

# in the **loop**

**MAY 2019**



*Images Above* Laying the soft plastics bitumen surface on Herbert Street in Normanville.

## **Paving the way for soft plastics**

Two Normanville streets have been built using soft plastics, such as plastic bags, highlighting a new road construction method which is both sustainable and cost effective.

The District Council of Yankalilla partnered with Downer and resource recovery and recycling company Close the Loop to build the roads, at Herbert Street and Court Street, using Reconophalt – an innovative asphalt product that contains soft plastic.

More than 75,000 plastic bag and packaging equivalents and toner from 2574 printer cartridges were used to complete these streets.

District Council of Yankalilla Chief Executive Officer Nigel Morris said the Council is committed to reducing the amount of waste which goes to

landfill – and this innovative road construction method is just one example of this.

“We’re pleased to be able to work with Downer and Close the Loop to show how plastics that would have ended up in landfill can be re-purposed in such a resourceful and important way that also holds great social, economic and environmental value,” Mr Morris said.

Downer have described the Reconophalt product as having ‘improved performance characteristics over conventional asphalt’, including being better at withstanding heavy traffic and needing less regular maintenance.

For information on this project, you can visit: [www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au](http://www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au)

## **Council wins \$25,000 grant for the Green Gym program**

The Green Gym health and wellbeing program, which will be based in Yankalilla and involves participants taking part in local environmental projects such as seed collection and plant propagation, has received a \$25,000 State Government grant.

The funding is part of the State Government’s Age Friendly SA Grants, which offer up to \$25,000 to kick-start innovation in age-friendly projects which encourage a sense of community, fosters lifelong learning and brings all ages together.

The Green Gym Yankalilla program will run over a 20 week period commencing in spring 2019. Other examples of local projects undertaken as part of this program include community gardening and helping to restore native habitats. This program is also in-line with the Council’s goals of promoting intergenerational activities and conserving the environment.

We thank State Government’s Office for Ageing Well for their support and look forward to keeping you updated as our Green Gym projects progress.

## CEO Corner with Nigel Morris

Community feedback is the cornerstone of everything we do as a Council. It's so important for our elected members and staff to hear from our residents so we continue to deliver the high quality services they need.

This feedback is particularly important when it comes to formulating our 2019/20 Annual Business Plan and Budget. It's currently in draft format and before it's finalised, we want to hear from you so we can improve our plan and make it more relevant.

On page three, you'll find the times and locations of our public forums, which are being held throughout the district during May. At these meetings, we've also allowed for additional time for you to ask questions about other topics. It's a great opportunity to put forward your views – and get the answers you want.

Highlights of the draft 2019/20 Annual Business Plan and Budget include:

- An overall decrease of revenue required from the Community following the transfer of CWMS and Water assets to SA Water, even when combining Council and SA Water costs together.
- A proposed minimal increase to rates between 0 per cent to 2.5 per cent.
- No increase to minimum rates.
- Continuing to replace our assets as they wear out, including our extensive road network.
- A continued focus on further efficiencies and securing additional grant funding.

Ahead of our meetings, you can download a copy of the Draft 2019/20 Annual Business Plan, including a full list of planned projects, at [www.yoursayyankalilla.com.au](http://www.yoursayyankalilla.com.au) or call into our offices to collect a copy.



Image Above: Myponga Reservoir walking track.

## Adelaide's newest daytrip destination - Myponga Reservoir - is open!

Myponga Reservoir is now officially open to the public. It's the perfect spot for picnics and bushwalks and a great spot to catch a glimpse of the more than 120 bird species who call the Fleurieu home.

Minister for Environment and Water David Spiers opened the reservoir at a celebratory event, which included a trail run, kite flying, guided walks and children's activities, on April 14.

