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Staying in Touch

Well, here we are, another month into strange times thanks to a novel coronavirus erupting onto the World. Many things have changed but many things stay the same, including the camaraderie that Probus members enjoy.

We have had to find a different way to stay in touch and the lost art of a long chat on the telephone has been revived. In addition, our clever Newsletter editor has created the Covert Coronial Connection, the CCC, which is issued every few weeks and is full of anecdotes, updates and JOKES....!! The social isolation has definitely stimulated the comedy gene in people, and there have been some super cartoons and jokes in the CCC.

To get the ball rolling, Issue#1 was hand delivered to many members by the most exotic couriers you could wish for. Here they are in all their glory, our Vice-President - Bev Skinner - and our Editor/Tours & Activities Coordinator - Glenda Mountford. Bev is the taller one! You could not miss them coming up your driveway, could you? We are all so grateful for their efforts.

There will be no meeting in May, but as I write we are counting 11 days of no new cases in South Australia, so there are hopes for a June meeting -

with appropriate physical distancing of course. We are overdue for some fun as a Probus group so the Committee will have something special for our first meeting.

If you wish to join us as a visitor at a future meeting, please don't hesitate to contact either Avril or Lorraine (numbers below) and ask about our first confirmed meeting date. You will be warmly welcomed.

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Bev & Glenda

Yankalilla Lions Club

Lions News

- or non-news!

Well as this has been written in early May we still do not have much information on when we can meet again. Obviously with COVID-19 still with us very little has been happening with Yankalilla Lions. However hopefully in the near future when things open up again we will be able to start meeting and organizing our activities. Our sheds in the area are still open to receive your newspapers which are urgently needed. The bingo stall, sheep shot, marquee hire, BBQ 's, quiz night, book shed and other activities also play a big part in our club raising funds for local projects. One most recent project, the outdoor seating

over the Bungala footbridge has proved popular and intentions are to erect a cover over it in the near future. Members have found it difficult to get a book to read as the library, lions book shed and second hand books have been closed, but hopefully all will open again in the near future. Thanks to YRN for allowing us to keep the public updated.



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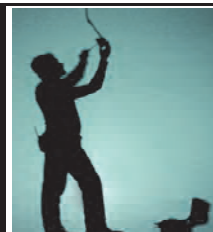
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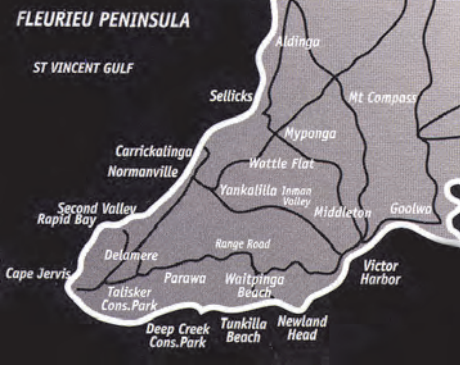
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Editor's Comments

Hello Readers,
South Australia's roadmap for easing the Covid-19 restrictions is well underway. We are, for the first time in months, able to dine indoors and have alcohol served with our meals. We are way ahead compared to the eastern states and Premier Steven Marshall has so far resisted calls to open the state borders.

From 5 June, restrictions will be eased further and we will start to see museums, galleries, gyms, cinemas and theatres re-opening along with outdoor and indoor sports (without spectators) and driving instruction re-commence. 50 people will be able to attend a funeral. Already, some of our local businesses have come out of hibernation and more will follow during the month. There is still a 1 person per 4sqm restriction and the 1.5m distancing rule still applies but up to 20 people can now gather instead of 10.

With the easing of restrictions, the June long weekend is likely to be fairly busy with travellers starting to spread their wings and hit the road. The regions, including ours, are open again.

Our local area has gone through the pandemic lockdown without any infections which we could probably put down to lots of good luck. Did we dodge a bullet? Highly likely but that doesn't mean we can be complacent and must remain vigilant for the foreseeable future. Now that many of us have become used to working from home, that new trend is probably set to continue. And why shouldn't it? We have the technology! Normanville has very good internet thanks to 'fibre to the premises' that was installed early in

the NBN roll out - before the government cut expenses and subsequently hobbled the NBN in other areas. It pays to be the Guinea pig sometimes.

When I started putting this issue together, I was wondering what I would have to fill the pages. I need not have worried as a large influx of content appeared in my inbox. So much that I ended up short of space. Some things have been held over for next month including some interesting articles and a letter (*sorry Tarpan*) that were not time sensitive.

Before I sign off for the month, I would like to thank the many supporters who have emailed me, called me, given me advice or written 'letters to the editor' supporting the YRN over the reactions of Yankalilla Council to the opinions of residents and ratepayers within these pages and their removal of 'In The Loop' from this publication. I am not going to comment further as you have all said plenty about this in this edition as well as the last few editions, with many points being covered.

A special thank you to those who have shown their support by donating towards the legal expenses which I was forced into obtaining. Any leftover donations will be passed on to a worthy local community organisation.

It wasn't exactly the new 'life experience' I was looking for but you live and learn.

Until next issue...

Cheers,
Paul Jelfs
Editor

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Flushing anything other than the three Ps – pee, poo and (toilet) paper – down the toilet causes blockages throughout SA Water's sewer network, from the mains to the pump stations and sometimes at the wastewater treatment plants at the end of the system.

SA Water's General Manager of Customers, Strategy and Innovation Anna Jackson said the constant accumulation of wet wipes and other 'unflushables' at its Willis Drive pump station in Normanville has persisted over the past few months.

"Some of these hauls have weighed up to 300 kilograms, which our crew pull out of the pump using vacuum-like equipment or a crane truck if it's too big to remove by hand, before it's all taken to landfill," Anna said.

"In the short-term, these constant blockages mean unnecessary extra work and expense. In the longer term, they can greatly reduce the ability of the wastewater pump to operate effectively, therefore requiring upgrades long before the infrastructure has reached the end of its useful life.

"Blockages can also occur in your internal plumbing, which more often than not results in everything in the pipe breaking out into the environment or unfortunately coming back up through your toilet or drain and into your yard or house.



"This is a cost and an inconvenience which can be avoided, so our advice to everyone, but especially those who live in the streets surrounding the Willis Drive wastewater pump station, is to only put paper, pee and poo down the loo."

While ample supplies of toilet paper have again returned to supermarket shelves, SA Water crews saw a rise in toilet paper alternatives such as wet wipes, paper towel and tissues coming through the sewer network.

"We understand some people may have been unable to buy toilet paper and needed to use another household item to clean up, however, unlike toilet paper, which is deliberately designed to break down in around 30 seconds, these other items don't disintegrate in the sewer system.

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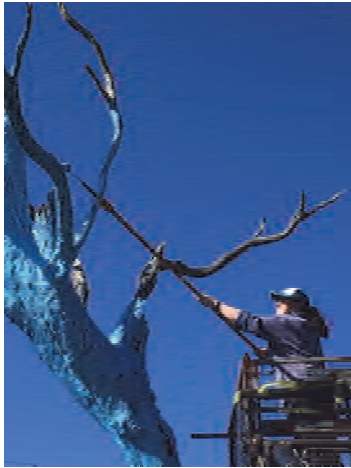
A Blue Tree?

The community of Delamere and Cape Jervis got together and painted a tree with blue paint. It's on Cole Road at Delamere and on the property owned by the generous Hodge family.

Why a Blue Tree?

The Blue Tree project was initiated to help spark difficult conversations and encourage people to speak up when battling mental health concerns. By spreading the paint and spreading the message that "it's OK to not be OK", we can help break down the stigma that's still largely attached to mental health.

Our resident Mayor of Delamere Kaye Maslin ran with the project and was supported by local CFS crews. More details can be found by googling Blue Tree Project and will inspire us to talk more openly about



mental health and especially suicide in regional communities.



Club Fleurieu



During this closure period our Club executive committee has been meeting each week. It was decided that while the clubrooms were not in use, there was an opportunity to catch up on some maintenance work.

Our resident electrician Alan has replaced the old fluoro lights in the hall with new downlights. A small but enthusiastic team then repainted the hall ceiling, walls, stage area and kitchen. Everything is looking great! Of course, one thing always leads to another, and now the meeting room will also be getting a fresh coat of paint.

Our orchard now has resident chickens! The Garden Shed group are continuing to maintain the orchard and the chooks on a roster basis, while Jim & June have been keeping the lawns and gardens maintained.

Another wonderful group of volunteers has given our Op Shop an (autumn) spring clean and tidy during

the past weeks, as well as sorting through donated stock.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped out with all the tasks mentioned above. Your time and hard work are very much appreciated! At time of printing deadline, we are hoping to re-open the Op Shop for the last two weeks of May. Subject to Government directives, we also hope to resume some of our regular weekly activities at the Club. These may include Tai Chi, line dancing, quilting, Bingo and mosaics.

There would be a maximum attendance of ten people and social distancing measures in place. Please phone the Club before attending, as plans can change very quickly at the moment.

At present it is not known when meals and happy hours will resume, but we will keep you posted! Until we can all catch up again, stay safe and well.

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Must be an 'age thing' by Rox Rosey

Goodness knows what I could have been thinking of, but was very clever of me as I managed to repeat an earlier article.

Luckily the editor managed to let me know, so hopefully this edition will be an original!

This last month has been a minor nightmare as the mind has not been able to assist in directing my intended direction.

No matter what my intentions were, they did not eventuate.

As you will recall, events have not gone as intended.

Instead, these same events have contributed to a rather fuzzy outlook that have governed my actions.

As readers may recall, this situation can be partly attributed to the loss of Brian and my lack of serious concentration on practically all I do.

I extend my apologies for this, but hastily also hope that this situation will be corrected!

At least the apple crop was so good this year that a considerable amount of fruit was shared by many, next season I am hoping that a better crop of Gala apples will be shared around, as this last season was, to say the least, disappointing.

Hopefully, my pruning man will come this next season and the crop will be even more productive.

So, apologies for lack of perhaps the usual banter and light conversation, this month an attempt will be made to return to a more normal inclusion, one I can say that I feel happy with.

So, until then, please bear with me, things are only get better!



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Correction to

Executive Salary Increases

Further to my recent letter re the excessive salary increases of the CEO and executives, I have been advised that the Council's Register of Salaries from 2016 contained incomplete information which made the salaries for that year incorrect. CEO's salary has only increased by 24.72% over the 4 years to \$243,214 as at January 2020.

Wayne Gibbs

Re Executive Salary Concerns, Yankalilla District Council

I refer to Wayne Gibbs' letter to YRN published in its April Edition which stated that the CEO's salary had increased from March 2016-January 2020 from \$168,082 to \$243,214 a 44.7% increase in under 4 years. I found this disturbing. Accordingly I wrote to the CEO seeking confirmation or refutation of the stated facts. I received a comprehensive reply, from which it appears that the statement of salary increases is nothing like that suggested by your correspondent.

