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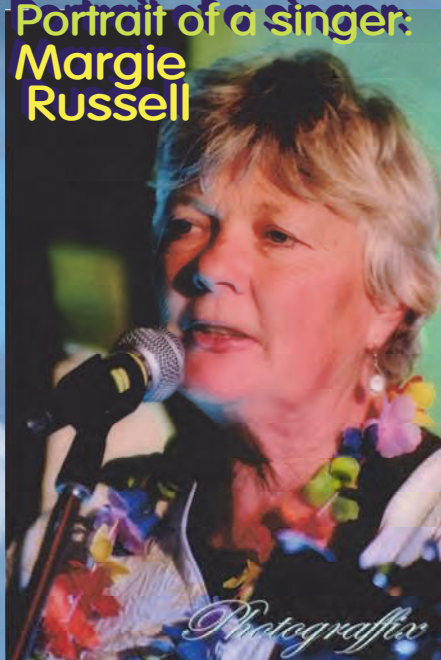
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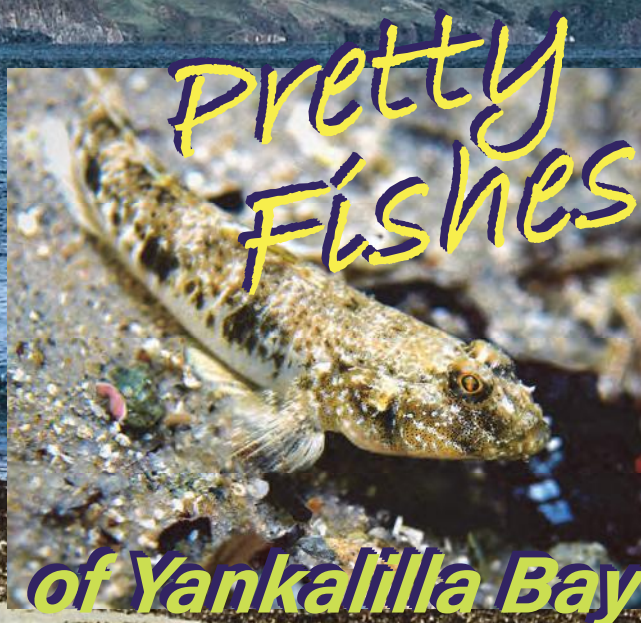
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Bonnie is born and bred in the Yankalilla District, and has been a licensed agent for the past 10 years. She is heavily involved in the local community, being a committee member of both the Yankalilla Netball & Yankalilla Cricket Clubs, coaching netball in the junior grades, and assisting behind the scenes with the Yankalilla Football Club. In 2022 Bonnie was named the Junior Citizen of the Year by the Yankalilla District Council for all the outstanding contributions she has made in the local community. Bonnie enjoys spending her spare time outdoors, either playing netball, relaxing on the beach with a book or exploring the beautiful Fleurieu Peninsula.

Jeremy moved to the district with his family in 2015, after spending 15 years in Adelaide managing a family business, which included commercial leasing management. Prior to this, Jeremy grew up on the Yorke Peninsula on his family farm (sheep and barley). He is heavily involved in the local community, being on the Yankalilla Cricket Club committee, and is very active within the Yankalilla Football Club. Jeremy continues to enjoy playing cricket for YCC, but equally enjoys fishing, swimming, walks on the many local trails, and spending time on the beach with family and friends.

Both Bonnie and Jeremy look forward to the support from the local community. You can be assured that they will be committed to providing the best possible service to their clients. Experience the difference!

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Closing a volunteer run, community service after 27 years is a very difficult decision and the committee has decided to put a final decision on hold for 6 months and in the interim is hoping to be able to find storage

for the shop fittings etc.

We thank all the volunteers and supporters who have contributed to the success of the Op Shop over many years it has provided a much needed service to our local community. If you have any suggestions please contact Elaine Eichler 0417 404296 or Roxanne Chapman 0439 369833.

A Birdie Told Me

We are looking for volunteers with some retail skills to work in our community shop.

If you have a morning free once a month and would like to help, please ring TRACY on 0488 965 164.

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Recycling collections to double over summer

Wednesday, 27 July 2022

Alexandrina Council, City of Victor Harbor, District Council of Yankalilla and Kangaroo Island Council will double the collection of yellow recycling bins and green food organics garden organics bins this coming summer to encourage residents to recycle more material.

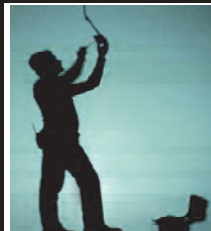
The Fleurieu Peninsula councils have long recognised the summer period requires extra waste collections and since the introduction of fortnightly collection, have provided weekly collection of waste to landfill bins over the peak summer period. Tasked with reducing the impact of the community on the environment, FRWA conducted a community trial over the summer of 2020/21 which provided weekly recycling and green bin collections with fortnightly waste to landfill collection. The trial showed the community creates more recycling and green/food waste over the summer period. FRWA then consulted the community through a survey of more than 1300 residents, collected waste tracking data and conducted external waste audits over the 2021/22 summer to ensure a change would be favourable for the majority of the community, presenting its findings to councils for consideration.

In July, all Fleurieu Peninsula council endorsed extra recycling and green collections over the summer period, with fortnightly waste to landfill, including those with any EC (exceptional circumstances bins), continuing to be collected fortnightly.

The six extra weekly collections of Recycling and Green bins (in eligible townships) will begin the week of 19th December 2022 and finish week of 27th January 2023. The Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority (FRWA) Executive Officer Simon Grenfell says the change increases capacity by more than 300% over a time when residents generally have more materials to dispose of. *'Our community is environmentally conscious and has become very good at recycling, but over summer recycling bins are full and a lot of food waste goes in the general waste bin. We want to encourage residents to recycle more material so we are doubling the amount of recycling bins we collect.'*

The Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island Councils are already leading the state in recycling with 60% of kerbside waste collected recycled. The extra collection of recycling and organics will see nearly 75% of material collected recycled.

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Editor's Comments

Hello Readers,
This month marks the demise of the Normanville Café & Kiosk along with the foreshore in general. The latest victim appears to be the Normanville Sailing Club which has been given their marching orders and must remove their shed by October 1st. This was a surprise as it was never mentioned in the 'masterplan' of the Yankalilla Council.

Elections are almost here and in the next edition we will know exactly who the candidates are. For now, some candidates have included their 'blurb' this month, adding to the last couple of editions.

I have a plentiful supply of your email comments received during the month. Some snippets from these are:

This whole thing is more like the stench of NSW and QLD local and state politics rather than good old high order SA morality. Maybe the master plan really is to make us more like the Gold Coast.

...let us not forget the Glamping Tents fiasco...

...this is another example of gagging community voices that represent any form of criticism. I would hope that if a community minded council can be elected that the Public Forum be reinstated.

I do not recall having seen a survey. Maybe I looked the other way for 5 minutes.

Recent history has shown that the best way to get the result you want is to limit the sample size, or then rate as many of the unpalatable responses as being not from the district

...from what I see in responses to various Facebook and the petition sites - this council will be bulldozed along with the foreshore.

...I'm horrified for the future of a great piece of the peninsula.

Our science column from Rob Kirk is absent this month but will resume next edition. Rob has sent a batch of fascinating new installments.

Until next issue...

Cheers,
Paul Jelfs
Editor

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Yankalilla Ladies Probus Club Inc.

The Mid-Winter Blues

Well, the best laid plans of mice and men do oft times go astray..... and they sure did for our July meeting!!

First our speaker had a change of work roster so could not come to talk to us. Then the weather was particularly awful and what with Covid and other bugs doing the rounds, our sick list was enormous. Plus, many ladies are erring on the side of caution when it comes to gatherings in enclosed spaces.

Nevertheless, we had a quorum and those who attended used the smaller group as an opportunity to swap funny stories about their travels far and wide. It was a chance to take a group photo for the record before most of us adjourned to the Normanville Beach Kiosk for a lovely lunch.

By the time you read this we will be into September and looking forward to our meeting on 28th September with an interesting speaker. In October we are planning a garden party birthday celebration, followed in November by a slap-up Christmas/ End of Year breakup party. It's not too late to be part of all this fun, friendship and fellowship for the remainder of 2022 and beyond. If you are new to the area and looking to make contacts within your local community, you will be warmly welcomed at any future meeting. The 4th Wednesday of each month (except December) at the Jesus Community Church Hall, Yankalilla.

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Live Music at the Club

This year we have enjoyed several evenings of live blues music, with “Lazy Eye” playing in March and “River Rats” appearing in May. A week after YRN goes to press, on Friday 26 August, we are due to welcome “River Rats” when they return to entertain us all again!

Our next live music evening will take place on **Saturday 8 October** and will feature “Crosstown Ramblers”. Please refer to separate item for details.

Annual General Meeting

The Club AGM will be held on Saturday 3 September at 3.00pm. The meeting will be followed by afternoon tea and the bar will be open for purchase of drinks. Everyone is welcome to attend the AGM, but voting will be restricted to 2022/23 financial members and Life Members.

Quiz Night

Our Club Quiz Night will be held on Friday 30 September. It's always a hugely popular event and this year proceeds will benefit our local Sea Rescue. Please see separate item.

5CY Community Pantry

The Pantry is a valuable service run by volunteers from Yankalilla District Inter-Church Council. The Club is a drop off point for donations of non-perishable food, for local people who need temporary assistance. As you can see, our basket is overflowing, thanks to generous members and visitors. Many thanks to you all!

Recently the Club was pleased to also donate \$500 to 5CY to assist this program, as well as the proceeds from our quilt raffle. Congratulations to Sue Speck who won the beautiful quilt created by our Threads Group!



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September Meals

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Friday 9 September from 5.30pm

Happy Hour & Dinner

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Wednesday 21 September at 12 noon

Club Lunch

This month's lunch will have a Father's Day Theme, to show appreciation for all our fantastic Dads & Grandads!

Menu: Shepherd's Pie followed by Bread & Butter Pudding or Fruit & Icecream.

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Yankalilla Men's Probus

Gee, the masks returned in great numbers at our August meeting and Mike was confused for John, and Fred for Walter. Well, at least for a while! Our member, **Don Binney** told us about the launch of his engineering business in Moonta and how he nearly put all the big agricultural manufacturers out of business as such was his flair for crafting repairs for the aging machinery of farmers and businesses in the local surrounds. Surely a man ahead of his time.

Dr Roger Rees, a writer/author, broadcaster, teacher and trauma consultant who has pursued a long career of research and study into the effects of brain injury and trauma, was our August speaker. His interesting and attention-grabbing presentation style was very enlightening and on topics deserving much more of our understanding.

A *Mystery Tour* beckons for Tuesday 20 September 2022 and one has to wonder just what **Craig** has in store for participants this time around. One thing for sure about these events is that we all learn more about our local district and members will be looking forward again to this fun occasion. Our guest speaker at our meeting on Tuesday 6 September 2022 will be **Malcolm Bottrill** who will present the theme "Boats, Crabs and Asylum Seekers". **Malcolm** is a

Visit to Historic Hillsley

September 25th 2022 11am.

Bring a sandwich and a chair to enjoy the picnic area with its old cork trees.

Hillsley Station was established by the Everard family as early as the 1840's and in 1850 they were granted 19 Sections which became "Hillsley". The homestead and many outbuildings are believed to date from this time. It remained in the family until about 1910. There are still an outstanding variety of trees to be seen at the property reflecting the Everards' interest in horticulture.

Bookings essential as numbers are limited, preference will be given to YDHS members. If you know someone who would like to come they can join for just \$10.00

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retired Uniting Church Minister who served across rural and remote areas of Australia and also in PNG. If you are retired and interested in joining our group, then give it a thought. We meet on the 1st

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Yankalilla Show calling all Photographers!

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There are 15 different classes you can enter photos into, including People, Fleurieu Landmarks, Nature, Landscape, Rural Life, and the Second Valley Challenge, for

which the winner receives \$100. There are also Open Colour and Monochrome sections for pictures which don't fall into any of the other classes. There are other cash prizes on offer, and no entrance fees.

For more details go to www.yankshow.com, click on the "Exhibitor Entry Details and Forms 2022" link, and select "Section G - Photography" from the drop-down menu. We have a new system for displaying entries this year and

encourage the local community to participate by entering their best/favourite photographs. You do not need high-end equipment - smartphones can take good pictures now, and everyone is a photographer, so give it a crack this year!

Andy Mitchell
Photography Section Convenor

**Full Show details on
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Saturday 1st October, 2022

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including Fruit & Veg, Handicraft, Needlework, Photography, Tea Cosy, Art, Yankabald Art competition, Flowers, Cookery, Painting, Children's & Children's Cookery & Home Brew. Outdoor sections include Sheep, Wool & Children's Pets. Artist Blacksmiths will have a display next to the shearing shed. This year sees the return of the Create a Scarecrow competition with 3 classes, child under 14, open individual & open group. Check out the various traders around the grounds. Visit the memorabilia room in the main hall to view the shows 140 years of history. See the Shorn to Worn spinning & knitting demo's near the main hall, get your show bags and Yankalilla Show Trail bags from the kiosk, check the program for the School for Dogs Aldinga demo's and visit the Heritage Horsepower draught horses. Show jumping, Show Hacks and Hunters will be competing in the arena throughout the day. Morning tea and

lunch is available in the supper room provided by the South West Fleurieu Uniting Churches between 9m and 2, there is also plenty of food and drinks available on the grounds including the show bar for a wine, beer or soft drink. Check out the program for main stage performers throughout the day.

