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25th of April 2021 - Anzac Day in Second Valley

This year with restrictions relaxed the Second Valley Progress Association was able to hold their annual Dawn Service at the Soldiers Memorial Obelisk. The Service was presented by Lieutenant Graham Olsson with a crowd of over 100 from throughout the region attending. Wreaths were laid and the flag was raised and a minute's silence was observed after The Last Post was played. Once the National Anthem was sung the crowd was asked to join us in the Soldiers Memorial Hall for a free traditional GunFire Breakfast of bacon and egg rolls, cups of tea and coffee and the freshly baked Anzac biscuits were served. A friendly game of Two Up was a great way to raise money for the Legacy Foundation. Patrons were asked to make a donation in exchange for some highly prized SVPA play money. The winner was Grant Pember with a lovely bottle of wine as the prize, donated by SVPA committee member Tim for the fun event.







We look forward to holding our Dawn Service again in 2022, it is a well attended event that we take pride in hosting for our local community to remember those who gave so much for us, Lest We Forget.

Second Valley Progress Association



Cover photo: ***Autumn colours are fading as winter fog has arrived.*** *Photo by Gillian Rayment.*

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Second Valley Soldiers' Memorial Hall 1922-2022

On the 14th October 1922 the foundation stone of the Soldiers' Memorial Institute at Second Valley was laid by Mr. Thomas Brown, a former resident of the district.

In October 2022, the 100th anniversary, the hall committee is planning to celebrate.

If we can gather enough items of interest, we hope to have a display in the hall; memorabilia, old photos, celebrations, events, stories, historical items, articles from the newspapers, anything relating to the hall's history would be most welcome.

We would appreciate you having a look in that old shoebox or on top of the cupboard for anything that may be of interest and you would like to share!

Please contact a member of the hall committee, send an email **svhall100@gmail.com** or **SMS 0419815343**.

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One Friday early in May a group of Lions assisted the Normanville Natural Resource Centre with a clean-up of the Nixon-Skinner reserve at Myponga.

The Bookshed is still going strong but there has been a run on CDs and DVDs. If you have any surplus to needs at home we would appreciate a donation.

The lions have recently assisted the Yankalilla Hockey club with the building of a BBQ area.

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Public Notice

Notice of Community consultation for the Second Valley Soldiers' Memorial Hall 5 year Master Plan draft created by the Hall Management Committee.

It will be held at the Hall on 22/06/21 at 1:15.

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Editor's Comments

Hello Readers,

Winter is here, the end of the financial year is also here and the inevitable tax time. Or, if you prefer, EOFY sale time!

The sound of drumming amongst the local residents increased a few notches recently, not surprising after Mayor Rowlands' ageist comments, which had the potential to upset over 54% of local residents - those aged over 50 - and possibly more.

Then, all of a sudden at the end of the May DCY meeting, Glen announced that he was stepping down from the Mayor position with the new Mayor to be elected by the start of June.

The cynic in me wonders if he jumped or was he pushed but you can draw your own conclusions. There are another batch of letters and opinions from the concerned residents in the area and a list of names that missed the 'No cabins' advert last month.

I don't recall a time in my 50 odd years of living here that there has been this level of angst in the community over the decisions and direction of the Yankalilla council. There has been issues over the years, of course, and there are some who will never be happy with any council. That is par for the course. What has reached new heights is the level of distrust, frustration, nervousness about debt, worries about the inadequate infrastructure coping with any increase in tourism, anger that community consultation appears to be ignored, the impression that financial figures coming from council are not accurate or are not based on real-world figures or include all variables. That rates go up but services are reduced. That council staff wages are continuing to climb rapidly for no apparent gain to the ratepayer. That our rates fund a seemingly endless numbers of consultants. 'They don't listen' is the standard comment that comes up in conversation and yet, we are the ones who put them there to look after our interests as residents and ratepayers. Something is broken.

A number of disgruntled residents that normally would ignore everything, have started to make their voices or emails heard. There is even the prospect of civil disobedience raised by one letter writer in this issue. Time to sit down with that coffee for a bit of a read?

This quote from Desmond Tutu seems appropriate...

"If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality."

Is council the elephant and the ratepayers the mice? You may have an opinion on that already.

Anyway, winter is here so enjoy the short days and warm fires.

Until next issue...

Cheers,

Paul Jelfs - Editor

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Yankalilla Acoustic Music 2021

Part of the Yankalilla District Community Cultural Arts Network Inc.

GIVE YAM A TRY

WHAT: All kinds of acoustic* music; folk, blues, roots, country, etc

WHO: Local and imported musicians. All welcome.

WHEN: 7.00pm 'til late. The 3rd Saturday of the month, March to November every year

So this means your next opportunity for 2021 is June 19th

WHERE: Yankalilla Show Grounds. Between Yankalilla and Normanville on Main South Road.

Due to increased numbers and interest, performances are now in the main hall with jamming options in the Supper Room and around the campfire.

HOW MUCH: Gold coin donation per person. B.Y.O. Food & Drink.

Includes free camping - Contact **yankalillashow@gmail.com** to confirm numbers and note that there is a $5 fee if you require electricity.

MUSICIANS: *OUR ACOUSTIC MUSIC RULE: If the power stops, the music keeps going! (We use a good PA but your instruments must be playable without electricity.)

HALL FORMAT: 7.00–7.20pm: Main Hall open for preparation and putting names up on the White Board. 7.20–11.00pm: Series of performances according to who has nominated.

CAMPFIRE FORMAT: Format? What format? Jamming and great conversations!

For more information contact:
Ian Main: Ph: 0439 861 001
Email: **ianmainevents@gmail.com**

And here's Bean, doin' his thing at YAM



Seaside Stunners

Another wonderful Seaside Stunners Luncheon held at Mt Compass Golf Club saw 70 ladies gathered together for fun and friendship.

The ladies in the picture are all wearing bespoke hats made by one of our local milliners, Jill Bourne.

Next luncheon 16th June at the Victor Harbor Golf Club, 12noon.

Membership $5.

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Heritage Flearieu Coast

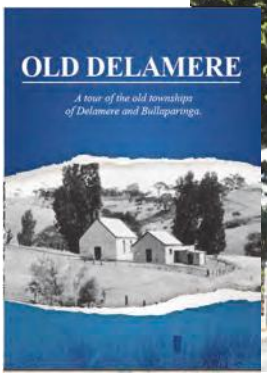
The SA History Festival 2020 is now over and the Heritage Fleurieu Coast Committee are now thinking ahead to 2022, when our next Heritage Fleurieu Coast Festival will be held.

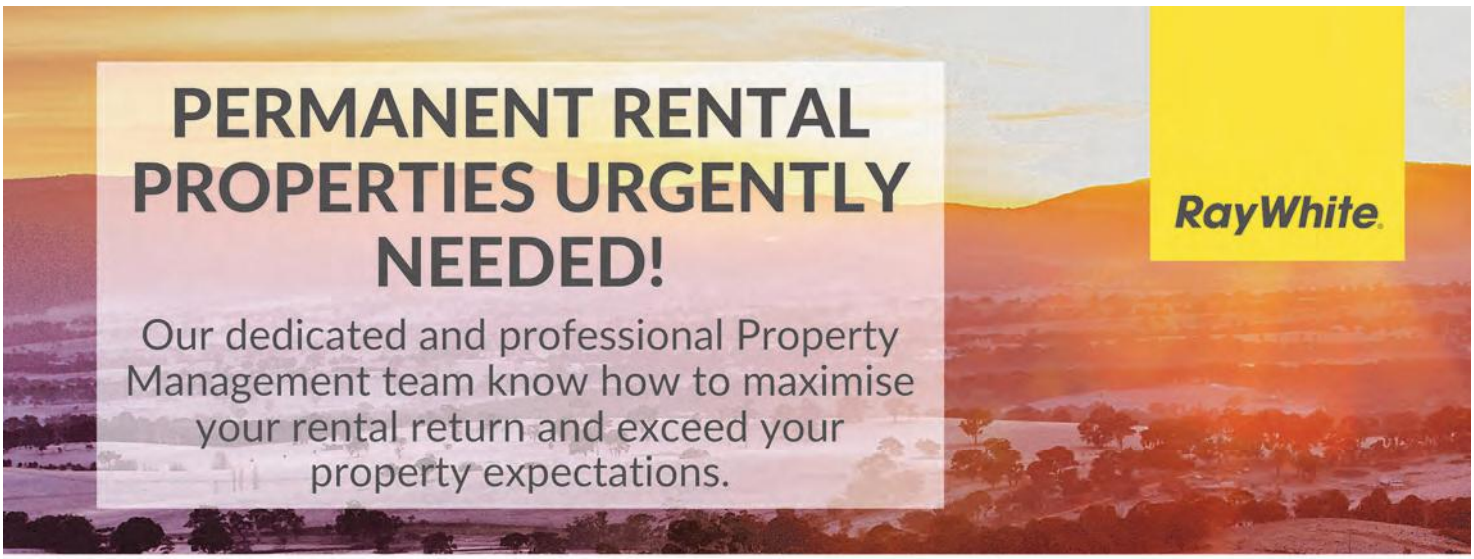
Because of the Covid pandemic last year's Festival, for which we had over 40 events planned, had to be cancelled. A few of those events have gone ahead this year as part of the History Festival; for example the unveiling of the flagpole at Delamere and the Sister Dorrington plaque at Myponga, and the launching of the "Old Delamere" booklet. Although the booklet has been on sale for twelve months we had a retrospective launch by Jan Jones at Delamere last month. At the next Festival we are planning to launch the next booklet "Old Torrens Vale and Hay Flat". Hopefully a number of talks or events which were to take place in 2020 will be able to go ahead in 2022, and we have already had some suggestions for possible new events.

The Heritage Fleurieu Coast Committee meet at the library on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 12noon. The next meeting will be on 23 June. If you would like to hear "what is in the wind", or perhaps contribute ideas for events, you are very welcome to attend this meeting. We would be delighted to have input from as many people and local groups as possible. If you do intend to come along, could you please let us know by emailing **yank.hist.soc@gmail.com** or by phone.

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Cape Jervis Boat Ramp



Andra Cawthorne at Cape Jervis boat ramp

Yankalilla Council acted in ratepayers' best interests by not spending a quarter of a million dollars to upgrade the Cape Jervis boat ramp, the State Ombudsman has found.

The Ombudsman's investigation followed a complaint by Cape Jervis resident Andra Cawthorne that the ramp is in a complete state of disrepair and posed a risk to public safety.

The deteriorating state of the ramp has long been a sore point for recreational and professional boaties alike with access now further restricted by a no-go barrier to the finger jetty.

While Council agrees the structure is "long overdue for repairs and major upgrades" it will not commit to spending the necessary funds until it can secure a long-term lease to the asset which is owned by the Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT).

For its part DIT refuses to extend the lease until the tender to provide ferry services to Kangaroo Island has been awarded and the new operators' infrastructure requirements are known.

The Ombudsman found YDC had taken reasonable steps to address safety concerns and was "acting as a responsible decision-maker in the interests of its community" by not splashing cash on an area a new ferry operator may require for their own benefits.

This has led some residents to wonder whether they may lose access to the boat ramp, built by the sweat of local volunteers in 1984, altogether.

"It is very frustrating. It looks to me like the Government is talking about using this area for ferries," Andra said.

Gary Lloyd, a professional fisherman and operator of Fleurieu Charters, said the ramp simply didn't have the capacity it should. "When it is crowded it's really take a number and wait your turn," he said.

"It is not just the ramp that needs upgrading, the whole infrastructure does. Over the past 20 years there have been a lot of great ideas put forward, but no one seems to want to take ownership when it comes to the pointy end.

"For what is probably the busiest port outside of Port Adelaide, when you think about the number of people that Sealink move, it is a bit of a shambles down there."

Local MP Leon Bignell said the State Government needed to bring all interested parties together to create a masterplan for the area.

"At the moment it is a bit of an eyesore. It is unsafe and not really doing what it was designed to do. The ramp is not working properly, the access to the jetty has been cut for most of the year. It is basically failing everyone at every level," he said.

"We should have Sealink and the other two companies bidding to get the ferry operation around the table, we should get the local fisherfolk and the boaties around. Let's design the whole precinct from the ground up to get what is actually fit for purpose for the next 30 years."

Sarah Harris for YRN

Gallery 88

In June Gallery 88 will present Miriam Ferrall as a feature artist with a special exhibition in the foyer.

Miriam has been an active member of our Community Art Collective since last year, and her charcoal drawings and black and white soft pastel paintings have captured the attention of many visitors to Gallery 88.



Miriam started taking drawing- and painting classes later in life whilst working a full time job. In 2018 she chose to pursue an artistic career as a full time painter and retired from her job at the time. Since then she has regularly entered art exhibitions and been granted several awards for her distinctive charcoal and black and white soft pastel paintings.

Miriam has also ventured out into the fields of oil and watercolour painting, and her upcoming exhibition in Gallery 88 will feature this new direction in artistic media and colour palette.

Miriam derives her inspiration predominantly from the natural environment. Landscapes and animals, especially birds, are her favourite subject matter. All her subjects are painted in a realistic, representational style with great attention to detail.

To enjoy Miriam's artworks, we invite you to visit the Gallery at 88 Main Street in Yankalilla.

We are open from Wednesday to Sunday, and on all school and public holidays from 11am till 4pm. Entree to the gallery is free.

For more information:
Marilyn Jelfs - 0416 150 413
Betty Wolf - 0428 778 123
You can also find us on Facebook and Instagram.

Club Fleurieu – A Club for Everyone!

We have four regular events at the Club every month, at which we welcome both members and non-members. On the **second Tuesday** we usually hold a Barbecue lunch, although during the winter months we serve hearty soups. Our Club Lunch is on the **third Wednesday** and we often have a theme such as St Patrick's Day, Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Mid-month Happy Hour takes place on the **second Friday** and End of month Happy Hour is on the **last Friday**. We have a meal to follow Happy Hours, for those who wish to stay on.

Bjorn's Bar is open for all regular events, with tea and coffee also available. **Bookings are essential.** Most special dietary requirements can be catered for with prior notice. Email or phone the Club to make a booking. Alternatively, we have booking sheets for upcoming events in our foyer, which is accessible at all times through the screen doors.

Here are details of our **June events:**

Tuesday 8 June, 12noon

Winter Warmer Lunch



Enjoy hearty soup with crusty bread.
$10 per person

Friday 11 June, 5.30pm

Happy Hour & Dinner



Menu: Chicken Parmigiana & Wedges; Cheese Platters
$15 member/$20 non-member, $5 optional platter

Wednesday 16 June, 12noon

Club Lunch



Main: Chunky Beef Pie / Chicken & Mushroom Pie
Dessert: Nut Sundae / Fruit & Icecream

$15 member
$20 non-member

Friday 25 June 5.30pm

Steak & Red Night



Instead of our traditional Happy Hour, our special end of month event in June will be a Steak and Red Wine dinner. This event was a great success last year! Come along and sample the best red wines that Bjorn's Bar has to offer. Then for just $30 enjoy a steak, jacket potato and salad, plus a glass of red wine of your choice. To finish your meal, dessert will be available for $5.

Places will be limited, so book early!

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Yankalilla Men's Probus

Meeting 335 was held on Tuesday 4th May. There was another good attendance. The notes handed out contained the president Don's words of wisdom about being "happy with my lot". Memories of school days and how it compared to today. Clearly there is a lot to be grateful for every day and especially here but good to have reminders.

Barry reports the financial situation as healthy as a reflection on the wellbeing of our club as a whole.

Craig Harris reported on successful trips undertaken and looking to the future barbeque at Bungala Park on 18th May. An anniversary lunch subsequent to our 1st June meeting. In July there will be a mystery tour and it remains that!!

Allan Barnes advises next speaker in June will be Rob Kirk an archaeologist to talk about Hadrian's Wall (a defensive wall built by the Romans through England). In July there will be Bali bombing survivor Tim Weatherall. A lot to look forward to.

Ray contributed his monthly joke which adds levity and we all look forward to it.

At this meeting it was Bob Miller's turn to present his profile and this is his timeline. Bob was born in Sydney and lived in the eastern suburbs a good harbourside place for a kid to be. The bomb was dropped on Hiroshima on his second birthday.

His family were not in good circumstances but a fall off a tram after they had moved to Melbourne by his maternal aunt resulting in a windfall settlement for the family which improved their circumstances, financially anyway. They were living in East Kew and Bob went to Melbourne High School which is rated #1 in Melbourne.

He eventually married and his wife was offered a job in Toronto Canada and his daughter was born during the five years while there. When they returned to Australia Bob was involved with chemical company sales for several decades after they bought a house in Bridgewater near Bendigo. Bob and his wife split 23 years ago. Eventually he remarried came to live with his " soulmate" Jenny, in Normanville, yet another account of a fortuitous and happy move to the area.

Our guest speaker was Dr Glen Benveniste a vascular surgeon from the Ashford Clinic in Adelaide. Dr Benveniste's topic was the "French paradox". This amounts to the fact that the French great wine drinkers, had greater longevity probably on account of it.

