to the 2021 Census, the median age of Normanville residents is 61 and Yankalilla residents is 56. For the men in our two towns who have retired, why don’t you pop into the Men’s Shed (it’s the big shed behind Club Fleurieu) on a Tuesday or Friday morning and check it out. For those who still need to work for a living, the Shed is open on Wednesday evenings.

The big news in the Shed last December was that ‘Sellicks’ Bob finally moved into his new house in Yankalilla. Luckily there were plenty of Shed Members on hand to help and what could have been a physically and mentally stressful job was soon wrapped up with only a few complaints of sore backs and arms. Thanks to all those volunteers who were able to help. It’s good to see the ‘Mates helping Mates’ culture is still thriving in the Shed.

The Yankalilla Strawberry Fair was held in late November and was a huge success for all involved. The Yankalilla Men’s Shed had a stall there and it was great to see how much interest there was in the wooden products we had on display and for sale.



skill and attention for detail. Well done George. The Shed was also commissioned to make a 20 Year Time Capsule for Lollies and More in Yankalilla. The result was a beautifully crafted wooden box that now takes pride of place on one of the shelves in the store. I called in to Lollies and More to take a photo and was amazed by the décor and atmosphere inside. If you are at that part of town pop in and see what the owner Brett has done with the place. It’s certainly worth a look.

A couple of small projects completed towards the end of last year are worth a mention. Our President, George was asked to make a toy wooden boat and the finished item was a testament to his



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A welcome surprise came in the mail this week, just in time for our final tennis training session for the year. Div 5 team members, Ethan and Isabelle, are holding a cheque from the Yankalilla Op Shop who have generously supported our club to fund coaching services and much needed equipment. Thank you Yankalilla Op Shop and we also extend our thanks to our wider community and visitors to our area for supporting the Yankalilla Op Shop and the Normanville Tennis Club.



Southern Fleurieu Film Society

First movie for the year is on February 1st. We start with a black comedy from the Coen Brothers, **Burn After Reading**. Stars include Brad Pitt and George Clooney. Some of our members list it amongst their favourite films. For a 'heads up' before the movie check out the Wikipedia entry. Screening details are:
Yankalilla at Club Fleurieu on Thursday February 1st
Victor Harbor, Victa Cinema, on Tuesday 6th February
Goolwa in Centenary Hall on Wednesday 7th February, and
Doors open at 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start.

The programme for the year is out and it looks like a great lineup. You will find copies in the Information Centre and online at sffs.org.au and wherever we can find a friendly host.

The star ratings for the last movie of 2023, **I Feel Good**, were again widely spread, appealing to most viewers with an overall score of 3.5 stars. Members were unanimous in approving the free celebratory ice creams.

We will have copies of previous films available for borrowing at each screening. You can catch up to entertaining reviews by SFFS in the archive section of the website.

See the 2024 programme and archived reviews of previous films at <https://sffs.org.au>

New members are very welcome. You can invite

a guest, and can also have someone attend in your place if unable to get to any of the screenings, at any venue. Visit the website to join and to find out all you need to know.

<https://sffs.org.au/>

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



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Correction

The November YRN included a letter in which the Rev Malcom Bottrill indicated that he would be available to meet people in **Caffe on Bungala** on Tuesdays. Malcolm will not be meeting anybody in **Caffe on Bungala** and has made other arrangements. We apologise for any embarrassment to the owners of **Caffe on Bungala** caused by this letter.

Allan Barnes
For SWF Uniting Churches

New Year Parade

Congratulations to the organising Committee for the excellent New Year Pageant. To see the participating groups and services returning to make it bigger and better was special.

It would be interesting to know how many people lined the route and down in the car park. Since then I have heard of several groups and individuals with ideas and suggestions regarding themselves getting involved next time.

A special mention to the Corellas, Pirates, and the Owls, animals and birds. Glad to see Father Christmas was getting a well earned rest!

Perhaps a preceding banner identifying each participating group would be helpful, and allow us to know who is supporting this popular annual event.

Also to the food vans, coffee vans etc. They were well patronised.

Great to see the foreshore come alive again now the construction phase is over.

Well done to Forktree Brewery for sponsoring the fireworks.

Already looking forward to the next one!

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(Advert on page 2)

Council Surveillance

In mid December I attended a meeting at Yankalilla Council chambers having been asked to contribute to a planned function for next year.

When I saw one of the front of house people who I recognised and, likewise, was recognised; I was asked to enter my details on a screen/keyboard.

I began to do so and became increasingly uncomfortable; not only did they want my name, my telephone number or email and who I was meeting. They also wanted a mug shot.

I reluctantly complied and announced to the front of house person and the officers that I was seeing that I would never be back to consult with them in the YDC premises.

We do not need that level of community surveillance. In a small council of 5000 people or so, it is not too difficult to talk to each person that attends a meeting or function.

It felt like "big brother" watching and never mind the invasion of privacy, the distrust created, the lack of personal contact and accountability. Local government is not a bank that needs high level security.

This so called upgrade is offensive, anti community and unnecessary. Throw it in the bin. Council seems to have overlooked that they serve us, the public. That is why they are called public servants and earn their livelihood from our pockets. Does this level of screening mean that they do not want scrutiny of their activities? And I repeat, no further attendance at council offices to all members of the community is highly recommended.

A sad state of affairs.

Dalton Dupuy

I write this on

New Years Day!

Just over a week ago, a boy child was born, giving the world great hope of peace, love, caring and working together as one human race.

That boy happened to be a Palestinian and a Jew. How interesting was the New Year pageant, and included in it was the same message of peace, love, care and working together, but nothing was said about what happened to that boy.

Maybe we have to wait until Easter to give a damn about his death, and the same fate of another 25,000 Palestinians, including 11,000 children, currently murdered, slaughtered, by the same evil regime who killed Jesus.

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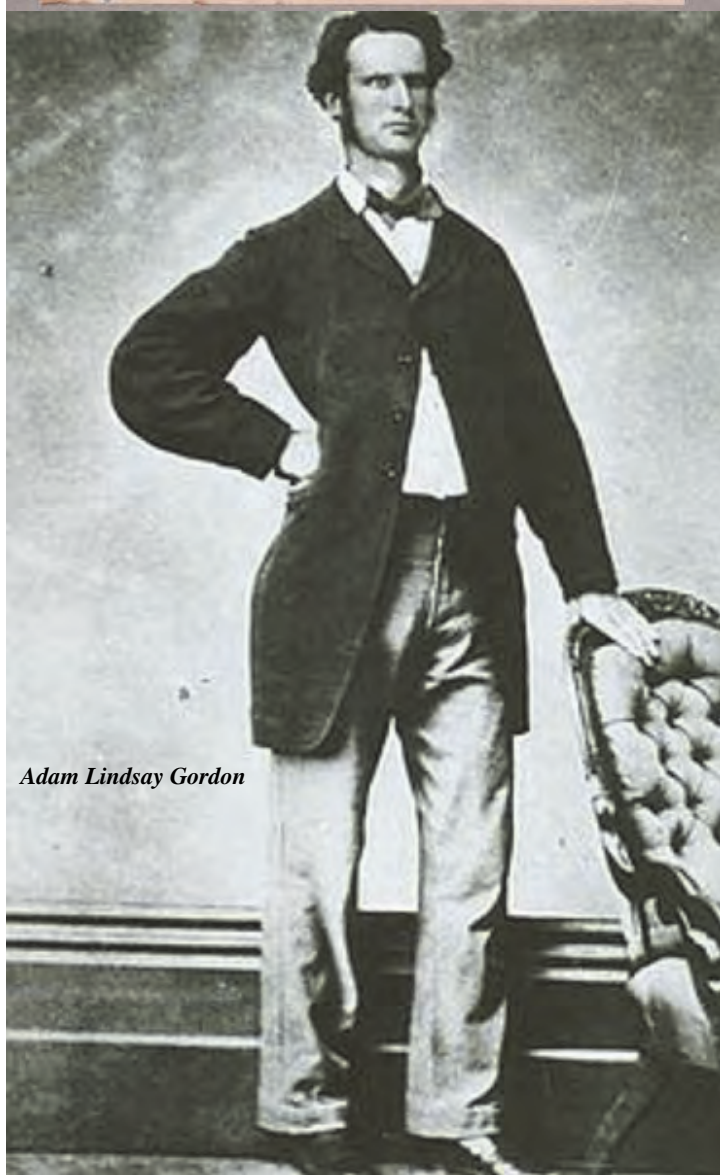
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What's on in February

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Discover more about the
people from our region's
past with the YDHS
website

- Pamela Wright

Monday 12 February 2024,

7:00pm (General YDHS meeting)
Yankalilla Library Meeting Room,
181 Main South Road, Yankalilla

Bookings not required

An interactive session where we will use the newly updated YDHS website to explore our region's heritage. Come along with some names of people you would like to find out more about. Where did they live? Who was their family? Are they buried in a local cemetery? Are their ancestors still in the region?

Save the dates

Adam Lindsay Gordon
poet and horseman

- Lorraine Day

Tuesday 12 March 2024, 7:00pm
(General YDHS meeting and AGM)

Yankalilla Library Meeting Room,
181 Main South Road, Yankalilla
Bookings not required

Lindsay, as he preferred to be known, was born 190 years ago this year - on 19 October 1833 - in Charlton Kings, near Cheltenham in England, close to the Cotswolds and Prestbury, where he learnt to ride. He spent most of his short life in Australia in the south-east of South Australia, including in 1865-6 as an elected member of the South Australian Legislative Assembly.

Heritage Fleurieu Coast Festival 2024

May 2024 is shaping up to be a month filled with interesting events, displays, guided walks and talks, with the launch event on Sunday 5 May at Inman Valley Hall. Email

yank.hist.soc@gmail.com for more information.

Free history consultations at the Yankalilla Library.

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We will discuss the formation of a **local National Trust Branch** to oversee natural and cultural heritage preservation in the District. We can observe the development on Jetty Road and survivors like Peppertree Cottage. The view of Lady Bay is unexpected.



Dunstall Cottage

All welcome to attend and share ideas for a submission to the next meeting of the National Trust of South Australia.