Look out for Primary Production: Better for the Pocket and the Land, an agricultural presentation with panellists from across our district talking about practices from holistic farming, restorative agriculture and permaculture. From backyard farming to large scale grazing these panellists show the way from improving the soil to increasing returns and lowering inputs, held in front of shearing shed stage.

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Demonstrations and Cheese Making. Show highlights include carnival rides, live music, local talent competition, children's entertainment, Lolly Jar Circus, livestock exhibits (including alpacas), flower and plant competition including floral art, cookery, preserves, home brews, needlework, art/craft, photography exhibition, fresh produce for sale with local products and trade sites. The Strathalbyn Show has disability and pram access and facilities.

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Blind woman among Victor Harbor candidates

The City of Victor Harbor could become the first council in South Australia to have an elected member who is officially blind.

As nominations for the 2022 council elections in South Australia opened on August 23, among the first to announce an intention to run is disability advocate and Victor Harbor resident Angela Schiller.

Angela, who has been blind from birth, has been providing a voice for people living with a disability locally, statewide and nationally and is running with the unexpected slogan "Seeing things differently".

She has held roles with Disability Elders of All Ages (DEAA), Queensland Disability Network (QDN), the Royal Society for the Blind (RSB) and the Guide Dogs Consumer Reference Group, as well as being part of the City of Victor Harbor's Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee for more than 10 years and being a representative on state and regional Local Government Association committees. The roles have covered advocacy, advice and also training and assistance with the development of



adaptive technology.

She sees an elected member role as a chance to provide a better disability voice in local decisions, as well as showing that people with a vision impairment have much to offer.

"My lived experience of disability, using many of the community services provided by the council, will provide unique insights to help shape a more-inclusive Victor Harbor community," Angela said.

"With more than 30 per cent of our community identifying as living with a disability, according to the latest Census figures, it is important they have a voice at local government level who understands their challenges and their dreams for the city.

But Angela's interests go beyond disability too.

"My background in primary industry, as a small business owner and a mother will also give me greater scope for understanding the local needs of ratepayers and residents generally beyond those living with a disability."

Having recently battled and survived breast cancer, Angela is confident in overcoming any challenges if elected in November.

"I've been through a lot in my life and always been able to adapt and contribute through finding alternative ways to tackle the issue, so my approach to being on council would be no different. I live by the motto where there's a will there's a way.

"I've confidently used adaptive technology to read documents, emails, messages and websites, as well as manage tasks and calendar appointments throughout my years serving on committees at local, state and national level,"

she said.

"I'll have Oreo (her guide dog) by my side, but other than that I intend to be able to operate independently and not have barriers to being a valuable part of the next term's council.

"As someone without the sense of sight it means I have more focus on listening to people which I believe is an important trait for anyone in government. You don't have to be able to physically see someone to listen, understand and voice their views."

Some of the issues Angela wants to bring to the role include practical planning to enable better access to services and transport, affordable and accessible housing options, youth engagement and an even greater focus on positive ageing, particularly given the age demographic of the local community.

This Media Release was written by Carolyn Jeffrey (CJ's Business Solutions), 11 Dwiard Road, Victor Harbor SA 5211 and authorised by Angela Schiller, PO Box 2037, Victor Harbor SA 5211.

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Simon Reed Candidate for Council

My name is Simon Reed. I have lived in Normanville with my wife and two children for the past 4 ½ years. I've decided to nominate for council.



Currently, I am involved in our community on the school governance committee, local churches and on various other school sub-committees. I am actively involved in the local sailing club and spend time helping others in our community. I am also working in hospitality in Yankalilla.

My deep passion is working with people in the community to build a bigger, better, stronger community where everyone has a voice. Where people can have a say in an open form without feeling judged or being put down for their viewpoints, or completely dismissed.

I'm both a qualified youth worker and counsellor where I've spent nearly 10 years in the Noarlunga area working with disadvantaged youth before I went into a career in government finance.

Combined with my skills and background of the last 20 years in finance from the state government, local government and private sector I believe this would be an asset and a benefit to our community.

I enjoy listening to people and working on solutions that benefit the community as a whole, also standing up and being a voice for the less heard. I look forward to spending time meeting people and discussing issues and ideas that people may have to make our community the best for now and future generations to come.

I would appreciate your support in this council election.

Contact me by email
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VOTE 1 DAVID OLSSON

Candidate for Councillor
Field Ward
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It would be a privilege to be your voice again in Council and I look forward to representing you in the Field ward.

Authorised by David Olsson, 12 Scenic View Drive, Second Valley, SA 5204 Ph 0417 813 692

Peter O'Neil running for re-election in Field Ward

I am a local farmer and businessman living and working in Parawa. Erica my better half has her own online business plus secretary and treasurer of the Parawa Progress Association.

My past has shaped my future... ex-serviceman 38 SQ RAAF, past director and board member of REI of SA, Agricultural Bureau SA and Weber Barbecues Australia.

At University I studied Economics and my cognates Politics and Philosophy.

I've served my community in Lions, past president of Rotary and I am currently a proud member of Yankalilla Council. I am also current past and serving member of FRAP... a joint planning initiative between our Council and Alexandrina Council.

On Council I look back and have seen major change. From a new library under construction to the redevelopment of the foreshore and Caravan Park. The Caravan Park is budgeted to add a large financial positive revenue for 22/23FY. I believe the SLSC and kiosk redevelopment will be a positive to the community but I support it into the future only if it is a financially responsible and viable project.

The final outcome of this project will be decided by the new Council.

The new B-Double route along Range Road in our Council area is bringing economic benefits to all our farmers.

I believe in Farming Land staying as Farms and small re-development in our towns for housing. Land set aside for social housing and commercial activity to create jobs.

I'm especially proud of my involvement in helping create the new park in central Normanville.

Thank you for all past and present support in Field ward. If re-elected I'll do my best to represent and listen to one and all.

VOTE 1 Peter O'Neil

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2022 Council Elections

Councillor Nominee – Shane Grocke

I love our region, it has been an important area for me for most of my life, from the 80's when I fell in love with the area. As a regular visitor since the 80's, where we first came to Wirrina,



as a family.

As a member of the Yankalilla Council, I will bring 3 main qualities, Respect, Patience and Tenacity.

Respect: I was taught respect very early in life – respect for others, respect for the environment and respect for things. As a councillor, respect is very important. If we all have respect, then everything runs smoothly and efficiently, without conflict.

Patience: I remember as an 8-year-old sitting on the end of the Second Valley Jetty trying to catch a fish for over 3 hours – I could see the fish in the crystal clear water, but it would not bite. Eventually I caught it, and I was over the moon – this taught me about patience, and the adage, good things come to those that wait. In today's fast paced world, patience is a quality lacking, but needed more than ever.

Tenacity: being able to see a thing through its completion brings me great joy, nothing will make me happier than seeing our region grow

stronger while maintaining our community, tenacity is needed to stay on target and to remember why we all live here.

As councillor, I want to be available to all, whether we chat in the street, at the coffee shop, or via the phone or e-mail, I will make myself available to you, after all a councillor's role is that of representation, how could I represent you without talking and learning from you. I promise to upkeep my 3 main qualities.

About Me

Born in Whyalla in 1972, to Moira (Nurse - Retired) and Geoff (Police Officer - Retired) and the younger sibling of Paul (Car Sales Manager). My early years were in Penola where I went to Mary MacKillop's school (St. Josephs – as it was known then). We moved to Clarendon in the early 80's so my brother and I could attend Sacred Heart College. My teenage years have great memories of the Fleurieu Peninsula.

After school I went to the University of South Australia to study Civil Engineering, however after finishing this I partnered with others to start a small IT business, which is still running today after more than 25 years and is still my primary source of employment.

Once we moved to Normanville, I rekindled my love of photography and Fleurieu Imagery was born. It is so easy to take beautiful photos when we have such a beautiful region.

I am married to Tanya (housekeeping at Lady Bay Resort) and we have a 16 year old daughter with special needs who attends the fantastic Yankalilla Area School.

Shane Grocke (District Council of Yankalilla – Councillor Nominee).

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Gavin submitted his details in the August edition of YRN on page 17.
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Council Candidate Michele Shaughnessy

My name is Michele Shaughnessy and I am recently retired after working for 35 years at Adelaide City Council. My husband Kevin and I have two grown up sons, their partners and a beautiful granddaughter. I also have two lovely dogs who you will often see me out and about with. I moved to the area over four years ago and every day I am grateful for living in such a wonderful area. I have found the community very welcoming and have made some fantastic new friends by being involved with KWOB (Knitters without borders) who are also very charitable by providing Bags for Dignity, Backpacks for kids, food donations to help families in the COVID crisis etc. I also run a craft group which meets every Tuesday, I attend the Red Hat Ladies lunches, go on numerous A Birdie Told Me outings and along with Tracy Taylor we have organised for a Vivaldi evening coming up in September. I am also in the team that has via grants managed to purchase a portable stage which will be free to use by the community. I attend music nights at the Club Fleurieu, frequent quite a lot of the cafes, restaurants, pubs, wineries, and micro-breweries and walks in the area, as well as trying to buy something from all the local businesses. Through all this activity I have met wonderful people from all over the Fleurieu Coast, from Cape Jervis, Delamere, Wirrina Cove, Myponga Beach, Torrens Vale, Normanville and Yankalilla and I hear lots of information from people in these communities.

I would like to run for council for a variety of reasons, one being a resident of Wirrina Cove, I feel this area has been neglected for a long time. I am also interested in the tracks and trails in the area and I was on the council community committee for the Tracks and Trails project. I would like to see better phone and internet coverage in the area. I think Myponga is the gateway to the Fleurieu Coast and should look welcoming and perhaps have a map similar to the one in Normanville showing all the other towns and activities we have in the



area while people are utilising the reservoir. I have heard of problems with the footpaths, especially between Yankalilla and Normanville. We have an ageing population, and I would like to see the Community Bus back in action and ensure the community car is available for all who need it, not just those on a package. I'd like to ensure we help our youth and to enable them to be able to find work in our community if they wish to stay. I would like to see some regulations around AirBNBs/Stayz to help with noise and parking problems. I am a supporter of the local arts and would like to see more things like the planter pots in Yankalilla, the Gig on the Green or Arts and Crafts fairs.

Because of Covid, more people have discovered our area and are moving or visiting here. As our area grows, I would like it to retain its rural, small-town feel, the reasons we all moved here. I would hope we have town planning that will keep the charm of the area while the inevitable expansion takes place, we may have to get in early and plant trees so that future development is hidden to prevent the area looking like another suburb. I also appreciate the beautiful environment that we live in and would like to see that everything is done to keep it beautiful and repair any of the damage which has already been done such as with our rivers. Finally, I would like to be available for contact if people want information about

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Discussions - Letters - Opinions

New CEO

In the June issue of "in the loop" and reprinted in July of Yankalilla Regional News is an announcement about the new CEO, Nathan Cunningham for our district council. And it is full of quotes from him about his views such as "I revel..., I enjoy...I bring..." and so on. There is not one reference to serving the community and that lapse tells me a lot. Our elected councillors and council staff are public servants.

We have experienced a "high flyer" in the past to the detriment of our collective pockets and general amenity. My wish is to have an ethical council across the board that serves the wishes of the people of Yankalilla district.

Dalton Dupuy

Parenthetically, if DCY ceased to publish their own newsletter and returned to publishing it in the YRN it would indicate a return to a more egalitarian council rather than the elitism of more recent times.

An Artistic Opinion

by Alison Hamilton



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Michele Shaughnessy (Cont.)

what is happening at council and I will endeavour to get you the relevant information. I am sorry that council has an adverse reputation with some members of the community and I would like to work with you all to try and turn this around. Having worked at Adelaide City Council I understand all the rules and regulations that apply to running a council. I have run million dollar projects and know how all projects that staff do are all from the Strategic Plan. I know how the budget process works and I have also been on several tender panels. I was also on a project team to look into where council waste money. I think these skills and understanding of council along with my passion for the area

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Cr Bill Verwey - Light Ward

I have committed to stand for re-election at the next Council elections. This will be the last time as I do believe that 2 consecutive terms on Council is sufficient and new blood is always needed.

When I first decided to stand for elections in 2018 it was to offer my experience in economic development into the District. This experience over almost 13 years working in Local Government, State Board and Federal Economic Development Organisation delivering a broad range of outcomes I believed would be a beneficial contribution to our region. Alas this was not to be the case as the past administration believed they alone had all the answers. **During my term, I have tried to reflect ratepayer concerns and stay transparent in my representation.**

There are a number of issues that confront the District that needs addressing urgently. We have a quality of life that is to be envied and we must ensure that quality of life is protected and enhanced as a paramount goal. In the past 4 years we have seen far too many important issues facing the community placed "in confidence" by the Council - excluding the ratepayers and residents of important information to make informed decisions. "Confidentiality" is important to protect commercial in confidence items but a number of issues labelled as such were not in that category. There is also a general concern about the lack of transparency and accountability which breeds apprehension in the system of governance. A classic example that highlights this concern is the recent removal of the ensuites from the Normanville Caravan Park. They were removed as is on trucks. A ratepayer asked why this was being done when the original plans required them to stay. There are legitimate reasons for changing

plans but when, as an Elected Member and at the request of the ratepayer, I questioned the removal and process, the email response was "...the sites were required to meet the new N1 building codes for the new cabins plus they were requiring extensive rework/asbestos removal." "These old ensuites were originally due to stay (and have extensive money spent on them to bring them up to scratch, plus remove a large amount of asbestos from the rotten floors and walls". I placed these same questions in the "Questions on Notice" at the 16th August 2022 Council Meeting. The written response in the Minutes states:- "There was no asbestos present at the time of the removal of the ensuites, see Attachment A and refer to pages 15 and 32 respectively for greater details."

