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Good Grounds – Good Times

An outdoor play area for Yankalilla Area School students has been transformed thanks to a helping hand from a local business.

The Out of Hours School Care backyard had been looking tired and was in need of some serious attention when it caught the eye of Caleb Collins, who runs gardening and landscaping business Good

Grounds Company.

“We have been involved in working at OHSC for a while now, and I could see the need for a bit of a spruce up, so I offered to help,” said Caleb.

Caleb worked with OHSC Director Gill Bolton to put a plan into place. “Our garden over the years has been a hard project, never really improving. Caleb approached me and offered to sponsor the remodel of our garden,” said Gill.

“On behalf of myself, OHSC educators and the children who attend the service, I would like to extend a massive thanks to Caleb and the team for their hard work in our garden make over.”

The Good Grounds Company team have planted 75 square metres of lawn kept watered by a brand-new fully automated pop-up sprinkler



system. The lawn is surrounded by a native garden which will include colourful trees and bushes, and plants for the children to enjoy in a tactile sense.

A new sand-pit and updated paths top off the makeover.

“It’s an amazing transformation, and it’s an area now that the

children can truly enjoy,” Gill said. Good Grounds Company have committed to keeping the new play area in top condition.

“It feels good to make a difference and to be able to help such an important local service,” said Caleb.

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Editor's Comments

Hello Readers,
The Heritage Fleurieu Coast Festival is on throughout May, the programme was in the April edition and there are more selected items of interest in this edition.

If you were watching the DCY Zoom meeting in April you will have endured about 20 minutes of word salad from CEO Nathan Cunningham, trying to justify a 5.6% rates increase. Currently CPI is around 4.6%. This and the budget in general will now go out to public consultation in 3 sessions during May.

See page 15 and I highly recommend ratepayers get along to one of them.

The last ESCOSA report card on Yankalilla Council was not very flattering, with an opening line saying "The Essential Services Commission (Commission) finds the District Council of Yankalilla's (Council) current financial position at risk of being unsustainable, with continued operating deficits resulting from its revenue base, including rates revenue, being stretched to meet the service level requirements of its infrastructure base."

You can see the full report at the link:
20230228-LocalGovernmentAdvice-DistrictCouncilofYankalilla-Advice.pdf.aspx
(escosa.sa.gov.au)

It would seem that the recommendations, such as reducing salary expenses, materials and contractors, plus bringing average rates down, being more transparent and other suggestions, have been largely ignored. The bottom line has become worse by over \$4M since that report. Some in the DCY bubble believe ratepayers are like a cow that you can keep milking more and more, but at some point it becomes bad for the cow's health.

The budget motion saw some heated debate and a divided vote in Chambers.

On a positive note, DCY will look at installing extra disabled parking spaces in central Normanville.

Until next issue...

Cheers,
Paul Jelfs
Editor

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Ox Carcasses and Sea Shells

On Monday, March 19th at the second AgFest at the Show Grounds, the Yankalilla Show Society had an information stand with a guessing competition. This year the challenge was to guess how many sea shells were in a big glass jar. Assorted sizes and shapes made it a guessing task rather than estimation. There were two lucky winners of a family pass to this year's Show on Saturday, 5th October, 9am-4pm. Congratulations to a local student at Yankalilla School and a young visitor from the hills. There were 203 shells in the jar and both winners were the closest with a guess of 204 shells. 87 visitors, (students and adults) recorded guesses. The lowest was 105, the highest 650. Our humble activity sadly didn't quite illustrate



a phenomenon known as The Wisdom of the Crowd, first described by Aristotle. An explanation and example come from 1906. In Plymouth, UK, at a county fair, 800 people had to estimate the weight of an ox, prepared for the butcher. The median guess was accurate within 1% of the correct weight. Our median guess was out by 26% and the mean (average) was out by 33%. Our mode, however was within 6%. The main lesson learned here? Ox carcasses and shell collections are two different kettles of fish. It's also worth knowing the difference between medians, means and modes. If we run a similar competition at the next AgFest, do we continue to allow people to see

other people's guesses or guess secretly with slips of paper posted in a box? Either way, we should be able to report back further on whether 'the wisdom of the crowd' is a thing or not.



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Quiz Night Change of Date

Our Club Quiz Night has been re-scheduled, in order to avoid clashing with other local Quiz Nights. Please note the new date is **Friday 21 June, 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start**. For all the other details please see the separate item (below).

What a fantastic day we had on Sunday 24 March, when we enjoyed live music from Tracey Starkey! The beautiful weather enabled us to relax outside in our patio area, while enjoying drinks, a tasty tapas selection, and music.



Thank you so much to Tracey for entertaining us all, and as always, a big “well done” to our wonderful hospitality volunteers.

Movie Time ... with Dinner!

On the first Thursday each month, Club Fleurieu transforms into a cinema, with Southern Fleurieu Film Society screening a movie. We already have Bjorn’s Bar to provide refreshments, but now our catering volunteers are taking things to the next level by providing a themed meal to suit the movie!



The May movie night is **Thursday 2 May**, and the film will be “*Goodbye Lenin!*” which is set in Germany. The movie begins at 7.00pm. The dinner will be a German Stew, or a vegetarian stew known as Eintopf. It will be served at 5.30pm at a cost of \$15.

Remember that to view the films, you need to become a member of SFFS. There are no ticket sales at the door. More information at the Society’s website, sffs.org.au

MAY DIARY DATES

Thursday 2 May Movie Night Details in separate item.

Tuesday 7 May 12 noon Barbecue Lunch \$15 per person.

Tuesday 14 May 6.00pm BINGO Night Eyes down 7.00pm Bjorn will be behind the bar from 6pm, so come and have a drink before Bingo starts. You don’t need to be a Club member to take part - everyone is welcome. We had a fantastic evening in April, and the jackpot even went off! If you would like to come as a group, please book by phoning/emailing the Club.

Wednesday 15 May 12 noon Club Lunch
...with a special *Mother’s Day* theme & raffle

Mains: Chicken & Pancetta in creamy Tarragon Sauce or Osso Bucco. **Dessert:** Sticky Date Pudding with Icecream. \$20 members, \$25 non-members, bookings essential.



Friday 31 May from 5.00pm HAPPY HOUR & Dinner

Enchiladas will be on the dinner menu, followed by an optional dessert. Or just come along for a drink or two and catch up with friends. The Games Room is always available too during Happy Hour, for a friendly game of pool, darts, chess and more!



Main Course: \$20 members, \$25 non-members. Dessert \$5.

Please book if you wish to have dinner.

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pick up a printed program at Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre

If you missed the pull out program in the last issue of YRN don’t worry, just use the QR code or any of the other ways to find out about the 36 events in our local district. There is something for everyone.

May 5 Festival and book launch celebrating Inman Valley 11am -3pm

May 8 Yankalilla Museum Demonstration Day 10am-2pm

May 11 Play “Old Crusts & the Telegraph Station – Normanville Hotel 6.30pm *

May 11 1934 Shipwreck MV Victoria & Sister Dorrington – photo exhibition & talk*

May 10, 17, 24 – 50 or so Years ago, local recollections – Library 10am – 12 noon*

May 18 Dot Music pianist Cheryl van Wageningen – Christ Church 10am*

May 19 Mitchell cottage ruins tour – Torrens Vale – 10am

May 19 Come & Try Grandparents Games Family Day – Showgrounds- 11am

May 19 Parawa’s Heritage – Afternoon tea – Parawa Hall – 1pm*

May 22 Time Travel Torrens Vale bus trip – 11.30 am – 3.30 pm*

May 25 Anacotilla River & Weir tour – Second Valley – 10am*

Walks – Yankalilla a medical tour, Bullaparinga Cemetery, Yankalilla Cemetery, Myponga Heritage*, Myponga Cemetery & Whitford sketches exhibition, Second Valley Heritage*, Robert Norman’s Normanville*, Fungi & Flora Walk Deep Creek*.

*Bookings required check program for further details

If you want even more there are 571 events in the Statewide History Festival, find out all about it

<https://festival.history.sa.gov.au/>

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CLUB FLEURIEU

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 21 June
7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Join us for an evening of brain-bending questions, games and great prizes! \$10 per person entry.
Proceeds will assist Yankalilla Area School students to access extra-curricular programs.

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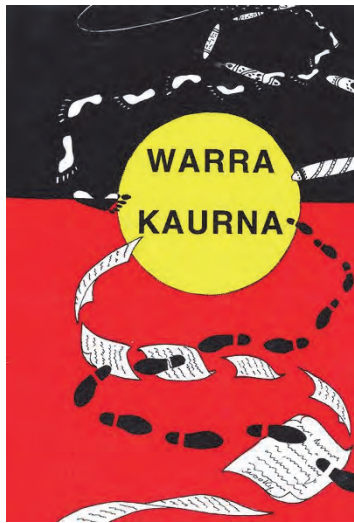
Kaurna Words and Dot Music Connection - The History!

Niina Marni from the Heritage Fleurieu Coast Festival Team!

May is Heritage Fleurieu Coast Festival time and the interesting program of events was included in last month's Yankalilla Regional News.

The Heritage Fleurieu Coast Festival respects First Nations knowledge, history and culture. Through the sharing of heritage, we support the cultural, spiritual, ecological and economic regeneration of the Aboriginal peoples of this place.

As part of the month's amazing offerings celebrating the history of our region, we have two wonderful indigenous inspired events.



On Friday 3 May from 10am – 12pm at the Yankalilla Library, we will have the opportunity to learn some Kaurna language history and words from the Kaurna Dictionary. Our presenters for the morning are from Tauondi Aboriginal college and this is a terrific opportunity for community to come together to respect the past and revive

connections to land and language.

This event is free but bookings are essential

Enquiries: Yankalilla Library 8558 2043

With thanks to the District Council of Yankalilla for sponsorship of this event.

On Saturday 18 May, from 10am – 11.30am pianist Cheryl van Wageningen, proud descendant of the Peramangk/Ngarindjeri peoples will share stories of her journey learning about her heritage, along with performing on her keyboard classical and contemporary pieces. She will also perform her own compositions created as a reconnection to her Aboriginal heritage. The Documentary 'Dot Music' featuring Cheryl will be shown. This short film was recently shortlisted for an award as part of the offerings from NITV television. Morning tea will be provided.

The Venue is Christ Church 132 Main South Rd, Yankalilla.

Ticket cost \$10.

Bookings: <https://bit.ly/3T556vh>

Enquiries to Jillian Langford on

0414 824 885 or email jillian57@live.com.au



For more information on both these events, visit

www.visitfleurieucoast.com.au

Yankalilla Museum

During History month, the museum is holding a demonstration day, on Wednesday May 8th from 10am to 3pm.