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Heritage Watch

Heritage Fleurieu Coast

Welcome 2024. We are looking forward to our region's Heritage Festival with over 25 events throughout May 2024. **The Festival Launch** will be on **Sunday May 5 at Inman Valley** where the latest booklet "Old Inman Valley" will also be launched



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Flaming Sambuccas pack the Lady Bay Hotel

Lady Bay Hotel hosted a sell-out audience of 300 people on the 15th December for an ABBA tribute night. The Flaming Sambuccas performed all the favourite ABBA hits and the audience got right into the glitzy pop affair. Pictured are some of the highlights of the night. Coming in February will be a Neil Diamond and Roy Orbison tribute night - see the advert below.



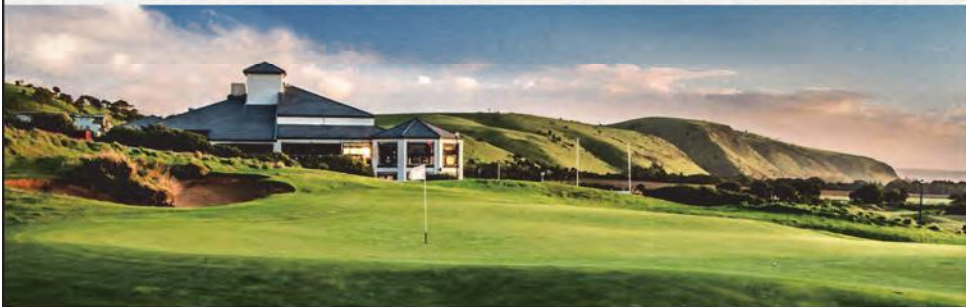
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Fleurieu Gin is Expanding and Creating New Job Opportunities

Shane Magor's Gin Distillery on Forktree Road at Carrickalinga is expanding its operations this year. Founded in 2021, FG is already moving from making gin and distributing through other venues, to building an on-site cellar door for tasting and sales. This is under construction now and expected to open in 2024 with plans for a function centre and restaurant down the track.

These plans will involve hiring more staff. At the moment Shane is doing everything from the distilling itself, to accounting, sales, packaging and delivery. Even now, he says that the build has eaten into time he'd like to have spent bringing his gin to new vendors. He's looking forward to hiring another distiller, sales rep, and later on people to staff the function centre – hopefully 20 employees all up in 2024. There will even be a 'Bob Magor Corner' where you can buy copies of the elder Magor's books and CDs of bush poetry.

In the mean-time, Shane has been fostering close links to other agri-businesses on Forktree Road. Forktree Brewery have been particular supporters from the start in selling Fleurieu Gin through their own cellar door alongside their



Shane Magor

products. Right next door is also Lessismore Farm, which offers a farm stay experience with glamping tents and the ability for guests to feed the cattle, pigs, and chooks, as well as sample Fleurieu Gin at their bar. Each of these venues delivers local produce and magnificent views across rolling farmland to the sea.

How to taste Gin

If you want to try for yourself, you can look for Fleurieu Gin conveniently at the Yank pub and Lady Bay Hotel, as well as the 30 other venues not mentioned so far that are listed on the Fleurieu Gin website. When tasting, Shane recommends taking a sip of gin neat, then adding ice and sipping again, before adding your choice of tonic or soda water.

Everyone has their own preference in how they drink it, but the clean, modern taste of gin is very popular right now. Partly this is a supply-side feature: gin can be distilled and then sold straight away in a 10 hour process without having to age it in oak for years like wine. However, it is also often considered a healthier option as the product contains very little sugar and goes with mixers such as tonic or soda that don't taste weird in their sugar-free forms.

Shane himself has switched from beer to gin. In fact, the taste was so inspiring he also switched from selling Real Estate to making and selling his own FG product. This involved lots of research and trial and error to get the exact proportions of the botanicals right, plus a little bit of re-education at Uni. Now he finds a lot more satisfaction through the artistic blending and tasting of his product than he had more recently selling Real Estate. He is also looking ahead at the legacy he can leave his kids and bringing his corner of the Magor farm into the

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Myponga Friends Group has Big Christmas Bash

The Myponga Friends Group are a social group that meet in the Reservoir General Cafe and Bottle Shop Thursday mornings at 9:30. On December 15th they levelled up to a Christmas Lunch for 57 people, including Mayor Darryl Houston.

Guests enjoyed a full menu of entree, mains, and dessert with wine, beer, or soft drink and coffee. Tastes were catered for from Fish and Chips paired with an Eden Hills Rose, to Mediterranean Pulled Lamb and a Fox Creek Shiraz.

The day's main organiser, Judy Golding, made sure the Secret Santa presents were accounted for, jumped into the Santa Suit, and even arranged a cheeky t-shirt for Taylor, her number one elf. Judy's son Travis took the photos, and Bob and Darryl made sure the portaloos were in order.

The lunch represented a few 'firsts' for the venue: first time hosting so many people, and first official function with liquor license for the day. The owners shut the shop for the big occasion, with Leah saying "Everything went very well, the food was amazing and staff worked like a well-oiled machine. It was the first time for a group of this size and we couldn't have been happier with how the day went."



The Myponga Friends group is open to anyone who'd like to drop in to the Reservoir General Cafe on a Thursday morning.



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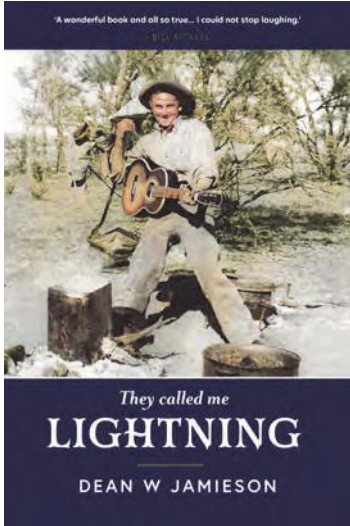
An Old Year is Finished... here's to the New One!!

Happy New Year to you all. We ended 2023 with a lovely party full of laughs and good food. It was our 33rd birthday and our talented Treasurer made a delicious black forest cake to celebrate. One of our founding members, Marilyn

Jelfs, was asked to cut the cake, and so we move on to our 34th year. Our hardworking committee got together for a lunch at the Reservoir General in Myponga. More laughs and more good food. It really is a recipe for a great day out.

We have entertaining and informative speakers organised for our first two meetings this year, starting with Dean Jamieson, author and raconteur in January, followed in February by Andy Mitchell, artist and traveller.

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Left: Dean Jamieson
Below Left: Marilyn (L) and Sue
Below (L-R) Bev, Avril, Denise, Paddy and Roma

[Note: In reference to our article in the October edition of YRN regarding a presentation by an Aged Rights Advocacy Service (ARAS) representative: - It is important to clarify that ARAS does not directly provide assistance with preparation of Wills, Powers of Attorney or Advanced Care Directives, but can provide contact details for other services that do.]



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- Showcase local and regional produce.

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Secret Men's Business

Briefly -

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We always reflect on what absolute good fortune we have had in living in the era we did.

Convenor: Tony Nicholl 0423690708

Secret Men's Business 2024 in more detail.

The name is borrowed from the Hindmarsh Island saga over 30 years ago. "The Invisibles" in this case men over 70. Gender Specific.

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The literature says ACTIVITY is the empirical panacea for the ageing process. JUST DO SOMETHING. This is a Thursday option for getting out and about.

Carol Le Fevre Adelaide Univ. Adelaide September 2033 wrote "an old person feels unseen or looked through and for indefensible reasons finds being missed in favour of someone younger".

Vally, Deakin Univ. December 27th 2023 suggests among other criteria to prioritise social criteria, to live longer, and feel better.

So what do we do during this 90 minutes with no agendas and no costs?

Everyone who has come in the first 10 weeks seems eternally grateful to have lived in the era we have and especially to be living on the Fleurieu.

Mostly we talk about matters in the news off the ABC website.

Like Trump, quite polarising.

Football, Crows, Port, and Melbourne AFL clubs pirating best SANFL players in the midseason draft.

COTA. "Social isolation, it's impact on the mental health and wellbeing of

Fleurieu AG FEST is back!

Fleurieu AG FEST is returning on Monday 18 March at the Yankalilla Showgrounds to

◆ showcase the ideas and technology being used in agriculture, other primary production, conservation and land management

◆ promote the abundance of diverse career pathways in ag and related industries

◆ provide inspiration to students and build connections for careers, work experience, research projects and subject choices

◆ showcase local and regional produce - including from food vendors on site

At the inaugural Fleurieu AG FEST in 2023, attendance included about 260 students and 25 teachers from eight schools across the region from Murray Bridge to Aldinga to Kangaroo Island - in addition to many primary producers and members of the community across our region. There were 44 exhibitors plus seven food and drink vendors.

100% of evaluation survey respondents wanted to see AG FEST run again. A number of improvements are planned, based on the strong positive and constructive feedback from the first AG FEST. This should enable the program to be even better tailored for the school groups attending, as well as providing plenty of interest for primary producers and the general public.

We are seeking exhibitor registrations and sponsorship commitments by the end of January.

Exhibitors can register online at www.trybooking.com/CNVDN

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The deadline for school group registrations is 16 February.

School group and student enquiries should be directed to amywilliams@yankalilla.sa.gov.au

Key target audiences include: primary producers; students; parents/caregivers; teachers; jobseekers; and the local community.

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The Lehrman Higgins fiasco.

The really dreadful incidence of a woman being a homicide victim each week at the hands of a partner in Australia (a Victor team Zonta protest), then one week in November when four women died in SA alone. Why SA??

(Also 1 man dies at the hands of a significant other every three weeks - ABS).

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Talisker – once SA's largest silver-lead producer

Although silver-lead ores are widely distributed throughout the Mount Lofty and Flinders Ranges, the deposits are not large. The Talisker mine near Cape Jervis was once the largest producer of silver-lead in South Australia.

Early in 1862, John and Kenneth McLeod, two brothers from Cape Jervis, discovered an outcrop of galena while searching for gold. The Talisker Mining Company was formed later that year to extract the ore from the lode the McLeods named the 'Talisker' after a locality (for centuries owned by the clan McLeod) in their homeland on the Isle of Skye, Scotland.

Mine manager Captain Jenkins left by sea from Glenelg with a party of Cornish miners. By the end of July 1862 about 20 men were busy working at the Talisker site. Six distinct lodes were located. Within a month, ore was dispatched to England for assaying and a start made with opening up the mine and building the nearby township of Silverton.