The ideal relationship between community and Council is one of trust and mutual respect - this is not the case and change needs to happen.

This District also needs to utilize the vast range of expertise and human resources that are already present in our community to ensure a bright future. This is very important because of the high debt levels that the Council has, can otherwise place impediments on future growth. A positive forward direction can only happen if the leadership of the District Council Administration and Elected Members act with integrity, transparency and accountability and works with the Community instead of creating barriers. In a nutshell, there is a very important need to provide social justice.

Cr. Bill Verwey
Light Ward

[Cr Verwey has been a regular contributor to this publication throughout his term of office in an effort to keep the public informed of important DCY business and decisions. See past editions at www.yrn.com.au]



How deep are your pockets?

As a further follow-up to comments I've previously made in the July YRN, I write again after reading Peter Vandeppeer's detailed letter on page 15 of the August edition. Mr Vandeppeer states that he 'went to the Special Budget Council meeting of 12th July as a deputation to speak against any rate increase and plead aspects of the foreshore project be cut to save money and lessen any increase in rates.' As we know, Vandeppeer lost his case, and rates are going up by 5.5% (partly because of State Government re-evaluation of property values). Vandeppeer alerts us also to 'a budget deficit of \$400,000 without consideration of cost overruns still to come'.

I've been keeping track of work on the foreshore, speaking to visitors and locals about their views. Excepting only one person who suggested that the council should have a 'higher appetite for risk', everyone else seems alarmed at the level of debt, and confused at least, by the groundworks taking place at Normanville beach. ('Where is our beautiful lawn?' they ask.) I've explained that groundworks (plumbing and electrical) as far as I know, are happening because of new needs arising from the cabins at the caravan park, and the 'glass palace' yet to come. In addition, almost everyone has asked me what I know about the Nature Play area, and one person interrupted an art class I was participating in, to ask about what had happened to the community sculpture near the Kiosk. People are also stunned at the changes in the layout of the car parking area. The general feeling seems one of bewilderment.

Some in the community believe that only a handful of people are disgruntled with the situation on the Normanville foreshore. This is despite a public petition which contained 5,000 signatures collected by the café owner, and about 500 letters to council from ratepayers. Whether or not you want to see a single new building with all the attendant 'bells and whistles' built, (and whose window cleaning alone could amount to thousands of dollars per year), surely you must be concerned about spiralling debt into the future? 'How deep are your pockets?' I ask.

Of course, the continual focus on this one issue also means other things are sidelined. Wouldn't it be great to be able to move onto other issues such as environmental protection, (including care of our waterways), climate change mitigation, or how to maximise the creative potential of our arts practitioners for the purposes of cultural tourism? Other councils are ahead of the game here on these other fronts – not so Yankalilla District Council.

We cannot continue to ignore the challenges faced by changing climatic conditions and we do so at our peril. What's worse is that we threaten the very precious ecosystem and creatures that we purport to love, and the reason most of us live in this beautiful part of the world.

I wonder how much longevity the new infrastructure on the foreshore will have given the rapidly accelerating pace of climate change – which is astounding even those who've been scientifically scrutinising the situation for decades. We've seen storms wreak havoc on the jetty, beach, dunes, stairs, etc, on the foreshore over recent years. It's not hard to imagine waves lapping at the front of the 'glass palace'. We'll be lucky to have paid it off by the time that happens! It is my understanding that unlike Glenelg or Port Noarlunga, we won't be getting a sea wall because of the heritage dunes – so be assured, the fun you think you will have on the

foreshore with the redevelopment will be short lived.

Maybe I'm more cynical than most because I am originally from Sydney. I grew up on east coast beaches. I also spent 15 years in the Blue Mountains. I've seen first-hand dreadful floods and ravaging bushfires. I spoke to a friend here yesterday who had returned from NSW and was shocked at the situation of so many people living in tents on the north coast because of the recent floods. Of course, SA is in a different situation, but we are not immune to the unpredictable weather events that are happening and are likely now, unstoppable. Perhaps it's more sensible to proceed with caution but with action to build community resilience rather than spend, spend, spend for short-term pleasure and perceived tourism outcomes.

For everyone, there are NEEDS versus WANTS in life. If you can delay gratification in the short term, you are bound to be better off in the long term. Research supports this. Elected members must act responsibly by understanding the difference between these simple concepts. Elected members must reconcile the NEEDS of the community and be able to distinguish those needs from WANTS.

Diversity is important with respect to elected members being 'representative of' the community – as stipulated in the Local Government Act. Not just diversity of gender, but diversity of life experience, skills, and education are needed if we are to progress and thrive as a community. Diversity needs to be more than lip service too. I was disappointed then to hear from a guest speaker last night (23/8/22) at the council information session that 'no particular skills or education' are needed, only a desire to 'make a difference'. Given the vast amount of documentation that elected members must read and process, the fact that they need to be able to discuss issues in a rational and pragmatic way with a grasp of all the implications of a situation, I would have expected that skills and education would be advantageous. In my view, merely a 'desire to make a difference' is simply not enough.

The way things currently stand with respect to the Local Government Act, there is no mandatory means to encourage or enforce a diversity of candidates for local government. Women are going to be thin on the ground again at this upcoming election, as are people with a genuine 'diversity' of background – though there will be some people running who genuinely want to 'make a difference'. Whether these well-meaning souls will have any real chance of changing the existing dynamic within council is anyone's guess. I'd like to be hopeful but think they will be stymied by what has gone before – to the extent that many important decisions have already been made – decisions that mean rates are sure to keep climbing, at the very least, and community consultation may be no more fruitful for ratepayers than it currently is.

I believe that elected members should not be permitted to be re-elected indefinitely. I look forward to changes to the Local Government Act in 2026, that mean the community will be able to directly elect its mayor in the future – rather than the role arising from a vote of elected members. This will hopefully, be more democratic.

In October-November, we need new eyes and fresh ideas if we are to flourish as a community. There's always hope I guess, though reality maybe something else entirely.

**Kathryn Pentecost
Delamere**

Does the Mayor have a conflict of interest in matters concerning the Normanville SLSC?

If you perceived that the mayor of DCY, Simon Rothwell, has a conflict of interest in debating and voting on motions of council relating to the Normanville SLSC, you may be correct.

Following an investigation, the Ombudsman said in his letter to the mayor, in February "I am of the view that it is likely you have a perceived conflict of interest for the purposes of the Local Government Act, on the basis that your membership with a surf lifesaving club would likely give rise to a perception that you hold a narrower interest in supporting the interests of a similar organisation, which could potentially conflict with the public interest".

On the Council web site, the mayor states that he is a member of the Aldinga and Normanville Surf Life Saving Clubs.

The mayor recently stated in the Loop, "There has been some misleading information circulating, about myself in reference to conflict of interest, due to my involvement in the Aldinga Bay Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) within the Onkaparinga Council area. I would like to clarify that I have had legal advice, advising that I do not have a material, actual or perceived conflict of interest on matters relating to the Normanville SLSC.

I have decided to declare a perceived conflict of interest, erring on the side of caution, in matters relating to the Normanville SLSC. I have also had a ruling by the Ombudsman, who did not consider I had a material or actual conflict of interest on matters relating to the Normanville SLSC but agreed that I should declare a perceived conflict of interest on such matters. I am able to debate and vote on these matters"

The Ombudsman wrote that **"where a council member declares a perceived conflict of interest, that member must deal with it in a transparent and accountable way. Whether or not that means it is appropriate for the council member to vote on a particular matter must be determined on a case by case basis. The member must also explain to the meeting how they intend to deal with the conflict."**

I sought approval from the mayor to attend a council meeting, as I was keen to investigate the veracity of the mayor's statement about his conflict in the Council's "In the Loop". My deputation was refused by the mayor, a blatant failure to deal with this issue in a transparent and accountable way.

After an earlier meeting I had asked the mayor for some proof of his statement about conflict of interest. He would not or could not provide it, consequently I wrote to the Ombudsman and received two letters on which I based this letter.

The mayor had a fiduciary and ethical duty to follow the Ombudsman's advice.

**Peter Vandeppeer OAM
vandeppeer7@optusnet.com.au**



Fiscal Responsibility

There is some weird pleasure in spending someone else's money; an extravagance without consequences. And it likely feeds some subconscious urge for seeking approval and breaking a few rules.

It is clear that for Yankalilla District Council, the extravagance of over spending and over committing to numerous projects at the same time has occurred. No one with sound business acumen would do such a thing on limited resources.

It is also clear that due diligence has not been observed. That diligence is required of elected officials as well as senior staff. While "crown immunity" can provide some legal protection for these councillors and managers but not for everything.

I believe that the senior management and elected officials need to be held personally responsible for the cost overruns on projects currently underway. Those projects proceeded despite voter/resident opinion and sage advice provided at the time.

If you don't do your job, time to pay for your mistakes and go.

Dalton Dupuy

Council Needs Cleaning

After reading the comment on last months YRN from Mr Peter Vandepier OAM, a respected person of learning, and his concern of how our council is conducting themselves, (apart from a couple), it really does show that the concern from a large percentage of ratepayers about not

only the Normanville foreshore development but the reckless spending of our rates on improving tourist infrastructure really does nothing for locals at the expense of us who live here, I realise that some think money must be spent to create a local economy, however with the current overrun of costs, these costs are going to be a burden to us the ratepayers for decades to come, I only hope that people realise this when they vote at the next council elections, what's that old saying... *a new broom sweeps clean?*

Rik Sta

(concerned resident of 36 years)

Sadness and Disgust

It's **Amazing and Disgusting** all at the same time, how a handful, coupled with an organisation, an organisation claiming to support community safety can disrupt the very existence of so many.

As of the beginning of September 2022 the Normanville Kiosk & Cafe will cease to exist as we have known it. Let me say that again, **As of the beginning of September 2022 the Normanville Kiosk & Cafe will cease to exist as we have known it**, with no thanks what so ever to the handful and the organisation who has acted outside of what would be considered good Corporate Citizenship. Is there nobody capable of seeing this is not Byron Bay with a population of greater the 9000 and tourist influx amounting to thousands per year. Are the egos so inflated to believe that the **GLASS Monstrosity** proposed to replace the existing buildings will draw the same level of patronage?

Keith Wells

Yankalilla

Last chance to tell Council what you want

You tried to do that when you wrote your submissions, in good faith, about the Normanville Foreshore Master Plan. The evidence is clear – the Council ignored your opinion – every time.

The Community exists as a living thing, before the existence of the Council. The Council is secondary, and its role is to follow our direction as rate-paying residents.

Big decisions affecting us, our environment, our facilities, our finances, are being made in Confidential meetings (See July 2022 Agenda and Minutes).

Council, it is time to listen to us. We are angry about the unnecessary changes to the carpark and sand hill. Now you want us to pay for the demolition of a café we want to keep!

Before the demolition starts, and so we do not just end up with bare land on the Foreshore, Council needs to provide the Ratepayers and Community with:

- full and final costings of the NSLC & Kiosk build
- exact details on who is providing what funding
- who will be responsible for any cost blowouts
- how these costs and subsequent loans are to be paid for

The demolition of the Normanville Café & Kiosk and the Normanville Surf Lifesaving Club is set to happen on or after Saturday 1 October – that's next month.

Act to stop this. Fill in the survey below – in your thousands! Council, listen!

We are the community you are here to serve!

Results of the survey will go to the Tuesday 20 September Council meeting. Responses to the survey will be managed by independent analysts, with results in the October Yankalilla Regional News.

This survey is a paid item in the YRN. **Please donate to cover costs** to the Centre for Culture Land and Sea Inc.

Director Ruth Trigg BSB 633-000 Acc no 153854229. Please put name on donation for return if cost is oversubscribed.

Fill in survey below, cut out and post to: **Survey, PO Box 324, Normanville 5204 by Thursday 15 September.**



Name _____ local _____ visitor _____
Address _____
Ph _____ email _____

	Yes	No
I request a formal Council vote at the 20 September 2022 meeting to delay the demolition of the Café/Kiosk until the newly elected Council reviews the project from November 2022		
I support the demolition of the Café/Kiosk and Surf Club on or after 1 October 2022 to prepare for the construction of a combined Café/Surf Club		

Yankalilla & District Historical Society

What's on in September

For more information go to
www.yankalilladistricthistory.org.au/events
Enquiries to Pamela Wright 0412 864 276

Friday Talk

The History of Light Railway in South Australia, Peter Lucas

Friday 9 September 2022 10:30am

Yankalilla Uniting Church Hall (Sanders Hall)
Bookings essential. Fleurieu Coast Information Centre



Jetty wagons could be hand pushed at Second Valley, with no need for a horse or locomotive
Photo courtesy: Dept. of Marine and Harbours

Light railways were short, isolated lines which

looked after the transportation tasks now performed by trucks. South Australia used to have around seven hundred light railways but now only nine remain. About ten of these operated in the Yankalilla area.

Peter Lucas, from the Milang Railway Museum, will tell the story of these railways with particular focus on the Yankalilla area. He will describe how men, horses, steam, diesel, electricity and even camels were used to provide motive power. Historic photos will illustrate the various industries and tasks which light railways performed.

The talk will be followed by morning tea, and a chance for a chat.

General Meeting

Showing Off! 140 years of the Yankalilla Show, Emanda Fretwell

Monday 12 September 2022 7:30pm

Yankalilla Uniting Church Hall (Sanders Hall)

Bookings not required.

