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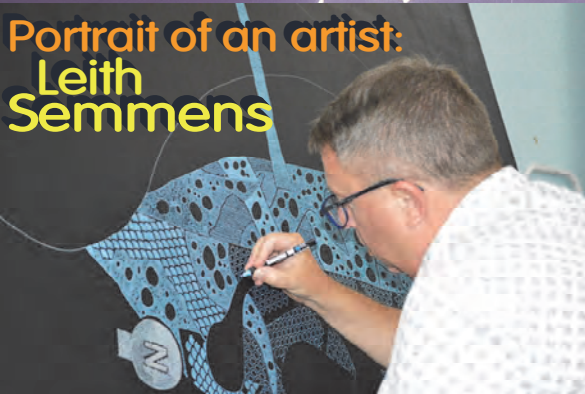
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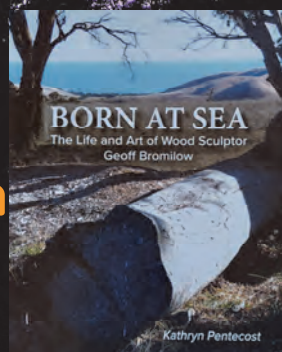
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Yankalilla Lions

November Dinner Meeting

John Noonan (OWLED), Schumann Rafizadeh (Owner/Director, One World LED) and Adrian Howard (Telstra – his role is working with the Education Department) in front of the mobile LED sign that we have had in the district over the past 7 weeks.



They spoke at our November Dinner meeting about their involvement with the "Smart City Sign" project and where the technology advances can be used in this project.

Our club is still seeking feedback from the community about the sign

so please let us know what you think yanklions@gmail.com

Yankalilla & District Lions Club Speaking Contest 2002

Congratulations to all the students who took part in the annual Lions Speaking Contest. The Yankalilla & District Lions Club sponsors this event each year by donating prize money for gifts to the winning participants. The students appreciated having some of the Lions members join the day to listen to their speeches.

The winners were:

In the 6/7 competition
1st Chloe Year 7
2nd Jasmine Year 7
3rd Charlotte Year 7
Judges' commendation - Blair Year 6



In the 8/9 competition
Equal First - Katie Year 9 and James Year 9
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Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP)

During November, we continued to 'roll out' the LEHP in the area, this time at Myponga primary school testing around 37 children. Thank you to the school for letting us use their facilities. We felt most welcome.



Yankalilla School was the first school in May. Rapid Bay in September. Thank you to Margaret Johnson and the other Lions volunteers for making this happen. For more information on the Lions Eye Health Program please follow <https://www.lehp.org.au/childrens-eye-health.htm>.

Lions Club Knitting Project

In 2012 the Yankalilla lions club undertook another activity by supporting the Ronald McDonald House Care Bear program.

Through the generosity of several volunteer knitters and people donating wool over these ten years **4282 articles, consisting of beanies, jumpers, scarves and squares** have been donated to this charity organization.

For Lions to continue with this project we are seeking donations of **4 and 8 ply balls of wool**. These



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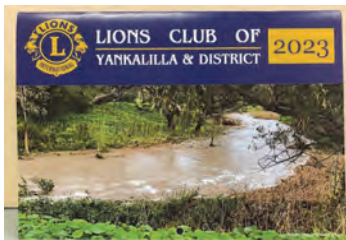
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Lions 2023 Community Calendar

The Lions 2023 community calendar is now available. Please pick up your copy from one of the local businesses in the district or a club member. If you have trouble tracking one down, please message us.



A huge thank you to all the businesses that supported this project again this year enabling us to make the calendar free, your support is very much appreciated! 77 South; Baldock Earthmovers; Caffe on Bungala; Cape Jervis Community Centre; Club Fleurieu; ENRG Fitness; Fleurieu & KI Removals; FP AG; George &

Rain, Rain and more Rain Yankalilla Classic Motor Show Cancelled.

During the weekend prior to the show, we had 75-100mm of rain in the Normanville area. During an inspection of the Showgrounds, we observed large areas of standing water and managed to bog a 4x4 vehicle on the oval. As our first priority is the protection and safety of the classic cars attending our event and with more rain forecast on the Friday to Sunday of the show we have had no option but to cancel this year's event.

We will be in touch with all the people who have registered vehicles to advise them of options regarding refunds or transferring their booking to next year's event on Sunday, November 19th, 2023.



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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.

For more information on the Yankalilla & District Lions Club activities please free to follow us on Facebook;

<https://www.facebook.com/yankalillaanddistrictionsclub>

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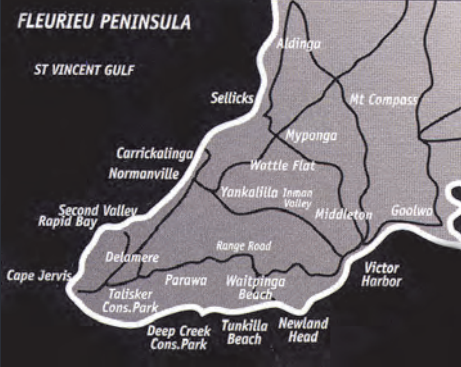
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Editor's Comments

Hello Readers,
An exciting month it was! The residents of the Yankalilla District voted overwhelmingly to oust the majority of EM's, in favour of candidates that wanted to listen to residents' wants and needs. The way the foreshore masterplan was implemented and the lack of consultation on this and other issues over the last few years was rejected by the community. Those who championed the massive spend of the masterplan and the demolition of the much-loved beach café were either dumped outright or retained with only the slimmest of vote margins.

Councillors were sworn in on Tuesday 22nd November and a special meeting was convened for Thursday 24th. Newly elected members were keen to get things underway. Darryl Houston was elected as our new Mayor and the position of deputy mayor was to be decided at the next meeting.

A motion to cease work on the foreshore construction, pending investigation of contracts and other factors was lost. It is currently unknown by the councillors what the details of the signed contracts are. These were signed prior to the council elections.

A message from an advertiser... "Thank you for all your help this year it's been my first year and it's been amazing all of my work has come from

the magazine. I can't thank you enough." Well, thanks for the feedback! Yes, that advert is back again this month too, if you work out who, send me a quick email and I will find you a prize!

A few of months back I received an email from Bill, writing from Malmesbury, Wiltshire, UK. "I am a volunteer at the local museum on a spoken memory project.

In 2006 you published an advertisement for a book by Yankalilla resident Maureen Bollinger, titled "Children of Stainsbridge House". Stainsbridge House is in Malmesbury."

Bill was looking for Maureen and so I passed on our Historical Society details on to Bill and he later replied...

"Just to let you know that Margaret Morgan at the History Society has put me on to Julie who is a friend of Maureen at Cape Jervis. I am very grateful for your help."

Fascinating... from an advert when I was the newsagent at Normanville, in a 2006 edition of the YRN, to an online search sixteen years later, we have made one researcher, on the other side of the world, very happy.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Until next issue...

Cheers,
Paul Jelfs - Editor

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Jo-anne has always had a passion for real estate, buying her first home at just 21 years of age - a charming, single fronted, blue stone cottage in Unley.

Having since bought, renovated, and sold many properties, she understands the emotions that can come with listing and selling a home - as well as the important aspects of presenting a home to the market.

On returning to Adelaide several years ago, Jo-anne continued to grow her extensive experience in Media Sales and Marketing, working for Nova Entertainment.

During this time, she bought land in Normanville, where she always dreamed of settling long-term. Over the last 18 months, Jo-anne has been building her home and recently moved permanently to the area.

Jo-anne has always loved the Fleurieu Peninsula and is excited to now have the opportunity to live and work in the community - and she is thrilled to be working back in the Real Estate industry with the fabulous Ray White brand and team at Ray White Normanville.

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Thank you for your support!

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Jo-anne loves her new home! When she's not working (and it's not raining!), you will find her in the garden planting natives and landscaping - or at Yankalilla Landscape Supplies or the local Mitre 10.

She also enjoys beach walks with her aging border collie and golden retriever and welcomes visits from her daughters and grandchildren - which she says she's not old enough to have!

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Club Fleurieu – A Club for Everyone!

2022 has been another great year for the Club, with members and visitors enjoying a wide range of activities and functions. Two recent successful events have been our Melbourne Cup Lunch, and our live music evening with Andy Seymour. Just after YRN goes to press we will hold our Christmas Market, on Saturday 26 November. During December and January, we make some changes to our timetable of Club activities. Please read on for further details.

On behalf of the Management Committee and members, I would like to wish all the community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, healthy & safe New Year.

We look forward to seeing you at the Club in 2023!

Louise Allstrom, President

CLUB FLEURIEU

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 14 December 12.30pm

Entrée... Seafood Cocktail (option available)

Main... Turkey & Ham with all the trimmings, served with roasted/steamed vegetables

Dessert... Christmas Pudding with Brandy Custard or Trifle or Fruit Salad with Icecream

Enjoy an early Christmas with friends, and enter our raffle for the chance to win a hamper of goodies!

Bookings Essential
\$35 member, \$40 non-member



Keep on Dancing!

We have lots of dance enthusiasts at Club Fleurieu, who come along to our weekly sessions of Rock & Roll, Line Dancing and Zumba. Our Line Dancing Co-ordinator Annie Lai reports here on a recent edition of the ABC program "Catalyst" called "Keep on Dancing!"

Recently the ABC ran a two part TV program for its Catalyst series called "Keep On Dancing."

It reported on an experiment run in Sydney, in which nine seniors were taught a 10-minute dance routine over 12 weeks, under medical supervision.

The sessions culminated in an on stage performance for family and friends.

The seniors' health and mental abilities were measured before and after the training, to detect any change in their welfare. The show detailed each of the individual's circumstances and issues and any changes they developed. The changes were quite dramatic and positive in all cases.

It was a very interesting show. You can see a replay if you have access to the ABC iView app.

It looks like the Club has the right idea with all our dance activities!



Dates for

December - January

During December our weekly activity groups will hold their Christmas celebrations. At this busy time our Club Christmas Lunch will be our only December function...but it's a big one! The lunch will be held on **Wednesday 14 December at 12.30pm.** Please refer to separate item for details. Make your booking early for this popular event on the Club calendar!



In January our hard working hospitality volunteers will take a well-earned break. Our first function for the New Year will be our Australia Day celebration. It's always a fun day - please refer to separate item for details.

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Changes to Activity Schedule for December-January

Our weekly Club activities will take a break over the Christmas - New Year period.

Our new Macrame group will start in the first week of March. For information on Zumba, Mosaics and Bingo please refer to our noticeboard, website or December newsletter.