The surface ore samples initially revealed 200 ounces of silver to the ton. Seven shafts were sunk along the main lode, the deepest being 433 feet, and a poppet head, or head frame, erected over the main shaft, and horse whims over the others.

The ore was initially broken into small pieces with hammers, and then bagged. In 1863, a 12-horsepower steam engine, boiler and crusher were installed at Fishery Bay. The ore was then hauled by bullocks to the bay where it was crushed and dressed to a concentrate of about 25 per cent lead and 25 ounces of silver to the ton, before being bagged. The silver and lead was shipped from Fishery Bay, where it was carried to lighters moored in chest deep water for ferrying to the larger ships. About 36,000 bags of ore, weighing 1600 tons, and 890 tons of ingots were carried in this way.

In 1864 Captain W Price took over management, and by the following year a calcining furnace, capable of producing one ton of silver-lead ingots a day was erected, along with engine, crusher houses and reservoir.

The heavy boiler purchased from John Dodd's flour mill at Normanville was transported by the Herbert brothers the 20 miles by bullock drays to Talisker, averaging two and a half miles a day over steep hills and through damp flats.

When the early crusher became inadequate, a 10-head stamp was added in 1867 to enable treatment of lower grade ore. In 1869, a large brick kiln

was built to make fire bricks from local high-quality clay, with 4000 being made in the first six months.

In 1864, the town of Silverton was surveyed near the mine site, on part section 116 and, together with mining operations, created a demand for timber for building and heating. Wood to fire the boilers and kiln was cut from local bush and the area adjacent to the mine was soon stripped of trees. At its peak the town had a population of about 300. There was an eating house, hotel, store and post office, school, mechanics institute, and numerous wattle and daub cottages. In 1866, a Wesleyan chapel was built in Silverton, which held services until 1875.

By 1871, the mine's main shaft pumping engine had difficulty coping with the volume of water encountered. The ore was lower grade than expected and in 1872 the mine closed. The 50 employees, still owed two months' wages, were offered employment at Moonta-Wallaroo Mines and Captain Price moved to the New Cornwall mine at Kadina.

Total production between 1862 and 1872 was valued at £46,000 but no dividend was ever paid. The mine reopened in 1890 with the driving of a new adit from Campbells Creek into the workings but operations ceased in 1891.

In 1917 interest in Talisker was revived because of the demand for arsenic contained in the silver-lead ore. Arsenic was then mined intermittently until 1925.

The original mining lease remained as unallotted Crown Land until 1976 when the area became part of a protected area, Talisker Conservation Park. The mine ruins illustrate typical mid-19th century Cornish mining and ore processing techniques and are an important remnant of South Australia's heritage; they are listed on the Register of State Heritage Items.

The site is also known to be home to the 'critically endangered' orchid, the Hindmarsh Valley greenhood (*Pterostylis bryophila*). Talisker Conservation Park (part-section 420), Rarkang Road, Delamere, covers an area of 212 ha. Today an interpretive trail through the mine ruins and bushland has been created. The walk takes about one to two hours, with interpretive signs for further explanations. Maps are available at the Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre.

– Lorraine Day

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Above: Ruins of former mine manager's house. YDHS recently took members on a tour of the mine site. (Photo: Sue Speck.)
Below: Wood Brick kiln at Talisker. (Photo: Sue Speck.)
Right: Talisker main shaft.



The Yankalilla & District Historical Society Inc. meets on the second Monday of the months of September, October, November, February, March (usually on the Tuesday in March as Monday is Adelaide Cup Day) and April. The next meeting will be at 7pm on Monday 12 February 2024 at Yankalilla Library.

Yankalilla Men's Probus

Here is hoping you all enjoyed a joyful Christmas and happy celebrations for the New Year 2024.

Christmas came early for our club in the form of a grant of funds from The Yankalilla Community Op Shop allowing our club to purchase much needed equipment and advertising banners. Our special thanks go to the Op Shop volunteers and management who do so much to help out with grants to organisations within our local community. Some members of the Club's committee have already gone on a shopping spree and have managed to cajole, or otherwise use their persuasive charms, to obtain some generous 'community' discounts on items purchased from a major office supplier.

At our December meeting our members were privileged to hear some fascinating and entertaining anecdotes told by Ernie Clark, President of the South Australian Cinematographers Society about his career as a cinematographer in the making of advertising commercials and in his involvement in the film industry. Following completion of our meeting, a large group proceeded to assemble at Club Fleurieu to savour a wonderful meal for our 2023 Christmas Luncheon and celebration. An item of entertainment was provided by President Tim and his 'musical' ensemble of Past Presidents, who 'beat out' a tune on an 'odd assortment of instruments' and then they caressed their vocal chords' to sing in some reasonable semblance of harmony. It was really a marvellous performance, given that Tim, their musical director, waved his conductor's baton with such gay abandon, that those in the ensemble had to abandon any such thought that he may have been providing them with even the slightest resemblance of musical direction. Thankyou Tim and PP's for providing enjoyable entertainment for all those attending and a big thankyou to Club Fleurieu for providing the venue and the talents of their volunteers in order to make this event so successful and successful.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 6 February 2024 at 10 am** and our

guest speaker will be **Max Proud**, Senior Project manager with Partek. A monthly club event has not as yet been determined for February, but rumour has it that it will be, er 'Belicious'!

If you are retired and interested in joining our group, then give it a thought. We meet on the **1st Tuesday of every month at 10am at the RSL Hall** (situated 18 Main South Road, Normanville).

To find out more contact:

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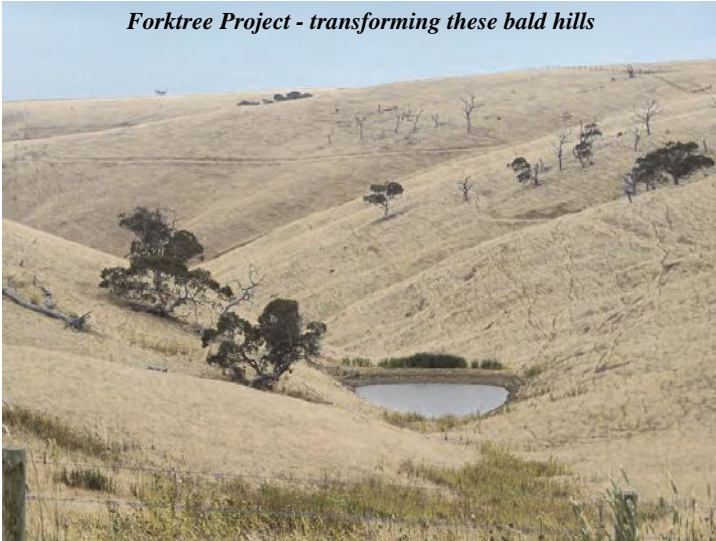
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Past President's Ensemble



Carrickalinga's ecological makeover: Tim Jarvis's rewilding project at Forktree

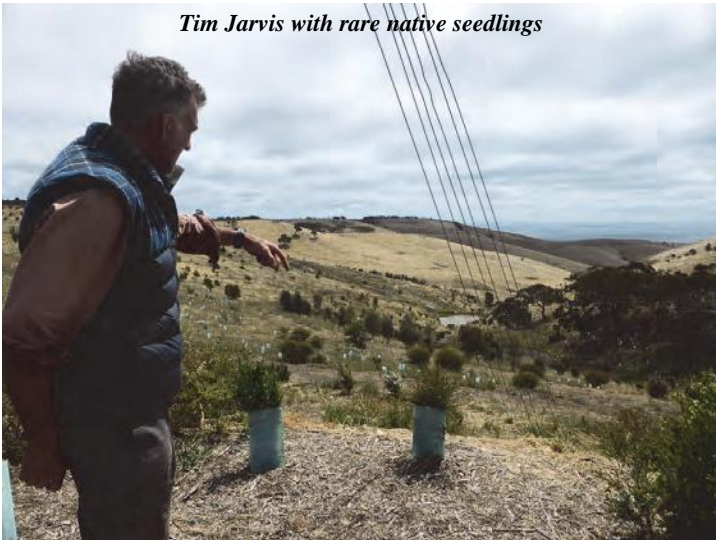
Forktree Project - transforming these bald hills



At this time of year, the hills between Carrickalinga and Myponga Beach are a barren landscape of pale grass, sloping down to the blue waters of St Vincent's Gulf. Where stock congregates around gates and water troughs, the dry grass has been blown away, leaving bare patches. Scattered trees are still bristling with seedpods, each one holding over a hundred viable seeds. However, when the seeds drop, they will fall onto that bleached grass and be blown into the sea without the hospitable micro-climate needed to raise healthy seedlings. If this land was capable of repairing itself, it would have done so.

The story is different on the part of Tim Jarvis's 53 hectares where the process of re-wilding has begun. From here you can see thousands of saplings already well established, some of them taller than Tim, others ready to come out of their light green triangular guard tubes. Tim pulls off the tubes and snatches out weeds here and there as he shows me around. Like any gardener, he likes to talk about plant species and is particularly enthusiastic about some of the rare natives he has grown in the plant nursery.

Tim Jarvis with rare native seedlings



But he's noticeably more ecologist than gardener – happy to focus on the details because that's where the work gets done, but he doesn't lose sight of the system as a whole. This means he's a pragmatist, not a purist. Tim points out a few weeds withering under the open sky where poison has been used on individual plants that threatened a native species he has been cultivating. However, he draws the line at broad-scale spraying. Similarly, the property is fenced to keep out kangaroos so they don't eat all the new plantings, but at this stage the few that get in are left alone because the system has developed far enough to handle them. One of the six or so roos relaxing in the shade further down the valley, flicked a relaxed ear as we passed by.

The process here is to apply more knowledge and fewer resources – it is sometimes called syntropic farming or agroforestry. Syntropic means 'cross feeding' or the way systems can tend toward greater abundance, complexity, and quality over time (the opposite of entropy). Basically, it's farming that mimics a forest.

