

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF YANKALILLA

December 2025 - January 2026



in the loop



L-R: CEO Nathan Cunningham, Shaun Williamson (Southern Marine Resources Operations Manager) and Mayor Darryl Houston.

Normanville Jetty Repairs Completed

The District Council of Yankalilla is delighted to announce that repairs to the storm-damaged Normanville Jetty are now complete. The jetty has reopened to the community on schedule and just in time for the school holidays and summer season.

The project, funded predominantly by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) under the terms of Council's lease agreement, involved the careful reconstruction of sections lost during the severe coastal storms earlier this year. Council's lease contribution has been fully covered by insurance.

Southern Marine Resources, the specialist contractor engaged by Council, has completed the works to a high standard, restoring safe public access and preserving the jetty's long-term structural integrity.

Mayor Darryl Houston said the reopening will be warmly welcomed across the district.

"Our jetty is an iconic part of Normanville's foreshore, much loved by locals and visitors alike," Mayor Houston said.

"To have it repaired and reopened in time for the school holidays is a fantastic outcome. This community has been incredibly patient and I want to thank everyone for their understanding as we worked through what has been a complex and highly specialised repair process."

Chief Executive Officer Nathan Cunningham acknowledged the effort involved in progressing the project from storm damage assessments through to completion.

"These storms caused widespread coastal damage across the state and only a small number of jetties have been able to progress to full repair this quickly," CEO Nathan Cunningham said.

"Our staff have worked closely with DIT, engineers and contractors to ensure the jetty could be restored safely and efficiently. We are very pleased to see it reopen for the community ahead of summer."

Council continues to progress storm recovery works at other affected coastal sites, including insurance assessments for the Normanville foreshore ramps, temporary protection for the Surf Life Saving Club retaining wall and evaluation of the stairs at Myponga Beach. Further updates will be provided as they become available.

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Mayor's Christmas Message

Christmas means something different for all of us. For some, it is a time to gather with family and exchange gifts; for others, it is a moment of deep spiritual significance. Whatever Christmas represents for you, I hope it brings many reasons to smile and the opportunity to share this special time of year with those closest to your heart.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the many dedicated

volunteers and community groups across our Council area. Your commitment, generosity and tireless efforts have protected, supported and strengthened our community throughout the year. You are truly deserving of our ongoing gratitude.

As the year draws to a close, I hope each of us finds a moment to pause—to rest, reflect, and reconnect with what matters most. In the spirit of Christmas, I encourage everyone to

look for opportunities to support those who may be finding this season challenging.

On behalf of Council staff and my fellow Councillors, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, safe, and peaceful New Year.

Warm Regards,
Darryl Houston
Mayor

CEO'S CORNER

As we reach the end of 2025, I find that it's a good moment to pause and reflect on a year that has brought both challenges and achievements for our district. Our district has needed to cope with repeated storm events and the continued impact and uncertainty of the harmful algal bloom. Through this, the Council has been focused on delivery improvements and strengthening key community assets in a year shaped by resilience, collaboration and a strong sense of local pride.

Our coastline has faced some of the harshest conditions in recent memory, with storm damage affecting jetties, boardwalks, access points and foreshore infrastructure from Myponga Beach through to Cape Jervis. Through each event,

our teams worked quickly to assess damage, make sites safe and coordinate the next steps with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport.

While the repair processes are complex and take time, we now look forward to marking meaningful progress. Subject to final approvals and safety checks, December will see the Normanville Jetty reopen, the summer pontoon launched and temporary repairs completed along Normanville foreshore boardwalks, welcome milestones after months of disruption.

This year also brought significant operational achievements. The transition of the Normanville Jetty Holiday Park and the Rapid Bay Campground to a new management model has delivered a stronger, more sustainable foundation for both sites, ensuring visitors continue to enjoy high-quality experiences along our coast.

Amid these operational shifts, Council has continued to advocate strongly for local businesses and residents affected by the algal bloom, ensuring our community's voice is heard in statewide decisions and supporting operators to access much-needed recovery programs.

As we enter the festive season, our district once again comes alive with community events, markets and summer visitors. While this is a joyful time for many, it can also be a difficult period for others. I encourage everyone to look out for neighbours, support local organisations providing assistance and extend a little kindness where it's needed most.

On behalf of Council, I thank our staff, volunteers, community groups and Elected Members for their commitment throughout the year. I wish you and your families a safe, restful and happy festive season.

Nathan Cunningham
Chief Executive Officer

How to stay



Council delivers its news in different formats, and you have the option of receiving it in the best way that suits you!

Pick up a hard copy in Council facilities and various public outlets throughout the District. Alternatively, you can find monthly editions and subscribe to receive it by email, by scanning the QR Code or visiting https://bit.ly/dcy_intheloop

If you cannot access our news in any of the above formats, request to have a hard copy posted to you by calling us on 8558 0200 or by emailing council@yankalilla.sa.gov.au



Christmas and New Year Operational Hours

Date	Council Offices	Visitor Information Centre	Library
Tuesday 23 December	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm
Wednesday 24 December	CLOSED	9 am - 5 pm	CLOSED
Thursday 25 December	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Friday 26 December	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Saturday 27 December	CLOSED	10 am - 2 pm	10 am - 1 pm
Sunday 28 December	CLOSED	10 am - 2 pm	CLOSED
Monday 29 December	CLOSED	9 am - 5 pm	CLOSED
Tuesday 30 December	CLOSED	9 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm
Wednesday 31 December	CLOSED	9 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm
Thursday 1 January	CLOSED	10 am - 4 pm	CLOSED
Friday 2 January	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	10 am - 5 pm

Yankalilla Council Transport Service will operate as usual
For out of hours and emergency assistance call 08 8558 0200



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COMMUNITY PANTRY

5CY Community Pantry is a service run by volunteers providing emergency food hampers/vouchers to those in need who reside in the Council district.

Donations of funds and non-perishable items are provided by the local Churches, District Council of Yankalilla, Community Op Shop, Yankalilla Lions Club, Club Fleurieu and other individuals and organisations throughout our district.