Activity

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Line Dancing
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Finish Date

Monday 19 December
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Advent and Christmas at Christ Church

We are now in the season of Advent which started on Sunday November 27, 2022. Many are familiar with the Advent Calendar of 24 days leading up to Christmas Eve. It was originally intended to help us prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas time. The season was one of preparation with a contemplative approach to receive Him into our hearts. Each day of the calendar there would be a reminder such as a Bible verse to inspire us. We would purposely hold back on our indulgences so that the joyful celebration of Christmas would be all the more meaningful. But now, just like Christmas itself, the season of Advent has changed into an excuse for commercialisation of products. A plethora is there to choose from, such as whiskey and gin, chocolates, tea, jewellery etc. Christmas then loses its impact when you are already overindulged! Perhaps we could all take a step back and think of the less privileged during this period. Is there some way that you could go without something and give more to a worthy charity? Christmas at

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Christ Church will certainly be a wonderful celebration at our two services, on Christmas Eve at 9pm, followed by bubbly and cake, or on Christmas Day at 9am. (Please note that the normal time of 11am on this fourth Sunday has been changed to 9am).

Services in December Christ Church

Sundays: 9am, December 4, 18, 25
 Sunday: 11am, December 11.
 Combined outdoor service (weather permitting) for ordination of Alison Dutton to the diaconate. Shared lunch afterwards.
 Saturday: December 24, Christmas Eve Carols, 9.30pm. Drinks and cake afterwards.
 Wednesday: 6pm, service of Contemplation and Prayer, cuppa afterwards, December 21st only.
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Christmas

It's December and that means Christmas, that means summer, and that means holidays! For most people, December is a busy time followed by a laidback rest from all of the Christmas activities over the summer break. For Christians, Christmas means, first and foremost, remembering the day that Jesus was born - the angels announced his birth to the shepherds saying, "Today for you is born a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord!" I wonder whether the shepherds understood what had happened. God himself had sent his son, to live in flesh as a human being, to know exactly how it feels to be us. And this son, when grown up, would preach a message of God's love to all those around him. Those who were not willing to accept his message decided he was a dangerous threat to the established religion (with all its rules and regulations), and to the Empire (with its oppressive power structures), and that he needed to be stopped. Jesus was crucified like a

common criminal, hung between two common criminals... for love of us. Christmas is the beginning of that story, which culminates in the most glorious demonstration of the power of love over evil, and life over death. But that story is the Easter story. Christmas is where it all starts, when we look at that baby in the manger and marvel that God loves us so much that he sent his only son. That is why Christmas is so special to Christians! This Christmas, amongst the busyness and the family get-togethers, the carols nights, the eating and drinking and being merry - let us all remember that first Christmas, the miracle of the birth of Jesus, and take a moment to give thanks for God's love reaching out to us.

Community events to remember:

5pm, Sunday 18th December - Carols In Your Car

At the Yankalilla Oval, a wonderful family time. Sit in your car and sing along, or you can grab a picnic rug and sit on the grass and join in the

Yankalilla Art

Our guest artist for November was Jane Smeets, who introduced us to painting as a therapeutic tool. Jane uses tonal realism and semi abstraction of the landscape to produce expressionist paintings with bold brushwork. Starting with a photograph, we can highlight the focus of the picture with two paper strips laid over the photo. This will help to highlight the most interesting parts and the basis of our painting. Jane painted her art paper with a bright red colour which would form the basis of the painting. Her style uses a limited palette and Jane prepares the paint, squeezing out blobs of the colours she wants to use. She mixes colour with the white colour to create a light grey. The grey is used to link parts of the painting together. We can choose our own medium and we will be using a limited palette. It can be acrylic, water-colour, oils or a combination of paint with pastel. We can use a canvas or paper to paint on. The 'focal point' of the picture is essential and a photo of A4 size is recommended as a guide. Jane describes the process as 'A conversation demonstration' and it sounds an exciting way to create an interesting landscape. For many of us it was a discovery of a new method. We watched Jane paint boldly starting with the green trees which formed a large part of the landscape. Next she used a lighter green to paint the hillside which

was either side of a stream. Trees in the background were dark blobs, and the stream was white. The landscape was painted over the bright red background.

The next stage was to create more detail with several different sized brushes to create lighter sections of the hillside either side of the stream which was in the front centre part of the painting.

Jane explained as she painted how the colours in her painting were linked by the pale colour grey she had mixed. Methods used to help are to squint at the photo to identify cool and warm, light and dark and the fall of light. Jane managed to cover the whole picture quite quickly and then go back to add more detail, overlapping shapes, using a palette knife in places. A range of brushes were used taking care to separate colours.

We enjoyed watching Jane paint and most of all appreciating how well she described why and how she used the paint to portray her landscape. It was magical to watch. After a short lunch break we started on our own paintings, greatly inspired to try a new method. Our thanks to Jane for a great day of art!
Diana Wallfried & Rhonda Smith



singing! We will hear the Christmas story and sing all the old Christmas songs. You can bring a picnic, bring your family, bring your friends. A very happy occasion, not to be missed.

7pm, Friday 23rd December - Second Valley Carols

At the Second Valley Soldiers' Memorial Hall, this is another opportunity to hear the whole Christmas story, sing the traditional songs, and take part in a community event which has been very popular

for many years. The children will help us visualise what the first Christmas looked like, and we will all raise our voices to the roof, ably led by the Second Valley Carols community choir. Don't miss out on this annual community event.

A very Happy and Blessed Christmas to all -
 Go Well,
Shelley Alexander
 Minister, South West Fleurieu
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Pretty Fishes of Yankalilla Bay with David Muirhead

When the Old Wife was first scientifically described in 1790 (yes!) it was assigned to the Chaetodontidae (butterfly fishes Family) as *Chaetodon armatus*.

No surprises there, as it superficially resembles butterfly fishes with deep, compressed body, small upturned mouth and fine teeth in both jaws. (One important distinction is it's two noticeably separate, large dorsal fins).

The juveniles favour shallow seagrass meadows, even inhabiting estuaries.

The adults seem happy in most types of marine habitat. Especially rock reef and near rocky headlands, but they're also often found over flatter benthos, including sponge gardens and other types of soft bottom.

And while often found in pairs, they also commonly form large schools, sometimes in very open water, so their defensive attributes must serve them well.

This iconic fish's scientific name, *Enoplosus armatus*, begs the question: whence came the 'armatus' descriptor?

(BTW, I really envy taxonomists, because they have very organised minds. Need I elaborate? Instead I'll try a joke at their expense. "Why didn't the Albanese government promise a tax targeting TAXONOMISTS?" Answer: Because they were worried that it might be perceived as a 'TAX ON optimists'...OMG that is so bad...Paul you're the editor so do your worst! *My worst, Dave, is leaving it right here to remind you of your folly - P.)*

Armatus comes from the Greek for "armed", referring to the long, venomous spines.

Old Wife reach a TL of about 25cm.

Depth range is from less than 1 metre down to at least 90 metres but around here they are mainly seen by divers in less than 15 metres.

Abundant in SE Australia, they are carnivores that mainly eat smaller crustaceans and worms.

For reproduction couples leave the school and the eggs are released mid water where they are dispersed by currents (zooplanktonic life stage).

They're regarded by some as a good food fish, but great care should be taken when handling to avoid the venomous spines.

There are 2 showy dorsal fins, with larger than usual ventral equivalents, and these big fins start, one after the other, from 2 slight bumps on the body's profile.

Both the dorsal and one of the ventral fins (the pelvic but not the pectoral) are poisonous.

This defensive armoury is complemented by 2 spiny protuberances on the front part of each gill plate.

Viewed sideways the vertical black lines and the long fins can also give the strange impression of 2 fishes partly overlapping.

Sometimes small groups of Old Wife even gather into V-formations, with all their heads facing uniformly into the current. Rather like some migratory birds, except the Old Wife remain stationary, so this behaviour must provide further protection from predators.

A predator approaching from the side will have difficulty discerning where one fish ends and another begins.

Another advantage of this V-formation is that each fish has an optimal field of view, with a predator approaching from behind still being obvious to the ones at the rear of each arm of the V.



03-03-2020 Old Rapid Bay Jetty



22-10-2022 Second Valley

In 1836, a practically identical fossil that was 50 million years old was found in the famous Lagerstätte of Monte Bolca in Italy.

The fossil, christened *Enoplosus pygopterus*, was in such good condition that it was decided to create a separate Family Enoplosidae, which to this day incorporates only the one living member, the Old Wife, together with its fossil kin from a mere 50 million years ago!

(Blink of an eye for Rob K's "Science is Local" content, but a Very Long Time when looking at fish evolution. Reminder: most of the huge marine biodiversity off Australia's south coast is the result of around 65 million years in relative isolation from other continental masses and even from this continent's East and West Coast currents).

So here is yet another remarkable evolutionary winner, finning around right under our noses at places like Rapid Bay jetty and basically everywhere subtidal in Yankalilla Bay.



25-10-2022
Rapid Bay Jetty

15-02-2019
Second Valley



14-11-15 Subadult in seagrass, Second Valley

They can then quickly spread the alarm signal.

I've seen Old Wife in these V-formations, and on the first such occasion, several decades ago, I was sufficiently impressed to pen a MLSSA journal article!

In summary, the zebra like camouflage design, which is also visible on the cited fossil, together with those other defensive attributes, has clearly protected this species very successfully.

By now readers must be wondering how the common name arose.

When stressed the fish emits an unusual screeching noise by grinding its teeth, reputedly alarming intruders.

Early fishermen are said to have likened it to the noise of an elderly female *H.sapiens* grinding her teeth or dentures!

Finishing with taxonomy, I'll remind you that the Old Wife is monotypic at both Genus AND Family levels.

How does one creature survive unchanged for so many millions of years?

In my previous columns I noted an evolutionary paradox, whereby a combination of geographic isolation and historically very low coastal marine nutrient levels, counter intuitively, actually promotes species diversity. But the Old Wife also shows us that if it ain't broke, it doesn't need fixing.

Its a package so perfect it hasn't really needed to evolve any further, for all those millennia.

Trick question: Will it cope with climate change? Time's suddenly running out!

Cover: 29-03-2021 Rapid Bay jetty

Normanville Table Tennis Club

Some former and some new players would like to restart our team and enter the Yankalilla Association's winter competition next year.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Coralie Law on 0447870730.

Any ability or age are most welcome.

Yankalilla Red Cross Branch

A BIG Thankyou to all who helped or donated food for our afternoon tea on October 24th. A great parade and well done to all involved.

Our Christmas meeting on **Monday December 5th** will be held at the Yankalilla Uniting Church Hall 12 noon for 12:30pm lunch. Members and friends welcome for a pooled finger food spread, so please bring a small plate of food to share. Guests for lunch will be from the Divisional Advisory Board of South Australian Red Cross.

First meeting in 2023 is **Monday February 6th**.

Anniversary

Deneice & Peter Greybrook

Deneice & Peter Greybrook celebrate their 65th anniversary on December 14th 2022. Their daughter, Kylie Avory-Greybrook, informs us that they were married in North Adelaide on December 14th 1957. "Mum and Dad have lived in the Carrickalinga and Normanville area now for over 40 years" said Kylie. "Much loved great grandparents and parents, best wishes from all us kids!"



