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Supplementary Election – Light Ward: Nomination to Stand as a Council Member

Nominations Close on 12 noon Thursday 7 May 2015

Nominating to become a member of Council is an important decision. In doing so, candidates nominate to stand as a representative of their community for a four year term.

You must be either on the house of assembly roll for our District or have applied and eligible to be on Council's Voters Roll.

Performing in this role will involve working long hours and on occasions, being required to deal with very important matters that impact community members. However, there is also the personal satisfaction that you will gain from playing an important part in developing a better community for the future. It is a rewarding role and well worth considering. Being a Council Member can be demanding and requires dealing with complicated matters. Although you can be sure that other Council Members and the staff will help, new Council Members need to be prepared to learn a lot, very fast. To assist prospective candidates to consider what is needed to prepare for becoming a Council Member the Local Government Association has prepared a document titled "So you want to be on Council" available from our website or at the Council Office.

For further information contact Council on 8558 0200.

Postal ballot papers for voting will be sent to electors Wednesday 20-Tuesday 26 May

Close of Voting - 12 noon Tuesday 9 June 2015

FESTIVAL FLEURIEU

This year's Festival Fleurieu has concluded and once again it was a resounding success. Council thanks Jill Langford, Greg Mackie and all the team of hardworking volunteers for their tireless energy and for staging another festival of which we can all be proud.

Starting with the opening street party when His Excellency, our Governor Hieu Van Le graced us with his presence, to the wonderful finale at Leonard's Mill, and everything in between – this was an outstanding festival.



MAYOR'S CORNER

The strategic plan councillors have been working on is out there for your consideration. Get a copy and please respond so we know that our thinking is in line with yours. While you are doing that the budget process for the next financial year is getting put together by staff and councillors. The budget connects with the strategic plan which guides the staff in setting work plans for what we want done. As part of the budget process we have considered the rating structure for 2015/16. The final recommendations of the rate review didn't present a clear plan to improve equity so Council is recommending for the 2015/16 year to be the same as 2014/15. In June/July 2015 Council will diligently drill down into the review report to give the community good time to consider 2016/17 rating. The Audit Committee findings are also an important part of this process and seeing that the new Audit Committee is still finding its way, Council shouldn't be too quick making un-informed decisions. There has been some discussion concerning the various areas of our district and the condition of our roads is always visited. I want to inform you that in the last edition of the Loop there was an article about road safety. The approach by staff to investigate and trial different avenues for economic outcomes is commendable. To promote them as a game-changing way to improve our road building and maintenance program before a complete year or 2 of data to verify its sustainability is not the way I do business. The program is being monitored closely and your feedback would be appreciated. I will also assure you that your personal feedback will not be publicly quoted in media.

Development Applications

There has been a lot of discussion in the community about some recent development approvals made by Council. I would like to give you an insight into the process. Over a number of years Council has involved the community in identifying how the district should develop into the future. The Minister for Planning has undertaken a similar process for Greater Adelaide, and our planning controls must align with State and Regional Planning systems. When development applications are assessed by staff and when needed, our Development Assessment Panel is used, the planning principles contained within the Development Plan are taken into consideration to guide new development. I might add that these can be applied with some flexibility. Councillors can't get involved in this process. Councils have the role under the Development Act to set planning policy. Development assessment functions are carried out by professional officers within Council administration and in certain circumstances, local Development Assessment Panels (DAPs). By legislation, Council cannot direct its Development Assessment Panel in how it will assess an application or make any particular decision. The legislation defines a clear role for officers and members of DAPs to have regard to the relevant planning principles as contained within the local Development Plan in assessing applications. DAP members are also subject to a strict Ministerial Code of Conduct that prevents them from engaging in public debate on matters that are before them for assessment. The DAP meet as required and their meetings are open to the public to attend. Anyone wishing to attend may hear the debate on matters advertised on the website. Verbal submissions to the Panel are (by legislation) limited to those who lodged representations arising from being notified of the application. This is part of a legal process that is defined within the Development Act 1993.

ARCHAEOLOGY IN BUNGALA PARK

The Yankalilla Historical Society is excited to announce an upcoming autumn project which promises to be both interesting and to 'value-add' to our area culturally and economically. This collaborative project centred in the Bungala Linear Park involves Yankalilla Council, the Yankalilla Historical Society, Flinders University and Senior School students from Yankalilla Area School.

The intention is to complete a thorough historical/archaeological survey, exploring the site from times of first colonial settlement in the region. As the narratives of the early settlers in the 1800s unfurl we hope to be able to build a comprehensive understanding of the places and spaces we continue to find so significant to us in the 2000s. A number of different methodologies will be used including ground penetrating radar to map early building locations and other evidence of past settlement.

HAVE YOUR SAY: 2015/16 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN

Council's Annual Business Plan highlights our planned income and expenditure for the upcoming financial year, together with identifying any major project work and/or changes to services. A summary is included as a loose brochure in this copy of Yankalilla Regional News.

Public Consultation on the draft 2015/16 Annual Business Plan has commenced for a six week period, and written submissions can be lodged prior to 5.00pm on Tuesday 16 June 2015.

The following sessions and public meetings have been scheduled to assist ratepayers in becoming informed about the Annual Business Plan and enable those who are interested to make submissions:

Public Forum for non-resident ratepayers at Burnside Community Centre, 401 Greenhill Road, Tusmore at 6pm on Wednesday 20 May 2015. Guest speakers, Chris Gregory, Community Affairs Manager at NBN Co and Dan Proctor will speak on the roll-out of high speed broadband within our district.