He also reassured us that Australians had high longevity on a world scale. Glen also reassured us that our healthcare system is in advance of even most of the Western Nations. This presentation was pitched perfectly to our members by an accomplished lecturer and practitioner. It was a significant exercise for Dr Benveniste to travel down here at the expense of his operating and consulting time. There were so many questions forthcoming.

Our next meeting will be held on the first Tuesday of the month June 1st for 10am at the RSL hall Main South Road Normanville and we will welcome members newcomers and visitors.

Business Food Waste Recycling Service

FRWA have a new weekly food waste collection service.

The Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority now provide a weekly food waste collection service to cafés, restaurants and grocery businesses across its three mainland councils: Alexandrina, City of Victor Harbor and the District Council of Yankalilla.

An estimated 7.3 million tonnes of food waste is generated each year in Australia, costing the Australian economy $20 billion annually. The volume and value of wasted food in Australia is high: each year Australian households discard about 2.5 million tonnes of food, which has been valued at $10 billion.

Food service businesses that would like to save money on waste disposal costs, recover resources and improve the environmental performance of their business now have the opportunity to do just that.

Cafés and restaurants as well as grocery stores that would normally dispose of their food waste through the general waste bin can subscribe to the FRWA weekly food waste collection for as little as $175* per year for the weekly collection of a 140 litre bin. The food waste is then composted at Peats Soils, a local commercial compost facility and sold back into the local community as soil conditioner and compost.

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Construction starts on Wild South Coast Way infrastructure

Infrastructure upgrades have begun to roll out on the Wild South Coast Way on the Heysen Trail, with Adelaide company Harrold and Kite beginning work on two existing campsites, Eagle Waterhole in Deep Creek Conservation Park and a Heysen Trail campsite on Crown land adjacent to Balquhidder Station.

The walk-in campsites are a key component of the $6 million project, which seeks to improve Heysen Trail infrastructure to create a fully customisable, multi-day walking experience between Cape Jervis and Victor Harbor.

The upgrades are part of the State Government's record $130 million investment to revitalise South Australia's national parks.

National Parks and Wildlife Service Executive Director Mike Williams said it was exciting to see upgrades begin to roll out to the campsites.

"We are pleased to announce that Harrold and Kite will undertake the construction of these first two walk-in campsites at Deep Creek Conservation Park and on Crown Land at Balquhidder," he said.

"The Wild South Coast Way on the Heysen Trail offers an exciting, active adventure for walkers of all fitness levels, and includes a section of trail that is accessible.

"These unique sites and surrounding facilities are different to traditional campsites found in national parks as they have been specifically designed to meet the needs of multi-day walkers and can't be accessed by cars for vehicle based camping.

"They will include on-ground campsites or raised sleeping platforms, toilets, and undercover areas with seating perfect for eating, cooking and washing up. The shelters have food preparation areas with benches, sinks and limited, non-potable water available.

"Each campsite will have 10 different areas available to camp in, each able to house a two-person tent."

As part of the project there is currently a YourSAy consultation process open in relation to the Newland Head, Deep Creek and Talisker Conservation Parks Management Plan amendments, which focuses on the Tapanappa Ridge and Newland Head campsites, both of which are proposed new, walk-in campsites.

Members of the public have the opportunity to make a submission on the draft plans during its three-month statutory consultation period. It closes at 5pm on 24 June.

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Yankalilla Hockey Club

We are 3 weeks in to the season (as of 8th May) and Yankalilla had a good start to the season with wins at the first games played at Goolwa starting with Under 10's.

Despite Under 14 not having a full team they had a comfortable win over Aldinga Blue. Their coach Shannon Baldock was extremely pleased with their play.

Once again, we have Rob Tuck to coach our Under 17 team and they also had a comfortable win over Aldinga Blue.

Our club welcomes new players in Acacia Schutz (Under 17 and Women), Paula Beattie, Katie Common, Karin Hutch and Makayla Schutz (Women players), but where are the men?

Unfortunately, the men had to forfeit their first game and due to lack of numbers we have withdrawn our Men's Team from the Competition.

Our Junior teams are still needing players, so if you are keen, please reach out, or come along to training on Wednesdays from 4.30pm at the Hockey Club (second oval at the Memorial Park).

Our Women are currently top of the ladder, while our U17s are 3rd, and U14s are 2nd.

Our upcoming fundraising event will be a **Quiz night** on **July 16th** at Club Fleurieu. Bookings required due to limited numbers, tables of 10 people maximum. Please contact Christine Filsell (Secretary) to book:

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Leafy Sea Dragon – Smooth taste of the Fleurieu

If you are out enjoying the local landscape and heading south along Hay Flat Road, a little before the Ingalala Falls a big red shed is bound to grab your attention. This bold statement is on the family farm of Peter Simic. Peter is the founding and current publisher of Australia's most respected and oldest wine magazine Winestate, which was launched in 1978.

On this 80 acre property are growing 15 acres of a large variety of vines that produce a selection of award-winning local cooler climate wines.

Peter and wife Sharon with their daughters Lara and Alysia moved into the farm in 2000 and started setting up an experimental vineyard, primarily as a critic for Winestate Magazine, on the picturesque flood plains of the Ingalalla Valley with the Waterfall Creek meandering through it. Over 30 different clones were planted in 120 rows. The remaining acres are share farmed with a neighbouring farmer. One thing led to another and Peter became a wine producer under the label Parawa Estate.

"This is mainly for the overseas luxury market and for rock stars and high wealth individuals," Peter tells me as we cruise around the lush grass and rich earth of the vineyards in his 4WD. "The newest label - Leafy Sea Dragon - was developed for the local market in conjunction with the Festival Fleurieu. We are keen supporters of local businesses and the local economy."

The grapes are taken to a winery at McLaren Vale for processing and packaging where they receive their stunning Leafy Sea Dragon insignias. The design was created by Lara who is also Managing Editor at Winestate Magazine. It is a family affair, however, with Sharon and Alysia also directors of the business.

These local wines most recently received gold medals from the China Wine & Spirits Awards in 2020, although now that market has become problematic due to politics. "Just last week we received a ten year official certification to use the Leafy Sea Dragon name in China," said Peter. "I didn't know whether to laugh or cry over that one."

Leafy Sea Dragon wines are local wines, supporting the local wine drinkers with a good value to quality price and a gold medal standard. They are available only in various cafes, restaurants and hotels throughout the area as indicated in the advert.

Meanwhile, back at the big red shed, Peter lined up samples of these fine local wines for a taste test, whilst discussing local news and contemplating life in the slow lane. As Peter says, "unrushed and unstressed produces the best wine" and I highly recommend you try some for yourself.

Paul Jelfs *- Editor at large*

Below: Vineyard with kangaroos; Peter & Sharon Simic with daughters Lara (L) and Alysia (R); Paul Stanley (of KISS) with a bottle of Ingalala. Cover: The Red Shed.









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Yankalilla Bowls Club

The AGM of the Yankalilla Bowls Cub was held at the end of April with a change of several committee members and President.

The new president Peter Maxwell thanked past president and committee members for their service to the club and looks forward to working with the new committee on club projects and the future development of the bowling club with members.

Raelene Rigoir is Secretary with Frazer Ahrendt entering his twentieth year as club treasurer. The Men's Vice President is Gary Campbell, the Ladies Vice President is Thelma Anderson and Committee members are Frank Rigoir, Steve Shute, Karen O'Leary and Mira Bellon.

The Winter Bowls season is here with many new bowlers plus club members participating on Saturdays and Wednesdays at present with very good weather for an enjoyable day on the greens.

Competition has been very even giving all bowlers participating the opportunity to win one of the eight prizes on offer for the day spreading the winning feeling around the club. Those interested in playing a game of winter bowls please contact John Fisher (phone 0417 827 339).

There are club coaches freely available for any new bowlers or players that need some assistance with technique, just contact the club for assistance.

A dedicated group of workers have been pulling down the old bowls shelters and rebuilding (pictured above) ready for the summer bowls season, unfortunately the old shelters were rusted out and in need of repair for the safety of all visitors and members. Many thanks to John, Frank, Rob and Malcolm.

From Night Owls, Social Bowls to pennant bowling all are welcome to come and try the game of bowls.







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Sustainable Art Comes to Yankalilla Child Care Centre

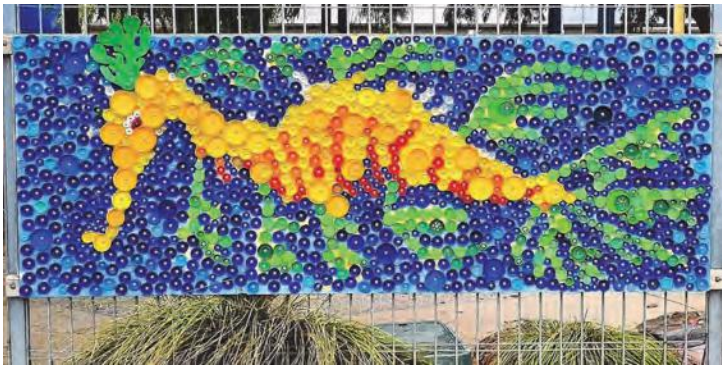
The Leafy Sea Dragon Mural at Yankalilla Community Childrens Centre got a sustainable reinvigoration recently thanks to the help of sustainable living advocate Jane Mattner.

The mural originally done by John Whitey in the mid 2000's had become faded and weather beaten and so in need of some TLC. Jane offered to take on the task with a modern sustainable twist.

Asking for recycled plastic bottle tops of specific colour in keeping with the colour scheme of the ocean and a leafy sea dragon, Jane screwed each bottle top to create the mosaic. Even the green appendage on top of the leafy sea dragon's head, are fused bottle tops!

Overall nearly 2000 bottle tops were used in its creation and the revamped artwork is one way that highlights the excessive use of plastic in our everyday lives.

A big thanks to Bruce Spilsbury at Normanville Mitre 10 who kindly donated the screws for the project and to Jane for doing a brilliant job in promoting sustainable living through this now pride of place Leafy Sea dragon.



Yankalilla Community Children's Centre

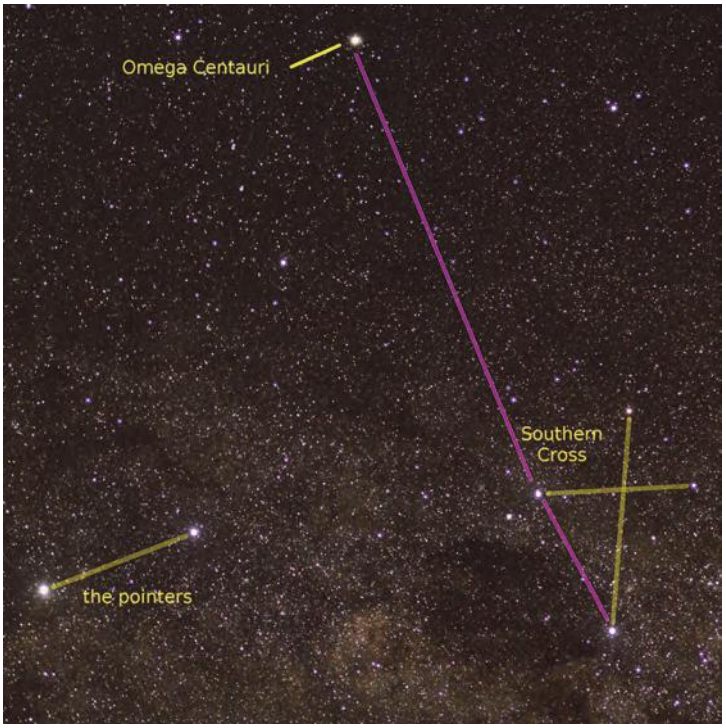
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THE NIGHT SHIFT, at The Backyard Universe

Hopefully you all got to see May's lunar eclipse. The next lunar eclipse is on 19 November 2021, but it's not a total, and already past mid-eclipse when the moon rises here at about 8pm. It ends about 9:16pm. There's a solar eclipse this month on June 10 but it's not visible from Australia.

The photos this month all show an object that was well known to ancient Greek, Arabic & Chinese astronomers (and no doubt to many others). But they all recorded it as a star, so when the first European star atlas of the entire sky was published in 1603 it was named as a star: "Omega Centauri" (hereafter OC).

It's too far south to be seen from most of Europe but from our latitudes it's easy to find in rural skies. Imagine a line drawn from the the "foot" of the Southern Cross through its "left arm", then extended 3 times further to what looks like a fuzzy star to the eye. That's OC.



The first record that OC wasn't just a star came in 1677. Edmond Halley described it as one of six "luminous spots" he discovered during his southern hemisphere star mapping. Several other astronomers during the next 140 years variously described it as a "nebula", a "luminous cloud", resembling the "head of a comet", or like "a star seen through mist". They knew it wasn't a typical star but in those days astronomers were using very small telescopes. You can approximate their 17th-18th century views of OC using binoculars. See our photo Binoculars View.

In 1826 James Dunlop observed OC from the Paramatta Observatory (near Sydney) using a home-made 23cm telescope. He described it as the largest & brightest object of its type in the southern hemisphere, and "....easily resolvable to the very centre, a beautiful globe of stars...". This was the earliest description of its true nature. Our Small Telescope View photo was taken with a 200mm camera lens and approximates the view through a 12 to 15cm telescope.

During the following decades astronomers with bigger telescopes eventually identified about 150 similar starry balls all over the sky and classified them as Globular Clusters. Our largest telescope gets a view of OC similar to the Big Telescope photo. But even huge professional telescopes find it difficult to resolve all of the closely -packed inner stars. OC contains about 10 million stars and light takes about 43 years to travel from its boundary to its centre. Compare that swarm to the approximately 1000 stars, most of them too faint to be seen without a telescope, that are known to be within a similar distance of us. OC contains more than twice as many stars as the next -biggest Globular Cluster, and its other unusual features continue to be revealed by ongoing research & observations.

Until next month…. Fraser



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Science Is Local

In this new section I will bring to you fascinating snippets from different "ologies" - like geology, cosmology, and biology, that are to do with our local area.
I am a geologist and a CSIRO Scientist-in-Schools chap.

Rob Kirk

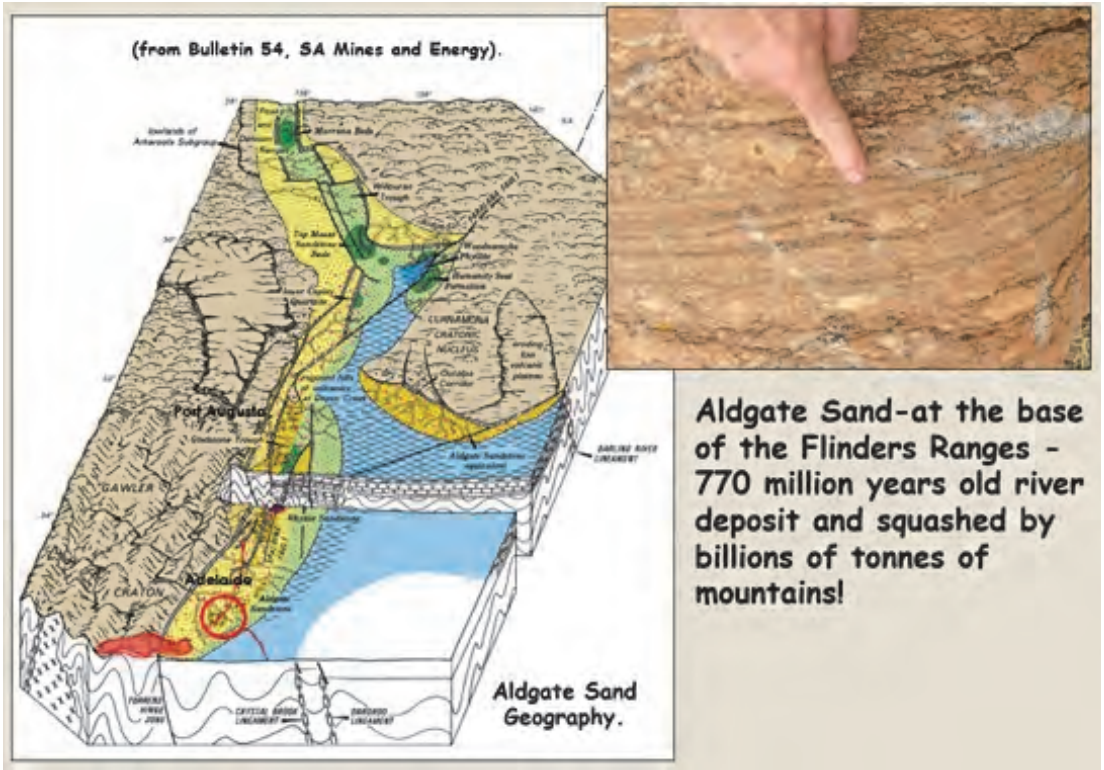
The Bottom of the Flinders Ranges

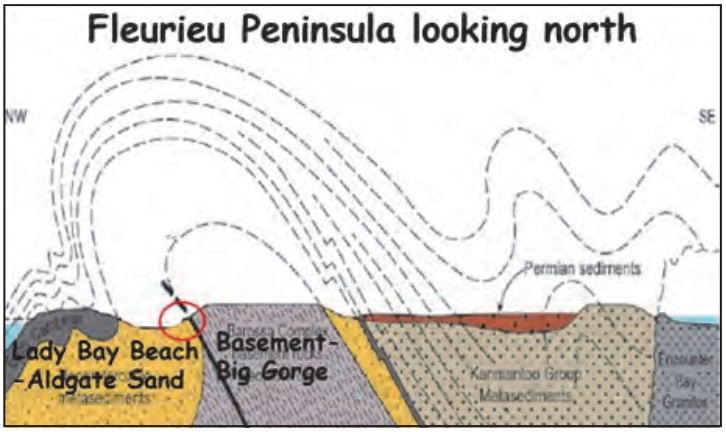
About 400 metres south of the Hobart memorial on the Lady Bay Beach is an amazing outcrop of geology - if summer sands have not covered it. It may not look that dramatic but the story it tells is!
In this location you can put your finger on the very base of the Flinders Ranges mountain range - a huge unconformity - where there may have been four kilometres of mountain above you once - before they were all eroded away.



