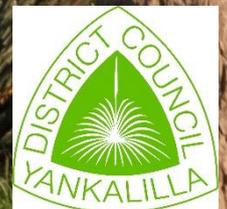
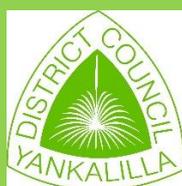


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Pursuant to Section 131 of the Local Government Act 1999 Council must, on or before 30 November each year, prepare and adopt an annual report relating to the operations of the council for the financial year ending on the preceding 30 June.

This document presents the Annual Report for the District Council of Yankalilla for the 2017/18 financial year.



2017/18 Annual Report

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1. Overview

The District Council of Yankalilla is one hour from Adelaide and stewards some 750 square kms of South Australia's glorious Fleurieu Peninsula. Nature is supreme in this part of the world. From the high rainfall dairy country of Parawa to lush pine forests and pristine conservation parks, there's more than 600kms of roadways to explore. We have 2,700kms of seasonal and permanent watercourses, 80kms of rugged coastline where the hills meet the sea and our rivers run into the cooling waters of Gulf St Vincent and Backstairs Passage. With 25kms of clean sandy beaches, it's no wonder that around 5,200 people choose to call this place home – farmers, artists, retirees and many thousands more weekend residents and seasonal holiday-makers.

Due to its high rainfall, productive soils and attractive landscape, the southern Fleurieu region has a long history of both Indigenous and European settlement. Indigenous people, who are the traditional owners of the land, first inhabited much of the District Council of Yankalilla.

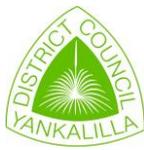
Many names in the district, including the townships of Yankalilla, Carrickalinga and Myponga, originate from the Kurna language. The Kurna, Ngarrindjeri and Ramindjeri peoples all have active native title claims pursuant to the Native Title Act under assessment, and Council is actively participating in their resolution.

The area was settled by Europeans in the early 1830s and was identified as a possible location for South Australia's capital city. The township of Yankalilla was established in 1839 and officially proclaimed in 1854. The district was a productive agricultural area in the early years of settlement, providing livestock, grain and flour for the colony.

The 2016 Census (conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics) identified the estimated resident population of the district to be 5,251 people. Our population continues to grow – during the past 10 years we have grown 23.7 per cent, compared with 10.3 per cent growth for the whole state.

A significant part-time population, who own holiday homes within our area, is not officially counted. More than 40 percent of dwellings in the district were listed as unoccupied at the time of the 2016 census. During peak holiday periods, population numbers swell considerably as part-time residents and visitors make use of holiday homes and tourist accommodation.





2. From the Mayor

I have had the privilege of serving you as your Mayor for the past four years. As this term of Council comes to a close, I congratulate the elected members on the way they approached the business, listening to the community, bringing necessary changes to the way Council conducted business as well as empowering its people. There have been many tasks dealt with and management plans to refer to:

- Council now knows what and where its assets are, and the life expectancy of the assets.
- We now have a stormwater management plan that can now be used to guide changes to the quality of the discharge into Gulf St Vincent.
- The concept of the Bungala Linear Park is again a project.
- The large investment into the road network has addressed many years of backlog.
- Domestic waste has been a keen focus in this budget and we now have the necessary tools to become better recyclers.

With a \$435,000 deficit, our first budget (Annual Business Plan 2015/16) was a daunting task. We faced questions about achieving the expectations in the budget, as well as how to find savings and efficiencies across the business. Since then, there has been surplus budgets and a large amount of savings and efficiencies bought about. As part of the budget consultation we visited six communities including one in the city. It was great to connect with you and hear of your expectations.

The Council measures its achievements and financial performance through the following processes:

- Regular financial reporting to the Executive and Council.
- Monthly corporate performance report to Executive and Council within the CEO Report.
- Quarterly Strategic Plan updates of progress to the Council.
- Annual review of the long-term financial plan.
- Production of the Annual Report with audited financial statements.
- Budget reviews in accordance with legislation.
- Progress reports against the Annual Business Plan to Council within the CEO Report.