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT:

- Any Yankalilla Church
- Yankalilla Council office
- Maudie & Fox
- Club Fleurieu
- Yankalilla Area School
- Yankalilla Library

FINANCIAL DONATIONS:

Account name: 5CY Community Pantry
 BSB: 633 000
 Account: 214 548 539



Celebrating our Volunteers

The District Council of Yankalilla proudly hosted the 2025 Volunteer Service Award Acknowledgment Lunch, celebrating the people who form the very backbone of our community – our volunteers. Their dedication ensures that so many of the services our region relies on continue to thrive, grow and support those who call the district home.

The event was warmly supported by Mayor Darryl Houston, Deputy Mayor David Olsson, Elected Members Tim Moffat, Karin Hatch, Shane Grocke and Davina Quirke, along with CEO Nathan Cunningham. Members of the Executive Team, Jodie Summer and Lisa Pearson, were also in attendance, highlighting the strong leadership commitment to recognising the invaluable work of our volunteers.

Celebrating Service Across Our Programs

Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP)

Our CHSP team continues to make a remarkable difference for older residents and people needing community transport assistance. Supported by 35 dedicated volunteers, the service:

- Assisted over **478 active clients**,
- Travelled more than **137,000 km in 2025**,
- Completed **3,800+ service trips**, including transport to medical appointments, local services and major hospitals across the region.

Their commitment ensures connection, safety and independence for our most vulnerable residents.

Yankalilla Library

Volunteer support at the library remained strong this year, with a dedicated team of 10 contributing nearly **600 hours** of service.

Behind the scenes and on the front desk, volunteers:

- Supported children's programs and craft activities,
- Helped keep shelves organised and the library welcoming,
- Assisted with community events,
- Welcomed over **60,500 visitors** through the doors in the past year.



First Row L-R: Brenton Trezise receiving an award from Mayor Houston. Darryl Houston with award recipients Lisa Marie Fox, Brenton Trezise, Shannon Hamilton and Alan Whiting. Second row L-R: Volunteers enjoying the day. Cr Davina Quirke talking to Volunteers.

Their warm smiles and willingness to help continue to make the library a welcoming place of learning, creativity and connection for people of all ages.

Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre

The Visitor Centre marked another exceptional year, powered by the enthusiasm and professionalism of its volunteer team. This year they:

- Delivered more than **9,236 visitor interactions**,
- Contributed **over 5,300 volunteer hours**,
- Administered **13,571 bookings**, supporting everyday tourism needs as well as major events such as Festival Fleurieu and the Yankalilla Motor Show.

Volunteers also attended a series of famil experiences, deepening their regional knowledge with visits to Festival Fleurieu venues, Fleurieu Gin, YORE Café, Lush Pastures, Coachmen's Rest, Fleurieu Food & Wine cooking classes and a cultural tour with Kool Tours on Kangaroo Island. These insights help shape memorable visitor experiences and strengthen our local economy.



2025 Volunteer Service Award Recipients

This year, we proudly recognised volunteers reaching significant service milestones:

5-Year Service Awards

- **Lisa-Marie Fox** – Library
- **Alan Whiting** – Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre
- **Janette Thompson** – Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre
- **Brenton Trezise** – Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre
- **Roger Gurr** – Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre

10-Year Service Awards

- **Shannon Hamilton** – Library
- **Julie Le Poidevin** – CHSP Community Transport
- **Janice Arnold** – CHSP Community Transport

15-Year Service Awards

- **Timothy Bickmore** – CHSP Community Transport
- **Anne Benton** – CHSP Community Transport

Council extends its warmest thanks to every volunteer across the district. Your time, care and commitment enrich our community in countless ways. We are deeply grateful for all that you do.



Normanville Foreshore Parking Rules Introduced to Improve Pedestrian Safety

Normanville foreshore parking area has recently been updated with 'Front-End Parking Only' signs. This change has been introduced to help keep our shared spaces safe and accessible for everyone who enjoys the foreshore.

The new front-end-only parking requirement applies to the parking bays on Jetty Road and the main foreshore carpark.

This change helps prevent vehicles from overhanging the footpath when reversed in, ensuring safer and clearer access for pedestrians, including families, children and people using mobility aids. Keeping footpaths clear ensures that everyone can enjoy the area comfortably and without risk.

We appreciate your cooperation and ask drivers to follow the signage. Together, we can help maintain a safe and welcoming foreshore for all.



FRWA Festive and Holiday Waste Details

Santa's holiday waste checklist

- ☐ Weekly recycling (yellow and green) Monday 15/12/25 to Friday 23/1/26. General waste (blue and red) remains fortnightly – check your calendar or our website for days
- ☐ All food waste goes in the green bin (yes, prawn and oyster shells, fish and meat bones, cheese, compostable packaging, tissues, etc.)
- ☐ No batteries in any bin or hidden in depot waste – free disposal at depots
- ☐ Don't contaminate yellow/green bins – no soft plastics/rubbish
- ☐ Bin lids must be closed
- ☐ Bins out the night before - runs start earlier and may extend to 5 pm
- ☐ Take your rubbish home if the public litter bin is full
- ☐ Placing household or commercial waste in a public litter bin is prohibited.

Collections may be delayed due to fire damage

Summer peak weekly recycling is always a busy time, but this year we are also dealing with the reduced capacity of our Goolwa site due to major fire damage caused by a hidden battery.

FRWA advises that some collections will be late and may roll over to another day.

Please leave your bin out if it is not collected by 5 pm, and check our website for known run issues. If your area is not listed, please fill out the **Report a Missed Bin** form available at frwa.com.au. Please note we do not return if you missed us or the bin or presentation is non-compliant.



Christmas and public holiday collections

No collections occur on Christmas Day. Thursday 25 and Friday 26 December collections occur one day later (yes, Friday 26 moves to Saturday 27).

All other public holiday collections still occur as normal.

Depot early closures and public holiday details

The Yankalilla Waste and Recycling Depot and the Goolwa FRWA office are CLOSED on public holidays.

