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to make it easier to find the
stories and information that
matter to you.

We're also moving to a
quarterly publication, as
part of an evolution in how
Council communicates with
our community.

While *In The Loop* will
continue to bring you
Council news, community
stories and local highlights,
more timely information
will be shared throughout
the year through Council's
website, social media,
media releases and other
communication channels.

We're also introducing new
regular features celebrating
the people and places that
make our district special.

See page 4 for more info.

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Welcome to the new-look *In The Loop.*

You may notice that things look a little different in this edition. We've refreshed the design and are taking a new approach to sharing the stories, achievements and important information from across our community.

You'll also notice that *In The Loop* will now be published quarterly rather than monthly.

*"This change was considered by Council following a review of how we **communicate with our community** and I'm pleased that the Chamber **unanimously endorsed the new approach**".*

Importantly, this is not about communicating less. It is about finding the right balance across the many ways Council now communicates with our community.

In The Loop remains an important part of that mix, including for those who prefer to receive information in print. At the same time, moving to a quarterly publication gives Council greater capacity to share timely information through our website, social media, media releases and other channels.

I hope you enjoy the fresh look and the stories in this edition.

Warm regards,

Darryl Houston

Mayor



Did you know?

Members of the public *are welcome* to attend Council and Committee meetings.



Council meetings are held on the **third Tuesday of each month at 4 pm**, in the Council Chambers, 1 Charles Street, Yankalilla.

The next Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 18 August 2026**.



Elected Member Information & Briefing Sessions are held on the **first Tuesday of each month at 3 pm** in a location determined by the CEO.

The next Elected Member Information & Briefing Session will be held on **Tuesday 1 September 2026**.



Receive news the way that *suits you!*

1. **Grab a hard copy** at Council facilities and various public outlets throughout the District.
2. **Subscribe to the email** by scanning the QR Code or visiting https://bit.ly/dcy_intheloop
3. **If you can't receive our news in the ways above**, that's ok, let us know and we'll post a copy. Call us on 8558 0200 or email council@yankalilla.sa.gov.au with your request.





Understanding your rates

Since 2026-27 rates notices were issued, Council has received a significant number of enquiries from ratepayers seeking to better understand the changes to their rates and rates notices.

I understand that, for some ratepayers, the changes to the way rates are calculated and presented have caused concern, confusion and, in some cases, frustration. Some properties have experienced significant changes in the amount they are required to pay, while changes to the way charges are shown on the rates notice, including the separation of the Waste Service Charge, may also look different to previous years.

Earlier this year, Council adopted changes to its rating structure following a Rates Review undertaken between September 2025 and March 2026. The review considered the structure and balance of rating across the district, with the overarching goal of improving fairness and equity in how rates are distributed across different ratepayer groups. The outcome was the biggest shift to how rates are calculated and distributed across different land use types in more than a decade.

The changes to the rating structure, together with the 2026-27 Annual Business Plan and Budget, have affected properties differently. If you have questions about your rates notice, or you are unsure how the changes have affected your property, our staff are available to help explain the different components of your notice and discuss the options available to you. If you are experiencing financial hardship, I encourage you to contact our team so we can discuss the support and payment arrangements that may be available.

Our small Rates team has been responding to a significant number of enquiries since the rates notices were issued. We appreciate your patience as they work through these enquiries and respond to everyone as quickly as possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our staff, many of whom live locally and are members of this community. I understand that people may be frustrated, upset or confused by changes to their rates; however, I ask that this frustration is not directed towards Council staff. They did not make the policy decisions relating to the Rating Review, but they are committed to helping our community understand the changes and assisting wherever they can.

Thank you to everyone who has approached these conversations with patience and respect.

Nathan Cunningham

Chief Executive Officer

What's changed on your rates notice?

Your 2026-27 rates will look different.



Rating structure

Changes affect properties differently depending on land use and other rating factors.



Waste service charge

Now shown separately on the rates notice.