- Individual staff performance plans.
- Monitoring and reporting customer request and complaint systems.
- Regular reporting to the Audit Committee in accordance to the Audit Committee terms of reference.
- Review and advice by the Audit Committee independent members, Jeffery Lucy and David Panter.

Monitoring performance is critical in ensuring that Council is contributing to the achievement of the District Council of Yankalilla Strategic Plan 2014-2018 *Looking to the Horizon*. Council's Strategic Planning Framework supports Council in measuring the achievements of Council's vision as well as monitoring the delivery of services and projects.

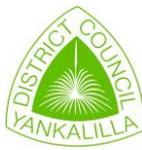
Risk is always the enemy of any business whether it be financial, environmental, social, or long-term sustainability. Council-operated businesses have been a point of discussion with a focus on Wirrina water and the Community Wastewater Management System.(CWMS). Council has an offer on the table from SA Water wishing to acquire our water business. While this is ongoing the elected members and administration have learnt a lot about this part of the business.

The investment into a new library digital hub has been moving through the decision-making process with concept plans discussed with the community. A submission to the Federal Government for 50% funding failed and so it is in the hands of the next Council, along with more broad development issues facing this region.

The work of this Council has brought about long-term sustainability, good political relationships across Federal and State Governments, as well as with Councils across the State. With good community expectations, good long-term vision policies, this region has a very bright future.



Glen Rowlands
Mayor 2014 - 2018



3. Council Members

During 2017/18, Council comprised nine councillors representing two wards. Light Ward had five councillors to represent the townships of Yankalilla, Normanville and Carrickalinga, approximately 60 percent of the district’s population. Field Ward had four councillors to represent the remaining rural and coastal residents and ratepayers. The nine councillors collectively elect one of themselves as the Mayor.

Mayor Glen Rowlands
Light Ward



Council Area Map



Field Ward

Deputy Mayor Janet Jones
Councillor Simon Rothwell



Councillor Peter O’Neil
Councillor David Olsson



Field Ward Map:



Light Ward

Councillor Rachel Preston
Councillor Bruce Spilsbury



Councillor Leonie Fitzgerald
Councillor Rick Williams



Light Ward Map:





4. Council

Council Process

The District Council of Yankalilla delivers a vast range of services and it is important that those services respond to the needs of the community. The Mayor and councillors act as the democratic link between the Council administration and the community it serves, to make sure citizens' voices are heard.



All major policy decisions are made by elected Councillors, who then delegate the day-to-day running of the Council to its administration. It is the administration's job to turn the councillors' decisions regarding the Council's policies and priorities into action.

Council Meetings

Council meetings were held on the third Tuesday of each month at 4pm and were open to the public. A public forum where ratepayers, residents and others may address or question Council takes place soon after each Council meeting starts.

Special meetings are called as needed to address urgent matters before the next ordinary meeting of Council. Special meetings are open to the public.

Notices of meetings and agendas are available for public viewing at the Council office or on Council's website, three clear days before each meeting date.

Minutes of all public meetings are also available at the Council office and on Council's website.

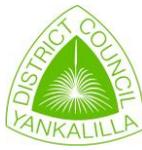
Representation

State legislation requires Council to review its electoral representation at least once every eight years. The last review for the district was completed in March 2017, resulting in the retention of the current structure of Council and a minor re-alignment between Light and Field to achieve an equitable number of electors per Councillor.

The next scheduled Representation Review will be undertaken in 2024.

Council's representation quota is currently 462 (the amount ascertained by dividing the number of electors for the area of the Council by the number of members who constitute the Council). Details of the quota of electors per councillor, and a comparison with other South Australian councils of a similar size, appear in the table below.