The first error is that the figure \$168,082 is for the salary component of total remuneration. It does not include statutory superannuation, nor motor vehicle provision. The latter figure (\$243,214) includes both superannuation and motor vehicle provision. When the complete salary packages are compared the increase is reduced to 24.72%.

The second error in Mr Gibbs' letter, concerns the allegation that the increases were in "under 4 years". The facts are that the CEO's initial remuneration package was fixed and commenced in mid December 2015. Since that time there have been 5 salary increases having application for the period ending December 2020. The increases are in effect, over a 5 year period, not in under 4 years.

The 24.72% increase includes a 12.9% increase granted in March 2017, arising from Council's review of performance for the first year of the CEO's employment. The matter of his remuneration was based at least in part on an internal report to Council relating to savings and efficiencies during the CEO's tenure, which were quantified at \$1,559,662, which was more than 10% of revenue. The report can be accessed on the normal link to Council Agendas and Minutes of Meetings.

David Quick

Yankalilla Executive Salaries

As a rate payer in the Yankalilla District Council area for eleven years I have seen the annual rate increase at more than the inflation rate and more than a lot of the other Fleurieu Peninsula councils.

I would not say we get much for unjustified increase in rates - refuse collection is now every two weeks instead of what most councils do - every week!

Council ego with wasting rate payers money - the small park in Myponga next to the car yard that no one uses!

The list goes on, but now we have our Council Executives giving themselves extravagant salary

increases averaging over 20%, to meet 'market conditions'. Don't these 'pen pushers' ever look at what is happening outside 'their ivory towers'. A lot of Australians are struggling at this time.

Our Mayor Glen Rowlands supports these increases because only a hand full of rate payers have complained or questioned them!

From an unhappy rate payer.

David Baird
Parawa

Respect and Thankfulness

"Oh my goodness", as a diminutive, curly haired actress used to say with her hands on her hips. I have finally had enough of the very same whingers always complaining about the YDC. I shall address this issue under the three R's.

1. Roads: this beautiful rural council has hundreds of kilometres of unmade roads to maintain and I believe they keep them in very good order. I have lived in this district for thirty odd years, initially on a dirt road and when it became too boggy we would have to ring and ask for grading to be done and it would happen in about a month. These days the roads are well graded all the time. With all these roads comes dozens of bridges which also must be maintained.

2. Rates: Being such a large district with a comparatively low number of rate-payers makes rates a little higher than usual but I think they are well managed. Our streetscapes are lovely, local parks are maintained and the foreshore is great! Our CEO does more than his 8 hour day and we pay for his expertise which is especially on show with the Covid19 putting paid to council meetings which are now conducted online, not an easy task but which are running well and many have said that the added advantage is that the public can now watch.

3. Rubbish: we have a great collection with 2 recycle bins and the usual rubbish bin. Thirty years ago we used to have to take our own bin to the tip and all our own green waste. Now it is all collected punctually and efficiently. In the words of 'ScoMo' How good is this! If I hear Community Engagement one more time I shall scream! Not only has YDC conducted forums in each town, people can actually just go in to have a chat or ring a councillor or make an appointment. There is only a few of them and 1000's of us. So if you want to engage - do so. Now I have spoken to many people about the Surf life Saving Club and all seem to concur that all it needs is maintenance. This is a club for children to learn good behaviour on the beach and in the water, learn to swim and help save lives and have fun in the sun. Guess what, they don't need a bar or restaurant; both of which are available adjacent to the club. If you want these facilities head into Adelaide or the Gold Coast. We have a beautiful rural community with a good volunteer base. Council money should be for the three R's, targeted at necessary functions not commercial ventures. Thank you YDC for all that you achieve so competently. Remember, politeness costs nothing and gains much.

A. Coventry
Normanville

Decency

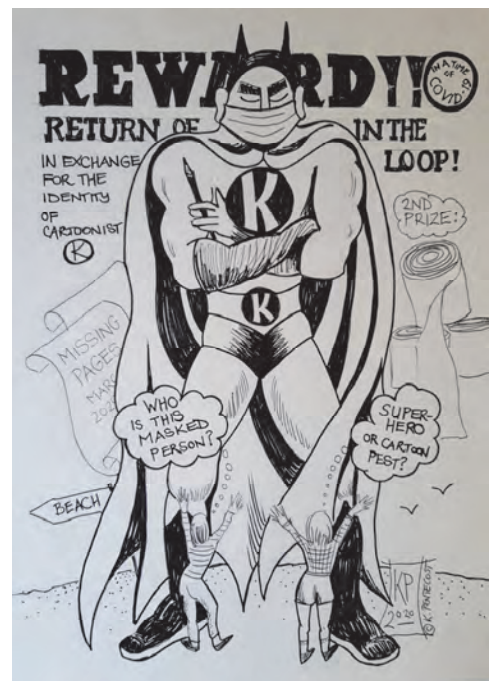
Dr Rieux, a character in Camus's 1947 novel, "The Plague," states, "The only way to fight the plague is with decency".

Whatever ways COVID 19 is affecting us as individuals and families, as businesses, groups, associations and corporate bodies, this remains sound advice in 2020. Decency, kindness and basic courtesy must be manifest in all our dealings whether in supermarkets, food outlets and petrol stations, medical clinics, pharmacies, and public offices as their staff put themselves on the line so that we are affected as little as possible. Many thanks indeed to them all. We need to put aside our scratchiness at petty inconveniences and be grateful for numerous people taking risks for our safety.

Many in our local community have heightened needs at the moment and countless unsung folk are reaching out to assist others. The best of human nature abounds. On another level, we have a continuing duty to think beyond ourselves. Now more than ever we need to take care of the greater environment and hold to our principles, treading as lightly as we can on the planet, cancelling out polluters and destroyers of natural assets, and standing up for human rights and freedom of speech.

Thank you to the Yankalilla Regional News for being a candle amid darkness and lack of decency, to maintain the democratic rights we hold dear. It enables us still to express our various opinions openly and fearlessly within a disparate and fractured community.

Lorraine McLoughlin



Kathryn Pentecost



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Interesting Times

The District of Yankalilla is entering very interesting times. There is uncertainty as to what will happen post-COVID 19 pandemic days, yet we face certain times of population growth and the risk of allowing developments to occur that will, if not planned sensitively, diminish the very essence of the beautiful fragile environment.

The recent outpouring of concerns about the location for a future SLSC building highlighted the value the community places on what we have already.

Would such action on the part of the local community – many of whom may not in general voice their concerns – been diluted if it was not for the capacity of the community to readily communicate – whether through online means – Facebook and email for example – or the more traditional regional news. It is the capacity for to-and-fro communication that builds strong communities.

The District Council, like all organisations, review the options for communicating with the community to ensure that as many residents as possible are reached and informed. As technology changes, the scope for communicating takes on new dimensions, as well as still relying on the old and trusted hardcopy. But this is a one-way exchange of information. For any community to remain vibrant, it needs to have the structure in place to respond, to challenge and to provide ideas. This need not be negative but also positive feedback.

For 50 years, the Yankalilla Regional News has been a very important part of our lives. Of recent times much emphasis has been placed on community responses to Council issues but it has always been a very effective means for community organisations to inform the general public about events as well as promoting District business to potential customers. Individual communities have their newsletters with important information – very important for all residents to access and read as it gives a more in-depth view of each individual community, but nothing can replace a District-wide communication forum such as the Yankalilla Regional News.

Unfortunately with the threat of a legal action touted, this very important Newsletter could become history. There is no better time than now for residents to proclaim their support for the YRN so that, if possible, a process can be worked on to keep the YRN alive.

I would also like to congratulate the new Yankalilla District Residents Association for its performance so far. After a very shaky start at its AGM, the Management Committee has settled into its role and

has made representations to Council to discuss important District issues with some positive results. To find out about this new Association I would recommend checking out their website.

The importance of an organisation such as this cannot be underestimated as the District enters a new era of growth. I would recommend residents throughout the District to seriously consider joining.

Bill Verwey
Light Ward Councillor
District Council of Yankalilla

Council v YRN

I have tried to get a full understanding from the Yankalilla Council CEO about the issues he or the Council have with the Yankalilla News with the cancellation of the Loop.

I have written to the CEO five times and he has responded each time. He claims the letters and cartoons may affect the occupational health and safety of both he and his staff. This health issue of his staff he claims is the reason he has removed the Loop from the News, not in punishment for the negative views of writers and cartoonists.

He also took offense at the increase in his salary being incorrectly stated in the April issue at 44% when it had only risen by 24% in the four years of employment with the Council.

I tried a number of times to convince the CEO to give me evidence of what else was not factually correct and have sought every opportunity to understand that the action against the Yankalilla News was appropriate. Unfortunately that has not been forthcoming.

I can see that the community view is most negative about the Council for good reasons, as shown over the last few years of ignoring ratepayer feedback, not listening to advice and not providing information to the District. For example some of the main discussions that have arisen in the letters to the Editor have been about the following:

- The extremely poor consultative approach that Council took over dogs on the beach, not listening, ignoring consultation and being negative about residents' comments which were made in good faith.
- The finally aborted moves by the Council to change community titled land to council land around the caravan park.
- The initial proposed sale of the Sewerage Works to Blue Sky ignoring professional advice and community views.
- The years of debate over the library that has been ongoing and slowness to listen to residents views

with a new library now finally budgeted for \$2.2m.

- The lack of any real consultation about launching boats on the beach.
- The lack of consultation and ignoring of residents feedback over ECO tents.

- The initial refusal to listen to feedback over the move to relocate the SLS clubrooms to the car park and the lack of any detail in the supposed consultation on the beach lawns in January.

- The complete lack of consultation regarding the cancellation of the Loop in the Yankalilla News. I believe strongly that the community needs the Yankalilla News and the best information we have ever had from the Council is through the Loop contained in the News. Many do not want or will not access electronic/computer information.

I know that the CEO has been very disparaging of the News for some time and has said that he would remove the Council advertising if it continued to publish community letters and cartoons that were seen as negative about the Council. The threats to take legal action and continual expression of displeasure by the CEO at the Yankalilla News is well known.

I have sensed a very real and growing mistrust of the Council within the local community, which has been exacerbated by withdrawing the Loop from the Yankalilla News. From the many comments from the quiet residents within the District, I can foresee the need for real change in the way the Council seeks, receives and acts upon community feedback.

The first step to begin to rebuild links between the Council and the ratepayers is to reinstate the Loop in the monthly Yankalilla News. I think the action of the CEO in punishing the Yankalilla News by withdrawing paid advertising is wrong and deserving of a proper investigation if it is not immediately reinstated. If action to reinstate the lines of communication with the ratepayers are not taken, it may cause further mistrust and a rise in the circulation of misinformation.

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A Sad Day

“We’re closed” the sign says. Our ANZ Bank disappears. A big thanks to all staff for their help, friendliness and care to me when I walked through the door.

The bulldozers are out and the Normy petrol station comes down. Another thanks to all its owners for continued service. A landmark for many years. I have known this building for approximately 40 years or more and used to work in a small food section cooking fish and chips, Chiko rolls, hamburgers and fast food. Am sorry to see it all go.

