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IMPLEMENTING THE SOUTHERN FLEURIEU COASTAL ACTION PLAN THROUGH THE GREEN ARMY

In partnership with the Adelaide and Mt Lofty Range Natural Resource Management Board, Council has been successful in gaining a Green Army project grant.

Corey Jackson (Coast, Estuary and Marine Officer) will manage the project that will see the team implement actions in the Southern Fleurieu Coastal Action Plan and Conservation Priority Study. Priority actions for the Green Army are raising community capacity to conserve the natural coastal heritage, monitor the vulnerable Hooded Plover, continue re-vegetation programs to improve habitat for native butterflies and to control red alert weeds. The project focus will be on the Normanville heritage-listed sand dunes and the Cape Jervis Coastal Reserves which are State biodiversity hot spots. This project will run from March to September.

The Federally-funded Green Army program provides opportunities for a team of 10 young Australians aged 17-24 years to gain training and experience in environment and heritage conservation, while participating in projects that generate real benefits for the local community and the environment.



Cape Jervis



Normanville Sand Dunes



MAYOR'S CORNER

Since the elections and the forming of the new council the Chief Executive has had us busy on training and planning so that we can have things in place to be proactive with the running and finances of the region. Once the plan is finalised I will be aiming to stick to it, "if it is in the plan it will get done if funding allows". What this means is that there are 2 areas, one is the running and maintaining of our region and assets, the other is "a wish list" if funding is available and part of my job is to find some buckets of money, other than rates, to be able to achieve things on the list.

Our region loses out with regards to funding due to the census being done on a week night in winter, which means that the high percentages of visitors we have to cater for are not counted in our resident numbers. The Chief Executive and I are working on ways to change the way our region is viewed for grant funding which could help our cause. In future publications I hope to give you a map of where we are, what we have achieved and where we are going.

Since becoming Mayor I have been at the office every day I have had available. This has been a great success as I have got to know the staff and I thank and appreciate the way they have accepted my presence. The best part is seeing how the business operates and how busy the hive really is. I have experienced the real concern these people have for our community and region. I have also come to appreciate why some things take time to get through the system and legislation is the big brother that dictates a lot of this.

I have had a chance to discuss with staff things like policy making, Council Agendas and Minutes, In the Loop and other processes and documents, to see if there are better formats or ways in doing and presenting things.

Elected members have been very active getting to know about the Development Plan, business activities, signage and promotion of the region, recreational and community events, and connecting with you, the community.

One initiative from Councillors Preston and Williams is **"The listening post"**

Thursday 26 March 10am – 11.30pm Yankalilla Skate Park

If you as a community have any constructive suggestions please forward them on to me.

I invite you, our community, to come in for a chat. To make an appointment contact Rachael at the office on 8558 0200 or myself on 0419 616 704 or by e-mail glenrowlands@yankalilla.sa.gov.au

YANKALILLA COUNCIL JUMP ON THE BUS

The safety of our local youth and bus routes has provoked council review and become a passionate topic of conversation for Willunga Charter operator, Ben Romanowski. With winter fast approaching, the operations team is revisiting bus routes and shelters to ensure there is a safe point of drop off and collection for all students.

The Council in their review have recognised that there are points along the route that are prone to danger. Buses at times have no choice but to stop in the middle of a 100km/h road to pick up and drop off children. The Council understands this is extremely dangerous and places our road user at risk and are therefore planning and preparing for change with haste.

Manager Operations, Warren Kaeding, who witnessed the route first hand said, "When the state of the bus route was brought to my attention I was extremely concerned and have made it a high priority on our schedule."

"Even though Council recognises and are attending to the road pickup/drop off points, all drivers must adhere to their speed limits and awareness when approaching a school bus" said Mayor Glen Rowlands.

The concern for safety is something the Council does not treat lightly and will work closely with residents to make certain that their children are not in danger and have a sheltered and safe area to wait for their transport.



CLASSIC ADELAIDE RALLY

Proposal to create an 'iconic' stage in the Yankalilla District

In October 2015 the much loved Classic Adelaide Rally will be revived and it has been proposed that the Rally's most significant stage will be held in the Yankalilla District. The most picturesque sections of Torrens Vale Road, Parawa Road, Range Road and Main South Road will make up a 46km competitive tarmac stage, shining the spotlight on the District's spectacular landscape and coastline and raising our profile as a great touring destination. There's also plans for a second competitive stage along Reservoir Road, north of the Myponga Reservoir and a lunch stop at the Yankalilla Memorial Park Oval for approximately 600 crew members, as well as spectators.

This proposal offers our District's businesses and community groups the opportunity to get 'a slice of the action' and it will inject the vibrancy and excitement that comes with being a part of one of South Australia's major events. But we understand that this comes hand-in-hand with the inconvenience of road closures of up to 4.5 hours.

Property owners along the proposed routes will be notified directly by mail and offered the opportunity to work through their concerns. We are also encouraging the broader community to get in touch with us to share ideas about how any inconveniences can be minimised and we are keen to speak to anyone who wants to make comment. If you're a community group or business person with ideas about how to get more involved with the Classic Adelaide Rally we would also like to hear from you.

For more information go to www.yoursayyankalilla.com.au or contact Tim Possingham at Classic Adelaide Rally on 0417 171 730 or tim@soonmarketing.com.au. Council's contact is Amber Nancarrow 8558 0200.

