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## Supplementary Election – Light Ward Vote Now!! View Your Candidate's Profiles on Page 3

### BUDDAH STATUE UNVEILED

An imposing, eye-catching 18m-tall granite Buddhist statue of the goddess of mercy which has been in the pipeline for 18 years was unveiled at Sellicks Hill on Friday 15 May.

The statue is part of a \$15-million religious retreat being built on the 55ha Cactus Canyon Road site.

The project, first lodged in 1997 by SA's Nan Hai Pu Tuo Temple of Australia Inc, will add a 35m-high pagoda, an 18m temple, accommodation units and a Chinese garden to complete the development, all designed to blend in with the landscape with Chinese Feng Shui principles incorporated in the design.

The statue faces the sea and will bring peace, harmony and prosperity to the people of South Australia.

The statue was shipped to South Australia from China late last year in 23 containers and assembled on site.

"The Statue, which is on the Yankalilla side of our northern Council border, will put Yankalilla on the map" says Mayor Glen Rowlands. "the temple will bring more than 20,000 people to our Council area, which is very exciting".

The \$1 million statue is the only one of its type in the Southern hemisphere and is the spiritual landmark of the overall development.

"This is a really exciting development and we hope it's the springboard for more development as it will be a huge boost to our District's tourism and for local business," Mayor Rowlands said.

The project is expected to take five to seven years to complete.



## MAYOR'S CORNER

I congratulate the district for embracing the ANZAC celebrations. The focus on 100 years of ANZAC's going to Gallipoli and the Western front was well remembered and a fantastic attendance of some 5-600 people at the dawn service here at Yankalilla. Thank you Mark Pearse for a well presented service. I recognise that a group of marchers were mistakenly left out which was a pity and hopefully they aren't too offended that they don't form ranks again next year.

To the Yankalilla Area School, what a wonderful tribute and frank demonstration of how it was during that war and those that preceded. To Principal Christine and staff member Shirley, well done, it all demonstrated why we can live in this lovely region in the way we do, safe and free. Thank you to all those who have served and currently serve in the forces. Ratepayers are always concerned about the cost of rates and I'd like to make you aware of a couple of things when comparing rates with other councils. A rate rise can be described as % rise as rate in the dollar or % rise of the current property rate. Some councils rate cents in the dollar plus a fixed charge so that needs to be taken into consideration when comparing. We currently have a minimum rate and a rate in the dollar.

Over the next few weeks we are investigating how council's customer service operates and how responses to those requests can be better communicated. Whilst we are doing this, community engagement will also be discussed. Thank you to those of you who have given feedback on the Strategic Plan. The draft Annual Business Plan is now out for consultation. There are public meetings coming up, so come and talk to us. If time is not available there is provision on the website to "have your say". If you're more comfortable to chat with an elected member feel free to do so.

- Friday 5 June at 3pm and 6pm: Open Forums to discuss the plan with elected members
- Tuesday 16 June from 5.30pm – 6.30pm: Public Meeting to hear submissions

Both meetings will be held in the Council Chambers, 1 Charles Street, Yankalilla.

## HAVE YOUR SAY ON COUNCIL'S DRAFT ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN

What do you want to see Council achieve?

Have your say on Council's draft Annual Business Plan for 2015/16.

Submissions close 12noon on Tuesday 16 June 2015.

Visit [www.yoursayyankalilla.com.au](http://www.yoursayyankalilla.com.au)

## WIRRINA WATER UPDATE

Council has been undertaking work to reduce the cost of water production and supply from the Wirrina Potable Water Plant. We have had some success, having made some savings in operating expenditure, and this has been passed on to residents with a rate rebate in the fourth quarter rates notices.

A new- look bill will be sent to residents from this month, providing detailed information about water usage and costs. A sample of the new- look bill is available on our website.

We are making progress with the upgrade of the water treatment shed, with a new roof installed, and earthworks around the site undertaken to provide safer external access. The internal layout is being improved to facilitate safer chemical handling and to meet current WHS standards. Residents may also have noticed that a new fence has been erected at the reservoir in the interests of public safety and the reservoir pumps have been serviced to ensure ongoing viability.

The next steps is to engage with contractors to assist us to deliver services and maintenance schedules on time and budget, ensuring that forward costs are closely managed, controlled and reported.

## SUPPLEMENTARY ELECTION - MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!

Here are your candidates listed as per the ballot draw held on Thursday 7th May 2015.  
Voting closes at 12noon on Tuesday 9 June 2015.

### Leonie Fitzgerald

Throughout my forty plus years of residing in the Yankalilla Community, I have been actively involved in many facets of the region, from running small businesses, to the local school community and various sporting groups just to mention a few. Over this time, I have witnessed many aspects of the area transpire and grow. I believe my sound understanding of the local community and knowledge of issues at hand will be of great benefit with assisting Council to deal with matters as they arise.

