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Yankalilla Art Group's October Experience

Judith in action



Our recent October art session was everything perfect!

Location: The idyllic environs of the Myponga Reservoir.

Weather: Mild and sunny with a gentle zephyr occasionally moving our paper.

Artist: Our lovely Judith Sweetman who guided, encouraged and peppered her language with words like "lovely paintwork, striking colours, beautiful scenery, birds,

sky, weather and water". Soon we were also under the spell of the day given.

Artworks: Fresh, varied and, hopefully, capturing the mood, the view and the light. It was a challenge for those not used to painting en plein-air "in the open air". Enjoyment was the key.

We were happy also to have 3 teenagers with us who enjoyed their day.

Feel free to join us on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Our next artist is Jane Smeets.

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Cover photo: Auroras and star trails! Just the sort of thing for our Dark Sky community to indulge in.

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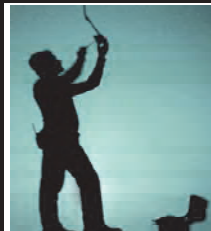
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Yankalilla District Residents Association

The next YDRA Meeting will be at Fleurieu Environment Centre (FLEC), Main South Road, Normanville on the 21st November 2024 at 4.00pm.

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Pictured: Winning team; Best and fairest; Players of the finals



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SHOW TIME!

What a great day we had at the Yankalilla Show! Our stall was a big success, and we would like to thank everyone who helped, whether by serving customers, setting up or packing up, baking, potting plants or making craft items. Special thanks to our Op Shop volunteers for setting up the "pop-up" shop at the stall, and to our Club Line Dancers who performed onstage. You all did a wonderful job of showcasing our Club to the community.



Anyone for CROQUET?

We are very excited that the Club now has a half-court Croquet lawn, between the road and the rotunda. On Thursday 10 October our resident Croquet experts conducted some Come & Try sessions. Thank you so much to Graeme, Fiona, Jane, Kathryn and Anne for your patience and expertise with our group of beginners. We learnt some basics and techniques of the game while having plenty of fun and laughs at the same time!

There will be more opportunities to try croquet in the near future, so keep an eye on our newsletters and Facebook page for details.



DIARY DATES for November

Tuesday 5 - Melbourne Cup Lunch 12.30pm

It's always a special "Day at the Races" at the Club! See separate advertisement below for all the details. *Please note that places are still available at YRN publishing deadline, but we may be booked out by the start of November.*



club fleurieu



MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH

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Thursday 7 - Film Night Screening starts 7.00pm

Southern Fleurieu Film Society presents "*The Last Days of Chez Nous*", an Australian comedy/drama. Bjorn's Bar will be open for drinks and icecreams. The pre-screening meal will have an Aussie flavour and will be served from 5.45pm for \$15. Visit sffs.org.au to join the Film Society so you can enjoy movie nights!



Tuesday 12 - Barbecue Lunch 12 noon, \$15 per person.

Tuesday 12 - Night Bingo 6.00pm... Eyes down at 7.00pm. Come along and try your luck! Bjorn's Bar will be open for refreshments. BYO nibbles. If you'd like to come as a group, please book by calling 0447 633 034.

Wednesday 20 - Club Lunch 12 noon. \$20 members/\$25 non-members.

Friday 29 - Happy Hour & Dinner from 5pm. \$20 members/\$25 non-members.

Please check our newsletter or website for menus. Bookings are required for all our meals.

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Filmmakers of locally made action-thriller *The Run* are seeking volunteer extras to appear in the movie's closing scene. Filming will take place in Rapid Bay on Friday, November 15th. If interested please follow this link for more information:

<https://forms.gle/SEdeTfcRaU5496tL7>

Sam Sharplin, a production coordinator working with Arterial Films told the YRN that a feature film titled *The Run* will be filming in Rapid Bay and around the Fleurieu in November.

"We are filming the movie's closing scene in Rapid Bay on Friday, November 15th and are seeking volunteer extras to appear in the film."

Sam can be contacted on: sam.arterialfilms@gmail.com

About the film

The Run is an action thriller set in a cold, post-pandemic world, cripples by climate change, lock downs and a tyragic fertility crisis.

A reculsive and reluctant smuggler finds himself begrudgingly helping a runaway teenager and her newborn baby. Together the unlikely pair must evade a ruthless family of criminals, and discover the redemption they both seek and the hope they both need

About the Filmmakers

The Run is produced by Arterial Films a locally owned and operated South Australian company. Co-funded by Stephen De Villiers and Chloe Gardner, Arterial films is built on nearly two decades of filmmaking experience.

Previous projects include feature documentary, *Burnt Half* (2023) filmed on Kangaroo Island in the wake of the 2020 bushfires. As well as award winning shorts and specials, *The Rover* of Tobruk, *Super Sounds* and *Finding Jia*.

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Lions Club of Yankalilla

October Dinner Meeting

At October's dinner meeting we were very pleased to have Trevor Gadd as our speaker.

Trevor spent a total of 4 years on Macquarie Island research station during 1964, 1968, 1969 and 2012. Macquarie Island is an island in the southwestern Pacific Ocean, about halfway between New Zealand and Antarctica. Regionally part of Oceania and politically a part of Tasmania, Australia, since 1900, it became a Tasmanian State Reserve in 1978 and was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1997.

Trevor spent his years undertaking wildlife research on penguins, albatross, elephant seals and other species.

This is not a place for 'ordinary' people. 12 month stints in one of the most aggressive places in the world with horrendous weather conditions.

In the early days Army amphibious Ducks were used to transport supplies from the supply ship to the island. The ships were very rudimentary by today's standards and used to roll over an arc of 92 degrees. Accommodation was challenging and warmth was by adding more clothes!

We heard many good stories about the challenges of working there and enjoyed every minute of it. Thank you, Trevor for spending the time with us.

Yankalilla Area School Lions Public Speaking contest

Once again, the Yankalilla and District Lions club had the honour of supporting and sponsoring this event at the Yankalilla Area school on Wednesday 25th September.

The judges from the Lions Club, Margaret Johnson, John Shanahan and Peter Filsell all commented on how confident they thought the speakers performed.

I think we all know how challenging speaking in a public forum can be so very well done all of the participants.

The winners of the 3 categories were as follows.

Years 4/5 Winners
1st Noah Bockman, 2nd Heidi Graetz, 3rd Emilia Buckle, Judges Choice: Ruby Thorn
Years 6/7 Winners
1st Lilly O'Brien, 2nd Tracey Singh, 3rd Ruby Mcquay, Judges Choice: Amber Durling
Years 8/9 Winners

1st Christine Stokes, 2nd Chloe Campbell, 3rd Willow Boylan, Judges Choice: Jade Coleman
Such is the interest in this event, it was attended by many Lions members as well as parents and teachers
We look forward to next year's event.

Yankalilla Show

Huge day at the Yankalilla Show on the Saturday of the long weekend helping to feed the masses from 8am to 3pm.

We used 38kgs of sausages equating to over 500 sausage sizzles and using about 20kg of onions.

16 dozen eggs and 19kg of bacon producing in excess of 250 egg and bacon sandwiches.

Overall, we used 58 loaves of bread and also sold about 200 cans of drink.

We also launched our 2025 Australia Day Raffle and sold more than 200 tickets.

You will see the raffle tickets being offered at venues and events in the area prior to Australia Day. As always great prizes for the winners! What a hungry and thirsty lot.

All the food was purchased from our local businesses and thank you for your support.

All the moneys raised from Saturdays BBQ go towards funding Yankalilla and District Lions Club projects and we thank you for YOUR support also.

Lions four wheel drive tour

Each year the Lions Club runs a 4WD tour of the southern Fleurieu peninsula on the weekend after the Yankalilla Show.

Open to car clubs it is run on the Saturday and Sunday and is one of our major fund raisers.

It gives many people who live outside of the locality the opportunity to see our wonderful country and coastline. This year, 60 people took part in the event and, as always, the feedback was that everybody loved it!

Thank you to Lions members Jim Biggs and Peter Krichauff who have run this event for many years and do a fantastic job. Also thanks to the other Lions members who acted as group leaders or gate openers and those who managed the administration process.

The club would also like to thank the various landowners whose land we traverse. Without their assistance and support we couldn't run this event... so a very big thank you indeed!



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car enthusiasts – there's fun for the whole family! Enjoy **music**, delicious **food**, interesting and exciting exhibits including the **Evolution of Cars**, displaying a tribute car for each decade of motoring since 1900. Plus... the kids can participate in our **Route 5203 activity for free!** And... don't miss the **Classic Fashions Competition**, where style from

decades past takes center stage. Why not join in the fun, and the competition and come dressed in your favourite fashions from a bygone era.

Whether you're here for the cars, the fashion, or a great **family day out**, there's something for everyone! See you there!



Trevor Gadd



Yankalilla Show



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4WD Tour



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The hollows of Wirrina Cove will once again come alive with singing fiddles, ringing banjos and soaring harmonies in the third week of November.

The annual **Wirrina Bluegrass and Acoustic Roots Festival** will come to the Wirrina Cove Holiday Park from the 22nd through the 24th, with concerts, workshops, jam sessions and dances from Friday evening through Sunday. Also, for the third year in a row, the **Wirrina Music Camp** will precede the festival, from Tuesday the 19th -Thursday the 21st.

