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Community Library Advisory Group

Happy New Year everyone. The Community Library Advisory Group has had a busy start to the Summer season, meeting frequently to discuss concept plans for the new library development, which will be located adjacent to The Centre at 181 Main South Rd Yankalilla. Local architect, Rhys Jones, has provided some initial concept plans for the building and the group has met with Sandra Skinner from the public library to seek her valuable input and feedback regarding those plans.

During November and December 2019 several members of the Community Library Advisory Group attended Council's 'Nature's Best, Lets Plan The Rest' public meetings around the district. At those meetings it was encouraging to note that a number of local residents put forward ideas for inclusion in the Strategic Plan in relation to the new library development.

Since our first meeting in September, the Group now has a pretty good estimate of the total cost. Considering we have only been meeting for three months, it is quite amazing, something only made possible by working closely with all aspects of Council and Rhys Jones. We are grateful for this co-operation which has not only made the process smoother, but quicker. Much consideration is being given in ensuring the development will meet current and future needs of the community. Computer stations, solar lighting, solar panels, even floor materials are closely evaluated, all considering cost to the community.

Prior to February 2020, members of the group will be placing a strong focus on researching and applying for grants funding via Federal and State Government funding sources. The group will also continue to provide updates to key MPs who have shown support for the development.

The group would like to acknowledge the many individuals and members of community groups who sent letters of support for the development in 2019. If you wish to supply information or feedback to the Community Library Advisory Group please write to:

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Editor's Comments

Hello Readers,
The country is burning and our elected leaders take overseas holidays. What else could go wrong? 'Scotty from marketing' can spin it any way he likes but we can all see through it. Our southern neighbours on Kangaroo Island have experienced it first hand and if you could find some spare cash, they would be very grateful. Details on how to donate are on page 13.

Happy New Year? Maybe it will get better from here onwards.

We did start the year with a bang with our 22nd Normanville New Years Eve Pageant, which saw the streets lined with hundreds (thousands?) of spectators eager to celebrate and culminating with the fireworks at the Normanville foreshore. You can see all the pictures on the YRN Facebook page if you haven't already. Gillian Rayment again spent the evening with her camera capturing all the fun, including the photos on the cover.

The Yankalilla District Residents Association is about to have its inaugural AGM and details are on page 7. People power! Get involved and be the driver for the progress you want for your district.

If you want more serious involvement, nominations

Next Issue:
March 2020
Deadline:
15th February 2020

for the position on Yankalilla Council, recently vacated by Ruth Trigg, close on 23 January. See In The Loop or contact the Council for more details.

This year is also the 50th anniversary of the Yankalilla Regional News which had its first issue back in September of 1970. The 50th logo was designed by graphic designer Alison Fort. The YRN website has also had a complete overhaul thanks to online business architect Urszula Richards. See www.yrn.com.au.

Enough from me for now.

Keep reading to find out what else is happening.

Until next issue...

Cheers,

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If you'd like to try an activity, we offer the first session free. For further sessions we ask that you either join the Club (annual fee \$30) or contribute \$5 per session.

The Club Office has been closed over the festive season. From 30 January the office will be open for enquiries every Wednesday between 10am and 12noon.

Australia Day Celebration

Sunday 26 January 12.30pm

To celebrate Australia Day, the Club will be holding an extra-special lunch with a very Aussie flavour!



Enjoy tasty barbecued meat, plenty of salads and assorted breads, followed by some all-time popular desserts. Bjorn's Bar will be open for business and everyone is welcome. So come along in your best Aussie outfit and celebrate our national day!

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January Happy Hour

Friday 31 January 5.30pm

Join us on the last day of the month for our very popular Happy Hour!



Relax over a drink or two at Bjorn's Bar, while catching up with friends. Then stay on for a delicious meal, served from 6.30pm. The menu is not finalised yet, but it will be advertised on our Club noticeboard.

Bookings essential. \$15 members, \$18 non-members & \$5 for dessert.

Christmas Events at the Club

On Saturday 30 November we held a Christmas Market. Members had a variety of stalls including plants, sewing, crafts, canine treats and Men's Shed woodwork items. Attendance was good and the Club kitchen kept everyone fed with delicious egg & bacon rolls, coffee & cake. We hope to hold more regular markets in the future!



Our Christmas Lunch was held on Wednesday 18 December. We all enjoyed a delicious, traditional three course meal cooked by our fantastic volunteers. Popular musical duo Dawn & Dave entertained us during the afternoon.



Many thanks to everyone who came along & supported both these events and helped to make them such a success!

February Events

Our regular Club meals will be taking place in February. Please refer to the Diary Dates (below) for details. More information will appear in our February Club newsletter and also on our website.

~~ DIARY DATES ~~

Sunday 26 January 12.30pm

Australia Day Celebration

Friday 31 January 5.30pm

Happy Hour, meal served from 6.30pm

Friday 7 February 7.00pm

Bingo

Thursday 13 February 12.30pm

Club Barbecue

Wednesday 19 February 12 noon

Club Lunch

Friday 28 February 5.30pm

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The District Council of Yankalilla will be releasing a draft Strategic Plan for your comment in April. This will help inform future directions and projects for the whole district. It is vital that you read it and respond to the ideas and projects that are put forward.

In 2019, members of the Yankalilla District community ran a series of public meetings to raise issues that concerned them. The main concern was regarding the continual Council rate increases but other significant issues were also raised. As an outcome of these discussions, the proposal to form a group to represent the interests of members of the community gained support and a working party was initiated.

In October, 2019 the working party organised another meeting attended by 70 residents with ten apologies. The decision to form an incorporated body was approved. The name, **Yankalilla District Residents Association (YDRA)** was chosen following suggestions offered at the meeting.

YDRA's aims are as follows:

- act as an independent body that can meet to discuss and inform the wider community about issues that are on the formal Council meeting agenda and that are being raised at other Council meetings
- provide a conduit between the wider community and Council, and to make Council aware of the community's responses and views, with regard to specific projects and initiatives
- endeavour to work constructively with the District

Council of Yankalilla on progressing initiatives and projects that the wider community deems important to the lifestyle, environment and economic development of the community

- hold Council accountable for decisions regarding rate increases and expenditure

- provide a strong voice on matters that are important in the community

The longer term plan for YDRA is to create an atmosphere of community involvement to promote participation in events such as the preservation of the natural environment, in particular the foreshore and marine environment; looking after the heritage buildings and small-town character of the area; respecting Aboriginal traditional owners and their cultural knowledge about this area, and supporting projects that develop the social cohesion of this area.

Inaugural YDRA Annual General Meeting

The YDRA inaugural general meeting is Wednesday 11 March 7pm 2020 at The Centre. The first AGM is a significant event. Membership of YDRA is \$15. Financial members can nominate and vote for the new committee comprising a chair, deputy chair, treasurer, secretary and four committee members.

You are warmly invited to attend the first Annual General Meeting of the YDRA in March.

Think about becoming a member, and nominating for the committee.

For further information contact:

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Yankalilla District Residents Association Inaugural Annual General Meeting

Wed 11 March 7pm The Centre

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Xmas over once again! - Rox Rosey

One day in the year that is soon celebrated and is just as quickly stored away with the wanted and unwanted gifts!

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Of course, this definitely does not infer two gifts!

Of course, at my age what do people think is an appropriate pressie at this time of the year?

Honestly, I would prefer just a lovely card, after all, what could I need at my time of life?

However, the givers are so very sincere about this, I am being continually surprised at the ingenuity of the varied choices.

I must admit their imagination knows no bounds, as sometimes their choices are what I consider exactly that goes with my selections if I were to purchase! I put this down to folk knowing me better than I perhaps know myself.

I must quickly point out that over the years I still get the usual two presents each xmas!

Sometimes it is embarrassing to hear this phrase every year.

Never mind all gifts etc are taken and accepted with

cheerful gratitude, albeit sometimes at the ingenuity!

However, as the years roll on, it is an expectation as to what may be my unusual and sometime quirky pressie.

The expectation and wonder continues, even though sometimes it is considered perhaps some gift givers have gone overboard a tad!

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Yankalilla Art

An enjoyable morning was spent by the beach at Normanville on 12th December with members of our group sketching and painting local views of the distant cliffs and ocean, others drawing a basis of a design poster for the area. The weather was cool and cloudy but it added texture to the art work. We enjoyed lunch at the Beach Kiosk, having time to chat, share ideas and just enjoy relaxing together. We look forward to another productive year of art discovery in 2020, commencing on the second Thursday in February. A reminder will be sent out by email.



Hoping everyone had a wonderful Christmas and wishing you a Happy New Year.

Diana Wallfried and Rhonda Smith

Photos by Kim:
Diana painting at Normanville beach, an ideal location!



Inman Valley Music Night

In what has become a most highly anticipated and enjoyable music and social event on the summer calendar, the Inman Valley Tennis Club is holding its fifth annual Music Night Extravaganza on Saturday 22nd February from 7pm at the Inman Valley Memorial Hall.

Previous Music Nights have attracted sell-out audiences, this year's will be no exception.

Local singer/songwriter Kylie Kain returns to the stage after three years and is sure to be well-received again. Also, back by popular demand, Wendy McPhee and Phil Noel will feature as the headline act, this time with the added attraction of a solo performance of Phil showcasing his versatility with the guitar.

The program guarantees an evening of fine musical entertainment for all.

The event is the Club's major fundraiser and proceeds will go towards the eventual resurfacing of the tennis courts, a major project that will be of great benefit not only to club members but also to the wider community.

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Public Meeting seeks support for a Bendigo Bank at Yankalilla

As reported in the December-January Yank Regional News the ANZ Bank will be closing its doors on the 6th May 2020, but since then BankSA has announced a reduction of hours as of the 13th January.

I was appalled, but not surprised, at the decision of these corporate businesses whose main focus is on shareholder profits and centralisation, forgetting the people in the communities are the ones that generate their profits.

The ANZ district manager for the Fleurieu advised me on Friday 22nd of November. I immediately contacted my neighbouring council who has a Bendigo Community Bank operating in Goolwa. Days after I was notified on the ANZ banks decision, council's Chief Executive and I met with the Bendigo Community Bank to discuss the possibility of the bank having a presence here in our district.

It was a very positive conversation being informed of the Community Banks strategy, in short it is very much up to you the community, they will come if you are willing to support but there are expectations, its not just about investing into the bank it is also about the bank lending funds creating profit. The great part is 80% of the profit go back to the community. Our council district has already experienced this with the Bendigo Community Bank supporting the Myponga sporting clubs, the Yankalilla Men's shed and others.

As part of the initial awareness there has been Bendigo Community Bank staff available at the council chambers to answer any queries that people may have, council also made an office available in the short term for any private conversations that a potential client may have. I have been promoting the concept through various

meetings and functions and an article in the Victor Harbor Times, to get a feel of the desire for this to take place. There has been keen interest and from reports some of you have made contact with the bank. I have progressed this further with a follow up meeting with Bendigo Community Bank executives and the editor of the Yankalilla Regional News to bring this to a point where a steering committee be formed to build a business case. If you are interested and have expertise in being part of this committee, please contact me. To bring interested people together to find out if there is commitment by the community, a **public meeting** will be held at **Club Fleurieu on 6th February at 6.30 for 7pm** where you can hear from the Bendigo Community Bank executives what it would mean having their presence in our district.