Public Forums at the Council Chambers, 1 Charles Street, Yankalilla at 3pm-4pm and 6pm-7pm on Friday 5 June 2015.

Public Meeting at the Council Chambers, 1 Charles Street, Yankalilla from 5.30pm-6.30pm on Tuesday 16 June 2015.

Visit www.yoursayyankalilla.com.au for full details and copies of the draft plan.

SUCCESSFUL YANKALILLA COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS EVENT

More than 60 local service providers, community members and school children attended the Community Connections event on 20 March at the Yankalilla Sporting Club. The event was organised by SAFKI Medicare Local and featured a Café Co-Create session, aimed to promote constructive dialogue, collaborative learning and build relationships within the Yankalilla Community and health providers.

After the workshop everyone joined more community members and local school children for a BBQ lunch that was supplied by Keep It Corka group as well as a Rock Climbing Wall on the oval. Local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women demonstrated weaving, emu earring making and Aboriginal artwork. Health and community services had information stalls which provided information on local support services available to the Yankalilla and surrounding communities.

The day also acknowledged National Close the Gap Day by encouraging people to sign the pledge to achieve health equality for Indigenous Australians and nearly 50 signatures were pledged. Local Aboriginal artist, Alan Sumner, created a piece of artwork with the help of some of the participants. This artwork will be donated back to the community.

Yankalilla Council Chief Executive, Adrian Skull said 'this has been a great event, something the community has needed'. Adrian hopes that the momentum and connections that were created at this event are able to continue and improve coordination of services in the local area.

A full report on the outcomes of the Café Co-Create will be available shortly and presented to the organisations involved in the day. If you are interested in receiving a copy of this report please contact Claire Taylor at the Council on 8558 0264.

YANKALILLA DISTRICT CEMETERY

Council have been preparing project plans for upgrading the Yankalilla Cemetery. The area is in need of a face lift and beautification, along with correcting some issues such as drainage, access and functionality. Geof Nairn, architect and designer of Centennial Park Cemetery has been engaged to assist council in providing the scope to transform this asset into an area of beauty and community pride.

Residents will notice that the removal of a small number of pine trees has commenced.

This is the first step in a large project that will take approximately 4 years to complete.

We will be seeking assistance of the community throughout the project as well as targeting grant funding. A communication forum with the community is being scheduled for May when the plans and project will be unveiled.



Dates to Remember

Tuesday 5: Strategic Directions Committee 4pm

Tuesday 19: Council Meeting 4pm

Thursday 26: Listening Post, Normanville Shops 10-11.30am

CAPE JERVIS DINGHY PROJECT

The community at Cape Jervis have been working on a unique entry statement to the township – a Dinghy, representing the town's fishing and boating culture. Donated by Joan & Angelo Russo, the Dinghy has been made ready for tiling and work is well underway. Cape Jervis community members who wish to assist are more than welcome. Please contact Joan Russo or Heather Teackle.

Residents of the district, when you're passing the volunteers please support their work with a toot!. They are doing some amazing work.

**MYSTERY BUS TOURS:**

Mystery Tour: Wednesday 13 May 9am-4.30pm

Movie and Shopping Trip: Wednesday 27 May 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

New Program in second term: Pre- schoolers, parents and carers join in the fun with our new story reading, rhyme and activities.

Where: Yankalilla Library – The Centre 181 Main South Road Yankalilla

When: every Tuesday morning at 10.30am during school term beginning Tuesday 28 April.

No need to book, just come to the Library. For more information phone the Library on 8558 2043 or check out the Library's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/yankalillacommunitylibrary

Save Energy and Money: borrow the Home Energy Toolkit from the library with a loan time of 2 weeks. Not a member? Join for free just bring some ID to the Library.

About Time: Celebrate South Australia's History and pick up your History Festival Event Program "About Time" from the Library. Yankalilla & District Historical Society are hosting a photographic exhibition at the Centre throughout May.

New Workshop - 'COOKING FOR BLOKES' 'Easy Italian'

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

Monday 18 May from 10.30-1pm

\$15 includes all ingredients and a shared meal.

Book at the Visitor Information Centre – 8558 0240, enquiries to the Community Centre – 8558 0262

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS

Grade and roll James Track, patching where required

Repair sections of Mt Scrub Road

Grading: Nosworthy Road, Tappanappa Road, Tent Rock Road and Blowhole Road

Tree Trimming: Sections of Mt Scrub Road

Clean out drains and culverts where needed

These works are weather dependent. Changes may occur in damp conditions.

TAFE TRAINING IN YANKALILLA

TAFE SA are running FREE training sessions in our local area during May and June

Social Media: Learn how to establish a social networking presence using social media tools and applications

Monday 25 May 2015, 10:00am to 4:00pm. Yankalilla Community Library, 181 Main South Road, Yankalilla

Town Ambassador: Know your region and deliver great customer service to boost tourism in your region

Tuesday 2 June 2015, 10:00am to 4:00pm. Normanville Surf Life Saving Club, Foreshore Normanville

Food Safety/Handling: Know your responsibilities when it comes to serving food for your customers

Tuesday 9 June 2015, 4:00pm - 7:00pm. Smiling Samoyed Brewery, Myponga

Bookings Essential: Contact Pamela Wood 8348 2641 or email pamela.wood@tafesa.edu.au