This festival has developed a reputation for quality local, interstate and international acts, and this year is no exception. Special guest artists from the USA are celebrated Cherokee Nation fiddler **Nokosee Fields** and guitarist **Ryan Nickerson**. Local acts include perennial favorites **Crooked Road**, **Fiddle We Must**, and **Sue Baker and the Sourdoughs**, among many others. We are also pleased to welcome Victorians **Jonathan Ashley**, **The Cartwheels**, and more. As usual, from another part of the galaxy, will be the amazing **Andrew Clermont**.

The **2nd Annual Young Musicians Contest** will be part of Saturday's festivities, open to any person under 18 playing a stringed

instrument and/or singing in the folk, bluegrass, or old-time style.

Prior to the festival, the **Wirrina Music Camp** will feature three days of intensive classes, workshops and jam sessions. **Nokosee** and **Ryan** will teach classes on fiddle and guitar, respectively. New instructors will be **Chris Waite** (Bass) and **Josh Bennett** (mandolin/guitar) while back by popular demand are **Paul Cooper** (banjo), and **Sally Carter** (ukulele).

There is plenty of camping available at the Holiday Park, and all activities will be on site.

This festival is entirely organised and run by volunteers, and more are always welcome. If you would like to get involved (and earn a free ticket) call on 0428 263 795.

For a complete list and bios of festival performers and camp instructors, along with registration and all other information, see the festival website at

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Wirrina Bluegrass Festival
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Southern Fleurieu Film Society

In November, we return to an Australian city setting for **Last Days of Chez Nous**. This is a beautifully photographed movie by film-maker Gillian Armstrong with a screen play by fellow Australian, Helen Garner. It is an insightful, intelligent portrait of a modern household with a mix of fun, drama, domestic tension and the unravelling and construction of relationships. Mostly shot in Glebe, Sydney, there are also scenes shot near Broken Hill as the main character tries to repair ties with her fractious father.

The movie will screen at **Club Fleurieu on Thursday, November 7th**. Doors open at 6:30 with time for a catch-up, a drink or an ice cream before the 7:00pm start. Alternative venues are:

• Victor Harbor, **Victa Cinema, on Tue, 5th November.**

• Goolwa in **Centenary Hall on Wednesday, 6th November.**

Last month's **Victoria** had a mixed reception in Yankalilla. It scored an average of 2.9 stars out of a possible

5. The members who voted spread themselves evenly, with 7 people voting below 3 stars, 7 voting above, and 7 voting 3 stars. It seems to have been a good film society choice for provoking discussion and sharing different reactions. Remember to vote at the end of the evening.

See page 6 for news from Club Fleurieu of their popular pre-movie meal at 5:30pm. This is likely to be an Australian themed meal with a vegetarian option. Cost \$15.

Our last screening for the year is on December 5th with Wes Anderson's

quirky, colourful, Asteroid City. The 2025 season will start in February. To join or to renew membership and enjoy a monthly good night out, excellent company, and a film worth talking about go to <https://sffs.org.au>. Member benefits, past reviews and lots of information is available on the site.

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*Photo: MV Victoria salvage camp,
insert Sister Dorrington*

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Community Chronicles/Yankalilla Memorial Park mashup

Vol 3 2024 from DCY Councillor Karin Hatch

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Topic 1: Ghost houses!

At least, that was the media beat-up. The company PropTrack recently published a June 2024 report on vacant houses around South Australia. These data were reported on in several sources. Here is one: <https://www.realestate.com.au/news/revealed-where-thousands-of-vacant-homes-have-been-uncovered-in-sa/>

No surprise that the majority of vacancies across South Australia are in tourist locations (Table 1). For the Yankalilla District, Rapid Bay led the way in percent of vacant houses, but Carrickalinga takes the medal in sheer number of vacant homes.

The 2021 ABS Census (<https://abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/quickstats/2021/407011149>) estimates there are 4389 dwellings in our Council, but also states there are about 2.2 people per household. A household is not the same as a dwelling. If every single house listed in the PropTrack study were filled with 2.2 people, we'd have a population of at least 9000 instead of about 5800! That is even without considering farming homes outside the townships.

Interesting data. I suggest the high percentage of vacant homes number has major implications for how our state government allocates General Purpose Gants around SA. A story for another time. But then what is my point, and how do I mash this up with the Yankalilla Memorial Park??

Topic 2: Volunteering and the sheer workload on our residents.

On a couple of websites (SAcommunity.org and Govolunteer.com.au), I counted over 120 different organisations in the Yankalilla region that rely on a variable amount of volunteerism to accomplish their goals. Council has over 100 volunteers itself! Because we have about 4000 homes across our townships, as shown in the PropTrack study, it may appear to outsiders that we have a large number of full-time residents. But the reality is, we are actually a small community of hard-working people that volunteer much time and effort to keep our many

associations, clubs and other organisations alive and going.

Getting a lesson on the Toro mower

I also had a look at our age demographics in the Yankalilla district vs South Australia, again with data from the 2021 ABS Census. Those numbers are in the next table. In our resident pool of about 5800, 34% of us are over 64. This is significantly higher than the state value of 20% (although not as high as Victor Harbor, at a remarkable 42% over 64!). Given these numbers, we may rely on the over-64 volunteer group a bit more than the urban regions of SA, where the 20-64 age group is larger. Certainly a number of the committees I'm involved with tend to have an 'older person' balance!

The community-owned Yankalilla Memorial Park has a volunteer management committee that oversees the 6 sporting clubs in the Park, plus the overall functioning of the 30 hectares of land. Small fact about me; I'm the hockey representative on this committee, and have written occasional Memorial Park articles for the YRN that editor Paul Jelfs has kindly allowed us to include. (Speaking of volunteers, until the Park finds a person for the curator position, a few members of the sporting clubs have volunteered to take on the mowing during cricket season, using the small Toro mower (bottom right). Jeremy Parsons is getting prepared to do a practice run, while Troy Smedley, Luke Bartlett and Ryan Borlace look on. If there is anyone who might be interested in giving some time to the Park doing some odd jobs or else assisting with some of the administrative paperwork, please contact our President Peter Filsell (mob: 0427 534 095.)

The Memorial Park management group has now come to a bit of a crossroads. After many years of service, our secretary Robyn Hosking and our treasurer Jodie Lienert are both stepping down. They are heartily thanked for the time and effort they have given to the Park and the community in these roles. As everyone who has volunteered for an association or club knows, these are important jobs. We intend to reach out across the district to look for folks who might like to contribute to this amazing community facility. We will have had our AGM at the end of October, so by the time you read this in November, I hope we'll have another strong group of enthusiastic people in place to guide the Yankalilla Memorial Park.

Topic 3: Visit me any Monday morning, Councillor's corner.

I'm at the Yankalilla Memorial Park netball clubrooms every Monday morning from 10am. I am really enjoying my chats with residents, and gratified that the numbers are picking up. And if you're interested in further Council musings from me, follow my fb page <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61565885202907>

Yankalilla townships - vacant houses

Township	total homes	vacant homes	% vacant
Rapid Bay	36	34	94
Carrickalinga	795	604	76
Myponga Beach	71	50	70
Second Valley	231	155	67
Cape Jervis	287	135	47
Silverton	36	17	47
Deep Creek	25	11	44
Wirrina	166	63	38
Normanville	1330	492	37
Delamere	94	30	32
Parawa	52	15	29
Inman Valley	188	45	24
Myponga	283	34	12
Yankalilla	450	45	10
TOTALS	4044	1730	45

Table 1. Vacant houses in Yankalilla townships. Data from PropTrack study, reprinted here <https://www.realestate.com.au/news/revealed-where-thousands-of-vacant-homes-have-been-uncovered-in-sa/>

age group	# (DCY)	DCY %	SA %
over 64	1974	34%	20%
under 19	1044	18%	23%
19-64	2812	48%	57%

ABS Census data, 2021

Table 2. Age demographics in DC Yankalilla (from 2021 ABS Census)



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Christ Church Concentrates On Peace

The Walking with Jesus gathering in September was on the subject of Peace and was led by Belinda Rosser. This was the 9th topic this year in our series on the ways we can express the love of God in our lives. Paul's letter to the Romans, chapter 12, verses 16a and 18 give us this advice:

"Live in harmony with one another. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone".

The bible reading chosen to show the peace from Jesus was the story of his appearance to Mary outside the tomb and subsequently to the disciples (John 20:11-18). He brought his message "Peace be with you" three times. Peace had come to Mary when she regained her friend and master, but now it came to the other

disciples who were perplexed after hearing the stories of Jesus appearance.

We sang three beautiful songs about Peace: *Make me a channel of your Peace* (prayer of St Francis), *Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me* (Belinda had memories of this song every day at school chapel), and *Peace with the Father*, to the lovely Gibbons tune Song 47. This last one was our hymn of the month, sung every Sunday in September.

In discussion, we explored peace by looking for other words that came to mind when this topic is mentioned, such as comfort, quietness, relaxation and absence of anxiety. We realised that Jesus had used the term peace many times before his resurrection. On one such occasion (John 14, verse 27) says: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid". This had a special significance to the disciples because this peace would come from the work of the Holy Spirit as their "Comforter".

Members related the ways in which they found peace. Some of us found an inexplicable feeling of peace when totally immersed in water, perhaps because of the weightlessness in that environment. We referred to our painting by Barbara Robertson showing St Francis in "Sister Water" (opposite page). We realised that lack of peace often comes with a feeling of being weighed down with care. Jesus invites us to take off the cumbersome backpack we've been lugging around and exchange it for His "yoke" which He describes as easy and light (Matthew 11, verses 29-30). Jesus did the heavy lifting by carrying the weight of our sins on His shoulders.

We can also bring peace to others by bearing their burdens. Others in the group found their peace in nature, home, music, or in the presence of friends.