There are lots of changes in the museum to look at, including the opening of the new Ann Ryan Shearing & Don Binney Dairy display shed.

There will be blacksmith demonstrations in the forge, hay making and rope making and old tools display among others.

There will also be an interactive display, the theme of which is "A Cure for all ills", calling for visitors to spot the medicines & cures amongst the displays used long ago.



Late additions to the day will be demonstrations of wool spinning, weaving & knitting, plus a coffee van will be in attendance.

Come along for a fun day!

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Southern Fleurieu Film Society

This month's film will take us to 1990 and the fall of the Berlin Wall. **Good Bye Lenin** is a German film featuring comedy, drama, interesting historic footage, and hilarious manipulation by a young man trying to protect his recuperating mother by pretending the fall of the wall is not what it seems. It is also an affirmation of the tender ties between mother and son.

The movie will screen at **Club Fleurieu on Thursday May 2nd.**

Doors open at 6:30 with time for a catch-up, a drink or an ice cream before the 7:00pm start. Alternative venues are:

Goolwa in Centenary Hall on Wednesday 1st May.

Victor Harbor, Victa Cinema, on Tue 7th May.

Doors open at 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start at all venues.

Last month's **The Quiet Girl** was another remarkably high-scoring film with 4.5 stars awarded from Yankalilla viewers. We also trialled a hotly contested but optional micro quiz that looks like being good fun. Get the 2024 programme at

<https://sffs.org.au>

or find copies at the Visitor Information Centre and other locations.

Membership for the 2024 for 11 screenings is \$60. This will reduce to \$30 for membership that commences from July. Members can borrow movies that have been screened here. They can invite a guest, and can also have someone attend in their place if unable to get to any of the screenings, and can attend at any of the three venues.

Visit the website to join, to see archived video previews, 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.

Yankalilla contact is Caroline on 0431 438 993.



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Director: Wolfgang Becker

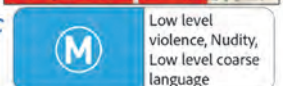
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Yankalilla Showgrounds
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11.00am – 3.00pm

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Bungala House: The Power of Storytelling

Bungala House first came into being in 1856 as a two roomed cottage on the site of Section 1171 in Yankalilla – granted initially to Christian Henry Pollack in 1853, who sold it onto Henry Morris in 1854. Over the decades, it has been home to distinctive families in the area including the Butterworths, the Grahams, the Rymills, the Mayfields, the Jameses, and the Pearses, and has undergone many additions, changes, and renovations.

Once upon a time, it was the centre of high society in the Yankalilla area, attracting visitors who came down from Adelaide in horse and buggy. Later, and more recently, it has been a bed-and-breakfast, home to artists, and the locus of memorable creative events in the area.

Currently, Bungala House and grounds are owned by David and Ari Jolly who bought the property after flying over from Sydney to view it. The Jolly family have made their home in the original cottage and have kept the 'big house' as a luxury accommodation venue – though pared back a little aesthetically from the style of former owners Gary and Jo Brown.

The Jolly family, historian Lorraine Day, and writer Lorraine McLoughlin all generously agreed to be interviewed for the film which will be shown initially at the **Coventry Library in Stirling on Saturday 18 May, 12noon to 2pm**, as part of a free event called 'The Power of Storytelling' – see page 39 of the SA History Festival 2024 program available at Yankalilla Library (etc).

Interested viewers can book to see the **Bungala House film**, a photo montage paying homage to 'a rural idyll: Yankalilla', and a short documentary about Peter Whitford, **online at www.festival.history.sa.gov.au/5592 or by calling Caroline Sullivan on 8408.0400 to book for the event.**

Filmmakers Michael Wyatt and Dr Kathryn Pentecost will also showcase The Bungala House film later this year as part of a special event at the venue. Details to come.



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Old Crusts and the Telegraph Station

The Yankalilla and District Historical Society

Invites you a dinner to celebrate the release of the sixth book in the series

"A tour of the old townships"

Old Inman Valley and Bald Hills.

The wearing of period costume is encouraged. If you have been missing out on local controversy, entertainment will include a

re-enactment of a public meeting held in 1862 where early settlers

Septimane Herbert and Thomas Willson aired their differing views.

Advertiser, July 2, 1862.

A deadly feud seems to be raging between the Yankalillites and the Normanvillians, on the subject of the proposed Telegraph Station. No end of meetings appear to be held, and gentlemen from one part of the district invade the meetings convened in the other part. What the Government may feel inclined to do, is doubtful, - perhaps leave the whole question over until the belligerents of the South can come to terms. All we can say is - may the right win, - and when the battle is over and peace proclaimed, may Yankalilla toast Normanville, and Normanville drink the health of Yankalilla. Meanwhile, we hope that all parties who report these proceedings for the press will steer clear of local bias, and give us the facts, all the facts, and nothing but the facts.



Thomas Willson SLSA B18219



Septimane and Anna Herbert

Normanville Hotel Saturday May 11th 2024 6.30 –9.30pm

Cost \$45 per person Bookings Essential

Yankalilla Visitor Centre 85580240

<https://www.visitfleurieucoast.com.au/old-crusts-and-the-telegraph-station>

Yankalilla & District Historical Society

What's on in May

For more information go to www.yankalilladistricthistory.org.au/events

Enquiries to Pamela Wright 0412 864 276

Heritage Fleurieu Coast Festival 2024

See separate article this issue for more information about our exciting Heritage Fleurieu Coast (HFC) Festival. Don't worry if you forgot to pull out the printed HFC program in last month's Yankalilla Regional News, copies are still available from the Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre. Also the statewide History Month SA program, includes our region's events and is still available at Drakes, Yankalilla.

Virtual Calico Bag

Check out this new YDHS feature! With our Virtual Calico Bag you can put together your own heritage tour of the district. There are historic sites to visit, walks, cemetery tours and self-drive tours of the region including the recently launched Heritage Fleurieu Coast Tree Trail. Visitors to the region will love it, soaking up our heritage between other HFC events. They can print what you need, and do the

same again on their next visit.

<https://www.yankalilladistricthistory.org.au/calicobag>

Free history consultations at the Yankalilla Library

If you have any questions about local or family history, YDHS volunteers are at the Library every Wednesday morning between 10:00am and 12:00noon. All welcome to call in and have a chat.



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Biggest Morning Tea at Myponga

The Myponga Walkers will be holding this event on **Wednesday 15th May in the Myponga Hall at 10.00am.** Come

along and have a chat, meet new friends and enjoy a cuppa served with delicious homemade scones. Cost \$10.00 There will be a lucky door prize and numerous raffle prizes to win.

Theme Best dressed costume. Dress up with the letters Myponga Biggest Morning Tea in It. (eg princess, Batman, pirate, tiger etc). Prize for best Female/Male winner. All money raised goes to a worthy cause - Cancer Council S.A. Hope to see you there!!!

More details ring Ros Hutchinson 0447418157



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Secret Men's Business (The invisibles)

We have a good format now, one which men over 70 look forward to each Thursday. 10.30am to 12noon. At the meeting room at the Yankalilla Hotel, thank you Kingsley. Come and have your morning coffee with this group of men over 70 ("the invisibles"). The "invisibles" because constant reference is made that men of advanced age no longer feel relevant and are treated that way. Discussions arise emanating from the mega life experience EVERY fellow of this age has along with his opinions on any matter at hand. There are NO agendas and no cost. Doing this is an ACTIVITY to add to your weekly agenda. AGENDAS keep us alive and alert in our declining years and this is a pleasant soft option and is being practiced in many communities.
Tony Nicholl.
0423 690 708



Yankalilla Lions

April Dinner Meeting

At our April dinner meeting, our members got to know two of our members a little better when they presented their profiles. Berk grew up in WA and told us about his time in the army from the age of 15 where he worked in various signal units as an electronics technician once he completed his four-year apprenticeship. He served for over 20 years in communications before being discharged in 1995. He then had a few jobs before completing an electrical apprenticeship when he was 56. Cassie is the youngest member of our club and has lived in the local area all her life. Her parents owned Comic Court Lodge for almost 50 years, so she and her three siblings grew up around horses. Her first experience with Lions was in 2003 when our club sponsored her and some other young people to participate in a sail training voyage on the *One and All* ship. She and her husband Ash grew organic celery for a number of years and she has had various jobs since and now works for Elders Real Estate at Normanville. Cassie & Ash like to travel, scuba dive, and go fishing and camping. They are involved in many local community groups including the Men's Shed and the Normanville New Years Eve Pageant.

branches and bark at the Wesleyan Cemetery, behind the RSL Hall at Normanville. They then spent another hour cutting down the woody weeds in one corner of the Yankalilla Anglican Cemetery at the end of Glebe Avenue. We are very grateful for and proud of the efforts that our members give to our local community. If you would like to provide an extra pair of hands to help with our projects - just get in touch!

Lions Mystery Tour

It was a fun social day for our club members and a few extra friends as we went on a mystery tour early in April. Each team in a vehicle left the Yankalilla oval, following directions and answering questions along the route before finishing at the mystery destination (Cape Jervis Community Club) for lunch. The winning team won a bottle of chocolates. The booby prize for the team with the least correct answers was a six pack of empty beer cans and tissues so they could cry in their beer!

Working Bees

Many hands make light work they say! In April, both the Lions Club and the Yankalilla Men's Shed took part in a joint working bee to assist one of its members, who was also key in setting up the Men's Shed. A 'call to arms' resulted in 24 volunteers attending a working bee from both clubs. With this 'man and women' power it didn't take long to knock over the big list of things needing cleaned up! A big thankyou to Cassie and Ash Edwards who organised this and all the volunteers who gave up their time to make this happen.

Interested in joining the Lions Club ?

New Lions members are always welcome to join our organisation to help us serve the community in many ways whilst having fun and making new friends at the same time. For more information on the Yankalilla & District Lions Club activities please free to follow us on Facebook;

<https://www.facebook.com/yankalillaanddistrictlionsclub>
or look us up at
<https://www.yankalillalions.com/>





Lions Club of Yankalilla and Districts

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Easter Car Boot Sale

Another Lions Car Boot Sale comes and goes! Thank you to the 20 stall holders who set up early on Easter Saturday morning in anticipation of great weather and lots of locals and holiday makers visiting on Easter Saturday. We had a great turnout with lots of people looking for bargains. Until next Easter at the Showgrounds. See you all then.