This type of farming can achieve amazing things. It's been used in places like semi-arid Lightning Ridge NSW to coax tropical banana trees to grow in the hydrophobic soil that would otherwise barely support a salt bush. The method does not involve intensive watering. Instead, they plant something that will grow in that location – even if that something is prickly pear. Once the pears are established, retaining water and pumping it down into the soil, creating shade and supporting insects, another cycle of planting can add under story, or canopy – further improving the soil, increasing biomass, and creating a cooler micro climate with moister air. Once the micro-climate really is changed, the prickly pear will die of its own accord – no longer suited to the area. This may take a long time for one person, but after 20 years at Lightning Ridge, the farmer was rewarded by a visit from tropical Ulysses butterflies seeking out the banana trees.

Different locations require different approaches, and Tim is working from canopy down toward under-story rather than from grasses upward. He is carefully not over-extending, not watering after plants leave the nursery, and waiting until another threshold is reached before planting again for the next stage. The ultimate goal is for the Forktree Project to be like Deep Creek or some of the remnant bush land between nearby Hindmarsh Tiers and Victor Harbor. Those areas are complex enough to be self-sustaining as a system – unlike the single 200 year old Melaleuca on Tim's property that is simply enduring.

There's no question Tim has the expertise to throw at this project. He holds degrees in Geography, Environmental Science, and Environmental Law from the universities of Brighton (UK), Sydney, and Adelaide. He also has an impressive list of outdoor adventures arising from childhood experiences of 'learning by doing' in Malaysia, Singapore, and then world-wide. He has made unsupported treks to the South Pole, North Pole, across the Great Victorian Desert and Lake Eyre, as well as re-creating Sir Douglas Mawson's 1913 Antarctic expedition and Ernest Shackleton's 1916 epic crossing of the Southern Ocean – with only the technology originally used. He is also known for his service to Nature Play SA, the Adelaide Zoos, for Rhinos, Koalas, and National Parks – including 25Zero which monitors equatorial glacial melting, and the creation of a Marine Sanctuary around Macquarie Island in the Australian Antarctic region. These activities have seen him recognised as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) and recently as South Australia's Australian of the Year. What attracts this world traveller to Carrickalinga? There's no family connection here, Tim's from the UK originally, emigrating to Australia in 1997.



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He first came to do some work at Langhorne Creek with the Murray Darling Basin Project, and when he saw the bald hills, he says he knew how to work with them and finally bought the Forktree site, with his wife Liz, in 2019.

There is a public relations piece to the Forktree story as well, because Tim is not just about re-wilding his own patch, he is here to live out a model others could take up if they so chose. Landholders may reasonably be focused on maximising productive use of their land – how would re-wilding help? Maybe it would just create more of a fuel load in fire season. Tim takes a practical approach to that as well. He says you start with things everyone can agree on: farmers are passionate about topsoil and approve of windbreaks because they give stock shelter and that makes them produce ‘meat instead of heat’ in winter, prevents wind from sandpapering woolly coats, and can create fire-breaks. Windbreaks also bring the temperature down in summer and improve biomass. Re-wilding may not sound very useful initially, but everybody likes windbreaks and Tim has a plant nursery full of native seedlings that would start the process nicely. As for fire risk, Tim thinks trees get a bad rap when most fires do start in grass and have to be going strong before they can ignite a tree. Native grasses contain far less fuel load than introduced ones. So far, at least one of Tim’s neighbours down the valley is looking side-long over the fence and vowing to extend similar planting efforts on their property.



Tim Jarvis with established seedlings

Sustainability projects are naturally very focused on the long term, so education is another priority. The Forktree Project regularly hosts up to 60 students in its all-purpose classroom/giant shed. Students and teachers learn about the circular economy before spending the day planting trees, mending fences, washing punnets, and scouring bricks. They can be accommodated in campsites on the property and soon will have access to a house with bunks and a common room. There’s a big difference between the revved up angry energy of a young person just back from a climate strike and the settled quiet energy of one who has spent the day digging, building fences, working with their hands and their peers. Those who return year on year are particularly buoyed to see trees they planted starting to take off.

Ultimately, Tim Jarvis is farming ideas almost as much as he is farming trees. People can create thriving ecosystems on parts of their own property – whether it is fencelines and gullies, or suburban backyards - by planting what will grow and learning as they go.

You can find out more about The Forktree Project at www.theforktreeproject.com, about Tim and his adventures at www.timjarvis.org, and about growing bananas in the desert at Curiosity Mine www.youtube.com/watch?v=llazeATdn7s.

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FLEC events and activities coming up in January

Community Nursery Working Bee; Monday 15th and the 29th January, 9.30am-3pm
Friends of Wirrina working bee; Sunday the 21st of January, 9- 11 am at the Foreshore
Native Bee workshop; 23rd of January 9:00am-11:00am
Bird Watching Group; Monday in January 29th (location TBA)
No Vege swap in Jan
No Wellbeing Walk in January

FLEC events and activities coming up in February

Friends of the Nixon Skinner working bee; Friday 2nd February (weather permitting)
Veggie Swap; Sat 3rd February, 9.20am for a 9.30am start
Cape Jervis Coastal Community Group; Sat 3rd Feb, 10 am – 4 pm and Sun 4th Feb, 9 am – 12 Noon.
Community Nursery Working Bee; Monday 5th and 19th February, 9:30am- 3pm
Bird Watching; Monday 26th Feb (location TBA)
Friends of Wirrina working bee; Sunday 18th Feb, 9-11am
Friends of Bungala working bee; Thursday 15th February at 8am, meeting at the BBQs in Bungala Park



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For more information on any FLEC events, please email: info@flec.com.au or call (08) 8558 3644

Community Garden Update

It's official, the ground has certainly been turned and works started on the Yankalilla Community Garden site. The first working bee was held on Friday 8th Dec to build some raised garden beds and place the welcome sign for the garden on site. We'd like to thank the enthusiastic group of



volunteers who braved the heat and helped out! A special thanks to Chris Day for guiding us all in the artistry of building timber garden beds and to Ash Edwards for creating the beautiful rustic sign.

The opening event was celebrated in conjunction with Yankalilla Youth Theatre group with the performance of their play: Food Connections and to officially celebrate the progress of the garden so far with a ribbon cutting ceremony. This project has been led by a small dedicated group of volunteers so far and we're now looking for more volunteers to get involved and help continue its growth. If you're interested in being involved please send an email to communitygarden@flec.com.au or come into the Fleurieu Environment Centre to find out more.

We'd like to acknowledge the funding support for this project from the [District Council of Yankalilla](#)

National Regenerative Agriculture Day

National Regenerative Agriculture Day (NRAD) is a united national day to raise awareness around Regenerative Agriculture and the benefits of helping heal the land and our waterways. Hosted each year on the 14th Feb as farmers, foodies and families come together to hijack Valentines Day.

This day is about a powerful fundraising stand and educational movement between our farmers, our first nations people, our educators, our gardeners, our foodies, our students and the people of our nation as they attempt to restore balance back to our soils, environments and food chains. This is a movement of people who

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In February and March 2024, the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board will be holding bait collection days for landholders (with properties larger than 1000m²), to purchase Pindone treated carrot baits at a discount. If you would prefer to try a biological control approach, K5 calicivirus treated bait will also be available. These collections days help encourage landholders to undertake a coordinated baiting at the optimal time (when conditions are dry and feed has become scarce). Landscape Board staff will be available to discuss your particular situation.

- Round 1 (5-16 Feb) – Pindone treated carrots OR RHDV K5 treated carrots. (Note K5-treated carrots can't be frozen or stored so you will need to be ready to use them when you pick them up).

- Round 2 (12-21 March) – Pindone treated carrots only

A coordinated approach is the best way to manage rabbits across the landscape, so talk and encourage your neighbours to get them involved to achieve wider rabbit control in your area.

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Bookings aren't open yet, but to register your interest for bait collection days, phone the office for the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board on 8391 7500.

Other effective control measures

One of the effective ways to tackle rabbits is to remove their habitat and access to food. This means dismantling wood and scrap piles, plugging up access to holes under the house and sheds, cleaning up piles of rubbish and removing weedy thickets such as blackberry.

If you have large infestations of woody weeds, start planning your weed control program for the summer months. We can help with your weed planning. Collapsing existing warrens, or fumigation of warrens, is also a vital part of a rabbit control program, so be sure to keep a look out for new warrens on your property in future. However, seek advice if you are unsure about the warren as it could belong to bush rats or bandicoots – check out our website for more information.



IMAGE BY CLAIRE LOCK

TJILBRUKE/TJIRBRUKI DREAMING TRACK WALKS WITH KARL WINDA TELFER

Join Burka-Senior Man Karl Winda Telfer, wisdom holder of the Song of the Tjilbruke/Tjirbruki Dreaming Track. Listen and understand the Dreaming Track's significance and its cultural and spiritual renewal, led by Karl's late mother, Nganki Burka Mekaawe-Senior Woman of Water. Participants will learn about the local cultural markers (cairns) marking the Dreaming Track and experience a story walk along the beach.

Dates/Times: Thursday 8 Feb, 6-8pm, Friday 9 Feb, 9-11am or Saturday 10 Feb, 9-11am

Location: Gold Coast Drive, Carrickalinga. Meet in the upper carpark, south of Lyddon Road.

Cost: 520 per person (this event is subsidised by the Fleurieu Environment Centre and District Council of Yankalilla).

Bookings via: <https://events.humanitix.com/tjilbruke-tjirbruki-dreaming-with-karl-winda-telfer>

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Hook Line & Thinker Bins on the Fleurieu Peninsula

During summer the number of people fishing along our coastlines increases. Fishing litter is harmful and does not biodegrade, lasting up to 600 years in the environment. To protect our unique and fragile environment here on the Fleurieu Peninsula it is important that people fishing from local jetties take care to properly dispose of fishing tackle.

The Fleurieu Environment Centre and District Council of Yankalilla have joined forces to provide TAngler Bin's for the proper disposal of unwanted fishing tackle. You can find "Hook, Line and Thinker" bins installed on the Normanville, Second Valley, Rapid Bay and Cape Jervis Jetty. These bins can be used for the safe disposal of fishing materials such as old line, netting, sinkers, hooks and lures. Volunteers from the Fleurieu Environment Centre and Rapid Bay Primary School have been collecting the deposits, recording the volume of waste collected and disposing of it correctly to ensure it doesn't end up in the ocean. This calendar year over 80 Liters worth of fishing line and other waste was collected in these 4 bins. This initiative has also been supported by Ocean Watch Australia, Green Adelaide and the District Council of Yankalilla's What'SUP single use plastic reduction program.