The topic of world peace is a serious one as well as personal peace, so we ended with this lovely prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the true King of Peace. In you is found perfect freedom. Please free our world from conflict. Bring unity to troubled nations. Let your glorious peace reign in every heart. Dispel all darkness and evil. Protect the dignity of every human life. Replace hatred with your love. Give wisdom to world leaders. Free them from selfish ambition. Eliminate all violence and war. Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on us. Jesus, we trust in you!

Services in November

SUNDAYS

11am, Holy Communion. November 3rd, 10th and 24th in the church. Healing prayers on the 24th.

10am, "Walking with Jesus" gathering in the church hall, November 17th. **Coffee/tea and cake to begin with.** Topic for discussion: **Grace.**

FRIDAYS

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Yankalilla Ladies Probus

Futuristic Dairy & Fantastic Dairying

What a wonderfully interesting month our members had in September. In the middle of the month, our group was given the opportunity to tour the Krichauff Robotic Dairy at Delamere. Chloe, Michael, Ann and Peter gave very generously of their time and knowledge as they showed us around their entirely automated dairy.

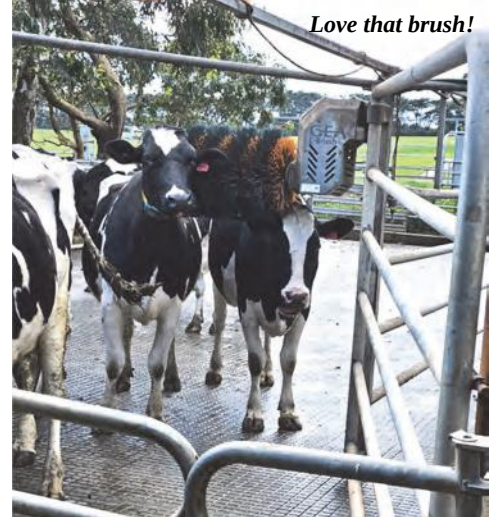
The whole operation is amazing, with cows coming through all by themselves, to be milked anytime day or night. Ah! you say, but what if they don't need milking when they decide to go in? The clever system will not allow entry to a cow that has been milked less than a set number of hours ago. We watched as the "ladies" strolled up, had a back scratch or head scratch from the rotating soft brush and then moved in turn into the milking bays, where the cups are attached automatically. The system recognises each cow from its transponder collar and even has a memory map of teat placement on the udder!

Truly amazing to see and we are very grateful to the Krichauff family for allowing us to visit. Our guest speaker for September was the charming Victoria Cornell, who as a child, swam the English Channel 4 times. 3 times one way in a team of 6 relay, and once both ways in a relay team. Daring must run in the family as her brother Thomas swam the Channel in 1988 when he was 12! Since then, the minimum age for Channel swimmers has been raised to 16. As

Victoria explained, you swim the Chanel "because it is there, a bit like climbing Mt Everest I suppose". Victoria is an eloquent speaker who, despite all that daring and stamina, is camera shy! Our members thoroughly enjoyed her presentation, and we are very grateful for her time.

We try to have informative speakers and entertaining outings regularly. We meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month, except December, at the RSL Hall Normanville.

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Chloe with Ann and her fabulous pink wellies.



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The club is approaching the busy time of the year with a number of social events, notably Ladies Day. Our sponsors South Coast Realty have been most generous with donation towards Ladies Day and the prizes. All Lady golfers are encouraged join in for a relaxed and friendly day.

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This month will be a "clip show" where I follow up on a few topics I've mentioned in earlier articles. Earlier this year I took a photo of Orion through the Carrickalinga lookout sign. And soon afterwards when the Carrickalinga Dark Sky campaigners asked if I had any night sky photos they could use, that was the one I sent them. It's since appeared in several international news stories about Carrickalinga's International Dark Sky Community accreditation. So I just had to repeat the photo a few weeks ago, but featuring the centre of the Milky Way instead. So here it is -- a world exclusive for the YRN!



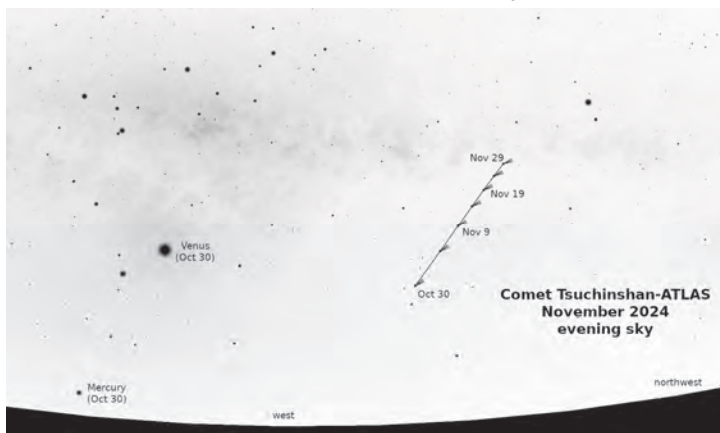
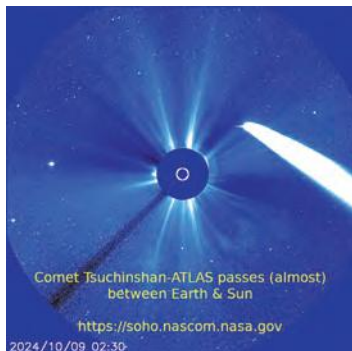
Comet Tsuchinshan-ATLAS survived its closest approach to the Sun and became a nice morning comet during late September-early October. Unfortunately my local weather featured clouds on the eastern horizon almost every morning so I had to wait until October 1 to see it. 10 minutes after I took this photo at 5am it was overcast yet again. And then a few days later the comet was too close to the Sun in the sky to be seen by anyone at ground level. But the Solar and Heliospheric Observatory (SOHO) space probe has been watching the Sun since 1995 and it got a front row view of this comet



passing by. Incidentally SOHO itself has discovered over 5000 comets; almost all of them far too small and dim to be discovered from ground level, and visible for only a day or two at most before they disintegrate approaching the Sun.

By the time this article gets published Comet Tsuchinshan-ATLAS should be visible in the evening sky. See the finder chart for November. The comet (and any tail) gradually fades during October-November as it recedes from both Sun and Earth. And bright moonlight in mid-November will blot it out, so late October and early November looks best.

This year and next year are aurora season for southern Australia and we've already had some good auroras this year. But there were



many other auroras that were very active during our daylight hours and then fizzled out before it got dark here. Auroras are fickle phenomena that change rapidly, so you should be reading dedicated aurora forecasting websites to get the most recent predictions. For example spaceweatherlive.com or spaceweather.com. Don't rely on the TV news or social media. A reminder too; you need a Kp of 6 or more plus a geomagnetic storm level of G3/G4/G5 to create an aurora that's visible from here. You should also be looking south towards a dark horizon too. And don't forget to consider (a) clouds and (b) moonlight. For example thousands of people swarmed down to the south coast of the Fleurieu to see the May 11-12 aurora - unaware of the fact that it's often overcast there at night whenever there's a south wind. We got a great view of that aurora near Carrickalinga, rising above the cloud deck over Parawa. And a bright moon will blot out auroras; for example the Aug 12-13 aurora was only visible to cameras before moonset but was easily eyeballed afterwards. See my phone camera before & after photos.



New discoveries continue to be made about auroras. For example in 2016 a purple-white "ribbon" or "belt" that's occasionally been seen for centuries during auroras was recognised as a distinct phenomenon of its own. It was whimsically named "Steve" by its discoverers because they (initially) had no idea of its cause but still needed a label for it. It's now known to be a fast-moving east-west stream of 3000°C plasma 400-500km above the ground, occurring closer to the equator than auroras. So it tends to be seen above or to one side of auroras from non-polar latitudes. But the label has been kept, and acronymed into Strong Thermal Emission Velocity Enhancement (STEVE). It's definitely related to auroras but the cause is still a mystery.

Most of the October 11 aurora event happened during our daytime,



but it lingered long enough and bright enough to be seen for about an hour during our night sky tour that evening -- despite the half full moon. And it concluded with a bright photogenic STEVE (the bright dot to its right is Venus). The photo also shows clouds over the south coast, again caused by a south wind that would have frustrated aurora watchers there. And 20 minutes after this photo was taken, all auroral activity had ceased for the night.

Bright planets in November & December:

Mercury is visible in the western evening sky until late November, when it disappears into the sunset to reappear as a morning planet from mid-December. It's near the Moon on the evening of Nov 3 and again on the mornings of Dec 29 & 30.

Venus continues as a bright evening planet throughout November & December. It's near the Moon on Nov 5 and again on Dec 4 & 5. It's also passing across the central Milky Way during November.

Mars finally becomes an evening planet, rising at midnight in mid-November and by about 10pm in mid-December. Look for the bright orange dot in the eastern sky. It's near the Moon on Nov 20 and again on Dec 18.

Jupiter is rising in the northeast as mid-November evening twilight turns to darkness. During December it's rising in the east while the Sun is setting in the west. It's near the Moon on Nov 17 and again Dec 14.

Saturn is visible high in the northern evening sky during November and December. It's near the Moon on Nov 10 & 11 and very close to the Moon on Dec 8 (if you're in Darwin, the Moon passes in front of Saturn that afternoon). And its rings still almost edge-on.

New Moons Nov 1 and Dec 1 & 31, **First Quarter Moons** Nov 9 and Dec 9, **Full Moons** Nov 16 and Dec 15, and **Last Quarter Moons** Nov 23 and Dec 23. **Closest approaches to Earth** on Nov 14 & Dec 12.