Your Mayor Glen Rowlands

Community Banking reinvesting into Fleurieu towns

What does it mean to be a part of a "Community"... to many it is the opportunity to live and work with like-minded people, a group of individuals who have a common goal, the desire to see progress and change happen for a sustainable future? Whatever your definition of the word "Community" the sense of belonging is always apparent.

Community is something that we at Bendigo Bank take seriously. Our community bank model has been tried and proven over the last 21 years with more than \$220 million being reinvested back into local communities. Community banking is what sets us apart for the pack, we continue to be innovative and it is what makes us unique to that of our competitors!

Our Community banking model was built on the need for financial services when the big banks decided to leave towns and communities across Australia, it allows the community voice to be heard and own the changes to help drive a thriving town in which people work, live and raise families. The communities of Yankalilla, Normanville, Myponga and surrounding areas are no different than the small towns in outback Australia where the need for a banking service is foremost and as a united front you can make sure that the community as a whole drives and owns any opportunities for change that present themselves. In order to see change happen, it needs support from more than a handful of community members, it needs commitment, a steering committee of locals to make it happen and a commitment to support through locals individual banking.

The Community Bank model is a franchised business of the Bendigo Bank, each community



branch is overseen and operated by a board of directors, each director is an active member of the local community who want to see change, who want to be able to give back and reinvest into a communities future. Whilst we are a full-service bank offering a full suite of products from home loans, everyday accounts, equipment finance and tailored agricultural banking through our Rural Bank channel, it is important to know that a community bank is committed to reinvest up to 80% of its profits back into local clubs, organisations and not for profits. Our volunteer board members play an important role in ensuring that we remain relevant, active and close to what is happening within the Fleurieu community. This focus would be no different if a "steering" committee was formed in the Yankalilla, Normanville, Myponga and surrounding areas, this committee would be key in helping drive, communicate and support a local banking facility campaign.

We currently have five locations across the Fleurieu (Aldinga Beach and Goolwa Community branches, Willunga Customer Service Centre, Victor Harbor and a non-cash site in McLaren Vale) with all locations working together to reinvest and increase the brand and footprint throughout the Fleurieu Peninsula. Over the last 12 years of business the Fleurieu branches have reinvested more than \$560,000 back into local

clubs, organisations and not for profits. This includes support of \$14,000 into the Yankalilla and surrounding areas in the last 12 months.

What is the next step you might ask... if you are excited for change, want to be a part of something great and are passionate about your community then this is your opportunity to have a voice?

Step 1 - we need to form a "steering" committee supported by the Aldinga Beach board; however, this will be run by you allowing locals to bring their neighbours, businesses on the journey.

Step 2 - come and hear all about the community banking story at a town meeting being held Thursday 6th February, 6.30 for 7pm start, at Club Fleurieu 140-142 Main Sth Rd Yankalilla.

Step 3 - if you like what you learn more then why not book into talk to someone about how your banking can support this change, please call Jordan Sampson on (08) 8557 8166 or email jordan.sampson@bendigoadelaide.com.au

The town meeting is a great opportunity for us to meet you and to see where we could continue this conversation and turn it into a more meaningful discussion around how we can help support your town and the people in it. Until then we welcome the opportunity to speak with you, please don't hesitate to call any of our four sites across the Fleurieu or email jordan.sampson@bendigoadelaide.com.au and together we can try to change the future of banking in your town.

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Servicemen to be Honoured at HMAS Hobart Memorial

Memorial plaques for two Australian servicemen killed in a friendly-fire incident during the Vietnam War will be erected at the HMAS Hobart Memorial Lookout near Normanville thanks to the advocacy of the Federal Member for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie.

The local MP has secured \$6000 for the SA branch of the HMAS Hobart Association so they can upgrade the lookout over Yankalilla Bay and include the tributes to Ordinary Seaman Raymond John Butterworth and Chief Petty Officer Raymond Henry Hunt.

"These men were killed on duty on the HMAS Hobart during what later turned out to be a friendly fire incident involving the United States Air Force off the east coast of North Vietnam on 17 June 1968," Rebekha said.

"The HMAS Hobart Association of Australia, South Australia branch, believes the stories of these two sailors and others injured in the missile attack should be told as part of the lookout memorial, and I agree."

"Adding plaques for Ordinary Seaman Butterworth and Chief Petty Officer Hunt would add to the collective story of the HMAS Hobart, a story that I think belongs to all Australians."

The HMAS Hobart Lookout overlooks the final resting place of the naval destroyer the HMAS Hobart, which was scuttled in Yankalilla Bay in November 2002.

The ship, nicknamed 'The Green Ghost' because of her reputation for stealth, is now a marine reserve and a popular ecotourism diving site.

Importantly, the lookout is a memorial to the HMAS Hobart and those who served on the ship during her distinguished career.

The destroyer was the first Royal Australian Navy combat ship deployed to fight in the Vietnam War, and it was part of the Royal Australian Navy disaster relief effort following Cyclone Tracy in Darwin in 1974.

The memorial lookout features seating



Rebekha Sharkie MP

Federal Member for Mayo



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HMAS Hobart Memorial at Lady Bay near Normanville," Mr Sampson said.

"The memorial site is now a much favoured road side stop for tourists and locals alike and showcases the beauty of the Fleurieu Peninsula, and for some it is reminiscent of the sacred Beach at Gallipoli with its rolling hills and beachfront memorial.

"A suitable resting place for a gallant ship. 'Thus in strength did Hobart grow'."

Below: Federal Member for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie at the HMAS Hobart lookout with Stephen Lamb, representing HMAS Hobart Association SA President Neville Sampson.

and interpretive signage detailing the history of the vessels that have carried the name HMAS Hobart.

It also features the destroyer's anchor, which points towards the final resting place of the ship.

Former serviceman and now President of the HMAS Hobart Association (SA), Neville Sampson, welcomed the funding support for the memorial plaques.

"The HMAS Hobart Association SA and its interstate affiliates are deeply indebted to local Member for Mayo, Rebekha Sharkie, for her support and contribution to the upgrading of the



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Building Community Capacity With Grant Writing Workshops

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of successful grant writing and I was delighted by the turnout," Rebekha said. "Since then I've had numerous people ask when we were going to host the sessions again and with elections now behind us I am hosting workshops on the South Coast, the Adelaide Hills and the Fleurieu. "I know from my past career and my own volunteering just as much work and passion can go into writing an application for \$5000 as putting together a multi-million dollar tender. "And if you're successful, the acquittal of the funds can be just as time consuming. "It can be challenging for our community groups to successfully bid

for funding. However, that doesn't mean we do not have needs or issues within our communities so being able to clearly articulate some of the challenges we experience is extremely important when competing for limited grant funds." The grant writing workshops are being held at the:

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Thursday, 30 January, 1pm to 3pm.

"More than six million Australians over the age of 18 regularly volunteer in our community every year and

according to Australian Bureau of Statistics figures, Mayo has one of the highest volunteering rates in the State and the nation at 31 per cent of the population," Rebekha said.

"Australia-wide the social return from volunteering is worth \$290 billion to our economy - \$4.9 billion in South Australia alone - which is equivalent to about 107,400 full-time jobs across the state.

"Without this personal investment so much of what it means to experience 'community' in Australia would be lost which is why I feel so strongly about supporting volunteers and building the capacity of our community groups."

Kangaroo Island Bushfires

At the time of going to press with this issue of the YRN (5/1/20) the fire had burnt a total of 155,889ha with a perimeter of over 300km. CFS, MFS, DEW and fire suppression aircraft have been working extensively and continue to work across the fireground, suppressing

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Community Op Shop

What fun we had decorating our float - yes hard work sorting and deciding what should go on display as well as handing up the colourful clothes that had been picked out for Peter Whitford (ex mayor) to hang on the two display rails. Peter very kindly offered us the use of his ute - I wonder if he had any idea of what else he would have to do - even

cuddling the "model" whilst she was strapped in place as the "piece de resistance!" Christine our new Vice President and myself, a long term volunteer, dressed ourselves up from merchandise in the shop and followed the ute (sometimes having to jog) throwing lollies to the hundreds of children lining the route down to the foreshore in readiness for the fireworks.

What a truly happy experience after days of concern around the catastrophic weather conditions. On behalf of Libby our President and other volunteers may we take this opportunity of thanking YOU the community for supporting us throughout the year - without YOU we could not financially support the many local projects.

Phyllis (volunteer)



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Normanville Beach Boat Access

I read the long winded letter about boat access on the Normanville Beach.

It seems odd to me that ratepayers should be expected to pay for a facility for a quite small number of leisure seekers. There is precedent, of course, in the construction and maintenance of a road system for private and commercial owners of vehicles. However for a number of years transportation has been seen as state responsibility. That too is changing in our largest urban centres with the construction of large toll roads.

But for council to install another boat ramp on the beach at Normanville when there is one nearby at Wirrina seems extravagant and unnecessary. I do not believe it is cost effective nor good management for there to be any further facility on the beach at Normanville.

Comparisons are not informative because that is like comparing apples and oranges. What is needed in one place may not be needed in another location. In the past when a community identified a need people with similar interests got together, pooled their resources and facilitated a project.

I believe that if boat owners want a launch facility they can raise the funds for construction and maintenance or travel down the road a short distance. It is clearly not equitable for the many to subsidise the few.

Dalton Dupuy
Normanville

Normanville Beach Boat Ramp

Re letter Normanville Beach as printed in December 2019 Yankalilla Regional News.

Firstly I fully concur along with many others. My name is Peter Nicholson one of the founding members of the Normanville Sailing Club. Every Sunday from November to April we sail of this beautiful beach.

Many people say that it is a beautiful sight to see the colourful sails, as it adds ambience to the shoreline while having a meal in the restaurant, a drink in the Surf Life Saving club or just relaxing on the beach.

Why are you making it hard and dangerous for us and other beach goers?

This Sunday 8/12/19 one of your staff in a council four wheel drive came to police any vehicles that were on the beach without a trailer attached and on him trying to exit the beach he did not make it. It took him 2 more attempts and in doing so he dug up the soft sand making it even more difficult for us

with trailers attached to exit the beach.

He did not apparently take your notice of deflating his tires.

Ps. I agree that driving on the beach except for launching and retrieving boats should not be allowed.

Please, please do put the cement sleepers and the matting back and make it easier and safer to access the beach.

Peter Nicholson.

Normanville Beach Boat Access

Bill Hosking's letter about the Council not providing access to the Normanville beach to launch a boat would find support from many in the district, I suspect. The history of laying some structure on the beach, the importance of drawing tourists to the area – at that level, the views expressed in the letter all makes sense.

However, on some points, only half the story is told. The boat ramp at Port Hughes has recently had millions of dollars spent on it. The rock ledge at the end was blasted away. And then the seaweed and sand moved back in, much as it had before. And needs clearing regularly – at what cost? Who pays?