Lions Cemetery cleanup project

Following a survey carried out mid last year by several members on all the known cemeteries in the Yankalilla Council area, our Club committed to a 2-3 year project to undertake maintenance work at the local cemeteries within our Council area. The Club also committed \$2,000 to the project to assist with the costs of materials for the maintenance work and to erect signage. In early March, some of our Club members started the physical work, spending about 1.5 hours trimming the long grass and raking up



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The Easter Art Show 2024

Showcasing local talent and generosity.

For one and a half days over the Easter Weekend the Yankalilla Show Grounds featured the second Easter Art Show organised as a fundraiser by the Fleurieu Refugee Support Group. On the Saturday, when it shared the grounds with the Lion's Car Boot Sale and the Yankalilla Market, there was a crowd of 1000 or more that came through the Pavilion to enjoy the live music and the art. There are several highlights to report:

- as a fundraiser, the organisers are very happy with the results and the renewed capacity for FRSG to support Women for Change in Afghanistan, Rural Australians for Refugees (RAR) and refugee needs as they arise. Most of our artists were women (84%) and it is delightful that funding from their work will support raising awareness of the oppression of women and girls by the Taliban, and provide ongoing and secret education for girls. You can learn more from this link:

<https://womensagenda.com.au/politics/world/please-do-not-forget-them-hazara-women-launch-advocacy-campaign-for-women-under-taliban-rule/>

- as an Art Show it showcased a diverse range of artistic talent. There were healthy sales and much positive feedback. The Silent Auction was a popular feature and an important contributor to the funds raised. Attendance, feedback and sales, re-affirmed the importance of a bi-ennial Easter Art Show for community connection, for exhibiting our artists, and for inspiring each other. One local work has found its way to the city for display on a website and in a clinic. One has made its way interstate. One retired artist has reignited their passion to take up the brushes again.

- the presentation of awards to the young people for art works on the theme of *Connection* was the most popular of highlights. Both Rebekah Sharkie, our Federal MP, and Darryl Houston, Mayor of Yankalilla, were at the opening ceremony to speak and to present awards. Their words, their presence and support were motivational for the bright-eyed young people and the weary organisers alike.

- background music was provided by Jillian Langford on piano, Marcus Richards on guitar, and Glen Reid on keyboard and guitar. Some will remember Glen from 2022. He stumbled upon us, after a YAM session in the Pavilion on the Sunday and generously provided



Children's Art and the Silent Auction corner

music non-stop all day.

- two informal activities proved very popular. Jane Whitelock's cartoon provided a colouring-in opportunity for young people and a couple of 24-year-olds. Some visitors voted on their favourite paintings. These covered a wide range of artists, but stand outs were, Jennie Newman's *After the Blaze*, Gay Robertson's *Creek Walk Lagoon at Tocumwal*, and *STREETS OF NORMANVILLE*, by Gayle Parsons.

- the organisers enjoyed working together and creating a relaxed, unhurried, friendly exhibition. There are lots of ideas for improvements and lots of enthusiasm within the group. This means there could be a 2026 Easter Art Show at Yankalilla so look out for a 'call out' soon for volunteers,

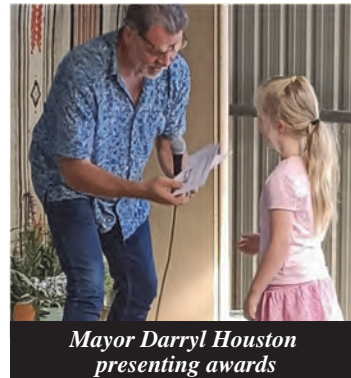
not necessarily FRSG members, to join the team to make it happen. If you missed out on the Art Show for 2024, keep an eye on the FRSG Facebook page, we hope to post some highlights soon.



Glen Reid and Jillian Langford provided background music



Rebekah Sharkie MP presenting awards



Mayor Darryl Houston presenting awards

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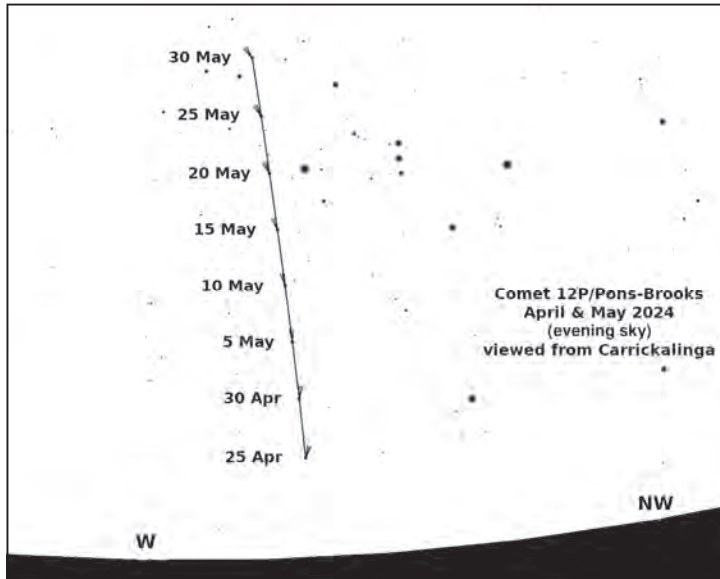
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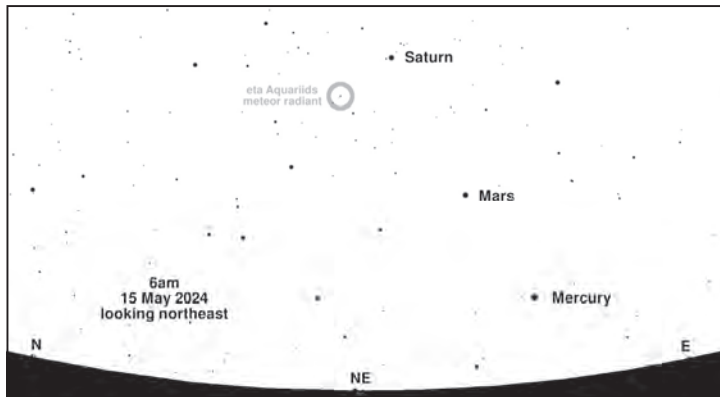
The Night Shift !

with The Backyard Universe

This month is your last chance until 2095 to eyeball Comet Pons-Brooks, low in our western evening sky during twilight. During May it fades because it's getting further from both Sun and Earth, and from mid-May moonlight will begin to blot it out too. A sea horizon plus a pair of binoculars will both help the view.



Meanwhile this month we also get to see the debris from a famous comet in the pre-dawn morning sky. The Eta Aquariids meteor shower is caused by solid particles of Comet Halley, released into space during its closest approaches to the Sun every 76 years, and then gradually dispersed around the comet's entire orbit. Comet Halley reached its furthest point from the Sun last October, so this year's meteors are about half an orbit away from the comet itself and probably escaped from it millennia ago. For historical reasons meteor showers are named after a star near the point in the sky they appear to be coming from (the *meteor radiant*). In this case, the dim star Eta Aquarii. However don't look at this star -- the best way to spot a shower meteor is to eyeball the ring of sky that's 60 to 90 degrees away from its radiant.



The Eta Aquariids occur for 2-3 weeks each year, peaking in early May with 40-50 meteors per hour entering the Earth's atmosphere at about 66km per second. These meteors are fast; many of them are also bright and can leave persistent trails across the sky.

Bright planets in May:

There are no bright planets in the evening sky this month. They're either behind the Sun or visible in the morning sky. See the 6am sky chart.

Mercury is showing well in the eastern morning sky this month.

Venus is hidden behind the Sun's glare for the next few weeks.

Mars is visible in the eastern morning sky this month.

Jupiter is also hidden behind the Sun's glare for the next few weeks.

Saturn rises after 1am all month, so look for it high in the northeastern morning sky above the morning twilight.

The Moon is near Saturn on the morning of May 4, near Mars on the morning of May 5, near Mercury on the morning of May 6, and near Saturn again on the mornings of May 31 & Jun 1.

Last Quarter Moons May 1 & 31, New Moon May 8, First Quarter Moon May 15 and Full Moon May 23. Closest approach to Earth on May 6.

Until next month...
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The role of religion

Allan Fox's letter (YRN April 2024) raised a number of interesting points about religion, particularly Christianity.

Firstly, he says that Jesus went to his death voluntarily, as a self-sacrifice for the 'sins of the world'. That was a waste of his life, wasn't it! The world has been sinning ever since and shows no sign of changing. Unless, of course, Jesus makes his long-promised return to make everything 'right' again. Don't hold your breath - it's been 2,000 years now and there's no sign of him yet!

Secondly, Jews, Catholics and people of just about all religions have been among the most bloodthirsty and ruthless groups throughout history - the Crusaders marching across Europe and Asia mercilessly killing just about everyone in their path; the complete idiocy and needless loss of life during the terror of the Spanish inquisition, where thousands of people were slaughtered for absolutely no reason; and, more recently, the hatred and deadly violence of Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland, are just three examples of 'thou shall not kill' being conveniently ignored in the lust for religious zeal.

I could go on. And yes, I am an atheist.

*P Parsons
Normanville*

Speaking truth to power

Question: 'Why is it so difficult for those in positions of power to truly listen?'

Answer: 'It is difficult for those in positions of power to truly listen because they don't need to listen; they have already made up their minds.'

This is what I believe in relation to all the community consultation processes that take place in this council area and others. Certainly, this is the impression much of the community has in relation to the processes conducted by the powers-that-be. In the 12 years that I have lived here, I find it difficult to think of a time when this wasn't so.

It seems that this is not just an issue between council and ratepayers, but within council itself. Indeed, in the March YRN, we have discovered that the Deputy Mayor Tim Moffatt resigned from his role because even he could not get through to his own cohort in council, most particularly the Mayor Darryl Houston. What the heck is going on?

We also know that elected members Cr Davina Quirke and Cr Wayne Gibbs have been censured in their attempts to try to stand up for their community and gain necessary information about various issues. Indeed, bureaucracy seems at its most insidious when it uses the methodologies it has fine-tuned to stifle debate.

When I watched the January 2024 council meeting online, I was reminded how terribly artificial and constraining the entire meeting process is. I must say that I was very happy that I did not end up running for council, though I commend those elected members who do have the community's best interests at heart and am stunned by their fortitude and patience. I commend Cr Tim Moffatt for standing firmly on his principles and hope that he will be of greater benefit to the community as an ordinary elected member.