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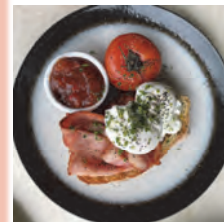
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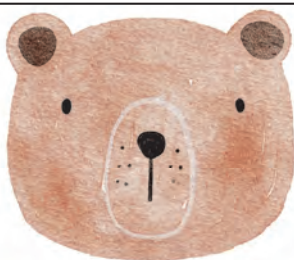
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It is heart-warming (and feet-warming for some) to know this gift was initiated by the children from the college and at a time when many within our communities are struggling with social and financial stress. Six hundred and sixty dollars will go a long way to support families who have lost everything. At a time when it is easy to switch off from the world and its many problems, to reach out and contribute to those in greater need is an act of kindness that will make a real difference. A huge thank you to the good souls at Lutheran Encounter.



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being the Ukraine Prayer. All monies from the event went straight back to the Community Op Shop and Red Cross. This was such a successful day we are hoping to make it an annual event.

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Historic Show Day

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Although, it is much work for many people to bring it all together on the day, the reward is in seeing a community coming together to celebrate and have fun, and to see the rich diversity of local talent on display in the exhibits and events. You can glimpse this in images on our Facebook page.



Opening Ceremony



Winning Yankabald Portrait

There was considerable engagement on our page by Facebook users. One of the biggest stories was who would win the sausage roll competition, now that Deane Tonkin has relocated. It will come as no surprise to many that Jo Lush took out the highly prized title and many more besides.

There is work to do on Show Day but also throughout the year. Two particularly pleasing outcomes were the development of more disabled parking areas, and the mounting of mesh in the Pavilion earlier in the year. With over 100 more entries in photography to display, the mesh made an almost impossible task easier. Both outcomes were the result of attendee feedback from 2021.

The children's sections were also well populated with excellent work and it was great to see Yankalilla Area School also well represented in the Produce section. Local service groups, Rotary and Lions were popular eating spots and one young visitor declared the Rotary donuts 'the best in the world'. The horse arena was busy all day and the revived scarecrow competition provided a colourful, creative display. The dairy cow, too, the sheep, the shearing and the fleece awards along with the flowers and



Sausage rolls 2nd prize

farm produce were wonderful reminders of our agricultural context.

One special highlight of the Show is the Yankabald, the exhibition of portraits of local identities, and this year's winner by Jane Whitelock and People's Choice by Carla Blair did not disappoint. It was very special to have Peter Whitford, subject of several Yankabald portraits, open the Show. Very popular, too, was the Welcome to Country ceremony performed by Karl Telfer and his nephew Ben. They provided music and dance and a neat illustration of the western sequential concept of time, with the indigenous cyclical concept.

Feedback is always welcome in creating a better Show each year. We also welcome participation whether it is in working bees, Tuesday morning, or helping in the week before show or the pack up the day after. Our new committee will have formed by the time you read this, but it's never too late to hop on board. There are all sorts of roles available for 2023.

We also welcome the opportunity to connect with local organisations and individuals. We have a few spare Show Books to help you see how others connect and some information to see how we can help you, too. If you would like a Show Book with information, contact Caroline on 0431 438 993.

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Meetings of the Yankalilla & District Historical Society go into recess over summer, but you are still very welcome to contact us with any queries by phone or email, or using the contact form on the website:

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Our first meeting for 2023 will be on Monday 13 February. For more details, check out the February edition of the Yankalilla Regional News or go to the Events page of the YDHS website

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Yankalilla Council admits it may have lost its community a right to vote

Dear Editor,

As a proud community member, I write to bring awareness with an issue of evident concern.

Our District Council of Yankalilla advise it has lost my enrolment to vote forms and email, after being sent to our Council ahead of the closing date of July 25th, -on the 12th July 2022.

Council advise with their apology of the 4th November 2022, they see the email and form was sent to the correct Yankalilla Council email address, however- I quote Council from their email; -

Council can only apologise for its failure to see the email of 12 July. The Information Management Team nor IT contractors are able to determine what happened to that email.

We will continue to investigate so as to ensure no other residents have been affected and so that we can ensure this does not repeat.

Our Yankalilla Council only revealed this information after my not accepting Yankalilla Councils' initial and uninterested customer phone direction.

I quote Council by phone; - Take up your issue of no voting papers received with the SA Electoral Commission direct, not Yankalilla Council. Only after insisting Council confirm their responsibility of enrolling me to vote in July "did happen", did Council reveal the fact -

Our Yankalilla Council has lost my email and form and democratic right to vote.

I have real concern here for our Yankalilla Council, its Management and Governance, -who community -pay, their ability and service to manage, our rates managed correctly, our voting and to manage our personal data securely.

Which advised by Council here -is lost and unknown to how.

More importantly here, -is the serious issue raised for our whole community, Council members and Management and to each of our recent Local Election Council candidates -

a) How many other of our community votes and community information has been misplaced by our Yankalilla Council?

b) What might be the outcome of election results if this loss of community's personal information is NOT an isolated event within

our Yankalilla Council?

c) Can this situation pass without a thorough investigation to our community to ensure a loss of information is understood here. And confirm no interference of democratic process to the community has occurred internally at Council, -or otherwise?

Council attempted to assist this issue once admitted in the hours left before voting registration closed, however I was placed under time pressure with commitments, and this was frustratingly not possible.

Our election results may be from a non-democratic process in question for the next 4 years if this issue is not fully investigated and explained by Yankalilla Council to community to community- a cover over letter of - nothing to see will not do! And it requires to be independently carried out. As a community we may require to also question our Council Managements experience.

If this was a company, managing with shareholders money, this serious matter would be demanded investigated (Independently) with the results made transparent.

I contacted the SA Electoral Commission explaining this matter, -they were in disbelief and disappointed this could have happened to our community, advising to persist to have our Council answer questions to this issue.

This issue may highlight repeating systemic habits, attributed to an unsuccessful and outdated management model of our Council and some still incumbent Council Elected Members- towards our community -

Where interest of community in communication when Yankalilla Council is questioned on serious issues by its community is possibly best shut down!

Where it appears the priority to Council is with its own agenda of position and internally.

I decided to write here - after emailing our Yankalilla Council Management for help.

Requesting to please meet to discuss this serious issue with other issues, experienced with our Council over the past 12 months.

It was from being on alert from this past Council stonewalling -that kept me questioning their actual management acumen and 'pledge' they took to serve us as community - did I notice this current issue.

The Council for the 4th (four requests in writing) time in 12 months, -even at this level of issue -refuse to reply to my email with an offer to meet.

A rate payer, their community, paying their salary and looking to assist Council itself mend bridges with its community by good will. In return - there is nothing given to do so by Council.

Perhaps our Yankalilla Council and its Management also lost this email?

If our community would like me to share more of the issues with detail of the past 12 months with our Yankalilla Council experienced, I am happy to do so, please ask.

Or if community would like to discuss their own from interaction with our Yankalilla Council -this may positively assist us all, -to be in a caring space here and to understand much more.

Truth, social justice, and change will prevail from learning more for our community as -we do listen to each other! Perhaps our new Councillors will listen too, as the past Council approach to community -is now in its sunset!

We are fortunate as a community we have this local news medium to write to, - our communities voice and virtual town square in its way.

Signed, Community Member of The District of Yankalilla

Note; the Editor is provided copies from the above community member contributing this letter with original emails noted in this letter to confirm authenticity of its information.

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District Council of Yankalilla Elections

Thank you - voters of Field Ward for your strong support of me as a candidate to our Council. Thank you to the many in the community for your positive input and encouragement to stand and speak for us. The task now is to form a cohesive team of dedicated persons (staff and councillors), to address a positive future re rates, debt, consultation with community (particularly with outlying communities), and accountability for established and ongoing projects. I am a local and will do my utmost to prove our worth. Please contact me anytime or leave a message 0408083818.

There are no stupid questions or ideas!

Cheers and Thanks

Cr Lawrie Polomka

Thank you to the residents of Light Ward for your support. Disappointed I shall not be looking after your needs on council, but as an interested citizen. My optimistic hope is that Jim and Charmaine Liapis may be lured back to the Normanville Kiosk and Café. It is now up to the new elected members and the Plan "B" for the building to become a reality as over 65% of you told me when I door knocked the Light ward, this is what you want, not the glass monolith, and as Jim said he would pay towards the construction this may ease the debt on the community, perhaps with no rate rise for 2023. What makes the Fleurieu a great place? You do!

Gavin Denton

Iwould like to extend my appreciation to the voters who returned me to Council. I am looking forward to the next four years. The new Council make-up provides an exciting opportunity for the future.

Cr Bill Verwey

Firstly, thank you to all candidates for nominating, we all knew that there was a limited number of positions in both wards, commiserations to those not successful, congratulations to those who were and I hope you can achieve the things you talked about during your campaign. To those of you who are new to local government I trust the experience and achievements during your term are exciting and satisfying.

I wish to thank those in the community who had confidence in me to again sit in the chamber on your behalf. I hope I can continue to help deliver good outcomes for you.

To those who anonymously returned my candidate letters with FIG JAM and other obscenities on, I feel sorry for you, you expect me to communicate openly but you hide.

The Chief Executives Officer has advised us of a program setting out training comprising of

22 Nov: Introduction and signing of declaration

28th Nov: Civil and Legal training

29th Nov: Inaugural Council meeting

TBA: Mayoral Leadership training

6th Dec: Behaviour management

TBA: Tour of the district.

7th February 2023: Strategic Management Performance & Planning

7th March 2023: Financial Management (Managing public funds, procurement, rates, financial statements)

PS Some of these dates may change.

As part of these sessions, we have been asked to familiarise ourselves with the following documents

Councils Annual Report 2021/22

Council's Strategic Management Plan

Council's Annual Business Plan and Long-term Financial Management Plan

Council's Asset Management plan

Council's Discretionary Rebates of Rates Policy 2022/23

General information on the District.

As this council enters into its 4 year term I think the Chief Executives what if's (Proceed, Delay or Cease) presentation on the rebuild project of the Surf Club and Kiosk, provided in the link below is a must read for the whole community.

www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0024/1218660/17.1_Execution-of-Contract-with-preferred-Tenderer-for-Normanville-Resolution-and-Presentation.pdf

Here's to a successful 4 years

Cr Glen Rowlands

Community Forums

Congratulations to our newly elected councillors.

I respectfully ask that members consider reinstating meaningful community forums at Council meetings to reignite a sense of inclusion. Some mingling over a cup of tea as of yesteryear might also help break down barriers that create a sense of "them" and "us".

Surely councillors and ratepayers can now work together with a sense of unity for the betterment of the district.

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Did You Stick Your Beak In?