Face south at this outcrop and look left to the hills beside you-see **Figure 1** below. These are "basement" - highly altered metamorphic rocks, squashed and altered by heat and pressure and over 1000 million years old. They are shiny with large crystals and are called a "gneiss"-and you do not see layers. The unconformity is between these basement rocks and the more bedded, pinkish "conglomerates" that you see to the right and down into the water. The conglomerates are made of rounded small pebbles and sands and have been squashed by the weight of the Flinders Ranges on top of them-they are fossil river sediments. These are much "younger" than the basement, a mere 770 million years old.

Figure 2 below shows what the geography looked like at the time the river sand, called the "Aldgate Sandstone", was deposited, and shows what the sandstone looks like. We are where the red circle is, Kangaroo Island is the red blob beneath, and Adelaide and Port Augusta are shown. This does not look anything like our country now does it? We were at the edge of Australia way back then - more on this later.
Back on the outcrop look at which way the rocks dip - facing south they dip to the east (to your right).





The oldest rocks are usually at the bottom and the youngest above, showing which way up is. In this outcrop "up" is into the beach to the right, as the whole region of rocks has been turned over by mountain-building processes - see **Figure 3**. This figure shows that several kilometres of mountain were above this outcrop once but have been eroded completely away over the millions of years. We can tell this by the types of metamorphic minerals that were produced in the mountain-building process.

This is an important outcrop for South Australia!

More on this in the next installment.

Figure 1 (top)-Lady Bay Beach, author

Figure 2-(middle) SA Mines and Energy Department and author

Figure 3 (left) -Bourman et al, "Coastal Landscapes of SA", 2016, modified by author

Yankalilla, Rapid Bay & Myponga Agricultural & Horticultural Society Inc.

The sense of excitement is building at the Showgrounds with volunteers working hard to put on a Show this year with a mix of the familiar and new events and activities. The markets at the Show are expanding and evolving with regular music as a common feature (baked goods, local produce, and a chocolate stand – can't wait to try the hot chocolate bombs!). Hannah's yoga is a weekly feature of the Showground calendar with full or near full sessions of yoga at many levels throughout the week. She's easily found on Facebook and first sessions are always free.



The kitchen in the Supper room is almost complete, with a few final inspections that should be done by the time this article is published. Earth moving equipment has recently shifted the pile of dirt left over from the renovations to improve the horse arena and the Pony Club is grateful to the Yank Community Op Shop for funding this. One of our new volunteers, Andrew Norton, is replacing the gate for horse floats that will improve ease of access and locking of the gates. Thank you Andrew.

Now that the Ag Hall has been fixed up and painted on the outside, efforts are moving to renovating inside the foyer and so the whole package will soon sparkle, providing a wonderful and attractive community resource. So, the Committee's efforts to work toward an eventful and exciting yearly Show as well as providing a venue for a range of community activities is continuing, supported by an increasing number of willing and helpful volunteers adding to the efforts of those who have been ably carrying out these roles for many years.



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Family thanks to community on passing Brian Smedley

On behalf of the family, I would like to thank everyone who passed on their condolences and wishes from the passing of dad (Brian Smedley).
A lot of wonderful stories have since been shared from our family days as shop keepers at Rapid Bay General Store and Bottle Shop.
It was with a heavy heart and after an enduring battle that he passed surrounded by family in Deniliquin NSW on 14th April 2021.
Troy Smedley** and/on behalf of **Maz, Donna** and **Charlie Smedley

Reader's Poetry

On our 21st

The years roll on
Another anniversary looms
Time to reflect and remember
All of the love we share.

Marriage is a complex creation
A mixture of love and disdain
Or perhaps I project
My own experience, not others.

But even in those happiest
The flames can lick
Dark clouds brew
Before showers of tears.

Or distance builds
And one day eyes open
To a shroud of differences
Common ground eroded.

Give me the storm
Rather than the death knell
For after lightning and rain
Different growth begins.

So easy to avoid
Conflict that is needed.
So easy to bury the head
In sands of distraction.

My love has taught me
To confront and lean in
In eternal compromise
There can be no learning.

Rooting out the past
The deepest of pains
Is neither easy or painless
But needs to be done.

Not examining the differences
Brings distance and apathy
So my love has taught me
So grateful I am.

Brian Matthews
28/1/21

There are two fictions constantly presented to the citizens of this district by its Council.

The first is that the elected members initiate the projects. The second is that it follows its own consultation policy.

The move on the Foreshore started in July 2018 (Agenda item 12.6). A mid-level employee not in an appropriate role for this work had his name attached to a report *Opportunities for the Use of the Basin Areas in the Normanville Foreshore*. It was a lengthy report, wandering around topics without any clear direction as to its purpose, when I find buried three quarters of the way through a 'suggestion' that the Basin could be turned into a car park. I questioned this at the time, with the response – Just in case it is needed in the future. It was well-known then, as now, that the Basin area is heritage listed, and a long process would need to be undertaken to delist it. That report did not come from an elected member, it came from within the administration. Softening up.
The second move came in a report in July 2019 (Agenda item 13.1)T *Termination of Annual licences in North Section of the Normanville Jetty Caravan Park*. This was presented by the mayor, acting as a member of the administration. The mayor had not mentioned this move to the elected members prior to it appearing in the agenda a few days before the meeting. At the same meeting, the brand new 'Connecting to our community' consultation policy was also tabled, and passed, with one refusal to support it from me (13.4 *Review of Public Consultation Process*). The hypocrisy of action – vote in a new report on a consultation policy, and at the same meeting, completely disregard it, by the mayor, no less.
This shows that the Normanville Jetty Caravan Park project did not come from the elected members. It was imposed by a plan within administration, a plan that was being slow-cooked for quite a while. My question is – is that it, or are there other questions that need examination: such as, is there undue influence from external sources, such as private companies selling eco-tents, or cabins?
Whatever the answers to these questions, the stated due process has not been followed. This leads into the second fiction: that council follows its expensively produced public consultation policy. It does not, otherwise the overwhelming lack of community support for the Draft Foreshore Master Plan would have scrapped it.

A major omission in this Plan is the complete absence of an Environmental Impact Study for the area, especially the state of the Bungala River and its intersection with the beach and sea. The Oxigen Company was poorly briefed, as so many of the 'features' of the Plan have 'disappeared'. Or the company did not carry out due diligence before it took the brief (the heritage listing of the Basin, the contamination levels of the Bungala making a kayak jetty a public risk, the jetty extension being state gov not local gov). A Plan all sizzle and no steak. Which we have paid for.

The Council has also not given this community an opportunity to examine two designs for the Library. The language is being twisted to announce that the community will 'be consulted' during the coming budget session, not using the proper meaning of the word 'consult', to create opportunities for an open response from the community about which Library design they want. The community is only being given the chance to 'comment' about the minor aspects of the Library usage which are present in both designs. Do we want an 'architect ego statement façade', or do we want a building in keeping with the present Centre. We do not get to choose. Language, meaning and trust gets trashed in the process of Council not following its own policy.

We have been 'asked' about the Foreshore Master Plan at the January tent session 2020. We strongly indicated we did not want what is now being done. We were ignored. We are still speaking. Still being ignored.

This forces me into further action, as a citizen. Civil disobedience. I am withholding my quarterly rates payment, on the basis that the Council is not showing satisfactory regard for the wishes of its citizens. I will announce in the June YRN a time and place for a community 'picket' against the proposed addition of 23 cabins in the caravan park. Now that 'inflation' is an emerging word in the economy of the world, we know we will be left with mounting debt and rates rises, long after this administration and elected members have departed. What else can we do to make our analyses, decisions and wishes known?
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Bungala River

In the 1840's my Great Great Grandfather, William Field, established a butcher shop in Melbourne Street, North Adelaide. His slaughter yards were situated next to the River Torrens in the vicinity of where the O-Bahn tracks commence near Hackney Road. One can only imagine the pollutants that entered the waters from his slaughter yards and to have some pity for the settlers who may have had to draw water downstream. Still, at least the sea grasses were intact in those days. This was only but one of the industries that would contribute to the degradation of this wonderful waterway over the next century and a half and I use the above example merely to illustrate how people have long shown blatant disregard for protecting our natural assets. Eventually, a form of rehabilitation of the River Torrens occurred with the establishment of a Linear Park between the Adelaide foothills and the sea, (and, I believe, this became the largest park of this type in Australia) . The Linear Park has been an outstanding success and is well used as a recreational park.

Locally the Bungala River meanders along the margins of Yankalilla emerging at the coast along the beach at Normanville. This waterway probably also commenced a pattern of degradation as a result of European settlement around much the same time as the River Torrens. While community groups, volunteers and others have done wonderful work to rehabilitate sections of the Bungala, other sections are clogged and overgrown with any number of exotic and invasive plants and these margins are quite unattractive and largely inaccessible. A rehabilitated river would surely be a wonderful natural asset, and indeed an economic asset, for community, businesses and land owners. Let us hope that the latest thrust to see some sort of action for the Bungala River be something that will come to fruition and receive the wholehearted support of all sections of our community.

Neil Field, Normanville

Facts and Figures in the May Advertisement in the YRN

It was brought to my attention by fellow concerned members of the community that the advertisement objecting to developments in the Jetty Caravan Park (one aspect of the Foreshore Development Plan) had provoked chatter on Facebook, to which I do not subscribe, however a copy of the respective texts were provided to me. While I respect the democratic rights of others to express their views, I also reserve my democratic right to comment.

A writer from Second Valley disputes costs quoted in the advertisement, and also attacks those who dispute council-claimed income from the "improved" JCP.

The second writer posted cynical comments of no constructive value. She is said to have social contacts with Council/Admin, and I have observed her verbally attacking speakers on the floor during the, now defunct, Public Forum, exhibiting behaviour of a self-appointed Cheer-Leader for Council.

My understanding is that these writers are residents of Field Ward and interestingly the big figure of $11.5 million debt, a figure close to that quoted in the Advertiser after an interview with the CEO, does not appear to concern them.

From direct conversations, and reading of community members letters to the YRN, I would state that this is in fact the key concern of the community. The figures that the writers focus on are by comparison petty cash. The size of the debt, and long term impact on rates, in the event that the global financial situation changes unfavourably, apparently does not worry the writers. If the gentleman from Second Valley speaks for a majority of his fellow residents, one might conclude that Second Valley is an enclave of the unconcerned wealthy.

It is interesting to observe that these residents of Field Ward match the Field Ward team of Elected Members who one observes to be a lead driving force behind the Foreshore Development, like the previous Glamping Tents project. On the other hand, beyond rates, the direct impact on Field Ward residents is minimal compared to what we local Light Ward residents will endure.

It was concerning to note on Zoom at the last Audit Committee meeting (10 May 2021) that the Committee is reassured that the expected income from the JCP will be sufficient to buffer debts if an unfavourable financial scenario arose. It was inferred that the impact on rates would be minimal. One can only hope this is so, but recently when questioned on issues of debt, living within one's means, and potential impact of negative changes in the global financial situation, the Federal Treasurer was unable to give such categorical assurances.

The current team (Admin and Elected Members) putting this long-term debt loaded project into train can leave the stage at any time, taking accountability with them. Let us hope that we will not be faced with an event similar to the classic South Australian scandal, the State Bank, where the perpetrators simply vanished into the ether leaving the citizens to attempt to pick up the pieces.

I might add that I know of no one who would wilfully falsify information in that advertisement to mislead members of the community.

Alex Anderson, Normanville

YRN June 21 The usual suspects - Elders

The most common topic on the street these past weeks has been the attitudes expressed in the recent 'Mayor's report' to the District Council of Yankalilla, 20 April, 2021.

If Shane Gould, Kathy Freeman, Eddie Betts and Guy Sebastian retired into this community, would we welcome their experience and expertise in their sporting and musical accomplishments? Would we invite them to participate in community discussion? To contribute to the shared pleasure in developing resources for all community members, including young people?

Or, would we toss aside their contribution, telling them that as they are 'retired' they no longer have an input into the running of this community, and that they need to step aside and leave it up to the 'youth'?

No, we would not. And yet that is the message within the mayor's statement.

The mayor's message carries out-of-date attitudes towards older citizens, many of whom have had significant careers in administration, health, education, science, technology, business, manufacturing and tourism and who still keep abreast of developments across a wide range of fields in international, national and state developments.

It is simply unacceptable to us as Elders to read the views, put forward by the mayor, about elder citizens and their worth and contribution to a community. In the same way it is not acceptable to listen to out-of-date views about racial intolerance, or gender bias. Restrictive, ill-informed and prejudiced cultural views have undergone strong examination in the past decades. This is constant work, with movements such as Black Lives Matter, and the current cultural challenges in families and workplaces regarding abuse against women. So also it is with ageing.

We, as Elders, identify a significant problem in the practice by the DCY of asking for our views on a range of issues affecting the community. We do not trust the way these views are 'collected', then not analysed, and then not used to influence decisions. We see a practice of ticking a 'consultation' box, and then disregarding the feedback the community provides.

We, as Elders, are speaking because we see grave dangers in some of the current projects being put forward. We are speaking precisely because we are analysing the effect of these projects on the lives of the coming generations.

We, as Elders, are speaking because we are reading the lessons of history. We are doing that precisely because of the wealth of knowledge we have developed because of long lives committed to developing knowledge and improving society, and on the basis of extensive, collaborative experience between ourselves.

We, as Elders, speak because we see distinct dangers for the district, for the community of all citizens, whatever their age, and for the health of this environment. We speak because we see the dangers in voices being shut down, through cartoons and letters being denied, through messages advising people to withdraw and stop contributing.

We, as Elders, speak to identify these dangers. We want different, more open, more truly transparent practices from the DCY to listen and to show respect to all citizens. We seek wiser, more professional practice from those in roles in this local government.

We will continue to speak to show what we are contesting, and why.

We invite the mayor, in his role, to formally withdraw his report of 20 April 21, and publish that retraction in the Council Agenda and in the Yankalilla Regional News.

Ruth Trigg

Normanville: Rising Sea Levels & Bungala River

The highly considered letter to this magazine last month by engineer Mr Peter Hamilton must be confronted seriously by the Normanville Council and any interested party.

The Bungala river will, with rising sea levels become permanently tidal and be the focus of Normanville with walkways and cycling tracts east to the sea with a boat launching marina.

Focusing expenditure now on the Bungala river, makes great economic sense whilst it is dry and before it's too late to economically excavate as the sea rises.

The present is all OK.

No one is complaining and the commercial return from rented cabins ads nothing to the environment and may not justify the expenditure.

Let's just wait and see the effect of rising sea levels. I live on the sea at Lady Bay and can confirm the sea is rising.

The future is about the Bungala River becoming a permanent inlet.

Peter Martens, Lady Bay

No To Cabins: Extra Names on the list.

The following residents have added their names to the list published in the May YRN, full page notice to the District Council of Yankalilla, saying NO to two storey cabins in the Normanville Jetty Caravan Park – which is also NO to an increased debt to the residents, and NO to unwanted 'development' to the Normanville Foreshore.

The invitation to add your name is still open. Send your details to **ruth.trigg@westnet.com.au**

Lawrie Baldock
Chris Baldock
Grant Pettigrew
Barbara Pettigrew
Joan Leavesley
Dennis Leavesley
Gabrielle McDermott
Christopher McDermott
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Anthony Rutter
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Lisa Pinder
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Mark Graetz
Stephen Conradi
Wayne Gibbs
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Ken Bates
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Pictured (below) is a copy of the full page advertisement that appeared in the May 2021 edition of the YRN. You can see it online at **www.yrn.com.au**



BREAKING NEWS

Council Budget community consultation meeting 19/5/2021.

Chief Finance Officer, Gary Lewis, confirmed that with all projects being carried out the **DEBT** to ratepayers **IN 10 YEARS TIME** will still be **$14 million**.