The Leonids meteor shower peaks during the mornings of Nov 18 & 19 but bright moonlight will spoil the view this year. Bright moonlight will also spoil the view of this year's **Geminid** meteor shower, which peaks on the night of Dec 14 -15.

.. This is my last Night Shift article for the time being. And the Fleurieu Stars night sky tours are also shutting down at the end of this month for medical reasons. A serious childhood head injury has recently resurfaced, with an unclear prognosis (or treatment) at time of writing.

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In this series of Yankalilla Regional News we have been visiting different sites on the Fleurieu to look at the geology. In this article we will take a "side trip" to talk about our amazing megafauna.

Megafauna

I have been doing some sleuthing since the last megafauna YRN article.

We could be considered the coastal megafauna capital of South Australia from what has been found here!

An article in the Register of 28th May 1892 mentions megafauna bone and teeth fossils "found in a large boggy spring on Mr. Robertson's farm some 1.5 miles south of Normanville." These were sent to the British Museum and some also made their way to the South Australian Museum.

Figure 1 shows all the animals present in that fossil find. Some are still around today but all the large animals went extinct around 43,000 years ago.

Figure 1-Normanville's megafauna. Williams, 1980, Wikimedia Commons, Wikipedia. ►

The environment was dry with mulga scrub-see Figure 2. The largest marsupial to ever live, diprotodon, existed from 1 million years ago until around 43,000 years ago. A lot of research is currently going into what caused the megafauna extinctions. Flinders University is one of the leading establishments in the country studying these animals and finding many new fossils in Lake Callabonna in northern SA.



Figure 2-megafauna "around Normanville, 100,000 years ago". Image by Peter Trusler, Monash University.

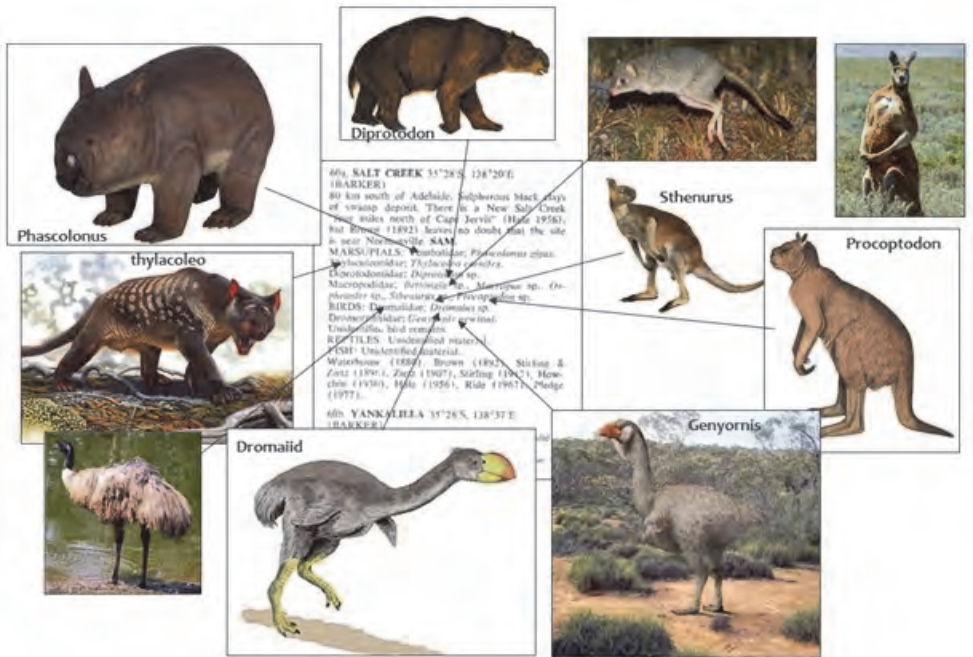
Megalania-Figure3-has not yet been found here but was likely to be present as it is an apex predator. That is one big goanna!



Figure 3- model of Megalania. www.reddit.com/pathoftitans.

Figure 4 shows all the megafauna find sites in South Australia-Normanville is red circle.

Figure 4-megafauna fossil sites in South Australia. Williams, 1980. ►



Many find sites, such as Lake Callabonna-Figure 5- are dry and bleak and represent dried up lakes. Nevertheless, keep your eyes open locally as the pinkish clays that you see near the tops of cliffs at Hallett Cove and Maslins are Pleistocene in age and may contain megafauna. A diprotodon tooth was found on the beach at Hallett Cove!

Figure 5-Lake Callabonna megafauna site. Flinders University Palaeontology.

Footprints of megafauna have been found in many places, including Middleton Beach! Lake Callabonna has several sets and western Victoria is proving rich in these fossils. Figure 6 shows diprotodon footprints made in mud.



Figure 6-possible diprotodon footprints. Author.

The megafauna lived from around 1 million years ago until 43,000 years ago-a long period with lots of climate change-Figure 7. This figure shows sea level changing over that time-low sea level is a glacial time when the water is frozen as ice and snow, and high sea level is a warm time when the ice has melted. Age is along the bottom axis and amount of sea level fall is on the side axis. Today is on the right end, note the huge sea level fall some 20,000 years ago-some 120m (400 feet). Today is the highest sea level in those 800,000 years graph so the beach is closest to Normanville now but was much further away when the sea level was low-Figure 7. This shows the beach was out past Kangaroo Island 20,000 years ago and we would have a lot of dry scrub in front of Normanville. The ancestral Murray River would have cut through this region and have supported many megafauna groups.



Figure 7-our coastal plain 20,000 years ago. Google maps, author.

Figure 8 show some of the Normanville megafauna bones kept at the SA Museum. (As an aside the museum may be in real trouble because of cuts mooted by the government. Such work as studying these fossils and looking after them may disappear. Write to your MP-I have and David "Pretty Fishes" Muirhead has!)



Figure 8-Normanville megafauna bones at the SA Museum, courtesy of Fraser Brown from Flinders University Palaeontology.



Figure 9-marsupial lion skeleton. Courtesy of Flinders University Palaeontology.

An interesting aspect of some of these bones is that they have bite marks on them-likely to be from the fearsome marsupial lion, thylacoleo.

Figure 9 shows a thylacoleo skeleton recently constructed by Flinders University Palaeontology.

Flinders University may be undertaking a search for the original fossil site soon so cross those fingers for a successful hunt as that site "puts us

on the map"!

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How to make your lights Dark Sky friendly

In case you've not heard, in May 2024 Carrickalinga achieved international accreditation as the first Dark Sky Community in Australia. The result of several years of work involving both community and Council, we now have a way forward to ensure that light pollution remains minimal and that we can enjoy beautiful dark starry nights long into the future.

One of our next tasks is to talk about what we can all do to minimize light pollution in our homes and gardens. Essentially there are five principles for responsible outdoor lighting that can help us make smart choices to reduce light pollution. These are very simple and obvious when you think about them, and are valuable for everyone whether in the city or country - not only the residents of Carrickalinga.

Since Carrickalinga's accreditation, many communities have expressed interested in reducing light pollution and we are happy to help. Look out for us in the Normanville Pageant this year and we'll be delighted to chat!

In the meantime check out these five simple principles for your own home and garden.

For further information about light pollution and the international Dark Sky movement, as well as ways to reduce light pollution, please visit the *Dark Sky International* website (darksky.org). You'll find us there along with over 200 proud Dark Sky Places around the world.

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Five Lighting Principles for Responsible Outdoor Lighting



DarkSky



Illuminating

Responsible outdoor lighting is	1 Useful	Use light only if it is needed All light should have a clear purpose. Consider how the use of light will impact the area, including wildlife and their habitats.	
	2 Targeted	Direct light so it falls only where it is needed Use shielding and careful aiming to target the direction of the light beam so that it points downward and does not spill beyond where it is needed.	
	3 Low Level	Light should be no brighter than necessary Use the lowest light level required. Be mindful of surface conditions, as some surfaces may reflect more light into the night sky than intended.	
	4 Controlled	Use light only when it is needed Use controls such as timers or motion detectors to ensure that light is available when it is needed, dimmed when possible, and turned off when not needed.	
	5 Warm-colored	Use warmer color lights where possible Limit the amount of shorter wavelength (blue-violet) light to the least amount needed.	



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NEW PLAYER LIFE MEMBERS

L-R: Helen Maidment, Claire Ellis, Natasha Hunt, Cath Thorn, Michelle James, Kelly Willmore

On Saturday 22 September we celebrated the achievements of our Senior Teams, umpires and volunteers at the Normanville Surf Club. It was a fantastic evening filled with great friends, great food and of course plenty of dancing. Congratulations to all the 2024 award winners. There have been plenty of memorable milestones this year.

Senior 7:

Best & Fairest: Meg Ward
Coaches Award: Kate Wenham
Most Improved: Lucy Threadgold

Senior 6:

Best & Fairest: Tash Bailey
Players Award: Amy Ewers

Senior 4:

Best & Fairest: Kirsty Canham
Runner Up B&F: Laura Bockman

Senior 3:

Best & Fairest: Ali Barnes
Runner Up B&F: Claire Ellis
Players Award: Ali Barnes

Senior 2:

Best & Fairest: Emily Rufus
Runner Up B&F: Hanna Leadbeater
Coaches Award: Kelly Willmore

League:

Best & Fairest: Brittany Bugg
Runner up B&F: Millie Basedow

Joan Jennings Award (most votes in the GSNA League side): Millie Basedow

Player Life Members

300 Club

2011 Joanne Tayler, 2013 Claire Ellis & Cath Thorn, 2017 Helen Maidment, 2019 Lisa Daniell, 2021 Natasha Hunt, 2021 Michelle James, 2024 Kelly Willmore.