There will also be early closures at 1 pm on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Holiday homes and extra business waste

Holiday home and business operators/managers are responsible for the extra waste created by their clients in generating income from their ventures over the summer peak period.

The fortnightly general waste collection designed for residents may not be enough for your business during this peak time. Extra paid services are available for holiday homes, residents and businesses that create more waste by visiting our website.

More information

Check frwa.com.au/summer-peak-25-26 or call 8555 2467 business days, 8.30 am to 4 pm.
Season's greetings and Happy New Year from the FRWA team.



Experience 'Community' at Yankalilla Library

Yankalilla Library is proudly hosting an important piece of artwork that is dear to all LibrariesSA Staff and many communities across the state. The Artwork, commissioned by LibrariesSA is entitled 'Community' and has been moving around the state. It has now landed in the Fleurieu and will be headed to neighbouring libraries next year.

'Community':

The centre meeting place represents LibrariesSA. The connected journey lines and meeting places represent the many libraries throughout South Australia. These are surrounded by many waterholes that represent communities. The people symbolise those within the community, as well as the many dedicated workers within LibrariesSA.

The blue water lines represent South Australian rivers, lakes and beaches. The kangaroo tracks are a representation of the LibrariesSA vision of always moving forward and never back, with communities always at the forefront.

Artist: Australian First Nations Artist, Gabriel Stengle.



Community by Australian First Nations Artist, Gabriel Stengle.

Gabriel is a proud Ngarrindjeri, Nurrunga & Kurna woman of South Australia. She is one of six children who grew up in a very sporty and artistic family, with an older brother who played AFL and Nana Cecelia O'Loughlin and Uncle Jacob Stengle, who are accomplished artists. Gabriel gets her inspiration from my

Dream Time, stories told to her as a young girl and her four girls, who are her biggest inspiration. (Kurna, Narungga, Ngarrindjeri)

We encourage everyone to come and see 'Community' in the Yankalilla Library 'til late February.

Agreement Signed for Community-Led Dog Park at Bungala Reserve

The District Council of Yankalilla is pleased to announce a significant milestone for the community with the signing of an agreement to deliver a new dog park at Bungala Reserve, Normanville.

Under this agreement, the Friends of Normanville/Yankalilla Dog Park Committee will lead and fund the construction of the facility, with works scheduled to commence in

December and continue through January and February. Once completed, Council will assume responsibility for long-term maintenance and asset management, ensuring the dog park remains a safe, accessible, and well-maintained space for residents and visitors.

This agreement provides the Committee with the formal backing needed to secure additional funding

and begin construction. The new dog park will create a dedicated space for dogs to exercise and socialise, while fostering community connection and promoting responsible pet ownership.

Council commends the Committee for its commitment, hard work, and fundraising efforts, and looks forward to seeing this exciting project progress over the coming months.



L-R 1. Lorraine Felix and Amanda Crossley. 2 Lorraine Felix, Amanda Crossley, Mayor Darryl Houtston and CEO Nathan Cunningham. 3. CEO Nathan Cunningham, Lorraine Felix, Amanda Crossley, Mayor Darryl Hourton and Nick Noack (Operations Business Manager).

Protect Your Pets from the Heat

As temperatures rise, it's important to keep an eye on how the heat affects our pets. Simple checks and small adjustments can make a big difference to their comfort and safety.

You can check the ground temperature by placing your bare foot on the surface for 7 seconds. If it's too hot for your skin, it's too hot for your pet's paws.

Other summer safety tips

- Keep your pets indoors where possible
- Limit outdoor exercise to early morning or evening
- Avoid long walks, hikes and excessive play
- Provide pets with extra, cool water sources – even consider frozen water containers
- Put on the sprinkler
- Avoid chaining up your pet
- **Most importantly: never leave your pet in a hot car.**

Is it too hot to walk your dog?



Dog Exercise Control

From 1 December to the end of February, dog controls change on several of our beaches.

The Council encourages dog owners to check the on and off-leash times for the beaches your furry friend loves to visit.

All dogs, whether on or off leash, must always be under effective control.

Please note there is a permanent on-leash area extending 200m either side of Normanville Jetty.

For full details, check the signage at the beaches or visit the Council's website: <https://www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au/services/animals-and-pests/dogs-and-cats/exercising-dogs-on-district-beaches-and-reserves>



Fireworks Safety for Pets

- **Keep pets indoors during fireworks**
Loud noises can scare them, and panicked pets may run away.
- **Create a safe, quiet space**
Set up a cozy room with familiar blankets, toys, and dim lighting.
- **Use background noise to reduce stress**
Turn on the TV, play calming music, or use a white-noise machine.
- **Ensure their ID tags and microchips are up to date**
In case they escape, proper identification helps them get home safely.
- **Walk your dog before fireworks start**
This helps reduce stress and avoids going outside during loud bursts.
- **Close curtains and windows**
This helps block both noise and bright flashes.
- **Provide calming aids if needed**
Options include anxiety wraps, pheromone diffusers, or vet-approved supplements.
- **Stay home if your pet needs you**
Your presence can greatly reduce their anxiety.
- **Keep them busy**
Offer treats, puzzle toys, or long-lasting chews to distract them.



Our Plover Coast Carrickalinga

The 'Our Plover Coast' project is restoring sand dunes and improving beach habitat for the vulnerable Hooded Plover at 20 sites across the Fleurieu Peninsula.

Carrickalinga was the site of the project's first herbicide trial targeting the invasive dune changing weed, Sea Wheat Grass. Contractors tested herbicide rates and timing to achieve effective control while minimising the use of chemicals. Ongoing weed control has followed, supported by community-led revegetation. Annual planting events, delivered in partnership with the Fleurieu Environment Centre, continue to strengthen the site.

An area between the carpark and the foredune had been historically sand mined and was left without native vegetation. During the rebuild of the Normanville Surf Life Saving Club, a significant volume of sand was moved to this former mining

site, allowing a secondary dune to be recreated.