Disallowed Deputation

I have enclosed a copy of the Deputation I was going to read out at the 16/3/2021 meeting of council that [Mayor] Rowlands and council denied me doing so.

I have sent a copy to the all council members and CE Morris - not surprising NO REPLY'S.

This is to let the whole community to know what I wanted to say.

Normanville car parking is a very big issue and is part of Council's core Business.

1. The roads and vehicle parking are a very large problem, for example the two sub-divisions off Jetty Road… have a good look at them. Herbert, Field and Heathcote Streets all appear to have been badly planned, with the latest sealing and guttering that has been done.
3. The car park owned by council and Romeo's at the rear of the Post Office and supermarket – Have all the approved carparks been lined in with the development approval? Have the conditions been adhered to?
4. May I suggest, one way in from Andrew Street, and one way out to Olive St in the car park for safety reasons, it gets very congested.
5. Does Normanville have a car park fund as Yankalilla has?
6. I have no objections to business activity and events on the Village Green. My concerns are the loss of parking spaces that were taken away on two sides of the green when it was established. Closing the private car parking in front of the four retail shops for customer parking when business activities are happening in the area. Closing the council public carpark, partly or full, that has the toilet block, electric car charger and disability parking. It is an inconvenience to the local community, our tourists and the general public when activities are taking place on the Green area. Permanent Business rate payers have the right to have a public car park open, as do the public to use.

There are venues that have plenty of parking areas and space for commercial events. Council found that out on Australia Day at the Yankalilla Sporting Club. The Council's Bungala Park was purchased at great Ratepayer's expense and with outgoing maintenance expenses for events such as these and have been proven very successful in the past.



7. Normanville Foreshore and jetty caravan park Masterplan. Taking away carparking areas and replacing them with lawn. With the last Foreshore upgrade one rate payer was successful with council taking notice, having the ocean viewing parking area fence lowered to one rail. There are families and people of all ages, some with disabilities who just want to park and sit in their cars and enjoy Natures Best in all kinds of weather, looking at the ocean and beach activities, while enjoying pies, pasties, fish and chips, pizza, take away coffees, etc. All from Normanville and Yankalilla shops.
8. In the January Loop, the item: Where can I park? Australian road rules which Council is responsible for enforcing parking on verges, roads under the act. I would like it clarified if persons found committing an offence – will everyone be fined by Rangers or will there be exemptions?
9. Are residents able to apply for a '221' to use the verge?

I will close this deputation now with a big thank you to Councillor Bill Verwey whom followed through with it when Councillor Mayor Rowlands decided to deny my deputation today.

It has been a very upsetting process for me and my family since I found out last Friday afternoon at the Council Office.

Thank you to the caring office girls who helped me.

Val Gubbin

And Again!

I requested to have a Deputation at the 18-5-2021 council meeting talking on D.C.Y. ***"Our Town our Future Structure Plan for Yankalilla, Normanville and Carrickalinga Oct – 2019"*** and '***affordable housing***'.

I was denied the Deputation for this meeting as I was last time for the March meeting.

I keep asking myself why is this happening is it because of my age, gender, being a resident ratepayer or perhaps I am a loud drummer?

I wish to say thank you to Rachael Reeves staff member for 18 years at the District Council Yankalilla who is moving on with her career. Her expertise as a public servant has been greatly appreciated. Good luck Rachael.

Val Gubbin
Ratepayer
Normanville

The Bungala River Remediation Fund

There are two particularly significant issues facing the residents and ratepayers of Normanville and Yankalilla.

The first issue is that, despite objections, the construction of cabins in the Normanville Foreshore caravan park (Northern section) will proceed as planned. The Council's independent Audit Committee at its meeting on 10 May 21 agreed that the cabins have the potential to generate significant revenues to support Council operations.

The second issue is the remediation of the Bungala River, from its mouth in the Normanville Foreshore to the headwaters in the hills to the East.

Remediation of the river will:

- Restore and rejuvenate the natural environment while minimising future intrusions into currently minimally disturbed areas.
- Enhance the long term health and wellbeing of permanent residents,
- Enhance the attractiveness of the area for new residents as the southern suburbs draw inexorably closer,
- Increase both long and short visit tourist numbers and their economic contribution to the region,
- Enable the re-establishment of the historic estuary and allow the introduction of tidal flow control,
- Strongly support the recommendations of the Yankalilla Council commissioned URS Consultants Report "Our Town Our Future Oct 2019" which identifies areas for future urban growth to address housing demand over a 15 year period.

This will be a long term 10-15 year project with significant, yet-to-be-defined, environmental, recreational and financial issues.

These two issues are connected in both a geographic and financial sense. A remediated Bungala River and a restored estuary will attract patrons to the Region and to the caravan park. Water based recreational activities, which will be enabled by the restoration of the Bungala estuary, will also generate commercial revenue.

Seen in that light the establishment of a Bungala River Remediation Fund as a source of funding for on-going remediation activities has merit.

The fund could be supported by caravan park revenues. Perhaps 30% of caravan park revenue, before costs, could be allocated to the remediation fund. The fund can be formally established with an appropriate aim and objectives and a volunteer management structure. Administrative support can be provided by Council.

It may also prove useful for the Fund to conduct community fund raising activities as another funding source.

This suggestion was to be put forward to Council near the end of May 2021.

Peter Hamilton
Normanville

Peter Hamilton's address to Yankalilla Council, 20/4/21

Printed here in full, it was cut short by Council during the meeting but is well worth reading.

The Future Of The Normanville Foreshore

Mayor, Councillors –

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to present an alternative point of view for the future of the Normanville Foreshore.

My name is Peter Hamilton. I am an engineer, a retired senior Army Officer, and a lecturer at The University of South Australia.

My wife Gail and I purchased a Villa in South Shores in 2011, primarily to support the delivery by our daughter, of two sets of twins within 2 years. Normanville and Yankalilla have been, and continue to be, very kind to our grandchildren and family.

We have met and spoken with many locals and want to see the shire grow and prosper for the benefit of future generations.

Many times, while driving to and from South Shores, on Main South Rd, we cross the Bungala River. Looking west across a large depression filled with wild olives and the odd cow. I'd observe to Gail that that area could be a lake!!

From that simple base I took a look at a military survey map. To my surprise I discovered that that large depression, filled with weedy olives, was originally below sea level and, therefore, open to tidal influence.

Further nosing around and chatting showed me that that large depression was filled with silt and sand, the result of 150 plus years of agricultural activity and tides.

At a simple level, silt and sand can be picked up and sold to Jeffries Soils. The depression can then be reopened to the tides by recreating the ancient mouth of the Bungala River.

Great!! That would restore the old estuary and create the lake. Clean up the mouth and the rest of the river upstream and you have good, clean water for the lake, albeit it a bit salty. Such an approach looked like a good basis for a Foreshore Master Plan

To my dismay, the proposal to undertake a real estate development in the existing northern caravan park by the addition of a number of two storey cabins, seems to me to cut across the establishment of an enhanced community focussed foreshore environment.

There is little doubt in my mind that the real estate industry will look with envy on two storey cabins with sea views. They will work to acquire that real estate in the next few years. If, in the highly probable event that the cabins do not generate the expected return and become a burden on ratepayers, the pressure to accede to the wishes of the real estate world will grow. The area will be vulnerable to development.

Townhouses on the beachfront anyone???

My role here today is to make sure that we, ratepayers and elected Councillors, don't make a very serious planning mistake.

An objective is the starting point of any plan. We don't have an objective. We don't have a shared understanding of what the Normanville Foreshore should look like in 10-15 years.

We don't have a shared understanding of what our grandchildren and visitors, from an ever expanding Adelaide, will see and experience in the 20s, 30s and 40s.

In that light, let me suggest the following for discussion:

A restored Bungala River mouth open to the sea and the tide.

A re-created estuary framing the 'Bungala Peninsula' and inviting water based activities.

An estuary fed by a rejuvenated upper Bungala River.

Extensive grassed areas on the 'Bungala Peninsula' designed to accommodate the increased volume of visitors' year round as Adelaide moves inexorably closer.

Extensive BBQ, playground, picnic facilities, seating, and shelters.

A historical commemoration of Aboriginal and European history in the area

An educational facility drawing from the Area School designed to draw in teachers and researchers.

A thriving retail food environment including a bistro and restaurant.

A minimally touched sandhills environment.

Yachts and boats launching from the beach.

A beautiful and distinctive 7.2 km beach on which to run and play.

A consolidated caravan park on the south side of the Bungala River

Early development on the Southern side of the Bungala River, opportunities which will need further study

And what will this do for us??

Happy visiting punters who'll spend holiday dollars!!

Increased rate revenues as rateable values soar on properties adjacent to the estuary and river and in the town themselves!!

Where then are we at??

The proposed Foreshore Master Plan could be more accurately described as a Maintenance Plan.

It has a focus on the hard dollar, not the recreational ambience or the tourist attracting environment of the foreshore.

Rather, it's primarily devoted to generating the short term dollar with little regard to the future. It is short-sighted. Its critical financial success hinges on the suspect profitability of an investment in new cabins.

To achieve that aim, the Council has sought and obtained a grant of $2m of taxpayer's fund. Well done!

A further $2m will need to be borrowed to fund the expected total cost of this new cabin investment.

So now we have a total investment of an incredibly significant $4m of ratepayer funds. If we included the estimated capital value of the existing caravan park assets, we'd probably have about $5m invested!! That's a tidy sum given the size of the Council budget. As we are all both ratepayers and taxpayers. All the invested funds are ours!!

What is projected to be the return on that investment? How is our money going to work for us? What is the target dividend to the owners, us?

Public servants are not trained to run businesses. They do not have a business mindset. Stick to the knitting is good advice.

In short where is a real, commercial Business plan rather than the all-too-familiar bureaucratic fluff.

For the life of me I have not been able to find such an all-embracing business plan looking at the caravan park business:

Structure of the business – in this case how the operation and maintenance fits in with the operations of the Council.

The management structure – how the day-to-day operations of this $4m+ business will be handled.

The objectives of the business – the proposed return on the investment of $4-5m of ratepayer/taxpayer funds.

Some form of vision for the Park – goals, a SWOT analysis.

A timetable for the development of the business.

Investment risk management. What short medium and long term goals will be set to monitor the ongoing risk profile?

Operational risk management approach.

Customer service approach

An all-important marketing plan – including a competitor analysis. What is known about the competitive position of Links Lady Bay, South Shores, The Beachside Caravan Park, the ratepayers who rent their properties on Air BNB, Stayz, Bookings.com etc., Wirrina, for that matter?? They are not going to sit on their hands while you reap the rewards.

I note that none of the consultants advising on this proposal took a good look at the competition. One that indirectly mentioned South Shores, got it wrong. I'm always cautious about consultants.

How will the park, and its cabins, be advertised and promoted?

What is the start-up operating budget of the park, including the cost of operations, marketing, HR, maintenance?

As this is a Government owned and operated business in a competitive environment, what legal advice has been sought as to the requirements for competitive neutrality? I have little doubt that that position will be challenged.

Serious competitive concerns have been raised by the investors in Links Lady Bay and South Shores, both multi-million dollar investments in catering to the short term tourist market.

The Chair of the Community Committee of South Shores has written to the Mayor expressing serious concerns, based on 15 years of occupancy and financial return statistics at South shores, about the validity of financial projections for these cabins.

The Beachside Caravan Park is sanguine about the competition believing that the suggested financial projections are over optimistic.

This proposal is in direct competition with those investors.

It will dampen future investment in this community. This is counterproductive to the prosperity of the region.

There are also a large number of ratepayers in Carrickalinga, Normanville and Yankalilla who use internet based vehicles such as STAYZ, booking,com, AirBNB and others, to rent out their houses to tourists. You will be competing with them!!

So! Where are we at?? I think that this summary of the current proposal suggests that we are about to take a very risky step with $4-5m of ratepayer funds.

The future looks shaky. A true disaster would be to proceed with this risky investment proposition, and in 3-4 years' time find that the ratepayers have to step up to the plate to rescue a failing business. Probably not a popular move. Council will be under pressure from the real estate industry to sell the properties and the land for further development. None of us, none of us, want that outcome.

So what can we do.

It is straight forward.

Over a 5 year time frame consolidate the northern and southern caravan parks on the South side of the Bungala River. Build the cabins, if it still seems like a good idea, but keep them off the Foreshore

Proceed to either renovate or merge the existing Surf Club and Kiosk buildings and the balance of the master plan.

Commence a phased refurbishment of the Bungala River Mouth, Estuary and the upper River over a period of 10-15 years.

Restore the Bungala Peninsula to whole community use as a grassed and recreationally equipped area together with Aboriginal, and European history recognition, education and research facilities and some retail.

Begin to explore the recreational and development uses of the reformed Bungala Estuary and the land to its South.

In conclusion – don't do it. Its too risky. Take the alternative approach and sleep easier.

Thankyou for your attention. I'm happy to take questions.

Discussions - Letters - Opinions

Mayor's comments re 'oldies'

Well looks like if you are a baby boomer you are to be relegated to the *no longer relevant* dustbin. It just so happens that the current population regardless of our ages pay for the majority of the development this council seems to think we need for future generations and not for us.

I'm sure that my grandchildren and great grand children would thank me and others of the same value system if we were responsible for actively protecting what we have in this town and trying to ensure it stays as it is, a lovely quiet coastal location with a strong history. Not a plastic commercialised glitzy destination for hoards of people to visit when it suits them and leave us with their mess to clean up. Look at Kerry Rochford's letter in the May edition page 16 she is spot on.

The Mayor asks "should we give up the development of the cabins at the Jetty Caravan Park?" I say yes and I say focus on council business not commercial business leave that to the appropriate business operators. Why are we paying for the Kiosk to be rebuilt? It seems to me that they are doing extremely well all the year around so why spend money for them to further increase their revenue? You talk about increased revenue from the cabins but I would like to see some robust independent assessments of potential income. Besides why not concentrate on keeping costs and spending down and reducing debt or in other words responsible fiscal management to deliver lower rates rather than commercial development with the knock on affects on inadequate infrastructure?

There is not 'some talk' about council not listening Mr Mayor there is a lot of talk about council not listening and there has been for a very long time. As I told you directly some years ago when I met with you about the dogs on/off lead issue after I had been actively campaigning out in public places, I was taken aback by the amount of critical and negative feedback about council, way back then the reoccurring comment was "council don't listen" as I told you at the time, but your response or lack of concern at the time surprised me.

So here we are 5 years on and seems nothing has changed by your comment "just a few not getting their own way and keep playing the drum". That says it all really, you continue to ignore feedback and fob it off as just a few whingers (my words). We have every right to determine what we want our town and environment to look like and be like to live in 365 days a year not just the holiday seasons. Why do you and some of this council believe what you are promoting will be what future generations want and need? Future generations just may say to your plans.... what on earth were the past councils thinking by allowing this incompatible development to take place and spoiling and commercialising what was once here. A good example is the new housing off Jetty Road just awful, ugly, overbearing and completely out of place but too late now we're stuck with it and more to come 50 meters further on towards the beach I wonder if our future generations will congratulate council on that development down the track. And by the way lets talk about future generations of residents not tourists.

No Mr Mayor you and other councillors do not listen and respect community feedback, take for example Councillor Peter O'Neil's comment on page 18 of the May edition, "the success of our grant funding is a game changer, watch this space". Sounds to me like decisions have been made and will be implemented to fill this space according to what Councillor O"Neil and the usual suspects think we need and should have based on their personal preferences, tastes and opinions not the community's. People come here and live here because it is NOT like Glenelg and Mawson Lakes, it's not glitzy and commercialised but you're hell bent on turning us into a look alike while we stand to lose everything that makes this place so special and lovely.

Finally you the community need to decide what you want your town, beachside and aesthetic environment to look like and be like to live in all year round, whether or not you want tourism numbers to increase as they will as a result of the foreshore development, think about the cost and impact of that on your everyday quality of life. If you don't want the character of our town to be lost and you do care about future generations and what we leave behind for them you need to make your opinions heard, the council is there to make decisions for all of us, decisions based on our feedback not on the personal values and opinions of a few, having said that not too few to have the majority vote in whatever they set their sights on and usually supported by the Mayor. If you can't be bothered to participate then you will get what you deserve and lose what you've got so don't complain about it when it is too late.

On another note how about council doing something worthwhile for residents and introducing a hard rubbish pick up once or twice a year like many other councils do and have done for many years, we pay high enough rates to justify this service and it may also stop roadside dumping which is on the increase.

Pam Kirsten

Mayor Glen Rowlands to retire as Mayor but as a minimum will see out the Council term

19 May 2021

Before closing the 18 May 2021 Meeting of Council, Mayor Glen Rowlands advised his fellow Councillors that he will be retiring as Mayor at the end of the June Council meeting, but confirmed he will remain an Elected Member until at least the end of the Council term in November 2022.

Mayor Glen Rowlands said, "I make this decision as part of a succession process that I have practiced in previous business roles".

"My retirement is not about health, it is about attempting to having continuity from one Council to another while following the road that my fellow Councillors and I have laid over the last 7 years". "Now is the perfect time for a leadership change as we have set a strong direction for Council through our 2030 Strategic Plan, it also allows continuity with the opportunity for another Elected Member to gain experience as Mayor before the November 2022 Council Election".