Club Milestones:

50 Games played:

Tarni James, Elisah Biddle, Hanna Leadbeater, Brooke McIntyre, Laura Bockman, Jessica Madden, Hayley Madden, Heidi Graetz, Ruby Thorn, Samiah Kuschel, Eve McArdle, Jade Burgess, Shilo Ternent, Sienna Bull, Emily Soper

100 Games Played: Kirsty Canham, Lily Major, Chloe Coombs

200 Games Played: Katie Wenham, Brittany Bugg, Bonnie

Willmore

300 Games Played: Kelly Willmore

350 Games Played: Helen Maidment

450 Games Played: Claire Maidment

550 Games Played: Fiona Fulton

Umpiring Milestones:

50 Games: Jess Madden

400 Games: Jodie Lienert

Volunteer of the Year Award:

Tim Miller

Juniors

Junior Presentations were held on Friday 21 September at the Yankalilla Football Club. It was a great night celebrating everything juniors and to see so many kinds having a wonderful time celebrating together as a team. Congratulations to all the award winners and the coaches for all you have done throughout the season.

Inter 1:

Best & Fairest: Halle James
Runner Up B&F: Sophie Blackburn
Coaches Award: Sienna Bull

Inter 2:

Best & Fairest: Shiloh Ternent
Runner Up B&F: Jasmine Fulton

Inter 3:

Best & Fairest: Charlee Borlace
Runner up B&F: Scarlett Black & Charlotte Steer

Inter 4:

Best & Fairest: Eve McArdle
Runner Up B&F: Paige Paxton
Coaches Award: Ella Sauerbier

13 & Under Div 3:

Best & Fairest: Jorja Smart
Runner Up B&F: Sophia Campbell
Most Improved: Juliet Reynolds & Grace Campbell

Most Valued Player: Emily Soper
Coaches Award Alice Fernside

11 & Under Div 2:

Best & Fairest: Tracey Hue Linh Singh
Runner Up B&F: Zoe James

Coaches Award: Meka Sauerbier

11 & Under Div 3:

Best & Fairest: Chloe Richardson
Coaches Award: Macy Bennett

Jill May Award (most votes in the GSNA Juniors): Charlee Borlace

Jodie Lienert Umpires Award:

Sienna Bull

9 & under moving up to 11 & under next year

Skyla Aitken, Isabelle Bockman, India Edwards, Matilda Graetz, Ayla Hutton, Tayla James, Ruby Molyneux, Regan Schubert, Charlotte Stone

AGM

The AGM was held on 14 October with a good attendance to see our new committee voted in:
President: Darren Burgess

Vice President: vacant

Secretary: vacant

Assistant Secretary: Amanda Todd

Treasurer: Millie Basedow

Assistant Treasurer: vacant

Junior Coordinator: Tim Miller

Assistant: vacant

Senior Coordinator: Laureen Bond

Assistant: Fiona Fulton

Parks Delegate: Ali Barnes

GSNA Rep: Julie Parsons, Corinna Rodrigues

Recording Secretary: Fiona Fulton

Umpire Coordinator: Jess Madden

Canteen: Roxanne Chapman

Egg & Bacon: Kirsty Canham

Sponsorship Coordinator: Mel Andrews

Fundraising: Katie Wenham

Uniform Coordinators: Corinna Rodrigues, Jenny Howes

Child Safety: Mel Steer

Coaching Coordinator: Cath Thorn

Communications Coordinator: Tim Miller

General Committee: Jodie Lienert, Kellie Madden, Jackie Smith, Ali Miller, Jodie Buckle

Can you help?

We do have a few positions that need to be filled, so if you would like to join this great club and be part of the exciting future of the Yankalilla Netball Club please contact our President Darren Burgess or email your intentions to: admin@yanknetball.com

New Uniform

The Yankalilla Netball Club will be having a new uniform this year also, which will be available to purchase on our online shop late November, so keep you eye out and get your order in early. Trials will be staring mid-January. If you would like to be kept informed of the dates, please email your intentions to admin@yanknetball.com or join our Facebook page: **Yankalilla Netball Club** and be kept up to date of what is happening in our club.



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Yankalilla Men's Shed

Before I say anything else I must thank the staff at the Normanville Bakery for their kind support of the Yankalilla Men's Shed in the form of unsold pastries and bread. In the Men's Shed article for the September YRN I neglected to thank them, and I sincerely apologise. The baked goods available there are amazing as many of our members can attest to.

The Yankalilla Show has been and gone, and the Men's Shed had a stall there selling items that we have made over the last few months. The wooden toys and leafy sea dragon engraved chopping boards were particularly popular. The chopping boards make great Christmas presents and the Men's Shed can also engrave the name of one of the local towns beneath the leafy sea dragon image. They make attractive and useful souvenirs.

The October long weekend was a busy time for the Men's Shed. Not only did we man a stall at the show but we also manned a stall in Normanville along with the Yankalilla Branch National Trust SA.

If you haven't yet thought about joining the Yankalilla Men's Shed, why not come on in for one of the 3 free visits. Not only is there an amazing array of machinery for woodworking and metal working but there are always a few members in the kitchen to have a friendly chat with. The Tuesday and Friday mornings regulars are mostly retirees, and the Shed is open on

Wednesday evenings for those less fortunate men who still have to work for a living. One of the things that I realised about the Men's Shed members is the incredible amount of collective knowledge and life experience that they are very willing to share. I can get advice there on almost anything as there is usually someone who has the knowledge or who has experienced the same problem or issue. Come along and check it out for yourself, we don't bite (unless you smell like a cake or a donut).

Photos: The Men's Shed stall at the Yankalilla Show; Beautiful hand made wooden reindeer; Inside the Normanville Bakery with one of its fantastic staff members; A Carrickalinga version of our wooden chopping board; The Men's Shed stall in Normanville on the October long weekend



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Crested Threefin *Trinorfolkia cristata*

Threefins or Triplefins are a big group of small fish characterized by having three dorsal fins, although often only the first two have strong supporting rays. Because the rear-most (third) dorsal fin is often hard to see (smaller, more transparent, and the weak rays give this third fin a tendency to flop sideways or flatten backwards easily), this three dorsal fins moniker is less useful for classification in the field than you'd think.

The Crested Threefin is common in shallow coastal waters of SA, yet was only described in 1986, by Rudie Kuiter, a Victorian. He's a great Aussie example of how much citizen scientists can achieve without formal qualifications (in their area of scientific interest, hence the term citizen science).

This species is essentially endemic to South Australia, although there have been occasional records from Cape Le Grande WA.

Globally, Threefins (Family Tripterygiidae) are mainly tropical. At present there are an estimated 25 genera and about 150 species. As all are small (very few exceed about 10cm TL and most are barely half that long), and none are of major commercial interest (apart from aquarium displays), very little is known about them generally, let alone at species level. There are probably many species still unknown or undescribed, especially in tropical seas. Most species live in shallow reef habitats, including the ~12 Australian genera, and 8 of those genera have representatives on Australia's southern coast. About 10 species are naturally occurring, but at least one more, the Kiwi Threefin, was accidentally introduced near Geelong from NZ in the 1990s, and given the persisting global and local low research interest in the Threefin Family, there are probably other 'exotic' threefin species already established at major ports along our southern coastline, whose presence here remains undocumented.

But my pretty fish choice for October is one of only three species in Genus *Trinorfolkia*, and all are found only along southern coastal Oz. So this threefin genus is unusual in being endemic to our temperate marine waters. All three members occur in SA, but our Crested Threefin has the smallest distribution, being essentially confined to SA coastal waters.

Cresteds can attain TLs of 8cm, but most I see are only about 5-6cm long. Add their rather shy nature and love of shady nooks, and the species can seem uncommon, even rare, but it's actually common on nearshore reefs everywhere in SA, easily overlooked, but common. From intertidal to about 15m depth, most sightings being in less than 5m. It's also the prettiest in its genus, although males of the threefin species most often seen by SA snorkelers and divers, the Blackthroat Threefin *Helcogramma decurrens*, are the prettiest threefins here. They're even smaller, but attract attention because they are much bolder, less sun-shy, and often park themselves within inches of divers' facemasks, showing off their bright green to gold heads which contrast strikingly with their black chins. But the females are quite drab, and that's a common theme among Family Tripterygiidae worldwide.

Crested Threefins have less sexual dimorphism than many other Threefins, but the females are still less colourful than males, and this gender colour contrast becomes more obvious in breeding season. Breeding males are also bigger than their female partners, and are very protective, as should be clear in at least one of the accompanying photos. The male is lying on top of the female, so only her pale brown to spotty whitish head and foreparts are visible. Their eggs are hemispherical and covered with numerous sticky threads that anchor them to small algal plants (diminutive seaweeds) coating rocks at the reef nesting sites. The larvae are briefly planktonic in shallow nearshore waters.



through to light or dark pink, sometimes even rich red. If the seaweed and other encrusting lifeforms coating rocks where they live is dark, the fish will be dark, and vice versa. If their habitat is mostly green-brown, the fish will adopt the same base colour. When they're in red algae (Fun Fact: did you know that southern Australia has more species of red seaweed than anywhere else on the planet?), they often look very smart indeed!