Highlights, lowlights and some of the bits in between. A look at the history of the Yankalilla, Rapid Bay & Myponga Agricultural & Horticultural Society Inc. Known as the Yank Show. Celebrating 140 years this 2022 show day 1 October

This talk will be followed by the Yankalilla &

District Historical Society (YDHS) general meeting and supper.



Show Book Cover 2016

Photo courtesy: Victor Harbor Times

Members' Tour

Hillsley walk and picnic lunch

Sunday 25 September 2022 11:00am

Bookings essential. Marilyn McLaren

mcmlaren@live.com.au or phone 0428170651

Priority for members (free), \$10 for non-members. Membership forms available on the day.

For more details see the article on page 7.

Buses of a bygone era

When the South Australian Railways was faced with dwindling revenue due to competition from motor omnibuses, they decided to join them.

On 5 February 1925, an inaugural South Australian Railways Motor Services (SARMS) began an Adelaide to Victor Harbor coach service at 10 shillings a head – not cheap! Other routes were also serviced including special tours to Yankalilla and Normanville.

SARMS purchased Fageol (pronounced 'Fajl'), White, and REO buses, or coaches. Whites were 20-seaters and Fageols were 29-seaters. They were all sold off in 1931.

Fageol Motors Company began operation in 1916 in Oaklands, California. Like many USA companies they were sold, absorbed, sold again, etc. The significance of the Fageol safety coaches, as in the local photo, is that they were released in the USA in 1922 and were the first coaches designed for inter-city travel in the USA and probably the world. They featured a lowered chassis, very wide track, extensive use of aluminium in the coachwork and rubber bushings in the mechanical mounting points and air brakes.

Initially, a Fageol safety coach and a White motor bus were put on the service, with the Fageol leaving for Victor Harbor at 9am each day and returning at 2.30pm, while the White bus was stationed at Victor Harbor observing a similar schedule to Adelaide. Fares were 10 shillings for adults and 5 shillings for children.

For the first official run, a correspondent from *The News* reported that 'all eyes were on the big blue Fageol coach' when it left from the railway station on North Terrace, watched by the general traffic manager Mr AN Day, then it passed along King William Street, and stopped at the front of the Tourist Bureau for convenience of travellers. Mr AJ Kleeman (special officer attached to the general traffic manager's department) made the journey on the 53-mile trip by way of Willunga (where travellers had a short stop for a cup of tea), accompanied by Mr G Harrington of the Republic Motor Trust sales, South Australian representative of the Fageol safety coach.

Passengers praised the speed and comfort of the Fageol. The interior was described as luxurious with comfortable armchairs with well-sprung plush-covered cushions and plate glass windows that could be raised or lowered at will and also, the absence of rattle or noise over even the roughest portion of the road. Although the vehicle could attain a speed of 60 miles an hour from its 43 horsepower, it averaged about 38 miles an hour because of road conditions, the section through Mount Compass considered at the time to be the worst part of the road. However, the potholes were hardly noticeable due to the coach being so well sprung.

Although the Fageol had a wheel base of 19 ft 2 in and the wheel had a tread of 72 inches, sharp

corners and hairpin bends were negotiated with ease. The low centre of gravity made it almost impossible to overturn. The journey to Victor Harbor took less than two hours.

According to the newspaper correspondent, 'Although conditions were unpleasant in the city, the fine construction of the Fageol gave passengers every opportunity to enjoy the cooler atmosphere of the hills, and it was in every sense a pleasure trip.'

[Thanks to Lance Hocking for providing some information about these historic buses.]

– Lorraine Day

The Yankalilla & District Historical Society Inc. meets on the second Monday of the months of September, October, November, February, March (usually on the Tuesday in March as Monday is Adelaide Cup Day) and April. **The next meeting will be on 12 September 2022 at 7.30 pm** at Sanders Hall, Uniting Church, 121 Main South Road, Yankalilla.

Left. Three Fageol 'Parlor Cars' on the Fleurieu Peninsula (Dorothy Lord collection).

Centre. White 20-seater motor coach 1925 (State Library of South Australia, B 3573).

Below. Fageol motor coach 1925 (State Library of South Australia, B 3574).





Throw them all out. Let's fix this mess.

The irresponsible way in which the Yankalilla Council has been running the Council Area's affairs demands that all ratepayers vote in the next election. Vote to throw out all current members and start again with some fresh and hopefully more responsible councillors who are prepared to operate within budget and immediately start reducing expenditure and rates.

The current situation is frankly ridiculous. The area has about five and a half thousand residents and ratepayers yet the council has organised itself as if it is administering something massively larger. We have the population of a not very large country town yet the council spends like there is no tomorrow on grandiose projects and a massive wages and salaries bill. We pay our executive team as if they were administering a council 5 or 6 times as large in terms of ratepayers.

Their solution to this profligate money squandering is to raise rates, yet again, and/or borrow more money.

The site: <https://councilsinfocus.sa.gov.au/> Provides an excellent opportunity to compare councils and shows just how dire our current situation is. The chart below taken from that site really says it all.

It shows the rates per capita for Yankalilla Council, Councils of similar size and the statewide average. From this you can see that

our rates are clearly over double the statewide average and about double that of similar councils.

My own experience is that, on a percentage basis, my rates on my property in Adelaide are about 40% lower than my property in the Yankalilla Council area.

When I pointed this out to a councillor at the farcical 'public consultation' event on the Normanville foreshore, his response was. "That's because we are so small".

Err...well, exactly. Therefore, our expenditure must also be small.

The crux of the problem is related to economies of scale. Just as farms, factories and airlines need to get bigger as costs increase, so do councils. We are frankly now just too small to support this top heavy administrative structure we find ourselves burdened with.

So what to do? Firstly vote in new people who are committed to rate and expenditure reduction, find out their position beforehand. If you must vote for an existing councillor vote only for those who apposed the foreshore redevelopment. Lobby these new councillors to:

- Stop the redevelopment and, with any luck, save the cafe.
- Urgently undertake a cost reduction program staged over five years. Incorporating asset sales and a halt to any unessential capital expenditure.
- Very importantly, undertake a reduction of the wages and salaries bill by at least 40% over the next five years. This to be achieved through redundancies and when an executive contract is finished or terminated, hiring at salaries suitable

for a small country town, not a mega-council.

● Start urgent negotiations with neighbouring council areas with a view to amalgamation so we, the poor ratepayers, can benefit from some economies of scale.

Some councils interstate have gone bankrupt and/or have been taken over by the state government. Let's avoid this fate by throwing these people out and starting again on a more responsible and economically viable path.

Adam Wynn
Carrickalinga

Community

Our wonderful people in our area have had a lot to say lately. Opinions, ideas, yes judgements, and even a bit of gossip. It has been a harder winter than most with all our community goings on and quite a bit of division. I do wonder what others in the area think of our words and how we are using them.

But, as kindness always continues to flow in and through, the one thing we need to take from all of this is that we are an incredibly caring and passionate community.

No matter which way we look at it - We care enough to have an opinion and we care enough to look at the situation in a different light.

We are passionate enough to voice that opinion and we are passionate enough to act.

These are all wonderful things to keep our community the brilliant one it is, to care for our area and care for each other.

I know the dust will settle, as it always does and we will find new things to be passionate and care about.

But in the meantime, let us be kind with our words. Because the bottom line is:

We all love our area and our community for more reasons than we can count, and that's why we live here.

-Kindness-

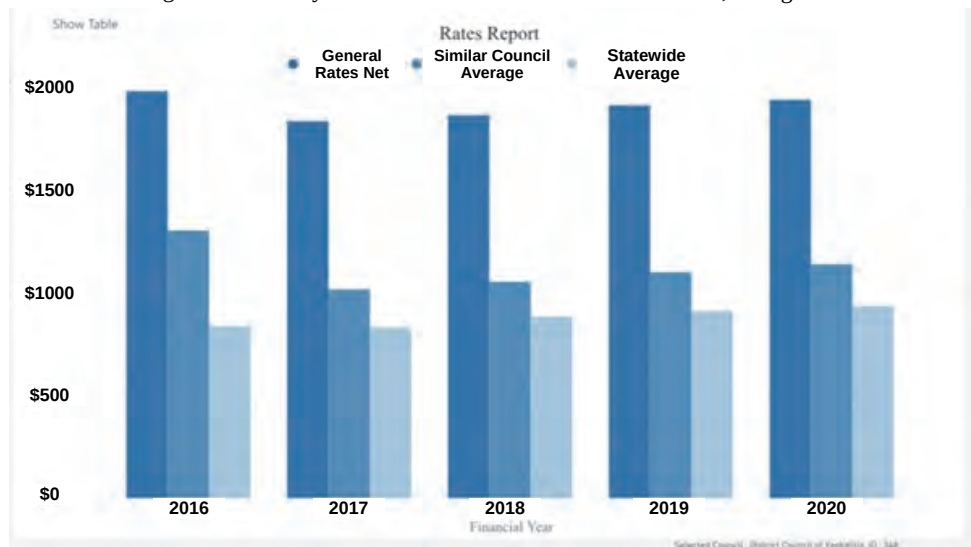
Thank You

My wife and I would like express our thanks and appreciation to the two chaps who stopped their vehicles to assist us rectify a mishap with our caravan awning. The incident was one that recently occurred while we were travelling on a particularly windy day on the Hindmarsh Tiers Road, and we only realised our plight when alerted and assisted by one of these gentleman who was returning to Adelaide. The other gentleman was Derek who, on his way to Myponga, gave me considerable assistance with securing the caravan awning, and his assistance was more so appreciated because I was partly incapacitated at the time with a knee problem. Eventually, we were able to continue our travels, but the 'icing on the cake' was the local gentleman who had stopped his farm ute a little way along the road, donned his EFS jacket, and had begun warning traffic travelling in the opposite direction of the dangerous road situation ahead. What wonderful community spirit we have in our district.

Neil Field
Normanville

Reader's Photo

Hi Guys, I have attached a photo which I would love to be [included in] the Yankalilla Regional News magazine. Its a photo of me and my brother (Jude and Finn Saturno) running around at Carrickalinga beach.



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Prayer at Christ Church

The photo shows a beautiful kneeler in Christ Church, designed by the late artist, Barbara Robertson, who lived at Carrickalinga and was a regular attendee for many years. In the church and adjacent hall there are many other similar items and paintings also by Barbara. What is a kneeler, you may ask. It is a sturdy cushion to use when praying on one's knees, a tradition in the Anglican Church used by some to indicate worship and reverence. There is a verse in the Bible which says "Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker." (Psalm 95:6). However there are many other postures recorded for worship or prayer such as lying prostrate, standing, sitting, or

lan Olsen

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lifting up ones hands towards heaven. In fact we know that one can pray anywhere, or in any posture, either verbally or in quiet meditation. What really matters is the attitude in one's heart towards God. Our hearts can be in a continual state of worship and prayer, even as we go about our days.

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

Christ Church

Sundays:

9am, September 4, 11, 18

11am, September 25

Wednesday: 6pm, service of Contemplation and Prayer, cuppa afterwards, September 21 only.

Fridays: 9.15am, Christian meditation, September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

Delamere

Sundays:

11am, September 11

9am, September 25

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Welcome to Drakes Yankalilla !

What an exciting time for the Yankalilla community. As most of you are now aware, the old Foodland site has now been acquired by Drakes supermarkets. Drakes is a family owned and operated organisation that prides itself on being Australia's largest independent grocery group which dedicates itself to serving local communities, just like ours!



You may have noticed a few things happening around the store. We have introduced many new products into our store such as our 'Value' range, we are developing areas to fit more products that are sourced locally, we have plans to upgrade our fresh sections and the front of the building has been given a fresh modern look.

"I am humbled to be given the opportunity to continue to serve the community that I have had the pleasure of being a part of for many years. I look forward to catching you all instore and share with you all the wonderful and exciting things coming our way!"

Mike Hurford
Store Manager



*Mike inspects a fresh pineapple
in the fruit & veg section*

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Saturday & Sunday 7:30am-7:00pm

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yankalilla.drakes@drakes.com.au

Senior Discount Day: Wednesday

**new Facebook page coming soon*

Get the JUICE from BRUCE

Thanks for the feedback about last month's write up, it's great to know readers are interested in which products are Australian. So, continuing that theme let's look at Halco, the WA company which started in 1950 making metal lures and rigs. They now produce everything from terminal tackle to tuna lures plus a range of soft plastics. With an increasing export demand for their products, they no longer manufacture in Australia but are still Australian owned and designed with their Head Office remaining in Fremantle Western Australia. The Halco Chrome Metal Twisty lure is our most popular Salmon lure, the range represents awesome quality and great value for money. Check them out in store.

REMINDERS

- Father's Day **Sunday September 4th**, we have a range of gift ideas on our website.
- Festival of Nature Outdoor Adventure & Eco Expo - **Sunday September 18th**, join us and other exhibitors on the Village Green for some outdoor fun.

REPORTS

It's been wet, wet, wet, but the fish are still biting. Small Tommie Ruff and Squid are still in good numbers from the Cape Jervis jetty. Parsons Beach has also held Tommies and they have been quite a good size. Waitpinga beach fishers have been catching plenty of Salmon Trout with the majority around the 35cm measure and a few larger Salmon up to 2.5 kilo along with Tommies and a few Mullet. Rapid Bay, Second Valley and Wirrina have all been a little quiet, but Tommies and Squid will be the main fare to try for. Morgan's Beach has also been producing Salmon Trout and Salmon. With all this fresh water run off into the ocean it should be a good time to try and target Flathead, Lady Bay, Normanville and Carrickalinga

beaches are good places to try. We are still seeing some splendid King George Whiting catches from the boaties, they are also bringing in Squid and Leatherjackets.