Contact: 5943 Main South Rd, Yankalilla SA 5203. Ph: 0438 682 990



### Davina Quirke

Hi, I believe in strong local representation for our area. This is why I am putting myself forward for the casual vacancy that has been created on the Yankalilla Council.

My background is in Government relations, trade skills and employment services.

I believe that you the voter need to have a person that you can easily contact, is readily available and willing to listen. Having previously served in Local Government as a councillor, as chair of a council committee, and as a council nominee on important community boards I have the experience. I was also elected to serve on the Local Government Association Executive. As a long term ratepayer in Yankalilla, now permanently resident in the area, I am offering my services to you and to the community. I am married with 4 adult sons, and I have been a Justice of the Peace for many year.

Email [quirke@rocketmail.com](mailto:quirke@rocketmail.com)

Contact: PO Box 2258, Normanville SA 504. Ph: 0423 008 993



### Tim Moffat

Given the opportunity to serve our community as a Councillor, I will bring a wide range of leadership qualifications and community experience. I am a lawyer with my practice being in Main Street, Yankalilla. In the past I have provided my expertise to local government and to a SANFL League team over a number of years. I am one of the sponsors of the Yankalilla Football Club. During the last 10 years whilst having a house at Carrickalinga I have come to appreciate the district and I am enthusiastic about contributing to the life of this community. I am married with three children. I have served on a number of boards and committees including a residential college in Adelaide, a foundation, a school council, and various sporting clubs. My passion for our district is for sensitive development consistent with the natural beauty of our region and our community's ideals.

Contact: PO Box 146, Yankalilla SA 5203. Email: [timmoffat@bigpond.com](mailto:timmoffat@bigpond.com)



### Ian Main

In the 28 years I have lived in the Yankalilla District I have always been an active community member balancing this with running my own business and our 8 hectare property.

Currently I run a business as a BAS agent. I'm committed to supporting the quality of life we enjoy in this community and as such I hold positions on a number of local committees, Vice President of the Show Society, Treasurer of the local arts network and Board member Festival Fleurieu. Over the past year I have coordinated the New Year's beach event, Wirrina Bluegrass Festival, outside stalls at the show and our local monthly music night Club YAM. As a long term member of this community I love our district and know its many faces. I am keen to bring this knowledge to the council chambers and with the other councillors make this an even better place.

Contact: Lot 4 Glebe Ave, Yankalilla SA 5203. Ph: 0439 861 001



**Dates to Remember**

Tuesday 2: Strategic Directions Committee 4pm  
 Saturday 6: Councillor's Listening Post at Inman Valley market 10am-11.30am  
 Monday 8: Public Holiday  
 Tuesday 16: Written submissions for Annual Business Plan close at 12noon  
 Council Meeting 4pm, Public Forum 4.30pm

**IS YOUR DOG A WANDERER?**

Within the last 12 months there has been a significant increase in the number of dogs found wandering at large and needing to be impounded. This puts a strain on Council's budget with impounding fees and charges and an increase in staff after hours services.

If your dog is found wandering you will may receive an expiation and you will be required to pay the impoundment fees incurred.

As a dog owner, to avoid these costs, you are encouraged to ensure your pet is secure in your yard and is not left to roam the local streets.

**MYSTERY BUS TOURS:**

**Mystery Tour:** Wednesday 10 June 9am-4.30pm

**Movie and Shopping Trip:** Wednesday 24 June 9am-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 9am 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.

**WHAT'S ON @ THE CENTRE / LIBRARY**

**Cooking for Blokes** - Winter Warmers: Soups & Stews

Monday 22 June: 10.30 - 1pm

Impress your mates with your newfound skills! You won't believe how simple it really is!

\$15 includes all ingredients and a shared meal.

Book at the Visitor Information Centre – 8558 0240

Enquiries to The Community Centre – 8558 0262



**Technology Talk**

Monday 29 June: 1 – 3pm

“Tips and Tricks on using your iPad or iPhone”

Learn about Photos, App Store, attaching documents to emails, your Apple ID & much more

Bring your own iPad/iPhone to the Talk

Gold coin donation

Enquiries to Joyanne on 1300 224 477



**Author Event** - Books & Words and the Yankalilla Library bring you author Liz Harfull -

Tales from a Writer's Life. Liz is the best-selling author of The Australian Blue Ribbon

Cook Book; Women of the Land and Almost an Island: the Story of Robe.

Bookings are essential with numbers limited.

**When:** Friday 22 May 6.00pm for 6.30pm

**Where:** Yankalilla Library 181 Main South Road Yankalilla

**Tickets:** Available from the Visitors Information Centre

**Cost:** \$10 with light refreshments included



**Children's Story Time** – Every Tuesday in the Library at 10.30am. No need to book just come and enjoy the fun!

**Interested in local or family history?** The Yankalilla & District Historical Society can assist you each Wednesday at 10am at the Yankalilla Library – just drop in and have a chat.

**Volunteers** – It's National Volunteer Week 11-17 May so a big thank you to the Yankalilla library volunteers who support us in delivering Library services to you. Your contribution is much appreciated.

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