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SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN @ THE CENTRE



Lego

Disability educator, Wendy Cunningham, presented 2 successful Lego workshops in the first week of July school holidays. 50 children participated and loved the opportunity to make their own creations.

Lego workshops will return in the Summer Program in January 2016.

Chocolate

Fun with Chocolate saw 28 children, parents and grandparents having fun tasting and learning about chocolate on Monday 13 July at the Community Centre.

Certified Belgian Chocolatier, Karel Vandersteegen, taught us how to temper chocolate, use moulds and recognise different levels of chocolate quality. A short video explained how chocolate reaches us tracing its journey from the field to the plate. A magnificent chocolate fountain was definitely the highlight of the day.



MAYOR'S CORNER

July has been a roller coaster with the Chief Executive accepting a position at the City of Marion as their Chief Executive, so the process has begun to fill Adrian's position here. This has given councillors a chance to look at the business and see if there are other models that would give council better efficiencies and better outcomes. The process we are considering is an interim Chief Executive for 3 – 4 months. It takes about 6 weeks to go through the recruitment process and then for the successful applicant to leave the old position and have a transition at Yankalilla. We anticipate our new CE will be here for the New Year 2016. We have been very fortunate to have had Adrian for nearly 3 years. He is of exceptional calibre and his approach to getting things done has been very rewarding.

On June 23rd our Annual Business Plan and budget was approved, so council staff can get on with business. One of those initiatives is Anne Petch.

Over the past 12 months we have had the pleasure of Anne Petch working on grant funding. Her role has been getting community and council groups organised and spade ready to apply for grants across a variety of Federal and State government initiatives. We thank those government agencies and in particular the member for Mayo, Jamie Briggs and our local member, Michael Pengilly. Anne has done a wonderful job achieving some \$550,000 in grants with another \$2m being submitted. Proposals are being drawn up continuously for community groups and council works. Anne - we thank you for your great work.

On Tuesday 11 August we are presenting a taste of the Fleurieu at Parliament House, Canberra in conjunction with the other Fleurieu Councils. This is an initiative of Jamie Briggs. We will be presenting produce and business achievements to the politicians to showcase our region. We are hoping to demonstrate how government initiatives have helped business sustainability and therefore employment opportunities.

STORMWATER INTRUSION PROGRAM

Council operates a Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS) in several townships within the district which treats the effluent from septic tanks via a network of pipes leading to a centralised treatment facility in Normanville. Storm water intrusion is where storm water has been allowed to flow into a septic system via an illegal connection that allows excess water to enter the system, overloading the pipe network and significantly increasing the operating capacity of the Normanville plant.

In addition, this intrusion creates higher running costs to treat the additional storm water which the system is not designed to accept.

Council will be embarking on a proactive program of visual inspection and smoke testing of properties connected to the CWMS in the coming months. If a problem is found, Council will seek the co-operation of the landowner to undertake repairs where appropriate to prevent further intrusion of storm water into the system.

Council's main aim is to identify where non compliant pipe connections exist and to advise property owners how to rectify the problem.

Council can issue notices and apply fines to property owners who fail to rectify any non complaint connection to the CWMS.

By reducing storm water intrusion into the CWMS, Council can continue to provide a cost effective service to property owners connected to the system.



A SIGN OF THE TIMES -Tell us what you think

In line with our Annual Business Plan, Council is embarking on an exciting project to develop, design and install a series of signs which reflect the place brand developed earlier this year - Fleurieu Coast – Made by Nature, as well as the individual characters of each of our townships. Council has selected 6 towns to participate in this process this financial year:

Myponga	Inman Valley
Yankalilla	Normanville (Williss Drive)
Parawa	Second Valley (community project already underway)

These towns are on key tourist routes and destination entrance points.

A survey, together with a series of community meetings to further develop your ideas will inform the design, placement and wording of town signs for these towns. The survey is available at yoursayyankalilla.com.au or you can pick up a hard copy of the survey from any of the following locations:

- Council office at 1 Charles St Yankalilla
- Myponga General Store
- Inman Valley General Store
- The Centre, 181 Main Road Yankalilla
- Yankalilla Bay Visitors Information Centre, 161 Main Road Yankalilla

Community meetings have already commenced and we have already met with people from Myponga and Inman Valley. Further meetings will be held as below:

Township	Location	Date/Time
Yankalilla	Council Chambers	Wednesday 5 August 2015; 7.00pm
Normanville	Council Chambers	Wednesday 12 August 2015; 7.00pm
Parawa	Parawa Hall	Wednesday 19 August 2015; 7.00pm

We encourage everyone to get on line and have Your Say, or pick up a survey and return it to Council Offices before your town meeting where you can come along and share your thinking!

We are also seeking expressions of interest from local artists and skilled people who may want to be involved in sign design and development. We would love to showcase your skills! More information is available on the council website and Expressions of Interest close 7 August 2015. We want your input and ideas ... why not be part of making your town entry statement something your whole town can be proud of!