The marine geology of a gulf presents some interesting realities. The V shape creates a series of spiral bays along both sides of the gulf. There is a well-known formula measured from tip to tip of the points on the spiral, and the depth of the bay, that keeps the sand movement in equilibrium as it moves in and out over the season. South of the jetty at Port Hughes the spiral bay shows this equilibrium clearly. The sandhill is at 45 deg to the beach and there is a depth of sand on the beach. Look further north from the boat ramp and there is a completely different story. The presence of the ramp changes the dynamic equilibrium of sand movement, and as a result a process of disequilibrium sets up, causing the sand to move at a faster rate north. The 45 deg angle of the sandhill to the beach – evident 20 years ago – has now disappeared – and the vertical cliffs are migrating back towards the houses along the cliff edge, at an increasing rate each year. The owners of the houses are now making arrangements – legal and financial – to install very expensive walls to protect their properties. All caused by the presence of the boat ramp on the point further south. And the same case of disequilibrium is evident at West Beach boat ramp, causing the extreme degradation of all beaches further north. As the many who gathered there four decades ago knew when they protested against its construction.

Mr Hosking's last paragraph states that he is not advocating for a permanent facility at Normanville,

while developing his argument that 'facilities for boat launching in this Council area are sub-standard at best and nowhere near comparable to those provided by other coastal councils'. The fact is that the Normanville beach cannot have the same facility provided by councils such as at Port Hughes (or Beachport) because the coastal conditions do not allow it. Other residents do not want their beaches destroyed just to provide a facility for one group. There is no mention of the Wirrina launch facility in the letter.

Mr Hosking states that previous 'solutions' such as the concrete sleepers or the plastic mats could still be used. The clay attempt was not continued when it was realised that it created unacceptable contamination over the seagrass. The main problem with the plastic mats was the misuse by a small section of users, especially in the section of soft sand at the end between high and low tide – when metal hooks were attached to the mats to try and 'solve' the problem when vehicles became bogged. The apparent 'solution' at Robe of 'long mats of conveyor belt type material' could be proposed to council for investigation. Are they cheap? How often do they need replacing? Who should bear the costs – the whole community or the main users? Should there be a user-pays system established at Normanville if any other systems is installed?

Perhaps Mr Hosking could invite a group of residents affected by boat access on the Normanville beach to form their own analysis of the issues, and present a considered case to the Council. This case needs to be more than 'having what they have' – because boats and beach access is not a simple matter on South Australian coasts, in the way that Mr Hosking suggests in his letter. More discussion, more scientific and technical knowledge, more clarity around costings for purchasing and maintaining any system is required.

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Normanville Beach Boat Launching

In response to Mr. Hosking's letter regarding Normanville Beach I would like to congratulate the Yankalilla council for their efforts to limit fishing from boats.

It is widely accepted that the reason for recent measures controlling fish catches from SA waters is the large harvesting undertaken by amateur fishermen.

By his own admission, Mr. Hosking has taken fish from all along the SA coast.

Professional fishermen have had livelihoods ruined by these greedy individuals.

There are many jetties within a short drive of Normanville where many environmentally aware fisher persons already enjoy their hobby in a more sustainable manner.

Fish don't belong on land. Maybe us humans shouldn't venture onto the water.

Stewart Cummings

Victor Harbor

Normanville Boat Ramp

I have to applaud Bill Hosking for his well written, informative and totally correct letter outlining the appalling state of the Normanville beach access launch ramp.

After spending all day Friday December 27th on the beach with my kids and grand kids, launching our kayaks and paddle boards amongst the other boaties, I noticed probably 10 vehicles that became bogged trying to access or leave the beach. Bill Hosking's prediction of the deterioration of the sand was totally correct and the only way to get on or off the beach via the "boat ramp", is to drive at a higher speed than safety should require. A pitiful sign advising of tyre pressure and 4wd experience is at best naive and worse culpable.

The boat ramp is widely advertised and signposted and as such the council has a duty of care to ensure users are safe and that it can in fact be used.

I am totally dumbfounded as to why the council rejected the well designed plastic matting, bunting and signage put forward at the recent council meeting, in fact I would not like to be in the councils position if someone is injured or killed due to the poor state of the ramp and yet they, the council, rejected making it safer without a comment why.

It is time for the Mayor and the council to explain why the matting was not reinstalled, do they have a better long term solution they are not telling us, or do they want the ramp closed?

Council elections are coming up and I ask all ratepayers that enjoy the ramp, as well as the Sunday Sailors, to ask each candidate what their position is on the facility.

As Bill Hosking said, Australians all share our beaches and access to the water to launch our small vessels is a right, not a privilege and if the council is intent on changing something that has been in place for decades, then we all need to know.

Peter Perrin

Normanville

Access To Normanville Beach & Council Matters

I read Bill Hosking's letter to the editor on this matter with interest and I want to compliment Bill on the thoroughness of his treatment of the issue. I wanted to offer a personal perspective, though.

I have accessed the Normanville Beach for sailing for the last 15 years using a number of different 4 wheel drive vehicles with varying success. In fact, I speak with some authority on this issue as I had the (dis)honour of being awarded the 'Most Bogged' trophy from the Normanville Sailing Club for 2018. When I started sailing at Normanville beach, access was enabled by a layer of clay dumped and spread by the Council after the last high tide in November. This was stopped due to environmental concerns, as I understand the situation. This was followed by the plastic matting that became shorter over the years due to damage. Neither solution was workable: the sand at the end of the clay path would erode leading to a small cliff, and the plastic matting was not long enough to get to harder sand and the summer rains and Bungala creek caused many problems.

By the end of the 2018-19 season, there had been nothing in place for months. I found that following the advice of more experienced 4 wheel drivers meant that I was not bogged at all last season and someone else was awarded 'Most Bogged' for 2019. What is the advice that turned my experience around?

- Let your tyres down to 15 psi.
 - Check for children and others before starting across soft sand.
 - Do not try to race through: Get up momentum and keep this up until on firmer ground
- Occasionally, people will still get bogged with the best driving in the world, but it is always manageable and the beach community invariably assists.

I suggest that we give it a try without a beach access solution being provided by Council for a season; let's take some personal responsibility and

then evaluate how this went. I realise that expressing this view will not be popular with some but this seems to be largely because people can't seem to imagine that anything Council does is for anything other than some dark and disturbing reason. Councils do need to be held accountable and I plan to join the newly formed Yankalilla District Residents Association so that I and others can contribute to debate about community interests. Overall, though, I am pretty happy with our Council. I have seen considerable development at the foreshore, Bungala Park, upgrading of toilet facilities and many other changes over time. I know our rates are high, but there are some good reasons for this that could only be overcome by allowing a degree of development that most residents do not want. We like the quiet country towns in this area and we don't want to become a sprawling metropolis. But, let's give the Council credit for what they do, keep encouraging them to listen to individuals and community groups, and challenging vested interests who may wish to take the community in ill advised directions. Saving your bullets for the important battles is an important strategy.

Finally, I want to make the point that beach access at Normanville is important and should not be stopped. After sailing a few weeks ago, I was sitting having a beer and watching the sea and a young family with a tinny arrived. It was heartwarming to see the young Dad, his wife and two daughters launch their boat and take off to do some fishing. Such a simple thing that would not happen if those who do not want to share the beach had their way. A cheap and affordable way in which people can enjoy our wonderful environment. Let's not stop this because of wrangling over access issues. The beach belongs to all of us and we need to cooperate and acknowledge that some people use it in ways that might disagree with others but, I think, there is much value in the saying 'Live and let live'.

Brian Matthews



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Historic Hillsley

I was fascinated to read the article "Historic Hillsley" in your Dec/Jan issue. I am a member of the Lowe family and have many wonderful memories of Easter picnics at Hillsley with our friends. I was a young child but can clearly remember catching yabbies in the dams and racing them, the boiling copper and the terrifying Long Drop. Even then the chestnuts and cork were splendid old trees. The dams are now mostly gone, replaced in Mr Leppinus' time with bores.

Maurice Lowe (my great grandfather) ran a slaughter house in Port Adelaide which he began as a 16 year old in 1881, and the purchase of Hillsley was a natural progression. The founding of City Meat was driven by his son, Ray, who was amongst the first meat inspectors at Samcor after the government closed private slaughter houses in Adelaide. Lowes were regulars at the livestock markets throughout the Fleurieu Peninsula particularly Strathalbyn and Willunga.

In 1954, part of the family, through the vision of Ken Lowe (Ray's son) purchased uncleared Mallee Scrub in the Upper South East. With funds from the sale of Hillsley and with the help of Rex Anderson (well known in agricultural circles) the land was cleared to create Pitlochry and Kendal Stations. The stations specialised in Poll Herefords, merinos and fat lambs.

Pitlochry Station was held by the family until last year, so completing 103 years of farming in South Australia which all had its beginnings at a little slaughter house in Port Adelaide and the purchase of Hillsley.

Jenny Dodd
Cape Jervis

ANZ Bank Closure

On behalf of those people hurting or put out by the closure of the ANZ bank I sent off this letter because the staff would be unwise to do so!

I am a very satisfied small customer at the ANZ BANK in Yankalilla South Australia. Previously had accounts in Mount Eliza and Collins Street, Melbourne. I cancelled and changed both accounts reason being incompetence of staff. In Yankalilla the capacity of the staff and willingness to do their best is more apparent. The people who work for the bank are REAL people. So you and your subordinates intend to close the bank? Do you have ANY idea of the ripple effect? Of course not. You can run a pen through Yankalilla and other similar branches in retribution for the remediation cost emanating from the commission. Last fiscal year to September the profit was \$5.95b - an inconceivable figure. The bank admonished by the commission for the way it does business and in response you put your salary up by the cost it takes to run some of these small branches and closes them. There is no human kindness, no emotional intelligence in running your business this way. It is un-Australian to punish REAL people for the foibles of those with greed being addressed way beyond need. But you do not care nor those on your board. Silly me.

Anthony Nicholl

If You Don't Use It You Lose It

There is a very old saying "if you don't use it you lose it" and that is the very thing the Yankalilla district is experiencing at the moment. The amount of businesses that are closing or having to downsize or struggling to make ends meet is a real concern. We have lost the abattoirs, the local butcher, eating houses, the accountant down sized, now in May 2020 the ANZ bank will be gone and another reducing hours opening for 4 hours per day on January 13th 2020, who's next? The school is having to review its offerings because so many parents are choosing to send their children elsewhere for a perceived better delivery. Just imagine what could be delivered if 90% of the local kids went to the local schools. I also see the Coles delivery van delivering groceries to the door, or locals patronising a Bunnings or Aldi, at what expense? You are locals expecting local business to support your place of employment or other small businesses, sporting and service clubs. When shopping, consider what your dollar is going to do. Will it help local employment of our youth, keep the existing businesses viable, bring other businesses in. What does shopping local mean to

the whole community?

