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Our Visitor Information Centre wins excellence and innovation award



Image above VIC Award 1 & VIC Award 2

We'd like to say a big congratulations to the Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre, which took home a major prize at the 2019 Accredited Visitor Information Centre Awards of Excellence in Innovation and Collaboration.

It won the top award in the category for centres with fewer than 50,000 visitors annually.

Judges praised the centre's innovation and collaboration with the region, highlighting its partnership with Festival Fleurieu to host the Festival Hub at the centre, example of visitor information centres successfully moving outside of their traditional home bases and 'fishing where the fish are'.

They were also impressed by the centre's work with the Conservation Council SA, which included encouraging visitors who consider

bushwalking to download the Avenza Maps app. This app uses a built-in GPS to help walkers navigate parts of the region with limited mobile phone coverage.

The centre has actively engaged in partnerships with the community and other local stakeholders, including reaching out to the organisers of the Kids Community Market to host two of its markets. Another partnership with the Conservation Council SA, and the Normanville Surf Life-Saving Club, resulted in two all-terrain wheelchairs and two beach wheelchairs being made available free to hire. These wheelchairs allow everyone to access some of the most spectacular stretches of coasts in South Australia.

In the words of the judges: "the centre has embraced the digital age, assisting customers with online bookings, supporting businesses to register on the national tourism database and managing ticketing offsite at major events".

We couldn't agree more, and would like to thank the hard-working staff and volunteers who do such a great job promoting our fantastic region and have made the centre so innovative and dynamic.

JULY 2019



Image above Great Southern Ocean Walk

Funding boost for Deep Creek and the Great Southern Ocean Walk

Nature-based tourism on the Fleurieu Peninsula has received a boost thanks to several recent State Government Budget commitments.

We were pleased to learn that \$6 million has been earmarked to create the Great Southern Ocean Walk from Cape Jervis to Victor Harbor, to develop a new day visitor facility and also create a universally accessible trail at Deep Creek Conservation Park.

The Great Southern Ocean Walk is the brainchild of a Council-led working group which put forward a proposal, which was the basis for this funding, to develop world-standard day and multi-day walking experiences along this stretch of coastline. Nature-based tourism is a key platform for economic growth in our region and we look forward to continuing to work with this group to develop further opportunities in this important area.

CEO Corner with Nigel Morris

I'm pleased to report that Council has adopted the 2019/20 Annual Business Plan and Budget. There's been several changes since we undertook our public consultation recently and I'd like to take this opportunity to run you through the key ones.

At our meeting on June 18, Council decided:

- Not to proceed with the Eco Structures (sometimes referred to as Glamping Tents);
- To hold off on improvements to the Arthur St/CFS carpark. We're waiting to see if we receive funding support from the State Government before we start this project;
- To paint only the interior of Visitor Information Centre;

- To focus solely on irrigation at Apex Park;
- Not to proceed with a new grader;
- To allocate \$25,000 towards the library for minor improvements. We decided against allocating the initially suggested \$250,000 as we'd like to discuss use of the library, and the Centre, further;
- That the Township Road Sealing Program will now include Charles St and Symonds St, with associated downstream stormwater issues to also be addressed;
- To divert some funds from the Road Replacement Program to the Heysen Trail roads. The State Government recently committed

\$6 million towards upgrading the trail, so it has become a priority. We're also continuing discussions with SA Water to replace water mains under roads in Normanville, this needs to happen before these roads are re-sealed.

Council also decided on an average rates increase of 2.5 percent, but with a reduced rate in the dollar from last year. This means that if your property value did not go up, your rates will go down.

Lastly – but significantly – I'm also pleased to report that Council signed off on the transfer of CWMS and Water Assets to SA Water. This move to SA Water will dramatically reduce the costs of these services because SA Water uses state-based pricing which allows for, on average, lower prices.

A reminder on drone usage

As drones continue to become more mainstream, we'd like to remind residents and visitors to our region of some important regulations about their use.