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Australian Decorative And Fine Arts Society Fleurieu

The Magic of the Harp Presented by Emma Horwood Monday 19th September 2022

Booked for ADFAS Fleurieu in June, Emma contracted Covid and was unable to perform for us. Fortunately, we will still manage to see her and hear her exceptional skills as both a harpist and soloist soprano in a performance-based lecture on Monday 19th September. Emma will introduce us to the history of the harp from its primitive beginnings to the sophisticated instrument it is today.



It occupies a unique position in music history as it is the oldest known instrument - the earliest evidence of the harp is found in Ancient Egypt circa 2500 BC. It was shaped like bows or angular and had very few strings.

The picture below and biography is taken from Emma Horwood's website and gives extra information about this wonderfully gifted performer.

"Emma is one of Adelaide's most popular and respected musicians and is a graduate of the Elder Conservatorium at the University of

Adelaide. She performs as a soprano soloist and ensemble singer, a pedal and Celtic harp soloist, and as a harpist-singer, accompanying her beautiful voice on harp.



With over 20 years' experience and a wide repertoire of classical, Celtic and contemporary music, Emma performs for weddings and other events, as well as on the concert stage where she is known for her purity of tone, versatility and engaging stage presence. Emma presents frequent solo recitals to critical acclaim and has performed as part of concert series at Adelaide University, Flinders University, Urrbrae House, multi-media venue The Lab, and as guest artist for The Firm and Adelaide Baroque. "Don't miss out this time!!

Visitors welcome. To join ADFAS Fleurieu or to ask about attendance at the lecture above please email: fleurieu@adfasc.org.au or phone **0479174300**. Non-members welcome, \$25 at the door. **ADFAS Fleurieu lectures begin at 10.30am at the Gospel Centre, 2 George Main Road, Victor Harbor 5211.**

Books & Words Group

Our last event, *In Conversation with Nina Campbell* was a great success.

In July, members and friends of Books & Words gathered at the Normanville Hotel to meet South Australian author, Nina Campbell. After a career in the public service, she decided to strike out and fulfill a long held dream to be a writer. Her first novel, *Daughters of Eve*, was published in March, and it is a fascinating read. Her interview with David Meldrum was very entertaining.

We were happy to receive the following feedback from one of our audience members.

"It was wonderful to hear the conversation between Nina Campbell and David, and smoothly chaired by Marcus, at the Books and Words Group's event on Saturday.

Their discussion was enlightening for both readers and writers, and those who are both. It made for a lively and engaging session that wouldn't have been out of place at Writers Week in Adelaide. How lucky were we to have it stimulating and nourishing us in Normanville. Thank you to all concerned"

- Lorraine Mcloughlin



Our next event is also not to be missed:

Spring Haiku Thursday, 29 September 10am to 4pm

Join us for a day of nature contemplation and haiku writing. Whether you're experienced with this form of Japanese poetry or just curious to learn, you are welcome to join us for a relaxed and informal day at Yaitya-kauwingga Sanctuary at Delamere. We'll start with a morning tea,

followed by sharing of haiku concepts. Then we'll take an hour to stroll through woodland or find a spot in the garden to sit in quiet stillness. Those with mobility concerns may choose to sit in the garden, take in a view from the house or drive through parts of the property. Use a notepad or phone to jot down words and phrases that describe your sensory experience. We'll return for a shared lunch followed by an hour of having a go at writing haiku.

What to bring:

- A small plate of food to share
- Your own mug and drink bottle
- Suitable outdoor attire for walking
- A small notepad and pencil

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Relay For Julie

11/08/2022

For several years, Julie Wallace ran regular Yoga classes in Normanville. Sadly, early in 2021 after a long Cancer related illness, Julie passed away. A number of the participants from her classes have met for a coffee and a chat regularly since then.

This has culminated in the group forming a 'Relay For Life' Team called 'Annapoorna Julie' which is taking part in the Adelaide Hills Relay For Life Event to be held at Balhannah Oval on Saturday/Sunday 5th/6th November.

Julie was much revered and this Relay Team is our way of showing our respect for her memory.

Relay For Life is more than a fundraising event, it's about bringing communities together to celebrate survivorship, remember loved ones lost, and to fight back against cancer while having a little (or a lot) of fun along the way. They are run by a passionate committee of local volunteers who work all year round to bring the event to life.

Relay For Life is a unique event where teams of 10 to 15 friends, family and colleagues challenge themselves to take turns to keep a baton moving in a relay-style walk or run, for 19 hours. There are no age limits or fitness requirements - Relay For Life is suitable for everyone, and anyone can join the fun. People stay the whole event, camp overnight, or just visit and celebrate the team effort. Whether you are a cancer survivor, a carer, supporting friends or loved ones, or simply want to make a difference, Relay For Life empowers everyone who participates.

Every Relay For Life is unique, but includes three key milestones:

- an Opening Ceremony - underpinned by a survivors and carers walk
- a moving Candlelight Ceremony - honouring those lost, celebrating those who have survived and inspiring those going through cancer at the time
- a Closing Ceremony - celebrating the achievements of all those who have relayed through the night

We are looking forward to celebrating Julie's life and raising a few dollars along the way to help the causes of the South Australian Cancer Council.

If you are interested in donating to the cause please contact one of us.

John Clements: **0407 606 273** or

johnnclements@bigpond.com

Laine Wehr: **0416 147 335**



The group pictured at a recent lunch.
Back (l to r) Maxine Agnew, Laine Wehr, Di Watson, John Clements, Louise Clements, Sue Anderson, Jenny Kennedy
Front (l to r) Trish Bohnsack, Sue Merchant



Have you always called South Australia home?

No, I was born in Boyup Brook in the south west of Western Australia, the youngest of four girls with a brother coming later. Our mixed farm of 1100 acres, rescued from the devastation of rabbits, carried sheep and cattle and grew wheat and flax. Clear memories of stooks of hay and the apple orchard remain. Although only 5½ years old when the family shifted to Adelaide, I remember farm life positively and have always gravitated to country.

Was music in your life from those early years?

Always. Sitting in the back of the Peugeot station wagon Jenny, Susan, Elizabeth and I would belt out songs such as "The Quartermaster's Store" and "Ten Green Bottles". Our mother, whose family had gathered around the piano to sing, infected us with her pleasure in music. We were always singing, listening to records and radio, and also dancing.

Jenny, my eldest sister, would listen to music all day if she could. Her influence rubbed off on her younger siblings as we heard Dusty Springfield, Beatles, Col Joye, The Seekers and Ray Charles amongst others. As well I played my own four albums over and over, singing along to *Sound of Music*, Roberta Flack, Olivia Newton-John and Nana Mouskouri.

Performing for my sisters, I blew them away when I harmonised to Flack's singing. Although I thought initially that the Mouskouri album my mother bought me was just for oldies, I learned heaps harmonising with her songs. My sisters remember me practising, working hard at my craft. But love of music was my driving force, not self-discipline. Having a guitar from the age of 13 allowed me to sing independently and opened up opportunities to perform.

Did you have formal music training?

Six months of singing lessons with a baritone in my teens gave me the basics and engendered my love for singing and performing. In my late twenties I took lessons in Victor Harbor with soprano Carol Kohler. My skills in breathing, diction and projection grew with her more formal approach.

When did you really know you had a voice?

After early days singing freely I had an awful experience with stage fright in grade six and lost my confidence to sing in public. For years I'd mostly sung informally or with family, but when I was eighteen a friend, Greg Champion, successful singer and songwriter, helped me push through my nerves and forced me to sing with him. We performed duos together and recorded with backing bands. Thereafter I knew I could sing and loved being on stage. I happily took the mic, and still find pleasure infusing others with the joy of music.

After becoming a registered nurse, you still performed?

Yes I was in bands and singing advertising jingles. I worked for several companies but particularly Street Remley with whom I'd recorded in *The Bank of France* band.

I also wrote and performed *Flim Flam Singing Telegrams* for events such as weddings, retirement parties and other celebrations, once interrupting a professor's university lecture to the amazement of his students since it was the early days of such telegrams. At one function I even surprised actor and comedian Gary McDonald alias Norman Gunston.



Margie turns the tables on Norman Gunston

All the while I was singing and playing in city venues with Greg, John Mulholland and others.

When did you abandon city life for a seaside and rural one?

In 1980 I moved with John Mulholland to Victor Harbor and was soon nursing, managing a hostel in Pt Elliot and playing music and tennis. As part of *Cool Change* we played at The Crown and other pubs, local venues and events. Then I was part of *Maggies Farm* with John and Mark Rivett, and in other Victor bands too. John and I married, and in 1981 started a family. A daughter, son, and another daughter slowed performing, but I continued playing, even with little children. In the mid-eighties John and I played many gigs in the rock band, *Route 66*.

After you split from John, the music went on?

John set me up with a good guitar and sound system as we parted, and I began playing solo from 1990. It was hectic co-parenting and performing gigs, but the love of music and compulsion to sing to an audience never waned. In the 1990s I was part of *Cactus* with songwriter Karen Plisko and others. Then Katrina Carpenter, Karen and I headed the group *Brill* and played with various backing bands at The Anchorage in Victor Harbor and several Adelaide venues.

I sang at many music festivals across Australia including Pt Fairy, the Gympie Muster, Woodforde and others. At least six times I performed at Tamworth where I met inspiring celebrities such as Ted Egan, John Williamson, Slim Dusty and Joy McKean, Anne Kirkpatrick and Eric Bogle. It was stimulating to share fellowship and laughter with them, as well as music. Beccy Cole invited me to sing backing harmonies for all her Tamworth performances

one year. I did backing for recordings too, and Greg Champion, Beccy and I also did a SA country tour together.

In the early 2000s, on request, I set up an open mic at the Royal Family Hotel in Pt Elliot and hosted it for ten years. Many young musos launched successfully into the music world from that experience. I also played in a duo with well-known Adelaide harpist Moira Lawry. The music never stopped.

Your photos validate your rich musical experiences through the nineties and 2000s. And then you came to live in the Yankalilla District.

Yes, I'd been regularly performing on the Fleurieu, and recommenced playing with John. The years of politeness and respectful co-parenting paid off as our musical careers sometimes overlapped, and still do. The call of country life continued. In 2009, Jen and I found a wonderful property on Tonto Road, Hay Flat, our "happy place" of eighty green acres, with abundant native trees, birds and wild life. There, as we run cattle and horses, we can also follow our passions. I have a busy musical life and Jen participates in the equestrian world. Now in semi-retirement from nursing, life is good, a balance of music, farm and extended family.

Where to next?

I sang solo to a warm reception at Bungala House when Jill and Mark Pearse opened their home for soirees in the 2013 Festival Fleurieu. When my sisters joined me for the finale, the audience was rapt.

Elizabeth and I had sung together when younger, and later the joy of singing with her got us both through tough times. Now with older sisters Jenny and Susan, we began singing together even more, and built up a repertoire. Since 2017, we've performed regularly across the Fleurieu as *The Russell Sisters*, with John joining us on guitar.

I sing less on my own now, as my greatest love is singing with my sisters, friends and family, and where there is an inclusive sense of musical enjoyment. I like to make people comfortable to join in and be part of the experience.



The Russell Sisters:
Jenny, Margie, Susan and Elizabeth

Thank you for sharing your story, Margie. I am sure many readers will flock to hear

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The Southern Longfin Goby (*Favonigobius lateralis*)

Yankalilla Bay is home to quite a crowd of nice gobies, but I've chosen it as my first as I've better local photos of this species than I have of several other locals including Sailfin Goby and Sicklefins Sand-Goby (which are on my list for whenever).

Anyway, beauty is in the beholder's eye, 'pretty' is highly subjective, and a pair of male *F. lateralis* having a territorial or mating rights contest, viewed through a facemask in a shallow sunlit tide pool mid-summer, is truly a sight to behold.

Southern Longfin Gobies perform on New Year's Day! 1/1/2012. Probably 2 males in a territorial/suitor's dispute (very feisty, like many males in the animal kingdom) at Lady Bay in a tide pool.



But where do gobies fit in the taxonomic scheme?

Family Gobiidae is the largest family of marine fishes, comprising over 200 genera and at least 1500 species worldwide. Most are tropical and their numbers rapidly decrease in subtropical to temperate zones.

Gobiidae is a highly diverse family and some subfamilies are variously recognized by authors, but generally gobies are small, live on the bottom (benthic dwellers), and are common in shallow areas.

Some - including *F. lateralis* - can live in brackish water and enter the lower reaches of streams.

Australia has almost 400 species but only about 50 occur in temperate southern Australia.

As far as I know, none are targeted commercially in southern Oz and the same would apply recreationally. Although they're potentially useful as bait, and are sometimes bycatch along with the whitebait, silverlings and brine shrimp that rec fishers target using small nylon mesh 'bait traps' set overnight or for a few hours in estuaries and embayments.

Some of the so-called sand gobies bury in the sand at night while others use burrows.

Our Southern Longfin Goby isn't a burrower but it does live on shallow sand, often near seagrass or low rocks. It reaches about 9cm. Males may be slightly bigger than females.

Common names commonly cause confusion. How's this? The Southern Longfin (*Beliops xanthokrossos*) which occurs in our shallow southern seas, reaches only 3cm, and is also a strict bottom dweller that can bury in sand (I've seen it at Rapid Bay and elsewhere) is about as far from being a goby as it gets, in the realm of bony fishes. Its in Family Plesiopidae, which includes Blue Devils, Hulafishes, and Prettyfins.

Gobies have quite small heads that are bluntly rounded with oblique mouths.

Southern Longfin Goby @ Lady Bay - nice breeding colours



They eat tiny shrimps and other marine animals that are much smaller than they are, so if you see one suddenly lunge at something seemingly invisible near its mouth, its probably swallowed a morsel so miniscule we'd need a microscope to see it.