Finally, when it comes to having input into any community consultation processes, my

willpower is almost dead. I find it impossible to believe that those who have the most power in council, have any community interests at heart, or would even ever begin to understand why many in this community have lost faith. When you speak with others in the community, you note that many others think of community consultation as merely a 'box-ticking' exercise, which addresses local government by-laws but is essentially meaningless in creating fundamental positive change.

Of course, it is well-known that I am no fan of the foreshore redevelopment. In fact, I like others, have kept an 'eagle eye' on its progress. I wonder whether or not the new cabins have exceeded the 5% occupancy rate they had in November. Of course, the summer period was bound to be more successful... but how successful? And can any of us really translate bureaucratic language into plain English?

Certainly, the surf life saving club seems to have gained the biggest benefit. Not bad for an area where there's barely any surf. Of course, I'm not against all the good the organisation does for young people etc... What is obvious, however, is that this part of the redevelopment has gained the most advantage: no commercial lease arrangements allowing it to provide cheap meals, with the very best views, biggest floor area, and (sadly) taking business away from the small, family businesses in the area on Friday and Saturday nights.

For bemusement, the other day, my hubby and I tried imagining how much interest all we ratepayers would now be forking out for the huge council debts. The figure which we roughly calculated was 'eye-watering'. No wonder, there are 'strategic decisions on project deferrals'. (Thank the goddesses!)

Read: <http://www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au/news-and-events/capital-projects>

My 'haters' will accuse me of 'being negative'. I say that I am a 'realist'. My motto has always been 'don't buy what you can't afford' and I have lived this as my truth and prospered.

Having listened to Radio National this morning, I was struck by the idea that, in the main, our country's (mostly male) leaders come from the most privileged echelons of society - generally through the private school system, and often from single-sex schools. This reminded me of the background of the new Deputy Mayor, so readers, don't hold your breaths thinking that we'll be any better off with this change of leadership. In fact, now the person so determined to stifle debate is in an advanced position of power in a situation where nobody else put their hand up for the job.

Remember the famous short track speed skater who won the 2002 Winter Olympics after all his opponents were involved in a last minute pile up? Surely, this is a case of 'doing a Steven Bradbury'?

Field Ward must be celebrating! Lol.

*Yours cynically,
Dr Kath.*

Concerned about debt

As a resident of the Yankalilla council I am concerned about the debt we are in. Maybe too many projects on at the one-time along with an incorrect projected income budget is leading again to another hike in our DCY rates. As a homeowner, we are aware sometimes we have to tighten our belts in difficult times to reduce wasteful spending. It should concern us all.

Gavin Denton

Jewel of the Fleurieu

The Yankalilla/Normanville/Carrickalinga area is an attractive hub for tourists of all types. Day visitors, weekend stays, school holidays and long weekends. A great base for visitors to experience the wonderful and unique attractions of the Fleurieu. A true Jewel in the crown. This tourism is great for many of the local businesses. During the recent Easter weekend the area was packed with holidaymakers enjoying great facilities, a relaxed atmosphere, open businesses and excellent weather.

Many of these short term holidaymakers book accommodation in the area and are guests of hundreds of landlords who make their homes available as rentals.

Holiday rental properties make up a good proportion of homes in this area of the Fleurieu. Most of the visits are for two or three days, usually over weekends, with longer terms in School Holidays and Easter and Christmas/New Year periods.

A serious issue with this influx of tourists and holidaymakers is that the Blue Waste to Landfill bin is collected fortnightly. When guests vacate the rental property on a Monday morning, and place the bin on the kerb, it may not be collected until the Friday of the following week. The bin could contain a variety of rubbish including dirty nappies etc. This is extremely unhygienic, especially in the hot weather, and if another group is renting the property the following weekend the offending bin is still out on the kerb for another week and the guests don't have a bin for their rubbish.

Due to the high proportion of short term holiday rentals in this area, it is essential that the Blue Waste Bin is collected weekly.

Kym Byrne

About Rubbish

As a resident of Normanville on Jetty Road, I would like to make a complaint about the current bin service, in particular the Blue Bins.

As you know, Normanville is now a popular tourist destination and as a community, we have worked hard to attract tourists both Nationally and Internationally to visit and stay in the area and help to increase the economy and local employment. We understand the Green drive but the reality of the local garbage is that the main waste i.e. Blue Bin is still the number one concern for waste management.

Tourists staying consume mainly items that need to go into the Blue Bin, but for some reason, this has been downgraded to "not so important" now. As a consequence, garbage bags are piling up around local residences, locals are sneaking around at night time putting bags into local bins around the beach, parks and worst other people's bins, as we discover our bins sometimes full in the mornings. We are also noticing garbage thrown into paddocks and the side of roads because there is no council service to fix this growing problem.

This is a now a major problem for the area and we implore the council to go back to the regular weekly service of collecting the Blue Bins as we had it, which was working fine before this was changed. Why it was changed without any local consultation is also a mystery. It is also now a regular talking point with residents in the area.

We look forward to commonsense prevailing and the Blue Bin service being restored as a weekly service to the entire area as soon as possible.

A resident of Jetty Road, Normanville



Consultation on Normanville Caravan Park

At a recent council meeting, I had a deputation requesting that the confidential reports be released regarding the two management models for the council owned caravan park at Normanville Beach and the current consultation processes by the Yankalilla Council be held off until information in the secret reports are made public.

My main concern is that if the foreshore community land is leased and privatised, we might lose the ability to create more open space as Normanville grows in the next few years. That open space could have a shady area under the trees, picnic benches, BBQ areas, access to the Bungala River, room for the Sailing Club Rooms and other facilities that would benefit visitors and local residents. The confidential reports would contain how a lease/licence affects the current Annual Caravan Licences, the Sailing Club, and Normanville Tennis Club. As an outcome from my deputation, the Tennis Club has now been promised a new lease that will be issued after discussions with members.

I ask readers to participate in the consultation and put your point of view forward on the future of our caravan park, bearing in mind the Yankalilla Structure Plan says that the a future council owned caravan park will be located on land across the Butterworth Bridge with access from Willis Drive, when land become available, a policy I support. The Structure Plan is available from the council office or online and is a guide for council regarding future developments in our district and any rezonings that might be required, now called a Code Amendment.

I also ask readers to request the council to release the confidential reports so

consultation participants can lodge submissions with an informed viewpoint and hold off consultation until the reports are released, by a letter to the council. Submissions closing soon.

Thank you for reading,
Des Gubbin.

Adelaide Writers' Week

I wish to publicly thank the Yankalilla Library team immensely for hosting the live streaming of *Adelaide Writers' Week 2024*.

Given the intense heat during that first week of March, it was great to be able to visit the Yankalilla Library to watch a portion of the event in comfort.

Writers such as Illan Pappé and Nathan Thrall were especially important guests who spoke about their work related to the Israel-Hamas conflict playing out in Gaza. Being able to engage with current events through these writers was excellent.

Hearing biographers, novelists, poets, and non-fiction authors of the highest calibre, without necessarily having to travel to the city was very appreciated.

As always, *Adelaide Writers' Week* is a thrilling addition to the cultural calendar of the festival season in March.

Congratulations again for enabling this access for our community.

Dr Kathryn Pentecost

Dog Park Proposal

Being a proponent of the dog park initiative I was pleased to see reference to this exercise on page 18 of the April issue of YRN. Lots of reference to the dogs that will frequent such a place BUT a dog park from personal experience is a gathering place for people, people who love socialising and especially those who would love too but circumstances keeps them reclusive. In short a dog park is a gathering place, hugely popular in other communities so I have committed to the 'GoFundme' initiative.

T. Nicholl

PS. I might get a dog!

Dementia Australia

17 April 2024

Research commissioned by Dementia Australia and undertaken by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare in 2023 shows the number of Australians living with dementia is expected to nearly double by 2054.

In 2024 it is estimated there are around 34,170 people living with all forms of dementia in South Australia. This figure is projected to increase to around 55,600 by 2054.

No one should have to face dementia alone.

Dementia Australia is here 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. If you or a loved one have a diagnosis of dementia, or mild cognitive impairment, or you're concerned about changes to your cognition or that of a loved one, call the **National Dementia Helpline on 1800 100 500**.

Maree McCabe AM
CEO Dementia Australia

Community Notice

This is a notice in my personal capacity and is not an official notice of the Yankalilla District Council.

There are three upcoming public consultations regarding the council budget on the **14th of May** (at Second Valley Hall 4-7pm), the **17th of May** (at Council Chambers 4-5:30pm), and the **20th of May** (via Zoom at 5:30-7pm).

I HIGHLY RECOMMEND ALL RATEPAYERS ATTEND ONE OF THESE CONSULTATIONS.

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Which e-mail system is the best?

Web-based email services such as **Outlook.com** and **Gmail** offer several advantages over internet providers' email services such as **Bigpond.com**. Here are some reasons why:

Accessibility: Web-based email services can be accessed from anywhere in the world, as long as you have an internet connection. This means that you can check your email on the go, without having to worry about being tied to a specific device or location. It is usually easier to setup Outlook.com or Gmail on your phone, tablet and computer than an internet providers' email system.

Storage: Web-based email services typically offer more storage space than internet providers' email services. For example, Gmail offers 15 GB of free storage, while Outlook.com offers 50 GB of free storage. This means that you can store more emails and attachments without having to worry about running out of space.

Features: Web-based email services offer a wide range of features that are not available with internet providers' email services. For example, Gmail offers a powerful search function that allows you to quickly find specific emails, as well as a built-in chat function that allows you to communicate with other Gmail users in real-

time.

Security: Web-based email services typically offer better security than internet providers' email services. For example, Gmail uses two-factor authentication to help protect your account from unauthorized access, while Outlook.com uses encryption to help protect your emails from prying eyes.

Customizability: Web-based email services offer more customization options than internet providers' email services. For example, Gmail allows you to customize the look and feel of your inbox with themes and custom backgrounds.

Some internet providers are moving away from supplying e-mail services, Internode have already stopped, with others potentially doing the same soon.

Shane Grocke
0481 779 893



Yankalilla Art Group

Don't be afraid of the dark was the subject of the art class for April. Artist Dianne Faccin showed us how to see tonal changes and apply them to watercolour painting. Everyone was surprised at the different colours and tones that they could get from burnt umber and ultramarine blue mixed together. Dianne's beautiful work was the inspiration for us all. Newcomers are always welcome to join the class to learn something new and just chill.

Our next class will be on the 9th of May at the Yankalilla Show Grounds Supper Room starting around 9.30am. and finishing around 3pm.