Pictured: Hook, Line & Thinker bin Rapid Bay Jetty



Book of the Month

Habitat, a practical guide to creating a wildlife-friendly Australian garden. AB Bishop, 2018. Murdoch Books Australia

In a world where suburban nature is declining and diversity is shrinking, *Habitat* is a practical guide for those of us who want to encourage insects, reptiles, frogs, birds and animals into our garden. Not only for our own enjoyment, but as a direct contribution to the health and sustainability of our local environment and wildlife.

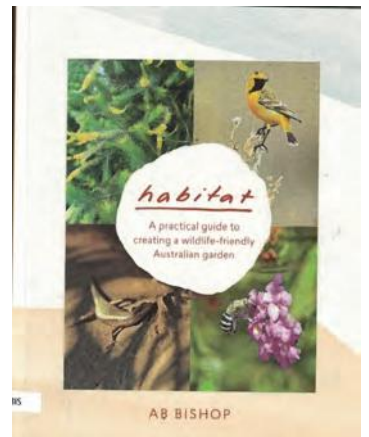
AB Bishop shows how to design, plant and maintain fauna-friendly landscapes, stressing the importance of understanding how all aspects of the backyard ecosystem are interlinked in order to create a truly authentic and effective habitat. This information-packed resource includes a detailed plant directory; information on what plants (native and exotic) suit what creatures and why; and advice on how to factor in the shelter, nesting, food and water requirements of different types of wildlife. A practical projects chapter features step-by-step instructions for soil testing; making compost tea; building and planting a frog pond; and constructing nesting boxes and insect hotels.

All information taken from *Habitat, a practical guide to creating a wildlife-friendly Australian garden*.

This book is available for loan from the Fleurieu Environment Centre

The Fleurieu Environment Centre acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land, sea and waters of the area that we live and work, the Kaurna Meyunna, Ngarrindjeri and Ramindjeri people of the Fleurieu Peninsula. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all First Nations people.

We would like to thank our funding sponsors and partners who enable us to deliver our events programs. Events held by Fleurieu Environment Centre and the Greater Adelaide Environment Network are seeded by Green Adelaide with support from the Hills & Fleurieu Landscape Board.



Pretty Fishes of Yankalilla Bay with David Muirhead

The Widebody Pipefish *Stigmatopora nigra*

Once upon a time, our local pipefishes were my comfort zone, or so I thought. Some of my diving and snorkelling friends may even have wondered why it's taken me this long to include any pipefish in this column.



True, I covered the Weedy (aka Common) Seadragon, quite early (June 2022), and since pipefish, seahorses and seadragons are all in Family Syngnathidae, I hadn't totally ignored the group. But the many species of true



pipefish found right here in Yankalilla Bay all look so different to seahorses and seadragons that people are often surprised to learn how closely related they are.

Most pipefish are quite small, but the world's longest known species, the Brushtail Pipefish, can reach a TL of 65cm, and Brushtails are common in Yankalilla Bay! But being long and thin makes most pipefish harder to spot than their more robust and much more familiar Syngnathidae kin. The community's fascination with our iconic Leafy Seadragon seems to be limitless, but relatively few know what a pipefish is, and even fewer have actually seen one.

Syngnathidae means 'jaw-fused', and without exception all seahorses, seadragons and pipefishes have that feature in common. So do all PIPEHORSES (...got you wondering?...). Pipehorses are the 4th 'member group' within Family Syngnathidae. But for simplicity's sake, pipehorses being the least studied and least understood sub-group, with few recognised species, I'll say no more about them in this article,

other than this: we've at least one described species of pipehorse in Yankalilla Bay - the Southern Pygmy Pipehorse - with at least one more species awaiting description, and quite possibly others await discovery. Most pipefish are stick-like, with the head in line with the body.

Saying pipefish are long and thin doesn't mean that seahorses and seadragons aren't also elongated. Instead of surrendering to my talent for waffling when describing a fish Family, I'll now quote Rudie H Kuitert, world-renowned author of "Seahorses and their Relatives".

[Based in Melbourne, Rudie began diving and UW photography in his spare time at an early age, but his ability to photograph and identify virtually every species of fish known to occur in SE Australia soon drew attention from museum curators and other highly qualified but mostly desk-bound experts. Realising he was filling a sort of 'research void', with taxonomists requesting specimens so they could formally describe the hitherto unknown fishes so beautifully presented in his photos, Rudie quit his day job to concentrate on his passion for recording fish in their natural habitat, discovering new species and co-authoring scientific descriptions with ichthyologists near and far.

His first love was Family Syngnathidae, but his publications have expanded to include other fish groups. He's dived every continent, and even produced the first comprehensive book on

Parrotfishes and Wrasses of the world, which covers more than 1000 species (compared with about 350 in Syngnathidae!)]

In the Introduction of his revised (2009) edition of that first book above, he says:

"All family members are basically small and secretive fishes that feature elongated semi-flexible stiff bodies, armoured with bony plates and rings instead of scales. The gill opening is reduced to a small round pore, the head usually has a long tubular snout with a small mouth at the tip, and the jaws lack teeth. The length of the snout is highly variable, depending on specialisation of a particular species."

Also: "Nearly all the members [of Family Syngnathidae] share a unique reproductive strategy in which actually the male gets pregnant!"

And, "All species appear to be diurnal and carnivorous, preying primarily on small crustaceans that are sucked up whole."



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reveal multiple separate species within that vast range. It's at times like this when I'm very happy to be your common or garden 'humble citizen scientist'! I'll now focus on our local Widebody Pipefish, which after all still falls within the *Stigmatopora nigra* species complex.

An abundant species, they often congregate, in small to large groups, in or near seagrass beds, in sheltered bays and estuaries.

Although supposedly attaining TLs of up to 28cm in some populations, the great majority here are much smaller, including breeding pairs. Adult brooding males have been recorded at lengths of only 7cm! Males are very slender, but females develop a very broad trunk and often display bright red ventral stripes during courtship.

This species is very short-lived, the natural lifespan being probably less than 12 months, but they can reproduce throughout the year. Be it winter or summer, they do their bit, hence aggregations usually include a mix of small juveniles through to senescent adults.

They are basically restricted to shallow subtidal depths. In calm weather they will often move in and out with the tide (making them 'intertidal inhabitants' as well). They do so even when the only plant materials available for wrapping their highly prehensile tails around are bits of detrital weed loose on the bottom, very close to shore.

They're also one of quite a few pipefish (and certain other Syngnathids, including the most common seahorse in SA, the Shorthead Seahorse) that often travel considerable distances at the surface by using their tails to anchor themselves onto floating bits of seagrass and algae.

Sometimes termed 'hitch-hiking' this behaviour, while risky, probably helps maintain genetic diversity, and would also help them quickly re-establish breeding populations in localities where storms, sudden freshwater outflows or other acute impacts have temporarily wiped them out.

As for pretty, the gender divide is quite the opposite of many other inshore fish groups.

Widebody females are indeed pretty, particularly during mating, when they can actively widen their already wide bodies, and enrich the ventral stripes to



Male clinging to some weed

become a brighter red. Males however are drab in comparison. The female actively courts the male.

This gender difference contrasts with (for example) the wrasses and leatherjackets, where males are usually prettier, but are also usually the ones that have to work harder at displaying to the females.

To close as colourfully as possible I've asked our revered EDITOR to include a 'you beaut' photo of another small SA pipefish species. The Deepbody Pipefish hasn't been recorded in Yankalilla Bay, nor is it likely to occur here, because it is virtually a

mangrove and samphire specialist. Only known from sheltered parts of SA with suitable habitat such as Port Gawler and further north, the common name is sufficiently similar that it might catch the pipefish novice unawares. Female DEEPBODY Pipefish (*Kaupus costatus*) are among the most colourful of all the world's pipefish.

Unfortunately, they're even smaller than Widebody Pipefish, and much harder to photograph in their natural habitat.

But, they are the only member of their genus (monotypic genus), and are endemic to SA. Yet another reason to conserve our mangroves!

Returning to Yankalilla Bay, forgive me for this verbatim, very brief summation of an article by MLSSA's overseas ambassador Dr Graham Short, a USA-based leading world expert on pipefish, especially their evolutionary 'family tree'. Graham said, in essence, that South Australia, and in particular a small inshore area of Yankalilla Bay sometimes referred to as 'Normanville's pipefish hotspot', has an extraordinary richness of pipefish species, many having evolved here, with high southern Australian endemism. About 20 Syngnathid species are known from 'hotspot' alone.

Confession: after such a build-up, my species choice for this article seems rather insipid! Because 'The' Widebody Pipefish traditionally had amongst the widest distributions of all southern Oz pipefish. Until recently, Widebody Pipefish were thought to range all the way from southern Queensland to Shark Bay WA, even occurring in New Zealand! BUT, most experts including Rudie Kuiter are now 99% sure this is really a species complex, meaning further study will



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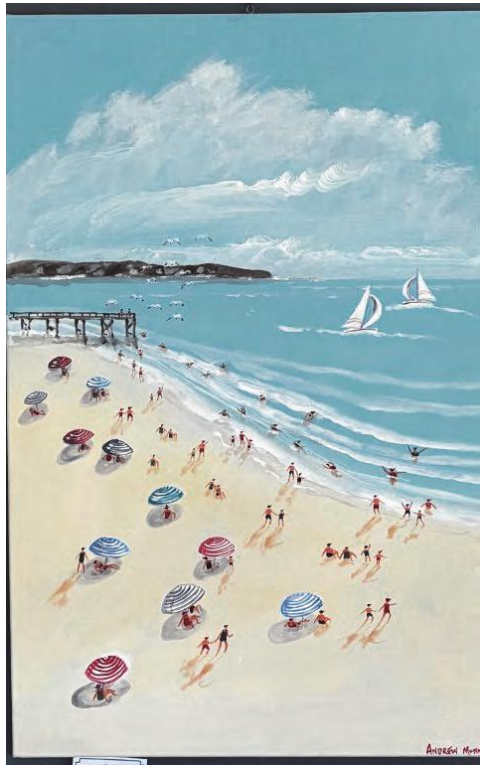
Hugh Adamson

Hugh was a Secondary School art teacher but is largely self taught. He studied art at secondary school and 3 years at SA School of Art. His artistic preferences are to paint people or people in landscapes but is perhaps better known for painting border collies on beaches. He also enjoys painting musicians with their total concentration and commitment. In quiet times he might paint flowers. ▶