Being carnivores they've several rows of teeth, but with rare exceptions the adults are too small to bite us, not that they'd try unless you caught one and stuck a fingertip in its mouth.

Nor do they have any specific venom associated with their fin spines, so presumably the worst injury our local varieties might accidentally inflict would be a tiny skin prick from a dorsal fin spine, even though the spines are flexible - eg if a person was handling one out of water. Which might be transiently painful, with potential for minor local infection, but basically gobies are harmless to humans.

Globally adult sizes range from 1.5 to 50cm TL but most species only reach 3-10cm, and none in SA get bigger than ~10cm.

There are only about 25 known species along Australia's south coast but they represent no less than 15 genera.

Genus *Favonigobius* has about 10 described species globally, of which 6 occur in Australia, but *F. lateralis* is the only representative in our cooler southern seas.

Essentially all true gobies have two dorsal fin arrays although in some species they're joined by an inconspicuous membrane. In *F. lateralis* the 2 dorsal fins are indeed separated although it is hard to see that in the wild.

All gobies have 6 spines (spinous rays) in the first dorsal fin, and one in the second dorsal fin. But the second dorsal fin has many soft rays behind the spinous 1st ray, making it a longer fin (front to back) than the first dorsal fin which has its 6 spines close-set.

The first dorsal spine is often but not always elongated (look closely at the photos, which may show both versions, depending on the Editor's choices). [You don't make my job easy, Dave! - Ed.]

Southern Longfin Gobies are widespread along Australia's south coast but seem especially common in our gulfs.

I said earlier that I chose *F. lateralis* because I've better local pics of it than several arguably prettier ones for Yankalilla Bay.

But here's another justification.

If you spend some time in summer floating face-down, wearing facemask and snorkel, over very shallow sand in sheltered places like Lady Bay, eventually you'll see territorial and courtship displays by this species.

Its just big enough to notice (several even smaller species often coexist but are harder to discern, easily approachable, and the breeding season colours and patterns make them stand out against the sandy substrate much more than those seen in cooler months, which blend well with their preferred bottom type.



(L) Southern Longfin Goby, male, courtship colours, Lady Bay tide pool. (R) Juvenile at Lady Bay in sandy shallows 11/12/2011

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Myponga Reservoir parkrun

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The Myponga Reservoir parkrun held event #17 on Saturday 6th August. It was cold and wet but exhilarating for those people involved.

Join us Saturday mornings at 8am in the beautiful surrounds of the Myponga Reservoir reserve for parkrun. parkrun is free and available weekly or whenever it suits you. Parkrun isn't just for runners, it's for walkers and volunteers too. It's also for every age and ability including Mums and/or Dads and Grandparents with kids in pushers.

Parkrun is a very inclusive event. An example was clearly indicated when we met Rolf Schmidt, a blind runner and his guide, Craig White who took part in our Event #16 on Saturday 23rd July. Rolf indicated that he was surprised how hilly the course was compared to others he has been involved in. He found it quite hard but very enjoyable.

Previously also we have had wheelchair users taking advantage of the electric-assisted all-terrain wheelchair available from the Yankalilla Council, making short work of the hilly course. Paul and Wendy Grant pushed their daughter Zoe in this wheelchair at our trial on April 2nd and released a video of the parkrun from Zoe's viewpoint which is available on the Facebook page.

It is also very gratifying to have visitors to our parkrun from other parkruns in many parts of South Australia and indeed Australia.

Many thanks to the people who have volunteered at this event already. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the event on Saturday July 30th as we did not have a Run Director available on the day. We do need a number of people for a variety of tasks every week if this venture is to continue to be a success.

If you are interested in taking part in the parkrun (walk) or volunteering or finding out more about the concept, follow us at Myponga Reservoir parkrun on Facebook or check out the parkrun Australia webpage at <https://www.parkrun.com.au/> or email us at mypongareservoir@parkrun.com



Blind runner, Rolf Schmidt and his guide, Craig White at event #16.



A group of visitors at Event #17 from the Torrens parkrun in Adelaide.

Below: Some of the people involved in Event #17 at the finish line which is near the edge of the western carpark at the Reservoir Reserve.

John Clements
Co-Event Director
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Heath revegetation to protect threatened species and offset WOMADelaide emissions

1 August 2022

The Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board joined forces with Greening Australia, WOMADelaide and the local community at Deep Creek National Park in July to plant over 3,000 native heath seedlings, as part of a larger planting of over 21,000 seedlings across 17 hectares.

The revegetation has multiple and unique benefits, not only helping to reduce the immediate extinction risks and improve the long-term viability of threatened species, through the board's 'Back from the Brink' project, but also helping offset the iconic WOMADelaide festival's carbon emissions.

Since 2007, \$2 from every WOMADelaide ticket has been re-invested locally to offset the festival's carbon emissions through diverse tree plantings in South Australia. These plantings are coordinated through Greening Australia at various sites.

The Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board's Regional Ecologist Luke Price spoke about the partnership and explained the revegetation and plant selection process.

"This collaboration is a fantastic example of how we can work together to not only provide vital threatened species outcomes and capture carbon, but do this through enjoyable community events, which carry important messages around environmental sustainability. It is fantastic that these revegetation sites can be further enhanced and expanded with this initiative.

"Through the Back from the Brink project, we are aiming to recreate additional heath (closed-shrubland) habitat to reduce the extinction risk of a group of highly endangered bird species, which includes the western beautiful firetail and the Mount Lofty Ranges southern emu-wren. The revegetation is being established according to the birds'

habitat structure requirements and takes into account their dietary preferences. It will also benefit other species associated with heath habitats, including the nationally endangered southern brown bandicoot.

"We have already seen one of our target bird species, the western beautiful firetail, using areas just like these WOMADelaide plantings, which were revegetated only five years ago. This is a big step towards improving the recovery prospects of these area-sensitive threatened species. But we still have a long way to go and need to create thousands more hectares of habitat by revegetating previously cleared land, and these early results are confirmation we are on the right track," he said.

Read more about the Back from the Brink project and download a factsheet at

www.landscape.sa.gov.au/hf/backfromthebrink

i The Back from the Brink project is supported by the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board through funding from the Australian Government and the Landscape Levy. It aims to reduce the risk of extinction for 39 Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) across more than 50 sites throughout the Adelaide Hills and Fleurieu Peninsula.



The group planted 3,000 seedlings at Deep Creek National Park in July to help protect threatened species and offset carbon emissions from the WOMADelaide festival.



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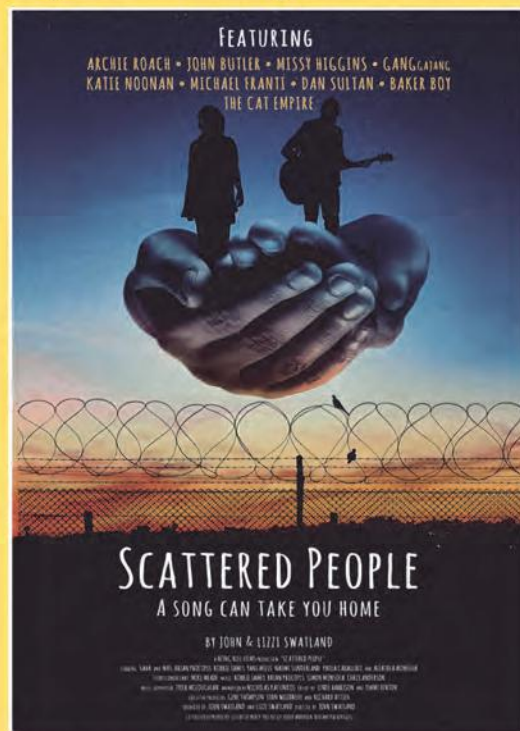
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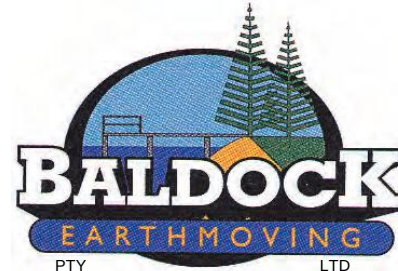
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Friday 2nd - Nixon Skinner Working Bee 9am
 Saturday 3rd - Veggie Swap at FLEC 9.30am
 Monday 5th - Community Nursery Working Bee 9:30am-3pm
 Saturday 10th - Banksia Park Working Bee
 Thursday 8th - Clothing Repair Café
 Monday 19th - Community Nursery Working Bee 9:30am-3pm
 Sunday 18th-23rd - Bird Trip to Innes National Park
 Tuesday 27th - Wellbeing Walk



walking conditions. 9-11am, Nixon Skinner Conservation Park, Myponga

Wednesday 21st September

Guided Birdwatching Walk: Meet at Ingalalla Falls carpark for an informal guided tour. Your guide will help you see, hear and understand the range of bird species that call the forest home. 10am-11am, Ingalalla Waterfall, Hay Flat

Traditional Weaving Workshop: The Southern Elders Weaving Group share their skills and stories in this hands-on cultural experience, focusing on the traditional practices of basket weaving. 1pm-3pm, Yankalilla Show Grounds. \$40 per person, all materials included.

Thursday 22nd September

Nature Journaling Workshop: Learn about the plants that thrive on the Fleurieu Coast and explore journaling them. All materials provided. No artistic skills are required! When nature journaling, we draw to learn, not learn to draw. All ages welcome, great for kids and families. \$30 per person. 10am-12noon, Fleurieu Coast Community Nursery, 1 Kemmiss Hill Rd, Yankalilla

Free Coastal Gardens Workshop: Join staff from the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board and Green Adelaide who will guide you step-by-step, providing advice on what species work best for your needs, different landscaping styles, and plant maintenance tips. 6pm-8pm, Yankalilla Council Chambers

Friday 23rd September

Entomologist Guided Butterfly Walk and Talk Events: Alex the Entomologist will take you on a guided tour of local sites to look for local native butterflies and learn what plants these species rely on. Corey the Coastal Conservation Officer will provide information on local natural area restoration projects. Normanville Dunes : 10am-12pm or Lands End Coastal Reserve: 1pm-3pm

Saturday 24th September

Stringybark to Raywood Nursery Tree Trail Walk: Enjoy a guided stroll amongst trees of significance on this picturesque walk within Deep Creek National Park and the adjoining Raywood Nursery. Explore the old growth stringybarks on the Stringybark Loop (1 km) followed by a leisurely ramble (1.2km) to Raywood Nursery.

These are just a handful of the events happening during the Festival of Nature, please visit <https://www.visitfleurieucoast.com.au/events> for the full event calendar and to book for these events.

The Festival of Nature Round Two for 2022

Round two of the Festival of Nature for 2022 is happening from the 17th to the 25th of September. We've partnered with the District Council of Yankalilla to bring you another weeklong festival packed with events focused on nature, arts, culture and adventure. FLEC is hosting 9 events during the festival some are already filling up fast so please be sure to book. The schedule of events being run by us include the following:

Sunday 18th September

Expo Day on the Village Green: We'll have a stall with native plants, sustainable living & plastic free goodies for sale and loads of FREE environmental information sheets and resources.

Monday 19th September

Community Nursery Open Day: Come and visit the Fleurieu Coast Community Nursery and see the incredible work our volunteers do to grow plants for revegetation projects on the Fleurieu Peninsula. Open 10am-12noon, 1 Kemmiss Hill Rd, Yankalilla

Worm Farm Workshop: Listen as guest speaker and professional worm farmer Peter Heidenreich explains the different types of worm farms and discover which option is best for you. 1-2pm, Fleurieu Coast Community Nursery, 1 Kemmiss Hill Rd, Yankalilla

Tuesday 20th September

Native Orchid + Biodiversity Walk in Nixon Skinner Conservation Park: Join botanist Paul Green and members of the Native Orchid Society of SA to discover the rich biodiversity of the park. All ages welcome. Easy



Traditional Weaving Workshop with The Southern Elders Weavers

Wednesday 21st September, 1-4pm

This is a hands-on cultural experience, focusing on the traditional practices of basket weaving that has been passed down by Aboriginal Elders.

Learn how woven objects have been traditionally used, which materials are best for different purposes, and how the practice has been continued today. Aunty Janice Rigney will guide participants in this workshop.

The Ag Hall, Yankalilla Show Grounds

Cost \$40 per person, materials provided for a small basket

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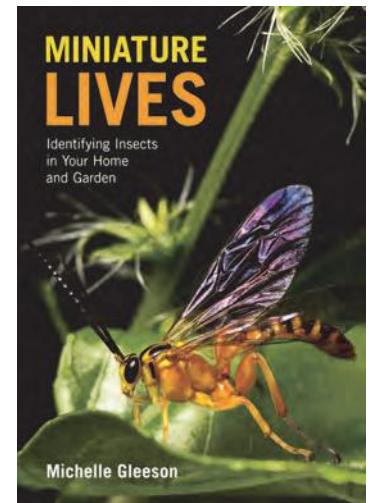
Book of the Month

MINIATURE LIVES: Identifying Insects in Your Home and Garden, Michelle Gleeson, 2016, CSIRO Publishing.