Anyone interested in joining the Yankalilla Art Group are welcome, Contact
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New Tourist and Retirement Park on Williss Drive

Ten hectares of land on Willis Drive next to Beachside caravan park and South Shores, the former horse stud of Comic Court is to be developed into a caravan and tourist park with a difference.

This one will also contain a residential park for retirees where they can own their dwelling but lease the land (rather than purchasing both). This will reduce the upfront cost while also making them eligible for Commonwealth rent assistance.

Residential Park

- for occupiers over 50 years of age
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- a community building and facilities
- visitor car park
- recreation areas
- bowling green

Tourist Park

- 20 cabins
- 20 caravan sites
- 79 camping sites with en suites

Amenities

- office
- amenities building and
- recreation areas (pools, sports courts)

Aspen are listed on the ASX and hold \$550 million in assets over 5000 dwellings or sites in SA, NSW, VIC, WA, QLD, and the NT.

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Normanville Sailing Club



By the time this article is published the 2023-24 sailing season will be finished. But, I am sure that many readers will have seen our boats out during the season. It has not been the best of sailing seasons and for the first time the course of the race around the sunken wave energy generator at Easter had to be modified due to light winds. The winner this year was George Reeves – congratulations George.

Very light or very strong winds were a regular feature of the season but we did have many good sailing days and were blessed with an excellent day on April 14. Nine boats took to the water that day and all had a great day. A few weeks before that the State Championships for Paper Tigers were held at Victor Harbor and then Normanville and there were 17 boats out there that day. We have had many days with 15 and more boats sailing and Normanville remains a popular sailing destination due to the interesting micro climate of Yankalilla Bay.

The Club would like to thank the Normanville community for their support and encouragement. A wonderful feature of the sport is that visitors to the beach stop and chat to the sailors while the boats are being rigged and derigged and with the beach crew during the weekly races. In particular, we thank the volunteers who make sailing possible each week. Darryl

Jackman is a regular presence towing boats on and off the beach (as well as assisting the many people who become bogged as the sand becomes more and more churned up during the season). Chris Kirkbride, Mark Weston, Bill Trevorrow and others have also assisted and Alistair Christie acts as a regular time keeper on the beach. Apologies for any who haven't been named but have supported us. If you are a keen 'boatie' and would like to assist by helping out with the club boat, time keeping, or just helping sailors rig and derig, please contact us at normanvillesailingclub@gmail.com or visit us on Facebook and let us know of your interest. We are also interested in any businesses or groups who are willing to sponsor the club as we increasingly find it difficult to keep our heads above the financial waters.

And, of course, if you are interested in sailing and want to give it a go, pop into our exclusive clubroom (the tent on the foreshore) any time during the sailing season and chat to us about the options.

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Blackspotted Wrasse (*Austrolabrus maculatus*)

This small wrasse is very common and ranges widely around southern Oz. Happily, for readers, nobody - not even those extremists who say that anthropogenic climate change is invariably the cause when discussing any declining or threatened animal and plant species - seems concerned about this particular fish.

Indeed, my subjective but strong impression is that *A. maculatus* is more common in SA now than it was 50 years ago.

Places like Rapid Bay jetty and the reefs at Second Valley are usually teeming with them, including lots of juveniles. Diving at such places I now routinely see greater numbers of these than any of the other locally common wrasses, and I think their numbers have been trending upwards pretty steadily for some decades. In both our gulfs, but perhaps peaking here in GSV. So for once I won't need to wring my hands and discuss threatening processes like over-fishing and declining reef health.

Blackspotted wrasses are wrasses, aka parrotfish, so they're in Family Labridae, that very large family of marine (yes, all are marine) fish with over 600 species in 81 genera.

Many are brightly colored, especially in the tropics, but many temperate beauties also stand out (eg senator wrasse, July 2022 article).

The Blackspotted Wrasse attains 20cm and is endemic to Australia. The genus *Austrolabrus* is monotypic (it only contains one species). It is known from two separate populations; an eastern population ranging from northern to southern NSW and a western population from the eastern coast of SA to the central coast of WA.

It inhabits rocky reefs from shallow subtidal to about 40m, also sponge gardens, and is territorial and forms pairs for mating but the parents don't hang around nurturing their young. She sprays eggs into the water close to the reef surface, he ejects sperm into the same water, and off they go. Fertilised eggs drift briefly as plankton but quickly settle as hatchlings, at random, over reef or sponge bottom, if they're lucky.

Identification is easy. Adults and older juveniles are pink to red-brown dorsally, with numerous small dark spots, and pale to yellowish ventrally. Juveniles and females have a white bar and white-edged black spot on the caudal peduncle (just before the tail). These markings are not present in adult males.



Most wrasses have relatively small mouths for body size, but all have thick lips and protrusible mouths. Their strong teeth can tend to jut out, a great way to pull food off hard surfaces or break through crustacean carapaces, small shells and the like. Wrasses are mainly carnivorous. Blackspotted, being relatively small as wrasses go, mainly eat small invertebrates (crabs, urchins, shrimps, snails, worms), plus a few tiny reef fishes. (AND, juveniles greatly supplement their nutritional intake by acting as cleaner hosts; more on that later).

Alone or in small groups *A. maculatus* often follow closely behind larger marine predators to collect left-over scraps.

All wrasses share a particularly energy-efficient swimming style, relying mainly on tail-end strength and a peculiar almost rotatory flapping of their pectoral fins. All are diurnally active and hide overnight. If awoken by a night diver's torch beam, they often blunder about in such a disoriented way that they bounce off the diver, camera gear, or the reef itself, but few wrasses ever bite humans, with the obvious exception being when a hook is being removed from their mouth on jetty or boat.

I've hundreds of photos of this species, but the folder I've provided for editorial selection has lots that show adult and juvenile Blackspotted, interacting with other reef fish. Demonstrating indirectly how common this wrasse is, while also introducing another facet of the wrasse world, their global importance as cleaners. Juvenile Blackspotted often clean dead tissue and parasites off larger reef fish.

Cleaner wrasses have long been studied in the tropics, but until 2005 (Ref #1) there'd been "No previous systematic study of the subject in southern Australia."

So much research has been done on tropical cleaner wrasses yet so little on temperate ones. Coral reef docs abound, and seeing small tropical wrasse cleaning huge manta rays is good entertainment. But some narrators push the wow factor too far. For instance, claims that certain schools of mantas will ONLY visit one particular cleaning station for parasite removal makes the marine biological diver who found it seem very special! But such gushing is merely convenient guessing. And to then claim that successive generations of mantas fastidiously target a single secret cleaning station is fanciful. Natural ecosystems, especially when pristine, always have inherent flexibility. That's evolutionary basics.

Putting the cart before the horse often sets in

train widely held incorrect beliefs within any scientific field. For some inexplicable reason it has always been assumed that tropical fish get more types of parasite and heavier loads.

But where's the evidence, and what's the logic behind that? Perhaps people thought the link between equatorial hot humid climate and the prevalence of malaria, hookworm and other human parasitic diseases could be applied to warm equatorial seas and fish parasite susceptibility. But that's fraught with holes. Human population has historically remained higher near the equator, providing more opportunities for parasites to target us. And far more humans snorkel and dive in the tropics, so they'll see host client interaction more often, and assume that the fish parasite problem is mainly tropical.

I'll venture out on a limb and say that humans AND fish inhabiting cool temperate latitudes have as many types of parasite, and similar parasite loads, to those near the equator.

So what?

Well, we're running out of food, globally, but our cool climate scientists aren't getting fairly funded.

Barrier Reef research dollars far, far exceed Great Southern Reef.

But temperate marine ecosystems provide more food per unit area than tropical ones.

Juvenile Blackspotted Wrasse have guild signals; the markings near the tail are basically false eye spots, which diminish and alter with maturity, such that the juveniles' "false eyes" are very visible from a distance, unlike those of the adult females, and the males have lost them entirely.

The juveniles NEED to be highly visible, or their clients can't find them, and won't recognise them as cleaner hosts.

A reef without cleaners will lose fish and not attract new ones. Therefore, cleaners are vital to the health of a reef. Therefore, we need to ensure the survival of cleaners.

Which is exactly why we need our Museum!

Currently we only know about the cleaning role of a dozen or so Southern Australian fish and shrimp species. But I guarantee there are many, many more, doing part-time cleaning, right



@ Second Valley



@ Rapid Bay jetty

under our noses. Seek and we will find. But on parasites, politicians, mutualism and symbiosis I will remain mute, just for a day. So I close by asking the editor to include a photo of a large parasite (a female Striped Sea Louse) near the head of an adult Blackspotted Wrasse. So I can ask this question: Who or what cleans the cleaners?

OK, only juvenile Blackspotted remove parasites, and that Louse is too big for them to tackle. But something must eat Striped Sea Lice! But whatever eats Striped Sea Lice must be declining within the habitats frequented by Leafy Seadragons. Lately almost every second Leafy we see at Rapid Bay, Second Valley and other known Seadragon hangouts in SA has one of those on its body or head.

Decades ago we only occasionally saw leafies hosting this large and obvious external parasite. Somewhere up the local food chain something vital to Leafy health has gone AWOL. I'm betting that's yet another anthropogenic outcome.

Some divers now gently remove Striped Sea Lice from Leafy Seadragons, with the best of intentions.

But others argue that this contravenes the Diving With Seadragons Code of Conduct, which advises divers never to touch them.

"Don't interfere with the natural environment," they say. Akin to "Leave only footprints."

I'm a fence sitter here.



@ Rapid Bay jetty with a Blue Devil

None of us know where this will lead. We only know that something is badly awry in our local marine environment. And our state fish emblem is becoming lousier, as one obvious indicator.

The End.



Ref#1: "Cleaning symbiosis among inshore fishes at Althorpe Islands South Australia and elsewhere" (2005) by SA Shepherd, J Teale and D Muirhead, *Transactions of the Royal Society of South Australia* 129,193-201.

Opinions & Discussions

SA Museum in troubled waters

Dear YRN readers,

I'm very, very angry. How dare the state government shut down our world class SA Museum (SAM)?

Because, mark my words, that's what they are planning to do. As Secretary for the Marine Life Society of South Australia Inc I attended a pathetic excuse for a "Meeting for concerned stakeholders", called at short notice by the new Director (CEO), and held in the Royal Society of South Australia's premises, located between the public galleries fronting North Terrace and the specimen collections and research premises at the rear.

I've got to say it as I see it.

Dr David Gaimster got the job 7 months ago, when the previous Director quit at short notice. He's CEO because the museum's board members, with 1 or 2 exceptions, were filling seats to bolster their CVs, with most lacking qualifications in natural sciences and seemingly lacking appreciation for the natural world. Failure to fund the SA Museum adequately goes back several decades, with both liberal and Labor taking turns to cut funding.