The opening of tracks will be staggered over coming months and we're excited to share that the

first track to open is the 3.3km loop around the south-east side of the reservoir, which winds through open plains, forested areas and native vegetation. It's unsealed and suitable for walking and running and can also be used by cyclists. The entrance is on Hansen Street, opposite the Smiling Samoyed Brewery. You'll find parking here and toilets next to the Memorial Hall/CFS sheds.

While at the reservoir, make sure you visit the lookout and keep an eye out for other wildlife, such as lizards and frogs!



## Improving our dirt road network

The District Council of Yankalilla has an extensive road network made up of 415 kilometres of unsealed roads and 129 kilometres of sealed roads. Ideally, we would re-seal every dirt road – but at an estimated cost of \$181 million and a revenue of approximately \$15 million, this unfortunately isn't possible to do all at once and sealing a road is the only way dust will be totally eliminated.

Council addresses the road maintenance and upgrade in priority order. At the April meeting of Council, the township and rural roads sealing priorities were again reviewed and are now published on our website [www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au](http://www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au)

The unsealed roads are currently in desperate need of attention, however, to bind the road together we need moisture in the road and we eagerly await the long overdue rains to make that happen. Without the appropriate moisture in the roads any grading will create even more dust and more problems. When the required rain eventually arrives, the team will be working overtime to get out there and enhance our road network.



Image above: Responsible Owner. Image credit: dogstar.com

## Cleaning up after your dog is easy, but why bother?

Taking your dog for regular walks shows you are a responsible and caring dog owner. Cleaning up after your dog shows you are a responsible neighbour and are concerned about your environment – and you are playing an active part in protecting it.

Dog faeces left in parks and on footpaths are a nuisance. Most of us have probably experienced the annoyance of 'putting your foot in it'. Dog faeces can also transmit diseases, both to other dogs and to

us. Young children can often come into contact with faeces when crawling or rolling around on the ground.

Dog faeces can also contribute to marine pollution. When washed into the stormwater system, it can contribute to increased nutrient levels in creeks, rivers and ultimately, the sea. It's another smaller contributor towards algal blooms and degradation of sea grass beds.

Failure to pick up your dog's faeces is an offence under the Dog & Cat Management Act with fines applicable, however this is easily managed by taking 'dog poop' bags when you are out walking your pet and disposing of the faeces correctly.



FLEURIEU REGIONAL  
WASTE AUTHORITY

## Keep up the good work on recycling

Our bin tagging program, used to determine how successfully residents are recycling, is now complete. We're pleased to report many are doing a great job, and we encourage you to keep up the good work! There is, of course, always room for improvement. We found some confusion about these two types of waste in particular, so here's a reminder of what goes in which bin:

- **E-waste** – anything with an electrical plug (kettles, toasters, fans etc) can **only be recycled** via the Waste and Recycling Depots. E-waste disposal is free.
- **Food Organics and Green Organics (FOGO)** – all food scraps including meat, fish, poultry bone and fat, dairy, bread, fruit and vegetable peel or leftover salad can go in the green organics bin (where applicable).

For more information, visit [www.fleurieuregionalwasteauthority.com.au](http://www.fleurieuregionalwasteauthority.com.au)

## Your Say Yankalilla has had a makeover

Our online engagement hub has had a makeover. We want to provide a clean, uncluttered site that is easier to navigate and search, and we think we've achieved it.

You'll find this hub at [www.yoursayyankalilla.com.au](http://www.yoursayyankalilla.com.au), where you can have your say on all sorts of issues and projects that shape our community. Your feedback is crucial – and helps inform the decisions our council makes.

Jump online to check it out and have your say.