You might say that this is the sign of the times but for a small community these losses are huge. It not only takes away the economic dollar that goes around it also takes away confidence and morale. Whenever a sporting club, charity organisation or someone doing a fundraiser wants sponsorship they hit the local businesses. Well if the locals keep buying outside of the district and stop supporting the locals, then we won't have the capacity to grow or be able to afford the things you want in our district.

There are other impacts as well because governments often use formulas to distribute funding. Yankalilla is in a very poor position when it comes to funding distribution. We are looked on as a wealthy community because of the value of homes and because this is not the main place of residence for 42% of our landholders on Census night, funding to our schools and council is heavily discounted.

The Council and schools can only provide what is viable. Local businesses require support to stay viable. Council can encourage by providing free Wi-Fi in the streets and foreshore, look at investment to develop the Jetty Rd Caravan Park to encourage more visitors, look at ways to encourage the visitors and those travelling to KI to stop and enjoy our great environment. Community support is very necessary.

What is our community going to look like in the long term?

Glen Rowlands

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Gallery 88 celebrated the start of the year 2020 with a splash of colourful paintings by award-winning local and regional guest artists Hugh Adamson, Diana Bradshaw, Sharon Campbell, Nicole Gilding, Lorraine Lewitzka and Victoria Rolinski. The captivating variety of painting styles and subjects, being it landscapes, coastlines, rustic scenes, animals, portraits, stillifes or abstracts, will make a visit to Gallery 88 a feast for your eyes. All these subjects are skillfully captured in a diversity of painting mediums, from watercolour to oils, acrylics and

pastels. Yet another year the Summer Exhibition of regional guest artists shows the kaleidoscope of artistic talent the Fleurieu Peninsula has to offer. It also shows us how artists are inspired by our beautiful environment, which surely ignites a passion for painting.

This vibrant collection of artworks will be on display throughout January and February.

The gallery is open Wednesday to Sunday and all school and public holidays, from 11am-4pm. Admission is free.

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

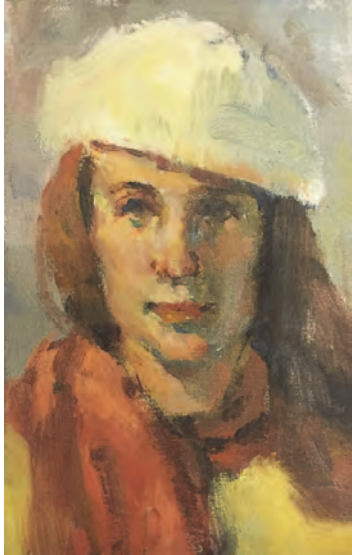
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Gilbert's Art Sessions for 2020

I just want to firstly thank all the participants of my 2018 and 2019 art classes. Also I wish to thank Wendy and the staff at the NNRC Office in Normanville.

This year, 2020 will take a slightly different approach. There will be three sessions per month, plus a weekend Saturday or Sunday for those who work during the week, but wish to attend.

The Sessions will all focus on 'Improving Your Skills' in whatever medium you wish to use and explore.

Sessions A; Will be the first Thursday of each month, from 10.00am til 4.00pm. The mornings will be working/going through new and old techniques that you wish to explore. The afternoons will be used to work on a piece of artwork that you start and finish over a period of four months, shorter or longer, your wish.

Sessions B; Will be the second Friday of each month, (apart for *April - Good Friday falls on 2nd Fri) 10.00am til 4.00pm. These sessions will be an outside experience, exploring the beautiful surrounds of

our region, from dirt roads and trees to old farm buildings and fence lines using any medium.

Sessions C; Natural History Illustrating, will be the third Wednesday of each month, 10.00am til 4.00pm. These sessions will help and guide you through drawing anything from nature, whether it be plant materials, rocks, shells, bones or whatever. Here you produce a piece of artwork in any medium over a period of time or just small studies, again your wish.

Sessions A and C will be conducted at number 15 Edmund Street house no. 4 Normanville.

Session B will be meeting 'somewhere', to be announced and then depart to 'wherever'!!

During **March/April**, date to be announced will be my '**gunna come session**' for those that have not yet attended, but always said they would!!! These will be half price with all materials provided, plus much more !!!

Concessions will be available.



Also if there any year 10, 11, 12 and Tertiary Students that wish any mentoring with school projects, especially in the Science/Natural history areas be free to contact me. Contact **Gilbert** on **0432 372 235** or at **dashorstart1956@gmail.com**

Calendar for 2020

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Mar: Thurs 5th, Fri 13th, Wed 18th
April: Thurs 2nd, *Fri 17th, Wed 15th
May: Thurs 7th, Fri 15th, Wed 20th
June: Thurs 4th, Fri 12th, Wed 17th
July: Thurs 2nd, Fri 10th, Wed 22nd
Aug: Thurs 6th, Fri 14th, Wed 19th
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The Lions will again provide us with the best sausage sizzle in the land and there will be free face painting on the day.

Most importantly witness first hand a Citizenship Ceremony and welcome the new Australian's to our District.



Elected Members and staff of the District Council of Yankalilla wish you a safe holiday season and fun filled 2020.

Elected Member Nominating and Voting

Nominations for those aspiring to be an Elected Member close at noon on the 23 January. Nomination information and kits are available from Council's Offices – please call 8558 0200 for details.

Ballot material will be sent out to all electors by 10 February and you have until 24 February 2020 to vote by popping your vote in the ballot box at Council or until 20 February for any postal vote.

The new Elected Member will be announced on 19 March 2020.

It is a very exciting time to join the Elected Members, with the development of a 10-year strategic plan following the feedback received from township forums and topic panel events.

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To reduce the chance of them becoming a nuisance, or worse still, being injured or killed by cars, other cats or dogs, cats are not allowed to wander, meaning they are to be kept indoors and/or confined to their owner's property. Birds, lizards and other animals preyed on by cats, will thank you!

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If you feed a cat that is not yours, it may be a "semi-owned" cat. These cats wander freely, are not always registered and there is no one person responsible for them. These cats tend to hunt wildlife, pass on disease to other cats and animals, breed with other semi-owned or feral cats and may generally cause a nuisance. We discourage the feeding of these cats.

Feral Cats

Council acknowledges the increased risk to the environment and domestic cats from feral cats. Please contact Council if you are aware of feral cats in your area.

Trapping Cats

Did you know you can hire, with a refundable bond, cat trapping cages from Council? This is encouraged where a cat is causing a nuisance and you do not know who owns the cat. Bringing the cat to Council will help us check to see if it is lost and reunite it with its owner. If there is no ID, we can take it to the RSPCA for health checks, assessment and hopefully adoption.

Please note, there are strict requirements to be followed by the person using a trap to ensure the well-being of the cat. These will be explained to you by Council staff when you pick up and sign for the trap.

Experiencing a Cat Nuisance?

You are encouraged to discuss this initially with the cat owner to solve any issues. However, you may contact Council if a nuisance continues or you do not know the owner of the cat.

Trails Reference Group

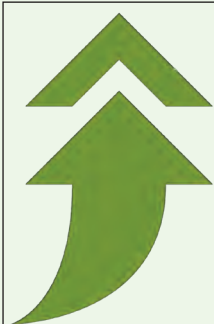
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Reference group positions are voluntary and the group will meet in person 2-3 times between February and June, to provide input into the development of a Tracks and Trails Strategic Action Plan. Other information sharing and input will be via email.

If this sounds like you, please complete an expression of interest by Friday 14 February 2020.

Further information and application forms are available from Lisa Pearson (lisapearson@yankalilla.sa.gov.au or 8558 0200).



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Safety at Non-Patrolled Beaches



South Australia has many beautiful beaches - especially regionally - and lifesavers cannot be everywhere at all times! Even at beaches with a surf lifesaving club, patrols do not operate 24/7. If you find yourself at a beach without any patrols, these tips will help keep you safe.

Don't dash into the water straight away when you arrive. Take five minutes to scope out the local conditions and familiarise yourself with any safety signs.

- Know your own limits as a beach user, be it swimming, surfing, or anything else.
- Learn how to identify rip currents, in-shore holes and other danger areas. A rip can be recognised by sand coloured or rippled water running out to sea when the water on either side is generally cleaner. The waves may also be larger and breaking further out to sea on both sides of the rip.
- Make sure you swim with others supervising who are capable of assisting you if you get into difficulty.
- Ensure someone in your group has CPR or First Aid training.
- Know how to call emergency services for help - if you are at a remote beach, do you have mobile service?
- Seek the advice of locals, surfers and others in remote or unfamiliar locations - in many instances they will be able to advise you of any concerns.
- Check for any signs or warnings.
- Check any local news, bulletin boards or social media for warnings.
- If in doubt, stay out.

Keep Safe when swimming on our beaches

- Never swim alone.
- Read and obey the signs.
- Don't swim directly after a meal or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Always check the depth of the water.
- Never run or dive into the water. Even if you have checked the depth, water conditions can change.
- If you get into trouble in the water, stay calm. Signal for help, by holding up one arm and waving, float and wait for assistance.
- Learn how to spot a rip and keep clear of it.
- Always swim at beaches with patrolling lifesavers or lifeguards. The Beachsafe App can find your closest patrolled beach.

The safest beaches are those patrolled by surf lifesavers or lifeguards. They are trained in beach and water safety and have equipment handy to help you if you get in trouble.

- Swim between the red and yellow flags - this is the area that surf lifesavers are watching and can respond to quicker than other areas.
- If caught in a rip, or if you get in to any trouble in the water, do not panic. Float and raise one arm for help.
- All South Australian surf lifesavers wear a distinctive red and yellow uniform, making them even easier to spot.



SLS Beachsafe App

Download the Beachsafe App for the latest information about every Australian beach, including patrol status, facilities and hazards to weather, swell and tide.



"Let's not forget anyone in our community - the young, the old, the mentally ill, the homeless, single parents, the lonely, the dreamers, the doers, the tourists, and everyone in between. Without community we are just another place to be corrupted, so let's jump in together and exploit it for our good. I want to live my days here knowing I'm safe, I'm cared for and I am needed in my community."

Online Discussion Forum Participant

"We need better tourist facilities. I'd like to see overnight camping at the reservoir."

Myponga Township Community Forum Participant

"I'd like to maintain the current integrity of the district of Inman Valley by limiting development."

Inman Valley Township Community Forum Participant

"I'd like this to be a sustainable region - with us living in community villages, adopting clean & green practices."

Inman Valley Township Community Forum Participant

"Any development needs to be sensitive and sympathetic - I'd like to keep the country lifestyle."

Myponga Township Community Forum Participant

"I think our district should be known for its natural rugged beauty. But I fail to see how we can capitalise on that. For business operators to thrive, there needs to be a couple of key tourist attractions to bring people to the area to begin with. Natural beauty isn't enough on its own."

Online Discussion Forum Participant



Images Inman Valley Community Forum & Second Valley Community Forum



Hundreds of locals help us to plan the future of our region!

Nature's Best, Let's Plan the Rest is the biggest community consultation we've ever undertaken.