Regardless of base colour, Crested Threefins usually have 6 darker bars on the back and side (not always though), with a pair of dark and pale bars below the eye. The first dorsal fin (the tall front spiky-looking bit that's longer in males) is generally pale and can be white, and those first dorsal fin spines tend to have brown on white bands.

I hope you've enjoyed this intro to threefins, because I'm keen to cover the others here in Yankalilla Bay. They're all sufficiently attractive to satisfy the term Pretty, and for several I've better quality photos. I'll end on that note!

[The End]



The specific name is from the Latin 'cristatus' (=crested, combed, tufted) in reference to the tall first dorsal fin of males. (Look again at the photo to see the gender discrepancy in length of the first dorsal fin).

Quite apart from gender colour differences (aka sexual dimorphism, a term which can also apply to differences in body size, length and shape of fins etc, not just colours and markings), colour and markings within most threefin species vary considerably to suit their habitat. Both male and female Cresteds can have base colours from dark yellow-brown to grey-brown, to slate grey,





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Which came first, chickens or eggs? The answer is: EGGS

We're pleased to announce our 'Amaroo Farm' chickens placed 6th (out of 40 school entries) at the Royal Adelaide Show and, you guessed it... **our eggs came first!**

Closer to home, our Amaroo Farm Agriculture team enjoyed participating in the local Yankalilla Show. For the first time ever, we entered beef cattle into the show and our students did a great job grooming the animals and exhibiting our cattle on the lead.

We also exhibited our chickens which were a favourite with young show-goers. In the main hall, the fresh produce from our school vegetable garden was on display. We appreciated the judges awarding us several blue-ribbon prizes, including Fruit, Vegetable & Farm Produce 'Most Successful Exhibitor'.

Another exhibit at the Yankalilla Show was created by our Yr 4-8 students. They displayed their wonderful works of art along the wall of

the Art Exhibition shed in a mural entitled 'Harmony of Land and Sea'. The brightly coloured mural is comprised of pottery tiles depicting the connections that students have with the sea, farm life and community in the Yankalilla region. If you missed seeing it at the show, you can view it at the Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre as the 'Artist of the Month' exhibition for October.

Yankalilla Area School was recently awarded a Team prize for their Internationalising Schools Program.

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Participating students have been learning about ecosystems, agriculture, and indigenous cultures. Beyond Harmony Day and Refugee Week, YAS students have been involved in creating an indigenous Garden, Global Garden, and in language and cultural exchange.



(Source: Yankalilla Area School News Term 2 Week 2 2023, <https://www.yankas.sa.edu.au/enews?nid=43>)

The mural pictured here features butterflies and endangered Tarsier and Anoa from the land around Yankalilla's sister school in Makassar, Sulawesi (Indonesia). Sketches were done by Keyla, a Makassar student, and developed into a mural by local year 9 students Lilly, Chayse, and Ebony under the direction of Bu Ellin.

Over time, activities such as this have helped students understand and connect with the UN Sustainable Development Goals – in this case Goal 15: Life on the Land.

The award was given by Together For Humanity, an organisation that works with schools to promote a more cohesive and inclusive society through intercultural understanding.

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Come and check out the Fleurieu Environment Centre!

At the Fleurieu Environment Centre (FLEC) we're a dedicated community of volunteers and staff committed to empowering people to live sustainably and help enhance our natural environment. FLEC delivers workshops, educational events and serves as a hub for a diverse range of services and resources related to the environment and sustainable living practices.

If you want to get involved with any aspect of what we do, feel free to pop into FLEC, located at Shop 3/50 Main Street, Normanville to have a chat to one of our volunteers or staff members. Our opening hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10am-3pm and Saturday 10am-1pm. You can also stay connected with us by joining our free mailing list on our website: www.flec.com.au or drop in to register.

Fleurieu Environment Centre and local Landcare group events in November

Friday 1, 9am - **Friends of Nixon Skinner Working Bee**, meet at Nixon Skinner Conservation Park, Myponga

Saturday 2, 9.20am - **Veggie Swap** at Fleurieu Environment Centre, 50 Main Rd, Normanville

Monday 4, 9.30am - **Fleurieu Coast Community Nursery Working Bee** at 1 Kemmiss Hill Rd, Yankalilla

Wednesday 6, 9 to 11am - **Community Gardening Session** at Youth Park, 180 Main South Rd, Yankalilla

Saturday 9, - **Friends of Banksia Park Working Bee/Celebration Brunch**. If you can, please bring a plate to share.

Thursday 14, 5.30 to 7pm - **Firewise Climate Futures: and Fleurieu Environment Centre AGM** at the Normanville Hotel, 46 Main Rd, Normanville

(More information below)

Saturday 16, 9am - **Friends of Bungala River Group Working Bee** at BBQs Bungala Park, Normanville

Sunday 17, 10am to 12pm - **Community Gardening Session** at Youth Park, 180 Main South Rd, Yankalilla

Sunday 17, 9 to 11am - **Friends of Wirrina Working Bee** at Wirrina foreshore

Monday 18, 9.30am - **Fleurieu Coast Community Nursery Working Bee** at 1 Kemmiss Hill Rd, Yankalilla

Saturday 16, 9am - **Friends of Bungala Park Working Bee** at the BBQs in Bungala Park

Monday 25 - **Bird watching group local field trip**

Please contact Wendy (wwhite140@gmail.com) for address and further details

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We also proudly support six Landcare groups: Friends of Banksia Park, Friends of Bungala River, Friends of Nixon Skinner, Friends of Wirrina Cove, Cape Jervis Coastal Community Group, and Second Valley Environment Group. These groups work tirelessly to enhance biodiversity and revegetate our local landscapes.

Firewise Climate Futures: and Fleurieu Environment Centre AGM

Join us for a lively panel discussion and community Q&A about Firewise preparedness, Climate preparedness, and Community preparedness with Craig Wilkins, Dani Austin, and Paul Green. Followed by our Fleurieu Environment Centre AGM.

This is a free event! For more details and to RSVP head to www.flec.com.au/events or the link via the QR code.

This event is part of the Fire Wise Education Project being facilitated by the Fleurieu Environment Centre. The project is supported by the Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife and has received grant funding from the Australian Government through the Preparing Australian Communities local stream.

What a fantastic time was had at the Yankalilla Community Garden Spring Open Day!

The day featured an inspiring talk from gardening expert Sophie Thompson on how community gardens connect us to nature, food, and each other. Families enjoyed arts and crafts with Maddie, while Simon demonstrated how to grow seedlings using no plastic, followed by learning about low-waste, circular gardening with Bill, one of our knowledgeable volunteers. The event wrapped up with live music, tea & cakes, and a chance to chat with Sophie one-on-one. All thanks to the amazing volunteers who made it all possible!

At our regular 1st Wednesday of the month gardening session, the Yankalilla Community Garden volunteers planted strawberries and prepared a raised bed for summer by digging in a green cover crop. They found evidence of nitrogen-fixing nodes on broad bean roots, showing how cover crops enrich the soil. And of course, they picked some fresh organic produce. Exciting progress is also being made on the garden shelter, with paving and seating installation still to come!

If you'd like to join the next session or have questions, email communitygarden@flec.com.au.

We'd love to see you there! Kind regards and happiness.

Colleen



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Thursday 14th November, 5.30pm
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Myponga Reservoir parkrun

16/10/2024

In recent reports in the Yankalilla Regional News we have focused on some participants who had reached significant milestones. Getting to a milestone whether as a participant or a volunteer takes a regular commitment and means missing out on Saturday morning sleep-ins. One thing people realise once they have a go though, is that involvement in the parkrun world can become quite addictive.

Milestones are a significant occasion for a parkrunner/walker but a number of volunteers are needed each week for a parkrun to happen successfully. We have a few local volunteers headed for their 50th and even 100th volunteer credit too, you do not have to be a runner or walker to enjoy being a part of a parkrun.

Another significant part of parkrun is the inclusive community that prevails. People walk, they take part when pregnant, they push young and not so young babies in pushers and parkrun is welcoming to people with disabilities. Whilst Myponga reservoir parkrun is not the easiest course to get around and it does get very muddy in the middle of winter, we have welcomed a blind runner (with a VI Guide) and we have welcomed people in 3 and 4 wheel mobility chair type carriages.

Zoe Grant who has done 230 events and gets around in a wheelchair has taken part in our event at least 3 times with her father, Paul who is currently on 263 events, her brother Cody on 271 events and her mother Wendy on 293 events. Zoe uses what is called a Trailrider at Myponga, and has taken part in events at Seacliff, Moana, Mt Beauty (VIC), the Shiraz Trail at McLaren Vale, Belair which has pretty rough and hilly terrain and

Echuca (VIC) among many others. That means the family are collectively over 1,000 parkruns at 34 different locations around Australia. (Not including Cody and Wendy running at Bushy Park, the Home of parkrun in England this year where Cody completed his 250th). Paul or Wendy push Zoe who generally run with a 'Freewheel' attachment on the front of the wheelchair but for difficult terrain, Zoe uses an X-Rover buggy or the Trailrider motorised off-road wheelchair that is free to loan from the Yankalilla Visitors Centre.

At our 120th event on Saturday 28th September, local participant Sue Merchant completed her 100th parkrun. Sue with her husband Lee runs and walks at various parkrun events around South Australia and often volunteers as well. Congratulations Sue, may there be many more parkrun/walks.

Our parkrun happens at 8am every Saturday at the Myponga Reservoir Kayak Carpark at the end of Eatts Street, Myponga. parkruns are free, weekly, community events that happen in over 500 towns/cities in Australia and all around the world on Saturday mornings in local parks and open spaces. Parkrun is a positive, welcoming and inclusive experience where there is no time limit and no one finishes last. Everyone is welcome to come along, whether you walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate. There is no pressure to be a runner!