Council	No of Electors	Mayor or Chairperson	No of Councillors	No of Wards	Quota
Barunga West District Council	1,987	Chairperson	9	0	220
Ceduna District Council	2,116	Mayor	8	0	264
Goyder Regional Council	3,045	Chairperson	7	4	435
Kangaroo Island Council	3,389	Mayor	9	0	376
Kingston District Council	1,892	Mayor	7	0	270
Lower Eyre Peninsula District Council	3,617	Chairperson	7	0	516
Mt. Remarkable District Council	2,167	Chairperson	7	2	309
Northern Areas Council	3,417	Chairperson	9	4	379
Southern Mallee District Council	1,395	Chairperson	9	2	155
Tumby Bay District Council	2,038	Chairperson	7	0	291
Yankalilla District Council	4,163	Chairperson	9	2	462



5. Committees

Council Committees are created under Section 41 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, except for the Development Assessment Panel which is established under Section 56A of the *Development Act 1993*.

Council may establish committees to:

- Assist Council in the performance of its functions
- Inquire into, and report to Council on, matters within the ambit of Council’s responsibilities
- Provide advice to Council
- Exercise, perform or discharge delegated powers, functions or duties.

When establishing a committee, Council must determine the reporting and accountability requirements for the Committee.

All meetings are held at the District Council of Yankalilla – 1 Charles Street Yankalilla.

Council Assessment Panel

Council’s Development Assessment Panel (DAP) was originally established under section 56A of the *Development Act 1993* and *Development Regulations 2008*. The *Planning Development and Infrastructure Act 2017* introduced a change to this, establishing the Council Assessment Panel (CAP) in October 2017.

Membership of the CAP also changed as a result of the new legislation, reducing the number of elected members (councillors) from 3 to 1. This panel considers all development applications that are not dealt with by staff as delegated by Council.

The DAP/CAP met eleven times during 2017/18 and comprises of four independent members, including the presiding member, and three elected members (till October 2017), then one elected member (Cr Rick Williams from October 2017 onwards) and are paid an allowance as follows:

Name	Position	Allowance per Meeting
Simon Weidenhofer	Presiding Member	\$400
Kate Shierlaw	Deputy Presiding	\$350
Damian Dawson	Independent Member	\$350
Sue Giles	Independent Member	\$350
Bruce Spilsbury	Councillor	\$350
Peter O’Neil	Councillor	\$350
Rick Williams	Councillor	\$350

Council has established the following committees under Section 41 of the *Local Government Act 1999*:

Audit Committee

Required by legislation, audit committees are part of the financial reporting framework of Council and oversee and monitor the management of the financial reporting process.

In 2017/18 the Audit Committee met three times.

Membership comprises of four elected members, an independent presiding officer and an independent member as follows:

Name	Position	Allowance per Meeting
Jeffery Lucy	Presiding Member	\$1,000
David Panter	Independent Member	\$300
Glen Rowlands	Councillor	Nil
Bruce Spilsbury	Councillor	Nil
Peter O’Neil	Councillor	Nil



Strategic Directions Committee

Council established this committee in June 2013 to replace both the Strategic Planning and Development Committee and the Community Development and Support Committee. Membership comprises all elected members, without any additional allowances and its role includes:

- developing plans and budgets for implementation of Council’s goals
- community consultation
- Developing policies to support Council in achieving its goals
- advocating on behalf of Council to gain support from other levels of government
- advising Council on matters that will affect its ability to achieve its goals
- providing advice to Council on all aspects of its planning obligations in accordance with Section 101A of the *Development Act 1993*.

The committee did not meet during 2017/18.

Chief Executive Performance and Remuneration Review Committee

The committee consists of three members to review the performance and remuneration of the Chief Executive and make recommendations to Council. The committee meets on an as needed basis. In 2017/18 the committee met on four occasions.

The committee consists of the following members:

Name	Position	Allowance per Meeting
Glen Rowlands	Presiding Member	Nil
Janet Jones	Councillor	Nil
David Olsson	Councillor	Nil

All Section 41 committee meetings are open to the public, except when a committee determines an item must be dealt with ‘in confidence’.

Future dates of the committee meetings are listed on Council’s website, where the agendas and minutes are also published.

6. External Groups

Council participates in several state and regional committees, boards and associations whose operations add value to the district. One or more councillors or staff represent the Council within these groups.