We'd like to say THANK YOU to the hundreds of people who have attended our Township Community Forums over the last couple of months, the children and young people who participated in our school sessions, the people who joined the conversation online and those of you who told us about your ideas for our community by returning questionnaires to us.

We are collating everything that you have told us, and all responses and reports are publicly available at www.yoursayyankalilla.com.au/natures-best-lets-plan-the-rest

Whilst we are bursting at the seams with your ideas and suggestions so far, we've still got so many ways for you to join the conversation in the new year.

We encourage you to attend one of our themed "What's the Future?" events, where you'll hear a panel of locals and experts share their thoughts on the future of topics of interest in our district and provide your ideas through audience discussion. Don't forget too to pop down to Normanville Foreshore on Thursday 9 January 2020 between 12-7pm to tell us your opinions for the future of this location.

What we're hearing from YOU during this process is helping us to develop our Strategic Management Plan for 2020 to 2030.



Images Myponga Township Community Forum



Images Engaging with children at Myponga Primary School & Engaging with children and young people at Yankalilla Area School





Attend a 'What's The Future?' event!

Please RSVP for these events via www.Yoursayyankalilla.com.au or by calling 8558 0200.

What's the Future of Normanville Foreshore?

Thursday 9 January 2020, drop in between 12-7pm
Normanville Foreshore
(no RSVP required)

What's The Future of Healthy Ageing in our District?

Tuesday 14 January 2020, 10am - 12noon
Club Fleurieu

What's The Future of the Environment in our District?

Saturday 18 January 2020, 2 - 4pm
Normanville Hotel

What's The Future of Farming in our District?

Wednesday 22 January 2020, 1 - 3pm and repeated at 7 - 9pm
Parawa Hall, Parawa

What's The Future of Children, Young People and Families in our District?

Wednesday 19th February 2020, 6.30 - 8.30pm
Yankalilla Area School

What's The Future of Jobs, Business and Tourism in our District?

Wednesday 5 February 2020, 7.30am - 9.00am
Normanville Surf Lifesaving Club
*Breakfast charges apply, concessions available

What's The Future of Arts & Culture in our District?

Saturday 8 February 2020, 2 - 4pm
Normanville Hotel

What's The Future of Sport and Recreation in our District?

Tuesday 11 February 2020, 6.30 - 8.30pm
Yankalilla Football Club,



"The Surf Club looks after the community when swimming, so the community should look after the surf club by getting a new one!!"

Yankalilla Area School Participant

"I'd like to see more business in the township to make tourists stop and be able to shop local."

Myponga Township Community Forum Participant

"I'd like our district to be known for having a sanctuary to save native animals from extinction. This would also be a terrific tourist attraction."

Online Discussion Forum Participant

"I would love to see our community as being sustainable, green and climate emergency ready. I would love to see us building jobs here in the renewable and recycling sector... And maybe in the future we could all have the option of being attached to our own Yankalilla/Normanville Solar Grid. This would be a community that works together - all ages, for a better future."

Online Discussion Forum Participant

Join the conversation ONLINE!

If you aren't able to make one of our face-to-face events, you can join the conversation online at www.yoursayyankalilla.com.au registration is simple and gives you the opportunity to discuss your ideas for our district with other local people at your convenience.

CALLING ALL LOCAL ARTISTS

The District Council of Yankalilla Council Gallery will host a series of 4 exhibitions titled:

FOUR SEASONS ON THE FLEURIEU COAST

These exhibitions will promote local emerging and established artists through works that explore the changing seasons of our external environment and within our own internal landscapes.

We are seeking expressions of interest from local emerging and established artists, sculptors, photographers ceramic and jewellery makers, poets and musicians.

For more information and to submit your interest please pick up an Artist EOI Pack from:
The Council, Visitor Information Centre OR
visit our website: www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au

Help us make our region more accessible and inclusive

Your views and ideas will help us develop a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) which will support all Council business and add value to Council's strategic priorities over the next ten years.

Access and Inclusion Forum

Wednesday 26 February 2020
2pm - 4pm
at The Centre / Library
181 Main South Road Yankalilla

RSVP by 17 February to:
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Naked Lunch Boxes and no waste lunches

Have you considered joining the nude food revolution and reducing unnecessary waste in lunch boxes? Here are some useful tips to assist!



Example of lunch items with waste	Example of items in a waste-free lunch
Sandwich in disposable cling wrap or plastic sandwich bag	Sandwich in a snug-fitting reusable container
Chips or pretzels in a plastic/foil packet	Snacks in a reusable container
Juice in a squeeze pouch, with a plastic straw	Water, juice or other drinks in a reusable and resealable bottle, filled at home from a bulk container
Yoghurt in squeeze pouches or plastic 'shot' bottles	Yoghurt in a small reusable container, filled at home from a bulk container
Individually-wrapped muesli bars	'Trail mix' in a reusable container
Pre-packaged fruit salad in a plastic tub or tin	Whole fruits without packaging or fruit pieces in reusable containers
Prepackaged 'snack pack' of crackers and cheese spread	Raw or salad vegetables such as carrot, lettuce, tomato, cucumber and celery, plus a small container of dip
Individually-wrapped confectionary bars or cakes	Muffin, fruit bread or biscuits in a reusable container
Individually-wrapped cheese sticks/strings	Cubes/slices of cheese in a reusable container
Disposable cutlery	Durable cutlery that is designed to be washed and reused
Paper serviette	Washable cloth napkin



Thank you to our Volunteers!

Council would like to sincerely thank and wish Merry Christmas to all our 77 wonderful Volunteers! On Wednesday 11th December Council hosted our 11th Annual Volunteer Thank you Christmas Lunch at the Yankalilla Football Club with over 70 volunteers and their partners attending.

Our dedicated volunteers support three of our important services for our community. The Yankalilla Council Transport Service's 42 volunteers and 4 companions serviced 325 clients to 2361 appointments covering 128,460 kms this year. The Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre's 26 volunteers welcomed 12,300 guests through its doors this year and responded to 9,155 email and phone call enquiries and won the 2019 South Australian Visitor Information Centre Award of Excellence. Our 5 Library volunteers assisted to services the Library's 39,179 customers and contributed more than 700 hours this year.

Council would like to congratulate and give a special thanks to the following volunteers that achieved incredible milestone for their Years of Service this year:

5 Years of Service

Margo Britton
Ian Hutchinson

10 Years of Service

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Alison Kennett
Robert Kennett
Deane Tonkin
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Joy Whellum
Debbie Kellett
Lin Sparham

15 Years of Service

Phillip Ownsworth
Dolek Thiele
John Munday
Lyndell

20 Years of Service

Geoff Goodman



Quick Quiz

1. How many strings has a mandolin got?
2. Name the largest state in Australia
3. Which movie won an Oscar for Best Movie in 2019
4. Name the six wives of King Henry VIII in order
5. In which organ in the human body would you find the Islets of Langerhans
6. True or False – Male Sea dragons give birth
7. Who solved the crime in "Death on the Nile"?
8. Which 5 countries are larger than Australia
9. Who is the only person to have been awarded both the Australian of the Year and Young Australian of the Year titles?
10. What year was the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II?

1. 8
2. Western Australia
3. Green Book
4. Catherine of Aragon, Anne Boleyn, Jane Seymour, Anne of Cleves, Catherine Howard and Catherine Parr
5. Pancreas
6. True
7. Hercule Poirot
8. Russia, Canada, China, USA and Brazil
9. Cathy Freeman
10. 1953

WHAT'S ON FEBRUARY

The Centre and Yankalilla Library 181 Main South Road Yankalilla

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Library Lovers Month Membership Drive

MONDAY - FRIDAY 10AM - 5PM &
SATURDAY 10AM - 1PM

Not a member? Come in and join and go into the draw for a prize.

Already a member? Come in and tell us why you love your library and go into the draw for a prize.

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LOCATION YANKALILLA LIBRARY

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library@yankalilla.sa.gov.au
www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au/libraryevents

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Dare to Dream How to Get Published

THURSDAY AT 2PM - 4PM

This workshop aims to take writers through a series of practical ideas about preparing a manuscript and a pitch to a publisher.

Bookings Essential.

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Little Bang Discovery Club

THURSDAY AT 10AM - 11.30AM

Young children are already great scientists without even knowing it. This four-session program supports learning through play and natural curiosity with adults as co-learners. Everyday objects and experiments are combined with genuine scientific enquiry methods. Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Children aged 3-5 years. Bookings Essential.

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Introduction to Family History: convict ancestors

MONDAY AT 9.30AM - 11.30AM

Learn how to research your family history. Presented by Hanna Law, Family Historian and Genealogy Researcher. Bookings Essential.

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Story Time For Preschoolers

WEDNESDAY AT 10AM (school terms)

Suitable for preschoolers.

No Bookings required.

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Drumming Circle

WEDNESDAY AT 2PM (school terms)

Weekly on Wednesdays. All Welcome.

No Bookings required.

COST GOLD COIN DONATION

LOCATION THE CENTRE

ENQUIRIES 08 8558 0264



HOME LIBRARY SERVICE

Did you know your Library offers a free home deliver service? Contact the Library for further information.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday 21 January at 4pm

Tuesday 18 February at 4pm

Visit our website at www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au to check for Agenda and Minutes of Committee and Council meetings.

REGULAR EVENTS

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WIGGLE 'N' GIGGLE

TUESDAY AT 9.30AM (school terms)

Join in for a Wiggly Giggly good time with parents and pre-school children. No Bookings required.

COST FREE

LOCATION THE CENTRE

ENQUIRIES 0450 310 700

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YANKALILLA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WEDNESDAY AT 10AM - 12NOON

Assistance with family and local history. No Bookings required.

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Writers' Week

International Women's' Day event

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Christina Haack

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Yankalilla Men's Shed

The Yankalilla and Districts Community Men's Shed held a very successful stall at the Xmas Market at Club Fleurieu on 30th November. The market was very well attended and the Men's Shed sold items that had been made by its members.

The Shed was visited by John from Your Energy Saving Solutions offering the free replacement of older globes with LED globes. He was also able to replace shower heads with those that are more water saving. A number of members took advantage of the service to save on electricity and water in their private homes. Phone 1300 894 745 to arrange a visit.

The Shed held its Christmas dinner at Yankalilla Hotel on 12th December. The Hotel is to be thanked and congratulated for the service of over 60 meals. Everyone enjoyed the evening. The winning bids of the silent auction were also finalised at the dinner, and again, our sincere thanks to the many businesses who donated goods or services for the auction.

The Men's Shed donated a wooden marble run to The Yankalilla Community Children's Centre. The Children's Centre was delighted to receive the marble run which was made by a member of the Yankalilla Mens Shed. The marble run that has at least 6 different elements for marbles to work through was thoroughly enjoyed by the children as they spent considerable time exploring the different components. Skyla said, "I loved it" and the "swinging part" was the part she loved the best. Max said, "I really liked it. I liked the music part the best" (the xylophone). In the future, the children will have the opportunity to play with it in small groups to explore a variety of numeracy



concepts including predicting, chance and data.

The Shed is very grateful for the continued support from Bunnings who have made a further donation of timber for use by the members. Members were happy to attend the Bunnings Seaford Christmas party.