Two years of revegetation on both the foredune and the newly formed

dune are showing good results, with more than 1,500 volunteer-grown plants from the Fleurieu Coast Community Nursery now established across the area.



DEPOT NEWS

The Civil team recently completed re-sheeting works along a 2 kilometre section of Myponga Beach Road as part of this year's Capital Works program. The project aimed to improve safety and driving conditions on this well-used rural route.

The work involved grading the existing surface, hauling and



spreading quality quarry material and compacting a fresh layer to restore the road's profile and support effective drainage. Alongside the re-sheeting, the team also carried out culvert maintenance and upgrades to improve stormwater flow and help prevent erosion and flooding. These improvements play an important role in extending the life of the road

surface and strengthening overall drainage performance.

The project took place over a two-week period, with traffic management in place to minimise disruption to road users. These works reflect Council's ongoing commitment to maintaining the district's rural road network and supporting safe, reliable access for the community.





Fleurieu School Holiday Program

Looking for things to do this school holidays?

The Fleurieu School Holiday Program is jam packed with free and low-cost activities for children, young people and families.

Scan the QR Code to download the program

This program is made possible through a collaboration of organisations delivering services for children, youth and families on the Fleurieu.



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Food Safety

With the Environmental Health Officer



Food Safety Myths

If it looks and smells ok, it's ok

Wrong. The sad fact is, the bacteria that will make you sick aren't the bacteria you'll be able to smell or see lurking in your rice, or last Sunday's roast, or your takeaway burger.

You can't see salmonella and you can't detect it.

It's the spoilage organisms that are often what you can smell, and while they can be an indicator of an increased risk of salmonella present, they're not necessarily the problem and won't make you sick within themselves.

Food that has outlived its **best-before** date is still safe to eat but just not at its prime, but eating anything beyond its **use-by** could be a huge mistake.

People should look carefully at use-by dates and stick to them — they're there for a reason and that reason is safety.

Washing eggshells will get rid of bacteria

Eggs, along with chicken, are commonly associated with foodborne disease. And it's true that dodgy bacteria lurk on eggshells — just think of where the egg came from.

But anyone who thinks washing a raw eggshell will get rid of those harmful germs is actually labouring under some pretty bad advice.

If you wash an egg you reduce the protective layer around the shell that prevents absorption of bacteria, making it more porous, so bacteria can penetrate inside the egg.

And with the same logic, you should also never use the eggshell to separate the egg yolk from the whites.

Don't drain the egg through the shell, instead, get a (egg yolk) separator to do that.

Keep eggs cold and always wash your hands after handling them.

Washing eggshells — and raw chicken — simply increased your chances of splashing the bacteria around the kitchen, leading to cross contamination, which a primary cause of tummy bugs.

And also be careful when preparing a raw-egg dish, such as mayonnaise or aioli — only make what you need and eat it straight away.

If chicken juices run clear, it's safe to eat

It's a cooking principle many of us use: if the juices in chicken turn clear while cooking, it's cooked enough to eat.

But that isn't a sure-fire guarantee, checking the temperature of the chicken with a food thermometer is the best guide.

Not many people have thermometers but they're very useful and you can track the cooking to make sure it reaches the 75C you really need to make sure chicken is properly cooked.

Hamburger patties, sausages and other foods containing minced or ground meat also needed to be cooked all the way through — and preferably at more than 70C — to be safe.

This is because minced meat contains more bacteria-carrying surface area than, say, a solid slab of beef or lamb steak, which can be safely eaten when just seared on the outside.

Fish should always be cooked to at least 63C for safety, and as with other meats, stick the thermometer in the thickest part to check the temperature.

The five-second rule

It's brought hope to many a clumsy foodie but the five-second rule for dropped food is definitely a myth.

It's just like any other incident of cross-contamination, which happens when bacteria from raw or unsafe foods makes contact with fresh foods.

It's not a question of time for cross-contamination, it's a question of whether or not it's making contact, it's going to get contaminated, and it doesn't take a lot of bacteria to make you sick.

Even if you don't think there are traces of *Campylobacter* or *Salmonella* on the floor where you dropped your toast, it's still best to be safe than sorry.

Throw it out — I know it's disappointing when you've dropped your last piece of cake, but just throw it out.

And to further drive down your risk of cross-contamination, use separate chopping boards for meat and fresh veggies, and wash your hands with soap after handling raw eggs and meat.

The last thing you ate made you sick

If you are unlucky enough to get food poisoning, and it can't always be avoided, it's not necessarily your last meal that did it.

It can take up to a few days before the disease manifests, which also makes it hard to identify the source of the problem. It could take up to 72 hours before the disease shows itself.

Other myths

- **You can't freeze defrosted meat:** Actually, you can. Australian health authorities say it's perfectly fine to do, as long as it had been defrosted in a fridge and not out on the kitchen bench. Never thaw meat on the kitchen bench, as bacteria can grow rapidly at room temperature.
- **Wooden chopping boards carry more germs:** Wooden and plastic boards are equally safe to use, as long as you wash them properly. You should also make sure you're not using the same board for raw meat and cooked meat or other foods.
- **Vegetarians don't get food poisoning:** Not true, as many food poisoning outbreaks have been caused by bad handling of fruit and vegetables, especially frozen berries, semi-dried tomatoes, rice and orange juice. It's not always meat and eggs.





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Australia²⁰²⁶ Day Celebrations

Monday 26 January

BBQ Breakfast – 8am
Yankalilla Memorial Park

- Official Opening – 9am
- Citizen of the Year Awards
- Presentation of Community Grants

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Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.



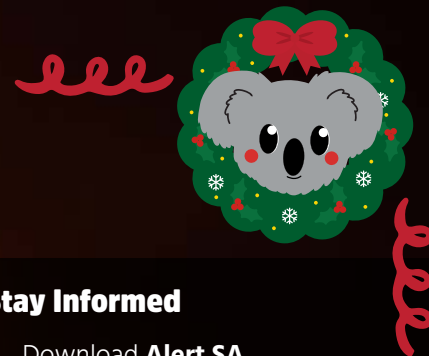
Australia Day

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Fire Danger Season Now in Effect

The fire danger season for our region runs from **1 December 2025 to 30 April 2026**. Now is the time to prepare your property, review your plan and stay alert to changing conditions.