DRAFT REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH PLAN

Draft Regional Public Health Plan

A Draft Regional Public Health Plan entitled "Wellbeing in our community: a public health plan for our region" has been developed through the Southern and Hills Local Government Association for the following six Local Councils:

Adelaide Hills Council	Alexandrina Council
Kangaroo Island Council	District Council of Mount Barker
City of Victor Harbor	District Council of Yankalilla

The Public Health Plan is a requirement of the South Australian Public Health Act 2011 and will assist the Local Councils to continue to provide healthy environments and support healthy lifestyles across the region. The Public Health Plan will also support planning and partnerships relating to public health.

Visit 'My Say Alexandrina' at <http://mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/publichealth>, or Council's customer service counter to view the Draft Plan and provide feedback. Public consultation will be conducted in March.

For further information please call Anne Liddell, Alexandrina Council on 8555 7000.

PEOPLE FOR COMMUNITY SKILLS REGISTER

Haven't the time to commit to regular volunteering but have often thought you would like to give something back to our community using your skills, interests and/or expertise? Council wants to develop the 'People for Community' skills register to connect with people with a desire to put their skills and expertise to use in the community.

What does that mean?

Perhaps you are, or have been a teacher, builder, computer technician, business manager, musician or artist, employed part time, full time (but can find a few hours if needed), or retired or unemployed. You have skills that could be used, by negotiation, for others who need mentoring or practical advice to find work or meaningful activity. An example of practical assistance through such a register may be the offer of assistance in preparation of job applications, and if requested, a trial job interview. The 'People for Community' skills register will enable some matching to be coordinated to assist individuals, community groups or even businesses based on the skills registered and the need in the community.

To register your interest, please email ambnancarrow@yankalilla.sa.gov.au or phone Amber Nancarrow on 8558 0200.

Dates to Remember

3 March: 4pm Strategic Directions

17 March: 4pm Council, Public Forum at 4.30pm

CARRICKALINGA PLANNING**Carrickalinga Planning – Brown Road Development Plan Amendment UPDATE**

Council is undertaking a privately funded Development Plan Amendment (DPA) process to investigate the possible rezoning of a small portion of land located on the northern edge of Carrickalinga at Brown Road from Primary Industry to Residential Zoning. Public consultation was undertaken in accordance with legislative requirements and closed in June 2014. A Public meeting was also held to hear verbal submissions in July 2014. 45 written submissions have been received, and a petition (in support) has also been lodged. Work on the DPA was suspended in the lead up to the November 2014 elections, to enable an Internal Review of the process to be undertaken. This has been completed and Council is continuing with the process with the next step to review the public submissions and make a decision on proceeding further with the DPA. The issue of the visual impact of future residential development within this portion of the backdrop to Carrickalinga was an issue of concern for many respondents and an independent Visual and Landscape Assessment report was prepared by Wax Design, Landscape Architects.

Copies of the Summary and Response to Public Submissions, and the Wax Design report can be downloaded from the update article on Council's website.

UPDATING COUNCIL'S DEVELOPMENT PLAN - OUR PRIORITIES

Since 2008, Council has initiated a number of planning reform processes that have worked with the community to identify our local values and the planning responses needed to achieve them. This work resulted in Stages 1 and 2 of the District 30 Year Plan and continuing work on the planning responses to meet the needs of our growing population for the townships of Yankalilla, Normanville and Carrickalinga. All of this planning strategy work was summarised and priorities established within a review process pursuant to Section 30 of the Development Act 1993. After consulting with the community for over 2 months at the end of 2013 and working through the public and government agency submissions, the priorities for updating the Yankalilla Development Plan over the next 5 years have been established. The final Strategic Directions Report which outlines our planning reform priorities was adopted by Council in December 2014 and this has been forwarded to the Minister for Planning to seek agreement on those priorities.

A copy of the Strategic Directions Report can be found on Council's website with a link under an update article titled UPDATING OUR PLANNING POLICY.

WIRRINA WATER BECOMES CLEARER

Wirrina Cove has become a major focus of the Council, with rising concerns for the health, safety and financial maintenance of the water and sewerage plant into the future. The council has made a conscious effort to review the onsite plant operations with the help of Adelaide University masters level students Ryan Wilson and Oliver Ciancio, who have thoroughly broken down the costs of the project. Manager Operations, Warren Kaeding, alongside ESCOSA (Essential Services Commission of South Australia), EPA (Environmental Protection Authority) and the Department of Health met to discuss how the quality of water can be maintained whilst the costs to both the council and residents are reduced. The introduction of an automated system will streamline the management process and alert the council only when there is a complication. Mr Kaeding said, "We needed to find a more cost effective way of managing the plant whilst ensuring its product is safe for consumption." Mayor Glen Rowlands notes that "Innovation and efficiencies are high on our lists so we have made a conscious effort to thoroughly review maintenance costs, to highlight where savings can be made for our ratepayers." It is anticipated that once the system is automated the costs of maintaining the plant will be noticeably reduced. Maintenance on minor complications at present can take weeks to rectify, due to failed reporting systems. Automation will eliminate the need for continual oversight and maintenance will be proactive rather than reactive. In order to protect the safety of our community, automatic testing of water quality will occur. This will ensure that water meets all health and safety standards and demands a lot less hands-on intervention. This ultimately will reduce costs and in the future reduce rate payments.

Council staff are working tirelessly on this project with the help of various stakeholders. To ensure that the process happens in a timely and efficient manner, Warren will monitor the progress closely and review updates as they happen.