Andrew Munn

Andrew started painting when he was a child and it has been a passion ever since. He has been a resident and artist in Normanville for more than 35 years. His gallery and café 'Seagull Droppings' at Normanville served the community with his art and furniture for many years. He now uses his house to show and share his passion for art. ▼



Carol Coventry

Carol has a love of the beach and the ocean which is evident in her paintings. Working in pastels enables her to capture the vibrant, positive colours of the sea, sand and sky. Colour and light are the vital elements that she attempts to capture in the emotion and essence of the sea and landscape. ▶



Erryn Munchenberg

Erryn is an emerging artist who has a passion for painting with watercolour. She loves to experiment with different styles and techniques. She finds the effect of water on paint mesmerising. She is a self taught artist and has workshopped with a number of well known artists. Her art is based on atmosphere and spirit of her chosen subject and inspired by the wonderful colours she finds in the natural environment. She is Vice President of the SA Watercolour society and a member of the Campbelltown Arthouse. ◀



Carla Blair

Carla's lovely paintings of the personalities and scenery of the district are well known. She exhibits every year at the Yankalilla show and was invited to exhibit with us last year in Gallery 88. ▶



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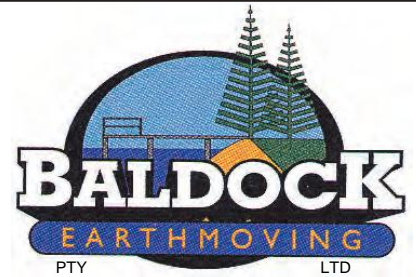
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including cultural identity, connection to land, social issues, and the intersection of traditional and contemporary influences. Recently, some Year 7-10 students from Yankalilla Area School enjoyed the opportunity to contemplate the intersection of art with pop culture and history through art. We travelled to AGSA in the city, thanks to a transport subsidy grant provided by BHP. While on tour, we noticed that many Indigenous artists use their work to engage with contemporary issues, challenge stereotypes, and contribute to a broader understanding of Australia's history. Vincent Namatjira, a South Australian artist featured, was very popular with students, as his pictures depicted relatable scenes with famous people, such as the British Royal family, made humorous with the addition of characters like Vincent himself. Another popular contributing artist was Tiger, a nonverbal artist, who used his obsession with ACDC to create some awesome artwork, fusing rock and indigenous art.



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Thank you again to BHP for the travel subsidy grant making the excursion possible, the

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Cracking start to hoodie season at Carrickalinga

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Landscapes Hills and Fleurieu, Green Adelaide, BirdLife Australia, local councils and a dedicated team of more than 80 volunteers work along the Adelaide metropolitan and Fleurieu coastlines through the summer to install temporary fencing at nesting sites, raise awareness of beachgoers and monitor the progress of nesting pairs and their chicks. From the moment the parent birds decide where to nest and lay eggs, they are in constant threat from foxes and off leash dogs, human disturbance, vehicles on beaches, rubbish and even high tides! Life is

tough on the beach so reaching the age of fledging – when the chicks are able to fly at around 5 weeks old – is a celebration.

These two fledglings at Carrickalinga are part of the ten chicks that successfully made it to fledging age across metropolitan Adelaide and Fleurieu beaches this spring.

Landscapes Hills and Fleurieu's Coast and Marine Project Officer Caroline Taylor was optimistic that the birds may have cracked the Carrickalinga code and may even be breeding earlier to compensate for spring/summer storm surges.

"We've lost so many hoodie nests and chicks from Carrickalinga Beach in recent years. The species face many threats including pest animals, human activity, including cars on beaches and dogs off-lead, and high tides as a result of storm surges.

"We saw the earliest start to the breeding season this year, meaning chicks have had time to grow and fledge before the typical storm surges we experience in late spring/early summer. This has no doubt put them in good stead this year. Whether it was a deliberate strategy from the hoodies, we can't say for sure, but it's a great outcome.

"Even when the hoodies do get it right, their chances of survival are greatly increased through the dedication of the hooded plover volunteers who monitor the birds and their threats along our coast, they're amazing," said Caroline.

Green Adelaide Team Leader Coast and Seas Tony Flaherty commended the volunteers and partners up and down the Fleurieu and metropolitan coast in the way they have collaborated towards the positive result.

"It's a fantastic model, the way that our neighbouring landscape boards, councils, volunteers and the BirdLife Australia team are all working in sync for the same purpose. While the beaches sit in different 'regions', we care for the birds as one population and this approach is helping us fund and resource the program really

efficiently.

"We also thank beach-users for their care and respect around nesting sites, by following signage on the beach – staying away from fenced nesting areas, walking at the waterline, and ensuring dogs are on leads. We also appreciate the respect shown to our amazing volunteers, they are self-less in their dedication and love meeting different people on the beach to raise awareness about the hoodies," he said.

Learn more about hooded plovers in the region at landscape.sa.gov.au/hf/hoodedplover

The Hooded Plover program is part of BirdLife Australia's national beach-nesting bird program and is supported regionally by Green Adelaide, Landscapes Hills and Fleurieu, local councils and volunteers.



A couple of the super-fledglings that have defied recent trends at Carrickalinga Beach.
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18 December 2023
 People thinking about buying a dog are being encouraged to do their research to ensure they fully understand the commitment involved and pick the right pet for them.

The Dog and Cat Management Board has released a short new video to educate people about the long-term responsibilities of owning a dog, including spending enough time with them and providing them a safe home.

Dog and Cat Management Board Chairman David Parkin said the Board was urging people to appreciate the commitment involved with owning a pet, and never purchase one 'on a whim' at Christmas or any other time of the year.

"We want people to understand the true responsibilities of dog ownership and to know exactly what is involved before taking on the commitment," Mr Parkin said.

"While a cute puppy might seem

like a great idea, the reality is a dog can be a commitment for 10 years or more.

"As well as the basics of registering, microchipping and desexing, owners must be able to provide for the life-long health and wellbeing of a dog.

"Our new video explains it all simply and quickly to help potential owners make the right choice."

The video, which is available on the Board's website, includes tips for finding the right dog for you and your family, and how to give your pet a happy, comfortable life.

"It's heartbreaking that some people find themselves in a situation where they surrender their pets because circumstances have become untenable," Mr Parkin said.

"It is important that people take that extra time to fully understand the commitment of pet ownership."

Dogs are South Australia's most popular pet with more than 310,000 currently recorded in the state register, Dogs and Cats Online.

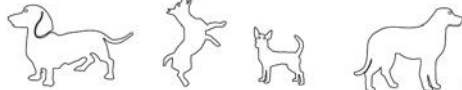
South Australians are also cautioned against purchasing a dog or cat from breeders not registered with Dogs and Cats Online.

The Board's website has information on the state dog and cat laws, along with a host of tips for potential and current owners.

For more information, visit www.dogandcatboard.com.au.

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The Friends of the Dog Park held a stall in the Normanville Mall for the twilight market held in December. Various items were sold to add to the fund raising efforts including honey and very popular hand made nougat.

Rebekha Sharkie: ceramic travel mug
Tallulah and Kai, Yankalilla: \$25 voucher
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A raffle was held and the group thank the following list of donors for the raffle prize.

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Mosquito Surge Prompts Fight The Bite Warning

Friday, 05 January 2024

South Australians are being urged to protect themselves, their loved ones and their animals this summer as mosquito numbers approach their peak.

Recent high rainfall across many parts of the State, coupled with warm temperatures and ongoing high humidity levels, creates ideal environments for mosquito breeding and any mosquito could be carrying serious, untreatable disease.

There are 14 councils across South Australia taking part in mosquito trappings, including seven along the River Murray and ten sentinel chicken flocks. Increased numbers of mosquitos have been noted in recent weeks across the state's 320 traps.

Over the 2022-23 summer, overall numbers of reported human infections were low with no deaths recorded, despite widespread detections of mosquito-borne viruses in traps and sentinel chickens across the state. This reflects the increased actions people took to Fight the Bite last summer, protecting themselves and their loved ones.

Over the 2022/23 season the following were notified:

- 111 cases of Ross River virus (RRV)
- Six cases of Barmah Forrester virus (BFV)
- One case of Murray Valley encephalitis virus (MVEV)
- One case of Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV)
- Zero cases of West Nile virus (Kunjin variant) (WNV-K)

There have been no detections of these viruses in traps or sentinel chicken flocks this year, however this does not mean there are no infected mosquitos.

Now is the time for people to take simple steps to Fight the Bite and reduce the risk of mosquito bites and infection to themselves, their families and their animals.

Preventative measures for people include wearing light-coloured, loose-fitting, long-sleeved clothing; using insect repellent on all exposed skin surfaces (applied like sunscreen in accordance with the directions on the label); limiting outdoor activity between dusk and dawn; fitting mosquito screens to doors, windows, and vents; and eliminating mosquito

breeding sites around the house. Large numbers of mosquitoes can breed in small amounts of water so taking the time to empty or clean up water holding items around the home is encouraged.

SA Health also strongly encourages eligible people to get vaccinated against JEV. The publicly funded vaccine is available from participating GPs and pharmacies in eligible locations. For most, one dose provides life-long protection against JEV.

Further information is also available on Fight the Bite www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/fightthebite. Visit JEV vaccination <www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/jevaccine> for details on eligibility criteria.

People are reminded that JEV can also affect animals, particularly pigs and horses. The Department of Primary Industries and Regions website has more information about how animals are affected by Japanese Encephalitis Virus

<https://pir.sa.gov.au/biosecurity/animal_health/animal_species/pigs/japanese_encephalitis>

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Happy New Year from FRSG!

What a turbulent year we had in 2023! May the coming year be kinder to us all.

So let's talk about 2024. THE EASTER ART SHOW is coming in March and we invite your involvement. What's so great about an art show?

The Easter Art and Craft Show has a long history of bringing our community together. As appreciating the art on display, everyone can enjoy some great music and a market day to boot.

It is an opportunity for young people to contribute their artistic talents and consider what the theme of CONNECTION can mean.

It is a show case for the talents of local artists.