Fire Danger Season & Ratings

- **Extreme:** Fires will be fast-moving and difficult to control. Be prepared and know your plan.
- **Catastrophic:** Conditions are extremely dangerous. Leaving early is the safest option.
- Restrictions apply under the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005. Full details:

<https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/restrictions/fire-danger-season-dates-permits/>

More information on ratings:

<https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/restrictions/total-fire-bans-ratings/>

Safer Places & Refuges

- **Bushfire Safer Place:** Normanville
- **Last Resort Refuges:** Yankalilla Oval, Carrickalinga Reserve, Cape Jervis Lighthouse carpark, Myponga Oval and Rapid Bay Carpark.

Details: <https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/plan-prepare/before-a-fire-be-prepared/bushfire-safer-places/>

Prepare Your Property

- Remove dry vegetation and keep gutters clean
- Ensure water supplies and firefighting equipment are ready
- Prepare an emergency kit with essentials

Checklist: <https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/plan-prepare/before-a-fire-be-prepared/preparing-your-home-property/>

Have a Plan

Discuss with your household what to do on high-risk days, where to go, and how to stay in contact. Create a simple plan:

<https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/plan-prepare/before-a-fire-be-prepared/make-a-plan/5-minute-bushfire-plan/>

Stay Informed

- Download **Alert SA**
- Follow the **CFS**
- Listen to ABC Radio and other emergency broadcasters

More info: <https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/warnings/stay-informed/>

Council's Role

The District Council of Yankalilla supports community safety throughout the bushfire season. Potential hazards are assessed in accordance with the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005 and guidance is provided to reduce risk. Education and advice are the first steps, though enforcement may be necessary where hazards remain.

Thank you for helping keep our district safe this bushfire season.

Fire Safety Reminder for Campers and Visitors

As we head into the warmer months, we would like to remind all visitors, residents and campers of the fire-safety requirements that apply across our district. These rules are in place to protect our community, natural environment and stunning coastline.

No Fires Permitted on Beaches or Council Land

Under Council by-laws, open fires of any kind are not permitted on beaches, foreshore areas, reserves, car parks, lookouts or any other land managed by the District Council of Yankalilla. This includes campfires, bonfires, charcoal barbecues, fire pits and any solid fuel device.



The only exception is the use of a portable gas barbecue, which may be used only if there is a minimum clearance of 4 meters from all flammable materials. Solid fuel cooking equipment, including heat beads and wood, is not permitted.

Fire Danger Season & SA Country Fire Service (CFS) Regulations

The fire danger season is now in effect and the CFS may declare a Total Fire Ban on days of high risk. On a Total Fire Ban Day, no fires or gas appliances may be used at all, unless a specific permit has been issued.

We encourage everyone to monitor daily Fire Danger Ratings and Total Fire Ban alerts at the CFS website: [cfs.sa.gov.au](https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au)

Camping Requirements

Please remember that camping is only allowed in designated camping areas within the District Council of Yankalilla. Camping or staying overnight on beaches, road reserves, foreshore or other non-designated areas is not permitted. www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au/services/regulations-and-restrictions/local-government-land-and-foreshore

Thank You for Keeping Our District Safe

Your cooperation helps protect our community, visitors, and environment from the dangers of bushfires. Thank you for doing your part to keep the district safe and enjoyable for all.

Assets and Environment Update

Council's Assets and Environment team has continued to make strong progress across a range of capital works and maintenance programs, with several major projects reaching completion in time for the summer season.

For more details, you can read the complete December Assets and Environment Report, presented to Council this month.

Unsealed Roads and Patrol Grading

The Civil team completed re-sheeting on approximately 2 km of Myponga Beach Road during November, renewing the road surface to improve safety and driving conditions. Works included grading, hauling, and compacting high-quality quarry material, as well as culvert upgrades to improve drainage and reduce erosion risks. Traffic management ensured minimal disruption and these works form part of Council's long-term program to maintain our rural road network.

Patrol grading also continued across the district while moisture levels remained favourable. Roads graded in November included Taverner, Stockwell, Smith Hill, Doctors Hill, Salt Creek, Kemmiss Hill, Tapanappa, Louds Hill and James Track. As larger capital works commence over summer, patrol grading will now move to an as-needed basis.

Fire Prevention Works

Phase one of Council's bushfire preparation is well underway. Weed spraying has been undertaken across numerous roadsides, reserves and township areas ahead of slashing, which will continue through December and January.

Council's Fire Prevention Officer inspected 470 properties ahead of the Fire Danger Season, issuing 171 notices requiring fuel-load reduction. Officers are also responding to community enquiries and offering advice on preparedness.

Footpath Renewal

Footpath improvements in Normanville on Main South Road were completed in October, with additional minor works in Myponga finalised in November. These works make full use of remaining renewal funds and target high-priority sections.

Shoulder Maintenance

Shoulder maintenance works have been scheduled for Range Road at Parawa and Carrickalinga Road in Normanville, with completion expected early in 2026. Additional locations will be prioritised subject to budget availability.

Finniss Vale Drive – Second Valley

Council has secured \$533,000 through the Special Local Roads Program to upgrade Finniss Vale Drive. Following a competitive tender process, the contract has been awarded to Nova Group, with works scheduled to begin in late January 2026 and finish by March–April. The chosen design, featuring a one-way cross fall to a swale, offers the best balance of safety, function and cost efficiency.

The Pines Park – Second Valley

Work continues to improve safety and amenity at The Pines Park. Timber posts have been installed to prevent vehicles from entering the reserve from the adjacent car park, protecting the health of mature pines and improving pedestrian safety. Wheel stops will shortly follow.

Due to the need for careful installation around tree roots, some elements may extend beyond Christmas, but the key objective, stopping vehicle access, will be achieved before the school holidays.