It's a subject primarily regulated by the Civil Aviation Authority (CASA), who specify that the recreational flying of drones must:

- Be in visual line-of-sight during daylight;
- Not be flown at night;
- Not be flown in or through cloud or fog, and you should be able to see the aircraft with your own eyes at all times;
- Not fly closer than 30 metres to vehicles, boats, buildings or people;
- Not fly over populous areas such as beaches, heavily populated parks or sports ovals while they are in use;
- Not fly in a way that creates a hazard to other aircraft, so you should keep at least 5.5km away from airfields, aerodromes and helicopter landing sites;

- In controlled airspace, which covers most Australian cities, you must not fly higher than 120 metres (400 feet) above the ground.

The District Council of Yankalilla has in place a by-law which prohibits drones from being launched from or landing on land owned, or in the care and control of Council, without specific approval. To date, this approval has only been granted for a small number of commercial operators, not for recreational use.

CASA's website contains plenty of information about the use of drones and also has a provision for the public to make a complaint about the unsafe use of drones across the country. To find out more, visit www.casa.gov.au

These nation-wide drone safety rules are designed to protect other people in the air and on the ground. Users must not fly their drone in a way that creates a hazard to another aircraft, person or property, so make sure you follow the rules every time you fly for fun and recreation.



Tax support at the library

It's that time of the year where many of us are trying to piece together our tax return – and our library is here to help! We're offering a Tax Help Service to help you lodge your tax return, on Friday July 19 between 9:30am and 1:30pm.

This service is for those who are eligible for Tax Help – which is generally if your income is around \$60,000 a year or less.

For more information regarding eligibility and to book, contact the Library on 8558 2043 or email library@yankalilla.sa.gov.au

Bookings are essential.



New moves to make our play spaces smoke-free

The dangers of second-hand (or passive) smoke exposure are well documented, with significant evidence linking it to heart disease, stroke, cancer, asthma and other respiratory problems.

For this reason, it's vital that laws in South Australia which ban smoking from within 10 metres of children's play equipment are adhered to in our play spaces.

The Act which regulates this, The Tobacco and E-Cigarette Products Act 1997, currently states that only staff employed by SA Health or SA Police are authorised to take

enforcement action, which includes issuing a \$105 fine to those found smoking too close to playgrounds.

Changes to this Act mean that Council's existing compliance team will be authorised to take action by providing education to the public on smoke-free play spaces and issuing any expiations, if necessary.

This will help ensure Council-owned and managed parks which have children's play equipment remain smoke-free.

The dangers of wandering stock

Wandering stock can cause serious accidents on our roads, as well as cause a biodiversity risk for other stock on nearby properties.

Owners and occupiers of grazing properties are liable for any damages or injuries that may occur as a result of stock wandering outside their property boundary.

Council would like to remind residents that it is the responsibility of all landowners to ensure that when placing stock into paddocks adjacent to roads and other properties, that fencing is of an adequate standard to keep stock contained on their own property.

We can also issue an abatement notice on the property owner, which will require them to bring their fencing up to a standard to ensure stock are securely contained.

If you see stock wandering on roads, please contact Council by phoning 8558 0200. Let us know where and when the animals were on the road so we can accurately follow it up.

While we have no control over wandering stock on private land, if you have stock on your land that is not yours and the owner can be identified, please contact the owner directly.

If owner's details are not on an ear tag contact Primary Industries and Regions of South Australia's Biosecurity SA team on 1800 654 688.

GREENING The Fleurieu Coast

MAKE A DIFFERENCE, MEET NEW PEOPLE, LEARN AND HAVE FUN!

The program will be focussing on setting up the Yankalilla Native Community Plant Nursery.

WHAT: Information Session - Everyone Welcome

WHEN: Monday 22 July @ 2pm

WHERE: Normanville Natural Resource Centre
50 Main Street, Normanville

CONTACT: 8558 3644 or dkennedy@cva.org.au

Greening the Fleurieu Coast

Would you like to make a difference, meet new people and have some fun? The Greening Fleurieu Coast project ticks all these boxes and more. It's focused on setting up the Yankalilla Community Plant Nursery and includes activities such as propagating plants, seed collecting, revegetation and fauna monitoring.