"A part of the role of the Mayor requires keeping our community connected to the Local Government Association, State and Federal Governments and with our neighbouring Councils". "In the last 12 months I feel I have let some of these connections go, my energy and capacity is waning".

"I will be taking extended leave over July and August but will remain an Elected Member until the end of the Council term".

"I apologise for the surprise but I inform you tonight to allow time to think about who you want to lead the Council as Mayor through to the next election". "If you want to know more about the role I'm more than happy to chat", said Mayor Rowlands.

Deputy Mayor Simon Rothwell said, "I would like to thank Glen for all his hard work and dedication as Mayor". "His passion and commitment to the role and community has been commendable". "He will continue to be a valued Elected Member for the District Council of Yankalilla".

The next morning Mayor Rowlands addressed Council staff and emotionally advise of his decision to retire as Mayor.

Mayor Rowlands told staff "I started my role as Mayor in November 2014, naïve about Local Government and its processes". "I had a lot to learn, and there was a lot to get done".

"My journey would not have achieved as much as it has without the staff doing what they do, their dedication, passion and



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willingness has been awesome". "For a small Council to have the quality reputation Yankalilla has with its peers is a credit to the staff, we punch way above our weight, I hear so many positive comments about what we all do, and the professional way in which staff conducts themselves".

"I really appreciate the way I was welcomed, and I have always felt part of the team, you all have achieved so much for our community". "I thank you from the bottom of my heart, I will still be around but just in a little different capacity", said Mayor Rowlands.

Chief Executive Nigel Morris said, "I have had the great pleasure of serving under Glen for the past five years and I have greatly valued our countless chats and what he has achieved for the Council and the community during his time as Mayor". "Although he may be retiring as Mayor I am pleased we have not lost him from the Chamber as he continues as an Elected Member".

At the end of the June Council Meeting Mayor Rowlands will vacate the chair and a new principal member (Mayor) will be chosen by the Elected Members.



Get the JUICE from BRUCE

Welcome to Winter! Whilst the weather may be inclement, that wildness brings with it a wealth of great fishing. The good old Aussie Salmon will start schooling along our shores soon and we are lucky enough to have accessible beaches such as Parsons, Waitpinga, Morgan's and Carrickalinga to walk and throw lures from. Traditionally, metal lures around the 40-to-60-gram weight in Silver or Chrome like the Halco Twisty or Streaker work very well, but you can also use soft plastics or bait such as pilchards. Modern surf rods are now lighter and can cast a lot further with less weight, making your fishing far more enjoyable.

REPORTS

Boaties have welcomed the Winter Whiting and recorded some good size King George off Normanville, we also hear several Flathead and Snook are still being caught. Beach fishing has been similar to last month with Mullet, Silver Whiting and a few Salmon being brought in from **Carrickalinga**, **Lady Bay** and **Normanville**. The local jetties have been rather quiet apart from **Cape Jervis** where you can still find large Tommies at night and a few Squid as well. Expect the big Winter Squid to start firing up very soon and you will most likely find them off the **Wirrina** rocks and **Rapid Bay** jetty.



Pictured: One of our customers caught a whiting!



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Just a few reasons why Ratepayers will see no financial benefit from the over-hyped 23 Upmarket Cabins at Normanville Jetty Caravan Park.



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Books and Words Group

The Books and Words Group's event on the evening of Monday 10th May was well attended by an enthusiastic audience. The focus of the evening was on John Murray's third book, *Adolf Hitler: Behind the Door at No 16*. Former Deputy Commissioner of Police, John Murray, and retired QC, David Quick, informed and amused the gathered throng with a mock court presentation. John Murray had to defend aspects of his story against David Quick's incisive cross-examination. A question and answer session concluded the performance.



The Books and Words Group Chairperson, David Panter, invited guests to record their preferences for future events.

David announced that the Books and Words Group website will soon have a feature which will enable the matching of people to a Book Club which suits their reading tastes. Readers are invited to register their interest in hosting a Book Club or joining one.

Our July event will be a musical literary delight. Colin MacDonald will present his *Music of Fables and Fairy Tales* on Thursday 22 July from 2 to 4pm at Club Fleurieu. Booking details will soon be on the Books and Words Group website and in the July issue of the Yankalilla Regional News.

For any queries email
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Visit our website,
booksandwordsgroup.weebly.com



Left: John Murray and David Quick. Right: Voting sheets from May meeting

Australian Decorative And Fine Arts Society Fleurieu

We are most fortunate to welcome Robert Reason to the Fleurieu Peninsula in July for his lecture about **The David Roche Foundation**.

David Roche's home, *Fermoy House*, on Melbourne Street, North Adelaide, together with the new, adjoining gallery building, constitute the exceptional art institution known as **The David Roche Foundation** established in 1999 by the late David J Roche AM.

The magnificent pieces contained in the collection, particularly those from past centuries, are presented in an opulent manner, reminiscent of how David lived in *Fermoy House*. A devoted collector of antiques and fine art, David was acknowledged both in Australia and abroad as a renowned collector. He often referred to himself as an 'enthusiastic buff'. The exceptional collection of antiques, paintings and objects d'art accumulated by him over his lifetime are preserved for future generations.



Robert Reason was appointed Curator of the David Roche Foundation in 2015 and Museum Director in June 2019. He is recognised as one of Australia's leading decorative arts authorities with over twenty years' experience in the art profession. Robert has curated significant exhibitions and published extensively for the Art Gallery of South Australia and The David Roche Foundation.

No doubt there will be many of us who have enjoyed the unique experience of visiting the house and gallery, but having Robert's expertise will stimulate both first and second visits to The David Roche Foundation in North Adelaide.

The David Roche Foundation
Monday 5th July 2021
ADFAS Fleurieu lectures begin at 10.30am at the Gospel Centre, 2 George Main Road, Victor Harbor 5211

ADFAS Fleurieu is one of 38 Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Societies across the country that organises an exciting, interesting and diverse lecture programme each year on a wide range of topics relating to the arts. It also supports local arts and artists. All lecturers are experts in their fields.

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

Over the next few months ADFAS Fleurieu will be presenting lectures on the 'English Country Garden….from the grand landscape to the Cottage Garden' and finally the work of William Morris.

To learn more about the Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Societies, go to **www.adfas.org.au**.

Illuminate Adelaide

A Normanville resident is set to become one of the State's leading lights as co-founder of a dazzling new winter festival.

Former Festival Fleurieu board member Rachael Azzopardi is one half of the brains trust behind Illuminate Adelaide which will throw a highly creative spotlight on the city's parks, laneways and buildings from July 16.

The festival, set to rival Vivid Sydney and Victoria's highly popular White Night franchise, will feature more than 150 installations, performances and events fusing art, light and technology.

Running over two weeks and three weekends the program will include both free and ticketed events for all ages, ranging from a city lights trail featuring 40 large projections to world premiere virtual reality works.

Rachael and fellow creative producer Lee Cumberlidge formed the Illuminate Adelaide Foundation in 2020 after switching the South Australian Tourism Commission on to their vision for a major festival to fill a winter void in the calendar.

Much of the early work on their successful pitch for three years of government funding was done right here in Normanville over cuppas and walks on the beach.

No stranger to major events, Rachael was first lured away from her home state by an opportunity to work on the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games Cultural Arts Festival.

She went on to become casting director for the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games and to take senior roles with the Sydney Festival and Sydney Theatre Company before returning to SA in 2018.

"We used to hire a place at Christmas down at Carrickalinga and I'd always dreamt of having a place down there," she reveals.

"Coming back from Sydney I just really wanted a change of lifestyle so I bought a place in Normanville and renovated.

"I just love it. I love the beaches, the bird life and the great community feel."

Not wanting the city to steal all the limelight, Rachael is keen to see Illuminate Adelaide spread to the regions with events also planned for Mt Gambier, Tumby Bay and Renmark this year.

The Mt Gambier Cave Garden installation will serve as a curtain-raiser to the inaugural city-based program from June 9 to July 4.

Rachael hopes Illuminate Adelaide can extend its program to other regions including Yankalilla in future years.

"The Fleurieu is one of the regions we would really love to activate so I am always looking there," she says.

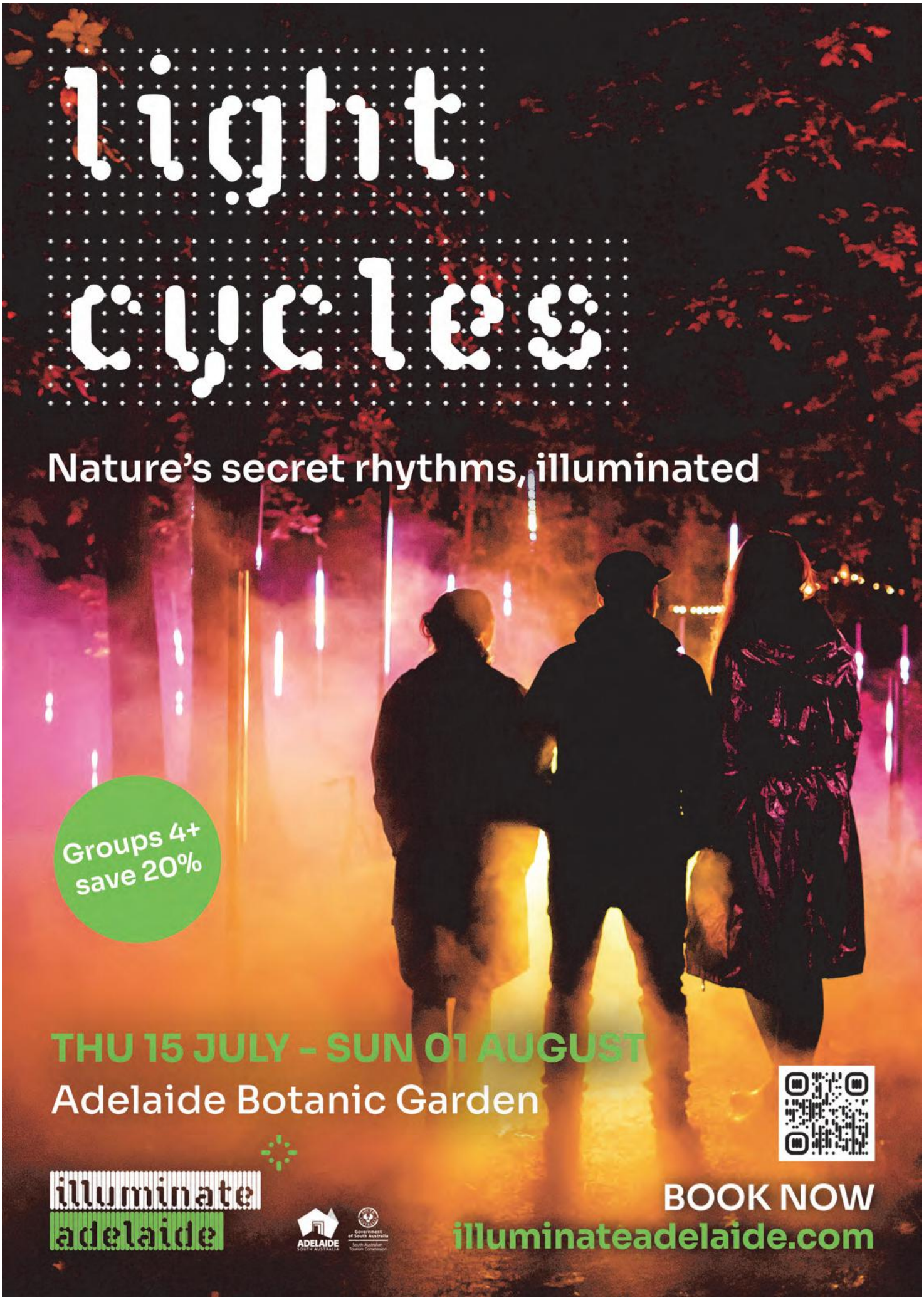
"Whether it is Deep Creek or along the water at the beautiful Normanville-Carrickalinga Creek, there are so many spots we would love to illuminate."

Illuminate Adelaide runs from July 16 to August 1.

Sarah Harris for YRN



Rachael Azzopardi


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Yankalilla Ladies Probus Club Inc. - Autumn Outings and Activities

This must be a wonderful outing. So good that our Club made a return visit to Sophie's Patch at Mt Barker Springs to see what it looks like in this lovely season. Our last visit was a cold and rainy day, so to see the garden in warm sunshine was wonderful. As the photos that our members took on the day show so well.

Members who attended our April meeting were treated to a very inspirational and entertaining talk by Bob Hacker and Chris Corrie from Yankalilla's Men's Shed. Bob and Chris brought along examples of the handmade wooden items created at the Shed, including rolling pins, chopping boards, toy trucks and coaster sets. To quote our President, the rolling pins are far too nice for rolling pastry! Maybe as husband chastisers then?

The Shed is a wonderful gathering place for all men looking for fellowship and a chance to use old skills and learn new ones. Another valuable resource that contributes greatly to our community.

Moving into May, a lunch is planned at Bellicious, Inman Valley, and our May meeting will have a Celebration theme to recognise special anniversaries and life milestones. It will also be The Biggest Morning Tea day, raising funds for the Cancer Council of Australia.

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

Lorraine Felix – Publicity Officer
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Below left: Autumn Colours
Below: Zeus the Goose with Sophie





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Yankalilla Art

We enjoyed a very interesting workshop today with local artist Karen Hammat who presented a range of new ideas and techniques using the concept of 'landscape' as an abstract form.
Karen demonstrated how she uses elements from a landscape picture to create an abstract painting. Using stencil cut outs to frame each design small pictures were created. Colour was added with pieces of coloured paper torn to the required size. Karen selected one of these designs to create a larger abstract painting. Bold and contrasting colours were used and lines with pens added to enhance the final result.
We created designs using our own landscape pictures as reference. Inside each small frame we drew shapes taken from our landscape. These drawings were then transformed by pasting torn pieces of coloured paper over the small shapes to create a coloured square. We found it quite challenging and took time to achieve a pleasing result. Karen was great and walked round with helpful suggestions while we worked.
When we had completed at least one small design it was time to transfer that small image onto a larger sheet of paper to paint! Using our own choice of medium we drew and painted the design on paper. It was a great feeling to have the freedom to paint on a larger scale. Clearly a technique which can be explored.
A most interesting and rewarding day. Our thanks to Karen for sharing her inspiration, her contribution of coloured paper and individual support given.

Our next workshop will be with Judith Sweetman on Wednesday **9th June** in the Supper room, Yankalilla Show Grounds.

Diana 0426233771
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Left: Karen adding texture
Below: Karen with finished work



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Season 2020-21 Normanville Tennis Club

The 2020/2021 Tennis Season has been another successful season for the Normanville Tennis Club. A record number of children registered to play and on Sunday 21st March this was celebrated with trophy presentations and pizza at the Club. A huge thank you to Mare Bello for making those delicious pizzas – enjoyed by all!

We had over 85 registered members this season which included our junior, senior and social players. Our Club had the largest number of juniors of any club in the Great Southern Tennis Association meaning that we filled 8 teams being 2x Div 1 teams, 3x teams in a combined Div 2/3, Div 4 and 2x Div 5 teams. An orange ball competition was also run for those beginning competition tennis and a red ball group was established for those children coming up from our Hot Shots program. A huge thank you to parents who helped out during the season. With the large number of children training and playing it could at times be quite challenging. Thank you to our Team Managers who coordinated each individual team throughout the season – Kerry Graves, Kylie Clayton, Corinna Rodrigues, Kristy Russo, Paula Krichauff, Bron Jeffrey, Kristy Blackburne, Courtney Burgess and Darren Burgess.

As a result of our community growth in the area, we saw the return of an Open Seniors Team for our Club after years of competing in the Doubles Competition. A huge thank you to Wendy Lewis-Baida for being the team manager.

The Club is still running the Tennis Australia's endorsed Hot Shots program. This has been an extremely beneficial program for our Club and many of our juniors have continued playing tennis as a result. A huge thank you to our Hot Shots Qualified Coach Leigh Howlett and also a big thank you to Jenny Howes and Courtney Burgess who helped Leigh during the 6-week program. We will once again be running the Hot Shots program in August, so keep your eye out for that!

As well as running the Hot Shots program, Leigh comes out every Thursday night to coach our junior players. This is a huge responsibility and Leigh does a fantastic job. With the number of children at training, the Club advertised for extra coaches. We would like to say thank you to Steph McPharlin for coming out every Thursday night to help coach and for doing a magnificent job with our juniors. We would also like to say thank you to Michael Waite, a qualified tennis coach, who contacted our Club during the year and also helped coach on a Thursday night bringing a lot of skill and knowledge to the Club and our juniors.

The Club also ran two holiday coaching clinics for all juniors which was run by Tennis Masters. Both of these clinics were extremely successful.