There's always someone who doesn't assess the true situation & worse, don't bother to check. Making situations far more complex than they need to be! Nov 1st pm my handful of geese in front yard resting, grazing, enjoying the rain & twice went outside front fence enjoying what they were doing, liking higher ground Not on the road! They were OK, I checked frequently, I was inside on a phone appointment, heard a car door bang & car quietly drove off, unknown to me what happened. The geese were coming back in looking worried but I couldn't go outside. Later I discovered that goosey girl was missing, the boys were restless, she was nowhere to be found. The Do Gooder who did not bother to check, off their own bat, putting their unwanted & unwarranted BEAK in, have destroyed, not rescued. What they thought they knew, was so off the planet & wrong. 2wks to the day goosey girl was attacked by a fox, the great grand daddy gander was also injured, saving her, she was sitting on her nest in the locked shed/yard, others were in adjacent same. Grand daddy babysat her & he used to babysit the goslings while parents had time out, he wasn't young when he came to me but struggled to save his partner from a fox attack back about 7yrs ago. He's a survivor & loyal to his family. Goosey girl couldn't move, he stayed with her relentlessly while I nursed her for a week with the goosey boys approval, treated them both through an awful week, she was eating & drinking, started to push up & down getting strength, other geese were always around close by. All part of healing, they were very patient, always waiting for her to catch up, stopped when she needed to rest, she was determined to be out with the geese. Gooseygirl had progressed from death's bed, rehabilitating & improving everyday, she was happy, so was her family. She still had a way to go, receiving my care & being with her family. YOU have taken it all away. With tears in my eyes, I could do anything with her, would wriggle her tail & greeting noises. Through my handling that's how you were able to take her, the others were used to allowing me to do what I had to with gooseygirl, around me talking as I gave her attention. This, morn 2nd Nov, geese were let out, grand daddy went round looking, honking for goosey girl, others wandered round aimlessly. Because you took her without permission or by your leave, it would have set her back, you probably took her to someone who said she should be put down, shame on you, she's come a long way in 2wks. I only want gooseygirl back under my care so she can progress to full health. You should have checked on the full story. This is why creatures I find are trusting, loyal & show respect everyday just how happy they are with loving care. Love

comes in many but simple ways especially in this now complicated world. If you don't check first, keep your BEAK out & butt out!!!! People are less trusting, loyal, reliable & respectful through years of my experience. My goose family shows signs of being fractured. Thieves slink in the night & obviously daytime too. I love all creatures & boy could I could tell some stories, I trust people who have the same qualities as the beautiful creatures.

Cheryl Bennetts

Thank You

A big thank you to the person who found my keys and returned them to the Yankalilla Post Office. Much appreciated.

From A Very Relieved and Thankful Person

Ratepayers have their say

The Yankalilla Council election process was a de facto referendum on the previous council's foreshore development. Thousands of ratepayers have made their point about council's poor communication, lack of consultation, persistent confidentiality, and excessive spending on tourism infrastructure while neglecting other areas. Finally, the majority have been heard, but is it too late or are matters open to change? Can our newly elected members move towards a review of decisions and can the plan for the kiosk and surf club building be changed? The most obvious change that many in the community want is year-round, under cover seating, at ground level for the kiosk so dogs can sit with their owners. Our community has never been consulted on the single building incorporating the kiosk within the surf lifesaving club.

Final desperate actions of the outed council ensured that the foreshore development would proceed regardless of the election. We can now only hope the influence of the cabal is gone and our newly elected members can salvage whatever may be possible to decrease expenditure, control debt and utilise the new facilities to maximise financial return to the council. The recent storm has reminded us of the real need for council maintenance of our roads, footpaths, and drains.

Congratulations to all our newly Elected Members, both new and those returning. With the change we can expect the new council to work with the new CEO and can now use his efforts to better relate to the community.

Nathan Cunningham will work with our newly empowered council, and he has identified the importance of involving the community and bringing us along with the future directions. He certainly understands the concerns of residents in relation to project costings and some of the escalations that have occurred to date. He has indicated that he will be working with his leadership team, with the new Council and with the Audit Committee to ensure Council remains financially sustainable. He also confirms that Council is currently on a financially sustainable trajectory, while acknowledging some of the concerns held by residents in relation to decisions made over the years and some of the consultation exercises. He is actively looking at ways of releasing information so the full picture

can be appreciated and more broadly understood, as he realises the very real problem for residents and rate payers in trying to follow a process only for key pieces of information to not be publicly available.

The CEO acknowledges there are several matters which are yet to be settled in relation to the new building (once built), however during construction there will be discussions with the Normanville SLSC in relation to a Lease or Licence arrangement to occupy the new 'Council owned' facility. Moving forward with that will also involve discussions with the Elected Members. The other matter to progress during construction is for Council to seek interest from the market in relation to the Café and Kiosk tenancies. It may be proposed that Council seek interest from the market for individuals or groups to take up one or both retail (food and beverage) tenancies and then, once evaluated, the Council will lock in an arrangement with one or more parties. Perhaps there will be an opportunity for Jimmy to come back and lease the new facilities! With the kitchen areas (other than the one in the SLSC part of the building) being built as a 'warm shell' (to include basic service connections, A/C, ceilings etc), an approach to the market will outline the need for the tenant (or tenants) to undertake the fit out. This may influence the short-term rental returns, but that the building simply operates as a Council asset with multiple 'leasable' spaces, most likely separately managed. Whilst the ultimate decision around the leases will be guided by the Elected Members through a process that will run during construction, the CEO is of the view that lease payments for all leasable spaces will be provided to Council for the life of any tenancy.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Peter Vandeeper OAM

vandeeper7@optusnet.com.au

Tell your story

I have recently donated to our library a family history I have just completed. While this personal story which honours my parents will not be of wide interest, I hope glancing through it might encourage others to tell their own stories and show that there are many ways individuals can get something down before the past is lost. Titled "Glimpses into the family heritage of Kevin and Sylvia Penny", it can also be viewed on or downloaded from my website: www.fitzmcl.com

I am happy to chat with people about various approaches they can take to tell stories, and to encourage them in their efforts.

Lorraine McLoughlin

Yankalilla Regional News

Loved reading it when I was one founding members staying at SHRINE, Compass Rose Hall (when Fr. Andrew (NUTTER) NOTERE was Resident there. Will always Love all people's at Yankalilla. Keep thriving.

Jan Gracey, Tranmere SA

Shirley Owens

Shirley Owens' daughter, Louise sends a message: Sadly my Mum, Shirley Owens passed away peacefully on 17th November, a year after her diagnosis of pancreatic cancer. We have smiled, cried and chatted for hours during their time in Aged care near our new home in QLD. Dad (Don) is now in a small low dementia wing. He is happy enough but time will tell how he processes the news of mums passing. 65 years of marriage makes for some strong glue. Shirley was well known in this area and was a regular at the beach kiosk.

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Another Summer season is nearly upon us, where for a few short weeks we share our beautiful coastal regions with thousands of holiday makers. There are always a lot of people trying fishing for the first time and we as a fishing community can help them by offering any tips or advice if needed.

If you are taking a child fishing for the first time, we recommend the three P's – Pack, Prepare and Patience. It pays to be prepared before you go so that you're not spending 15 minutes setting up after you arrive, so get your fishing rigs ready first. Keep your rig very simple with one small hook under a running sinker and use a barrel swivel to help eliminate line twists and tangles. Pack your tackle box with spare pre tied rigs in case you need to change quickly, also pack drinks, snacks, hats, sunscreen and beach toys. Patience is the key to having a great time, encourage the kids to try a different bait or rig and enjoy a positive experience. Children will often catch undersized fish due to having smaller fishing rods and hooks, so keep a dampened towel on hand to unhook and release

the fish without removing too many scales. Don't forget to take a picture of their first fish before releasing it though!

Happy holidays everyone.

For Christmas gift ideas check out the gift guide on our website:

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REPORTS

The weather has been unfavourable for most outdoor activities including fishing, but here's what's been caught locally on the Western Fleurieu. Squid have been aggressively chasing lures, with a couple even being caught when trolling snook lures. For land-based anglers you will find squid from the jetties at Rapid Bay and Cape Jervis and from the rocks at Wirrina and Myponga Beach. Second Valley and Rapid Bay jetties have also held Tommie Ruff and large Garfish. From the beach at Rapid Bay there have been both Flathead and Salmon caught and there has also been Salmon and Salmon Trout at Carrickalinga Beach. On the calmer days Lady Bay and Normanville Beach have been fished for Garfish, Flounder and Flathead, Lady Bay has also produced good sized Salmon. When the boats have been able to



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Storm rages for book launch

The stormy weather on Saturday 12 November provided a very theatrical atmosphere for the launch of *Born at Sea: The Life and Art of Wood Sculptor Geoff Bromilow* by Dr Kathryn Pentecost. The author was delighted that so many friends, old and new, braved the violent weather conditions to celebrate the publication of her 4th book at Arranging Matters in Yankalilla.

The weather did prevent many people coming out as some roads were impassable. However, those who turned up were able to enjoy a cosy space, great food, and warm feelings amongst a range of uniquely interesting guests, including accomplished artists, a doctor and an orthopaedic surgeon, a bookbinder, a famous furniture maker, and others. The guest list was almost as colourful as the book itself, which has been illustrated by Kathryn's photos.

Books are available directly from the author by emailing: bohemiaipalaceofart@gmail.com or calling Geoff on 0411 117 113.



Dr Kathryn Pentecost



Geoff Bromilow

I read all of 'Born at Sea: The Life and Art of Wood Sculptor Geoff Bromilow' in one sitting. It is a readable, conversational, and approachable text, and the large colour plates demonstrate both the inherent beauty of the rare timbers Geoff works with and the creative vision they stimulate in the artist.

The execution of Geoff's work requires a level of commitment and application that is all too rare in today's fast-paced world. His work is a reminder of a pre-industrial time, when old fashioned craftsmen slowly fashioned, by hand, one-off pieces from natural materials - transforming ancient timbers (often deemed worthless and destined for burning) into timeless, sensual, human forms. This slow reveal of the mysteries existing within the raw wood is a meditative process that I also see in my own sculptor husband's working method. There is no substitute for time and patience, and timber is one of the world's most beautiful and enduring materials ... in Geoff's work, one person's artistic vision imposes itself on the organic beauty of the raw material.

The connections that Geoff's partner, Kathryn Pentecost, makes in the text between Geoff's birth at sea (and it's ramifications for his citizenship), and the plight of so many refugees currently seeking asylum in Australia is a salient one. It poses the question: if Bromilow had been a brown-skinned man, would he still have been welcomed as Australian? The events of 9/11 are also part of Geoff's story. On a trip to New York to exhibit his sculpture in 2001, he and his friends ran late to a breakfast meeting at the World Trade Centre, miraculously avoiding being there when the first plane hit.