In 2017/18 Council was a member of:

- Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Regional Development Australia
- Fleurieu Peninsula Tourism
- Local Government Association of SA
- Fleurieu Alliance
- Southern & Hills Local Government Association
- Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority
- Fleurieu Community Services Committee
- Kangaroo Island Ports Management Group

7. Subsidiaries

Two of the above groups are formal council subsidiaries, established under Section 43 of the *Local Government Act*.

Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority



The Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority (FRWA) is an authority formed by the member councils of the Fleurieu Peninsula in South Australia to manage their waste and recycling.

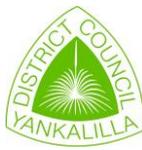
FRWA is responsible for each council's waste operations, including kerbside collection of waste and operation of their waste and recycling depots. FRWA is a fine example of local governments working together to achieve efficiencies across boundaries.

In 2017/18 Council was represented on the Authority by Mayor Glen Rowlands and Chief Operations Officer, Andy Baker.

The Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority Annual Report for 2017/18 is attached at Appendix B.

Members of the Authority are:





Southern & Hills Local Government Association



The Southern & Hills Local Government Association (S&HLGA) was established to improve the wellbeing of the region and its community. The S&HLGA undertakes a regional coordinating, representational, advocating and marketing role on behalf of its member councils.

In 2017/18 Council was represented on the board by the Mayor Glen Rowlands and Chief Executive Nigel Morris.

The S&HLGA Annual Report for 2017/18 is attached at Appendix C).

Members of the Association are:



8. Governance

Councillor and Committee support allowances

All councillors receive a general allowance to compensate them for time spent in meetings and on Council business. The annual amounts are set by an independent remuneration tribunal, are indexed to the Consumer Price Index and are paid monthly in advance.

The 2017/18 provided allowances were as follows:

Position	Amount
Mayor	\$37,719
Deputy Mayor	\$11,787
Councillors	\$9,430

The chairs of Section 41 committees receive an allowance equivalent to that of the Deputy Mayor. In 2017/18 the Mayor was the chair of all Section 41 committees so did not receive an additional allowance.

In addition, councillors may claim reimbursement of travel, internet, telephone and some other expenses, incurred within the Council area.

Full details of the Council policy on allowances and benefits are available on Council's website. A register

of elected member allowances, benefits and reimbursements may be viewed at the Council office.

Freedom of Information requests

Requests for information that are not generally readily available to the public will be considered in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*. Under this legislation the application fee must be forwarded with the completed request form unless the applicant is granted a fee exemption. The fees are set by the State Government and are reviewed each year. Members of the public may apply under Freedom of Information (FOI) for access to the Council's documents concerning his or her personal affairs and for amendment of those records. The application form can be obtained from the Council office or downloaded from the Council's website. Freedom of Information request forms and a list of fees and charges applicable to requests are available from the Council office. The form and the list of charges can also be downloaded from the Council's website at www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au or from the State Records website at www.archives.sa.gov.au.

Freedom of Information enquiries and requests should be addressed to: Freedom of Information Officer, District Council of Yankalilla, PO Box 9, Yankalilla 5203. Applicants will receive a response as soon as possible and within the statutory 30 calendar days of Council receiving the properly completed FOI request form together with the application and search fees. During 2017/18, Council processed two Freedom of Information requests and provided its annual return to State Records.

Internal Review

A person who may be aggrieved by a Council decision can request an internal review of the decision in accordance with Section 270 of the Local Government Act, 1999. During 2017/18 Council received two applications, however one was not required to proceed through the internal review process.

Members of the public also may lodge a complaint with the Ombudsman's Office. These are reported on by the Ombudsman.

Council meetings held in confidence

The Council holds regular meetings throughout the year and some matters, due to their nature, may be closed to the public and considered in confidence as required by Schedule 4 of the *Local Government Act, 1999* and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 22 A*.



The figures below include confidentiality orders from Council, Special Council and all Council committees for 2017/18.