For FRSG, the Easter Art Show Yankalilla, EASY, is an opportunity for us to increase awareness of refugee issues and raise funds for support. Your contributions will go directly into the hands of those who need it most. Over the past few years, much of our fundraising has supported Women for Change, an active group of women from Afghanistan now living in Melbourne. Women for Change channels money into food for the neediest of families in Kabul, and schooling for girls who are excluded from all education by the Taliban.

If you'd like more information about how volunteers in rural Australia are helping Afghan

asylum seekers find refuge, you'll find this refreshing article in the Guardian:

[https://www.theguardian.com/global/2023/may/28/i-just-have-you-the-rural-australians-helping-afghan-asylum-seekers-find-refuge?](https://www.theguardian.com/global/2023/may/28/i-just-have-you-the-rural-australians-helping-afghan-asylum-seekers-find-refuge?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other)
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As well as supporting Women for Change, FRSG funds have also been sent to Rural Australians for Refugees, Cisarua Learning (providing support for refugees in Indonesia), Circle of Friends emergency response and the Ukrainian community.

So join with EASY (Easter Art Show Yankalilla) on March 30-31, 2024 and help us work together for kindness and peace on our troubled planet.

You can find more information about EASY and get Application Forms for art entries on our Facebook page or by email at refugeefleurieu@gmail.com. You may also drop into the Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre, visit their website www.visitfleurieucoast.com.au, ring the Visitor Centre on 8558 0240 or email them at cooe@visitfleurieucoast.com.au.

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The Strawberry Fete at Christ Church, Yankalilla

Inclement weather threatened our Strawberry Fete on Saturday, November 25, but we held our nerve and went ahead, having faith that we would manage whatever happened. And we were blessed with grey skies but no rain. We were grateful to Lions for making available shelters but fortunately we didn't need them. The Strawberry Fete was a roaring success, raising \$3,600. Our usual stalls of cakes, plants, tombola and bric-a-brac were well stocked and strawberries, scones and our barbeque fed the

masses. The community provided several other stalls with coffee, chocolates, herbs, sauces and toys which added depth to our fete. The raffle prizes created great interest and Clare C was an excited winner. The people came to support us and to find a bargain. People were friendly and chatted easily with stallholders and each other. The general feeling was one of friendship and support.

The Fete was a supreme team effort. Ann R, Joan T, Gail F, Gerry B and Peter F acted as stall convenors and were supported by 25 workers, plus another ten cooks and many more who gave goods to sell. Three helpers from other Anglican churches provided invaluable assistance, making this a great community event. Lions also supported us with a couple of pop-up marquees and when our EFTPOS machine went down they

loaned us one of theirs. We are grateful that community groups can help each other when needed.

A huge thank you to all helpers and all who came to support our event.

Belinda Rosser, Convenor.

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How and when to see an aurora from the Fleurieu Peninsula.

Yes it can be done! The Ramindjeri & Kaurna people both have traditions about auroras seen from here. But first, some background.

It's been known for centuries that the Sun has dark spots on its surface, each lasting for a few days to a few weeks, and whose numbers vary over a 10 to 12 year period (solar cycle). These **sunspots** are only dark by contrast; their temperatures of 3500-4500 degrees making them less bright than the 5500 degrees of the Sun's usual surface. Occasionally a sunspot will get big enough to be eyeballed through a solar eclipse filter; and there are descriptions from antiquity of large sunspots being seen when the Sun was dimmed by clouds or haze. The current solar cycle (and numbers/sizes of sunspots) is expected to peak in mid 2025.

During the 20th century solar astronomers discovered that sunspots were regions of intense magnetic activity, and that sunspots were also associated with **solar flares** (intense outbursts of X-rays & UV light) and **coronal mass ejections** (eruptions of magnetised plasma). The frequency and strength of these sudden events also follows the solar cycle. During the peak, expect 2 or 3 big coronal mass ejections per day. During the minimum, 2 or 3 small ejections per week. However, not every sunspot produces these events and most of them aren't directed at the Earth. A coronal mass ejection that is directed at the Earth takes 1 to 5 days to arrive here, and when it arrives it dramatically affects the Earth's magnetic field.

The Earth's magnetic field extends tens of thousands of km into space, and like all magnetic fields it interacts with electrically charged particles. In fact the Earth's magnetic field has trapped two permanent donut-shaped belts of charged particles -- the *Van Allen radiation belts* -- and is always

collecting more from interplanetary space. Collisions of these particles with spacecraft are a known radiation hazard in Earth orbit. There is a constant leakage of particles from the Van Allen belts, along the Earth's magnetic field towards the north & south magnetic poles. These particles never reach the poles because the Earth's atmosphere blocks the way.

But it's these charged particles constantly colliding with the upper atmosphere that creates the aurora. Charged particles colliding with oxygen atoms above 150km altitude create the red light of the highest parts of an aurora. At lower altitudes collisions with nitrogen molecules + oxygen atoms become more dominant, creating green light via reactions that take tens of seconds to complete. The lower edge of the green aurora is about 95km altitude where oxygen atoms are replaced by oxygen molecules, which don't produce visible light from particle collisions. Below 95km particle collisions with nitrogen molecules produce blue and red auroral light. The yellows, pinks, magentas, and other colours are produced by combining the red green & blue. Auroras also produce emissions in infrared and ultraviolet light.

On a global view the aurora occurs within two oval rings, approximately centred on each magnetic pole but displaced towards the night side of the Earth. And when things are magnetically quiet the southern hemisphere's auroral oval is visible only from Antarctica. The situation changes when a coronal mass ejection arrives, overloading the Earth's magnetic field with a million tons or more of electrically charged particles (plus their collective magnetic fields). What follows next is still not fully understood but the effects include:

- * Disturbances to long-distance radio, including total jamming of transmissions.
- * Major disturbances to the Earth's magnetic field. Geophysicists and archaeologists can't do sensitive magnetic surveys, and even your compass can misbehave.
- * Erratic electrical currents get induced in any long metal artefacts such as pipelines, electrical grids, railways and telecommunications wiring. These current flows can destroy unprepared equipment.
- * Radiation and charged particle storms above the Earth's atmosphere can damage or disable spacecraft.
- * A deluge of charged particles floods along the Earth's magnetic field onto the magnetic poles. This expands and intensifies their auroral ovals from the polar regions into the lower latitudes....where we might see them.



Aurora over the Great Australian Bight
17 Aug 2017
from the International Space Station



Aurora near Nhill (Victoria) 5 Nov 2023

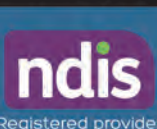
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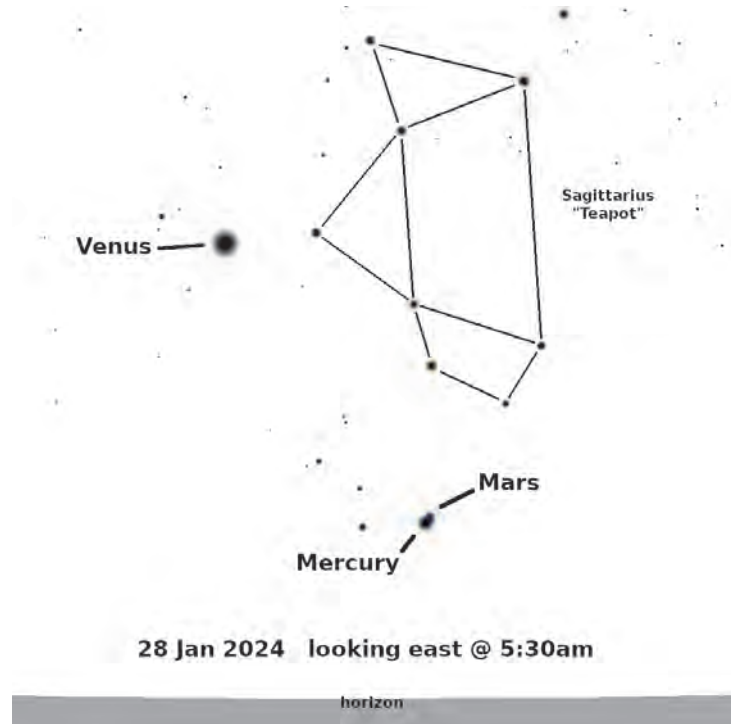


These events are collectively referred to as *Space Weather* and commonly summarised using two severity scales. The older **Kp Index** is a measure of magnetic disturbances due to solar activity, and it's measured using a global network of magnetic observatories on a scale from 0 (calm) to 9 (extremely disturbed). The US National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) uses a **geomagnetic storm scale** from G0 (calm) to G5 (major storm), using measurements from magnetic observatories and from various Sun-watching spacecraft. Either or both scales are reported by various space weather and aurora websites & apps.

- In terms of auroral visibility from the Fleurieu the values of interest are:
- * Kp 5 or less / storm level G0 or G1 => No aurora visible from here.
 - * Kp 6 / storm level G2 => Very faint red aurora on the southern horizon, colour generally not visible to the eye but will show up on long exposure photos like our phone camera examples from 2023. Your mates in Hobart and Christchurch will get much better photos. Expect about 500 of these events per solar cycle (about half will occur during daytime). Easily blotted out by moonlight or mist.
 - * Kp 7 / storm level G3 => Red aurora definitely visible in the southern sky, may also show hints of moving columns or streaks. Long exposure photos may also show greens or yellows below the reds. Expect about 200 of these per solar cycle.
 - * Kp 8 / storm level G4 => Aurora covers a large part of the southern sky, colours are obvious to the eye, noticeable columns / streaks / rays moving within the auroral glow. Expect about 100 of these per solar cycle.
 - * Kp 9 / storm level G5 => Aurora covers the southern sky and extends into the northern sky, colours and structures are spectacular. Possibly better than the imaginary aurora at the Hobart memorial? Your mates in Brisbane and Alice Springs are wondering "what's that red glow in the south? Is it a bushfire?" Your other mates at SA Power Networks are worrying about grid stability. And your satellite internet & TV have probably stopped working. Expect only a few of these per solar cycle.

Thus the prerequisites for our local aurora are:

- * A high state of solar activity, making a big coronal mass ejection directly towards Earth more likely.
- * A predicted Kp of 6 or more, or a storm level of G2 or more, during our night time. Beware of reading US-based aurora websites that only use US local times.



* And a clear southern sky, preferably without a bright moon (or outdoor lights), so that you can actually see or photograph something. Good luck!