My walk today and picked up lots of plastic, please put rubbish in bins provided or take home and dispose of properly – SAD DAY - as seen through my eyes!!!

Nile 01

Major Projects

On reading about major projects in the annual business plan and budget paper, sent to us recently, we note that the new library building has a costing of \$2,200,000.

There has been a huge outcry on local social media about the cost and queries about the necessity for a library. Research shows that libraries have an ongoing very important role in communities. They not only supply books but have a whole range of functions.

It would be of benefit to have more information about this project.

We were on the new library committee

and were determined to be able to recommend a building of less cost than the previous proposed building, in 2017, estimated at around \$3,000,000.

Our committee wanted to employ local builders, suppliers etc and had a local architect draw up concept plans for us and advise us on materials etc for the building.

He estimated that we could get the library building built for between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000.

We had consultation with the current librarian, councillors, the manager of finance at the District Council of Yankalilla and the general manager customer & community services. Government funding was also discussed and the general manager was asked to set that task in motion when we had finished the proposal.

Beyond the building itself there are the fit out costs, which include lighting, PABX, electrical service requirements, information technology requirements, relocation of the server from the centre to the new library, carpet and hard floor coverings and window treatments. In addition to the building requirements, there is the car parking issue which needs to be addressed, even if the new library is not built, at an approximate cost of \$443,593. Almost a quarter of the overall cost.

We acknowledge that getting funding in the current climate, may be difficult, although we have heard that there may be some availability with the Covid-19 stimulus package from the government. We hope that the council will apply for

grant funding, thereby reducing the cost to the community.

Please try to get all the facts before making decisions about projects, including the Surf Lifesaving Club, which we have heard conflicting reports about.

Ken & Mary Bates

Lost Opportunity

Disappointingly, the DCY's 2020/21 Draft Budget failed to explain the \$504K overspend on Operating Costs in 2019/20. Perhaps DCY hoped that items like, the extra \$225K spent on Employee Costs would go unnoticed. See footnote.

Ratepayers deserve a commitment that in 2020/21 there will be greater budget discipline, scrutiny and accountability. May last year, several ratepayers lobbied DCY for a zero rate rise. They were rejected on the grounds; essential services and projects would be cut. A 2.5% rate rise was implemented.

At the very same time, behind closed doors the CE handed out \$45k pa in remuneration increases and an extra weeks leave (approx. cost \$9K pa) to his 3 person Executive Team.

The wage increases were justified by the CE's own Savings & Efficiency Review (SER) update of August 2019. Claiming recognition for savings totalling \$3.7M over the preceding 20 months, It sounded too good to be true. Here are just 3 obvious “ideas” that need more scrutiny:

1. Claim; Employee Cost saving of \$282K pa. Yet, in 2019/20 ratepayers paid out \$457K more than just 2 years ago. To double check, looking at staff numbers, 4 years ago DCY full time equivalent jumped by 9 to 55fte and

it's remained steady since. One DCY fte equates to an average cost of \$97.5K pa. About \$11K per fte more than Victor Harbor.

2. Claim; Restructure of the Team Leader Customer Service saving \$76K. Yet, no mention that a new role of GM Customer & Community Services was created that carries a remuneration cost of \$158K pa.

3. Claim; saved \$734K in operating costs by selling off the CWMS. Then, neglects to mention it was run at \$800K pa “profit” and the \$6M asset was sold for just \$600K. Plus, DCY kept the CWMS staff on the payroll.

SER clause 189 - “the SER has made significant changes and it enabled rates to be kept at under a 3% increase”. There is no evidence to support this. Reality is, DCY had a “cash cow” in the CWMS. Now that it's gone, the budget is in deficit \$890K in 2019/20 and will be this year. DCY has failed to reign in spending.

We have lost the opportunity of real efficiency savings since the SER was implemented over 2 years ago.

I challenge the SER's credibility and it's use to reward DCY employees.

If you agree, contact your Elected Member and ask that they reconsider their endorsement of the SER in its current form.

Footnote: Where the draft budget financials refer to “2019/20 Current Budget” it is an estimate of actual revenue/expenditure based on year to date. The original 2019/20 budget is not shown. The original 2019/20 Budget for Employee Costs was \$5,140K & the estimated actual \$5,365K.

Gary Brown

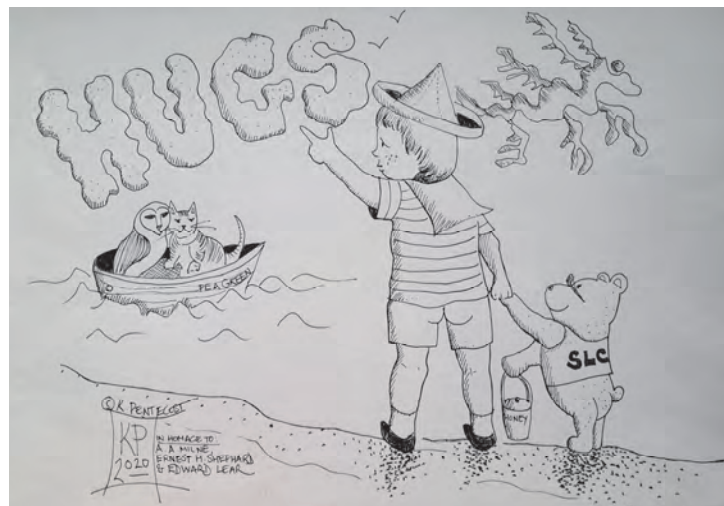
Letter Re: YDRA

Well the inevitable has happened! I can't get a comment on the YDRA Facebook page because it is being moderated and I don't make the cut! No profanities, no name calling just trying to get information to the other members who may not be aware of what the

Committee is doing against all meeting procedure rules.

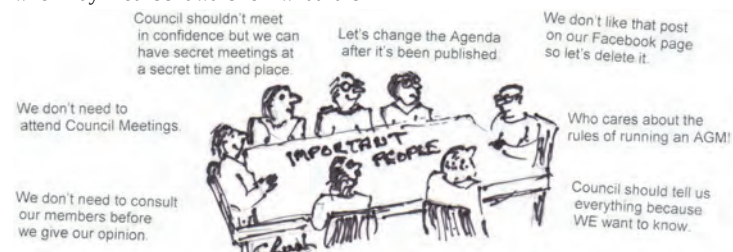
As 'K' is in hiding I thought I'd try a cartoon. Not up to his standard of drawing skill but hopefully will give some a giggle. Long live Freedom of Speech!

Cheryl Lush, Bald Hills



Kathryn Pentecost

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Letters & Opinions

Council As A Business

There is increasing puzzlement in the district about recent major projects that suddenly appeared that had not been through a rigorous consultation process. The first in the new council in 2018, was the imminent vote on buying the 'Servo' – a decision handballed on by the previous council without any consultation. Another new elected member and I immediately, and in haste, arranged two public meetings in January 2019. We were both told – No, this is not needed. When we asked Why not?, and, Why has it not happened before? – the emphatic answer from the mayor – three times – was – because **Council is a business – and as a business it is entitled to act on its own say so.**

My response was – No, Council is not a business. It might do a little bit of business – but council is governance – and that means involving the people. The second instance was the 'Eco tents' proposal – sort of taken out to the consultation meetings in the district, but never brought to the fore in the discussions. I took notes at every meeting. Those who did the due diligence and read the small print – sent in their comments. 17/17 strongly opposed to the project. But this data from the 'consultation feedback' was never added up and brought to the discussion in council meetings – until I did it. 100% of those who took the time to review the budget items were opposed to the eco-tents proposal. All other issues were about 60/30 for or against. And several in the community spent hours preparing submissions to council showing them their figures on the tents were in the kite flying zone. And now the spectacular decision in the March 2020 council meeting (7-2 in favour) regarding placing the Surf Club in the car park. Well over 600 community members expressed their forceful rejection of this in a quickly organised online petition – many others who do not access online petitions agreed with them. And the huge silence about this possibility at the January whizzbang consultation on the Foreshore. After council paying a consultation consultant for a brand new consultation policy. And so – a new motion at the April meeting – proposing a rethink with many more options. And then a close vote (5-4) in a special meeting to rescind the March motion. So if any of you are scratching your heads about how these projects appear out of the blue – then they follow a practice 'within' council that they believe – and act as if – they are all involved in running a business. Possibly with a brilliant vision about turning the much-loved natural, open air, beach, coast views, silence, stillness, spiritual experience of this ancient area into a Gold-Coast theme park – to make a profit. Because that is what businesses are required to do. Except – that this precious Foreshore area belongs to the community – held In TRUST by the council, not as real estate to be handed over to a developer with \$ signs in both eyes. We, as a community, have a hard task ahead of us to get it through to the council how much the Foreshore zone means to us – as it is.

Ruth Trigg
Normanville

Delivery of Council News

I write on Saturday 16 May 2020, concerning item 14.7 on the agenda of the Council Meeting of 19 May, 2020 meaning that when this letter is published that item will have been dealt with by council and I have no idea of how Council will vote. I have no intention of attacking Council but this item raises many concerns. In the first instance that the CEO was allowed to spend 20 hours of his time at internal staff costs of \$2,622 raises the question as to what Council considers as priority projects in the service of the community.

The report reads like a desperately constructed argument to support removal of the distribution of the Loop from the Yankalilla Regional News (YRN), and is peppered with unsubstantiated claims, including inferences that few read the YRN (point 19). It includes references to the point that letters negative to Council appear in the YRN which the author claims frequently lack facts, and cause upsets for his staff members, then invoking the Work, Health and safety Act of 2012. (Points 42 & 43). While the fact that the YRN also publishes letters of praise and thanks to Council is overlooked, this might highlight the motive behind this action, namely to punish the editor of the YRN because it is a vehicle for freely submitted comments and cartoons that may not be to the liking of those with sensitive egos within Charles Street. Those who choose to work in the public light must be prepared to accept criticism or seek another form of employment.

Last year at one of Council's "Consultation Sessions" several community members at my table suggested that Council should do more for small business. I find this a large ask and would not know what to suggest. On the other hand here we have a case of an important small business, which serves the community well, subjected to persistent vindictive attack, including threats to the editor of legal action, (tie him to the mast boys and flog him until he bleeds). The crime: publishing submitted material, in the interests of freedom of expression and free speech. (I have looked again at the offending

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cartoons, which were withdrawn from the hard copies of the YRN. Apart from the error in judgement of making reference to a community member by name without consent, the range of topics, or gripes, were those that one can hear any day of the week near the Post office, supermarkets or among regular coffee circles – in better days.)

On the point of free speech authors of other letters in recent editions of YRN have spoken of war sacrifices to preserve these rights. In my own case my father, his brothers and my mother's brothers fought in two wars to protect those rights. One uncle shared the sufferings of many in Thailand/Burma as prisoners. **Lest We Forget** the price of freedom, democracy and free speech! As a regular visitor in the gallery at Council meetings, I have gained the impression that Council is losing understanding of its obligations to the voting ratepayers and members of the community in general.