With the Club having 8 teams and the orange ball competition, this meant that we did not have enough court space at our Normanville Courts. Having enough courts to play each Saturday is a continual battle as our Club continues to grow. Once again, we would like to thank the Yankalilla Netball Club for allowing us to hire and use their courts during the season. We would also like to thank the Yankalilla Area School for also allowing us to use their courts. Without the use of these courts, our Club would have really struggled.

We had 7 out of 8 junior teams and our Open Seniors Team playing in the tennis semi-finals, with our Div 1 Red team going straight through to the Grand Final. Preliminary Final day was unfortunately a wash out meaning that some teams missed out on playing for the Grand Final as the team sitting higher on the ladder went automatically through. Grand Final Day was a nail biter. Congratulations to our Div 1 Red team who brought home the "gold medal" defeating Victor Harbor. Our Div 2 Black team drew on sets and lost by only 6 games to Mt Compass. Our Div 4 team also had a very close match drawing on sets and losing by only 3 games to Mt Compass! Congratulations to all our teams that made finals – an excellent effort and something that you should all be proud of.

Congratulations to Ella Watters and Benny Seidel who both were selected and represented the Great Southern Tennis Association to play (and won) against the Onkaparinga Association at Strathalbyn (an annual event). Ella and Benny also played in the Hills/Fleurieu Team against Regional SA in Berri for the Foundation Cup. Benny finished in the top 3 players for the Foundation Cup. This would normally then allow the player to compete in Queensland but due to Covid the players played against the top Metro players. The Regional team won this event. Benny also plays in many Tennis SA run tournaments and during the last school holidays won the Consolation draw in the under 16s tournament at Millswood Tennis Club. Ella and Benny also finished runners up at the Association Tournament that was run by the Great Southern Tennis Association. Congratulations to both Ella and Benny who put a lot of work and effort into their tennis – excellent results.

Through the summer months, open court sessions were played on a Friday night. The idea of these sessions is to encourage adults to come out and play tennis. We have had a lot of interest and a lot of fun. If you are interested, please give Leigh Howlett a call (details below). Social tennis on a Thursday morning is still a hit. If you are retired, just have a love of tennis, don't wish to play Saturday competition and are free on a Thursday morning, pop down to our courts and have a hit with our social members (they play all year round). Social memberships are available or otherwise a "pay as you play" fee is available. Please contact Alison Hamilton (details below) for further information.

Congratulations to our award winners for this season: Normanville Top Junior Boy - Bayley Clayton, Normanville Top Junior Girl - Ella Watters (donated by Coralie Law), Normanville Up & Coming Award Boy - Bayley ▸



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Season 2020-21 Normanville Tennis Club

Wagner, Normanville Up & Coming Award Girl - Sophie Blackburne.

We also have a special trophy, the Glenda Oats Encouragement Award. This is donated each year by the Oats family in remembrance of Glenda who for many years played tennis for Normanville and was a great advocate of junior tennis. This year that award went to Anderson Jeffrey.

Also presented were our 50 gamers. This went to Sienna Rodrigues, Emmy Howlett, Ella Watters and Ella Dauk.

We would also like to congratulate the following Normanville players who received awards from the Great Southern Tennis Association at their presentation night held on Monday 12 April 2021.

Awards presented were: Most Consistent Div 1 Player – Bayley Clayton, Most Consistent Div 2/3 Player – Aleesha Krichauff, Best Sportsperson – Ella Watters.

Also presented were two new awards donated by Erica Modra for tennis excellence. This award was presented to a boy and girl junior player who has committed themselves to tennis, not only playing in the Great Southern Tennis Association but who also trains and competes in state competitions outside of the Association. We are proud to say that two Normanville players received this award being Benny Seidel and Ella Watters. Congratulations to you both, very well deserved, and we wish you all the very best for your future tennis aspirations.

We would also like to thank our sponsors The Normy Hotel and Matt James Plumbing and Gasfitting for their support. We are always looking for new sponsors, and if your business is interested, please give our Treasurer Paula Krichauff a call (number below).

During the winter, if there are any juniors wanting to train, Michael Waite is holding two training sessions on Sunday mornings from 9am to 10.15am and 10.15am to 11.30am. Please feel free to give him a call on 0408 634 977.

Also, a huge thank you to the committee who have worked tirelessly over the last season.

Tennis is such a wonderful sport to play. The benefits of tennis outweigh the sport itself in that it helps deal with physical, mental, social and emotional challenges, it teaches problem solving on and off the court and it is a sport that can be played socially or competitively.

If you are interested in playing Junior Tennis, Open Competition or Social, we would love to hear from you.

Junior Co-Ordinator – Courtney Burgess – 0466 455 348

Coaching/Open Court Sessions – Leigh Howlett – 0433 108 999

Treasurer - Paula Krichauff – 0427 882 353

Thursday Morning Social Tennis - Alison Hamilton – 08 8558 2657

Latest News

Normanville Tennis Club was voted "Regional Club of the Month" for the month of May by Tennis SA.

See link: **https://www.tennis.com.au/sa/news/2021/05/03/volunteer-and-club-of-the-month-may**.

We also attended the Tennis SA Awards dinner on Saturday 1 May 2021 as our club was nominated and was in the top 5 finalists for Most Outstanding Rural Club. This is our second year we have been nominated for this award.

Pictured from L-R:

1.*Ando Jeffrey - Glena Oats Trophy*
2.*Bayley Wagner and Sophie Blackburne- Up and Coming Award*
3.*Div 1 Grand finalists - Blake Rodrigues, Sienna Rodrigues, Ella Watters, Bayley Clayton, Benny Seidel, Keni Lewis-Baida*
4.*Div 2 grand finalists - Alex Munro, Banjo Baxter, Aleesha Krichauff, Jess Madden*
5.*Div 4 grand finalists - Miller Russo, Lachlan Bilney, Kaylee Howes, Ebony Beacham, Ando Jeffrey*
6.*Ella Watters - Top Girl Trophy*
7.*GSTA Award - Aleesha Krichauff*
8.*GSTA Award - Erica Modra, Benny Seidel, Margie Clapp President GSTA*
9.*GSTA Award - Erica Modra, Ella Watters, Margie Clapp President.*



Men's Shed Yankalilla

Hi folks, not a great deal has occurred since my last news letter, however a few relatively important events have occurred.

The sausage sizzle held at Bunnings Seaford on the 8th May was not as successful as we had hoped due mainly to the, shall we say, inclement weather. In the morning it absolutely bucketed down , and the few potential customers scurried at great haste into the dry area of Bunnings store. However after midday the weather cleared and sales of our "sangers" rose considerably, making our takings reasonable.



We have now commenced installation of the staircase to the Document storage area. This is quite a technical enterprise as the staircase has been designed and fabricated in strict accordance with the relevant design code and is a heavy lump of equipment requiring the skills of Terry and Bob to ensure its final placement is performed in a safe and professional manner. This is a work in progress and when completed photos will be shown in the relevant issue of our Newsletter.

Frank P has recently completed a portable bookcase for Challa Gardens primary school, pictured. Needless to say Frank is very proud of his achievement and the school is very appreciative.

Our Alfresco Dining area is being well used with most of our members preferring to dine there instead of indoors, except on days when the weather is unsuitable.

An institution that is very popular, the twice monthly barbecue, has been unofficially expanded, with members supplying home made soups and curries which are available at a very modest charge to those who wish to partake in these delicacies. Yes some of the members are quite competent cooks, in fact Steve is a retired chef. So we won't starve.

That is all for this month, sorry I don't have any jokes for you this time.

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

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

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Cheryl's Blog

Fitness, friendship and fund-raising came together on the Fleurieu for the Adelaide Coast Trek on April 30.

More than 800 walkers trekked from Granite Island to Goolwa to raise money for mental health charity Beyond Blue.

Among them were a local crew made up of South Coast Surf owner Ann Marie Collins, Malcolm Putland, Angela Warnock from Mare Bello Pizza Bar and twins Charlie and Tess Wibley.

This famous five (four walkers and one reserve) made up team *For Kyle*.

Their goal was to raise money for Beyond Blue in memory of Ann Marie's son, Kyle, who took his own life last year.

In a fund-raising blog, Ann Marie wrote, "Did you know 3,000,000 Australians are living with anxiety and depression?

"My beautiful son, Kyle, suffered and took his own life."

She explained Coast Trek raises awareness and hopes communities will understand more about mental health issues.

"Don't be afraid of rejection by asking someone if they are ok," added Ann Marie.

For Kyle raised $4,402. The team smashed the 30km course in 6 hours and 27 seconds.

Ann Marie added the organisers did a fabulous job, establishing refreshment stops all along the way.

There was a huge high, finishing the event despite sore knees, hips and blisters.

They also learned some tricks and tips along the way, like the value of stretching heaps and using sanitary pads to line shoes for any extreme walking event.

The pad wicks away sweat to keep feet dry and reduce the chance of blisters, Ann Marie explained.

"A friend of a friend came into the shop and shared a tip they use in the army,' she said.

"I don't know how they came up with the idea but it's too good a tip not to share."

Top:
Not far now, 5km to go.
Middle:
Ann Marie & Kyle
Bottom left:
20km done, 10km to go.
Bottom right:
At Coastrek.

Cheryl Willie for YRN











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A "Feelgood" Contribution

Increasingly we see contributions telling us to relish the environment in which we live and we may hear it from other sources as well. It maybe that at times it is good to hear a reminder.

Please bear in mind I am a relative newcomer (3+ years) and you may like to build on the benefits that I enjoy by living here.

The AMBIANCE is one that people in other places and other countries would die for.

The negligible crime rate which translates into a high degree of personal safety and KINDNESS to others.

The profound SILENCE is such a contrast to living in urban Australia (I previously lived near a railway line).

The beach is THERAPEUTIC everyone seems to congratulate everyone else for having the foresight to be there. This JOY seems especially reflected in the children and dogs particularly on the lawn during the presence of a full on SUNSET also on the village green in Normanville.

The STARLIT SKIES are absorbing on a clear night.

The fact there is proximity to one of Australia's best holiday destinations in KANGAROO ISLAND (but it is said there are more kangaroos here).

The support and following for the YANKALILLA TIGERS is a great community bonding factor as the girls and boys give their all. This offsets the polarising effect of Port Adelaide v Crows!

The same could be said for the SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB. The lawns at the beach for families and more recently the village green as well.

Wine is characteristic of SA and whether a Barossa Shiraz, a Clare Riesling or a Coonawarra Cab Sav.

The Links at the Lady Bay Hotel provides a great facility for GOLFERS being in the top 100 in Australia out of thousands.

There are a great range of cafes, I can count 10 including hotels.

SOCIAL ISOLATION endemic in cities is much less prevalent here with the many clubs, and groups representing the diversity of interests of our community. Then there is MY AGED CARE providing those dependent on their services including transportation to places to attend to needs of necessity.

THE MEDICAL FACILITIES are commensurate with those in town and ambulances when the necessity arises.

So due respect should always be extended to the establishment families who came here in the mid 1800s onwards because they could see something worth struggling for. And look at it now. ENJOY.

Tony Nicholl
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PS. The first nation people lived well here for thousands of years we believe, without having to consider whitefellas. A moderate climate and abundant food sources must have made their lives agreeable.

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Swimming in winter number 2 of 3

Now that you are in the water in the autumn months, ready to go through winter, you will start noticing things. Anyone who walks past will say, 'You are brave'. But no, bravery is not the issue. Bravery pales into nothing as you know, and they don't, the enormous pleasure from just being in the water, the aesthetic high from looking south to see the shafts of sunlight play on the hills, slowly moving over the landscape, lighting up valleys in fine artistic detail, the effects of mist sitting over the hills, the delicate muted colour palette of the sandhills, in blues, greys, greens, the velvet sheen on the water, the slow rise and slow fall of the waves, calming, calming, calming muscles, nerves and mind. Two birds fly past, fast, a handspan above the water. And as you come back on the beach, the myriad cross -hatching patterns of sea on sand, or a shell. The waves, whoosh lapping, whoosh lapping. Bliss. Bravery nowhere in sight.

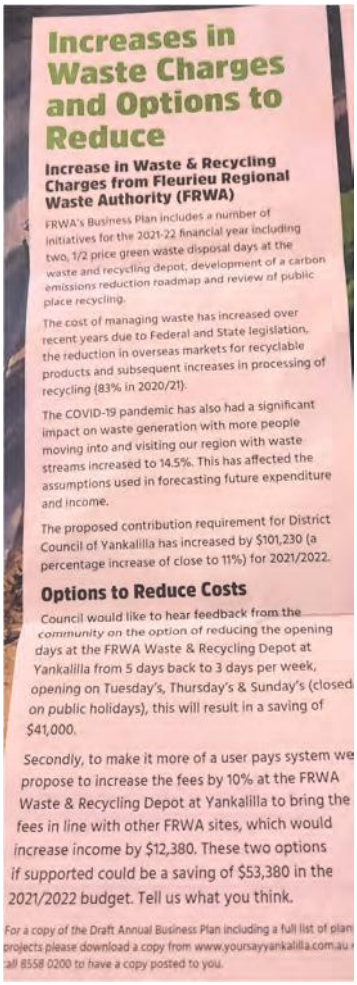
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Yankalilla Dump Open Hours Reduction and Costs Increase

A meeting is being arranged for tradies and community members that may be effected by the proposed changes at the FRWA dump at Yankalilla (reduction to 3 day week and increased charges). If this issue will effect you or your business please contact me on **0488 185 944**. If there are enough people with concerns about this proposal the meeting will go ahead in the near future at Club Fleurieu and all relevant information will be forwarded to council. Anyone with other ideas on cost saving are also welcome to attend. I will post the meeting time and date if enough people contact me to justify hiring Club Fleurieu for the night. If anyone can't attend the meeting but would like to be heard I'm more than happy to talk on your behalf at the meeting.

Nathan Ide
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Pictured: The notice sent by DCY.



Increases in Waste Charges and Options to Reduce

Increase in Waste & Recycling Charges from Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority (FRWA)

FRWA's Business Plan includes a number of initiatives for the 2021-22 financial year including two, 1/2 price green waste disposal days at the waste and recycling depot; development of a carbon emissions reduction roadmap and review of public place recycling.

The cost of managing waste has increased over recent years due to Federal and State legislation, the reduction in overseas markets for recyclable products and subsequent increases in processing of recycling (83% in 2020/21).

The COVID-19 pandemic has also had a significant impact on waste generation with more people moving into and visiting our region with waste streams increased to 14.5%. This has affected the assumptions used in forecasting future expenditure and income.

The proposed contribution requirement for District Council of Yankalilla has increased by $101,230 (a percentage increase of close to 11%) for 2021/2022.

Options to Reduce Costs

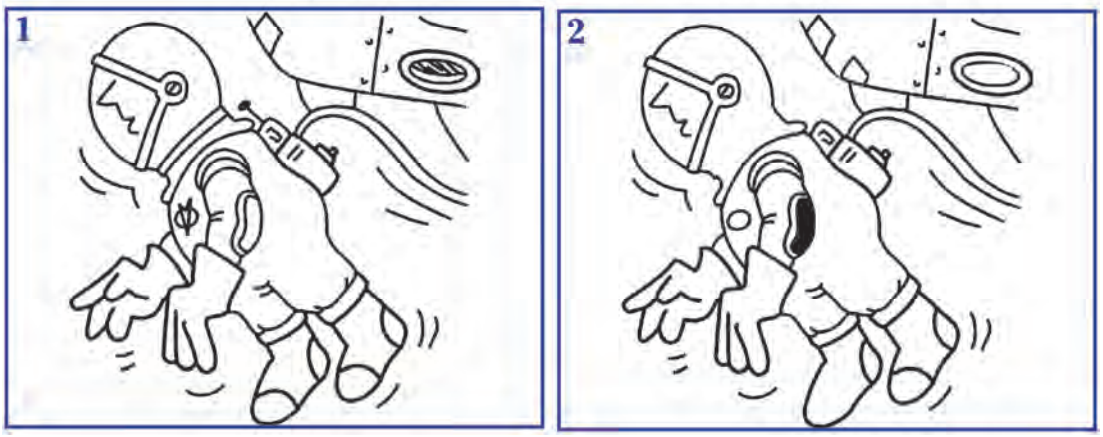
Council would like to hear feedback from the community on the option of reducing the opening days at the FRWA Waste & Recycling Depot at Yankalilla from 5 days back to 3 days per week, opening on Tuesday's, Thursday's & Sunday's (closed on public holidays), this will result in a saving of $41,000.

Secondly, to make it more of a user pays system we propose to increase the fees by 10% at the FRWA Waste & Recycling Depot at Yankalilla to bring the fees in line with other FRWA sites, which would increase income by $12,380. These two options if supported could be a saving of $53,380 in the 2021/2022 budget. Tell us what you think.

For a copy of the Draft Annual Business Plan including a full list of plan projects please download a copy from www.yoursayyankalilla.com.au call 8558 0200 to have a copy posted to you.

Spot the differences

Can you spot the seven differences between these two pictures?