Bridge Maintenance

Council's bridge maintenance program is progressing steadily:

- Guard rails have been installed on both sides of the Rogers Road Bridge, Myponga.
- Repairs to the Carrickalinga footbridge have been completed, strengthening its structural integrity.
- A revised and costed design has been prepared for Blacker Road Bridge, with timing to be considered through the 2026–27 budget process.
- Maintenance works on Myponga Beach Bridge are being planned with the contractor, with updates to follow.

Normanville Foreshore – A Boost for Summer

The district is set to welcome the summer season with significant infrastructure re-openings:

- Normanville Jetty: The Normanville Jetty has now reopened following significant repairs. Final inspections have been completed, delivering an excellent community outcome ahead of summer.
- Normanville Pontoon: The pontoon has been returned to the water following repairs to a damaged flotation element and the addition of marine foam to improve buoyancy and resilience. Expenses relating to the replacement floats were predominantly covered by generous donations from Belgravia, Forktree Brewing and Chief Catering. Normanville Surf Life Saving Club assisted with the reinstallation of the pontoon.

Coastal Infrastructure & Storm Recovery

Council continues to work through insurance processes relating to storm damage sustained earlier in the year, including to the northern and southern beach access ramps and the retaining wall in front of the Surf Life Saving Club.

The insurer has appointed Wallbridge Gilbert Aztec to assess proposed repair solutions. While a final response is pending, the report includes short-term recommendations that Council staff can implement to improve access ahead of summer. These works include placing and compacting sand under the southern access boardwalk and installing additional sand in front of the retaining wall. Officers are aiming to move sand into position ahead of the December Christmas holidays, pending necessary permission.

Second Valley Causeway

Repairs coordinated by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) are continuing and are on track for completion before Christmas, subject to favourable weather conditions.

Cheesman Street Naming Change

The process to change the road name from 'Cheesman Street' to 'Cheesman Street' in Normanville, initiated following a community request regarding a long-standing error, is now complete, and new road signs have been installed.

Rethinking Council's basis of rating.

Join the conversation.

Rating Review

Rebalancing our rating system



The District Council of Yankalilla is reviewing the basis of its rating structure and has developed a proposal that rebalances the distribution of rates. The focus of the Rating Review is on how rates are distributed, not how much revenue Council raises or what services are delivered. Here's a summary:

Why a review is being undertaken

The last comprehensive review of Council's rating structure was completed in 2016. Since then, the district has experienced significant change, including:

- Growth in property valuations;
- Shifts in land use, with more mixed-use and non-primary production ownership of rural land;
- Evolving community needs and expectations;
- Perceptions of inequity, especially between town and rural properties.

This review provides an opportunity to:

- Distribute rates equitably across property types;

- Align rating practices with community values and capacity to pay;
- Consider adjustments that enhance sustainability and fairness; and
- Strengthen transparency and understanding of how rating decisions are made.

The Review considers:

- Rating distribution and trends in property value across the district;
- Land use and ownership patterns;
- Capacity to pay across different property types; and
- The district's socio-economic diversity, business diversity and community values.



We want to hear what you think.

Join the conversation.



To share your feedback:



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www.yoursayyankalilla.com.au



Send an email

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Call us

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Write a letter

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Engagement Phase 1

Awareness & Education



In person

Drop-In information Session

Yankalilla Library

Wednesday, 17 December 2025

3 pm - 6.30 pm

Drop by for a chat any time between 3 pm & 6.30 pm to ask questions and have one-on-one conversations with Council staff about the Rating Review.

Australia Day Pop-Up Stand

Memorial Park, Yankalilla

Monday, 26 January 2026

8 am - 11 am

Come along to the Australia Day celebrations, we'll have a pop-up engagement stand - drop by for a chat any time between 8 am & 11.00 am to ask questions and provide feedback on the Rating Review.

Engagement Phase 2

Informing Council Decisions



In person

Community Workshop

Myponga Hall

Monday, 19 January 2026

3 pm - 6.30 pm

The Community Workshop will be led by Local Government rating experts UHY Haines Norton.

Register to attend via email to participate@yankalilla.sa.gov.au

Public Meeting

Chambers, District Council of Yankalilla

Tuesday, 17 February 2026

6 pm - 7 pm

At the Public Meeting community members can provide a verbal submission, sharing their feedback directly with Elected Members. Register your intention to participate via email to participate@yankalilla.sa.gov.au

WHAT'S ON

AT THE LIBRARY JANUARY '26

Yankalilla & District Historical Society

**Every Wednesday morning
10:00am - 12noon**

Assistance with family and local history. Enquiries to YDHS: phone: 0437 500 013 or email : yank.hist.soc@gmail.com
Bookings not required.

Advance Care Directive support sessions

**Wednesday - January 7
2:00pm & 3:00pm**

Would you like information/help filling in Advanced Care Directive forms? Book into a one-on-one session to receive some support from trained volunteers.
Bookings essential online, or call the library team.

Tech @ the Library

**Fridays - January 16, 23 & 30
10:00am, 11:00am or 12noon**

One-on-one help with technology related questions including Government sites and Apps, mobile phones, tablets, the internet and more.
Bookings essential.

A Cuppa, A Chat and Craft

**Tuesdays - January 20 & 27
1:00pm - 3:00pm**

A friendly, casual and relaxed group that gathers to enjoy a chat and have a cuppa while each member starts, finishes or continues with a craft project of their own. Come along, cuppa provided.
Bookings not required.

Southern Community Justice

**Friday January 9
10:00am - 1:00pm**

Book a free legal advice appointment with a solicitor who can assist with Family, Civil and Criminal law.
Enquiries and bookings: 1300 850 650.

Weaving for Wellness

starting February 5

Enjoy the relaxing process of weaving. Discover and develop your creative potential. Share a cuppa and a yarn and make creative connections. Be refreshed and inspired by your creative time out. Become a dream weaver. Craft materials & cuppa provided

JP Service @ the Library

**Tuesdays January 6, 13, 20 & 27
10:00am - 1:00pm**

Do you need a document certified or witnessed by a Justice of the Peace? Stat Dec or ID witnessed for business or legal purposes? Help with an ACD?