At the meeting on 18 February 2020 Cr Quirke moved a motion which essentially removed the public forum, with the exception of formal deputations, from future Council Meeting agendas. Two councillors, to their credit, spoke against and voted against the motion on the grounds of its impact on free speech (Cr's Spilsbury and O'Neil). After the motion was passed, Cr Quirke addressed the gallery with a statement that it was important for the elected members to protect the staff. It was then clear that the action was in response to a ratepayer from the gallery, at the previous meeting, in less than diplomatic style, questioning the senior staff on their qualifications to justify the generous salary hikes. The actual questions posed were those that more than a few in the community had been discussing.

Possibly, as a senior of 78, my understanding of democratic processes in local government, gained in my

youth, is no longer valid. I thought that we the people, the rate payers, elected councillors to serve our needs. They in turn have a mandate to employ staff to serve them and to provide, on a daily basis, service to wider community. The events of 18 February raise the question as to who serves whom today. One could construe that the elected members are there to serve the staff and we the ratepayers are simply there to finance the circus. Clearly what I understand as correct process has come off the rails. The next cycle of Council elections is not that far off for the community to reflect on whether we have the right elected representatives in place.

Returning to service, the YRN, as a free publication, has served the community well for many years, not only in distributing the Loop but enabling numerous community groups, churches, sports clubs and the important Natural Resource Centre to disseminate information about their activities. It also provides a valuable vehicle for local small businesses to advertise their services in the district. I frequently use this facility myself to find help.

Although I am not privy to the finances of the YRN, I would imagine that the withdrawal of the Loop may make a hole in the budget. This is somewhat distressing when the alternative to be discussed on 19 May looks cumbersome, needing of more support/man-hours to achieve and hence probably more expensive. (Higher rates to pay for it?)

This is all the more distressing when viewed in the light of legal threats and persistent bullying of the editor by either council members or staff. He is faced with legal costs, which should not be, but the matter has got out of hand. As a concerned member of the community (ratepayer) and to demonstrate my solidarity with a facility that provides a forum for free speech in the district, I am making an unsolicited donation to the YRN of \$50. I am also aware that fellow community members will do the same, and I encourage those who are also disturbed by the continuing attacks on the editor to do the same. It must not be \$50, but anything from \$5 upwards would surely help.

Alex Anderson, Normanville

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Degradation of Normanville Beach

While the attention of the community is focused on the future of the Surf Lifesaving Club, there is another issue that needs attention and professional analysis.

The Normanville beach – and from Lady Bay to Carrickalinga – is disappearing, and will continue to do so. Ten years ago, South Australia's leading marine geologist, Dr Ian Dyson, looked at the conditions of the beach. His analysis and predictions were chilling. Most people know that sand moves from the sea onto the beach during winter through tidal patterns and storms, and when dry, is blown onto the sand hills during summer. This movement replaces any sand cut away from the first line of the dunes during a storm. Dr Dyson has modelled this process at the Waitpinga beach: a beach that is open to the full force of the southern storms and swells. He has shown that the sand in – sand out – process on that beach over the yearly seasons is in equilibrium.

Dr Dyson's analysis of the Normanville beaches ten years ago was that the complex interactions of sand movement on the beaches was in a state of disequilibrium. He discussed the complex interactions – a V-shaped gulf, spiral bays along the coast, engineered changes to the coast such as a marina, a constant spurt of silt from the creeks after every rain, covering the seagrass and preventing photosynthesis, causing severe dieback year after year. The seagrass meadows hold the sand down, and when it disappears, the sand becomes mobile under the action of the winter swells. Complex interactions on a V-shaped gulf cause the sand to be moved northwards – and it is lost to the local system.

The sand hills have a smaller 'fore-dune'. This can easily be seen along the coast from Normanville to Carrickalinga. In its best state it forms a parabola shape onto the beach. It can take the full brunt of a storm, and about every decade it has been cut down, a vertical cut from the top of the small dune to the beach. Over time – several years – this sand is replaced – and the system retains its equilibrium.

The signs of disequilibrium now is that the top of the fore-dune has moved back from the vertical – and is retreating towards the back dunes. The other sign of severe disequilibrium is the presence of stones and rocks on the beach. Dr Dyson predicted this ten years ago – and he indicated that this is a sign of loss of

depth of sand on the beach – and that the level of the beach is down to an ancient geological level, as shown by the stones. Dr Dyson said that once the process of disequilibrium reaches this stage, then it will increase in speed, with more sand being lost each year, as it is not being replaced. Dr Dyson predicted that within 15 years (this was ten years ago) the beach would start to resemble the stony beach of Hallett Cove. Ten years on – we are around five years away from this scenario.

What to do? First develop an understanding of the complexity of sand movement on beaches along gulfs. Second, understand the effects a protuberance such as the Wirrina marina has on the beaches further north. Should it be removed? Third, understand the effects of silt pouring out onto the seagrass after every rain – killing the seagrass.

The pandemic gives us all an opportunity to deeply review the effects of human action on the environment. We are wrapped in a belief system that science and engineering can deliver any facility that we want for our own purposes. Now is the time, with some humility, to understand that just because we want something, and can engineer it for our purpose (marina) then we can also overcome the long-term effects of those decisions and choices. This is a convenient delusion. It is time to seriously review past actions looking at the bigger picture of the effects.

What is more important? The site of a Surf Club, or paying attention to the escalating degradation of the beach before our eyes?

Ruth Trigg
Normanville

Toxic Slurry If We Hurry

As a local resident who often dives and snorkels in Yankalilla Bay, I've followed the sorry saga of the Wave Generator hulk off Carrickalinga with much interest.

Like most, I've been baffled as to why the relevant State Government agencies have taken so long to decide how best to manage its removal.

Till recently I thought 'C'mon, just blow it up with explosives, problem solved, and we get an artificial reef as a bonus for fishers and divers alike.'

However, one aspect that had escaped me till recently worries me greatly. The devil's in the detail, it seems. Many options for removal, demolition or partial dismantling have been banded about, but I think I'm right in saying that DTPI's current preferred action is the cutting off of the top section to a depth at low tide of 1m, leaving no structure visible above water.

Whether or not that's a good cost/benefit compromise remains contentious but is too big a topic for one letter.

Cutting a slab of concrete off the top (or for that matter drilling holes into the concrete for effective placement of explosives) involves the use of diamond tipped cutting equipment.

This always generates a concrete slurry, made up of extremely fine particles.

Concrete slurry, in South Australia and doubtless many other jurisdictions, is an officially declared Substance Toxic To Marine Life.

Unless such slurry is captured and removed at the time of generation, for disposal on land according to approved best practice legislation, it becomes a long-term problem, because it smothers

all bottom dwelling life, from sea-grasses to squid eggs. The extremely fine, acidic sediment disperses far and wide, able to be lifted into the water column by the mildest of currents, swells and tides. Ones that would not normally lift and shift the other types of silt-also toxic, such as dredge tailings-already present in excessive amounts in Gulf St Vincent.

But, due to the peculiar hydrology of our gulfs, the slurry would remain in GSV for a very, very long time.

Since nobody else I've talked to seemed any the wiser, lack of public awareness of this potentially major environmental harm worries me enough to write this letter.

Our seagrass meadows deserve better.

David S Muirhead
Normanville

Council – The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

The Good – I recently received Council's summary of its 2020/21 Annual Business Plan and Budget. I must admit I was sceptical when I saw that Operating Expenses had been cut by over \$600K. I downloaded the detailed Plan and Budget to check that this was not a case of "Smoke and Mirrors". From what I can see the budgeted savings don't appear to be simply shifting resources from the Operating Budget to the Capital Budget. I was pleased to see that after many years and significant community input, there is finally a commitment to building a new Library. Whilst I was taken back by the \$2.2 million price tag, I have been reassured by a member of the Committee advising Council that it will be money well spent.

I was also pleased to see a commitment of \$1.155 million to build a new Surf Lifesaving Club. Once again it seems a pretty high price. I have been assured by people outside the Council that, given the grant funding from the Surf Lifesaving, it will be money well spent. However, it does raise a question in my mind. Will the much anticipated 10 Year Strategic Plan be committing similar levels of funding to upgrade say the Cape Jervis Club; Myponga sporting facilities; and Yankalilla Memorial Grounds?

The Bad – In my submission to Council regarding the Strategic Plan I suggested that the District Council of Yankalilla Mission (purpose) is to:

- Provide the community within its geographic area equity of access to services that are required by statute;
- Provide other services the community wants but the private sector is either unwilling or unable to provide;
- Use of Council in an effective and efficient manner;
- Be a prudent custodian of community assets within its geographic area;
- Collaborate with community groups to achieve the community's priorities;
- Collaborate with other Councils, Regional bodies and State and National Governments in public policy setting and achieving mutually common objectives; and
- Participate in the planning and delivery of services by all spheres of Government.

I was therefore pleased to see there had been no attempt to resurrect last year's proposals for "Glamping Tents" and the sealing of the Emergency Service

Carpark.

However, I am concerned by reports that Council is proposing to take on the lease for the Wirrina Cove Marina. Whilst the South Australian Government owns the Marina, it has never attempted to run the Marina.

On 1 July 2019 Council sold the CWMS to SA Water. The justification was that it posed an unacceptable operational risk to Council and the community. So what makes Council believe that it should get into the Business of running a Marina? Recent reports suggested that the previous lessee owns the pontoons. This is a significant risk. It has also been suggested that \$10 million needs to be spent to bring the facility up to scratch. The Marina is a SA Government problem not a Council problem. Council should not get involved. The community should not be expected to accept the cost and risks associated with the Marina.

The Ugly – In 2014 the District Council of Yankalilla wanted to sell our CWMS to Blue Sky Alternative investment for an undisclosed amount (thought to be \$2 -2.5 million).

The Mayor used his position to claim in "In the Loop" and in the Mayor's Report in the agenda for the Council Meeting, I had misrepresented Blue Sky's financial position. At the Council Meeting Councillor Jones move and Councillor Rothwell seconded a motion that the **Mayors Report Not Be Received**. They argued that the Mayors report named me and did not provide any evidence to support the Mayor's claims. Therefore, accepting the report would have meant Council endorsed the Mayor's defamatory accusations.

The Mayor claimed that he had not named me or anybody else. The gallery responded pointing out that I was specifically named in two places in the Mayors Report. Some Councillors argued that to not accept the Mayor's Report amounted to a suppression of the freedom of speech. The Mayor quickly moved on to the next item on the agenda without putting the motion to a vote.

I have searched the Agenda and Minutes of that meeting on the Council's website. I have found the offending section of the Mayor's report has been deleted from the official agenda and there is no record of motion moved by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Rothwell.

My point here is that whilst it was suggested that I should sue Council and the Mayor for defamation, I chose not to. I did not, and still don't believe anything useful comes out of defamation fights between Council and its ratepayers or community.

I am therefore extremely disappointed at the suggestion that defamation legal action is being considered against the Editor of the Yankalilla Regional News and a local cartoonist. This proposed action represents a total breakdown of the relationship between the Council and certain members of the community.