Pentecost's text demonstrates how one man's individual life trajectory can be randomly influenced by external events, and how the experience of these events can be transformed into enduring pieces of art.

Liz Hall-Downs



Southern Fleurieu Film Society

Are you new to the area or looking for an alternative social activity? Do you like watching good movies and chatting to people? Did you know about the Southern Fleurieu Film Society (SFFS)?

The SFFS screen 11 quality films, one each month, from February to December. Membership costs \$50 for the year and guests (non-members) can attend one screening free. No tickets are sold.

In 2022, a small group from Normanville/Yankalilla joined in the screening adventure and travelled cinematically all round the world watching some hilarious and some thought-provoking films. Literally, we mostly travelled to Victor Harbor as the screenings are currently in the first week of each month, on Tuesdays at Victor Harbor, Wednesdays in Goolwa and Fridays in Milang. We are optimistic about providing a modest venue this year in Normanville/Yankalilla, similar to that of Milang.

Visit the website to find out all you need to know, to renew membership or join for the first time. It could even be a great gift.

<https://sffs.org.au/>

You can also contact Mike Tye (Chairperson SFFS) on 0438 800 066 or through mike@michaelye.com.au

The programme for 2023 is currently being finalised. It's usually available by December.

Final movie for 2023 is the 2018 American/Australian comedy-drama, *A Boy Called Sailboat*.

It would be great to find out how many people are interested. For more information locally ring Caroline Cleland on 0431 438 993.



Milang Institute Supper Room, one of the film venues

See the program:

<https://sffs.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/SFFS-2022-Program.pdf>



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You find the most important things when you're not looking...

PG Mild sexual references

A Hispanic family find hope in their extraordinary son named Sailboat. Armed with a "little guitar", Sailboat leads an offbeat cast into the miraculous story of the greatest secret never told.

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This seems to reflect your priorities, so let's discuss the dog first before we talk about you.

Bailey is an RSPCA rescue dog who came to us in good nick although minus a leg, and we do joke that the advert said 25% off. He is a wonderfully calm presence in my life. He is my buddy, and I am known around town by the trike I ride with him in the front box. Pets can be a way to form connections with others by providing a non-threatening icebreaker. Incidental conversations ensue because of Bailey and often talk turns to art. Many locals obviously notice and appreciate art and its significance in their own lives and that of the community.



Leith and Bailey

Moving to your own background, do you come from an arty family?

That depends on the definition of art. I spent my early years in the Lefevre Peninsula region surrounded by caring adults with strong community networks who worked for social justice and welcomed outsiders into our home. It was also a family that made things, modelling or drawing as a hobby for the pleasure of creating for themselves. They enjoyed making from an idea: flower arranging, transforming gardens, inventing immersive games. That's my idea of art, not just producing an object to hang on the wall of a white box gallery but creating something that wasn't there before. My family members have always encouraged me to pursue my own versions of art.

Your art qualifications show depth and diversity. What pathways led to your art practice?

I went to schools in Port Adelaide and had some time working before going to the University of South Australia. I started out studying technical and industrial drawing and finished with a Bachelor of Design and Master's Degree Visual Arts, enjoying both practical and theory courses as I diversified my directions. I am indebted to lecturers such as Bruce Anderson, Claire Belfridge, Helen Fuller and David Archer whose ideas and sense of playfulness made a great difference to how I approach art. Because of them I learned art playfulness, to make mistakes and have a go. I dared to shift to sculpture, think expansively and work on a larger scale.

And other influences?

Influences beyond art training included Judy Potter, current Chair of the Adelaide Festival and former chair of Adelaide Fringe, whose passion and advocacy for the arts showed me that art needs to be financially viable and that artists receiving public or private funding need

to be responsible, and financially aware in marketing and public engagement.

Seeing the architectural masterpiece of Frank Gehry's Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao would make anyone think outside the square. So would the large works of Jeff Koon, Louise Bourgeois and Richard Serra in its outdoor areas. They made me think differently, and to see the transformation art can make to local spaces, the community and economy. Bilbao was a small dying mining town before the Guggenheim; now it is rich and growing.

From drawing to huge sculptures and then beyond, your work continues to evolve.

Yes, I worked on commissioned sculptures, and learned a lot about collaborating with the corporate world to source funding and involvement. But working in 3D is expensive and logistically difficult. Later I reinvented myself by working in 2D, with less financial risks and less maths involved. I moved into Ripple Studio in Port Adelaide, and later into Central Studios art collective. Recently, I established my studio in the Fleurieu once we made this area home. For ages we'd been holidaying in Carrickalinga, and finally we bought a quiet house here with spectacular views, trees and birds. This special place brings happiness with its backdrop of sea waves breaking, lightning on the ocean, wonderful sunsets observed with G n T in hand, and incidental surprises in the garden such as echidnas, lizards, kangaroos.

Back to your unique and impressive art. Can you describe it?

Carrickalinga informs my art with its white sandy beaches punctuated by dramatic rock bluffs and wonderful dunes rich in biodiversity. It's all too beautiful to lose. My oversized drawings created with minute details record the inter-tidal zones of Carrickalinga. I want to capture local beauty before climate change damages it forever. Using a unique method involving quill pens, I apply inks onto kiln dried wood, and often employ a magnifying glass to do close-up detailed work. The result is hyper-realistic yet stylised art that looks like silk long stitch tapestry.

I celebrate the beauty of nature and am concerned that coming generations won't have memories of walking our pristine beaches.

Serious topics yet there is always a sense of surprise and play in your work.

I certainly aim for that in my technique, and often in my take on the subject matter. Humour underpins my social commentaries. In self-portraits for example, I reinterpret propaganda and have fun.

I've adapted a portrait by French artist Jacques-Lewis David to reveal the falsity of portraits commissioned by people to invent their own legacy. With tongue in cheek I turned pompous Napoleon into my own self-portrait. I'm dressed in pyjamas under the robes, wear trade union and Star Trek badges, am barefoot as a dignitary would never be, and hold a bent cross.

In a current work in progress, "The Emperor Crossing The Alps", is changed into me as "Conqueror of the Driveway". I've transformed Napoleon's military conquest into a celebration of the successful ascent of our incredibly steep



Emperor in his PJ's

driveway as climbing it can be physically challenging. Pushing my heavy cargo trike up the driveway is a super achievement even if it's not leading armies over mountains.

Your canvases are often exceptionally large, confronting or deep. Where are the markets for such work?

Covid continues to be a bushfire burning through the visual arts. As I lost many established outlets nationally and internationally, I am busy starting again and rebuilding connections for exhibiting places and opportunities. There is some support for some artists, diversity and new stars, which is terrific, but there is also a need for a larger pot of support for all artists. There is not yet enough recognition of the link between art and tourism; policy and strategic decisions are taken for expediency, rather than with the vision that a little arts funding can ignite an economy. My experience is the arts leverage \$25 for each \$1 invested.

I have a comprehensive website as one of my marketing tools and as well an online gallery shop selling not only art works but gifts and merchandise which I make. I have belief in myself as an artist and enjoy the ride.

Thank you, Leith. I encourage readers to view

www.TripoddDogGallery.com

to see the range of Leith's work. He has received numerous commissions including as Official Artist to the President, Parliament House South Australia, and among his numerous awards is the Queen's Trust.

Cover: Leith creating in fine detail

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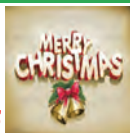
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Inman Valley Table Tennis

The summer table tennis competition held by the Inman Valley Table Tennis club has been underway since mid October with 5 teams of 6 players. Travelling from as far as Wirrina and Goolwa and everywhere in between, it's a good mix of players from both the Yankalilla and Districts Association and the Great Southern Association, based in Pt Elliot and it's been great to see all players enjoying the challenge. This is the story so far. Tim's Tulips, led strongly by Tim Mignanelli have set the early pace, remaining undefeated after 5 rounds and will only be stronger with the return of Joy McKenzie from her New Zealand holiday. Brenton 'Ozzie' Osbourne's Orchids are playing a fine tune to see themselves second on the ladder with Rob Wallis acquitting himself well. Flora Huang's Frangipanis are putting on a colourful display each week that

has spectators very entertained. Derek's Daffodils are doing their best to seek another win with young Friedrich, an upcoming talent that will be one to watch in the coming years. Craig Campbell's Carnations are yet to notch a win but they've gone close and will only improve with Jess Campbell, participating in her first full competition, getting better each week. Anything is possible with two thirds of the competition still to go, meaning that the ladder spots are likely to change constantly. Monday nights at the Inman Valley Memorial Hall is where the action occurs and we'll be putting on our best display of table tennis each week through to late January with a Christmas New Year break. If you don't mind road detours then come for a drive on a Monday night to hear all the sounds and sights of table tennis in all its splendour. You never know, you may want to consider joining us.



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The older we get, the faster the days, months seem to pass. We are rapidly heading towards Christmas and another New Year. With that the guys at the shed have been busy getting ready for what we hope to be a successful fundraiser selling items for Christmas gifts and working on the continuing project of completion of our new sanding area and our regular participation at Bunnings Sausage sizzles.

Now for a bit more detail. Due to the great success of our sales at the Ecco fair stocks were extremely depleted with few toys, cutting boards, bee hotels, bird feeders, Christmas reindeer left. Our little elves at the shed got diligently to work spurred on by Santa Clause's foreman Bob, our President and Elf in chief. To that effect we have now restocked toy trucks, trains, our new toy front end loader, engraved breadboards, bee hotels etc. Remember we can personalize any of these with our laser engraver, making them a very special gift.

On the new sanding area elves were temporarily shifted off toys duties and promoted to builder's laborers. For a concrete floor to be laid a level dolomite base had to be installed. Much heaving and hoeing was made carting wheelbarrows of dolomite and dumping them in place. The attached photo shows one of our promoted elves, Terry working hard measuring the proposed height of the dolomite base. Yes, he was working and not just sleeping on the job. At his tender age of over 75 getting down was much easier than getting up.



Soon the hard part comes of mixing and laying the concrete. That will be covered in a future episode.

One of the side benefits of belonging to a Men's Shed is that, like Rotary or Lions, you can drop in and visit when travelling.

Shedders make visitors from other sheds welcome and it's a great way to obtain local knowledge. Recently one of our members visited the Clare Men's Shed and enjoyed their hospitality.

The community can visit our shed on Tuesday or Friday mornings to view, buy or order items or to see if we can repair wood or metal items. New blokes of any age are invited to visit, have a coffee and view prospective membership.

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A Tribute to Bill Griffin, our 'Salt of the earth, good bloke'

A few months ago, on the 17th July 2022, the 'White Caps of Normanville' lost a treasured friend and swimming partner.

Bill Griffin passed away suddenly and unexpectedly leaving a gaping hole in our close-knit, fun loving swimming group. Oh how we miss him. Bill was an inaugural 'lynch pin' of the group; the one who arrived first every day, rode his bicycle rain hail or shine and swam every day of the year (when he was not caravanning with his precious wife, Rose. She was truly the light of his life.)