Topic	Number
Section 90(2) Orders to go into confidence	6
Section 90(3) Grounds under which orders were made	
90(3)(a) Personal Affairs	4
90(3)(b) Commercial in confidence	2
Section 91(7) Orders made to keep documents or information confidential	3

List of Mandatory Policies, Codes, Procedures and Registers (Local Government Act, 1999)

Codes

- Code of Conduct – Council Members
- Code of Conduct – Council Employees
- Code of Practice – Meetings and Documents – Access and Procedures

Policies

- Public Consultation Policy
- Complaint Handling
- Elected Members’ Allowances and Benefits
- Elected Members’ Training and Development
- Naming of Public Places
- Order Making
- Procurement
- Request for Service
- Risk Management
- Whistleblower Protection

Procedures

- Internal Review of Council Decisions (Section 270) Procedure
- Council Member Code of Conduct Complaint Handling Procedure
- Request for Service Procedure

Registers

- By-laws
- Community Land
- Delegations
- Fees and Charges (list of)
- Public Roads
- Rates Assessment Record
- Register of Interests – Elected Members, Audit Committee and CAP Independent Members
- Register of Allowances and Benefits – Elected Members

- Register of Remuneration, Salaries and Benefits – Employees
- Register of Interests – Employees

Local Government (Elections) Act, 1999

- Caretaker Policy
- Register of Campaign Donations Returns

Dog and Cat Management Act, 1995 (1.7.2017)

- Register of Dogs and Cats now with DACO (Dog and Cats Online)

National Competition Policy

It is an obligation under the Clause 7 Statement on the Application of Competition Principles to Local Government and under the Competition Principles Agreement for each Council to include in its Annual Report certain relevant information as follows: Council has not commenced or ceased any significant business activity as defined by the Clause 7 statement during this financial year. No complaints were received during 2017/18.

By-laws currently gazetted:

The District Council of Yankalilla by-laws were gazetted in the SA Gazette and expire 25 December 2023. Council’s by-laws are as follows:

- Permits and Penalties
- Local Government Land
- Roads
- Moveable Signs
- Dogs
- Nuisance Caused by Building Sites.
- Foreshore
- Cats (expires 1 January 2026)

Training and development activities for members of the Council

The District Council of Yankalilla is committed to providing training and development for elected members. Training helps ensure Council has accountability and transparency. It assists Council in remaining compliant with all relevant legislation, standards and codes. To broaden their knowledge and skills, elected members have the opportunity to attend training sessions, workshops and conferences throughout the year.

Twelve Elected Member forums were held throughout the year and these were open to the public. Opportunities were also available to attend training sessions provided by the LGA.

9. Administration

Senior management

In 2017/18 the executive management team comprised the Chief Executive, Nigel Morris, and three senior managers.

The Chief Executive is employed on a performance-based contract negotiated with Council. The salary package consists of a cash component along with private use of a vehicle, superannuation, internet and phone reimbursement and the privilege of working in the best region within Australia.

The three senior managers were employed on performance-based contracts. Their packages also include an option of a private use of a vehicle along with internet and phone reimbursements.

Council's publicly available register of salaries and allowances contains full details.

The senior management team and other relevant officers have delegated authority to make operational decisions to administer Council policies. Council officers also formulate policy options and recommendations for Council determination.

Customer service

During 2017/18 the customer service team continued to focus on providing an efficient and knowledgeable service to all members of the public.

We are proud that all our customer service team members are residents of our District, enabling them to understand first-hand the impact of changes to Council services and provide informed local knowledge while dealing with the community over the phone or face-to-face.



Our customer service team received more than 15,600 telephone calls, registering 1,343 customer service requests. In addition, the team processed more than 4,500 payments, provided assistance to countless walk-in enquiries and assisted with 425 property searches.

Of the 1,343 requests lodged, 1,316 (98%) were resolved with the outstanding 27 (2%) being scheduled for completion in 2018/19.



During the year, we implemented a new telephone system, which provides better statistical analysis of calls received and the ability to modify our on-hold messaging. We also installed new community and Council notice boards.

We successfully transferred our dog and cat registration data to the new state system, Dogs and Cats Online (DACO) in time for its launch in July 2018.