\$200 Fixed charge

A Fixed Charge component of \$200 is applied to rateable properties.

We're here
to help

Our friendly rates team is here to support you and provide clear answers to your questions.



For more information, visit www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au/2026/council-rates-notices

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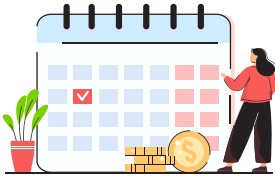
Welcome to the new-look *In The Loop*!

We've taken the opportunity to give the newsletter a complete refresh, with a cleaner, more modern design, larger images and a simpler layout.

You'll also see more community-focused content, with space to showcase the people, organisations, projects and stories that make our district special.

In this edition, we're shining a light on a local volunteer and the contribution they make to our community.

Now published quarterly



As part of the refresh, Council has also changed the publication frequency of *In The Loop* from monthly to quarterly.

This is an evolution in the way Council communicates with our community – **it is not a reduction in Council's communication activities.**

Producing the monthly newsletter required a significant amount of time and resources. Moving to a quarterly publication allows Council to better balance those resources across the many ways we communicate with our community.

In The Loop will continue to be available in print and online, with four editions each year featuring Council's major achievements, key projects, community stories and important information.



So, what happens to the news in between?

We know that a lot can happen in three months!

Information that needs to be shared quickly will continue to be communicated throughout the year through the most appropriate channels, including:

- > Council's website
- > Facebook
- > Media releases
- > Email communications
- > Community engagement activities
- > Printed information where appropriate.

This means you don't need to wait for the next edition of *In The Loop* to find out what's happening.

The change also gives us more capacity to keep our website up to date, improve the accessibility of our information, develop more engaging digital content and share more stories about the work Council and our community are doing.

A newsletter that tells our story



Rather than trying to fit everything that has happened into a monthly edition, each quarterly publication will be carefully planned around the stories and information we think will be most useful and interesting to our community.

And if there is an important reason to communicate with you between editions, we can still publish a special edition of *In The Loop* when needed.

Whether you read In The Loop in print or online, our goal remains the same: to keep you connected with Council, your community and the people and places that make our district such a great place to live.

We hope you enjoy the new-look *In The Loop* and the new approach.

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ARVO CLUB

8-14 YEARS

2:30PM - 3:30PM

DATES

- > 20, 27 JULY
- > 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 AUG
- > 7, 14, 21 SEP



TEEN HANG

14+ YEARS

4:30PM - 6PM

DATES

- > 20, 27 JULY
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FREE PROGRAM - FOOD PROVIDED

YANKALILLA LIBRARY
LOREN.STEENKAMP@ECLINK.ORG




District Council of

YANKALILLA



2027 COUNCIL ELECTION DATES

MON 4/1	Close of Rolls 5:00 pm Monday 4 January 2027	▼
TUES 26/1	Nominations Open Tuesday 26 January 2027	▼
TUES 9/2	Nominations Close 12:00 noon Tuesday 9 February 2027	▼
THURS 11/3	Ballot Packs Mail-Out Period From Thursday 11 - Wednesday 17 March 2027	▼
WED 7/4	Voting Close (Polling Day) 5:00 pm Wednesday 7 April 2027	▼

Fleurieu Coast Events Guide

What's happening
across our community!

Don't miss out on a month of delicious food, inspiring art and fantastic local events. Connect with the community and discover what's on across the Fleurieu Coast.

View the events guide via the link or the QR code.