Please get all copies made prior to meeting with the JP.
No bookings required, join the queue

Wiggle and Giggle

**Tuesday - January 27
10:00am - 10:30am**

30 minutes of wiggling, jumping, dancing, music, singing and giggling for children 0-5 years (and their parents/grandparents/caregivers!)
Bookings not required.

Home Library Service

**Wednesday - January 14
1:30pm - 2:30pm**

Free service to eligible residents. Call the Library if you are interested or think you know someone who might be interested. Deliveries are 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Yankalilla Library Baby Sprouts: Sensory play for families, parents, caregivers (term time)

**Thursdays January 29
10:00am - 10:30am**

Engage in story, song and rhyme that supports early literacy. Get to know other families, bond with your little one and explore the Yankalilla Library. Bookings not required.

Yankalilla Library Sprouts: Literacy, science and maths Preschool program (term time)

**Thursdays January 29
10:30am - 11:30am**

Read books, sing along and engage in different activities each week that promote early literacy development, socialising, science discovery, maths, creativity and fun!
Bookings not required.

Yankalilla Library Sprouts: literacy, science and maths Preschool program at Rapid Bay Primary School. (Term time)

**Friday - January 30
9:30am - 10:30am**

Read books, sing along and engage in different activities each week that promote early literacy development, socialising, science discovery, maths, creativity and fun!
Bookings essential - phone Rapid Bay Primary School 08 8598 4062.

After School Gaming/Media Lab (term time)

**Wednesday January 28
3:30pm - 4:30pm**

Different sessions may be offered!
Test your skill on our SWITCH – step up to the console! Learn how to create stop motion movies! Drive or program our Sphero bots!
Ages 8-12.
One booking per child



**TURN OVER FOR
OUR SUMMER
HOLIDAY
PROGRAM**

Yankalilla Library

181 Main South Road Yankalilla 5203
Library 08 8558 2043



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WHAT'S ON

AT THE LIBRARY JANUARY '26

Library Book Club restarts

Friday - February 20

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Meets on the third Friday of the month.

OUR SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM....

Big Summer Reading Challenge

Mon 1 Dec to Sat 31 Jan

The Big Summer Reading Challenge is a Public Libraries Victoria initiative and SA Libraries have been invited to participate. It's not just about ticking off titles—it's about enjoying the journey, discovering favourite authors, and keeping minds active while school's out! Use QR code to register online <https://bit.ly/4o1LDsT>



Gaming in the Library: SWITCH

Wednesday 7 January

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Test your skill on our SWITCH – step up to the console! Ages 7-12. One booking per child required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

[Bookings essential](#)

Words Grow Minds Sprouts

Thursdays January 8, 15 & 22

10:00am - 10:30am

Learn about how Words Grow Minds can help you to engage with your child 0 to 3 years old through Play, Read, Song and Talk activities. Take home a Words Grow Minds resource pack. Borrow a Words Grow Minds Early Learning Kit with your library card. Only one booking required for the whole family.

[Bookings essential](#)

On the shore & Beneath the waves

Thursday 8 January

Friday 16 January

Wednesday 21 January

10:30am - 12:00noon

Listen to stories, sing songs, explore, play and create. Only one booking required for the whole family. Suitable for children of all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult. [Bookings essential](#)

Lego and Duplo Challenge 1

Friday 9 January

10:30am - 12noon

Use the Lego or Duplo to complete the 5 Library Challenges or use your imagination to design your own. Only one booking required for the whole family. Suitable for children of all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

[Bookings essential](#)

All events are FREE and held at the Yankalilla Library, unless stated otherwise. Bookings may be required to confirm your place.

Stop motion movie making

Wednesdays January 14 & 21

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Make your own mini movie with Stop Motion Studio, Lego figurines and other mixed media. A chance for budding film makers to learn stop motion movie making techniques. One ticket per child. Suitable for children aged 8-14 Years. Children must be accompanied by an adult. [Bookings essential](#)

Susea Spray Author Talk

Thursday 15 January

10:30am - 12:00noon

Come along to hear Susea read her new book A Day on the Brine and engage in sea craft. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

[Bookings essential](#)

Hooded Plover Lovers

Thursday 22 January

10:30am - 11:30pm

Learn about Hooded Plovers in this Interactive session, have fun becoming a Hooded Plovers to recognise threats, guess where the nests are on different photos and colour Hooded Plover picture on calico bag. Suitable for children of all ages, to be accompanied by adult.

[Bookings essential.](#)

Lego and Duplo Challenge 2

Friday 23 January

10:30am - 12:00noon

Use the Lego or Duplo to complete the next 5 Library Challenges or use your imagination to design your own. Only one booking required for the whole family. Suitable for children of all ages.

[Bookings essential](#)

BOOK/CONTACT:

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WHAT'S ON

AT THE LIBRARY JANUARY '26

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM for YOUTH at the Library

Headspace D&D @ Yankalilla

Tuesday January 6

11:00am - 3:00pm

Ages 12 + years

After your party is whisked away to another plane, find your way back through enemies and puzzles galore in these two connected Level 10 D&D 5E 2024 one shots. New and experienced players welcome.

Lunch & snacks provided

Bookings: <https://bit.ly/3X6pnmN>

Use QR code to register



Magic The Gathering Draft

Monday January 12

1:00pm - 4:00pm

Ages 12 - 17

Get ready to shuffle, borrow, bloom, and battle! Join us for a fresh twist on Magic; The Gathering with our Bloom Borrow Draft- a fun, relaxed, creativity-first format where players draft from shared 'blooming' card pools and build decks on the fly. Perfect for all skill levels, it's the ideal mix of strategy, surprise, and community vibes. Bring your friends, borrow some power, and let your deck bloom!

Bookings: <https://bit.ly/44orYwi>

Use QR code to register



LARP (Live Action Role Play)

Friday January 16

10:30am - 12:30pm

Ages 12+ years

Join us for an epic Live Action Role-Play adventure these school holidays! A professional LARP team will bring costumes, characters, quests, and foam-sword battles to Yankalilla.

