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# VOLUNTEER THANK YOU CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Mayor Glen Rowlands officiated Yankalilla Council's "Annual Christmas Luncheon for Volunteers" on Wednesday 16 December 2015 at the Yankalilla Football Clubrooms, which 64 volunteers attended. Mayor Rowlands thanked all volunteers for their commitment and dedication to their volunteering roles in our community. A special thank you was given to the retiring "Yankalilla Council Transport Service" Co-ordinators for many years of exceptional service.

Council has in excess of 100 registered volunteers supporting the services of the Yankalilla Council Transport Service, Visitor Information Centre, Bungala Park, The Centre and the Community Library.

Volunteers are our lifeblood and Council acknowledges and recognises the invaluable contribution they make to our community. Volunteering and civic participation plays a very important role in our society.

Australia has in excess of six million plus volunteers who freely donate their skill, support, labour and friendship valued at a staggering \$200 billion annually.

Council would welcome new volunteers and anyone interested in volunteering can register their interest at the Council Office.



Mark Heinrich



Glen Rowlands



Nigel Morris

## MAYOR'S CORNER

Compliments of the season to you all. I hope you all enjoyed the festive season and not over indulged too much. The New Year's Pageant has been and gone and 2016 is starting to go by. We welcomed Nigel Morris the Chief Executive at the December Council meeting and he is getting round the district.

Prior to the end of December accompanied by Council's Chief Executive, Manager Operations and Councillor Peter O'Neil I met with the new owners of the Normanville Abattoirs and their Australian managers. This was a very comforting meeting. The new owners are large Malaysian meat importers both live and slaughtered. They have bought the abattoir to process the livestock of sheep, goats and cattle from local and state producers. Council's involvement through the development stage will be minimal but our connection is vital. They are looking to open up in June 2016 after expensive upgrades internally. Further development is scheduled after June when development approvals come to hand. Initially they are looking at employing some 50-60 people and as the business grows further employment will grow. This is an exciting outcome and we look forward to them starting up.

Being an Asian export Halal meat will be processed. I hope the community is accommodating and welcomes the opportunity this business will bring to our district.

Keep a check on In the Loop for upcoming consultation meetings throughout 2016 such as Budget, Strategic Plan, Asset Management and more. This month we are consulting on Council's Rating Review, submissions closing Friday 29 January 2016, see Page 3 for more details.

## ENVIROTRIM TREE TRIMMING

Council enlisted the services of Envirotrim to carry out tree trimming on some selected rural roads within our district including Mt Scrub, Law, Maylands and Tunkhead Roads.

The speed and efficiency of their operations has proven its worth to Council in that the distance covered per day and the end result is much more economical than manual tree trimming.

Ratepayer and Emergency Services / CFS feedback has been more than positive. This operation has provided a well defined cut to the trees and a clean and tidy result.

## NEW LOOK STREET BINS REAP REWARDS FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Council has recently commenced rolling out the new look street bins with stainless steel shrouds to replace the existing "wheelie bins" which were found to be unsightly and prone to blowing over, resulting in rubbish strewn across the streets and foreshore areas. The Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority (FRWA) assisted Council in the selection of suitable stainless steel bin shrouds.

The implementation process of shrouds to cover the bins will continue to be rolled out over the next few years as budget allows. The bins are now secured within a locked stainless steel shroud. The shrouds contain two bins, one for general waste and another for recyclables. A key to the shrouds has been provided to the Yankalilla & District Inter-Church Council so that they can collect the recyclables.

"The Yankalilla & District Inter-Church Council Inc. (YDICC) is grateful to the District Council of Yankalilla, to be able to collect bottles and cans to assist us in providing our community support and welfare programs. YDICC provides financial support to the Pastoral Care Workers at the Yankalilla Area School, Rapid Bay Primary School and Myponga Primary School. They assist the schools in providing pastoral care and support to the students, staff and school community. In the wider community we also provide food parcels and other basic requirements to people in need. We are pleased to be able to help our community in this way and we value the support of Council" said Mr Jon Jaensch, presiding member for YDICC.

Council would like to remind everyone to segregate waste by making sure only recyclables are placed in the recyclable bin. In addition to financially helping the community this will also reduce landfill which is beneficial for the environment.





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### **RATE REVIEW**

The District Council of Yankalilla is considering changing the existing method of rating.

Council is contemplating replacing its minimum rate (which was \$850 in 2014/15 and 2015/16) with a fixed charge. If a fixed charge was introduced the amount would be determined at the time Council adopts its 2016/17 budget and would depend on budget proposals and any changes in property values and revenue from other sources. It may be of the order though of \$200 to \$400 per property (single farm enterprises would be treated as one property). Total rate revenue raised will be unaffected by any change in the method of rating. Because a fixed charge would apply to all ratepayers the rate in the dollar council levies against each property's value would fall. Some ratepayers may pay more but this would be offset by others paying less.

You are encouraged to be involved by reading the Discussion Paper, attending one of 3 public forums (listed below) and making a written submission.