<https://www.visitfleurieucoast.com.au/events/markets>



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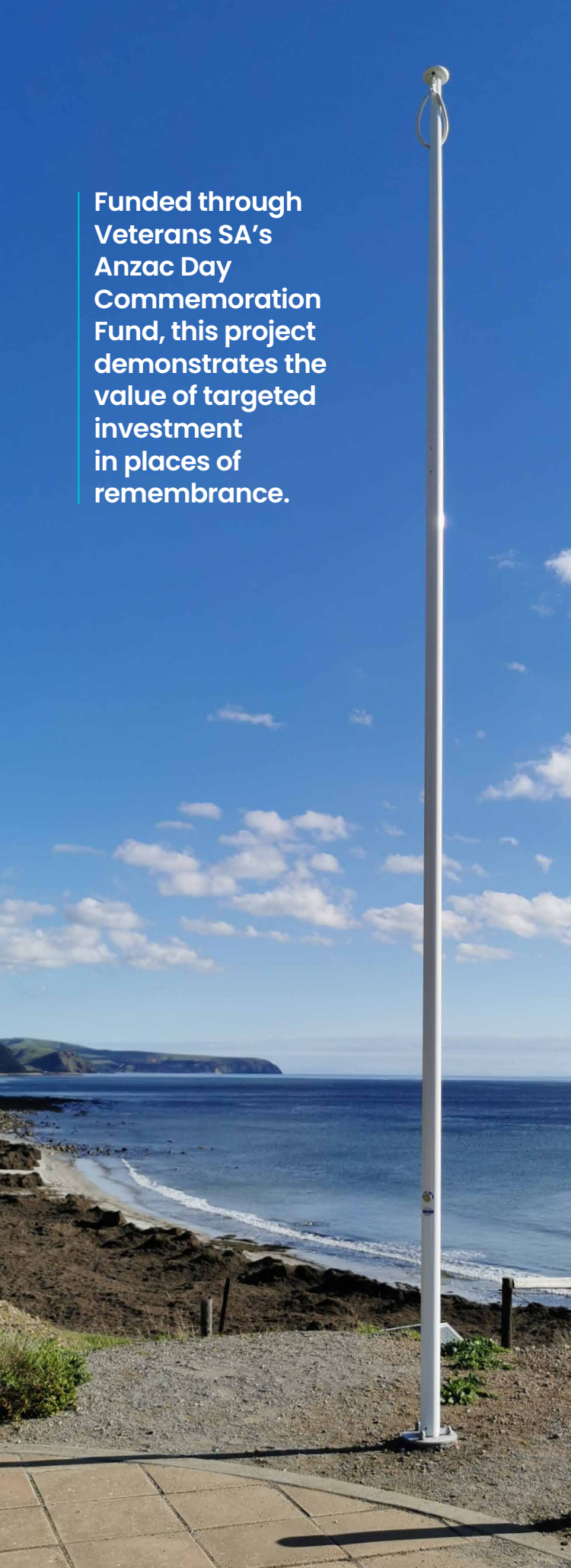
WHAT'S ON at the LIBRARY

There's always plenty happening at the library

Stay connected with the latest library events and activities now available via the link.

www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au/library/library/library-events



Funded through Veterans SA's Anzac Day Commemoration Fund, this project demonstrates the value of targeted investment in places of remembrance.

Restoring Honour at Lady Bay

The installation of a secure internal-halyard flagpole at the HMAS Hobart Memorial in Lady Bay is much more than an infrastructure upgrade. It restores the memorial's ability to honour naval service with dignity, accuracy and respect.

Funded through Veterans SA's Anzac Day Commemoration Fund, this project demonstrates the value of targeted investment in places of remembrance. It was made possible through the dedication and advocacy of the Friends of the HMAS Hobart Memorial, whose ongoing commitment helps preserve and promote this significant site. Council was proud to auspice the funding application and support delivery of the upgrade.

The importance of the project was demonstrated on 20 July 2026, the anniversary of the torpedoing of HMAS Hobart, when the Australian Navy White Ensign was flown at the HMAS Hobart Memorial Lookout from dawn until dusk in recognition of those who served and sacrificed.

More than replacing a flagpole, the project has restored the memorial's capacity to participate in official naval commemorative practice. The Ensign will now be flown on Anzac Day, Remembrance Day and recognised naval commemorative occasions, strengthening the site's connection to Australia's naval heritage and enhancing the symbolic and educational value of one of South Australia's last remaining naval memorials.