I don't agree with some of the views expressed in recent letters in the YRN regarding Council. However, Freedom of the Press and the individual's right to Freedom of Speech are cornerstones of our Democracy. By threatening legal action Council has simply driven the problem underground where it will continue to fester.

There must be a better way to resolve this situation.

Paul Newman



Amy Hunt (nee Fretwell)
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Unhappily we are still subject to the constraints brought about by social distancing.

We are looking forward to our next meeting routinely held in the RSL Hall at 10am on the first Tuesday of the month.

We have a retinue of speakers to reallocate according to their

availability in consideration of changed circumstances.

Members will be individually advised when the restrictions are lifted and we can attend for the next meeting that can be scheduled. Watch this space.

Tony Nicholl, Secretary
0423698708



Yankalilla Football Club

Hi Everyone, I know you're probably all wondering what is going on at The YFC so I will do my best to bring you all up to date. It has certainly been an unsure and unpredictable time.

Firstly can I say I am very proud of the way the Committee and Leadership Group have handled this constantly changing situation. It has also been very impressive how our new Coach, Lindsay Thomas has conducted himself and constantly has the YFC's best interest at heart.

The GSFL held a Zoom meeting which all clubs were present. Various issues were raised and discussed. One of the points raised were they were still intending to start the season on 20th June as a 9 round season with finals. However there would be limited numbers allowed through the gate with no bar or canteen. Having said that, there is still so many variables and potentially things could change at any given point. It is still very uncertain and a big unknown to say exactly what will happen over the next few weeks and months.

As a result of this meeting it was decided that in the best interest of our club and our community, The YFC will not participate in season 2020. This decision was not made lightly but we feel it is the right one. We

believe that playing a half season with restrictions will be a detriment. So moving forward, what does this mean? YFC will not commence training immediately until we have established correct protocols and hygiene levels for all players, women's, men's and juniors. We will be using this opportunity to grow as a club and develop relationships making our club more united. We will be running a Junior Academy so our Junior players do not miss out completely, coordinated by the Senior Playing Group. As restrictions get lifted there is also a possibility of scratch matches and lightening carnivals. We will also be using this time to do some fundraising to put YFC in good stead for season 2021.

The YFC would sincerely like to thank our valued sponsors and members who kindly donated to the club, it is greatly appreciated! We would also like to thank you for your understanding in these difficult times. Please don't hesitate to call us if you have any concerns or queries. Watch this space for updates on restrictions and upcoming events.

President
Bob Williss



Yankalilla District Residents Association

Report following May's meeting

Covid 19 has made it a difficult start for the organisation with the inability to hold meetings and some difficulties with technology. Discussions to date have largely been via email.

We welcome Wayne Gibbs onto the Committee. Wayne has taken on the role of Secretary.

The committee has written to Council stating our objections to District Council of Yankalilla taking legal action against YRN over a series of cartoons. Council have advised that all costs will be reimbursed by the CEO and Mayor. It is concerning, however, that the Elected Member that we contacted was unaware of the reimbursement offer until after it was raised by YDRA. Copies of this correspondence will be posted on our website.

We have approached Council regarding restoring or repairing the art pole in Bungala Park and potentially making it part of a memorial for Mark Pearce, the original artist.

Not surprisingly, the Council rates and budget were discussed, and while it may have a negative effect in the longer term, we support a zero percent rate rise this year due to circumstances that are likely to limit many residents' income for some time to come. The sudden capital expenditure program was also discussed, and the huge increase in debt concerns the Committee. Can these projects be deferred, given that the effect of Covid 19 is still an unknown factor? We do agree that using some of the potential

Government grants that are likely to become available appears attractive. However, any increase in debt can only be repaid by ratepayers, as none of the proposed assets are income-generating. We encourage all residents and ratepayers to have your say on the upcoming budget.

Surf Life Saving Club. We congratulate Michelle Lee and her support team who raised community awareness about the proposed positioning of the clubrooms. They gathered some 700 signatures on an online petition which is an incredible effort amidst the Covid19 pandemic restrictions. We also commend the Elected Members that responded positively to the community feedback and overturned the original decision.

Now that State Government has rescinded the moratorium on GM Crops, it is up to individual Councils to object within 6 months if the residents and ratepayers wish to maintain the region's GM-free status. There are varying opinions on GM crops and we will do a bit more research before seeking input from the membership.

Other items discussed were grants from State and Federal Government, Dunstall Cottage restoration in Bungala Park, the number of Councils 'in secret meetings', and strategies for gaining new members and keeping members informed.

The committee will be guided by the SA government's COVID 19 restrictions in respect to connecting with the members for a planning and information session.

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Hudson Thomas Beare – Pioneer Colonist

When the *Duke of York* anchored at Nepean Bay, Kangaroo Island, and its passengers went ashore on 27 July 1836 (now Kangaroo Island Settlement Day), the Beare family of six – Thomas Hudson Beare, his wife Lucy Ann Beare (nee Loose) and their four children – William, aged nine, Lucy Anne, Arabella and Elizabeth – were among the migrants on the South Australian Company's first ship to Kangaroo Island, and its earliest pioneers. The *Duke of York*, under command of Captain Robert Clark Morgan, had left London on 24 February 1846 as part of the First Fleet of South Australia.

On board the ship there was some competition as to who would be the first to land, but while the passengers were at an early lunch, the sailors, with the captain's blessing, snuck off with the youngest on board, Thomas and Lucy's infant daughter Elizabeth, just over two years old. She was taken ashore in the arms of a sailor, Robert Russell, who waded to the beach and placed the child's feet onto the sand at a place now known as Reeves Point. After she collected some shells to give to her parents, they scooped her up and returned her to the ship.

Soon after, the captain lowered the boats and the first two people to land were the Colonial Manager of the South Australian Company, Samuel Stephens, and the second-in-command Thomas Hudson Beare, who was employed as the Superintendent of Buildings and Labourers and the first storekeeper for the company's pioneering trips to settle South Australia. So the Beare family were the first settlers to land and commence the colonisation of South



Australia. Samuel Stephens, who later became Thomas's brother-in-law, was the first manager of the South Australian Company in Adelaide.

Shortly after arrival, Thomas Beare, William Giles and Henry Mildred imported a batch of Merino ewes from Van Diemen's Land to Kangaroo Island, some of the first brought into the colony, although stock losses on the unusually long trip aboard the *Cygnets* were considerable.

Thomas Hudson Beare was born on 30 December 1792, at Winchester, Hampshire, England, and baptised the following day at St Maurice Church, Winchester. His parents were Thomas Beare (born on 8 April 1745, in Twyford, Hampshire) and Martha Beare (nee Hudson, born on 10 June 1756 in Kingsclere, Hampshire). Thomas Hudson Beare, at age 28, in 1819 married Lucy Ann Loose (born 24 May 1801 in Westminster, London).

Within hours of arrival at Kangaroo Island, Lucy Beare gave birth to a girl on board the ship sometime between 5 May and 27 July 1836, South Australia's first white birth. Sadly, the baby died after only two days. Thomas and Lucy's first two children lived for only about a year while the third also died in England, aged about 10. When Lucy had another daughter, born in Kingscote in August 1837, the daughter Mary Ann survived but Lucy died on 3 September 1837, following a difficult childbirth; the first white woman to die in South Australia.

Upon the untimely death of his wife Lucy Ann, Thomas Hudson Beare left Kangaroo Island and moved with his now family of five to the mainland in 1838. Using his land orders granted to him by the South Australian Company, he purchased from the Adelaide Land Company a farming property west of the city which he named 'Netley' after Netley Abbey in Hampshire. The original farm consisted of 134 acres but he later purchased an adjoining plot of 80 acres to the west and the Netley property then became a 214 acre farming property. The current Adelaide Airport adjacent to this site is situated on a large section of the old Beare family farm. Sadly, his daughter Elizabeth Beare died on this property from injuries she sustained in a fire in 1846; she was only 12 years of age at the time.

On 24 October 1840, at age 47, Thomas Hudson Beare married Lucy Bull (born in 1803 in London) and they had nine children – Thomas Henry (1841-1848), Emily (1843 lived for only a day), Emily (1844-1925), John George (1846-1848), Thomas Henry (1848-1851), John James (1850-1884), Martha Elizabeth 'Bessie' (1852-1941), Edwin Arthur (1855-1912), and Thomas Hudson (1859-1940). Lucy had emigrated with her brothers Joseph and John Wrathall Bull and his family aboard the ship *Canton*, which arrived in May 1838.

Life was not easy for Thomas, and family tragedy was often close. Some extracts from Thomas's 1848 farm journal – January: 35,000 bricks spoilt; February: All the family down with scarlet fever; March: My two dear boys John George 1½ years and Thomas Henry 6 years gone forever in 10 days

– this is the severest trial I ever endured. May: My last year's crop a total failure from the floods (from Brownhill Creek), all the fruit trees planted this season all killed.

A plaque at the Myponga cemetery, commemorating his death, says Thomas Beare died on 6 November 1861 at Aldinga, and is buried at Myponga. However his death notice states that Thomas Hudson Beare died on 7 November 1861 at his residence at Myponga, aged 68 years.

Thomas's headstone at the Myponga Cemetery was removed from his gravesite when the existing church building was extended over it, and now sits atop his second wife Lucy Bull's gravesite in the North Road Cemetery at Collinswood.

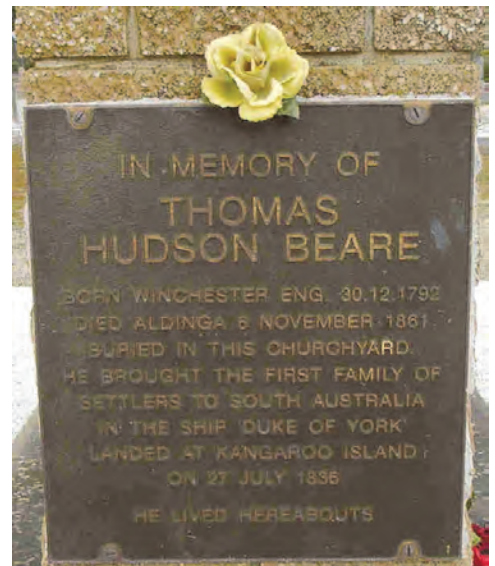
A small park in Netley is now a memorial to Thomas Hudson Beare – Beare Avenue Reserve – with a plaque being unveiled at the reserve on 27 July 2018, 182 years after the *Duke of York* landed the first European settlers to start the colonisation of South Australia.

– Lorraine Day

The Yankalilla & District Historical Society Inc. normally meets on the second Monday of the months of September, October, November, February, March at 8pm at the Council Chambers. However, due to Covid-19 guidelines, there will be no meetings until further notice.