We're holding an information session on Monday 22 July at 2pm where you can find out more about this great initiative. It's at the Normanville Natural Resource Centre at 50 Main Street, Normanville. Contact 8558 3644 or email dkennedy@cva.org.au

Food hamper donation points

Help out fellow Fleurieu residents by donating non-perishables and personal care items to help the 5CY Group, which will use them for the care packs they distribute to locals in need.

Donation points are located at the Council Office and the Centre/Library. For more information, call 8558 0200 or email council@yankalilla.sa.gov.au

WHAT'S ON AT THE LIBRARY & THE CENTRE

COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 16 July at 4pm

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Community Connect

MONDAY AT 9AM (school terms)
Drop in for a coffee, or a chat. Linking with Support Service Agencies. No Bookings required.

COST FREE
LOCATION THE CENTRE
ENQUIRIES 0400 287 761

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Wiggle 'N' Giggle

TUESDAY AT 9.30AM (school terms)
Suitable for preschoolers. No Bookings required.

COST FREE
LOCATION THE CENTRE
ENQUIRIES 0450 310 700

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Story Time For Preschoolers

WEDNESDAY AT 10AM (school terms)
Suitable for preschoolers. No Bookings required.

COST FREE
LOCATION YANKALILLA LIBRARY
ENQUIRIES 08 8558 2043
library@yankalilla.sa.gov.au

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My Aged Care Peer Support

WEDNESDAY AT 10AM
No Bookings required.

COST FREE
LOCATION YANKALILLA LIBRARY
ENQUIRIES 0476 179 609

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Drumming Circle

WEDNESDAY AT 2PM (school terms)
Weekly on Wednesdays. All Welcome. No Bookings required.

COST GOLD COIN DONATION
LOCATION THE CENTRE
ENQUIRIES 08 8558 0264

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Historical Society Assistance for Family & Local History

WEDNESDAY AT 10AM
No Bookings required.

COST FREE
LOCATION YANKALILLA LIBRARY
ENQUIRIES 08 8558 3353
yank.hist.soc@gmail.com

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School Holiday Program

WEDNESDAY AT 2PM
Exploring the Science in everything. A hands-on workshop for children 3+. Bookings Essential.

COST FREE
LOCATION YANKALILLA LIBRARY
BOOKINGS 08 8558 2043
library@yankalilla.sa.gov.au

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School Holiday Program

WEDNESDAY AT 10.30AM
Animal meet and greet with Animal Capers. Bookings Essential.

COST FREE
LOCATION YANKALILLA LIBRARY
BOOKINGS 08 8558 2043
library@yankalilla.sa.gov.au

FP Full price; **Con** Concession;
Ch Children; **Gr** Group; **Fam** Family;
M Member; **N-M** Non-Member

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Tax Help Service

FRIDAY AT 9.30AM
The Library is offering a Tax Help Service to lodge your tax return. See Page 3 for more details. Bookings Essential.

COST FREE
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HISTORY TALK

FRIDAY AT 10.00AM
History and Heritage: Normanville Police Station and Courtroom presented by Dr Iris Iwanicki. Bookings Essential.

COST FREE
LOCATION YANKALILLA LIBRARY
BOOKINGS 08 8558 2043
library@yankalilla.sa.gov.au

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Interplay Session

SUNDAY AT 2PM
This light-hearted workshop is designed for adults to enjoy creative body movement and storytelling, and is a practice that helps to develop self-awareness and self-confidence through fun exercises that draw from drama and movement backgrounds. Bookings Essential.

COST Con\$15; FP\$20
LOCATION THE CENTRE
BOOKINGS 0484 313 329

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After School Lego

MONDAY AT 2.30PM
No Bookings required.
COST GOLD COIN DONATION
LOCATION THE CENTRE
ENQUIRIES 08 8558 0262

COMING TO THE LIBRARY IN AUGUST

Tech Savvy Seniors Sessions for over 60s.

An introduction to ancestry.com - learn how to research your family history.

Progress Associations, sporting and community groups – take note!

Do you have an AGM coming up, or have you recently held one? Please remember to update office bearer contact details with Council. Give us a call on 8558 0200 or email council@yankalilla.sa.gov.au

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