Equally significant was the partnership behind the project. Council, Veterans SA and the Friends of the HMAS Hobart Memorial worked together to ensure the upgrade met Defence protocols while reflecting community expectations.

The flagpole now enables the memorial to fulfil its ceremonial role and continue honouring naval service with the dignity it deserves.

For more information about the HMAS Hobart Memorial, or if you are interested in supporting the ongoing work of the Friends of the HMAS Hobart Memorial, please contact the group at friendsofthememorial@hmarshobartcup.online

Keep your contact details up to date

There are times when Council needs to contact ratepayers quickly about matters that may affect their property or the services they receive. To help us reach you when needed, it's important that we have your current contact details.

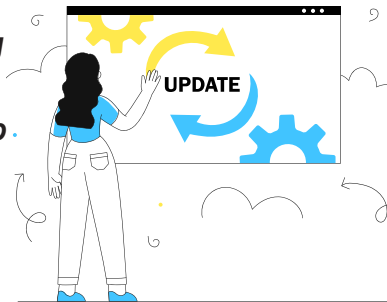
Please take a moment to check that we have your current postal address, phone number and email address. Even if your postal address hasn't changed, you may not have previously provided a phone number or email address. By adding these details, you'll help us contact you more quickly if we need to.

Keeping your details up to date also helps ensure you receive your rate notices and other important Council correspondence without unnecessary delays.

Updating your details is easy:

- Complete the Change of Address form on the Council's website: www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au/contact/residents/change-of-address
- Email your updated details to: council@yankalilla.sa.gov.au

Thank you for taking the time to update your details and help us keep our records current.



Volunteer Spotlight



Louise



Meet Louise, one of the friendly faces you'll regularly find volunteering at the Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre, particularly across our weekends.

Louise is a consistent, reliable and welcoming member of our volunteer team, bringing her wonderful local knowledge and a calm, positive approach to every shift. Her infectious enthusiasm helps create a warm and welcoming experience for both our visitors and fellow volunteers.

We're incredibly lucky to have Louise as part of our VIC team and are grateful for the time, knowledge and positivity she shares with our community.

Community Event Partner

**SMALL
BUSINESS
WEEK 2026**

**17-21
AUGUST**

REGISTER NOW

**Office for
Small & Family
Business**





DO BUSINESS FLEURIEU COAST

Small Business Week 2026 comes to the Fleurieu Coast!

Local Connections. Practical Support.
Building Resilience. Future-Focused
Learning.

Small Business Week returns from **17–21 August 2026**, bringing five days of practical learning, expert advice and valuable networking opportunities to small businesses across South Australia.

The District Council of Yankalilla is proud to once again partner with the Office for Small & Family Business to deliver a local program that supports and celebrates our business community.

Hosted by **Do Business Fleurieu Coast**, our local program features a range of **FREE events** designed to help local businesses build capability, strengthen networks and access practical support. Whether you're looking to connect with other business owners, improve your digital skills or discover new opportunities, there's something for every business, regardless of size or industry.



Register now!



Official Welcome Event & Small Business Expo

Monday 17 August 2026
Adelaide Convention Centre
9 am to 12 pm

Small Business Week begins with the Office for Small & Family Business Official Welcome Event and Small Business Expo. This inspiring half-day event at the Adelaide Convention Centre brings together business leaders, industry experts and government representatives to share practical strategies, insights and real-world experiences to help businesses adapt and thrive in a changing environment.

Find out more and secure your free ticket here:

<https://business.sa.gov.au/sessions/official-welcome-and-expo-2>

*We hope to see
you there!*

Business Networking Event

Tuesday 18 August 2026
Normanville Surf Life Saving Club
5.30 pm to 7.30 pm

Join us for an evening of networking with local business operators from across the Fleurieu Coast.

We're delighted to welcome the Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan, SA's own Small Business Commissioner, as our special guest for the evening.