The Federal Member for Mayo, Rebekha Sharkie, has advised that she had been successful in securing a \$10,000 grant which can be used to fit out the Shed's new kitchen area.



Yankalilla Men's Probus

Another convivial monthly meeting for men's probus was held 3rd December 2019 at the customary venue, RSL hall. We welcomed a newcomer Trevor Corbell.

It was noted there was a declining membership for men's Probus in Australia but our group has a stable membership.

Allan has organised a number of guest speakers and for this meeting we heard from a well prepared Craig Harris on fighting oil fires and blowouts - a dangerous and complex undertaking. He was a well control emergency and preparedness officer with Santos.

The monthly profile was that of John Smith.

John spoke of his reverence of his parents his father a clergyman in out back places and Alice Springs and John himself a teacher, travelled to and worked in places many and

varied like Biloela QLD.

Upon leaving the teaching profession John took up writing and ran through several of his books with us.

The annual general meeting is to be held in March and if you wish to stand as an office bearer please contact me for forms.

A show "Seniors Moments 2 Remember Remember" is on at the Dunstan Playhouse from 4th to 8th February tickets \$55. It was suggested we work in with Ladies Probus and then we can send a deputation! Tony Barber, Max Gillies and Normie Rowe.

Traditionally there will be no meeting in January so please note the **next meeting** will be on the **4th February**. RSL Hall 10am to 12noon. Newcomers and visitors welcome.

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The money will allow members to install much needed items such as a hot water service, a microwave, crockery, tables and chairs.

"There are more than a thousand Men's Sheds right across Australia, more than a dozen of which are in

Mayo, and I am a huge supporter of these non-profit organisations that enhance the physical and mental health of men in a very local, hands-on way," Rebekha said.

The Yankalilla and Districts Community Men's Shed has "recently built their own kitchen and meeting area, and while they have hands on skills, they do need some assistance in fitting out their kitchen so I was pleased to advocate on their behalf when they came to me seeking funding assistance." Rebekha added. The Shed expects to receive a defibrillator in the new year as part of the Governments election promise.

Yankalilla & Districts Community Men's Shed members show their new kitchen to Rebekha Sharkie MP. Rebekha has successfully advocated for a \$10,000 grant to allow members to install much needed items such as a hot-water service, a microwave, some crockery, tables and chairs.

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Henry Kemmis may have been earliest importer of alpacas to Australia

The first person to take up land when Yankalilla was surveyed was Henry Kemmis who bought two 80-acre sections – 1182 in 1841 and 1181 in 1842 – initially living in a Manning house while beginning to build a solid sandstone and brick home 'Manna Farm' on the latter section. By 1844 Henry Kemmis had 30 acres sown to wheat, 1½ acres to maize, as well as running 1000 sheep and 30 cattle. He also experimented with raising alpacas. The 'Manna Farm' house was completed by his son-in-law John Wordsworth Heathcote who became the second owner of the property. John Heathcote, who in 1850 was at Cudlatiunga station, inland from Myponga Beach, also imported alpacas.

However, most records report the first alpacas brought to Australia were three black females and one black male imported in 1857 by William Haigh of Tiatucka station near Port Lincoln on Eyre Peninsula. The four alpacas were purchased from Sir Titus Salt of England, a leader in the development of the wool milling industry in that country during the industrial revolution. However, as Mr Haigh had no particular knowledge of breeding alpacas, this venture proved unsuccessful.

A meeting of Sydney businessmen in November 1850 subscribed £2000 to import a shipment of alpacas from Peru to Australia to breed as rivals to merinos with their fine, silk-like fleece, an idea already mooted by Governor King as early as 1803 but a venture that did not materialise before the Peruvian Government in 1845 imposed a ban on the export of alpacas.

Another attempt to bring alpacas to Australia came from adventurous Englishman Charles Ledger, who had

lived in Peru and was the first man to smuggle out, in any quantity, the seeds of the Cinchona tree, the bark from which quinine is extracted. In 1852, Ledger proposed to the British Government that he should smuggle out a shipment of alpacas for Australia, but for diplomatic reasons his offer was officially rejected. He then sailed to Sydney, interviewed Governor Fitzroy and claimed that he had been unofficially promised 10,000 acres of land if he brought 100 alpacas into the country, to which the Governor invited him to go ahead.

Ledger spent the next five years in Peru assembling a flock of alpacas and llamas. Because of the export ban, it was difficult and dangerous work and Ledger apparently spent two short periods in jail. At one time he had assembled about 1000 animals, but lost nearly half of them in a snowstorm; on another occasion 200 died when they drank poisoned water. However, Ledger persisted and eventually, by travelling through Bolivia and the mountains of Argentina, he and a South American shepherd reached a Chilean port with a flock of alpacas, llamas and a few vicunas – all members of the camelid family. These were embarked on the ship *Salvadora*, which reached Sydney in November 1858. A total of 282 animals had survived the voyage, comprising 46 male and 38 female pure alpacas, 110 female llama, 43 alpaca-llama crossbreds, with 40 cria, and one female and four male vicunas.

The new arrivals were eventually moved to a property near Goulburn. In April 1859 Ledger sold the whole flock to the New South Wales Government for £15,000 and with the proceeds bought a property and settled in the same area. Ultimately, all Ledger's efforts were in vain as,

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due to a combination of environmental factors and mismanagement, the animals failed to thrive and breed. Many died during the drought of 1862-3 and their numbers decreased until there were none left by 1880. The Sydney Morning Herald in 1862 reported that, due to the determination of the NSW Government to maintain the flock in Australia, the governments of Peru and Bolivia overturned export bans and within a short time alpacas were exported around the world.

Today, the Yankalilla district is home to several successful alpaca breeders including Yaringa Alpacas at Bald Hills and Softfoot Alpacas at Hindmarsh Valley.

– Lorraine Day



Above: Henry Kemmis standing in front of Manna Farm, 1887, during a visit.

Right: Sandy Retallick with prize-winning alpaca Softfoot Platinum in 2016. Photo credit: Softfoot Alpacas

The Yankalilla & District Historical Society Inc. meets on the second Monday of the months of September, October, November, February, March (usually on the Tuesday in March as Monday is Adelaide Cup Day) and April. We meet at 8pm at the Council Chambers. Also, on Wednesday mornings (10am -12noon) there is usually a member of the Society at the library to assist people who have local history enquiries.

**The next meeting will be on
10 February 2020.**



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Main South Road, Delamere.

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2nd Sunday, 9am Yankalilla, 11am Delamere
3rd Sunday, 9am at Yankalilla
4th Sunday, 9am Delamere, 11am Yankalilla
5th Sunday Combined Service — ring contact number for details.
For further information contact: 8598 0223.

Yankalilla Community Church

135 Main South Road, Yankalilla

Sundays at 5.00pm.

Contact 0423 588 959. All welcome

Lutheran

Sanders Hall, 121 Main South Road, Yankalilla (next to Uniting Church).

1st & 3rd Sunday 7pm

Revival Fellowship

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Sundays 255 Pimpala Rd, Woodcroft at 1.30pm & 4.15pm.

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2nd & 4th Sundays @ 8.30am.
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Uniting Church Yankalilla

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Myponga - 9.30am 2nd Sunday, 5pm 4th

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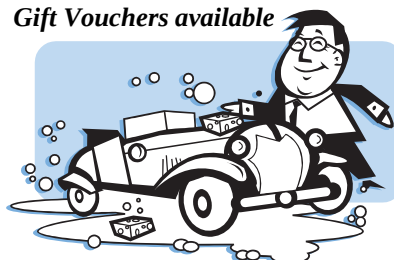
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Local Schools Community Fund Grants Announced

Federal Member for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie has welcomed the announcement of the successful recipients of the Local Schools Community Fund grants in Mayo.

The successful applicants include;

- Myponga Primary School which received \$20,000 to install drainage and landscaping to prevent flooding issues.
- Investigator College at Victor Harbor which received \$5,480 for a 3D printer.
- Kangaroo Island Community Education (KICE) which received \$10,000 to build an outdoor learning environment.
- The Galilee Catholic School in Aldinga which received \$20,000 for an outdoor nature play area.
- McLaren Vale Primary School which received \$20,000 to install a verandah.
- St Catherine's School in Stirling which received \$20,000 to refurbish their canteen.
- Lobethal Primary School which received \$20,000 to install a kitchenette in the shared school/community hall.
- Paracombe Primary School which received \$19,131 to connect power to the shed used for STEM education.
- Oakbank Area School which received \$18,181 to install outdoor fitness equipment for school and community use.
- Macclesfield Primary School which received \$17,208 to develop the school playground.
- Stirling East Primary School which received \$10,000 for an outdoor village learning space.
- Kersbrook Primary School which received \$10,000 to establish an outdoor learning environment.
- Birdwood Primary School which received \$10,000 to refurbish the school library.

Mayo had \$200,000 to share from the \$30.2 million provided across the nation under the Federal Government's 2019/20 Local Schools Community Fund.

The Fund was open to all schools - Government, Catholic and Independent. Schools could apply for funding of between \$1,000 and \$20,000 for a small scale project.

"We had an overwhelming response from schools across Mayo who put in applications worth more than \$2million collectively," Rebekha said.

"We only had \$200,000 to share so I would like to thank the independent panel of local education experts who helped me shortlist the applications to send to the Federal Education Department for final selection.

"The feedback I received from the panel was that the calibre of applications was extremely high and ranged from very practical projects to projects that enhanced student experience through technology and creativity as well as engaging schools with their local community.

"The panel especially wanted to be able to help schools that would otherwise be unable to access funds from other sources for these projects and I believe we have been able to achieve this aim.

"I would like to thank all of the schools who applied for taking the time to put in submissions and I look forward to further rounds of the Local Schools Community Fund."

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Inman Quilters Support Local Area School and Tiny Tails Rescue

Inman Valley Quilters held their annual Christmas luncheon at the Forktree Brewery, in Carrickalinga. Twenty eight of us enjoyed amazing food, wine and company in an idyllic setting! It had been decided by the membership to place a donation in an envelope in lieu of exchanging Christmas gifts. Just short of \$400 was collected with the Inman group 'topping it up' to \$400!

A cheque of \$400 was gifted to the Yankalilla Area School. Christine Bell [principal] received the cheque and thanked Bronwyn [treasurer] for this generous donation. She asked that the funds be used to purchase school shoes and also assist students from needy families to join in on excursions.

A donation of food, bedding etc. could also be made for our "furry friends" to "Tiny Tails Rescue". This is a not for profit organisation who care for small cats and dogs in the Southern Suburbs and Fleurieu. This donation was very much appreciated. Thanks to Carolyn Biggs for recommending this.

With the hot weather and adverse conditions we are experiencing it is important to look after our neighbours and those not so fortunate!

Wishing everyone a safe and Happy New Year 2020!

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Pictured: Collection of goods for Tiny Tails Rescue



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Happy New Year to all. We have had an exciting Christmas/New Year period with many visitors enjoying all that our lovely part of the Southern Fleurieu has to offer. On the other hand, our local CFS brigades have been working hard with sadly, quite a few fires started either by carelessness or malice. The working of the human mind is indeed a mystery.