SOLUTION: 1. Different insigna on uniform. 2 Line missing from right boot. 3. Extra square on ship. 4 Elbow patch black. 5. Shadow gone from entry shaft. 6 Antenna missing from backpack 7. Collar missing from helmet

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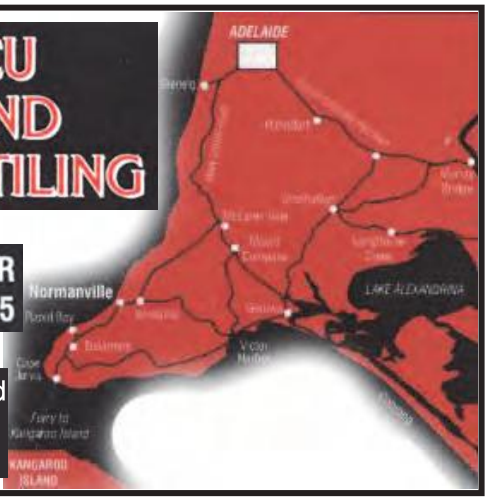
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We will, of course, be back at it on the first Sunday in November 2021 (7th), weather dependent, and, as sailors always do, will spend the winter weather on boat maintenance and prayers to the sailing Gods. We also have an Annual General Meeting and a Club Presentation Night during the off season and this is always a good time to reconnect with sailing buddies.

The Club runs on a shoe-string budget with our magnificent club house (A shelter) erected every week, a club boat, tractor, and a few donated boats our only assets. So, fees are low, sailing boats very cheap, and this is a sport available to all. If interested in sailing on Yankalilla Bay, contact Brian Matthews (0402340029), search for Normanville Sailing Club on Facebook, or turn up at the Normanville beach on any fine Sunday afternoon during the sailing season. If you're a boatie but not into sailing we're always looking for people to pilot the club boat. Have a lovely autumn and winter. ☺









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Friday 4th – Nixon Skinner Working Bee
Saturday 5th – Veggie Swap
Monday 7th – Kiss The Ground Movie Screening
Thursday 10th – Social Sewing
Saturday 12th - Banksia Park Working Bee
Monday 21st – Community Nursery Working Bee
Monday 21st to Monday 28th NNRC closed for renovations
Monday 28th – Bird Field Trip to Onkaparinga Hills

July

Friday 2nd - Nixon Skinner Working Bee
Saturday 3rd - Veggie Swap
Saturday 3rd - Reducing Food Waste Info Session
Monday 5th - Community Nursery Working Bee
Thursday 8th - Social Sewing
Saturday 10th – Banksia Park Working Bee
Sunday 11th - DIY Cleaning Product Workshop
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Sunday 25th – DIY Beauty Product Workshop

Normanville Natural Resource Centre transitions to become: FLEURIEU ENVIRONMENT CENTRE

The Normanville Natural Resource Centre is a community run Centre, assisted by funding from the State Government. As it heads toward our 25th birthday (in 2022), it is clear that our focus and efforts have broadened and the management committee of the NNRC feels that the time is right to freshen up our 'brand' to become more easily identifiable for our work with the community to protect and improve our environment! From the 1st July 2021, the Normanville Natural Resource Centre will transform into the FLEURIEU ENVIRONMENT CENTRE. We will still be located at our Centre in Normanville and continue to deliver our annual program of informative events and learning opportunities, targeted at improving the environment and how we can all live more sustainably. We have developed a Strategic Plan 2021-2026 to guide our direction into the future and how we achieve our Vision of "A Flourishing Fleurieu Environment" (Visit our website to have a look at it). Over the next few months, you will notice some changes to our shop-front, with a revamped Eco–Store including a new bulk cleaning refill station set up thanks to the support of the District Council of Yankalilla's What SUP Program, working to reduce single use plastic in our region. The Centres opening hours will also be extended to Saturday from 10am to 1pm to help more people access our resources and take part in our programs supporting the environment. After July 1st 2021, please feel free to drop by and checkout at our 'new look', or to recycle a range of items and browse not only our library (full of great books and technical information), but find out how you can reduce your impact on the environment.

Gazania Plant Swap

The Yankalilla Community Nursery is hosting more Gazania free Gardens plant swaps in June! Do your bit by pulling a bucket of the declared weed, Gazania from your gardens or verge and the nursery will swap them for a bucket of volunteer grown local native plants. The aim of this project is to protect our coastal reserves from being invaded or reinvaded with this declared weed that is known to replace local native plants and animal habitat. Volunteers, Council and the State Government are undertaking Gazania control in priority areas on public land and need your assistance on your land. The Gazania plant swap events will be held at the Yankalilla Community Nursery on Monday the 7th and 21st from 1pm until 5pm and will give participants an opportunity to watch and or assist volunteers with propagating local native plants for projects while learning about how native plants are grown. This program is delivered in partnership with the Normanville Natural Resource Centre, Green Adelaide and the District Council of Yankalilla with a Coast Protection Board grant.

Pictured: Eddie with his buckets of Gazanias ready to swap for native plants at the May plant swap event.



Plastic Free July

Join us in taking up the challenge to go plastic free this July!
If you would like to take part in the Plastic Free July challenge to refuse single use plastic in the month of July, please go to their website to register:
https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/take-the-challenge/

Take part in our Competition!

If you're taking part in this challenge, we would love you to share your journey with us. All entries will go in the running to win a goodie bag of reusable accessories. Enter by sharing a photo of how you are avoiding single use plastic and tagging us on social media on our NEW social media accounts:
https://www.facebook.com/FleurieuEnvironmentCentre or Fleurieu Environment Centre on Instagram
To celebrate plastic Free July the Centre also has a series of workshops and Information sessions on offer! These will include:
-DIY Low tox Cleaning Product Workshop, Sunday 11th July 11am-1pm
-DIY Beauty Product Workshop Sunday 25th July 11am-1pm
-Reducing Food Waste Chat Saturday 3rd July 11am: Hear what tips and tricks have worked for others and share any of your own
-Recycling Info Session, Date to be confirmed: How to recycle properly at home

Biochar Workshop

Thank you to all that attended our Biochar Workshop in May. The rain held off for just long enough to allow the demonstration of how to make Biochar to go ahead.
Biochar is a stable, carbon–rich form of charcoal that is applied to soil to increase soil fertility, water holding capacity and crop productivity. Adding biochar to soil also increases its carbon content and could help mitigate greenhouse gas emissions by sequestering carbon back into the ground.
If you'd like to know more about biochar or running a biochar demonstration, please contact Maccy Biochar via their website: **https://www.maccybiochar.com/**



Are you a local food retailer that would like to know more about reducing plastic takeaway items from your business?

In collaboration with the District Council of Yankalilla and the Plastic Free SA program, the Normanville Natural Resource Centre is helping local food retailers within our area transition to certified compostable takeaway food packaging. This is part of a project working towards our region becoming a Plastic Free Precinct. If you would like to know more about this program, please go to the Plastic Free SA website: **https://www.plasticfreesa.org/join** or send an email to **maddie@nnrc.com.au**

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Veg of the Month: Peas!

Peas are a cool season crop that grow well throughout autumn, winter and spring in South Australia. They are a delicious and versatile vegetable that is easy to grow and helps add nitrogen into the soil. Sugar Snap and Snow Peas have edible pods, while shelling varieties, such as Green Garden Peas are grown for their edible seeds. In South Australia, peas are usually planted in autumn and winter, allowing them to be harvested right through winter and spring. They can be planted into poor soils where heavy feeders like leafy greens have grown previously. These tasty little pods are a great vegetable to add to soups, casseroles, salads and go beautifully alongside any savoury meal.

Planting

Peas need partial to full sun for at least 6 hours a day. They can grow in most soils but prefer well-draining soils. Peas add nitrogen to the soil, so it's not necessary to add manure to the soil before planting. They don't like an acidic soil and do best in a neutral soil with a pH of 6 to 7.5, so check your pH and add some lime to the soil if the pH is too low. Soil pH tests are readily available at most garden centres and are easy to use.

Growing

Pea seed can be sown anytime between April and September, as they like cool, temperate weather. Soaking the seeds in water over-night will help them germinate. Sowing the seeds at a depth of 20mm and spaced according to the instructions on the packet. It's usually not necessary to water them again until the seeds are up, in fact it is often recommended that you should not water them at all in case the seeds rot. Just take care not to over water them while you wait for them to germinate. If you are growing climbing varieties, you will need to provide them with a trellis for support. Sow every 4 weeks to extend the harvest.

Care

When the young plants emerge, start gently training them towards their supports. When the peas are about 20cm-30cm tall, pinch out the growing tips. This will encourage the plant to produce side shoots, which will result in bushier plants and more pods. When your peas are past their best, either dig them into the soil for a green manure or add them to your compost heap. Be sure to keep your plants well-watered during the warmer spring and autumn weather. Peas are particularly susceptible to mildew so ensure you water the base of the plants rather than the leaves to prevent fungal diseases.

Harvesting

Usually within 8 weeks of planting your peas will be ready to harvest. Harvest peas regularly to keep them producing - the more you pick; the more they will produce. Different varieties are picked at different times, but young peas are always sweet and tender and delicious so don't leave them for too long.

Vibrant Green Pea Soup

Serves: 4-6 people
Prep time: 10min
Cook Time: 30min

Ingredients

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon ground coriander
1 largebrown onion, chopped
Kosher salt
3 garlic cloves, minced
2 ribs celery, thinly sliced
10 small new potatoes, cut into small cubes
Freshly ground black pepper
Juice of 1/2 lemon
4 cups vegetable stock
450g fresh peas
4 cups baby spinach
2 to 3 spring onions or chives, thinly sliced, for garnish
Handful mint leaves, chopped (optional)

Method

Heat the oil in a medium soup pot over medium heat. Add the cumin, coriander, onion, and a few pinches of salt; saute for 5 minutes.

Add the garlic, celery, potatoes, a pinch of salt, and black pepper to taste, and cook, stirring, for another 5 minutes until fragrant. Add the lemon juice and let it absorb for 1 minute then pour in the vegetable broth or water.

Bring the liquid to a boil, lower the heat to a simmer, and cook, covered, until the potatoes are tender, 10 to 15 minutes. Add the peas and greens to the soup and stir until the greens wilt.

Transfer 1 1/2 cups of the soup to a blender and blend until creamy. Return the blended soup to the pot and stir to combine. Seasonings as necessary. Serve the soup garnished with chives, fresh mint, and a squeeze of lemon.

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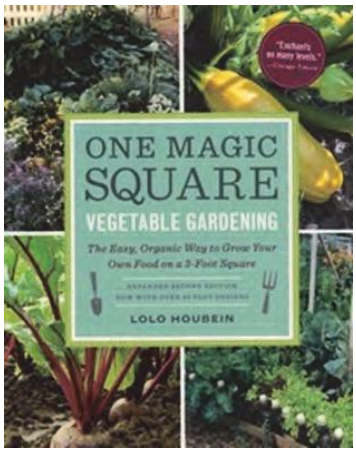
Free Paper Balloons

Are you hosting a party, garage sale or own a business that uses plastic balloons as decorations? The NNRC is on a mission to reduce the number of plastic balloons ending up in landfill or polluting our natural environment. We are offering free paper balloons to anyone that needs balloons to celebrate, decorate or promote any kind of event or occasion. Please pop in to the NNRC during our opening hours to pick up your FREE paper balloons.



Book Review

One Magic Square: vegetable gardening. Expanded 2nd edition. Lolo Houbein 2016. The Experiment, New York.



All it takes to grow your own organic vegetables, fruits, and herbs is One Magic Square. Lolo Houbein has 40 years worth of gardening wisdom to share on how to coax an abundance of organic food from a plot that is just 3 feet square!

Sustainable, cost-effective, and creative techniques: how to compost, save water, troubleshoot weeds and pests, create a plant-friendly microclimate and more.

Over 40 themed plot designs, from antioxidant-rich and anti-cancer plots to salad, pizza, pasta and stir-fry plots.

Encyclopaedic information about every crop in every plot

Tips on drying, freezing, pickling and other ways to get more value and enjoyment from your homegrown produce.

And her irresistible gardening philosophy ("If herbs wanted to be used frugally, they would also grow frugally. But they don't!")

Ever encouraging, often charming and always practical, this expanded second edition of One Magic Square Vegetable Gardening will help first-time gardeners get started – and help veteran gardeners get results – on a small, easy-to-maintain plot. No actual magic is required!

Lolo Houbein lives and gardens in the Adelaide Hills. Cofounder of Trees for Life, and an environmental activist for many years.

The NNRC now has NINE different bins where you can recycle the following items:

- Oral Care Products: We accept CLEAN toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes, and floss boxes.
- Aluminium: We do take aluminium lids such as those used for wine bottles, but the plastic inserts must be removed first. All aluminium brought in must be clean and dry please.
- Pens and Markers: Pens, biros, highlighters, and markers can all be dropped off.
- Batteries: All sizes, including hearing aid batteries.
- Printer Cartridges: Of all types & brands.
- Blister Packs: Empty plastic tablet packs
- MobileMuster: Mobile phones, iPods and MP3 players are accepted.
- Razor Blades: any brand of used razor blades and their packaging!
- Coffee Bags: any brand of coffee bags (not coffee pods or filters).

All these items can be dropped off to the NNRC and we will recycle them for you!



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Volunteering: Empathy and kindness the only skills required

People choose to volunteer for a variety of reasons. For some it offers the chance to give back to the community or make a difference to the people around them. For others it provides an opportunity to develop new skills or build on existing experience and knowledge.

For Susan Field, volunteering at ACH Group's Yankalilla Centre Residential Care Home was a natural choice, as her career was dedicated to the aged care sector.

"I worked in aged care for 26 years in various homes in Adelaide. When I moved to Normanville, I knew I wanted to find somewhere in the area where I could continue to contribute," she said.



Susan believes having the experience in aged care only meant she was passionate about supporting older people.

"I came in with a broad range of experience, but you do not need a skillset or previous experience in aged care to volunteer here; you need empathy and kindness," she said.

Amongst Susan's activities as a volunteer is supporting the 'My Reflection Group' where residents can share life memories with each other weekly.

"This is a great way for residents to connect with each other on a personal level – like getting to know your neighbour's life story and realising you have more in common than you thought."

Susan also made a point that volunteering in aged care is more fun than people imagine. To give her point some perspective, Susan was interviewed after a game of mini golf with residents, where laughter and jokes could be heard throughout.

"Another reason for the local community to consider volunteering with aged care within their region is that you are giving back to those who built these communities you live in today – they would have been the local bakers or doctors."

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ACH Group's Volunteer Manager, Tay Parker, said there are many benefits of volunteering.

"These include staying in touch with your community, making connections, enhancing life experiences, making friends and keeping you healthy mentally and physically," she said.

"We are currently seeking volunteers in Goolwa, Yankalilla, Port Elliot and Victor Harbor to assist with a range of social, health and residential support at our beautiful residential care homes across the Fleurieu Peninsula."

If you would like to know more about volunteering with us, please contact Tay Parker, ACH Group's Volunteer Manager, via email **TParker@ach.org.au** or visit **achgroup.org.au/work-with-us/volunteers/**

About ACH Group

ACH Group is a not-for-profit aged care organisation that has been offering services to support good lives for older people in South Australia since 1952.

As well as accommodation options across Adelaide, the Fleurieu Peninsula and East Melbourne, the group offers a range of health, wellbeing, respite and support services, help at home and social activities.

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Register your cat and win

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State-wide cat registration in Dogs and Cats Online, mandatory microchipping and desexing were all introduced in 2018, however current registrations do not reflect the estimated number of owned cats in South Australia.

To encourage cat owners to register their cat by its mandatory microchip number, anyone registering their cat from May to November will go in the draw to win one of 20 prizes each month.

David Parkin, Dog and Cat Management Board Chair, said "There are 334, 565 dogs registered in Dogs and Cats Online and only 66,596 cats. As cats are just as popular pets as dogs, there is a long way to go to get all cats registered."

RSPCA South Australia is supplying the 140 prize packs (valued at $70 each) through its Petville shop and online store.

The organisation's CEO Paul Stevenson said "We want owners to understand how important it is to register their cat by its microchip number—this is critical for identifying the cat and finding its owner if it goes missing.

"It's very disappointing when we receive 'lost' cats into our care as strays, scan them and find a microchip, but then can't find the owner because the microchip hasn't been registered in Dogs and Cats Online," Mr Stevenson said.

All councils, RSPCA South Australia, Animal Welfare League and most vets use Dogs and Cats Online as the number one tool for identifying lost pets to find their owners.

According to Mr Stevenson, microchipping and registering the chip in Dogs and Cats Online is the best form of permanent identification, and it is important to update contact details if they changed.

Currently, just 3% of stray cats coming into RSPCA South Australia's shelters are microchipped, compared to nearly 50% of all stray dogs.

Among the lucky stray cats found recently to have a microchip was Ninja. A member of the public found three-year old cat Ninja wandering in Flagstaff Hill last month and brought him to RSPCA's Lonsdale shelter.

Thanks to his microchip, Ninja was able to be reunited with his family in Lockleys. Where he has been the past two months and how he ended up about 20km from home remains a mystery.