Bright planets in January-February:

Mercury is visible in the eastern morning sky during January, rising to its greatest height above the dawn by Jan 13 before dropping towards the sunrise for the rest of the month. It's hidden behind the Sun's glare by early February. On the morning of Jan 28 **Mercury** and **Mars** are only 1/4 degree apart below the "teapot" -- see the finder chart. Binoculars will help distinguish the brighter Mercury from the fainter orange Mars.

Venus remains brilliantly visible in the eastern morning sky until mid-April. On the mornings of Feb 21 to 24 **Venus** and **Mars** are less than 1 degree apart.

Mars reappears from behind the Sun in mid-January, very low in the eastern morning twilight. By late February it's rising about 4am.

Jupiter is the brightest "star" visible in the northwest evening sky, as soon as it gets dark, during January & February. Its cloud bands and its four biggest moons are visible in that small telescope Santa brought you. And we see an ever changing arrangement of these moons because their orbits are almost edge-on to our view, their orbital periods range from 42.5 hours to 16.7 days, and they also pass in front of and behind Jupiter.

Saturn is dropping into the western evening twilight by late January and is hidden behind the Sun's glare from mid February.

During January the **Moon** passes near Venus on the morning of Jan 9, near Mercury & Mars on the mornings of Jan 10 (very low in the east), near Saturn on Jan 14, and near Jupiter on Jan 18 & 19. During February it passes near Venus & Mars on the morning of Feb 8, near Mercury & Mars on the morning of Feb 9, near Saturn (very low in the west) on Feb 11, and near Jupiter on Feb 15.

The Moon is also close to the Pleiades star cluster again on Jan 20-21. If you have a clear northwest horizon and binoculars you can watch the Moon passing across the cluster from about 11pm until moonset. There's a repeat performance on Feb 16-17 but it's not visible from Australia.

Last Quarter Moons Jan 4 & Feb 3, New Moons Jan 11 & Feb 10, First Quarter Moons Jan 18 & Feb 17, and Full Moons Jan 26 & Feb 24. Closest approaches to Earth are on Jan 13 & Feb 11.

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Yankalilla Lions Club

December's Meeting

December's meeting was our traditional Christmas dinner where many of our club members, partners and friends enjoyed our Festive Fare at the Myponga Sporting Club. The meal was very nice, and the company was even better! The door prize of a Christmas painting done by Ena, one of our members, was won by Mary, and lots of other winners in our raffle went home with some good prizes. It was a good



opportunity to celebrate our successes in 2023 and we look forward to another year of serving our community in 2024.

Lions Kids Christmas Party

The traditional Lions Christmas Eve Kids Show was held again in the Mitre 10 car park. Almost 150 kids and their families enjoyed our Christmas Eve Show at Normanville.

Hopefully all the kids went to sleep quickly to allow Santa to bring them some presents.

This as usual is a great way of wishing everyone a very happy, safe, and peaceful Christmas.

This event would not be possible without the support of local

businesses and particularly Mitre 10. Funds raised from the gold coin donations go towards Childhood Cancer Research.



Diabetes Testing

Lions carried out its free Type 2 diabetes screening at Normanville Mall at the end of November and tested 101 adults. Eight of these people had a high reading so were advised to see a health professional to have their blood sugar level checked again as they could be at risk of developing diabetes.

Reducing the prevalence of diabetes and improving the quality of life for those diagnosed is one of Lions Clubs International's focus service areas and running a screening like this is just a small

way that our club can make a difference.

A huge thank you to **Terry White Chemmart Normanville** for supporting this project by providing the skilled staff required to conduct the screening.



Club Social Outing - Murray River Cruise

Many of our members, together with some family and friends, enjoyed a lunch cruise on the Captain Proud paddle boat recently. It's always nice to share a social day away from our usual projects and activities to just have some fun and get to know each other a little better. We are looking forward to the next adventure early next year.



New Addition to the Lions Youth Park Playground

As you drive past the Lions Youth Park in Yankalilla you may have noticed that there is now protection from the sun over the playground!

The Lions Club identified that there was a need to better protect our youngsters who use this park, and we took it upon ourselves to fund raise to allow the purchase and installation of the shade cloth protection.

This was installed in late November.

In addition to the funds raised by the Lions Club we would like to recognise the financial contributions from the Australian Lions Foundation, Yankalilla Community Op-Shop, Club

Fleurieu, Jane Powell and other community members. Financially this was a sizeable project, and everybody's contribution was greatly appreciated.



Lion's events to put in your diary

Normy Fun Run 2024
10th March 2024

Always a great fun event whether just walking or running. Taking place on the Sunday of the March Long Weekend it attracts families, and serious runners whether locals or visitors.

Entry is by a gold coin donation and supports local community projects. See the advert in this section.

Lions Car Boot Sale
Saturday 30th March 2024

The Lions Car Boot Sale will take place as usual on Easter Saturday 30th March at the Yankalilla Showgrounds. More information available shortly.

Further information on these events and others will be displayed on the electronic noticeboard.

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National Parks and Wildlife Service is raising awareness of the need to protect our precious beaches as locals and tourists hit the road for summer holidays.

SA's national parks and Crown land are home to an abundance of native wildlife and vegetation, and include sites considered culturally significant to First Nations peoples. Compliance will help better protect our state's unique biodiversity, and minimise the effect on threatened species of fauna, including nesting shorebirds, and flora.

Drive on established roads or tracks and avoid unauthorised areas for the safety of all visitors, and to protect sensitive nature and the environment.

National Parks and Wildlife Service Regional Operations Director Stuart Paul said raising awareness would encourage visitors to protect our unique and beautiful coastline.

"Most visitors to our national parks and beaches behave appropriately and want to ensure they adhere to regulations," Mr Paul said.

"This reminder balances visitor enjoyment with safety and the shared responsibility that ensures our unique and valuable environments are sustainably managed."

Visitors seeking further park-specific information – dog-friendly parks, campfires etc. – can visit

<https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/find-a-park> on the National Parks and Wildlife Service website for more details.

Penalties apply for offences in national parks or on Crown land under numerous acts, including National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 and Crown Lands Management Act 2009.

For more information about South Australia's parks, reserves and Crown land, and to book, visit: <https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/>

Visitors are encouraged to:

Leave no trace in parks, and on Crown land, by bringing some garbage bags and taking home their rubbish as bins are not available.

Keep dogs – except assistance dogs – out of most parks for their own safety but also to minimise the risk to native wildlife, vegetation and other visitors.

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14 December 2023
You often see it washed up on the beach – long strands of green ocean plant life, strewn among the many other pieces of natural marine debris that have captured our fascination for so long.

Seagrass, or seaweed as it's often known, is a vital element of marine ecosystems. Underwater seagrass meadows provide several environmental benefits such as protecting our shorelines from erosion and storms by stabilising sand, improving water quality by reducing nutrients and turbidity. Seagrasses play a significant role in global carbon and nutrient cycles. The carbon storage capacity of coastal ecosystems can increase over time, with seagrasses storing up to two to four times more carbon per hectare per annum than terrestrial rainforests and if left undisturbed, can store carbon in their sediment for over hundreds or thousands of years.

Seagrass meadows are also important foraging and nursery grounds for recreational and commercial fish species including baby pink snapper, whiting, blue swimmer crabs, prawns, King George whiting, garfish and squid. They are also critical habitat for many other fish and invertebrate species including the region's iconic leafy and weedy seadragons. Throughout many parts of the world, including the coastlines of the Fleurieu, concern has been growing about seagrass diminishing for many decades. Causes can be attributed to land-based impacts including pollution, stormwater discharge and development adjoining coastal areas, as well as rising sea temperatures and storm surges.

To help mitigate and reverse these losses, Landscapes Hills and Fleurieu and local partners are supporting OzFish Unlimited's national seagrass restoration program, Seeds for Snapper.

It's the second summer of action on the Fleurieu, where local volunteers are called upon to comb the beaches and near shore waters for seagrass fruit. Fishers are also welcome to participate and collect the floating fruit from marine currents along the coast. Collected fruit (that carry and protect a single seed) will be stored in holding tanks, before literally being propagated into sandbags and returned to the sea floor of Encounter Bay, aiming to reproduce and create boundless underwater meadows of seagrass. The method is a scientifically proven method of seagrass restoration following successful programs in metro waters.

Tape weed (or *Poisidonia* spp.) seagrass fruits are released

sometime between mid-December to January by local seagrass populations that form slicks on the surface of the water and drift ashore on incoming tides.

Landscapes Hills and Fleurieu's Coast and Marine Project Officer Caroline Taylor explained more.

"We had many volunteers help with seagrass fruit collection last year which enabled us to deploy 150 sandbags (with almost 4000 seeds) to the Encounter Bay seafloor. To ensure local provenance and genetic stability, fruit can be collected along beaches from the Bluff at Encounter Bay to the Murray Mouth at Goolwa. Our holding tanks are at the Encounter Bay boat ramp and can be dropped off 24/7.

"We're seeing the fruit wash up in WA and other parts of the SA coast which is a sign that we are not far away from seeing them on our beaches. Anyone interested in receiving alerts and being part of the action is encouraged to sign up via the Seeds for Snapper page on the Landscapes Hills and Fleurieu website or at ozfish.org.au," she said.

Further to the many benefits the seagrass restoration will provide to the local marine environment, the preservation of a famous shipwreck will also be supported.

"It's early days, but we are also very excited to be working with the Department for Environment and Water and Flinders University this summer to deploy some of the seagrass sandbags around the well-known *South Australia* shipwreck at Yilki.

"Shipwreck preservation is obviously a very sensitive and scientific task, but establishing seagrass communities around the wreck will certainly help contribute to its preservation and protection from storm surges and exposure to destructive marine organisms," Caroline said.

A former passenger vessel and offshore whaling platform, the *South Australian* wrecked in 1837 and had remained undisturbed and undiscovered on the seafloor at Yilki ever since. In April 2018, a collaborative research program between the Department for Environment and Water and several partners found the remains of *South Australian*.

The 'Seeds for Snapper' project is part of OzFish Unlimited's national seagrass restoration program, funded on the Fleurieu Peninsula by Landscapes Hills and Fleurieu and BCF with support from Department for Environment and Water, Flinders University, SARDI Aquatic Sciences, local councils and community volunteers.

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