Bill brought so much to the White Caps family. He was our Irish mate, a role model husband, family man, White Capper, sportsman and friend. Not a birthday or major event passed without Bill putting together an exquisite, hand made card complete with photos, loving and personal tributes, humour and excellence. Yes, Bill was such a thoughtful man and also had a sense of humour which was infectious and drew the group

together.

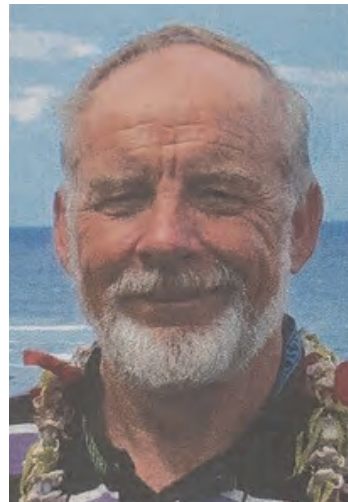
It was so comforting when arriving at the beach on a freezing winter's morning, to see Bill's bike against the fence and Bill already changing and getting ready to be first in the water. One of my favourite images of Bill is him getting out his boogie board on an icy, blustery, 'huge waves morning' and him 'showing us how'. He loved a big wave. It made you think 'well if he can, I can'. He was the ultimate example.

I, personally, miss him every day but I know Bill would want to know that his treasured 'White Caps' are thriving. One of his favourite things was our every day cup of coffee, shared together at 'The Beach Café' following our swim. Lots of laughter, words of wisdom, shared experiences, and of course jokes (many from Bill). He loved a laugh and he loved the camaraderie.

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our Club year with just a Christmas lunch at Lady Bay Hotel in late November – which will be all over and a huge success by the time you read this. Plans are well under way for a meeting in January, 4th Wednesday of the month at the Jesus Church Hall in Yankalilla. Our speaker that day will be Phil Evans from the Metropolitan Fire Service speaking on fire safety in the home.

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That has now changed, with several local cricket clubs working with SACA to create a Strikers Girls Cricket League right here on the Fleurieu Peninsula. The competition is aimed at 12-16 year old girls (although girls who fall just outside this age bracket are being included in this first season) and the season officially kicked off

in early November, with teams representing McLaren Districts, Willunga and Rapid Bay Cricket Clubs. Several other clubs are anticipating joining the competition in 2023.

Matches are played on Sundays and are 20 overs per team, with every player given the opportunity to bat and bowl. The focus is on having fun, developing skills and building relationships, so girls of any ability level are welcome.

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Once again GALLERY 88 will be showcasing especially invited artists to show their paintings in our summer exhibition which will run from 27th December 2022 to the end of February 2023. The artists included in this exciting exhibition are:

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We are pleased to welcome her back to our exhibition after an absence of a couple of years. Her beautiful watercolours exhibit a mastery of painting the human figure. She also paints in oils and mixed medium.



VICTORIA ROLINSKI

A very popular painter of seascapes in oils. Her work sold very early last year so you will need to make an early viewing. Victoria's paintings depict people at leisure on the beach and our vast summer skies.



LYN ROBINS

A very accomplished artist who mainly works in acrylics. She is a sought after artist for her painting techniques for workshops. She is a realist artist who paints wonderful seascapes and landscapes.

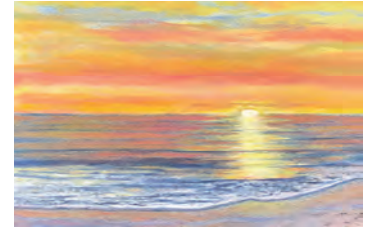
CARLA BLAIR

A local artist who lives and works on the Fleurieu. Her unique style is inspired by coast and country. Her favoured medium is oils.



LEANNE AUSTIN

An acrylic artist who is exhibiting with us for the first time. She is an enthusiastic member of the Yankalilla Art group. She enjoys running classes for primary aged children.



CANDY ZHAO

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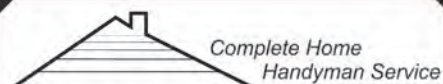
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Yankalilla Men's Probus

Gee, just a few weeks away and the chap in the red suit, with the hippy beard and hairdo, and a sled and reindeers will be returning to bring cheer to the children in Yankalilla and districts.

All of us 'young fellas' in the Yankalilla Men's Probus Club are looking forward to partaking in a barbeque at the Yankalilla Museum on the 24th of November but some caution will need to be taken so that none of us are left behind as future display items at the Museum! Then we have to wonder if **Alan Barnes** has delivered up 'someone who can surely pick a googly' with **Tom Moffat**, Chief Executive of the International Federation of Cricketer's Association presenting as our guest speaker on **Tuesday 6 December at 10am**. After the meeting our members will adjourn to The Yankalilla Hotel for a Christmas Luncheon.

We are grateful to have had **Nathan Cunningham**, CEO of Yankalilla District Council provide an interesting and informative discussion to members about his role in Local Government at our previous meeting in November. Many thanks for your contribution, **Nathan**.

As is the usual practice, the club will take a break after Christmas and we will resume with our meeting in February 2023. Our next meeting will be on **7 February 2023 at 10am**.

Special event to look at what lies beneath!

9 November 2022

You may not think about it all the time, but do you ever consider that there is a whole ecosystem beneath your feet, and its health and vitality is directly correlated to our own?

That's right, it's soil! The biology and management of soil is one of the key elements to food production and overall land management – it deserves to be celebrated!

On Sunday 4 December, Landscapes Hills and Fleurieu, along with a host of local organisations, is presenting a World Soil Day event to embrace the theme of 'Where Food Begins.'

It will be at the Meadows Memorial Hall from 10am-4pm and all are welcome to come and learn more about soils in an interactive and family-friendly environment.

Landscapes Hills and Fleurieu Sustainable Agriculture Project Officer John Butler said the event is designed to educate, inspire and connect people.

"Our event is tailored to everyone from commercial farmers to backyard gardeners. Soil is central to food production and general land management, so there is something to learn for everyone when we dig a little deeper. There are things you can do to improve soil health, no matter the size of your property. By looking after our soil and learning a few simple principles, we can get the most out of it and maximise our efforts.

"We are excited to have acclaimed author Matthew Evans, also known as The Gourmet Farmer, coming along to do a talk and book signing, and we will also have interactive kids' activities, expos, information sessions from soil experts and more. It's all about making the connections between what is happening beneath the surface, and how that influences what happens above it!

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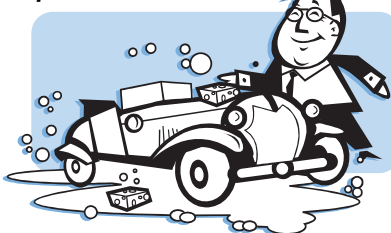
The Landscapes Hills and Fleurieu team are on-hand and available to provide advice and information about improving soil health on any scale, and connecting people with groups and networks that can help you learn more about sustainable land management.

This project is jointly funded through the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board, the Australian Government's National Landcare Program, the SA Drought Hub, Soil Science Australia SA Branch and the Mount Barker District Council.

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FLEC - Fleurieu Environment Centre

WORLD SOIL DAY: Soils: Where food begins

World Soil Day is held annually on **5th December** as a means to focus attention on the importance of healthy soil and to advocate for the sustainable management of soil resources. The UN General Assembly designated 5th December 2014 as the first official World Soil Day. Soil nutrient loss is a major soil degradation process threatening nutrition and is recognised as being among the most important problems at a global level for food security and sustainability all around the globe. World Soil Day 2022 (#WorldSoilDay) and its campaign "Soils: Where food begins" aims to raise awareness of the importance of maintaining healthy ecosystems and human well-being by addressing the growing challenges in soil management, increasing soil awareness and encouraging societies to improve soil health. Healthy soil is the world's lifeline, ensures a steady food supply, preserves clean water, increases biodiversity, and helps mitigate climate change. Soil is one of the most significant parts of the ecosystem. Around 95% of our food comes from soils. Soil is home to more than 1/4 of earth's biodiversity, yet we know only 1% of this universe. Soil organisms help soils store carbon, nurture plants, degrade contaminants, and reduce GHG emissions. Nowadays, soil biodiversity is under pressure worldwide since unsustainable soil management has affected life belowground. Actions should be taken to protect soil biodiversity!

How you can contribute to World Soil Day

Start composting

Celebrate World Soil Day at home, school, or in the community. Start small experiments with composting to witness the amazing properties of soil first-hand. If you'd like to find out more about how to start composting at home, feel free to pop into FLEC and collect some more information.

Read & Watch

The day began as a way to generate awareness on how people inadvertently damage the planet. Most of it stems from ignorance, and the best way to counter that is to educate ourselves and those around us. The Fleurieu Environment Centre has a number of books about soil health including "Soil - The incredible story of what keeps the earth, and us, healthy" By Matthew Evans and "The Compost Book" by David Taylor, Yvonne Taylor and Helen McCosker. There are also some great

What's coming up in December 2022

Friday 2nd - Friends of Nixon Skinner Working Bee
Saturday 3rd - Community Veggie Swap
Monday 5th - Community Nursery Working Bee
Thursday 8th - Social Sewing
Saturday 10th - Banksia Park Working Bee
Saturday 10th - Eco-Friendly Christmas Craft Workshop
Monday 19th - Community Nursery Working Bee

FLEC Closed from 24th December 2022 to 8th of January 2023



What's coming up in January 2023

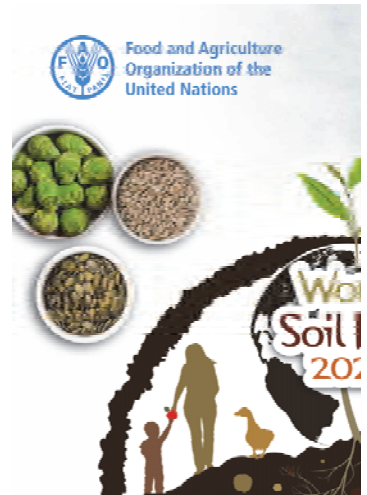
Monday 9th - FLEC Reopens
Thursday 12th - Social Sewing
Saturday 14th - Banksia Park Working Bee
Monday 16th - Community Nursery Working Bee - Open 9:30-12:30
Tuesday 17th - Kids Beach Activities at Normanville

documentaries about soil including the film "2040: Join the Regeneration" which is available for loan from our library or use this link for other great films about soil health -

<https://soillearningcenter.com/6-must-watch-regenerative-documentaries-for-soil-lovers-globally/>

Get involved with a local gardening group or visit a community garden

Grow a lasting relationship with soil by being around it regularly. Visit a community garden, plant your own garden with loved ones. Plant seeds (literal and otherwise) and watch them grow.