How do I take part? Registration is completely free and only needs to be done online once, whether you intend to walk, jog, run, or volunteer or do a combination of all these things! Simply complete the registration form at parkrun.com.au, and head down to your local event, be it Myponga Reservoir or elsewhere in South Australia,

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Paul, Zoe and Cody at a very early Myponga Reservoir parkrun event.



Cody, Wendy, Paul and Zoe with Mary Callahan, Run Director at Myponga Reservoir parkrun Event #120



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Sue, crossing the finish line in her Cape made for the occasion.



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We would like to thank our funding sponsors and partners who enable us to deliver our programs. The Fleurieu Environment Centre is part of the Greater Adelaide Environment Network, seeded by Green Adelaide with support from Landscapes Hills and Fleurieu.



Discussions - Letters - Opinions

Best Yank Show Ever

We have lived here for 25 years and have attended the show every year. In our opinion the show this year was the best ever.

There was plenty of free entertainment and attractions. The food and merchandise stalls were extra good. There was a happy vibe among the people attending.

Congratulations to the committee and hard working volunteers for their outstanding efforts.

**Jenny & Bob Miller
Normanville**

The Yankalilla Show wrap up is on the next page

All photos supplied by the Yankalilla Show



Another Successful Show for 2024



The 142nd year of the Yankalilla Show did not disappoint. The weather was mild to warm with a bit more wind than many would have desired and a brief heavy shower a little after 11am but, overall, a lovely day. And the crowds came, the kids chasing the rides, the pet zoo, the rock climbing wall, the farm animals, the horses, Show Bags and a range of yummy treats to eat. The Drumming Monkees were again a big success and there was a wide range of things to do and see. The adults explored the art, the photography, the antique machinery, the flowers, the vegetables, the handicrafts and cookery, and a wide range of stalls selling interesting things. In brief, there was something for everyone old and young and the atmosphere was vibrant and full of fun and entertainment. The sheep shearing attracted a good crowd, as usual and there were steady streams of people exploring exhibits in the Hall, the Art Shed and the big shed we call 'The Pavilion'. Local

musicians and singers performed on the two entertainment stages all day and a quiet drink could always be found at 'Nigel's Bar'.

The Show was officially opened by Katie Bell, a Show Committee Member and Convenor of the Cattle, Dairy, and 'Beaut Utes' Sections. Katie talked passionately about the need for youth involvement in local shows and gave a little of her history and interest in regional shows and community engagement. Katie has certainly lived up to her words by working tirelessly during the year to pull together three Sections at the Show.

So, a good day was had by all on the backs of the tireless group of volunteers and Section Convenors to produce a quality experience and, of course, the Service groups who support the Show every year (Thank you Lions and Rotary), the local businesses, the Council and community groups who sponsor the Show, and the individuals and



families who come to have fun in their community and advocate for their areas of interest as well as connecting with others throughout the district.

To summarise, activities included Fleurieu Marine Education, Jam the Unicycling Juggler, Rock Climbing Wall, The Amazing Drumming Monkees, Yalkin Spanish Horses, Performers on each Stage, and Shearing Demonstrations, Animal Nursery, Antique Farm Machinery, Camel rides, School for Dogs Aldinga, Show Bags, Sideshows and Rides, Shorn to Worn Spinning & Knitting demos, and the Yankalilla Show Trail. Featured competitions included Sheep Special Prizes, Beef and Dairy Cattle, Creative Native Native Foods Special Competition, Fruit and Veg Special Prizes, Handicraft Special Prizes, Needlework Special Prizes, Photography (Best Photo in Show, Our Heritage & Second Valley Challenge), Tea Cosy Competition, and the Yankabald (Open + Youth) Art Prize.

If you are wondering how you might get involved to support our local Show

Attend our Annual General Meeting at 7pm on November 18th in the Supper Room

Check out our Facebook page for stories, events, photos and call outs for support at particular times.

Join the Show Society by visiting our web page and completing a membership form <https://yankshow.com/images/Forms/membership2021.pdf> – this gives you tickets for the next Show and keeps you in the loop about coming activities.

Add your name to our Volunteer Register by emailing the secretary's email given above.

Check out the different competitive sections in the Show and plan to contribute an entry in 2025.

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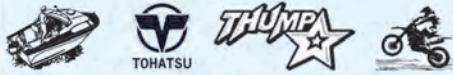
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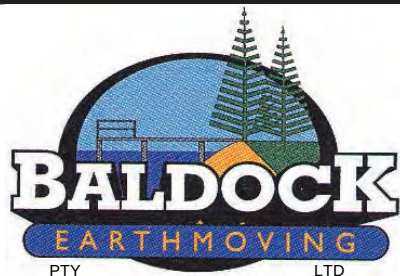
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The proposal for the construction of a dog park in Bungala Reserve is now out for public consultation. This is an important process as it informs us and the Council, just what you want from this facility.

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The consultation closes on **15th November**. You can complete the survey online via the Council website or obtain a hard copy from the Council, the Yankalilla Vet Clinic or Café on Bungala – or contact us at yankdogpark@gmail.com and we will get a copy to you.

In the meantime, we will be pressing on with fundraising for the construction costs of the park. Thank you to all those who have so generously supported us to date.

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Local Aged Care Forum



A My Aged Care forum was held on October 9th. Twenty people gathered in the Yankalilla Library to hear from local providers from St Louis Aged Care, mainly to enable how to access and then utilise the benefits from My Aged Care packages.

It was made clearer to most and confused others by Kym Bowden from Adelaide Head office and Carol Dawson who deals with people locally.

Thanks to Tony Gore at Romeos and also Mike from Drakes for graciously providing refreshments also Kath in the library for providing the room in which this was held. Carol and Kym are available as speakers to other groups to help with their My Aged Care packages.

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Vivienne Joy Bamford (nee Sharley) passed away on Wednesday the 8th of May 2024, aged 98 years.

Vivienne was born on 2nd December, 1925, in Peterborough in SA to her parents Frank and Ada Sharley. Frank was Town Clerk of Peterborough, South Australia, and Ada was a retired nurse from the Royal Adelaide Hospital. Her brother, Neville, arrived three years later.

In March 1928 Vivienne moved to Port Lincoln where her Dad had accepted the position of Town Clerk. This was "The Great Depression" time. They always had something to eat, a roof over their heads and a bed to sleep in.

Every December "windjammers" would appear, which Vivienne loved to watch. Vivienne saw her first aeroplane in Port Lincoln, the original Southern Cross flown by Charles Kingsford Smith.

Vivienne had piano lessons at the convent in Port Lincoln because it was thought to have the best teachers. The week Vivienne had her sixth birthday she won first prize for a piano solo under 6 years. She remembers the beautiful blue net with gold edge dress she wore. This encouraged her lifelong love of music and for playing the piano.

In September 1938 Frank flew to Mount Gambier to be interviewed and was offered the position of Town Clerk. They moved to Mount Gambier in January 1939.

In August of 1939, Vivienne was told, "We may be at war in a few days". They were! That changed many things.....some of them forever.

Vivienne attended High School in Mt Gambier and then at Methodist Ladies College in Adelaide, going on to do her teacher training in Melbourne where she made lifelong friends.

Vivienne and Lin met at a dance in Canberra where they were both teaching and were married in 1953 in Mount Gambier Methodist Church. They then proceeded to have four children whilst moving

from Canberra, to Perth, to Melbourne, to Bathurst and then to Adelaide where they stayed to give their children a good education. Vivienne went back teaching when all four were at school, first at Thebarton Primary School and then at Highgate Primary School.

When Vivienne and Lin retired, Vivienne designed the house and they built a western red cedar home on a block, roughly four acres in size, at Yankalilla. They extended it using mud bricks and both very much loved living there. They used a post hole digger to dig holes to plant native trees, which grew and provided privacy and a park like effect. Both hugely enjoyed the peace and serenity of their garden.

Around this time, Vivienne became involved in service to the community, as an avid reader joined the book club and took up painting, mainly using water colours.

Vivienne's strength was amazing when, in 1998, she nursed Lin at home until he passed away. It took her a while to recover, but recover she did and she approached life with her usual zeal.

Vivienne did an upholstery course and rejuvenated some beautiful old pieces.

Vivienne greatly enjoyed family visits, with lunches, afternoon teas, sleepovers and activities around the block as well as visits. An activity which mum's grandchildren and now great-grandchildren enjoy is exploring the natural wonders of Lady Bay.

Much volunteering was done in retirement. Vivienne was a Meals on Wheels deliverer for 27 years and a Life Member, was the Secretary of the Yankalilla Senior Citizens Housing Agency Inc., Care Car driver, original Information Centre helper, was on the Council Disability Committee, was a local Museum guide and helper and a Life Member, was a foundation

member on the committee of the Ladies Probus Club and a Life Member, and for several years grew seedlings for Trees for Life. She also received an Australia Day award, which was presented by Alexander Downer in a ceremony at Rapid Bay.

Vivienne was a strong believer in being aware that diminishing natural resources must be considered in relation to population growth and was a member of 'Population Australia'. During this time and covering a range of topics, Vivienne had letters published in the Advertiser and the local Yankalilla Regional News.

Travel was high on the agenda, with a caravan purchased for trips to Darwin, down the coast of WA and Probus trips to name a few.