This easy-to-use identification guide helps everyday Aussies and at home gardeners discover Australian insects in their own backyards or local park. Insects can be considered annoying, but they all play a vital role in the balance of our ecosystem. Whether they are scampering past us in the kitchen, fluttering or buzzing about in our gardens, or brought to us in clasped hands or jars by curious kids. Even though we stumble upon them everyday, most people don't know the difference between a native bee and a European wasp, and often the internet or complicated field guides are overwhelming or misinformative. *Miniature Lives* provides straightforward tactics to identify and learn about the insects in our homes, parks and gardens. This book has a step-by-step, illustrated identification key and detailed illustrations and colour photographs and guides the reader through the basics of entomology (the study of insects). Simple descriptions, funny analogies and unusual facts are used to describe where insects live, how they grow and protect themselves, in a way that is both interesting and straightforward to understand. "Gardeners, nature lovers, students,

teachers, parents and grandparents of bug-crazed kids will love this comprehensive guide to the marvellous diversity of insects that surrounds us and the miniature lives they lead".

This book is available for loan from the Fleurieu Environment Centre, pop in and ask one of our wonderful volunteers to help you find it or browse the extensive range of environmental books in our library.





On 7th September 1936, Australia's Tasmanian tiger, also known as the thylacine (*Thylacinus cynocephalus*), slipped over the extinction line. Sixty years later in 1996, the Threatened Species Network founded by WWF -Australia and the Australian Government's Natural Heritage Trust established National Threatened Species Day to commemorate the death of the last Tasmanian tiger at Hobart Zoo. It's a day when we shine a spotlight on all the Australian native animal and plant species that are facing similar fates to that of the Tasmanian tiger. Over 518 native species are currently listed as threatened under Australia's Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999, and after the catastrophic 2019/20 bushfires that scorched 20% of the country's forests, impacting nearly 3 billion animals, many of these species are being pushed further towards extinction.

The fires were also quite impactful on several of our native bee species. A new study led by Flinders University says that the "black summer" bushfires, as they've been referred to as, resulted in the dwindling of 11 bee species -- with nine now listed as vulnerable and two as endangered, due to large areas of their native habitat being burnt. Before the fires, just three Australian bee species were considered threatened and the number of bee species under threat is expected to continue to rise.

Our native bees delight observant gardeners with their dazzling colours and their fascinating behaviour. Our native bees are also vital pollinators - they help our wildflowers to survive and increase the yield of many of our agricultural crops. Australia has over 1,700 species of native bees. They build nests in a wide variety of materials, such as hollow trees, old soft timber, woody stems, and bare patches of ground. Their nests can often be accidentally destroyed through landscaping, gardening and land clearing activities.

Find out more about how we can work together as a nation to protect and regenerate Australia's precious wildlife and their homes for generations to come by visiting:

<https://www.wwf.org.au/what-we-do/regenerate-australia#gs.96h1sh>

6 Ways to Help Save the Beautiful Native Bees that Visit Your Garden or Farm

Thanks to Green Adelaide for providing the information cited in this article.



1. Leave Some Open Soil

More than half of Australia's native bee species nest in the ground. They need access to open soil and do not nest in lawn or under mulch. On top of access to open soil, they also prefer their space to have sloping areas where water can run off (e.g. edges of garden beds or vertical ridges), patches of compacted soil, drier areas that are not regularly watered, and minimal people and animal traffic.

A good start can be to look for existing nests. You'll see small perfectly round entrances, sometimes close together, and if you are lucky, you'll see a bee leaving or entering with pollen. That's a give-away to not mulch or dig in that spot.

2. Plant a Bee-Friendly Garden

Bees only eat pollen and nectar from flowering plants. It's best to have a selection of flowering native plants because different bee species are present at different times of the year and have different diets.

Some native bees are very fussy and won't even visit flowers of introduced species - they don't consider them food! So, it's best to stick to native plants to entice native bees to your yard.

<https://www.greenadelaide.sa.gov.au/discover/gardening/plants-for-native-bees>

3. Avoid Using Pesticides

Bees are insects, and nearly all insecticides will kill them. If you must use a pesticide, use products that are approved for organic growing. Pesticides to warn off weeds or fungal infections can also deter native bees but are generally less harmful.

4. Leave Dead Tree Trunks in Your Yard

Resin, Masked and Leafcutter Native bee varieties nest in dead tree trunks inside tiny holes made by beetle borer bugs. To keep safe from ants the bees will only go for dead tree trunks that are higher off the ground, rather than fallen branches. Leave some areas of bare earth in your yard too and don't clear away all old timber. If you don't have any dead tree trunks to leave you can make Native Bee Hotels, check out this website for instructions:

<https://www.aussiebee.com.au/bee-hotel-aussie-bee-guide.html>

5. Mow the Lawn Less

Many species will feast on flowering weeds if there's nothing else available. If you mow the lawn too regularly, those weeds won't have a chance to flower and you won't get native bees visiting. While they don't like pollen from grass, those stray weeds that pop up in your lawn sometimes can provide nourishment. Having some flowers, native or not, is definitely better than none.

6. Contribute to Native Bee Surveys

Wild Pollinator Counts are held Australia-wide twice a year. Visit <https://wildpollinatorcount.com/> to share your native bee sightings with them.

Do you like walking on the beach?

Friends of the Hooded Plover are looking for beach walkers to help locate Hooded Plovers and their nests on local beaches during their breeding season.

Hooded Plovers are small-to medium-sized coastal beach nesting birds with a distinctive black hood and throat. Listed as vulnerable nationally, there are less than 800 of these birds in South Australia and only 5000 in Australia.

The Hooded Plover, or hoodie as it is affectionately known, lives its entire life on the beach where it breeds between August and March by laying eggs on the sand just above the high tide mark. The number of hoodies have been declining across southern Australia as they have one of the lowest breeding success rates in the world. It is very hard for this species to find a spot on the beach which is not disturbed by visitors, vehicles or dogs. Every time they are disturbed and leave their nests, the eggs and chicks are vulnerable to predators and extreme temperatures.

A dedicated group of volunteers established and supported by BirdLife Australia help monitor this protected species each breeding season, by raising awareness and protecting nests. These enthusiastic monitors have the best working environment walking their local beaches on a regular basis. They help by putting up signs and fences around the nests and talking to beachgoers and seeking their assistance to ensure the chicks survive the 35 days from hatching to fledging.

With less than 70 Hooded Plovers in the whole Fleurieu and Adelaide metro region nesting on our local beaches, we need help to protect them. If you walk on any beach from Myponga to Lands End and would like more information about how you can help, please contact Wendy White on 0413 918 085.



The Fleurieu Environment Centre is part of the Greater Adelaide Environment Network and supported by funding from Green Adelaide



An international bid for Carrickalinga to become Australia's first Dark Sky Community

The Fleurieu Peninsula is beautiful in many ways, and one is the fact that we have little light pollution in comparison with many places in the world.

Light pollution is affecting night skies globally in increasing and disturbing ways, yet many have never heard of it or even considered that light can be a form of pollution. However if you look at a satellite image of the Earth at night, you'll see just how lit up our planet has become.

In a way it looks beautiful indeed, twinkling with so many lights. However there is a problem - a big one in fact. Dark skies are disappearing and this negatively impacts life on Earth in a myriad of ways including human health and well-being and the ecosystems that support life.

Light pollution is simply the presence of unwanted, inappropriate or excessive artificial lighting. Artificial light is light ranging in wavelength from the ultra violet to the near-infrared that is caused, directed or used by humans for any purpose.

Sleep disorders, obesity, breast cancer and depression are linked to light pollution. Negative effects on our native wildlife include disturbance of predator-prey relationships, foraging and feeding, mating and reproduction, way-finding and migration. For example, light pollution can act as an 'ecological trap' for many insects. Insects are undergoing a mass extinction around the world, and yet they are essential plant pollinators and sources of food for many other animals. These impacts are in addition to our own enjoyment of the night sky and visibility for astronomers. There is a plethora of scientific evidence - in health and biological sciences - that light pollution is a growing problem.

However there is light at the end of the tunnel, so to speak! The International Dark Sky (IDS) Association is made up of scientists in varying fields (physics, astronomy, health, biology, ecology), health professionals, educators, policy makers, engineers and business people from around

the world. It is the recognised authority on light pollution and is the leading organisation addressing light pollution worldwide. The Vision of the Association - *the night sky, filled with stars, is celebrated and protected around the world as a shared heritage benefitting all living things*. The purpose is to protect the night from light pollution.

Now to the bid. We in the District Council of Yankalilla are incredibly fortunate to have beautiful night skies. Most urbanised communities do not. The danger is in us taking what we have for granted. In fact light pollution is on a steady increase throughout the district, and the glow of the city is expanding. Yes we can still see the stars - and we need to keep it that way!

The residents of Carrickalinga are making a bid, in collaboration with Council, to make Carrickalinga Australia's first Dark Sky Community. Carrickalinga itself is unusual in having very few streetlights, which makes it a relatively inexpensive project. It involves a rigorous application process requiring applicants to demonstrate robust community support for dark sky protection, as well as Council developing an ordinance to guide the public lighting code.

The achievement of IDS Community status requires a quality comprehensive public lighting policy that includes minimum standards for permanent lighting installations. Effectively this results in shielded, energy-efficient lighting that targets the area to be lit rather than allowing light to trespass into the sky or surrounding areas. White and blue lights are out; they are detrimental to health. Amber lighting, which is much better for humans, plants and for animals, is in. It will not be expensive to retrofit the streetlights of Carrickalinga and the Carrickalinga Ratepayers Association (CRA) has already raised the necessary funds.

Over time we will also need to retrofit domestic floodlights and other outdoor lighting to lower wattage, amber and shielded lights. However we have ten years to achieve this.

There is much research on safety and all the evidence points to shielded and amber lighting providing a safer environment than

many of us have now.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the community and Council. It's an opportunity to lead the way in helping maintain our dark skies - an incredibly valuable asset in today's highly illuminated world. To date there are 37 Dark Sky Communities in nine countries and the number is growing.

Given the well-documented health benefits, this is, in a sense, a no brainer. It has only community and environmental health in mind, it does not detract from development as all future development is subject to new lighting codes anyway, it reduces light pollution and energy costs, and it provides global recognition of the special nature of the place and community we have here. There are no down-sides - there is only benefit and advantage for everyone. It is important and exciting.

We are delighted that Council has agreed to work with the community on this proposal, and is showing leadership in this endeavour.

Dark skies are incredibly valuable for many reasons and with your support we can contribute to the global movement to protect them while continuing to enjoy our own night skies into the future. Please indicate your support by emailing DarkSkyCarrickalinga@gmail.com or through the QR code attached



Dr Sheryn Pitman, Carrickalinga, in collaboration with Dr Sharolyn Anderson and the Carrickalinga Ratepayers Association.



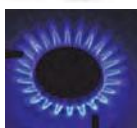
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Kee your eyes peeled outdoors as warmer spring days sees South Australia's snakes slither out from their winter sleep, signalling the start of snake breeding season. The Department for Environment and Water (DEW) has issued its annual reminder for the community, in particular campers, hikers and mountain bikers to be on the lookout for snakes both in metro and regional areas.

DEW's Principal Ecologist, Dr Karl Hillyard explained the increase in sunshine brings snakes out of brumation (a hibernation-like state), looking for food and mates to breed with.

"Snakes can be found all over South Australia, including in metropolitan Adelaide," Dr

Hillyard said.

"Eastern brown snakes in particular are found everywhere, but each region has its local specialty."

"The Adelaide Hills has the red-bellied black snake, the River Murray, Kangaroo Island and south east have the tiger snake, while Eyre and Yorke peninsulas, especially near the coast, are known places for death adders."

"Just because you've never seen a snake on your property doesn't mean they aren't there, so you should always be careful about putting your hands or feet into spots you can't see."

You can avoid snakes on your property by keeping your yard clear of long grass and removing any rubbish that may offer snakes a good spot to hide.

Dr Hillyard said snakes are generally shy and will not attack unless provoked, so if you spot one it's best to leave them be.

"Snakes are protected native animals, and they have an important part to play in the ecosystem, especially in helping to control rats and mice," Dr Hillyard said.

Here's what to do if you see a snake:

Keep well away.

Don't try to catch or kill it yourself. This is when most bites happen.

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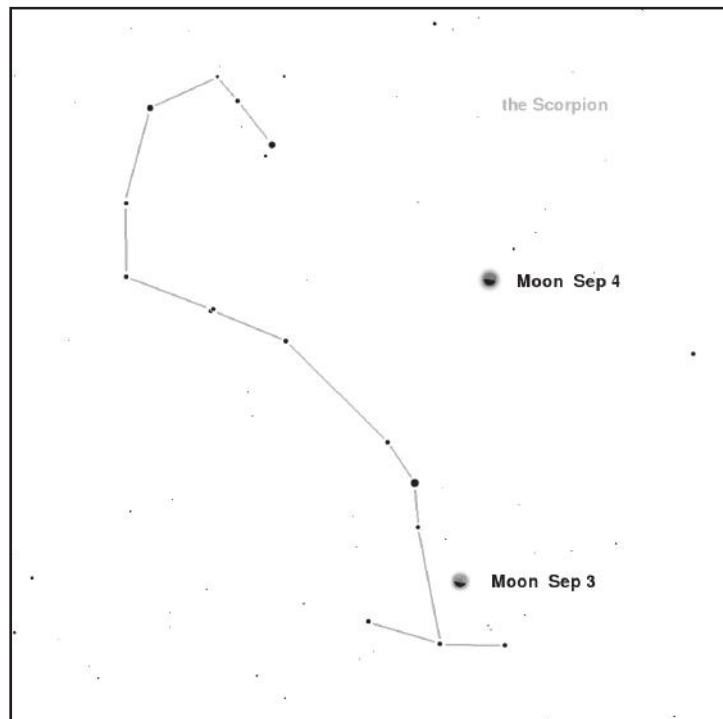
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The Night Shift !