Kids will step into a story, team up for missions, and enjoy safe, imaginative action. No experience needed - just bring your sense of adventure!

Where: outside on the lawn adjacent to the library weather permitting.

Bookings: [Contact Loren on 0421 996 579](tel:0421996579). Use QR code to register



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WEEKLY EVENTS:

Club Fleurieu:

Monday:

Mahjong | 2pm

Rock and Roll dance class | 6:30pm (starting Monday 19)

Tuesday: Quilting | 10am (starting Tuesday 13)

Wednesday: Zumba | 5pm

Thursday: Bingo | 10am

Friday:

Craft, coffee and a chat | 10am (starting Friday 16)

Cards | 2pm

Croquet | 3pm

Sunday: Croquet | 10am (starting Sunday 27)

Enquiries: Ph 8558 2053 or 0477 111 315.

Cape Jervis Community Club

Monday: Yoga | 10am

Tuesday: Gymnasium 6pm or by appointment

Wednesday: Library | 1pm – 2pm

Sew 'n Sews Noon to 4.30pm

Thursday: Dinner from 5.30pm.

Phone: 8598 0088 to book.

Yankalilla Men's Shed

Open weekly behind Club Fleurieu

Tuesday | 8:30am – 2pm

Wednesday | 5pm – 9pm

Friday | 8:30am – 2pm

Come visit us: **Phone or email: 0439 047 336**

yankalillamensshed@gmail.com

Wednesday:

Yank Youth (Starting term 1 – Wednesday 28)

Free arvo sessions for young people aged 12-18. To find out more, email

community@yankalilla.sa.gov.au or head to Club

Reclink: Yankalilla Youth - Hangout Sessions!

Thursday:

Cockatoo Café

10am - 11:30am

Yankalilla Area School

Support local students by purchasing hot drinks & morning tea goodies

Hedge Witch Apothecary

10am - 3pm

Main Street, Yankalilla

Hot drinks- Herbal tinctures tailor-made to the individual.

Friday:

Lady Bay Hotel:

5pm– 7pm Happy Hour.

Phone 8558 0600 for more information or to book.

Yankalilla Hotel:

Meat tray raffle and draw 7pm.

www.yankalillahotel.com.au

Saturday:

Caffe on Bungala

Live music showcasing local artists on the 1st and 2nd Saturday of every month. Tapas menu, local wines & cold beers available.

No need to book, come along and join in the fun!

3pm-5pm, 48 Main Road, Normanville

Myponga Reservoir parkrun

5km walk or run. 8am start, register at

www.parkrun.com.au Sorry no dogs.

more info mypongareservoir@parkrun.com

FORTNIGHTLY EVENTS:

Club Fleurieu:

Tuesday - Quilting 10am (Weeks 2, 4, 5).

Enquiries: Ph 8558 2053 or 0477 111 315

MONTHLY EVENTS:

Club Fleurieu:

Contact Club Fleurieu directly for all their January only events!

Enquiries: Ph 8558 2053 or 0477 111 315

Links Lady Bay

For all January events at Links Lady Bay resort, head to www.linksladybay.com.au/whatson

MARKETS:

Second Valley Market – Aus Day long Weekend

Saturday 24 January | 9am – 2pm

At the Second Valley Hall

Locally Grown, Made & Produced Goods.

Yankalilla Market

Every 3rd Saturday of the month – 17 January 2026.

Yankalilla Showgrounds | 9am – 2pm.

Contact Mattie **0447 044 721** for more information.

The Recycled Closet Market

Saturday 24 January 2026. Every 4th Saturday of the month.

Yankalilla Hall | 10am -2pm

More info phone: **0488 965 164**

JANUARY EVENTS

Carri to Club

Saturday 3 January | 8am

Normanville Surf Life Saving Club

Register online or from 8am on the day

www.normanvilleslsc.org.au

Pasta likes Nonna Makes

Sunday 4 January | 11am – 1pm

Lot 50 Yankalilla

Roll, fill, laugh, and eat – just like Nonna intended.

Cost \$125 **Bookings essential:**

www.fleurieufoodandwine.com.au

Hibachi Steak Masterclass: Native Flavours & Flame Cooking

Saturday 10 January | 11am – 3pm

Set within the heritage gardens of Bungala House in Yankalilla, this three-hour class combines expert steak education, native food immersion and open-flame hibachi cooking with South Australian wine to finish.

Cost \$200 **Bookings essential:**

www.fleurieufoodandwine.com.au

Fleurieu Environment Centre

Friday 16 January | 8am – Friends of Bungala River Group at Bungala Park

Sunday 18 January | 10am – 12pm Community Gardening Session at Youth Park.

Working bees at various locations during January – please check flec.com.au for dates and locations.

Any questions, email info@flec.com.au

Club Fleurieu Australia Day Lunch

Monday 26 January | 12:30pm

Cost \$35 members or \$40 non-members

Bookings required: @yankover50s@gmail.com

2026 Australia Day 'A century of Community spirit'

Monday 26 January | 8am – 11am

Come celebrate the Citizen of the Year awards at Yankalilla Memorial Park

Free community event | BBQ Breakfast | Presentation of Citizen of the Year and Community Grants

Sausage Making Masterclass / Lunch

Sunday 31 January | 11:30am – 2:30pm

Bungala House, Yankalilla.

This exclusive experience brings together hands-on craft, expert guidance, and a long lunch to remember.

You'll be making your own gourmet sausages, learning from one of the best in the business bringing expertise and creativity to every step.

Bookings essential:

www.fleurieufoodandwine.com.au

Yankalilla Library School Holiday Events

The Yankalilla Library offers a range of events for the community tailored to adults, families, children and youth.

Find January's variety of events at:

<https://www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au/library/library/libraryevents>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pasta Like Nonna Makes

Sunday 8 February | 11am – 1pm

Lot 50 Yankalilla

Roll, fill, laugh, and eat – just like Nonna intended.

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