Vivienne loved animals. She would park the station wagon in the garage, open the back and Kate dog, and later Max dog, would sit in the back, sheltered from the winter wind, and bask in the sun. For years Vivienne fed the birds at home and continued this in residential care. Vivienne also left a bucket of water near the top of the drive for use by passing kangaroos. She loved that a nearby dead tree was used by nesting sulphur crested cockatoos and was furious when she arrived home one day and found it had been chopped down. Wildlife such as echidnas, snakes and many bird species such as blue wrens also inhabited the block.

Sadly in 2020 Vivienne's youngest child Penny passed away as a result of cancer. A devastating loss for the whole family.

When Vivienne's eye sight was nearly gone (she couldn't recognize people's faces, but used voice

recognition quite effectively), her dementia increased and her balance decreased, she decided it was time to move. This was a sad time, but also characterized by her practicality. The house was sold. She hoped that the new owners of her home find as much pleasure in their surroundings as she did.

Vivienne was a respected, wonderful woman who stood up for what she believed in. She was a progressive thinker for her generation. Vivienne was intelligent, compassionate, determined, strong, stubborn and retained her sense of humour to the end. Vivienne was always interested in the doings of family members and supportive of their endeavours and was very community minded.

Yankalilla was the longest that Vivienne lived in one place and she would have liked to pay tribute to the supportive community and to the lovely caring people who were part of her life. Thankyou.

Vivienne, thank you for being you and for living your life well.



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Yoho – birthplace of SA's thoroughbred industry

The former stallion house of William Gerrard's Yoho station, later known as Salt Cliffs, Yoho Road, Delamere, was listed on the State Heritage Register on 27 September 1990 (Heritage No. 13224). However, the beginnings of the property go back much earlier.

Situated on section 179, Hundred of Yankalilla, early records have a J Hargetson being on Yoho in 1847, possibly named after the creek the station homestead overlooks, sometimes written as Yohoe. 'Yoho' is thought to have originated as a corruption of either a Kaurna or Ngarrindjeri name for the seagull, based on the bird's call, sometimes spelt as 'yau'.

William Gerrard was less than a year old when he arrived in Adelaide with his mother, a widow, Mrs William Gerrard (nee Frances Lawrenson, daughter of a wealthy Cheshire farmer) on 27 September 1839 aboard the Lady Lilford. Soon after she married Patrick Boyce Coglein (1815-1892), who had left Ireland in 1831 with his parents, brothers and sisters in the Lindsay for Hobart, Van Diemens Land, where he completed his education before arriving in South Australia aboard the Lady Liverpool in 1836 or 1837.

Coglein bought land in Hindley Street and established a timber yard which was successful, and then bought another site and built the Napoleon Bonaparte Hotel in King William Street, where he was landlord for many years before turning to pastoral pursuits, including horse breeding. Coglein had a horse stud at Smithfield and it was mainly through his efforts that the lease on the old racecourse at Victoria Park was obtained from the Adelaide Council. Coglein also had racing stables in Grenfell Street where the Cowra Chambers were later built.

In the early 1850s, Coglein bought a large holding of more than 6000 acres freehold, extending from Rapid Bay along the coast to Ransford's Cape Jervis station and inland almost to where the Methodist (now Uniting) Church stands. In 1859 Coglein's stepson William Gerrard took over the property and, by 1862 was in business importing bloodstock and breeding thoroughbred racehorses at Yoho, now designated as Salt Cliffs Station, Delamere.

Gerrard had the unique two-storey stallion house built of stone with gum-slab lintels and slate roof, a cedar wood interior and paved throughout with cobblestones stood on edge. The building was once described by a visitor as being 'a palace as compared with the domicile for the men folk'. The stallions were housed in the single storey facing the Yohoe Creek in four separate areas about 12 feet by 16 feet, each with upper and lower stable doors, and loose corner feed boxes. The mares were housed in the two-storey section where a ladder led to the fodder stored on the upper floor.

The original Yoho homestead was a log and mortar shed with a thatched roof.

Thomas Jordan (1824-1906), racehorse owner, breeder, and trainer, was originally engaged by Coglein as a trainer and was also a friend of Gerrard and became his trainer also. In 1866 Jordan went to England to see his parents and told Gerrard he would bring back a horse with him. Ace of Clubs was bred by Lord Faversham and was being leased by Major Barlow. Jordan regarded Ace of Clubs as the finest thoroughbred he had ever seen and purchased him. He also bought two mares, Miss Giraffe bred by Baron Rothschild, and Amber, for the Rapid Bay stud.

William Gerrard was regarded as the pioneer breeder of bloodstock in South Australia, including the notable racehorses of the time – South Australian, Union Jack, Ace of Clubs, King of the Ring, Ace of Trumps, The Ace, Argus Scandal, Irish King, Southern Cross, Talk of the Hill, Tregeagle, and Pride of the Hills. The training track was on the north side of Mount Rapid near Rapid Head, overlooking the gulf. Ace of Clubs sired the 1875 Melbourne Cup winner Wollomai.

Gerrard built the Yoho station school about 1860-1863 for the children of his workmen including John Williss's seven children – Edith, Herbert, George, Vida, Archibald, Sydney and Olive Williss; Isabella, Elizabeth and Tom Cant, children of John Thomas Cant; and Samuel and Susanna Putland, children of Fred Putland. The school was situated about 10 chains (about 200 metres) from the homestead towards the creek. Later a schoolroom was built in the garden of the homestead, for the use of the Gerrard children and their governess.

William Gerrard married Sarah Ann Snow Lord on 20 October 1879 at St James Anglican Church, Glenburn (later Delamere), built in 1871 on land donated by James Cole and endowed with an annuity by William Gerrard. William and Sarah had two children – William Jnr and Frances Dovell.

In 1880 the whole of Yoho stud was sold, realising £11,360 for 58 lots, and William turned to crossbred sheep and, at the conclusion of shearing,



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held an annual picnic in his woolshed, the largest gathering of its kind in the district, often up to as many as 300 people. Cricket, quoits, and croquet were played, and the vessel *Morning Star* was hired for those who cared for a trip on the briny. A dance followed in the evening.

After William Gerrard died prematurely at Glenelg on 30 July 1884, aged just 45 years, he was interred in the Cogle family vault in West Terrace Cemetery. The station was then managed by two trustees, James Lord and George P Blackmore, until James Lord died in 1900 and Rev. Frederick Poole was appointed in his place.

From William's estate, his widow Sarah Ann Gerrard received £400 a year for life, or £200 if she remarried; £150 a year for life went to his mother Frances Cogle (who died 7 October 1883, aged 76), wife of Patrick Boyce Cogle, gentleman of Brompton Park, and the same amount to him (he died 23 July 1892, aged 77); £100 a year for 3 years for Julia Morse, wife of the Rev. Charles Morse; £100 a year for 5 years for Jane Drummond Gordon Blackmore, a minor (a daughter of Edwin Gordon Blackmore, parliamentary clerk).

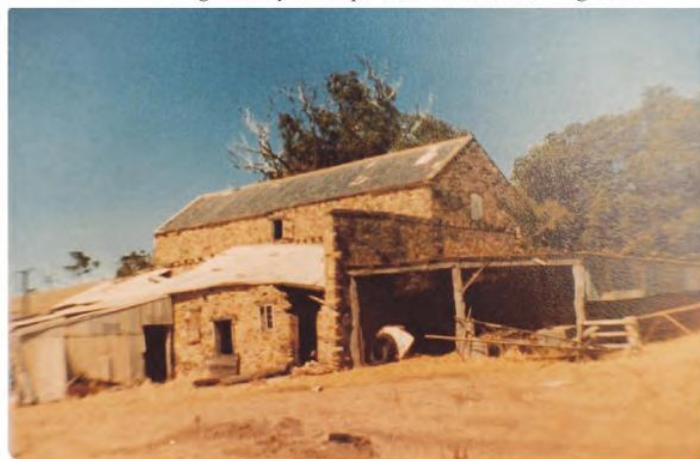
About 1907, William Gerrard Jnr settled in the Yoho homestead but some land was sold to pay his sister's share of the estate. The property was sold about 1927 when he left the district. Mrs Gerrard remarried and became Mrs Parminter and by 1928 was living in England.

It is believed the Bennett family purchased the property in 1938 from a Mr Richardson; Tom Bennett who lived in Normanville, continued to lease the Rapid Bay paddock referred to as 'The Racecourse' for some years. During the Bennett's ownership, the school moved across the road, and Maurice Woodman who had helped restore several historic buildings on the Fleurieu including 'Sunnybank', had a life tenancy in this cottage. David Bennett took the name Yoho, which was also his brand, to the South East, and the station at Delamere was renamed Salt Cliffs.

In 1975 Dr William H McGrath, US Naval Reserve, during his many sea

voyages, visited and purchased Salt Cliffs station, with Len Irvine as manager of the property running 7700 merino sheep. When not sailing the high seas, Dr McGrath regarded Delamere home and lived with his partner of 30 years Annette Forrest at 'Sunnybank', built by George Bennett after 1873 (now 8673 Main South Road, Delamere). In 1992 Salt Cliffs was leased by Phil Irvine.

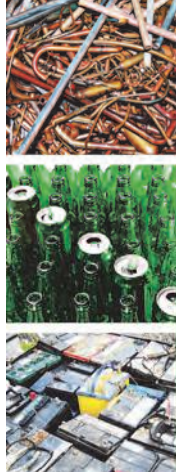
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Above and below: Yoho's stallion house in earlier days. The single-storey lower portion has since disintegrated.



Left: The former stallion house in 2019.



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