In February Tim Flannery warned of the "death" of the South Australian Museum if it continues in its current direction, after staff were told that all research positions would be abolished as part of its restructure. Flannery was director at SAM from 1999-2006 and was principal research scientist in mammalogy at the Australian Museum 1984-1999. He was Australian of the Year in 2007 and is described by David Attenborough as "in the league of the all-time great Explorers like Dr David Livingstone".

Tim said "the collections are there for research, and without research, the collections wither and die, and with that the museum withers and dies".

"It is extremely important that you have knowledgeable people researching those collections in perpetuity."

"Being a researcher in a museum like South Australia is like being a high priest in a temple. You have been passed on the sacred objects by your predecessor who has looked after them through their career. That chain of care goes back to the foundation of the state of South Australia - the foundation of the museum. Break the chain of care and you destroy the museum."

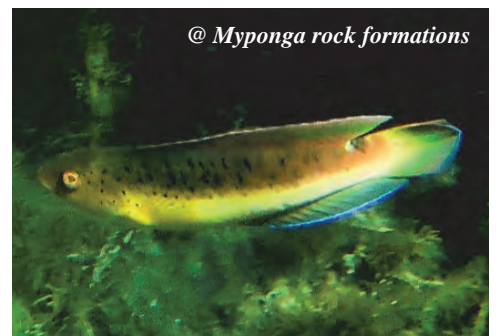
I'm devastated.

Premier Malinauskas, lift your game, or bow your head in shame.

The buck stops with you.

The Museum Parliamentary Act 1979 says so.

David Muirhead



@ Myponga rock formations

Western Film Photoshoot

Support Yankalilla Youth Theatre and get dressed in your best cowpoke outfit! Come on down to the Normanville Village Green on Tuesday 14 May 10am–Noon (it's a western, has to be noon!) This event is part of the Heritage Festival. Pose in front of a green screen and you can be included in our new film – Tumbleweed! We had hoped to film on this day, however the filming event has been postponed until September. The young actors are creating a clever and funny script, incorporating local business's including, Bungala Café, Normanville Newsagency and Tonya's Hair Design. We hope to turn Normanville into the wild west for a day. Great fun for everyone!

Machines and Vehicles Performance

50 people came to the Yankalilla Show Hall on Sunday 7 April to support our youngest group of performers (aged 6-8) who were performing for the first time. So many people came we had to get extra chairs and were at capacity! How exciting! The 'Drama Play' group created a play called 'Machines and Vehicles' based on their own ideas. They chose the types of machines, created the characters, helped direct their own scene and drew pictures for a poster. Families helped to make the props and sets, which included a space rocket, time machine, flying toilet and tram stop. The show was part performance / part workshop and the audience got involved in making space helmets, passports, money and even flying toilet seats. It was great fun to see everyone of different ages getting involved and having a great time. The actors used headset microphones for the first time, which they found very exciting. Mayor Darryl Houston came along and joined in, and it was an incredible community event. Two of our exceptional older performers received the Mayor's Scholarship. Congratulations to Ellie Hinks and Rayne Jordan!

Thanks to all families who helped make this event possible. It was such fun to see everyone in their space helmets and holding out their passports to be stamped! The event was made possible by a grant from Carclew Youth Arts who are supporting our Vehicles Community Connect project this year and by Skylight, who are supporting our mini mag Sunday workshops. Look out for a great article about the event in our mini mag written by a young journalist student.



Mini Mag Autumn Edition

Young people and their families have contributed some great work to the next edition of our magazine. Look out for it in local shops and on top of the Normanville piano. All young people can get involved in the Mini Mag by attending free Sunday Workshops or sending their writing or art to **PO Box 2608 Normanville 5204** or email yytheatre@outlook.com

Theatre Excursion to Adelaide Festival

Also thanks to Carclew, our oldest group, the Improvisation Troupe attended an inspiring excursion last month to the Adelaide Festival to see a professional theatre production called 'Tree of Light' by Slingsby Theatre Company, one of the most innovative and inspiring theatre companies in the state. The group were blown away by the skill of the actors, the set up of the small theatre and the set and lighting designs. Two more excursions have been booked for later in the year to the Adelaide Festival Theatre to see productions by Windmill Theatre Company. Offering inspiring group expeditions has always been part of the Yankalilla Youth Theatre's goals and we are so grateful to Carclew for helping us achieve these exciting activities for our local young people.

Sunday Sessions

All families are welcome to join our free Sunday Sessions, where we work on our magazine and take part in fun arts activities at the Yankalilla Show Hall. Afternoon tea supplied! In April we were thrilled to have artist Bill Page teach us some painting techniques and talk about connections, the theme of the Easter Art Show supporting the refugee support group. Upcoming Sunday Session dates are 12 & 24 May, 9 & 23 June. These workshops are free thanks to the Foundation for Rural, Regional Renewal (FRRR) and Skylight.

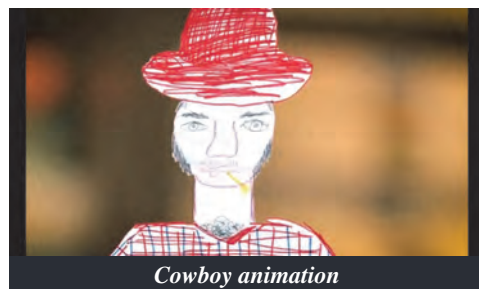
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Mayor Darryl Houston in his space helmet



Bill Page Art Workshop



Cowboy animation



Drama Play Actors



Machines and Vehicles Yankalilla Youth Arts Community Event

Yankalilla Ladies Probus Club

Welcoming new members & new committees

Annual General meeting season has come around again, and we have a fresh start for a new Probus year. New member Glenice Britcher, received her membership badge and information pack, presented by Bev Skinner our excellent Membership Officer. A very warm welcome Glenice and to our repeat visitors Rosaline, Carla and Jo, who we hope will join us again soon.

Our raffle was drawn with the lucky winner, Marlene Stone, receiving first prize of a fabulous, vibrant painting of gum nuts created by our member Patricia (Paddy) Young.

We followed our busy meeting morning with a delicious lunch and serious conversation (?) at Caffe on Bungala. The problems of the world are sorted out at these lunches. ☺

At our May meeting we will be entertained by a group of local line dancers, and in June our well-known local Optometrist will speak to us about eye health.

We try to have interesting speakers and entertaining outings regularly. Please do join us at a future meeting, 4th Wednesday of every month except December, at the RSL Hall Normanville.

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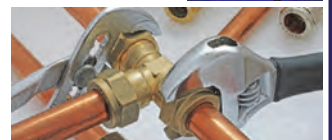
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Federal Member for Mayo, Rebekha Sharkie MP is pleased to see years of ongoing advocacy have paid off with the Government announcing establishment of a Regional University Study Hub in Victor Harbor.

This Hub is one of ten across Australia that will make university more accessible to students living in regional areas.

Ms Sharkie has long advocated for increased access to tertiary education in regional areas of Mayo and South Australia more broadly.

This Study Hub will provide direct benefits to regional students as well as the broader Victor Harbor community addressing two key areas of concern, the retention of young people in the region and increased availability of skilled local workers to sustain and expand industries.

Ms Sharkie believes establishment of these Regional Study Hubs will encourage universities to strengthen industry relationships and produce job-ready graduates.

"The Victor Harbor Study Hub will provide an opportunity to increase tertiary education attainment in our region, removing barriers faced by local residents in completing this

level of study," said Ms Sharkie. "Victor Harbor students currently travel 160kms return to go to universities in the city. The Victor Harbor Study Hub will allow students to spend more of their time studying and working and less time travelling, improving education outcomes."

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Due to the recent resignation of Cr Bill Verwey, a supplementary election will be held to fill the vacancy of Councillor in the Light Ward.

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- **Nominations open on 23 May and close on 6 June 2024.**
- The election will be conducted by post. Make sure to return your votes by July 22, 2024.

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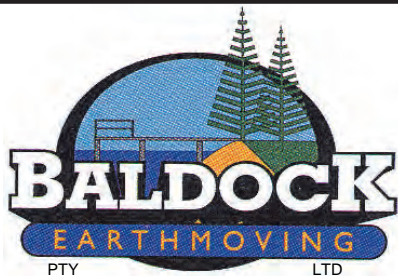
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WOM Wednesday Dancers



More dance moves

Recently, we hosted the international students from Hallet Cove School.



Students connecting at WOM Wednesday session



Classroom presentations



Ag students share farm learning

The Hallet Cove students shared information about their home countries, taught us some phrases of their home language, as well as the



At Amaroo Farm

experience of being exchange students in South Australia. YAS students were fantastic listeners and asked some really interesting questions.

Our wonderful YAS hosts, Lilly, Chloe and Christine managed to get our speakers to their correct destinations and pointed out highlights in the yard. At the farm, Year 10 and 11 Ag experts explained the learning that happens down on the farm and in the aquaculture shed.



YAS student artwork - portrait of Hallet Cove student

Sharyn Braithwaite talked to groups of Hallet Cove students about her role caring for kangaroo joeys and the joey cuddles were a highlight for many students.

Finally, the visit was capped off with a BBQ cooked expertly by Graham Alexander and his helpers. Our visitors enjoyed a variety of Australian favourites, including lamb chops and kangaroo. Yum! Thank you to everyone for their



Kangaroo cuddles

support of this program, we are hoping to have another visit in the

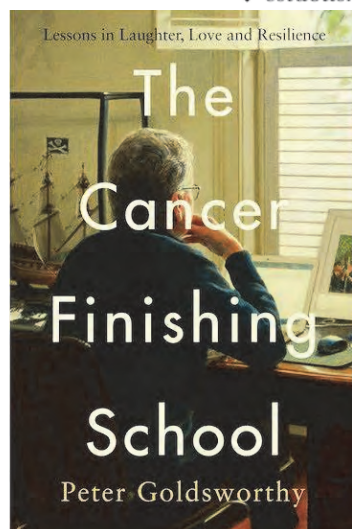
near future and are currently working on a "Making connections" mural to be displayed in our yard, which will further cement our cross-site relationship.



Book Reviews

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The Cancer Finishing School

'But by that time my pride had worn so thin I could see clear through it.' It's a line from Peter Goldsworthy's latest work, *The Cancer Finishing School*, (Penguin, 2024) and it perfectly summarises where many roads have led to for him.