This relaxed networking event is an opportunity to meet fellow business owners, exchange ideas, share experiences and build valuable local connections. Hear from businesses making a positive impact in our region while enjoying great conversation in a welcoming environment.

Attendance is free; however, registrations are essential for catering purposes.

Book your ticket at: <https://www.trybooking.com/DNUOA>.

Home-Based Business Coffee & Connect

Wednesday 19 August 2026
Yankalilla Library & Cultural Centre
10 am to 11.30 am

Running a business from home doesn't have to mean going it alone.

Join fellow home-based business operators for a relaxed morning of coffee, conversation and connection. Share ideas, build your local network, discover available business support and connect with others who understand the unique rewards and challenges of running a business from home.

Let us know you're coming so we can have the coffee ready!

Book here: <https://www.trybooking.com/DNUQH>

Digital Fundamentals Workshop

Thursday 20 August 2026
Yankalilla Library & Cultural Centre
10 am to 2.30 pm

Looking to strengthen your business's online presence but not sure where to begin?

Join digital marketing specialist Fiona Blinco from DIY Digital for a practical workshop covering the fundamentals of building an effective digital presence. You'll gain an understanding of the role of your website, learn how to confidently navigate digital marketing tools, create and manage email marketing campaigns, and develop a practical approach to social media for your business.

Whether you're starting from scratch or looking to build on existing knowledge, this workshop will provide practical skills you can apply immediately.

Places are limited, so early bookings are recommended.

Book now:
<https://www.trybooking.com/DNURW>

Check out the Full Program!

Delivered by the Office for Small and Family Business, the Small Business Commission SA the Industry Advocate and Consumer and Business Services, this year's theme is building capability and resilience – with sessions focused on topics including women in business, the digital environment, cyber resilience and growing a great team.

View the full program and register now:

<https://business.sa.gov.au/programs/small-business-week>

We're here to Support Your Business

The District Council of Yankalilla is committed to supporting a resilient, connected and thriving local business community.

If you'd like to learn more about business support services or discuss your business needs, contact us anytime at business@yankalilla.sa.gov.au.

You can also follow **Do Business Fleurieu Coast** on Facebook to stay informed about upcoming workshops, networking events, grants and business opportunities throughout the year.

Bin lid colours changing to match the national standard for new bins only

National standard AS4123 sets uniform kerbside bin guidelines for each waste stream and is designed for easier waste sorting and better recycling across all councils in Australia. AS4123 stipulates consistent bin colours in all areas, resulting in two of our region's bins transitioning to new lid colours, but only as the bins need replacing.

National standardised bin lid colours:

General Waste



Now red
(previously blue on the mainland)

Recycling



Yellow
(same)

Food Organics & Green Organics (FOGO)



Now Lime green
(previously dark green)

Existing blue landfill and dark green FOGO lids/bins will still be collected

To **reduce costs to ratepayers and environmental impacts**, Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority (FRWA) and Council **will NOT do a universal lid changeover**; however, new bins and replacement lids will feature the new colours.

Through normal bin life-cycle attrition, blue and dark green lids will gradually transition to the new national colours when the existing bins need replacing. **More information:** frwa.com.au/bin-lid-colour-changes/

Prepare your property for bushfire season, spring clean your garden and buy some local mulch

To help residents with bushfire preparedness, Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority and District Council of Yankalilla will again host the popular half-price green waste disposal days.

Details and dates:

Yankalilla Waste and Recycling Depot
2864 Inman Valley Road

Sunday 11 October 2026 – 12 noon to 4.00 pm

Sunday 18 October 2026 – 12 noon to 4.00 pm

Get those green (and not-so-green) thumbs outside and fill the trailer before the fire season starts.

More information:

frwa.com.au/half-price-green-organic-disposal-days-2026/

Local Mulch (while stocks last)

Whilst you drop off your greens for disposal, why not fill up the trailer with local mulch? Your garden will thank you over the upcoming summer months.



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