Enterprise Agreement

In 2017/18, we began negotiating the indoor staff Enterprise Agreement.

Training and development programs were continued to be offered to staff.

Equal Employment Opportunity

Council continued to run an equal employment opportunity program.



10. Our Performance Highlights

We are proud of our many achievements highlighted throughout this Annual Report. This includes progressing the short- and long-term goals of the District Council of Yankalilla Strategic Plan 2014-2018 *Looking to the Horizon*, which provides a platform and base for Council decision-making.

Council's vision for the District is: 'A Community with an enriched quality of life.'

We aim to achieve our vision by:

- building on our sense of community
- maintaining our built and natural environments
- providing strong leadership and prudent stewardship
- delivering services to our community within a responsible financial framework.

Highlights of our achievements from our four key result areas are detailed below:

Our Community Goal:

A vibrant, cohesive, diverse community providing a healthy, quality lifestyle

Age-Friendly Strategy

Council received \$15,000 Grant from SA Health’s Office for the Ageing and delivered its first ever Age-Friendly Strategy Action Plan that will guide the District to be an age- friendly community over the next four years

Throughout the consultation phase, we held meaningful ‘conversations’ with more than 50 people aged between 54–87 to seek their views on a range of subjects around the theme of people living well in the Yankalilla District.

At 29.1%, the proportion of the Yankalilla population aged 65 and older is higher than the South Australian average of 18.3%. This proportion is projected to increase to 33.8% by 2026. The proportion of the population aged older 55 is 49.3%, markedly higher than the State figure of 31%.



The significance of the district’s older population is a priority for the District Council of Yankalilla, which recognises the importance of engaging with the over-50s to best shape Council’s planning for the future.

Partnership with district schools

A representative from Council’s community services team was invited to become a member of Yankalilla Area School Governing Council, with meetings held twice each school term.

For the Nature Play SA Festival, Council partnered with Myponga Primary School and Myponga Progress Association to plan and deliver a ‘Mud Play Day’; and with Yankalilla Children’s Centre to plan and deliver a Nature Play Experience at the Yankalilla Show.

In 2017/18, Council sponsored the Cows Create Careers project at Yankalilla Area School. This project increases the profile of dairy to the local region and provides an array of career education opportunities, personal skills and knowledge development.

Council partnered with Rapid Bay Primary School on a butterfly art mural project, in which a local artist worked with students and families to paint the rainwater tank above the Rapid Bay Campground. Mayor Rowlands unveiled the artwork on 8 December 2017.



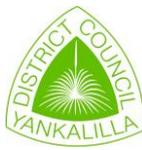
Council funded One Small Change to deliver a series of leadership and wellbeing sessions to Year 9 girls at Yankalilla Area School. These sessions encouraged self-awareness, self-reflection and personal development.

Council also supported Year 10 students to attend a road safety and driver awareness workshop at Victor Harbor and a careers expo at Wayville Showgrounds.

Community participation at The Centre

Council’s community services team coordinated and delivered school holiday, summer holiday and regular event programs including Lego Fun Club, Kids Cooking, Yoga, Craft, Recycling Plastics, Wellbeing, Bugs N Slugs.





Our Community Goal Continued:

A wide range of service agencies, trainers, community groups and individuals hire rooms at the Centre including:

- Work agencies
- Wiggle & Giggle
- Australian Hearing
- Guitar lessons
- Children’s birthday parties
- Books & Words
- Fleurieu Refugee Support Group

Centrelink Access Point

Throughout 2017/18 Centrelink customers have had access to phone, computer, fax and photocopier via the Centrelink Access Point at the Centre.

Centrelink has transitioned to a digital interface and customers are now able to access Centrelink via free public computers and wi-fi at the Yankalilla Library.

Operation Flinders

This program facilitated an eight-day boot camp in the Flinders Ranges for young people between the age of 14 and 18 years. Teams trek 100km, learn bush survival skills and abseiling, discover indigenous culture and the rich history of the Flinders Ranges.