This book is focused on his wild, scary, and surprisingly exhilarating journey through many months after a diagnosis of multiple myeloma, a cancer affecting plasma in bone marrow in many parts of the body (hence 'multiple'). Many books have been written by people in this situation, a few by medical doctors like Goldsworthy. The treatments, the impact on his family and friends, and the constant knowledge that there is no actual cure, only more or less time left, are all described with flair, humour and pathos. I guess I expected that to be done well in a work by a highly accomplished writer, and it is.

But what stands out for me as I put the book down is his intense respect and even love for an unending list of his patients over forty years, and how much that shapes the man dealing with this crisis. The many



stories, always hiding true identities, delighted me with their rawness, agony and, at times, laugh-out-loud silliness. He's thrown himself into patient care with almost no guard-rails, and emerged with a huge appreciation of the lives of others. In multiple ways it feels as if they've been his teachers, preparing him for this immense test of character.

I'm not sure the book changed my thoughts on how I might, or might not, deal with my own inevitable health challenges in later life. But it

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just might, as some of the passages in this honest and entertaining story sink in. It just might turn out to be an important work, which would be a worthy result for his efforts.

What Happened to Nina?

The latest novel from best selling crime writer Dervla McTiernan is less of a who-dunnit and more of a what-next thriller. Nina and Simon are high school sweethearts who have been managing a long distance relationship since starting college. Home in Vermont for the holidays, they decide to take a break at

Simon's family house in the woods - but Nina never comes home. Told in alternating chapters between Simon's wealthy parents and Nina's less privileged family, the case quickly becomes an outlet for longstanding small-town tensions and rumours abound. How far will they go to protect their own or find the truth?

Even though the reader discovers Nina's fate relatively early on, the rapid back and forth of the narration keeps the pages turning. Instead of a standard police procedural, the focus here is more on the fallout of Nina's disappearance. McTiernan refuses to sensationalise the crime and deftly examines the way that the media spins a story like this, with particular emphasis on the way that each family tries to take control of the narrative. As a result, *What Happened to Nina?* develops from a twisty crime thriller into a meditation on the aftermath of crime, the politics of wealth and the meaning of justice.

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early and grab your tickets please ring Amanda on **0422 519 175** or you can email at **mandy_cros40@hotmail.com**. All proceeds go towards the construction of a dog park in the Yankalilla District. Council - ratepayers - are not being asked to fund this project (we all know there is no spare money in council coffers) so the group are raising funds for the entire project. The Friends of YDDP are currently working on grants and more fun things later on in the year and will keep you all updated in Yankalilla Regional News.

The proposed Dog Park in the Yankalilla area will be funded by the community.

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Starfish Hill Wind-farm to sell 100% of its power to Zen Energy

An agreement has just been reached between Australian energy retailer Zen Energy and Thai-owned Ratch Group who own the windfarm at Cape Jervis. Zen will buy 100% of the electricity produced at Starfish Hill (90GWh annually) to supply power to about 10,000 homes each year. This arrangement will remain in place for the next ten years. Starfish Hill was built in 2003 at a cost of \$65 million by Queensland government owned Tarong Energy, but sold to Ratch Australia in 2007. It originally had 23 turbines spread over Starfish Hill and Salt Creek Hill to take advantage of consistent strong winds. One burned down in 2010 but was not replaced.

Zen Energy are keen to expand their renewable energy portfolio in line with their ambition to “help create a 1.5°C world for everyone”. This means bringing their own emissions target into line with warming the planet only 1.5°C. The South Australian government set a target of 33% renewables overall by 2020 but wind-farms actually produced 42% of the electricity made in SA by that date. The aspiration now is to ‘lead the green economy’ by achieving 100% energy from renewables by 2027 and, according to government data, the state is already achieving that level about half the time.

Fiona Vogel - Copywriter
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Yankalilla Men's Shed

It's business as usual at the Shed so it's a good time to say Welcome to our new members and Thank You for joining our wonderful Yankalilla Men's Shed, part of the Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA). Did you know the AMSA supports over 1200 Men's, Women's and Community Sheds within Australia which is more than the number of McDonalds restaurants across the country (although I think Macca's coffees are better). The Men's Shed concept began in Australia and now spans 12 countries with more than 2,500 Sheds world wide. There is an ethos within the Men's Sheds of welfare that includes looking after the physical, mental and social wellbeing of its members and even past members. In essence, Men's Sheds aim to improve the health, well-being, and sense of purpose for Australian men by providing a safe and welcoming environment where men can work on meaningful projects, learn new skills, and connect with others (plus it gets them out of the house – a bonus for many wives and partners). With that in mind, I want to write a bit about Men's mental health issues in Australia (while

acknowledging that not only men suffer from mental health issues and illnesses). The latest *Ten to Men: the Australian Longitudinal Study of Male Health* report released in September 2023 found mental ill-health remains high among Australian men. Up to 25% experienced a diagnosed mental health disorder in their lifetime, and 15% experienced a disorder in any 12-month period. However, only a quarter of men said they would seek help from a mental health professional if they were experiencing personal or emotional problems. For young men and adults, depression was most common, steadily increasing in prevalence as men got older, from 7% among 15-17 year-olds, to 13% in adulthood (men aged less than 57 years). On a more positive note, did you know the first ever Men's Shed was established in 1993 in Goolwa? Way to go Fleurieu Peninsula. You're awesome.



Australian Men's Shed Association

\$3.7 Million spent on Myponga Reservoir Upgrade

The Spillway Gates of Myponga Reservoir sit on top of the dam wall and have been regulating the release of water from the dam since it was built in 1962. Now, for the first time, they have been removed so that seals, rollers, and sill plates can be replaced to ensure reliable operation. To do this, water levels have been lowered to 71% of capacity over the summer and autumn so that the curved steel gates could be removed altogether. This time of year would normally present the lowest water levels in any case and the river system benefits by being flushed with freshwater.

Temporary road closures have been in effect on Myponga Reservoir Lookout and Forktree Roads so that heavy equipment, including a large crane, could operate safely. Access to the Myponga Reservoir Reserve has not been impacted, however. Fortunately, according to SA Water, the dam wall itself remains in good condition and the refurbishment of the gates is intended to extend their life another fifty years. Work is expected to be completed by mid-2024.

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Normanville Tennis Club

Junior Presentations

Our Junior teams celebrated a successful 23-24 season at our presentation event in April. President Allan Whellum fired up the BBQ whilst Div 4 Team Manager, Darren Burgess presented the awards to our Junior team members in Divs 2, 4 and 5. Pictured is Zen Burgess receiving the Glenda Oats Encouragement Award from Coralie Law. Both the Oats family and Coralie Law have been long-standing supporters of the Normanville Tennis Club and we appreciate and value their continued assistance. Our Junior teams will now take a break over Winter, ready to hit the tennis courts again in Spring for start of the 24-25 season.



Noah and Ethan Bockman in front of the new banner. Noah also received a special medallion from The Great Southern Tennis Association.



Social Tennis

Social tennis members play all year round. If you are interested in joining our Social team members, feel free to visit our clubrooms on a Thursday morning around 9:30am and join in the fun. For more details, please contact Alison Hamilton on 8558 2657.

Seniors

“Seniors had a great year and had it not been for the Hot Weather Rule I am sure we would have made it through to the Grand Final - and who knows from there” reported Wendy Lewis Baida. “It was ironic that our 2 weather cancellations were both against Pt

Elliot, who we beat when we finally played.”
 “I was very lucky to have received the GSTA Most Consistent Female which I accredit to my amazing partners and in particular Nelleke Putland. We played 3 sets each throughout the season which meant we played more games than most overall. Nelleke enjoyed her first season of tennis and was unrelentless with her fitness and increase in skills over the season. Phil, Robin, and James were amazing and we had a great team vibe all year. There were a couple of injuries that set us back, but overall we were always very close to the mark, holding 2nd place for most of the season.”

They are all looking forward to next season.



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Jeff Chilton 26/4/47 to 8/4/24

Many people in Normanville and Yankalilla have known Jeff Chilton. He played darts and bowls, contributed as a builder and all-round general support to the Fleurieu Horse and Pony Club and was a regular at the Normanville Bakery (chicken and veg pie with sauce and a large flat white).

He passed away at Allambi Residential Care Home on Monday

8 April 2024. He was funny, loving and quirky. We bought our property on Williss Drive in 1987 and he germinated most of the trees that now grace our fifteen acres. He leaves behind his wife Jeri, sons Zack and Chris and daughter Jasmine.

I want to share a story from November 2023 that says volumes

about his personality: determined, stubborn and funny all at once. Picture this: a man in a secure hospital ward moved to a two-person room because of COVID. Jeff was going crazy being confined. The staff were used to people trying to break out through the front doors, but cagey Jeff just went into another room, found the screen and window locks loose and escaped. Here he was, with COVID, dementia and metastatic brain and lung cancer, running away in dark clothes on a moonless night with his rucksack on his back. He managed to walk eight kilometres down the Southern Expressway, hit Main South Road and was heading for Normanville when the SA Police found him. When they asked him how he felt, he simply said, 'I'm tired.' That was Jeff at his cryptic and funny best.

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May Art Workshop at Carrickalinga

Autumn is here, and everyone is invited to a beautiful 'autumn' afternoon workshop at my Carrickalinga studio.

The next workshop date is Saturday May 18th, 1.00pm to 3.30pm.

The Autumn theme will continue, and I will demonstrate many exciting new techniques and lead you into your own autumn project. Ann Blockley's 'experimental landscapes in watercolour' will be discussed also. Anyone interested in autumn sunsets can also try wet into wet skies.

Everything is supplied, including professional quality artist paint and paper.

Beginners very welcome, 8 places available, \$45 cash on arrival, no past art experience needed, just let me know if you would like your name on the class list.

If your plans change, please let me know so someone else can have your bench place.

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Hope springs eternal at Christ Church

The picture attached is one of the many paintings by the late Barbara Robertson on the wall of the church hall where we meet on the third Sunday every month. It shows a black St Francis holding the world in its untouched beauty with surrounding plants and animals living in harmony and health. Perhaps this illustrates the topic of HOPE most beautifully.



HOPE was emphasised in our discussions at the "Walking with Jesus" gathering on April 21st. We are working our way through verses from the book of Romans in the Bible which instruct us about how to live the Christian life. Romans 12, 12a tells us to "Be joyful in hope". So far this year we have covered steadfast love, mutual respect and commitment, and in May we will continue with perseverance, generosity, forgiveness, compassion, peace, humility, grace and Jesus as our "Way", taking us to the end of this year. All are welcome to attend these informal and friendly conversations.