Our club finished 2019 with a fun bring-a-plate lunch and entertainment by 3 For 1, a really talented trio who had us singing along with songs from many styles – pop, rock & roll, musicals and Christmas carols. There were so many good voices in the audience that we might be "press ganging" a few for our own concert some time in 2020. It's amazing how we can remember the words to a '60s pop song but not what we came into the kitchen for! We have interesting speakers and outings organised right through to April at this point. A visit to the RFDS Operations Centre at Adelaide Airport is organised for 11th March. Our AGM will be held in March and a new membership year starts. A good time to join!

We meet at 10am on the 4th Wednesday of every month (except December) at Yankalilla Community Church Hall. Visitors are very welcome.

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Saturday 18 – Future of the Environment

Tuesday 28 – Local Walk

FEBRUARY

Saturday 1 – Veggie Swap

Saturday 1 – Banksia Park Activity

Monday 3 – Community Nursery Working Bee

Thursday 6 – Gilbert's Art Class

Wednesday 12 – Star Gazing

Thursday 13 – Social Sewing

Friday 14 – Gilbert's Outdoor Class

Monday 17 – Greening the Fleurieu

Wednesday 19 – Banksia Park Activity

Tuesday 25th – Local Walk

What's the Future of the Environment in our District?

Saturday 18th January, 2–4pm
at the Normanville Hotel

You are invited to attend a 'What's the Future' event where you can hear a panel of locals and experts share their thoughts on the future of topics of interest in our district and provide your ideas through audience discussion. This is just one of the many 'What's the Future' events planned in the next month, for further details visit

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/whats-the-future-of-the-environment-in-our-district-tickets>
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Local Heroes

by NNRC Member David Muirhead
Common Fringe-Myrtle
(*Calytrix tetragona*)

(Image of roadside shrub at Inman Valley)

This is a versatile small shrub, usually with compact erect habit, common on the Fleurieu Peninsula but often overlooked until it bursts into bloom in spring, when it is covered in masses of small star-like flowers varying from white to deep pink.



Widely available at most nurseries, it will tolerate most conditions (including shade, full sun, soil pH). It requires good drainage and prefers sandy soils. It is not suitable for silica sand dune revegetation but does well, with mulch and some protection from salt wind, as a second line plant for coastal gardens. Water regularly until established, after which it will survive on natural rainfall (A few original local provenance shrubs still exist in Banksia Park Normanville).

Local Walk to Fisheries Beach

Tuesday 28th January, 4.00pm

Our first walk of the year will be from the Ferry Terminal at Cape Jervis to Fisheries Beach, which is a stunning walk along the coast with great views of Kangaroo Island. Please register for this event on 8558 3644 in case we have to cancel due to hot weather. We are planning on doing the Myponga Reservoir Walk again in February or March as it was a very popular.

Star Gazing

Wednesday 12th February, 9pm
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Just larking about NRM Education

A bird you're highly likely to encounter in your backyard is the Magpie-lark (Grallina cyanoleuca). However, despite its name, is neither a magpie nor a lark. It is actually much more closely related to the Monarchs and other flycatchers. The Magpie-lark is distributed throughout most of mainland Australia, with the exception of parts of the inland deserts, but it is rare in Tasmania. Magpie-larks have adapted extremely well to human impacts and they are common in both urban and rural areas. While they are predominantly carnivores, feeding on a range of insects, worms,

spiders and other small invertebrates, they will sometime scavenge meat and other food discarded by humans.

Because they have such a wide distribution they have acquired many different names, including Peewee, Mudlark, Murray Magpie and Little Magpie. They are often erroneously thought to be the Piping Shrike, the emblematic bird featuring on South Australia's flag, State Badge and Coat of Arms, but the Piping Shrike is actually a stylised version of the Australian Magpie.

The male and female birds can be easily distinguished; males have a black face with a white eyebrow (main photo), whereas the female has a white face with no eyebrow (inset). They usually pair for life and will stay together in the same area if there are sufficient resources. During the breeding season they build a mud nest lined with feathers and grass on a horizontal branch. Both sexes rear the young. They may have more than one brood in a year and can become quite aggressive, actively protecting their territory and nest during breeding season.



Social Sewing

Starting again on Thursday 13th February, 1.30pm

Even though we call it social sewing we are also looking for anyone to help cut out material, so no sewing involved. If you have a spare couple of hours we would love you to join us to help build up our bank of non-plastic party gear. Afternoon tea is supplied by one of our other non-sewers, which is always worth coming out for.

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Weed Of The Month Brought To You By Cape Jervis Coastal Community Group Onion Weed

(*Asphodelus fistulosus*)

(Photo: C. Schultz, Cape Jervis)

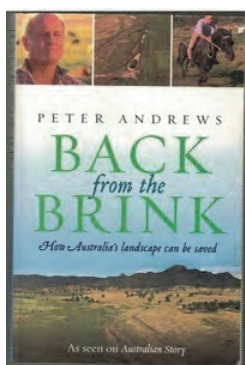
Back in 2014, we noted that numbers of this weed had been increasing over spring-early summer on the verges of Flinders Drive, towards the ferry terminal. We intervened with lots of hand weeding then, but this problem weed is rearing its head again! The plant grows to shin high, with leaves having the same round, hollow, fleshy look of normal onions. However, it doesn't produce a bulb like a 'normal' onion, because it isn't really an onion. The flower stems produce star-shaped flowers (white with a stripe of reddish-brown), along the length of the stem. These are followed by berry-shaped fruit containing numerous seeds, thought to be viable for years. The plant can proliferate in disturbed agricultural land as well as on the road verges and have a preference for drier regions. For small outbreaks, remove flowering stalks and seed heads, and dispose of carefully. The

remainder of the plant can be dug up with its roots and turned upside down to dry out and die. Large outbreaks are much harder to deal with, so be vigilant!

Book Of The Month Available For Loan Back from the Brink, How Australia's landscape can be saved.

Peter Andrews, 2006. ABC Books, Harper Collins Publishers Australia.

'Like so many prophets, Peter Andrews was not initially welcomed in his own land – but it seems that many people are now asking why we didn't listen to him earlier.' - John Anderson, former Deputy Prime Minister of Australia.



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Knitters Without Borders

You might have seen Father Christmas wandering across the Main Road, Normanville.

He dropped in specially for the inaugural Knitters Without Borders Christmas Party held at Caffè On Bungala.

Deb, Peter and Leonie at Caffè On Bungala have provided us with space and refreshments for the last ten months as we have grown from a small beginning of three women into a creative, community-minded, fun-loving circle of twenty.

Amongst laughter and good stories we have:

- Knitted beanies for each of the Normanville Whitecaps swimmers as well as Peter Heaters for those icy winter mornings.

- Knitted Red Cross trauma teddy bears for those in need of something cuddly with the idea of adding a tracker for those suffering dementia/Alzheimers.

- Raised funds for community projects including FOB and a Relay for Life participant.

- The Bunnings Dignity Bags for women-in-need inspired us to collect items for bags donated and then we created hearts and sewing kits for each of the 10 bags adding our personal, creative touch.

- The Churches of Yankalilla and Normanville received food and household goods for their food bank and we put together a Salvation Army Christmas box for a teenage boy.

- \$215 was raised for the Red Cross fires relief fund.

- A Cancer Council Morning Tea was well supported raising \$700.

The name knitters without borders came from our humble beginning of three women who wanted to bring people together in a happy, relaxed environment. Discussing the unique qualities of women we came to the conclusion that women doing something together for the community is our greatest strength. Knitting was suggested as a way of keeping hands busy whilst enjoying companionship. Two of us hadn't knitted since school and one had never tried knitting and now we are a group of women sharing skills and ideas in an array of arts and crafts for the health and well-being of the community.

Anyone interested in joining us or has a community project we could get involved in we will be back at Caffè On Bungala on Wednesday mornings from 9am in February 2020 or contact Rose on 0416 204 777.

Food bank basket, Relay for life, Whitecaps beanies, Father Christmas, Caffè On Bungala, Group photo.



Wildfire named Best Tea House in SA

17 December 2019

A small Port Elliot enterprise has been named South Australia's Best Tea House for the second successive year.

Wildfire Organic Tea in Hill Street was named the best tea house in the Golden Leaf Awards, billed as being Australia's premier tea awards.

Owner Jane Burke was thrilled when she received the email announcement while, appropriately, sitting in a tea house in India.

Jane says Wildfire Organic Tea is unique in that it is much more than just selling cups of tea.

"This is a working tea house. We wholesale tea, we handcraft and blend teas on the premises," she said.

"We are the only tea house in SA that does that. You can meet the maker and the person who has blended it."

The awards are judged by representatives from the tea industry and give tea house owners the chance to also showcase their other services.

"As well as being a working tea house, we have a range of other products and services which complement the tea," Jane explained.

"I run a medical herbalist practice on the premises and we use our teas, essential oils, powders and other products as part of our practice."

"We have bulk practitioner formulated blends for things like sleep and detoxing, but you can also have your tea blended especially for your health needs in our apothecary."

"I migrated into teas because I wanted to make the best quality medicinal and other teas on the market."

"All our teas are organic, so it's good for the farmers, the pickers, the planet and the consumers."

Wildfire Organic Tea is sold and served at 35 outlets throughout Australia and is sold online at wildfireorganictea.com.au.

As well as tea, Wildfire Organic

Tea's umbrella business Wildfire Botanicals has developed and sells a range of oils, botanical bath salts and clay facial masks.

The new apothecary gift packs contain products from across the Wildfire Botanicals range, including tea.

Jane says the secret to a good tea is don't follow rules.

"The beauty of tea is you can blend it, steep it and drink it however you want to," she said.

"For herbal teas it's important to make sure you add the tea to boiling water, but how you brew it, 3-5 minutes or longer, depends on your tastes and the tea itself. Basically, it's up to the consumer."

Jane says the most popular herbal tea in the range is the Protect Me Immunity Tea because it's refreshingly mint-flavoured with all the health benefits of the organic herbs to boost your immune system.

As a regular drinking tea, the South Coast Tea is popular as it's organic and is bold enough to be used as a black breakfast tea.

And you won't find a teabag in sight at Wildfire Organic Tea; every tea is blended and designed to be brewed in a pot, no matter what shape or size that might be. The tea house even sells teapots for those making the transition from teabags.



Pic: Jane Burke from Wildfire Organic Tea

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Entries are now open for the Easter Art Exhibition 2020 with the theme, On the Edge. Director of the Art Gallery of South Australia, Rhana Devenport ONZM is one of the judges. Rhana's enthusiasm for this task confirms the faith South Australia's premier art institution has in Kangaroo Island art and artists.

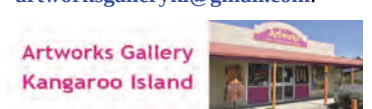
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Centre Alliance Delivers \$2.26M For Aldinga Sports Complex

Federal Member for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie has secured \$2.26 million for a much-needed redevelopment of the Aldinga Sports Complex. The money has been allocated from the Federal Government's Community Development Grants Programme as a direct result of the advocacy of the Centre Alliance MP in recent months.