LOCAL HERITAGE

Council has endorsed a review of a state-financed 1985 region 4 (Fleurieu Peninsula) heritage survey. The review is the first stage and a preliminary step in beginning to understand the values and opportunities possible from the area's distinctive heritage. A preliminary review is expected to be completed for council by the end of June 2015. When the local heritage survey has been reviewed, council intends to invite the community to say what places within the Yankalilla district are important to them, that tell a story how people lived, worked and played in the past. Over the past few weeks, you may have seen a lady wandering around with a notebook and camera. It may have been Dr Iris Iwanicki, who holds a PhD in cultural heritage and planning history and has been appointed to review the Yankalilla places identified in the 1985 heritage survey. She is keen to talk to people and brings to the task a background in historical research, planning and working closely with communities through consultation. When asked about the progress of the review, she commented: 'There are a number of places identified in the survey that have since disappeared, but the review provides an opportunity for residents and businesses to consider, and possibly identify, what is left that reflect the varied cultural identity of the district, as well as sharing information and values of the past'. While a few of the state heritage places have been listed, many have not. Iris sees the value of local heritage in providing a sense of civic identity, including partnerships between businesses, residents and council to identify places of value and tell the stories that enrich the living experience. Council's strategic planning process includes identifying opportunities for business and tourism arising from celebrating the many aspects of the places of historic value. The next step will be to undertake a process of consultation, and seek ways to listen and hear information. Iris is keen to talk to residents who may have queries or information regarding the process. As her work is part time, the best way to contact her is either via her email address iris7@internode.on.net or by leaving contact details at the council office in Yankalilla.



Tuesday 4th: Strategic Directions at 4pm

Tuesday 18th: Council Meeting at 4pm / Public Forum 4.30pm

NOMINATE A COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTOR!

The search is on for individuals, businesses and community groups that are making a difference in our local community through the annual South Australian Community Achievement Awards.

Council invites all residents to consider nominating an individual, business or group helping to reshape and inspire our community. If you know someone who has provided support and made a real difference in your life, why not give them a pat on the back and nominate them for an award. "It would be great for our community contributors to be showcased in these Awards" said Mayor Glen Rowlands.

Winners will each receive \$2,000 from the Commonwealth Bank.

Detailed enquiry forms, including categories, are available at the Council Office or by contacting the Awards Office on 8132 0753.

Nominate online at www.awardsaustralia.com Nominations Close Friday 14 August 2015.

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2015/16

Please note the following dates for Council's Community Grants Program.

Monday 3rd August 2015: Applications Open

Wednesday 19th August: Information Session 3pm to 4pm at The Centre, 181 Main South Road Yankalilla

Wednesday 30th September: Applications Close

Application Forms and Guidelines will be available on Council's website, at The Centre and the Council Office.

Enquiries to Claire Taylor 8558 0264 or clairetaylor@yankalilla.sa.gov.au

SENIOR'S SOCIAL BUS TRIPS 65's +

Mystery Tour: Wednesday 12 August 8.45am-4.30pm

Movie and Shopping Trip: Wednesday 26 August 8.45am-4.30pm

Cost: \$35pp includes Morning Tea and Lunch. (Please advise of any special dietary requirements when booking)

The bus will leave from the Council Office at 8.45am and return to the same location at 4.30pm.

(Special arrangements available)

Bookings are essential as places are limited. Book at the Council Office or call 8558 0200.

2015/16 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN

Council adopted the 2015/16 Annual Business Plan on 23 June 2015 after considering the submissions made during the public consultation process. A summary of the final Business Plan will be posted to all ratepayers together with their first Rates Notice for 2015/16.

Almost 200 people took opportunities to inform themselves (with over 110 people going on-line, 60 people attending our Burnside Forum for non-resident ratepayers and 16 people attending the 2 local Forums). Verbal feedback from Forum attendees and seventeen written submissions canvassed a wide range of issues with the following matters attracting a more substantial level of interest:

- Rates (% of increase, Vacant Land Rate, Primary Production Rate)
- Projects (evidence of cost/benefit, evaluation/priority, need for some, suggestions for new projects)
- Focus on reducing expenditure, seeking efficiencies

As a result of considering this input, Council have made changes to what was originally proposed and these now form part of the final Annual Business Plan 2014/15.

- The Rate increase (rate in the dollar) has been reduced from 5% to 4%
- Proposed expenditure on new initiatives has been reduced by \$105,000
- Proposed Capital expenditure to seal Seacove Crescent has been deferred & instead \$45,000 will be spent on design plans for sealing 2 town roads.

Council will also finalise the Rates Review that was commenced during 2014/15 to look at ways to ensure a fair and equitable method for applying rates to properties.

Information on the final Annual Business Plan can be found on Council's website by clicking on the link to "Your Say Yankalilla" and copies are available from Council's office.