SERVICES IN MAY

SUNDAYS

11am, Holy Communion.
May 5, 12, 26 in the church 10am.

10am, "Walking with Jesus" gathering in the church hall, **May 19, Coffee/tea and cake to begin with.** Topic for discussion: Perseverance.

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Myponga Reservoir parkrun celebrates 100 events!

Myponga Reservoir parkrun celebrated our 100th event on Easter Saturday with a record-breaking 121 runners and walkers taking part - many of whom enjoyed the breathtaking course for the first time!

As we reflect on 100 events over the last 2 years, we're really proud of the way parkrun continues to support health, well-being and connection in our local community. We know that parkrun has been a catalyst for many participants to improve their physical fitness and has also led to new connections and friendships. We're very grateful for everyone who has come and participated, especially our wonderful volunteers who make the event possible each week. Thank you! Many of our volunteer regulars have now achieved parkrun volunteering milestones for volunteering at 25 or 50 events!

parkrun is a free, weekly community event that happens all around the world in local parks and open spaces. It is a timed, 5km walk, jog or run and everyone is welcome! Feel free to join us at 8am on Saturdays at the Myponga Reservoir kayak carpark off Eatts St, Myponga. For more information follow our Facebook page or visit parkrun.com.au

Testimonial from one of our parkrun regulars, Ella Conroy (age 10):

"parkrun is an amazing community-run activity which is a super supportive and fun experience that encourages everyone to exercise! You can run, walk, jog, hop, and you will never come last because we have a tail walker!"

We recently had our 100th Myponga Reservoir parkrun event and it was a blast. All the volunteers and runners dressed in black, or had their parkrun t-shirts on! But every parkrun is fun, and you don't have to do the course to get into it! parkrun always needs more volunteers and we'd love the help. See you there!"



Above: Tailwalkers Harry and Jane Burzacott



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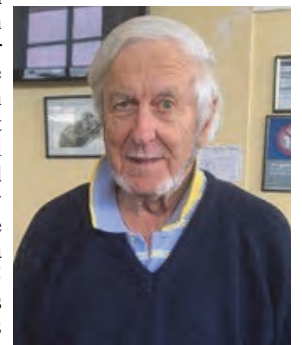
Above: Regular parkrun volunteers - Ella and Lincoln Conroy



Wirrina Cove Golf Club

Wirrina Cove Golf Club is proud to have Leith Jacob as a member of our golf family. Leith is a well known and respected long standing member, of over forty years. He is also a life member at SACA and never misses a test match at Adelaide Oval. During his working career he was a pipe organ builder and regularly tuned most of the church organs around Adelaide.

This month Leith celebrates his 90th birthday, he is our oldest active member. Leith plays most Saturdays and still posts some good scores especially when we play the front tees, a credible 35 recently. His playing partners are constantly in admiration of his fierce competitive spirit, yet he always remains a thorough gentleman.



Congratulations and Happy 90th Birthday from the Wirrina Cove Golf Club.

The golf club is proud to be associated with this month's major sponsors, Yankalilla Hotel and Tonya's Hair Design.

New members are always welcomed, competitive membership rates with generous benefits and access to the club's facilities, yet no exorbitant joining fees. For full details contact New Terry 8598 2415 or Club President Tim Martin 0408 700 124.

Come and check out the Fleurieu Environment Centre!

At the Fleurieu Environment Centre (FLEC), we're not just a not-for-profit organization - we're a dedicated community of volunteers and staff committed to empowering people to live sustainably and help enhance our natural environment. Thanks to core funding from Green Adelaide, FLEC delivers workshops, educational events and serves as a hub for a diverse range of services and resources related to the environment and sustainable living practices. Whether you're eager to join one of our volunteer programs, seeking information on local flora and fauna or simply looking for tips to live more sustainably, FLEC has lots of opportunities and resources to help. Our FREE resources available for loan include a growing library with a wide range of environmental books, magazines, newspapers, and useful equipment like a water monitoring kit, motion sensor cameras and tree measuring equipment.

We are committed to reducing single use plastic and promoting products that are better for the planet. Our eco store includes a refill station with bulk tubes of cleaning products where you can bring your own bottles to refill. We also stock a wide range of plastic free, low tox home & body products, emphasizing longevity and environmental responsibility. Additionally, our recycling program offers solutions for tricky-to-recycle materials including aluminium, batteries, printer cartridges, coffee pods, mobile phones, writing instruments and razor blades.



We offer a wide variety of regular programs and educational opportunities to suit members of the local community. Some of our current opportunities to get involved include the newly established Yankalilla Community Garden, joining our monthly Veggie Swap, fortnightly propagation working bees at the Community Nursery or attending one of our educational events that are coming up.

Our incredible volunteers at the Fleurieu Coast Community Nursery, run in collaboration with Green Adelaide and the District Council of Yankalilla, propagate plants for various revegetation projects, as well as

extras which are available for purchase at FLEC for only \$3 a plant. We also proudly support six Landcare groups: Friends of Banksia Park, Friends of Bungala River, Friends of Nixon Skinner, Friends of Wirrina Cove, Cape Jervis Coastal Community Group. These groups work tirelessly to enhance biodiversity and revegetate our local landscapes.

If you want to get involved with any aspect of what we do, feel free to pop into FLEC, located at Shop 3/50 Main Street, Normanville to have a chat to one of our volunteers or staff members.

You can also stay connected with us by joining our mailing list to receive monthly updates on events plus other environmental education opportunities in our region. Visit our website at <https://www.flec.com.au/membership> or drop in to register.

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Fleurieu Environment Centre

Together we can make a meaningful impact on our environment!

FLEC events and activities coming up in May:

- Thursday 2nd**
- Fire Wise Management of a Lifestyle Property - Walk&Talk, 9-11.30am
- Saturday 4th**
- Veggie Swap, 9.20am at FLEC
- Monday 6th**
- Natural Heritage at the Fleurieu Coast Community Nursery 9.30am-12.30 pm
- Monday 6th**
- Fleurieu Coast Community Nursery Working Bee 9.30am
- Monday 20th**
- Native Fire Wise Landscaping Presentation at FLEC 3-5pm
- Monday 20th**
- Fleurieu Coast Community Nursery Working Bee 9.30am
- Monday 27th**
- Bird Watching Group, Mt George Conservation Park, Bridgewater
- Friday 31st**
- Fungi & Flora Walk in Deep Creek Nat. Park, 1-3pm (**BOOKED OUT**)

For more information on any FLEC events, please email: info@flec.com.au or call **(08) 8558 364**.

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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.



Artist, etcher, and master printmaker of Second Valley

Henri Benedictus Salaman van Raalte (1881-1929) was born on 11 February 1881 at Lambeth, London, son of Dutch-born Joel van Raalte, merchant, and his English wife Frances Elizabeth (née Cable). Henri was educated at the City of London School, St John's Wood Art Schools, and the Royal Academy of Arts schools. At the age of 20 he was elected an Associate of the Royal Society of Painter-Etchers, and exhibited at the Royal Academy of Arts, London. Henri migrated with his brother to Western Australia in 1910 and initially found work in the timber industry in the south-west of the state but continued to sketch the area and its scenery, specialising in trees.

On 6 July 1912 Henri married Katherine 'Kitty' Lyell Symers at the Claremont registrar's office. In 1914 he and Kitty moved to Perth where Henri taught art in various schools as well as privately classes. So impressed with his fine work, the people of Perth subscribed to buy him a printing press to produce his etchings, and his first one-man exhibition in 1919 was largely on



Western Australian subjects. His first major gum tree etching, 'The Monarch' (1918), shown at the Royal Academy in 1920, realised a record price in Australia of £45, and received praise from (Sir) Lionel Lindsay in *Art in Australia* (1918).

Following Gustave Barnes's death, in 1922 Henri van Raalte became curator of the Art Gallery of South Australia where he remained until 1926 when he resigned due to a clash of personalities with a member of the Gallery's Board of Governors, and went to Second Valley, initially living in one of the Junction North Timber Mill cottages at Second Valley Beach. The family then rented a house previously owned by George Cant, who left the district in 1924. Here Henri set up a studio and his press, which he referred to as 'the machine', and continued to produce good work, as well as experimenting with colour printing and aquatints, selling his works interstate. Some of those produced locally include 'A Creek in Flood', 'The Road' (a work depicting a neighbouring property, known as Roper's Farm), 'Eventide', 'On the Way to Cape Jervis' and 'The Cliff', from the identifiable Fleurieu coastline, as well as many studies of trees in the area.

Henri, Kitty, and some local people formed the Rapid Bay Repertory Club, producing plays, for which Henri painted the scenery and backdrops. Plays were performed throughout the district and were well applauded. The artist's old Model 'T' Ford was a familiar sight to many.

Suffering from depression, exacerbated by financial problems, Henri's art productions were slow and so was money. On 4 November 1929, while his wife and eldest son were in Victor Harbor, Henri sent his other two sons with a note to his friend Dr R Souter, and then shot himself in the head. By the time the doctor arrived, it was too late. Henri died soon after. He was laid to rest in the Bullaparinga Cemetery.

Henri van Raalte was much respected and admired in the community and, in December, a memorial exhibition of his work was held in Adelaide. Van Raalte had influenced the development of print-making in Australia during the inter-war years in what was a world-wide revival, and he had been one of the first to produce colour etchings. His work is in most state galleries, the National Gallery of Australia, the British Museum, and in many private collections.

The remains of the cottage where Henri, Kitty, and their three sons – Stewart, David, and Robert – lived is on the western side of Main South Road, south of Second Valley; once surrounded by roses, lilacs, and honeysuckle.

The cottage was one of 185 places recorded in the District Council of Yankalilla (DCY) as

being significant in a regional heritage survey of the Fleurieu Peninsula in 1985. According to the DCY Heritage Booklet of November 2017, of those 185 places, 37 buildings, structures and ruins could not be found or had been demolished since 1985. In addition, two buildings of local heritage significance, not previously identified as such, were added to the list.

– Lorraine Day



Henri van Raalte in the 1920s. (National Library of Australia - nla.pic-an23514323)

Property of George Cant, Second Valley, c.1900, later the cottage where the van Raalte family lived.

Two of Henri van Raalte's etchings: top – 'T'wards Adelaide', and above – 'Valley trees'.

The Yankalilla & District Historical Society Inc. meets on the second Monday of the months of September, October, November, February, March (usually on the Tuesday in March as Monday is Adelaide Cup Day) and April. **The next general meeting will be at 7pm on Monday 9 September 2024 at Yankalilla Library.**

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