Left: Thomas Hudson Beare

Below: Thomas Beare headstone Myponga cemetery



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The initial newsletter commencing in July 2020 will be distributed as follows:

- Printed and individually addressed to all Council ratepayers with the 2020/21 Rates Notice.
- Hard Copies located for collection in Council facilities and public outlets.
- Displayed on public noticeboards.
- Online version loaded onto Council's website and Facebook.
- Electronic version sent to all e-mail addresses in Council's contacts database.

- That all recipients of the July 2020 Newsletter be encouraged to indicate their preference for future versions of the Newsletter (internet or hardcopy).

Council will then continue to create a monthly newsletter primarily digitally, but you can opt in to receive it via hard copy, along with it being placed at local collection points and noticeboards. The new way of delivering news will give council the ability to push out urgent information and communicate Council decisions without lag time.

We'll be able to deliver video content, surveys and monitor what content is of interest so we can adapt the newsletter to suit our audience. We'll be able to produce more newsletter for significantly less

with an estimated budget saving of \$21,000.00 and less paper means it will be better for the environment!

Council will also make our content available to other publications like the Yankalilla Regional News, Myponga Mudlark and the Victor Times.

We will also work with Ratepayer/Progress Associations and Community Groups on the best way to get it out to their members.

For further information a detailed report is available in the May 2020 Council Agenda on our website.



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Draft 2020/21 Annual Business Plan and Budget

Consultation period extended until 10 June 2020!

The Annual Business Plan and Budget is a balancing act for Council with the delivery of services and projects for the community and the raising of borrowings and rates to pay for them.

Council need your feedback on the proposed Annual Business Plan and Budget, including the major strategic capital projects over the next two years which include:

- New Library \$2,200,000
- Surf Life Saving Club \$1,155,000
- Forktree Road Sealing \$633,333
- Unidentified Stimulus Package \$1,000,000

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Draft Economic Development Strategy for the District Council of Yankalilla 2020-2025

Consultation Period 1 June 2020 to 30 September 2020.

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Designed to effect positive change, the opportunities for action presented in this strategy, when implemented, will help facilitate the resilience, competitiveness and success of local businesses and the capacity of the Yankalilla District community to attract investment, diversify the economy and provide the foundations for the jobs of the future.

Have we got the strategy right? Please provide your feedback!



Photo of 81-83 Andrew Ave following removal of the old Normanville Township Petrol Station

Upcoming Consultations

Normanville Surf Lifesaving Club Rebuild

**Future of 81-83 Andrew Avenue
Normanville (old petrol station site)**

Surf Life Saving Club Location

At a special council meeting on April 28, elected members removed the option of the site being in the carpark near the jetty. Council is now investigating five other options to determine what locations are viable prior to community consultation.

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Normanville Natural Resource Centre

The Resource centre is still closed, although I am hoping it might be open by the time you read this article! I have been putting lots of information and activities on Facebook, so if you are not already a follower, please like us now and hopefully you will find some interesting posts.

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Here are some other exciting activities!

Nature Journal

Nature journaling is a way to get creative and stay connected to nature, even from our own backyard. All you need is a notebook and pen or pencil, but some coloured pencils and paints can come in handy too. Nature journaling is all about recording your observations of nature through the written word, sketches, mud-maps or any other way you can transfer your thoughts to the page. You might observe the birds that visit your backyard and write down their habits, or you could sketch leaves and provide a written description of the plants they came from and how they change throughout their lifecycle. The practice helps you to focus, increases mindfulness and puts you in touch with the rhythms of nature.

Frog Watch

FrogWatch SA is a collaboration of state, local government and non-government organisations. It supports individuals, schools and local groups to gather more information than was possible with previous programs and technologies. Frogwatch SA aims to give us a more comprehensive understanding of how our frogs are tracking over time. With your support, it will provide information to help us discover and describe new types of frogs and expand the known distribution of frogs, particularly in the more remote areas of South Australia.

For more information and to download the app visit

<https://www.frogwatchsa.com.au/>

Calculate your carbon footprint and/or compare to pre-isolation lifestyle

How will COVID-19 affect the date of Earth Overshoot Day 2020? Humanity's efforts to contain the coronavirus pandemic, and the resulting economic slowdown, have reduced humanity's Footprint. However, this is a far cry from the intentional changes we strive for. At Global Footprint Network, we envision a world where humanity transitions to one-planet compatibility by design rather than by disaster, so that all thrive within the means of our planet.

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Craft A Critter Competition

To raise awareness of Australia's remarkable threatened species, the Threatened Species Commissioner is encouraging everyone to create an artistic depiction of their favourite threatened species using materials from around the home or garden and to share it on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram using the hashtag #CraftACritter.

Include a written description about the importance of your threatened critter, why you chose it and how you made it.

There are four categories that you can enter including an early learning category (children aged 0 to 4 years), a primary school category (children aged 5 to 11), an open category (individuals of all other ages), and a people's choice category, which will be decided by you, the public.

More information is available at:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/commissioner/craft-a-critter>



Spring Mount Conservation Park

As many people are now enjoying walking or hiking, which is still allowed or even encouraged as spending time in nature is hugely rewarding, we'll feature some different parks that you might not have heard of or been to. This one is reasonably close but is probably best for more experienced walkers.

Situated in a high rainfall area (1,000mm per annum) Spring Mount Conservation Park is 279 hectares and consists of an undulating ironstone plateau with one or two small but quite steep valleys. The vegetation is a relatively undisturbed open forest of Brown Stringybark (*Eucalyptus baxteri*) and Messmate Stringybark (*E. obliqua*) with understorey plants including Myrtle Wattle (*Acacia myrtifolia*), Beaked Hakea (*Hakea rostrata*) and Yacca (*Xanthorrhoea semiplana*).

The mature trees provide a breeding habitat for the spectacular Calyptorhynchus funereus (yellow tailed black cockatoo). Other common bird species include Adelaide Rosella, White-throated Treecreeper, White-

browed Scrubwren, Superb Fairywren, Crescent Honeyeater, Grey Shrike-thrush, Grey Fantail and Scarlet Robin for the bird watchers among us, with 90 different species having been recorded.

The western grey kangaroo *Macropus fuliginosus* is common in the park, which has at least five other native mammal species.

Map here:

<https://www.walkingsa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Map-of-Spring-Mount-Conservation-Park-Hike.pdf>

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White-browed Scrubwren

Sericornis frontalis

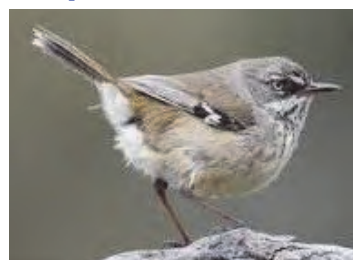
The White-browed Scrubwren is found at Springmount Conservation Park amongst the thick scrub. It is between 11 & 14cm in length, has brown upperparts, with a tinge of russet on its rump and tail, it has a distinct white brow and a white spot under the eye. The throat and breast are white to pale yellowish cream or buff-grey. The wing coverts are dusky to black with two small white stripes on the shoulder.

This active little bird is one of the most widespread and abundant ground feeding birds occurring from the Atherton Tableland Queensland, south around the coast to Tasmania and Shark Bay, WA. It is constantly hopping amongst the leaf-litter and low branches of thick shrubs foraging for a range of insects including beetles, weevils, bugs, moths as well as spiders and seeds.

It is a very underrated bird and if you take the time to sit and watch its energetic behaviour, you will be in for a treat!

For more info and to listen to its call visit:

<http://www.birdsinbackyards.net/species/Sericornis-frontalis>



Plastic Free July - Join millions of people reducing their plastic waste!

Plastic Free July is a global movement that helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution – so we can have

cleaner streets, oceans and beautiful communities. Will you be part of Plastic Free July by choosing to refuse single-use plastics?

Here is a story to inspire you about one families challenge for the month which became a way of life:-

A shipping container spill turned wake up call

Joanna had been conscious of the devastating effects of plastics on the marine environment for some time. Her and her family tried their best to be conscious of their carbon footprint; using the return-and-earn facility for recycling and bringing along their own reusable shopping bags.

However, when a shipping container spilled in Port Stephens near their home, it was a very visual and personal wakeup call.

Joanna and her family decided it was time to get more serious about plastic pollution. And so, they signed up for the Plastic Free July challenge.

Finding solutions to single-use plastic waste

The major source of plastic in Joanna's household was from pre-packaged products. To combat this, she started buying fruit and vegetables from local suppliers. On odd occasions where she did purchase fruit or vegetables from the supermarket, she didn't buy pre-packaged goods. In many cases, it was as easy as asking herself, 'What did my nanna do?'

Home baking, wrapping rubbish in newspaper and cooking instead of buying takeaway all made a huge difference. Joanna also began saying no to the big four single-use plastic items – cups, straws, bottles and plastic bags.

Her family started buying 'experiences' rather than presents that would end up as landfill. Using alternatives to cleaning products such as bicarb soda, clove oil, vinegar and washable cloths also made a significant difference.

Going beyond the Plastic Free July challenge

Since the challenge, Joanna and her family have continued to say no to single-use plastics. The month-long timeframe was enough to change habits on a more permanent basis. She has since discovered that her local bakery and smallgoods shop is more than happy for her to bring her own containers or bags. For a recent garden party, Joanna sourced items such as tableware and glasses from the local recycle centre.

The changes she's made have been positive and have also allowed her to connect with likeminded people in her community who are also in the search for solutions.

For more information visit <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/> and in next month's newsletter we will let you know what activities the Resource

Centre will be holding in Plastic Free July!



Normanville Natural Resource Centre

Praying Mantids

Australia is home to over 100 species of praying mantids. Most live in the tropics, but a handful of species are found in South Australia. Your backyard or local park might be where you spot one if you are very observant, because they usually look like leaves or sticks so that they themselves are not eaten. These highly camouflaged carnivores with powerful chewing mouthparts can

grow up to 120mm long. They share some features with aquatic macroinvertebrate ambush predators like water scorpions and needle bugs, waiting for prey to come towards them then grabbing them with their grasping first pair of legs. You can encourage praying mantids in your garden by providing habitat that includes tall grasses, flowers, shrubs and trees which will also attract lots of insect prey. Make sure you limit or eliminate the use of

pesticides. Use some local native plants where you can, because they will also provide shelter and food for other local species like reptiles and birds.

Gardeners usually consider praying mantids to be beneficial insects because they can keep in check unwanted insects like aphids, grasshoppers, caterpillars and bugs that attack their plants, but they will also occasionally eat bees and butterflies as well.

Praying mantid on a backyard shrub
(Photo: Amy Blaylock)



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Weed and Plant of the Month brought to you by Cape Jervis Coastal Community Group

New Zealand

Mirror Bush

(*Coprosma repens*)

(Photos: E. Cousins; growth habit, close-up of glossy leaves, female flower, all at Cape Jervis)

There are many lovely *Coprosma* cultivars sold in garden centres, and they make very attractive garden plants. The one pictured here though, *Coprosma repens*, with its big, oval, glossy green leaves, is prohibited from sale. It is not one of the major "declared weeds" but it has been



found in coastal areas of southern and south eastern Australia, and at Cape Jervis. This spreading shrub normally

grows no more than 2 metres high here. The leaves sit opposite each other in pairs. The denseness of the

shrub, and the fact it is salt-tolerant, meant it was often grown as a wind-break. However, you can get infestations of the plant starting under trees, from birds dropping seed. The plant's dense foliage and resultant leaf litter then stops native ground covers from thriving. During December, have a gander at the small flowers on a shrub; work out if the ones you see are lads or lasses! There are two distinct forms, normally occurring on separate plants. (Hint: the female flowers have a 'style' with 2 thick "rabbits ears" for pollen to land on; see photo 3.)