The funding will assist the City of Onkaparinga and the multiple sporting groups that use the complex to redesign and upgrade the grounds, including the building of two new soccer pitches and the installation of cricket nets.

"This money will make such a difference to the communities of Aldinga, Port Willunga and Sellicks Beach which are among the fastest-growing parts of Adelaide and, as a result, are experiencing infrastructure deficits," Rebekha said. "These areas are new additions to the Mayo community, and it has been an absolute pleasure to represent them since the election."

"I appreciate the fact that the clubs associated with the Aldinga Sports Complex approached me with their plans to modernise the area."

"The current site is in need of major redevelopment and is the home of the Aldinga Football Club, Aldinga Bay Bowling Club, Aldinga Bay Croquet Club, Aldinga Bay Hockey Club, Aldinga Soccer Club, Aldinga Bay Riding Club, the Aldinga Cricket Club and the Aldinga Netball Club."

"An upgrade has the scope of attracting not only more men's teams but also women's and junior teams. The planned Aldinga super school will be adjacent to the sporting complex and would also benefit greatly from properly improved facilities."

Aldinga Cricket Club Vice President Chris Richardson said his members welcomed the funding announcement.

"Our facilities are in dire need of an upgrade and this announcement will help us continue to provide a safe and fun environment for kids and adults to play cricket," Chris said.

"We look forward to working with the other

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sporting clubs in the area to make this complex as successful as it possibly can be."

Aldinga Soccer Club President Mick Treen also welcomed the announcement.

"The soccer club has for years shared facilities with the footy club so it would be great to have our own soccer pitches," Mick said today.

"This is good news for the community and other sporting clubs in the area. Hopefully we can all work together and make Aldinga Sporting hub a place everyone can enjoy."

Pictured: Rebekha celebrates the news of the \$2.26 million investment in the Aldinga Sports Complex with Kelli Sullivan and Jake Sullivan from the Aldinga Cricket Club, left, Steve Quick from the Aldinga Bay Hockey Club and Bonnie Dickson and Nikki Bond (with sons Owen, 3, Nolan, 18 months) from the Aldinga Soccer Club.



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Record number of women strip at Port Elliot

A record number of 100 women braved freezing temperatures and rain to strip to their bras and undies at Port Elliot all in the name of positive body image.

Middleton author and photographer Libby Tozer, the founder of the She Is Me Movement, organised a beach photoshoot at Port Elliot's Horseshoe Bay.

Locals lined the streets to check out the bevy of beauties of all shapes and sizes as they stripped off in Port Elliot's main street before walking en masse to Horseshoe Bay.

Aged from 18 to more than 80 the women had travelled from as far as Adelaide to be part of the photoshoot with images to be featured in the 2021 She Is Me Movement calendar.

"This is the biggest group photo shoot we've held and we had so many other women who said they couldn't make it but would be at the next," Libby said.

"It was amazing to see so many women brave the chilly weather and it's fair to say, there's nothing like looking down a lens at 100 women of all shapes and sizes and marvelling at just how beautiful each and every one of them is.

"There's no way you can look at them as anything but beautiful. Our scars, scrapes, bumps and marks are all what makes us individuals and, in many ways, also tells our story.

"My shoots are about normalising normal by celebrating perfectly imperfect bodies. I want to fill

the media with real images of wise, beautiful and real women."

As well as taking part in a photoshoot on the beach, complete with drone footage, the women also wandered onto the Horseshoe Bay jetty at sunset and spontaneously broke into song.

The next shoot is being planned for March at a location to be announced.

The 2020 calendars are now available for purchase at www.sheismovement.com with half the proceeds of sales going to Treasure Boxes SA and Catherine House Adelaide.

November photoshoot at Port Elliot



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A HEALTHY START TO 2020

The New Year is traditionally a good time to think about changes that we might make in our lives that will benefit our health. There are many things that you can do to help you live the healthiest life possible. Being a non-smoker is one of most important things that will promote a healthy life. If you have been a smoker for years there is always countless health benefits from quitting. It is essential to eat a healthy diet. Go for two serves of fruit and five serves of vegetables each day, drink plenty of water and avoid excesses animal fats. At least 30 minutes of moderate intensity exercise is recommended daily to create many physical and mental health benefits. Cutting down on alcohol will reduce the risk of alcohol-related illnesses. Healthy men and woman should have no more than two standard drinks per day.

HEALTH NEWS PLAY IT SMART THIS SUMMER

January is a good time to get outdoors and enjoy the sunshine but the same is said for snakes. Here are some simple tips to keep you safe this summer.

1. Be careful where you put your hands and feet – Stay away from holes in the ground, long grass, fallen logs or anywhere you think a snake may hide. Use a torch if walking at night.
2. Wear protective clothing – Cover your skin by wearing jeans, boots and long shirts.
3. Don't pick up or interfere with a snake – In the event that you do see a snake, back away slowly to a safe distance. Most snake bites happen when people try to kill or capture them.
4. Let them know you're there – Snakes can sense vibrations so it's a good idea to stomp your feet to scare off any that are nearby.

ALL snake bites should be treated as life threatening. In the event of a snake bite call for an ambulance immediately.



Domestic Violence

Let us examine a few of the REAL issues that are not being fully or fairly addressed out there.

After the massive Family Violence Commission in Melbourne, 2016, the chair, High Court Justice Marcia Neave in her final summary advised that there had been a cultural shift by men towards women and surely that has to be done. Marcia explained to me personally that men have to realise that their wives/partners are not just chattels. However she also had NO regard for men as victims, "rarely happens!" Errant nonsense. I can hear your laughter however her idea about cultural shift is really valid, boorish behaviour is boring. Now before we go further with this it must be clearly understood men rarely report incidents of domestic violence against them and this skews all the data blaming men categorically.

Men are afraid the police will handle the matter by asking "yes but what did you do to make her stab you?" Waste of time reporting it. They rarely get the benefit of the doubt, especially in court, embarrassing as well, ("just a minute this should not be happening to ME".) Next important point "children are most often the victims". Children usually blame themselves when Mummy and Daddy are fighting. They are feeling pain when we wish they were just happy. Not only does it affect their childhood but maybe their whole life coming from dysfunctional family. A disastrous role model and too many do not know how to sustain a fully functional relationship nor what constitutes a great parent.

Types of Domestic Violence.

Domestic violence is just not a case of a man hitting a woman. Some would have us believe that women are NOT violent and beyond reproach.

Physical harm, emotional and psychological abuse, financial abuse, sexual abuse, verbal abuse, social abuse, stalking, spiritual and cultural abuse. The non physical can be just as painful as physical especially parental deprivation this is described by Dr Kruk in the journal "psychology today" as "programming of a child by one parent to denigrate the other targeted parent". (I have an ABN 'children first').

The whole thing is very complex, the causes, the manifestations such as

domestic violence as an industry, mega bucks out there, the outcomes the agendas and worst of all the bigger picture.

In summary to keep this relatively short these are my own views and they are both validated and experienced through my work in marriage breakdown.

Marriage breakdown is at 47%, that is the primary cause. The disappointment the failure of hopes and dreams. If only there was a gender neutral training for the kids from the youngest age as to what is expected of them when forming friendships. So many relationships are doomed because of deficient role model.

Booze and drugs are not the solution to anything except further doom and gloom and in today's society's are far more prevalent than they would have us believe.

The Orygen unit at Melbourne University cite suicide as 8 per day, six men, yes six men a day one every four hours. The difficult cohort are men 35 to 50 years who leave behind unsuspecting family friends and extended family, particularly kids again the real victims even. I wonder if there were available stickers for cars "touched by suicide" would be good? If eight whales a day were washed up on the beaches there would be a royal commission.

30% of men suicide post marriage breakdown. I want readers to perhaps drive this idea. G.P.'s, Police, Paramedics etc How about Refuges for men? But that is a long shot. NO funding for MEN.

G.P.'s all wonder what happened to that poor man in great peril who left after 15 minutes consult? Where do they go? Refuges professionally manned where men could mostly be protected from themselves and others while they get their heads together, a different set of needs (to women). Police should have the power to detain such a fellow for 36 hours at a refuge. All the refuges in Australia are for women save one very effective male one in Queensland. Police abide by protocol and recourse to a refuge would be a good one.

It's a diabolical move on the part of a bloke to hit a woman. The courts care little about a woman hitting a man first or driving a man to distraction. There is no room for self righteous entitlement either it just drives further division.

The police will come and take you away most likely and you will have to find somewhere else to live and the family you once had will become "the applicants". To work your way through the family court costs average \$200,000 easier said than done and fallacy is not indictable at that level, you are on your own, second marriages have a greater failure rate too.

The denigration and vilification of men across the board has been unrelenting since 2013 and before and until the conversation and solutions to these matters becomes gender neutral it will continue that way. Feminism is fine but radical feminism has driven

the whole thing for good and mostly bad reasons. By my observation radical feminism is constituted of many people (there are men who are radical feminists), who are pathologically unsound or victims of terrible events passionate about retribution and that passion can encompass those easily led. This pathway produces unhappiness and bad outcomes, so often and also compromises the natural loving, caring and nurturing characteristics of real femininity the silent majority thankfully. Men all too often just sit on the fence and complain.

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Equipment Lifeline For Aldinga Bay Surf Life Saving Club

Federal Member for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie has secured \$13,550 for the Aldinga Bay Surf Life Saving Club so it can buy new equipment for rescue, training, first aid and resuscitation purposes.

The Capital Development Grant, successfully advocated for by the local MP, will assist a club that has been struggling to fundraise since a severe storm last year led to the demolition of the clubrooms.

"The club has been working out of sheds and shipping containers until its new Operations Centre was officially opened recently and it could be another 18 months until members have a fully functioning kiosk and restaurant to use as an income stream so it's been tough for these dedicated volunteers to find the money for much-needed extras," Rebekha said. "Aldinga is an area new to Mayo thanks to the electoral redistribution in SA at the 2019 election so I was delighted to accept an invitation from the club to visit the executive a few months ago and hear first-hand about their plans for the future."

"The funding I successfully

advocated for with the Federal Government will assist the club with their vision to operate satellite surf patrols at the ramp north of the club and at Port Willunga.

"It will also enable the club to upgrade training equipment for their Nippers program for juniors."

"I would like to thank the Federal Government for providing this grant for the Aldinga community and I would like to acknowledge the dedication of the Aldinga Bay Surf Life Saving Club in protecting us on the beaches this summer."

Aldinga Bay Surf Life Saving Club Board Member and Grants Officer, Keith Holman, welcomed the announcement.

"Morale was at its lowest when the storm blew through Aldinga, taking our clubrooms with it along with our vision and our hopes for the future," Keith said.

"Rebekha Sharkie MP was not slow in lifting our morale, making suggestions of how we could assist ourselves and also assisting with funding so we could bring our vision for the future back on line."



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