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| Thursday 14 January | - Myponga Sporting Clubrooms @ 6.30pm                |
| Friday 15 January   | - Yankalilla Club Fleurieu (over 50's club) @ 6.30pm |
| Thursday 21 January | - Cape Jervis Community Club @ 7.30pm                |

You are also invited to attend a public meeting at 6.00pm on Tuesday 16 February to make verbal submissions in the Council Chambers, 1 Charles Street, Yankalilla.

Closing Date for submissions is 5pm on Friday 29 January.

### **Local Heritage – Places & Spaces within the Yankalilla District**

Where are the places that are of value? What stories are there of people who should be recognised?

Council are seeking your help to identify places of value that should be acknowledged as part of Yankalilla's history. Online survey and comments should be received by Council no later than 31 January.

## **AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS**

Join us to celebrate our country at 9am on Australia Day in Bungala Park, Normanville with our guest speaker Heidi Van Gerwen, Australia Day Ambassador.

You will see locals recognised for their contribution to the community as Mayor Glen Rowlands presents Australia Day awards.

The Lions Club will also be providing a sausage sizzle in the park.



## **SUCCESS IN COMBINING RESOURCES TO IMPROVE COUNCIL ROADSIDE VERGES**

Council working together with Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) and engaging with the residents have successfully removed over 14 truck loads of feral olive trees from Jervois Road. Working together has immediately improved the line of sight to oncoming vehicles on this narrow single vehicle road and reduced fuel levels. Roadside verge maintenance continues to be a high cost to Council. With over 840 kilometres of verges within our District, slashing and spraying is an expensive method of control. Recently Council working with the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) have commenced a community enablement program. The residents, DEWNR and Council were all aware of the invasion of feral olives to the roadside. From discussions with the community and combining resources, DEWNR and Council were able to effectively remove the truck loads of olive trees from the verges. The community were enabled to choose replacement native plants that will overtime, reduce weed growth and make the roadside aesthetically pleasing. With ongoing support, the residents, Council and DEWNR will see the verges returned to a more controlled native surround. Council envisage our community working with DEWNR to enact similar projects to make additional verges aesthetically pleasing, weed resistant and lower fuel levels from selective plantings of native ground covers and shrubs. This approach to the corridors of weed growth in our District is seen as a long term project but with a more long term solution.

## Dates to Remember

Tuesday 26 January – Australia Day Celebrations in Bungala Park at 9am

Tuesday 2 February – Strategic Directions Committee 4pm

Tuesday 16 February – Council Meeting 4pm, Public Forum 4.30pm

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## FOCUS ON ILLEGAL WASTE DUMPERS

Council is committed to the protection of our environment. Of mounting concern has been illegal dumping and storing of rubbish. Working with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) in a joint venture, particular attention has been taken of our rural bin banks and rural roads. The bin banks are a repository location for wheelie bins in rural locations. Some of these areas are being frequented by persons depositing in and around the area, hard rubbish such as mattresses, e-waste, building materials and car parts. This waste collection is an additional cost to ratepayers.

Over the Christmas period, the EPA will be undertaking covert surveillance to monitor illegal dumping in various locations. Persons identified as dumping waste face hefty fines from the EPA.

Council inspectors have been speaking with land owners in relation to properties hoarding rubbish on their properties. Land owners are being reminded of their obligations under the development and Local Government Act. Proceedings have been commenced on some land owners for non compliance.

This project is not restricted to bin banks. Other areas of our district are under surveillance to detect and record illegal dumpers for the purpose of prosecution.

We live in an environmental wonderland, but it is under threat from this activity and steps are being taken to protect it.

## TREES ON COUNCIL VERGES

Council would like to remind its residents that it is an offence to plant, interfere with or remove trees or other vegetation that is located within the council verge area without the written authorisation from Council.

If you require further information on this subject please contact Council on 8558 0200.

## FIREARMS AMNESTY

A General Firearms Amnesty commenced in South Australia on Tuesday 1 December 2015 and will conclude on Thursday 30 June 2016.

The aim of this Amnesty is to make the community a safer place by removing unwanted, unregistered or illegal firearms, firearm parts, mechanisms, fittings, prohibited firearm accessories, silencers and ammunition from the community, making it harder for guns to fall into the wrong hands.

Members of the public in possession of these items are encouraged to hand these in at a participating licensed firearms dealer's premises or to police at any police station during the General Firearms Amnesty without fear of prosecution.

The Amnesty also permits any person holding a current South Australian License to surrender a firearm to a participating licensed firearms dealer to make an application to register the firearm fee-free or to sell the firearm to the participating licensed firearms dealer.

The Amnesty will not provide protection to any person using or in possession of an illegal firearm or other item for any reason other than for the purpose of surrendering it to a member of the police force or a participating licensed firearms dealer.

Amnesty Hotline 1800 586 954. Information is also available on the SAPOL internet site at [www.police.sa.gov.au](http://www.police.sa.gov.au)