I have also included a **plant of the month**, the Silver Banksia from the Cape Jervis Community Group as it is such a hardy, fairly fast growing and long lived species that can be grown in a wide variety of environmental conditions. It favours a sunny or partly shady position and may become spindly if grown in the shade. It can tolerate a variety of soil types including sandy soils, loams and clay. It prefers well-drained soils, but can tolerate moist and even waterlogged sites. It is drought resistant and will do well in exposed windy locations.

Silver Banksia

(*Banksia marginata*)

(Photos: C. Schultz, E. Cousins; older plant, leaf, flower & fruit; young banksias; young leaves front & back)

This banksia is found in the southern part of SA, in sandy to clay soils. It presents as a shrub or small tree to about 5m tall. Banksias

were named for the botanist, Sir Joseph Banks, while 'marginata' comes from the Latin for 'bordered'. If you look at the photos above, you can see the jagged leaf margins this refers to. Young leaves are hairy all over, whereas older leaves are smooth on top, just hairy underneath. Older leaves have square tips. While looking at the leaves, notice the colour on the under surface of the leaf

is a silvery green whereas the top is very green. This is where the common name comes from. The large cylindrical brush-like flower is typical of banksias; on this particular banksia, the flower is yellow and occurs over much of the year. The

fruit is also cylindrical, but woody and hairy, with lots of valves (valves are portions on the fruit that split away from each other). Seeds are shaped like a pyramid with a papery wing at one end, to help them spread.



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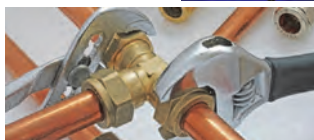
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Letters & Opinions

Response to Letter

This is a response to the wonderful letter to you and the readers from Rosie Grace. It is complimentary to her as it should be and perhaps damps down some of the vitriol and misinformation about Family Violence. I will also put in some self disclosures about myself and offer, myself free of charge as a counsellor. One of the fellows from Mens Probus asked me last week were you a victim or perpetrator of Family Violence to get involved? I got involved by default doing work experience to support my mental health studies from 2013. I am quite proud of my recent journey in this area.

SO
Thank you Rosie Grace and Stephen Ward for your considered responses to my version of domestic violence. I am sure the letter by Rosie would be accepted for publication in any newspaper or journal to which she may submit it anywhere. As Rosie says personal disclosures are so often withheld and the matter of "family violence" as I prefer to call it is "swept under the carpet." Rosie's wonderful attributes are plainly apparent along with her emotional intelligence. Thank you Rosie. I can clearly see where Stephen is coming from too and I do agree men are socialised to aggressive or violent solutions. The "look what you made me do" reference, - well a fellow who reduces himself to that behaviour is indeed detritus. That is the title of the award winning book by Jess Hill on domestic violence. She has called it that to get our dander up and sell her book. Think about it though, a pathetic man who blames his family that way is dysfunctional in the extreme and can barely live with himself. His kids live in terror and his partner in fear. One would most likely find his childhood development was the cause and without role models. Punitive punishment and behaviour change programs are not enough. If the wife and children leave his behaviours would affect them for long after, but many have nowhere to go. I might make mention of the fact Stephen that your reference using Michael Flood is now 14 years old and his subsequent work is complementary not ground breaking. I could muster up a real case for female victims using more current work but have elected to support blokes as victims only because so few people do.

Let us not make YRN the place for an ongoing forum on the matter though, it is too polarising.. It is incumbent upon me to give a short profile of myself. I go to Men's Probus. It is an aggregation of wise and informed men in their latter years to whom I expect Family Violence is an anathema. One of them said to me tentatively the other day, "Tony how did you get involved in this domestic violence stuff, are you a victim or a perpetrator?"

Well a self disclosure is boring in my case so let us keep it short. I am neither a victim nor a perpetrator, I came to be doing this by default. So many men are victims with so little support. My wife lives in Melbourne an arrangement that suits us both admirably. I mean who would want to live anywhere else in today's world if they could live here?. Kay is my greatest confidant and with whom I have most meaningful discussions. You would like her if you were to meet her. We have two daughters and two lovely little granddaughters. Kay lives in Melbourne in the same street. Nice for them to all be so close and I am going over again soon People asked me "why did you come here?" answer in short is "same reason as you did". It gives me the capacity to be the best I can be "Diet exercise and rest." A close friend for decades came here with me to see what was here and she declared coming here is a no-brainer - "for me, anyway". My background (and I have to make this as brief as possible), as specialist rep in the pharmaceutical industry for many years had a customer base of all the psychiatrists and mental hospitals. in Victoria.

I learnt such a lot about florid madness during those years. I had "clients" probono in the locked wards at Frankston and Dandenong hospitals in fact just a few years ago.

The latter part of my career was in the medical industry and I retired on account of the manifestations of hydrocephalus. That was surgically corrected and after a few years in the wilderness, I was 'normal' so I went back to further studies at Chisholm TAFE in

Frankston in 2013. A certificate four in mental health. They advertise it at Victor I notice looking for students, the curriculum is good and demanding. We started with 28 and only 8 completed it which is normal apparently. Drugs and mental health deficits impact amongst the students, tears, also fights. It was in 2013. On orientation day we were advised if males go to the magistrates court they have NO rights.

"By default?", I said, well work experience concomitantly at Dad's in Distress was available and I was shocked - the stories. I could not sleep at night after meetings. Anyway I became a facilitator. It was the only available place for me to work experience/practicum, not because I wanted to.

For example early on in my time doing this I was in the court waiting area and a woman walked in - in a state, and slapped a bloke across the face (to the chagrin of a group of high school students also there). I asked the cop "why did you not charge her, offensive language as well?" He did not ask me too! He said. Junkies.

Moving right on I completed a diploma in community services, mental health the next year. It is not available here nor the degree. Eventually I completed about 1000 hours of probono work to complement my CIV, the diploma and eventually the degree. I thought it was better doing all that than just the crossword and Sudoku each day to challenge myself. I have been very close to the elite domestic violence unit (police) in the area (Vic) and have seen both sides of the narrative, I went many times to support "at need" fellows in all the courts also when being "interviewed" by social workers. I have helped in the food queues (the Pentacostals do it best). I got very involved in the Family Violence Commission Victoria 2016 and had the good fortune to have over 2 hours with two others with Chair, High Court Judge Marcia Neave. Takeaway thoughts "education of kids from the earliest years, that there has to be a 'cultural shift, and her opinion on who were the victims was reflected in the recommendations and outcomes', 2200 pages only ten dedicated to men's issues. That is why men so rarely report incidents of domestic violence.

Anyway enough of that I am sure you get the picture.

***The point I want to make is that in these trying times they tell us mental health deficits will escalate in the community. The existence of an epidemic of viral origins causes people to get anxious, fearful and maybe then panic mode or depression. The disruption to the economy can cause the worst outcomes especially for those in the entertainment or hospitality industry. If you need to speak to somebody feel free to call me (free of charge) and I will do what I can in support for either gender. Young people could start by calling "Headspace" in Adelaide, Port Adelaide or Murray Bridge. 1800650890. Men I cannot recommend "Mensline" if you feel you are a victim and contact them, I am seeing reports on the social

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media because lately they subject disaffected men to an inquisition as to why YOU are a violent man and causing your partner to behave this way. Victim Blaming.

Call me if you need. remembering I am a mental health worker not a psychologist. Thank you Rosie you are amazing and Stephen when I read it I thought "cannot disagree with much of that", but there is not enough room to put all you want to.

Tony Nicholl 0423 690 708

Community Library Advisory Group

On 17 March 2020 the District Council of Yankalilla approved 'in principle' a report tabled by the Community Library Advisory Group. The report (which can be viewed via the 17 March 2020 Agenda on DCY's website) contained a summary of the key points surrounding the development of a new building to permanently house the Yankalilla Public Library, which has been temporarily located at 'The Centre' for the last five years.

The report included initial concept plans provided by local architect, Rhys Jones which took into account the building's environmental footprint and the cost to the community. The Group liaised with building contractors and estimated that the building would cost approximately \$1million.

The use of rammed earth as a building material was selected, not only because it would match the existing Centre, but because it would require minimum maintenance over many decades.

Community groups and individuals in our district who have expressed their support for the development will be pleased to note that DCY have identified the new library development as a priority project in the Annual Business Plan and Budget.

In reviewing the figure attributed to the overall Library development over a two year period it is important to note that in addition to the building costs there has also been funding allocated to improving the car park. To lessen the burden on Council and ratepayers, a co-funded project would be of benefit. The Community Library Advisory Group are hopeful that DCY will be able to pursue and access grant funding with a view to covering 50% of the proposed development costs.

Chairperson of the Group, Ross Trigg commented "We're pleased that Council has seen fit to take advantage of State and Federal Government grants enabling the Library project to proceed. We're also aware that it will incur a slightly higher rate increase, but in keeping with community sentiment, it will provide worthwhile future investment in their interest".

If you wish to supply information or feedback to the Community Library Advisory Group regarding the new development please write to Ross Trigg at PO Box 262 Normanville SA 5204 or email: consultation@yankalilla.sa.gov.au

Books & Words Group

The Books and Words Group aims to encourage readers, writers, and lovers of words to engage with activities aimed at exploring a range of literary events in supportive community environments. As mentioned last month, all events for this year are on hold and membership fees have been waived for 2020. If you have already paid this will be credited for 2021. Check our website at <http://booksandwordsgroup.weebly.com/> for updates on our activities as soon as these become available. Since no other activities were possible for a while, an extended version of our newsletter 'The Scribe' was produced and circulated to our whole email list. Another extended version of the Scribe is in preparation and if you wish your name added to the email list please email us at booksandwordsgroup@gmail.com. There will be no fee for this addition and you can have your name taken off our extended email list at any time. A number of supporters of the Books and Words Group contributed to the expanded Scribe and I would like others to contribute to coming newsletters if you are interested. All offerings will be considered and we can't remember one that we have refused in the past. While the usual recommended limit of contributions is listed as 200 words, longer contributions are encouraged and if they need editing down we will negotiate with you. Book reviews, short stories, comments on local issues and poems have been included in the past but this is not a comprehensive list of what we will accept so please run your ideas past us. As, prior to the lockdown, May would have been History month, the following poem on the demise of the Normanville Service Station seems appropriate to include in this report. This was written in response to a request from well known local character, Darcy Wedd, who felt a poem would be a good tribute to the passing of a local 'icon'. Best wishes to all in the community during this difficult time and please remember that a smile and a few words from a distance will not cause COVID-19. It does seem an increasing phenomenon that some people rush by others, head down, possibly having misinterpreted the 'social distancing' phrase. It is highly regretful that this term has become entrenched when what we should be aiming for is 'physical distancing'.