Venus has gone behind the sun but we've still got three early evening planets this month. Jupiter

and Saturn are both visible in the eastern sky as soon as it gets dark, and Mercury is in the western

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evening sky until mid-September. Mars rises about 1am at the beginning of the month and at about midnight by the end of the month. On September 1 Mars is midway between the Seven Sisters star cluster and the bright orange star Aldebaran.

The moon is near Saturn on September 8, near Jupiter on September 11 and near Mars on September 17.

This month's map shows one of the few official constellations that actually looks like its namesake. The Scorpion (a.k.a. Scorpius for our Latin readers, a.k.a. Scorpio for our horoscope readers) passes overhead during the early evenings in September, so it's best appreciated if you lie down and look up. The name is attributed to

an Ancient Greek legend but archaeologists have since discovered older versions of the story in earlier civilisations.

This is a good constellation to show to groups of kids - but without telling them it's "supposed to be" a scorpion. Instead get the kids to guess what it looks like. During the last 35 years of doing this activity we've heard a wide variety of kids' interpretations. Including many that coincide with the traditional interpretations of various non-western cultures, and many more that don't. Such as a Metal Detector...!

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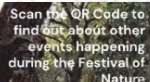
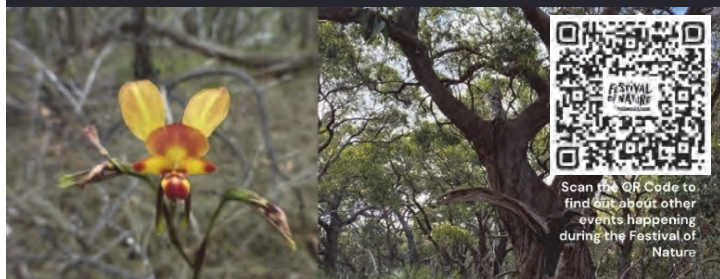
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August's Dinner Meeting

Sue Speck, President of the Yankalilla & District Historical Society was an interesting guest speaker at our dinner meeting last night. The Society works very closely with our local historical museum and our club is proud to help both groups from time to time. The Society runs the successful Heritage Fleurieu Coast Festival and is currently upgrading its website to enable digital access to local historical records. Members are also working with a local sporting club to digitise their records. All very vital work in preserving our history for the future.

Sue Speck



Well Done Chris Lewis!

Congratulations to our long serving club member Chris Lewis who received a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award from Immediate Past President Russell Boxer at our August dinner meeting. This was a belated presentation as Chris was not able to attend our club's handover last month. This award is certainly well deserved by Chris as he has served in almost every capacity in our club including President, Secretary, Vice President. He is currently our Lion Tamer and does a great job catering for our dinner meetings. He is also involved in local community groups including Meals On Wheels and the Yankalilla Golf Club. Well done Chris!



Want to volunteer in the Lions Bookshed?

Lions operates the Bookshed from 10am to 4pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and for longer in holiday periods.

Mostly the Bookshed is operated by Lions club volunteers, and we are always looking for other non-club volunteers to assist!

The duties are straight forward; Helping customers find books, accepting books from donors and taking money from the sales.

An interest in books helps but its more important to be friendly and talkative! A lot of time is spent talking to people both visitors and locals.

If you are interest in volunteering at the Bookshed give Jackie Dedicoat a ring on 0437 796 775 and have a chat with her.



Bookshed

Coffee and Chrome Time Again!

Another chance for a coffee and a chat while looking at cars on **Sunday 18th September**. Same place behind the Village Green in Normanville at 9.30am for a couple of hours. Gold coin donation to the Yankalilla Lions club would be appreciated.

We'll be looking for some volunteers to put their names down to help at the Yankalilla Classic Motor Show in November.

There will also be flyers for the Motor Show available.

Hope to see you there!



Yankalilla Classic Motor Show – Restoration Garage

As part of last years show we sought feedback from visitors and classic car owners as to what they would like to see at future shows. Many said that they would like suppliers of products and services there to help them modify and build their classic cars. So, this year we will launch 'The Restoration Garage' at the show. Located in the new pavilion these organisations will be there to

answer questions and offer advice. Progress has been made with the Restoration Garage with commitments from a professional instrument restorer, upholsterer, media blaster, tyre and rim supplier, car auctioneer, engine fabricator, paint expert and oil and grease supplier and we are pursuing chrome, metal work, auto-electrician, a car importer and a register of modified vehicles to be available to YCMS attendees for advice on their restoration projects. This will be a free information service for visitors.



We look forward to seeing you there on **Sunday 20th November**.

Registrations for the show can be made via the shows Facebook page:

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New Lions members are always welcome to join our organisation to help us serve the community in many ways whilst having fun and making new friends at the same time.

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Yankalilla Youth Theatre

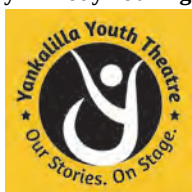
The Yankalilla Youth Theatre recently gave a delightful busking performance outside 'A Little Spice and All Things Nice' in Normanville. Passes by were treated to a variety of music, which our hilarious group of young actors mimed playing with cardboard instruments. The group performed rap, classical, rock, hip hop and Tango Flamenco. The dramatic grand finale was a whole orchestra of cardboard instruments led by a conductor. The group made all of their own props, which included a cello, harp, violins, drums, guitars, cymbals, drums, turntables, castanets, conductors' baton, and microphones. The group's **Overdramatic News Corporation** were also in attendance videoing the event on cardboard cameras. The Yankalilla Youth Theatre would like to thank Leanne from 'A Little Spice and All Things Nice' for her kindness and support in helping this event happen.



The group are now working on their end of year performance **Generations**, using inspiration from the stories collected from the community. The group have decided to focus on school days and will be highlighting the differences in education between the generations. The Performance will be held at the Hopgood Theatre lecture theatre. This is an intimate theatre, which seats 120 and has chairs with tables attached. The group plan to incorporate this into their performance giving the audience paper and pens (or ink pots!) and include some audience participation.



The Yankalilla Youth Theatre operates from the Yankalilla Show Hall **every Friday during school terms 4.30-6pm** for ages 9-19. New participants are welcome to join. For further information contact Evette Wolf **0480292920 / yytheatre@outlook.com**



Yankalilla Art

A most enjoyable art workshop was presented by Lorraine Lewitza using water colour paper and a limited selection of water colour paints.

Lorraine began by teaching us how to plan a painting, using a piece of white paper and a pencil to sketch two pears and an apple, linking the shapes together within a pencil drawn frame. The measurements were then used to mark a larger piece of water colour paper to ensure the painted fruits were equidistant from the edges of the paper and central to the painting.

Lorraine used restricted colour source, which included three primary colours which were freshly mixed. A colour wheel can be useful when selecting the colours to enable you to achieve a dominant warm or cool result. It is useful to test the colours prior to adding them to the painting and having a clean palette to mix your colours is essential. Shadows on the paper from each fruit became part of the painting.

We watched Lorraine carefully adding colour to



each piece of fruit, creating contrasts, shadows, various colour changes and linking them together. Care was taken to reflect light and a mix of red and blue was used for the shadows created by the fruit on the paper. Stalks added to the fruit together with their shadow brought the painting to life.

Observation of the fruit is essential to create a realistic painting. Things to remember when attempting this style of work are as follows. Good quality water-colour paper is essential for

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Another AGM has come and gone. A time to reflect on the year that has gone, its challenges, successes and achievements. The year that has just gone has been constantly under the covid cloud; trying to balance member safety with staying open as a shed. In the main our shed achieved this goal with no covid infections being linked to shed visits.

During the past year the shed successfully completed the refurbishment of the gardener's shed into the new metal work area and secretarial office allowing the woodworking area to space out its machinery making a far safer working environment. Members were also busy completing projects from amazing water wheels made by Chris, breadboards created by Roy, various toys by George and a myriad of other items by others.

Despite fundraising being a challenge, the Shed made a large donation to assist Ukrainian refugees through Shelter Box, made breadboards and Bee Hotels for Monarto Zoo, provided quarterly BBQs to enable some enjoyable socializing events in conjunction with 5YC and made donations of toys to children. We would like to acknowledge the help we had in raising funds from Bunnings who allow us to do sausage sizzles, A Birdie Told Me from putting on the Xmas night market, The Yankalilla Council who provided the eco fair venue, Rivkin Investments who have financially assisted us and the numerous residents of Yankalilla and SA who have purchased our wears.

As we head towards Xmas, we would like to encourage you to consider supporting our shed by ordering Xmas and other gifts from us. We have extended our range of toys, we can make personalised bread boards and can often make items to order such as bird and wine boxes, rolling pins as well as some furniture repairs.

The most important achievement that our shed strives to attain each year is



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to be there for men of all ages as a friendly, welcoming venue for men to socialise. Drop in and see us, try us out for three weeks and see if you want to join. You don't have to be interested in using tools or making anything. If you just want companionship, like to chew the fat or just listen, can make coffee or tea we may well be what you are looking for. If you are still working our younger members meet every Wednesday evening for a communal meal. We are open Tuesdays and Fridays 8.30am till 1.30pm.

Ladies, if you feel your man can benefit from our Shed you can also contact us and see if we can assist.

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This year's [UDIA Women in Leadership Award](#) winner, Anita Allen wants to see more women take the lead in urban planning.

Anita Allen is by her own admission a good listener. For over twenty years, she has held senior management roles in urban planning – first in local government, then state and, now, in private practice as an Associate Director at [URPS](#).

Notably, she played a central role in the introduction of the South Australia's new Planning and Design Code – the most significant change to South Australia's planning system in decades – with her finely-honed stakeholder management and community engagement abilities, as well as her technical know-how that supported the legislation through State Parliament.

"Collaboration was a strong part of that," she says referring to the process. Bringing people together and working cooperatively to understand different perspectives enables us to address people's concerns and ensure they are genuinely heard.

Anita says it was important that all voices were heard, from developers to residents to rural landholders.

"As you know, planning is a political process. I received feedback during the process that I would always turn towards people and hear their views."

"If a community group wanted me to talk to them about planning, I would always be there to hear from them."

It sounds like a fairly simple task. However, when you know that the end result consolidated 72 development plans into one simple rulebook with a focus on good design outcomes, while also ensuring better community engagement – and that it took into account nearly 2400 public submissions with 225 consultation events conducted – your 'fight or flight' response might be sparked. During the planning reform, Anita also played a part in the introduction of a Community Engagement Charter, which sets out some key principles of engagement.

Says Anita, "Genuine engagement means talking to people early in the process, documenting their views and genuinely considering how their feedback can be taken on board. Closing the loop with people so they can understand how their feedback was considered is an important part of the process."

In awarding this year's [UDIA Women in Leadership Award](#), sponsored by Algo Mas, the judges noted not only Anita's part in shaping the State's new planning system, but also her "instrumental

role in developing a program within government to create leadership development paths for others". This included encouraging young planners to speak publicly about the reforms and hear directly from stakeholders as a way of building capacity within the planning profession.

Anita believes women in particular excel in the planning process "because they're very good facilitators, listeners and coordinators".

"I'd like to see more women in leadership roles," she says. "Particularly in the development side of the industry."

When asked about gender quotas, she replies, "I haven't turned my mind to gender quotas and what that would mean for the development industry. What I do believe is that there remains a level of unconscious bias that women sometimes experience within the industry. The industry has changed significantly over the last ten or so years and significant steps have been taken to offer greater opportunities for female leaders, but we know we can always do more."

As for the biggest challenges for her personally working in planning and development?

"I think in this industry, you need to be a bit brave, and have a vision for what you're trying to achieve at that time. Stay the course, be consistent, hear from people and then reevaluate."

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Over 1 in 20 young South Australians plunged into first-time homelessness during pandemic

Mission Australia's *Without a home: First-time youth homelessness in the COVID-19 period* report found over one in 20 young people (5.6%) aged 15 to 19 who responded to *Mission Australia's Youth Survey 2021* were homeless for the first time during the pandemic.

The new report reveals young South Australians, who recently faced youth homelessness during COVID-19, experienced high levels of psychological distress, negative impacts on wellbeing, family conflict, discrimination and other pressures.

These young people were first-time homeless either with or without their families, and recently spent time without a fixed address, living in a refuge or transitional accommodation, or spent time away from home because they felt they couldn't go back.

Mission Australia's State Director Mychelle Curran said: "While many people were fortunate enough to have safe and secure homes during the COVID-19 pandemic, over one in 20 young people in South Australia were plunged into homelessness for the first time in their lives."

"This report shows just how harmful

the experience of youth homelessness can be for a young person's wellbeing, their life and their future.

"Through our *Youth Survey 2021*, young people who were homeless for the first time during the pandemic said they faced the torment of enormous psychological distress, family conflict, discrimination and a range of other pressures.

"It's clear that for young people, homelessness can often be incredibly isolating, destabilising and traumatic. This can have a ripple effect on their lives without access to the right intervention.

"Sadly, for Mission Australia's practitioners and others who have been working with young people during the pandemic, these findings are not a surprise. Yet we must not accept this as just the way things must be.

"Shining a light on these young people's experiences and the risk factors, including family conflict, poor mental health and discrimination, must lead to strong intervention and preventative action.

"We cannot do nothing while young people are forced into homelessness at such a crucial time of their lives. Too many are missing out on important education and employment opportunities without the stability of a safe place to call home."

In response to the findings, Mission Australia says more must be done to improve the wellbeing and address the concerns raised by young people who are homeless or who have been homeless.

Ms Curran said: "All young people should have a safe place to call home. "The need for a comprehensive approach to end youth homelessness in Australia has never been more urgent.

"Early intervention is key and we urge governments and others to take action so young people are adequately supported and help them avoid homelessness, reach their full potential and thrive."

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