### Annual Business Plan

#### DRAFT 2019/20 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET

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[consultation@yankalilla.sa.gov.au](mailto:consultation@yankalilla.sa.gov.au)



**THURSDAY AT 6:30PM**  
**SECOND VALLEY MEMORIAL HALL**



**FRIDAY AT 6:30PM**  
**MYPONGA SPORTING CLUBROOMS**



**WEDNESDAY AT 6:30PM**  
**CAPE JERVIS COMMUNITY CLUB**



**THURSDAY AT 6:30PM**  
**YANKALILLA COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

# WHAT'S ON AT THE LIBRARY

**COUNCIL MEETING**  
Tuesday, 21 May at 4pm

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## **My Aged Care Peer Support** WEDNESDAY AT 10AM

**COST** FREE  
**LOCATION** YANKALILLA LIBRARY  
**ENQUIRIES** 0476 179 609

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## **Story Time For Preschoolers** WEDNESDAY AT 10AM (school terms)

No Bookings required.

**COST** FREE  
**LOCATION** YANKALILLA LIBRARY  
**ENQUIRIES** 08 8558 2043

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## **Historical Society Assistance for Family & Local History** WEDNESDAY AT 10AM

Assistance for family and local history.

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

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## **Drumming Circle** WEDNESDAY AT 2PM (school terms)

**COST** GOLD COIN DONATION  
**LOCATION** COMMUNITY CENTRE  
**ENQUIRIES** 08 8558 0264

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## **HISTORY TALK** **With Dr Margaret MacIlwain** FRIDAY AT 10AM

Dr Margaret MacIlwain presents 'Local Women's Suffrage Petitioners: The Law Brother and Edward Baxter'.  
Bookings Required.

**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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## **Community Connect** MONDAY AT 9AM (school terms)

Drop in for a coffee, or a chat. Linking with Support Service Agencies.

**COST** FREE  
**LOCATION** OLD SCHOOL BUILDING  
**ENQUIRIES** 0400 287 761

## **Upcoming Community Connect** **FREE Information sessions:**

### **Circle Of Security** 8 WEEK SESSION

'Raising Confident Kids' Program covering childrens behaviour and feelings, how to support and engage your child and how to get support as a parent when times are tough.

**ENQUIRIES** 08 8558 2387

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## **Wiggle 'N' Giggle** TUESDAY AT 9.30AM (school terms)

Suitable for Pre-schoolers.

**COST** FREE  
**LOCATION** COMMUNITY CENTRE  
**ENQUIRIES** 0450 310 700

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## **BOOK LAUNCH & TALK - History & Memoirs of a Mining Town** FRIDAY AT 10AM

Des Lord describes Rapid Bay's 40-year national significance as a mining town.

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

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## **Interplay Session @ Library** FRIDAY 2PM

Come along and discover the joy of Interplay. A form using movement and storytelling to connect with others and find creative freedom within yourself and help with memory, balance and coordination. Bookings Required.

**COST** FREE  
**LOCATION** YANKALILLA LIBRARY  
**BOOKINGS** 0484 313 329

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## **BOOK LAUNCH & TALK** **160 years of education on the western fleurieu peninsula** FRIDAY AT 10AM

A new edition launched by Dr Margaret Morgan. Bookings Required.

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

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## **National Simultaneous Storytime** WEDNESDAY AT 10AM

Local author and performer Robert Bean's launch of "A Catherine Wheel" at the Library. A Festival Fleurieu event.

**COST** FREE  
**LOCATION** YANKALILLA LIBRARY  
**ENQUIRIES** 08 8558 2043  
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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 Required.

**COST** Con\$15; FP\$20  
**LOCATION** YANKALILLA LIBRARY  
**BOOKINGS** 0484 313 329

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## **After School Lego** MONDAY AT 2.30PM

Suitable for ages 5 years and over.

**COST** GOLD COIN DONATION  
**LOCATION** YANKALILLA LIBRARY  
**ENQUIRIES** 08 8558 0262  
library@yankalilla.sa.gov.au

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## **Engaging Adolescents** MONDAY AT 6.30PM

A two week program to strengthen your relationship with your teenager.

**COST** FREE  
**LOCATION** THE CENTRE  
**BOOKINGS** 08 8551 0542  
lsymonds@victor.sa.gov.au