Avoid creating waste this festive season! FREE Party Hire Gear available from the Fleurieu Environment Centre

In the lead up to the festive season we'd like to remind the community that FLEC has a range of free Party Hire Gear available. Items that can be hired include: Plates, bowls, mugs, cups, cutlery, wine glasses, champagne flutes, fabric bunting and paper balloons. Please pop into the Environment Centre to have a look at what we've got. You must sign up to be a member (which is free) to hire out items from FLEC.



Where Food Begins

Celebrating World Soil Day

Matthew Evans
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Sunday 4 December 10am - 4pm in Meadows

- Matthew Evans - The Gourmet Farmer and author will speak passionately about how what we do to our soil affects what we put on our dinner tables
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FLEC - Fleurieu Environment Centre

New Friends of the Bungala River Conservation Group

There is a new Friends of the Bungala River Group that is conducting revegetation work on the Bungala Park section of the river. The Group, at this stage, has permission to work on the Yankalilla Council Reserve sections of the Bungala River and Salt Creek. Their first working bee was held recently with an orientation walk through Bungala Park and some weeding of previous planting sites. They were quite amazed at how well these plants were thriving. This is thanks to all those who have supported previous efforts to regenerate this stretch of the river.

The next working bee will be on Saturday the 3rd of December from 8am-11am. Please meet us at the BBQ area in Bungala Park, Normanville. If you have any questions please contact the group on this email fobr@flec.com.au

The group aims to have a regular day for their working bees, making it easier for volunteer's planning and this regular day will be decided upon and publicised. We are pleased the Yankalilla Area School has expressed some interest to be involved in future projects.

A Strategic Plan including aims and goals has been developed for the group and with guidance from the Coastal Conservation Officer, Corey Jackson the group is researching and planning which species to grow for future plantings, along with the continuation of weed management and maintenance of the established previous plantings. If anyone would like to get involved with the Friends of the Bungala River, please register on this email fobr@flec.com.au

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Book of the Month

From one small seed, a forest is born. Neville Bonney, 2021.

Neville Bonney

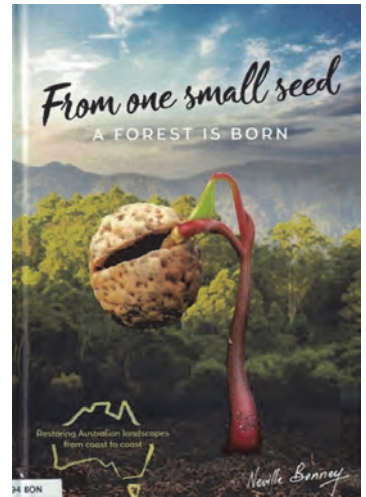
From One Small Seed is a comprehensive guide to Australian native plants and their seeds. Over 700 species from 63 families and 240 genera are described with their identifying features of flowers, fruits and seeds illustrated. Each species description is accompanied by a distribution map and information about pollinators, seed dispersal, seed collection, propagation, ecology and Aboriginal names and uses. Species information is supported by introductory chapters on our changing landscapes and related topics.

Lavishly illustrated with photos from the field, *From One Small Seed* is the ideal companion for anyone engaged in the restoration of ecosystems and landscapes in southern and central Australia as well as for plant enthusiasts and people travelling this great wide land.

Neville Bonney is a pioneer in the promotion of Australian native plants and has spent a lifetime educating people about the importance and conservation value of what he describes as our National Estate.

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quite successfully. They would appeal to retirees, people who like birds or as a family hobby. Junior members are also welcome and they compete for free. Our members are willing to help new flyers get established and guide them with any advice they may need. Watching your birds return from a race of 300kms or more and landing on its loft brings much enjoyment to the flyer. If pigeon racing appeals to you and you would like more information, please contact club member Ken on 0417 710 090.



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The Season So Far

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Division 1 Juniors are acquitting themselves admirably with a mix of players from the Inman, Myponga-Sellicks, Mt Compass and Normanville clubs all coming together to provide an opportunity for young players to further their tennis game. Zac and Olli have been the standouts.

Division 2/3 has got a couple of wins on the board and Alice and Kira have been the mainstays that could see the team improving as the season progresses.

Division 5 are still finding their feet in the competition but Flynn and Robbie and the rest of the team are improving each week and I'm sure they'll get their first win in the coming weeks.

The club welcomes and thanks Andrew Miller, Val Klemasz, Noel Bailey and Amy Kleemann for playing with us this season and they have played some good tennis in the short time the season has been going.

Association Representation

The club congratulates Stirling, Ella, Zach and Aleesha for being chosen for Great Southern Tennis Representative squad that will compete

against Onkaparinga Association in early December. The club wishes you well and may you have a great tennis experience.

The Courts

In early October the club was very lucky to come across a gentleman by the name of Bruno who is the owner and proprietor of the business Superior Court Cleaning Services. Whilst based in Magill he helped out the club by doing an amazing pressure cleaning job of our courts that turned our courts from night to day. They have come up really well and it has ensured that the courts are at their best condition and it will certainly help in any court preparation required when getting them re-surfaced.

Bunnings BBQ

The club did an outstanding job at our last BBQ in early October raising over \$800. This is one of our best returns yet from the BBQ and a big thanks to Janelle for her mighty organising skills and the band of hearty volunteers who keep the snags turning and the cash till ticking over.

Afternoon Tea Scone Success

Based on a tongue in cheek idea of getting local and current Royal Adelaide CWA champion scone baker Jo Lush to cater for a fundraising event, the pleasant afternoon at the Inman Valley Memorial Hall was created. Jo whipped up a storm in the kitchen with people coming from all parts of the Fleurieu and beyond to get a taste of her champion baking skills. Local musicians Hamish McCombe and Delia Althorp provided music for the attendees with the event proving a major success, raising well over \$1000. A big

thanks must go to Jo, Barb for the tireless efforts they put in to make the day happen as well as Chris, Flora, Helen, Bree, and Zoe who did a lot of organising, planning, setting and packing up on the day. Apologies for anyone who has been missed but the club certainly appreciates your support to make this event occur.

It's never too late to enquire about tennis and you can do so at the club by emailing us at inmanvalleytennis@gmail.com or you can find us on Facebook at inman valley tennis club or phone 0414 900 691.



Relay For Julie

14/11/2022

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 participants from her classes have met for a coffee and a chat regularly since then.

This culminated in the group forming a 'Relay For Life' Team called 'Annapoorna Julie' which took part in the Adelaide Hills Relay For Life Event held at Balhannah Oval on Saturday/Sunday 5th/6th November. Julie was so respected in the yoga community that she was honoured with the name 'Annapoorna' following trips to India and many stays at several Ashrams in Australia. She was an inspiration to us in life with her caring nature and even in death when she considered all of us in her legacy.

This Relay Team is our way of showing our respect for her memory.

The weekend was an outstanding success. Although the fundraising is important, the camaraderie at the Relay between participants and within Teams was fantastic to see. The age of participants ranged from young children in pushers to people at the other end of the age spectrum and seeing everybody mix together was heart warming.

The Opening Ceremony at 2pm Saturday was a

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great way to start the weekend. The presence of some of the key political representatives of the area was great to see and an acknowledgement of the importance of this type of event in the Life of the Cancer Council. This ceremony was underpinned by a 'Survivors and Carers' walk to get the event underway.

The Candlelight Ceremony, held at 8pm on the Saturday evening was very moving and honoured those lost whilst also celebrating those who have survived and the inspiring people currently going through cancer treatment. It was quite heart breaking to see Julie's photo on the screen during this ceremony amongst the many other photos with very emotional music playing in the background.

The Closing Ceremony celebrated the achievements of all those who got involved and Relayed through the whole event. It was very gratifying for our Team to win the 'Best Banner' trophy because it was creatively and cooperatively designed with love for Julie in

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mind.

This Relay For Life Event was emotional, inspirational and a credit to the organisers. It was more than a fundraising event, it brought many people together to celebrate survivorship, remember loved ones lost, especially our Julie and to fight back against cancer while having a little (or a lot) of fun along the way.

At the time of writing, we have over \$5000 on our Fundraising page which is destined for the Cancer Council SA and the many programs they run to improve the life of people in the Cancer Space. Thankyou to everyone who was involved in this process.

John Clements, Laine Wehr



Yankalilla Youth Theatre Update!

The Yankalilla Youth Theatre have had another busy few months with creative performances and inspiring outings.

Yankalilla Show

The group put together a roaming performance for the Yankalilla Show, where they enthusiastically played their cardboard instruments. The group played the roles of famous musicians, with their protective security guards keeping the crowd in check. Another very funny act and a great experience for the group. Thanks to the Yankalilla Show Committee for organising such a huge, successful event!



Barry to Retire in December

Barry Jeffery, the long time manager of the Normanville LPO is retiring in time for Christmas! There will be much merriment this season and we (covertly, thanks to Glenice) got some details to share with you.

Why did you choose PMG (Post Master General, what is now known as Australia Post)?
After I finished my schooling I wandered over the road to the railway station at Lameroo and asked for a job but they had a policy that only one family member could work for them at one time, and dad had worked for them for over 25yrs. So I wandered back over the road to Lameroo PMG and asked them. I have been doing it ever since.

Where have you worked?

Lameroo – where I did the all-night telephone exchange, deliveries on a push bike, and counter work.

Woodside – again on the pushbike and counter.

Rymill House Postal clerk and training school –



Amicus Strings

Thank you to Tracy Taylor for organising the special candle-lit concert of Amicus Strings at the Yankalilla Show Hall. A lucky group from the youth theatre attended this performance, which was wonderful inspiration for their own instrumental act. Some comments from the young people included:

“The music was great and very powerful, I could feel lots of emotion when they were playing.”

“It sounded like dramatic music in a war movie.”

“Good but not really my style. I would like to compose my own 8-bit music for a computer game.”

The group did a great job at sitting still throughout the performance and showed excellent audience skills. Congratulations!

Hopgood Theatre Visit

Another excursion was held to visit the Hopgood Theatre's lecture theatre in Noarlunga. The group familiarised themselves with the space they will be performing in next year. The group were fascinated by the backstage area that the audience will walk through to get to the lecture theatre.



where you had to do 30 telegrams in 30 minutes without looking at the keys to be able to pass.

Karoonda and the Riverland – 3 years

Hindmarsh and Glenelg.

The Adelaide Royal Show, Grand Prix, Stampex as a stamp sales officer.

Jubilee Trade Train – that had 8 carriages and 32 trades selling their wares for 3 months.

The train travelled around country towns and over the state including Broken Hill. Australia Post had a tiny area supplied in the guard's carriage. I really enjoyed it.

Glenside and many other various outlets relieving managing staff.

I moved to Yankalilla in 1990 when a manager's position became available in the post office there. Unfortunately, that was only for 3 years as it was franchised out as a LPO (privately owned).