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Though dissimilar it seems.

Of course there are advantages,
Shiny new facilities on the main road,
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For those who travel through.

But many mourn its passing,
As typical as it could be,
Of a small country village,
With no preset air pumps and a supermarket feel.

It is a fact for certain,
That change will occur,
But thoughts of what went before,
Can often nostalgia stir.

In times of COVID-19,
It is unlikely for a while,
That any business of any kind,
Will act as a common social hub.

But the passing of this icon,
Must surely be acknowledged.
Those who lived here long
Will not have this memory purged.

Remember cars sporting stickers
With a quotation quite profound,
'I still get my juice from Bruce',
The message will long resound.

But memories go long before,
To a quaint station that used to show,
A flying horse as many did,
With Super, Standard and Diesel.

Before the big replaced the little,
Your tank was filled for you,
Windscreens washed and tyres pumped,
Customer service the norm not just a phrase.

It is good to remember
The way that these things were.
Memories that we can share,
Help community to stir.

We all are of this place
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Pandemic Poem #2 by K. Pentecost 2020

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Corona, corona,
Officially Covid-19,
Like any pandemic,
You cannot be seen,
Except in the stats of people who've died,
And perhaps in the acts
Of politicians who've lied.

Corona, corona,
What's this game you are playing?
Corona, corona,
Can you hear what I'm sayin'?
Corona, corona,
Please tell, can I ask,
Should I listen to experts
Saying 'don't bother with masks'?

Corona, corona,
We all like to deplore
The folk who we think
Have caused trouble before,
When we turn to devices
And try to be sure
That we have all the answers
To what is the core.

Corona, corona,
I'm not feeling too flash,
I keep having to repress
My desire to dash,
Corona, corona,
Or Covid-19,
I just want to run
And never be seen.

Corona, corona,
Just kill those bad guys
We've seen in the movies,
(In the gunfights they die),
Corona, corona,
You're not Hollywood,
But we sure want a happy ending
For everyone good.

Corona, corona,
Please listen to me
I can't keep suppressing
My desire to flee,
Corona, corona,
I'm getting stir crazy,
Writing poetry all day
Is making me lazy.

Corona, corona,
Or Covid-19,
The worst of all this
Is that you cannot be seen,
If only we knew
What you looked like, we say,
We'd know when you're coming
And get out of your way.

Corona, corona,
If you were a dance,
Would you be a new hip-hop,
A jive or a prance,
Would you be rock 'n' roll
In Australia and then,
Could we all be whirling
Again and again?

Corona, corona,
Your name's driving me mad
Have you morphed across species,
Were you made in a lab?
Corona, corona,
I need a big hug,
Corona, corona,
You mean, little bug!

Corona, corona,
You could be a dance
In an exotic place,
Like Spain or in France,
Instead you're a virus
That's travelled the earth,
Who's made us consider
What life's truly worth.

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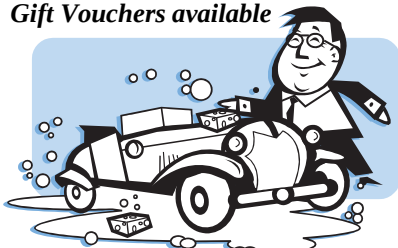
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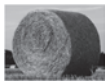


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Cancellation of 2020 Show

It is with regret that we advise the cancellation of the Yankalilla and Districts Show which was planned for Saturday 3rd October 2020.

We have been watching closely the State and Federal Government announcements about the COVID-19 pandemic to keep in touch with the laws and guidelines which may apply to our Show. After much careful thought and discussion, the Show committee has decided that, while restrictions appear likely to be further eased in the near future, it would be unwise to go ahead with any further Show preparation at this time.

The factors we have taken into consideration are

- The older demographic of the Yankalilla Area Community
- Unknown issues related to community transmission of the virus and the possibility of a second and subsequent waves of infection
- The unclear time frame in the development of a vaccine for COVID-19
- Difficulty in predicting the size of public gatherings that will be allowed when the Show was planned to run
- The degree of deep cleaning and preparation that will be required to maintain a safe environment
- Physical distancing requirements that will be necessary both by law and responsible management of a safe environment
- The financial implications of continuing with the planning process in the event that the Show may subsequently have to be cancelled

We also wish to advise that

- Payment for Show membership for 2019-2020 will be carried over until 2021 and so no Show fees will be due until next year
- As the Show Society has ongoing costs with little prospect of significant income over the coming year due to the economic climate and cancellations of bookings for the near future, donations and sponsorships to the Show Society would be greatly appreciated to help ensure that the Show Society



can continue to function. Donations and sponsorship can be made by direct debit to the Yankalilla Show,

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We sincerely regret that we have had to make this decision but feel sure that the community will appreciate that we are taking these steps to promote community safety in the Yankalilla and District area. We thank the community for their past support of the local Show and anticipate that this will continue in the future.

See you in 2021 with a Show that meets the high standards that the community has come to expect over many years and, in fact, will be all the better for the extra planning and preparation that this extra time allows.

What's Happening at the Showgrounds

The Yankalilla Show Society has been successful with its submissions to the Regional Agricultural Show Development Grants Program. This will see major upgrades to the building at the Show Grounds. Each of our projects aims to make the Show and the Show Grounds attractive to the local communities and visitors. The projects aim to increase the use of the facilities, to preserve and strengthen the historical charm and agricultural importance of our venue and our annual event, and to be sustainable.

We have an ongoing program of maintenance and upgrades at the Show Grounds, contracting local builders and tradespeople, and this funding will see a much needed boost to this ongoing effort. The projects that have received funding are:



A completely new kitchen

This will see the 1920 deteriorating kitchen interior removed and a commercial grade kitchen installed. This will enable catering for large or small events to be done on site and to meet health and safety requirements.

Repair of the render and painting of the front of the main hall

The render work on the front of the main hall is starting to show its age, presenting some safety concerns. We will be removing any loose render and repairing any structural problems, again using local tradespeople. Then, with fresh render and a coat of paint, our much loved hall will be ready to stand tall and safe for years to come.

Extension to the Pony Club room to house their horse jumping equipment

The Pony club have been and will continue to upgrade their jump equipment. Modern standards require safe and high quality equipment. By building a secure, weatherproof area to store this equipment, we will ensure their long and safe use and a valuable attraction for the Show.

A new amenities block to be built onto the large shed

We built the new pavilion a number of years ago to house our Photography section and undercover stall holders on Show Day. We have been working towards turning this



Render to be repaired



The kitchen will be fully replaced

building into an asset that can be used by the wider community throughout the year. We have already added power, lighting, and easy access from Jervois Rd. Now with the addition of toilets and showers the possible uses for our community be they regular or one-off events have greatly increased. The Commonwealth Government grant is a major acknowledgement of the success of our local show and the huge volunteer effort put in by our members and our community. Part of this effort is focused on applying for grants and over the years the Yankalilla Council's Community grants have assisted us in our in achieving our goals. This year's support was crucial as they helped us develop, draw, and gain approval for the plans we used when submitting for our federal grant.

As a safeguard our constitution states that if we spend over \$10,000 we need to consult with all our members. We are pleased to say this grant has

triggered this need. This is to be done through a Special General Meeting. In this time of Covid 19 we will be holding a virtual meeting through Zoom. We will send an email invitation to all our members for whom we have an email address.. Unfortunately, this leaves a significant number of members out of the loop. If you are one of these and have an email address, can you please email us at secretaryyankalillashow@gmail.com so we can update our record and invite you to join the meeting.



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Usually delivered in person, Living Smart courses provide the skills, motivation and community to help participants adopt sustainable behaviours at home and in the backyard.

Program coordinator Ruby Wake (Urban Sustainability Officer with Natural Resources AMLR) said the course will instead be delivered via the Zoom platform, to ensure the course remains available despite COVID19 restrictions.

"Participants will learn how to live simply, with topics including gardening, water, waste, healthy home and community – creative online activities will get people interacting hands-on, will feature guest speakers, and a virtual field trip," she said.

"The course would have been delivered in the city

but now is online, so anyone can join in."

As well as Living Smart, the AMLR Natural Resources Management (NRM) board is also supporting other online courses. These include connecting with nature, indoor plants, composting, natural cleaners and DIY produce bags.

Support from the AMLR NRM board together with the Adelaide Sustainability Centre has allowed the full seven-week course to be made available at a low cost of \$80 (full) and \$40 (concession).

Living Smart courses have been running in South Australia since 2016, and over 650 people have graduated from local courses across the state.

Two other online Living Smart courses will be delivered in July, Living Smart Prospect (with the City of Prospect and Prospect Local Environment Group) and Living Smart Port Adelaide Enfield (with the city of Port Adelaide Enfield and the Port Environment Centre).





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Furthermore, I love "the outdoor activities" and quite some years ago I did do rock climbing, sailing and a few others. Relaxing on the beach, swimming and walking are still very good things to do. "Work hard and rest hard", as the saying goes. Writing, at times, is a welcome retreat to engage somehow in different ways.

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BOSS Most Innovative Companies list is judged and compiled by BOSS and Australian innovation consultancy Inventium.

The award nomination recognises My Care Solution's unique model for in-home aged care services.

My Care Solution was established in Adelaide in 2018 by mother-daughter duo Lee and Gabby McBriarty and later joined by former Human Resources Director of Hilton Hotels, Mark McBriarty. The business now has an additional office located on the Fleurieu Peninsula and over 130 care staff.

Their model of home care integrates Mark's experience in executive roles with Hilton Hotels in the United States and Australia, Lee's experience as a nurse and Gabby's experience in aged care management. The end result is an aged care service that ensures a 5-star hospitality in the home experience.

"Our approach to home care stems from our belief that there needs to be a little more hospitality and a little less hospital in the aged care industry," Mark said.

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Of being shortlisted, Mark said "We're truly delighted to be in the running for such a prestigious award. We're a South Australian family-run business and we're trying our best to change home care for the better, so to be recognised on an Australasian scale is an honour."

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**ALEXANDRA
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Alex Padrissa is an experienced pharmacist with a background in hospital and community pharmacy. Shortly she will be commencing work at Southern Fleurieu Family Practice as the inaugural GP Practice Pharmacist, to support general practitioners, nurses and allied health staff to minimise the risks associated with medicines and optimise patient outcomes through the quality use of medicines. Alex is a generalist pharmacist with broad experience across many specialties, however she has a keen interest in Palliative Care and Gastroenterology. Additionally, she has recently returned from maternity leave to a new role as Clinical Educator (Pharmacy) at Flinders Medical Centre, and is passionate about teaching and professional development. Alex lives in Seaford Rise with her husband, two children, dog and chickens. She also enjoys baking - any excuse for morning tea will do!

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.

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