"Registering a cat is easy and convenient with Dogs and Cats Online, you only need the microchip number your breeder, shelter, vet or previous owner gives you," said David Parkin.

Step-by-step guides to register your cat on Dogs and Cats Online are available from the Dog and Cat Management Board's website but if you need help, you can contact your local council.

For more information on cat registration and to enter the prize draw, visit the Dog and Cat Management Board's website at **dogandcatboard.com.au**

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$5M Budget win to finish hospital upgrade

The Victor Harbor Hospital has secured the extra $5.1 million it needs to finish much-needed upgrades to its Emergency Department and Renal Dialysis Unit thanks to the advocacy of local Federal MP Rebekha Sharkie.

The funding was included in the Federal Budget and follows meetings between health officials and the Member for Mayo who sent an urgent letter to the Health Minister recently seeking the additional money.

"I am so pleased that the Government has listened to our community and allocated the additional $5 million needed to finish their promised upgrades to the Southern Fleurieu Health Service, otherwise known as the Victor Harbor hospital," Rebekha said.

"Back in 2019, the Government promised $8.4 million to expand the existing Emergency Department and Renal Dialysis Unit and to upgrade sterilisation services.

"It came to light during recent discussions with the Country Health SA Local Health Network and the Barossa, Hills and Fleurieu Local Health Network that $8.4 million wasn't going to be enough to finish the job and do it properly.

"I held talks with local health authorities, the State Government, and the Federal Government to try and resolve the matter and in April I sent a letter to the Health Minister, Greg Hunt, to formally ask him to set aside that $5 million to complete the project.

"I would like to thank the State and Federal Governments for their co-operation in this matter.

"This hospital serves a growing population of more than 37,000 people, and we have a significantly higher proportion of older persons on the South Coast and Fleurieu Peninsula when compared with South Australian averages.

"More than a third of our residents are aged over 65, and the South Coast is growing rapidly with a projected population increase of 18 per cent over the next 15 years."

Securing the funding will allow the Southern Fleurieu Health Service to expand the Renal Dialysis Unit from four to six dialysis chairs and the unit would be located in the space vacated by the Emergency Department which is moving to upgraded premises.

"Increasing the number of dialysis chairs is expected to meet the projected regional demand for dialysis until 2030," Rebekha said.

"The hospital is also the primary location for sterilisation and repurposing of medical devices and equipment for health practitioners and an SA Health audit has determined that it needs urgent upgrading to meet current standards.

"This is an important health project and it needed to be finished to the highest standard.

"I thank the Federal Government for allocating an additional $5.1 million in the 2021-22 Federal Budget."

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South Australians urged to do their part to help Stop Elder Abuse

Monday, 10 May 2021

South Australians are being urged to respect older people's rights, help spot the signs of elder abuse and speak up as part of the state's annual *Stop Elder Abuse* campaign, which began in May.

Office for Ageing Well Director, Cassie Mason, said this year's campaign will have a key focus on respecting the rights of older people.

"Older South Australians have the right to safety, dignity and autonomy – that is, to be safe, to be treated in a way that makes them feel worthwhile, and to be free to live the life they choose," Ms Mason said.

"But one in 20 older people in our community is experiencing some form of abuse from someone they know and trust – often a member of their own family.

"That is why it is so important that every member of the community respects the rights of older South Australians and is aware of the signs of elder abuse and what they can do to help call it out."

In South Australia, around 43 per cent of cases of elder abuse are financial, often coupled with emotional abuse, while older women are more likely to experience abuse, most commonly from an adult son.

"Elder abuse or mistreatment is an act that causes harm to an older person and is carried out by someone they know and trust, such as a family member, friend or care giver," Ms Mason said.

"Signs of elder abuse can be fear, sadness and neglect, and forms of mistreatment can be physical, social, financial, psychological, sexual or chemical, such as an over or under supply of medication.

"It is vital that families, friends and the broader community respect older people's rights and if abuse is suspected, do something about it, in a way that upholds those rights."

The Stop Elder Abuse campaign will run until 20 June 2021. If you have any concerns about your own situation or someone you know, call the South Australian Elder Abuse Prevention Phone Line on 1800 372 310 for free confidential advice and support or to make a report to South Australia's Adult Safeguarding Unit.

Older people have rights. Spot the signs. Speak up. And help stop Elder Abuse.

For more information, go to **www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/stopelderabuse**

Grant program powers energy efficiency in community groups

Not-for-profit groups in Mayo can apply for Federal funding to improve their energy efficiency practices and technologies under a new grant program.

"Mayo and every other electorate in the nation has been allocated $67,700 under the Powering Communities Program to share among community organisations who want to reduce their energy consumption and their carbon footprint," Rebekha said today.

"This funding can assist clubs and not-for-profit organisations to install solar and/or batteries, undertake audits of the energy consumption, do feasibility studies of energy systems and invest in energy monitoring and management systems.

"A positive aspect of this program is groups do not have to match funding.

"They can apply for grants of between $5,000 and $12,000 and the amount can be up to 100 per cent of eligible project expenditure.

"Of course, community organisations must fund any expenditure over the grant amount awarded."

In Mayo, Expressions of Interest for the program (**https://mps.cmail19.com/t/d-l-qtihhdy-ejlludllj-r/**) close at 5pm on Friday, June 18.

Expressions of Interest are then assessed and shortlisted by an independent panel before being submitted to the Department of Industry, Science and Energy for final approval.

"Submitting an Expression of Interest does not guarantee that you will be nominated to formally apply for funding, but you do have to submit an Expression of Interest in order to be in the running," Rebekha said.

"Expressions of Interest forms and all the information are available on my website (**https://mps.cmail19.com/t/d-l-qtihhdy-ejlludllj-y/**) and you can call my office on 8398 5566 for more information.

"Each electorate can select up to 12 eligible projects for assessment.

"Energy costs are a major expenditure for our clubs and organisations.

"This program is an easy and effective way of making energy efficiency more affordable and accessible to not-for-profit groups."





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PRACTICE NEWS



Dr Shey Ovladan

Dr Shey Ovladan is an Australian-Iranian GP, with more than 4 years of experience in various rural areas which allows her to work and live locally and interact with the local community. She has cross-cultural experience working with culturally diverse clients and clients of diverse socio-economic backgrounds.

Dr Shey offers considerable experience in all areas of family medicine including women's health, geriatric health and chronic disease management. She is also interested in mental health and minor surgery in the future. Outside of work, she enjoys cooking, watching movies and jogging with her dog.

HEALTH NEWS

IT'S BOWEL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Bowel cancer affects men and women, young and old.

Australia has one of the highest rates of Bowel Cancer in the world. Approximately 70 percent of people who develop Bowel Cancer have no personal or family history.

Prevention and early detection is critical to improved outcomes.

Modifiable lifestyle related risk factors include smoking, alcohol consumption, being overweight, physical inactivity and a diet low in fibre.

Bowel Cancer detected early can be successfully treated; however, many people are unaware of Bowel Cancer symptoms.

KNOW the possible symptoms:

- Blood in the stool or rectal bleeding
- Change in bowel habits
- Change in shape or appearance of bowel movements
- Abdominal pain or swelling
- Pain or lump in the anus or rectum

For more information make an appointment to see one of the doctors at Southern Fleurieu Family Practice. Phone 8558 0111.

Visit www.bowelcanceraustralia.org to learn more.

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Tapping into water changes

When the method of disinfecting Yankalilla's water supply changed recently, buckets of pet fish died.

Leonie Deighton lost all but one of her goldfish, ironically the smallest of the dozen in her pond.

Eszrae Potter lost all 12 white cloud mountain minnows in her aquarium, but her cherry shrimp are hanging in there. Hanna Law reports the remaining tadpoles in a pond fed from the mains died and she fears for the froglets.

Luke Hutt refreshed the wine barrel pond out the front of his house about an hour and a half before he saw a warning on Facebook about changes in water disinfection methods causing casualties among aquatic creatures.

"I have had fish in there for years to keep the mosquitoes down and allow wildlife to find a drink the front yard. I went out there and straight up there were eight goldfish and guppies dead," he reveals.

While stressing its efforts to communicate with the community through newspaper and social media advertising, drop-in sessions and the presence of SA Water staff in an information caravan in Normanville, the authority accepted responsibility for aquarium and pond casualties.

After Luke complained SA Water sent him a $100 credit card to buy new fish.



"I've heard other stories about fish dying. It's been a bit of a boon for the goldfish supply industry, so I guess it is not all doom and gloom," he says tongue-in-cheek.

Tales of fish found floating coupled with warnings to renal patients not to use chloraminated water in their home dialysis units without special fittings and consultation with health specialists have, not surprisingly, caused some disquiet.

A question about fish deaths posed in the Yankalilla, Normanville and surrounding areas Facebook forum also elicited several complaints about the changed water causing skin irritations, hives, nausea and headaches.

There were broader questions too about the changeover from chlorine to chloramine disinfectant – a process which began with Myponga township's supply more than two-and-a-half years ago.

For example, could a major discharge of town water into the struggling Bungala River result in mass deaths of fish and other aquatic life?

Not according to SA Water's Senior Manager Water Expertise and Research, Dr Daniel Hoefel.

"It's important to note, risks to the environment are inherently lower than aquariums as chloramine is known to dissipate as it travels over built and environmental surfaces (such as roads and soil)," Dr Hoefel says.

"Furthermore, should chloraminated water enter a watercourse, there would be a significant dilution factor. We also have procedures in place to help mitigate any potential impacts of chloraminated water supply entering a watercourse or surrounding environment. This includes thoroughly flushing the impacted area with non-chloraminated water to allow the chloraminated water to dissipate."

Luke and daughter Olivia



There are already more than 220,000 people in South Australia drinking chloraminated water. Water from SA systems treated with chloramine has won the Water Industry Operators Association best-tasting tap water state title for the past four years.

The change to the water supply in Myponga in October 2018 caused barely a ripple. This was in stark contrast to the 1987 trial introduction of chloramine to the town, which caused tap water to run dark because of high levels of iron and magnesium in the then raw and untreated water. (The construction of the Myponga Water Treatment Plant in 1993 means the iron and manganese are filtered out).

To present a concise independent picture of why this change has been made, YRN spoke to one of the world's foremost experts in water and wastewater disinfectant processes, UNSW Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Stuart Khan.

"There is a very good reason why we disinfect water and it is to manage other impurities that are much more harmful - the pathogens, bacteria and viruses that might be present," Prof ▸

Stuart Khan





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Khan, who has served on World Health Organisation water-related committees, explains.

"Chlorine is the stronger disinfectant, but because it is more reactive there are problems associated with that.

"One is that on long distribution systems where the water might be in the system for a period of days before it reaches the customers' tap, the chlorine is so reactive you end up with no residual. (There are 600 kilometres of water mains in the Myponga supply network).

"All public water utilities try to maintain a disinfectant at the longest distance of their water supplies to the customers' tap, that is much easier to do with chloramines than it is with chlorine.

"The other reason to switch over is also related to chlorine being more reactive. When it reacts with natural organic matter and other substances in the water it will form disinfectant by-products. Chlorine in particular forms trihalomethanes."

Trihalomethanes (THMs) result from the reaction of chlorine with dissolved organic carbon (leaves, earth, sediment) in the water being treated. They are considered carcinogenic and governments around the world have set limits permissible in drinking water.

The large amount of natural organic material in Myponga Reservoir means levels of THMs have at times exceeded guidelines.

Information obtained by the environmental network Friends of the Earth under Freedom of Information showed 75 per cent of breaches of Australian Drinking Water Guidelines in South Australian water systems in 2019-20 related to THM levels.

Chloramine – a mixture of chlorine and ammonia – can also form unwanted by-products but not to the extent of free chlorine because of its less reactive nature.

On the question of whether chloramines can cause skin irritations, allergic reactions and other ill-effects, Professor Khan said it was not inconceivable some individuals may experience sensitively.

"Almost any substance, any food, any chemical you can think of, there is somebody out there that does have an ultra-high sensitivity to it," he said.

"The only thing I can say is that there have been many reviews around the safety of different type of disinfectants and I am not aware of any systemic difference in terms of people having more reactions or difficulties with monochloramine compared to free chlorine. If anything you might expect the opposite because it is a much less reactive chemical.

"Most of Sydney's drinking water supply is chloraminated, most of Brisbane and south-east Queensland's supply is chloraminated. You can't identify that there is a significantly greater number of people in Sydney and Brisbane suffering sensitivity to drinking the water there than there are in cities that practise free chlorination.

Lack of disinfectant is rather more of a concern. According to World Health Organisation estimates 829,000 people die each year from diarrhoea as a result of unsafe drinking water, sanitation and hand hygiene. Many more deaths can be linked to water-borne diseases like dysentery, cholera, hepatitis A and typhoid.

Australia is ahead of most countries, ranking 13th in the world for water and sanitation and 21st for drinking water quality in the Environmental Performance Index.

In a world where water resources and water security are under pressure due to climate change, maintaining drinking supply quality will become an increasing challenge.

Professor Khan recalls once working in a lab where there was a poster which read: 'Drinking water disinfection has enabled people to live long enough to worry about drinking water disinfection by-products'.

"It is true," he says. "We are concerned about disinfection by-products because some of them have been associated with cancer and other ill-effects. They are things we need to take seriously and be managing, but it is important to keep some perspective and manage those by making sure we are not giving up on disinfection, because that is where huge leaps have been made."

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The 'sisters' Dorrington … distinguished service during WW1

Two sisters from one family became nurses, both enlisted in the First World War, and both were recognised for their services.

Samuel Dorrington and Mary Dorrington (nee Collis) had five children, all born in Shoreditch, in London's East End. Samuel, a brickmaker, aged 37, his wife Mary, 35 and their children Aaron 13, David (John) 11 (died on the voyage 15 November and buried at sea), James 9, Caroline 6 and Louis 4, departed London on 18 September 1855 on the 943-ton ship *Nimroud* under command of Captain Henry Tillman. They arrived at Port Adelaide on 31 December 1855.

Samuel and Mary's son James Dorrington married Julia Louisa Fredericka (nee Mugge). Of James and Julia's children, Amy was born 16 March 1880 in Marrabel in South Australia's Mid North. She trained at Burra Hospital and was matron of the Women's Hospital in Melbourne for more than three years when, at 36 she enlisted on 6 August 1915, signing up to serve in a military hospital. Just over two weeks later, on 24 August, she embarked from Melbourne on the ship *Morea* and served in Egypt, England and France. She was promoted to Sister on 1 October 1918 and returned to Australia on 18 January 1919 aboard the *Bahia Castle*.

After serving in the AIF, from February 1922 Amy became a district nurse in the Yankalilla district. Tragically, on 21 December 1934, she was accidentally killed in a vehicle accident while being driven to give aid to a snake bite victim at Tunkalilla. Unfortunately, both the driver and Sister Dorrington were killed, but the snake-bite victim survived. She was buried at St Philip Belvidere Anglican Church, Marrabel. A memorial window dedicated to Sister Dorrington is in Christ Church, Yankalilla, and a marble tablet in her honour is affixed to the gates of the soldiers' memorial park. Also a memorial plaque was installed at Myponga on 12 July 1935, and a centenary garden established in which a tree was planted on Arbor Day that year in her honour – a Monterey cypress (*Cupressus macrocarpa*). A fence and plaque was also installed by the residents of the Rapid Bay District at the Second Valley War Memorial.

Amy's sister Louise Collis Dorrington also trained at the Burra Hospital before graduating from the Adelaide Children's Hospital. She was in England on holiday when war broke out and, although her passage was booked for return to Australia, she immediately volunteered for service with the British Army nursing staff. However, she received a reply from the matron in charge that only 'British subjects' were being engaged and, as an Australian, she was not eligible. So, after contacting the office of the High Commissioner in London, she was invited by Sir Thomas Barclay to join the French Flag Nursing Corps for service in France. She proceeded to the front and remained with this organisation until it was taken over by the American Red Cross. While at a military hospital in France she was sister-in-charge to the King of Spain's surgeon. She also served at Seine et Marne, Malabry and Seine et Oise, and with the Tuberculan Sanatorium for Serbian students until September 1919. Louise was also among the first nurses to go to Poland under Colonel Chesley of the American Red Cross, to install the Carrell-Dakin wet-dressing antiseptic treatment of wounds. She then proceeded to Bialystok to nurse typhus patients before being sent as assistant in Vilna when the American Red Cross decided to establish a first-class, up-to-date hospital and training institution for nurses in connection with the University of Vilna. Sister Louise Dorrington received many distinctions – the Citation and French Palm, Reconnaissance, Medaille d'Epidemic, Serbian Medal, and American Red Cross Foreign Service Medal.





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The Yankalilla & District Historical Society Inc. meets on the second Monday of the months of September, October, November, February, March (usually on the Tuesday in March as Monday is Adelaide Cup Day) and April. We meet at 7.30pm 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 – free, but please book at the library.

The next meeting will be on 13 September 2021.

Sister Amy Dorrington - left & below Middle Row, 5th from left, taken May 1918 in Boulogne – nurses of the 2nd Australian General Hospital.

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