I was unemployed for 9 months and did some business management courses.

Then was employed by Woodcroft LPO for 11 ½ years.

Finally employed at Normanville LPO - owned by John Jelfs until 2011 - for 18 years.

Has there been any highlights?

Doing the promotional work, the expo train, selling Australia Post, meeting people, and living in this district.

You are also a Lions member?

I have been a member for 31 years, my main jobs

Generations Performance

We have almost finished writing our next original play, using inspiration from community stories gathered throughout the year. This play is another comedy, and the theme is “World's Worst School Days”. The group will perform real and imagined stories about school experiences throughout the generations, and the audience will guess which ones are true stories from the community. “World's Worst School Days” will perform two shows as part of Festival Fleurie, at the Hopgood Theatre, Lecture Theatre on Thursday 13 April 2023. More details soon!

Sponsorship & Donations

The Yankalilla Youth Theatre are seeking sponsorship and donations to go towards an inclusion and project fund. Our inclusion fund is devoted to free events and excursions and offering workshop subsidies for families in need. Our project fund helps bring young people's ideas to life with performances and exhibitions. The Yankalilla Youth Theatre is a not-for profit organisation and donations are tax deductible.

New Workshops!

The Yankalilla Youth Theatre is thrilled to introduce more afterschool workshops for 2023.

Wednesday Writing

Focus on storytelling and the production of a Youth Theatre Magazine. 4.30-6pm for ages 9-19

Thursday Drawing

Focus on drawing technique, self-expression and exhibiting artwork. 4.30-6pm for ages 9-19

Friday Theatre - 3 Workshops

Drama Play – Creative exercise, drama games & teamwork skills 3.30 – 4.15pm for ages 6-8

Performance Troupe – Development of original performances 4.30 – 6pm for ages 9-19

Improvisation – Improvisation skills and exercises. 6.15 – 7.15pm for ages 9-19

Contact

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other than helping raise funds are as historian and Lions Tail editor.

Barry has been married 44 years with 2 children and 4 grandchildren.

After so many years working, what do you look forward to most in the future other than being with your family and drinking good wine?

NOT WORKING !



Myponga Reservoir parkrun

We have had an exciting couple of months of parkrun at the Myponga Reservoir. With the finer weather (sometimes!) making an appearance and winter sports concluding, we have had a steady increase in numbers attending each week.

Many runners from other parkrun clubs have been visiting, with the Hilltop Run Club sending a contingent of runners, a group of spirited lads from Somerton celebrating a 30th birthday taking out 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th on the day and during school holidays, many families with both parents and kids all enjoying a Saturday morning run, jog or walk.

The course has been less soggy (with exception of the recent rains) and everyone that participates comments on the picturesque trail claiming it is the most beautiful course in SA (which we tend to agree with!).

Again parkrun would not be able to occur without the constant support of volunteers each week, but we can always do with more. We have many varied roles that people can assist with, some you can still undertake the walk/run and clock up volunteer points. We encourage anyone that is interested being outdoors whilst meeting new people and improving your fitness to contact us via our email

mypongareservoir@parkrun.com or via our facebook page "Myponga Reservoir parkrun"

Myponga Reservoir parkrun takes place every Saturday at 8.00am, located at the carpark within the reservoir off Eatts Street, Myponga. It is a free event, you just need to register with parkrun (google parkrun) to obtain a barcode. This event is suitable for all ages whether you intend to walk, jog, run or volunteer!

We look forward to seeing you all out at the Myponga Reservoir parkrun one day soon!



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Some photos from the total lunar eclipse on November 8. Fortunately it was a mostly clear evening despite the forecasts of clouds on the day.

- The Moon near mid-eclipse, plus Uranus (indicated by pink ticks).
- A composite of three photos. The top one was taken a few minutes before total eclipse began, the middle one during total eclipse, and the bottom one a few minutes after total eclipse ended. Between them they indicate the round outline of the Earth's shadow, and that it's darker / redder towards its centre.

If you missed this total lunar eclipse there's a partial eclipse on the morning of 29 Oct 2023, but the next total lunar eclipse isn't until



mid-January. Venus remains visible in the western evening skies for the next few months, steadily climbing higher above the sunset all summer. At the beginning of December the bright orange dot of **Mars** is rising in the north-eastern sky soon after sunset, and remains visible in the northern skies for most of the night throughout summer. **Jupiter** is the other bright white dot that's visible all evening in the north-western skies, dropping lower towards the sunset each night. The pale yellow dot of **Saturn** is also getting lower in the north-western skies all summer and disappears behind the sun in February. On January 22 & 23 Saturn is near Venus low in the evening twilight.

The Moon passes near these planets a few times in December-January:

- Dec 8 -- Mars
- Dec 24 -- Mercury + Venus
- Dec 26 & 27 -- Saturn

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the early morning hours of 8 September 2025.

Meanwhile there's bright planets to see in the evening skies this summer.

Mercury and **Venus** have both emerged from behind the Sun to become visible in the twilight, very low in the evening sky above the

sunset. They remain near each other through December (Venus is the bright white dot, Mercury is the fainter yellowish dot). Mercury vanishes from the evening skies by year's end and reappears above the sunrise in the morning sky from

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- Dec 29 -- Jupiter
- Jan 3 -- Mars
- Jan 23 -- Saturn + Venus
- Jan 26 -- Jupiter
- Jan 31 -- Mars

The annual **Geminids meteor shower** returns in mid-December, with a predicted maximum of about

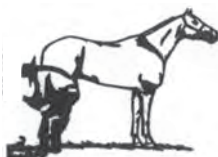
50 meteors/hour on the night of December 14-15. These meteors appear from a radiant point that's low in our northern sky. We didn't get to see last month's Leonids meteors because of the cloudy weather, so better luck this time. Until next month....

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60 years of a reservoir in the Lovely Valley

The Myponga Reservoir, constructed to supply towns on the Fleurieu Peninsula with fresh water, was officially opened by the Governor, Sir Edric Bastyan on 8 November 1962.

A proposal to dam the Myponga River was first mooted as early as 1914 but the site chosen was about 3km upstream from the present dam wall. Although suitable for an earth bank, it would have flooded the Myponga township. Instead, the project was abandoned in favour of the Milbrook Dam, completed in 1918. By 1930, it became evident that a project to use the Myponga River would be economical if a large capacity reservoir was built, to augment supplies to other districts, but this was again deferred in favour of the construction of the Mount Bold dam on the Onkaparinga River and the South Para dam to the north of Adelaide. However, by 1954, it became apparent that another major storage was required and the plans were revised.

A site once known as Lovely Valley was identified as a suitable location. Residents living in the area were relocated to enable the reservoir's construction, with a local newspaper in the late 1950s reporting that eight houses, including the Eatts' family home, were acquired by the Government. The Eatts family were early settlers in the area in 1846. Other family names at Lovely Valley included Oldfield, McGuinness, Forrest, Spencer and Page.

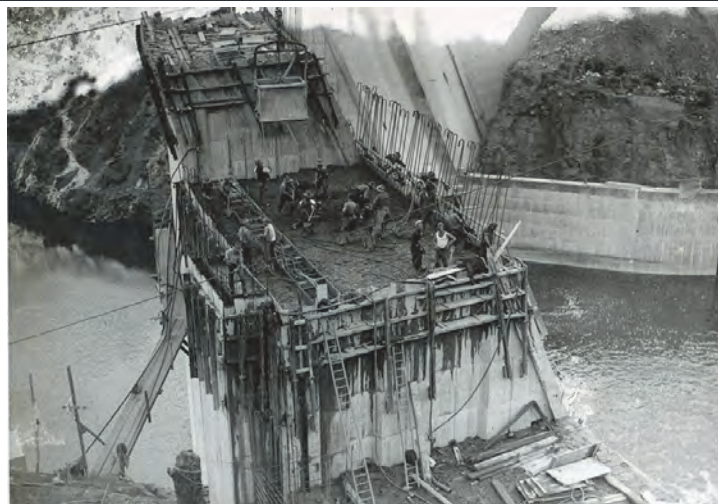
Among the houses now under water is the site of the Lovely Valley School which operated for only four years from 1865, with William Hamlyn initially teaching 24 students.

The school closed in 1869.

The former Lovely Valley creamery and butter factory, built in 1892 by Southern Cooperative Produce Pty Ltd, was eventually demolished, after operating for only 10 years until 1901.



The site of the Lovely Valley School was in this valley, now under Myponga Reservoir. (Photo: D Darian Smith.)



Myponga Reservoir wall under construction.

Sometime after 1946, Cyril Page established a sawmill at Lovely Valley to utilise logs from the timber being cleared.

Work began at Myponga on 9 November 1956. The dam wall contains 72,900 cubic yards of concrete, and is 156 feet above the river bed. The reservoir has a capacity of 5905 million gallons from a catchment area of 48 square miles.

A trunk main was constructed to the Happy Valley Reservoir (29.5 miles long) which had to traverse difficult terrain such as crossing Mount Terrible Gully.

The dam and outlet works as far as the northern portal of the tunnel were constructed by Hansen Williams Hornibrook joint venture. The contract included a concrete-lined tunnel 2.44 metres high, 2.44 metres wide, and 427 metres long through the northern side of the Myponga River Gorge; also a 160cm diameter rigid steel pipeline from the dam, along the gorge, and through the tunnel to its northern end. The pumping plant for the Yankalilla, Myponga and Normanville water supply is located in a station downstream from the dam. This station also includes the chlorination equipment to treat all the water leaving the dam.

Two roads now lie under the water's surface – the original Myponga to Yankalilla main road and Lovely Valley Road. Deviation of the Myponga-Yankalilla road was necessary and a two-lane road constructed over the dam wall to replace the inundated Lovely Valley Road.

The final cost of the reservoir was about \$10 million. When full, the water area covers 280 hectares and supplies several towns on the Fleurieu Peninsula, from Normanville to the metropolitan area, and from the coast to Willunga and McLaren Flat.

– 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 13 February 2023** at 7pm at Sanders Hall, Uniting Church, 121 Main South Road, Yankalilla.



The South Australian Minister of Works, Lieutenant-General GG Pearson, is speaking at the opening of the Myponga Reservoir from a platform where other dignitaries are seated, whilst the audience sits on chairs in the foreground.



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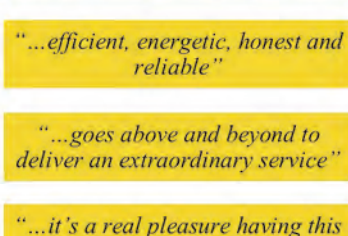


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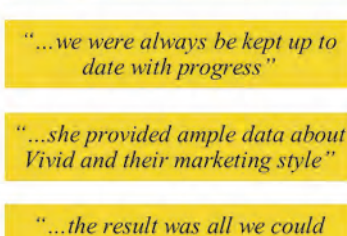
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