Nine young women from our district participated in the Yankalilla Chapter – ‘Tango 12’ – in May 2018. All funds required to support the trip were raised within our district by Council, local businesses and community groups.

Each participant made a commitment to a personal development plan and most participants have nominated to become peer group mentors for future Operation Flinders events.

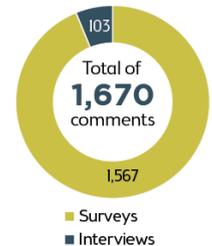
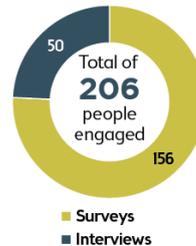
Community Development Action Plan

Council commissioned Intermethod to carry out independent engagement with the community, seeking feedback on what services, facilities and support would improve their appreciation of living in the area.

This engagement included:

- an online and postal survey that was mailed to all property owners and occupiers in the District with feedback received in November and December 2017

- on-street face-to-face engagement (“pop-up” engagement) with interviews carried out in Yankalilla and Normanville town precincts in February 2018
- two workshops with Elected Members and community representatives, exploring key themes, issues, priorities and suggestions.



The survey attracted feedback from 156 people, with a further 50 taking part in the face-to-face interviews. Overall, 206 people took part in this engagement.

The survey also attracted 1,567 comments, with a further 103 comments captured during the interviews, totalling 1,670 comments.

All engagement feedback received formed the basis for developing the Yankalilla District Council’s ‘Draft Community Action Plan’.

The Draft Community Action will be considered by the newly elected body and use to inform Council’s next Strategic Plan.

Regional programs

Council continued to partner with the City of Victor Harbor and the City of Alexandrina for the delivery of Fleurieu Families, Positive Ageing Taskforce, Star Club Program and Southern Volunteering in the Fleurieu region. Through working in partnership, we have delivered a range of services and events in the Yankalilla district including:

- Flourishing on the Fleurieu Expo for older residents and their families
- Picnic in the Park
- governance support for our sporting clubs
- playgroups at Rapid Bay and Myponga
- Families Home Visiting Program
- a Collective Impact Plan for Families, Children and Young People.
- Breaking the Cycle and Child Safe Environments Training
- volunteer recruitment services.



Our Community Goal Continued:

Partnership with TAFE SA

Council continued to partner with TAFE SA to identify training needs and deliver low-cost programs for residents.

This year, The Centre hosted two TAFE SA courses:

- Zero Cloud training
- Wellbeing & Resilience

Yankalilla Council Transport Service

Council provides a community transport program for residents aged 65 years and older, or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders aged 50 years and older. Council provides funding for and maintenance of three vehicles which, with the assistance of nearly 40 volunteers, transport residents across the Fleurieu region as well as to metropolitan Adelaide.

Known as the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) and funded for administration by the Australian Government Department of Health, in 2017/18 the Yankalilla Council Transport Service:

- had 269 active clients registered with an average age of 77
- travelled 95,329 km in total (31,776km per car per year)
- transported 1,164 passengers with 847 return individual trips and an average of 1.37 passengers per trip and 22 passengers per week
- averaged 23.5 trips per car per month
- had 2,328 trips to pick up and/or drop off clients

The service wouldn't operate without the 25 regular volunteer drivers and 39 registered volunteer drivers, with an average age of 71.

Of the appointments, 36.4% are to the Victor Harbor region, 21.8% to the Flinders Medical Centre, 8.2% to the Adelaide city and surrounds, 20% to the local agencies, 7.2% to Noarlunga and 6.3% to other places.

In 2017, the Commonwealth Government introduced a wellness and re-ablement approach to the delivery of services to people in the aged care sector. This approach is closely associated with 'successful ageing' and 'healthy ageing', promoting independence through active engagement in physical, social and cultural activities.

With this focus, the Yankalilla Council Transport Service has expanded its role to offer a wider range of destinations and purposes to our clients who are registered with My Aged Care.

Community Bus

With an ageing community bus and a drop- in usage of the service, Council surveyed the community seeking feedback on how they would like to use a bus service. Based on the feedback, we held several trials to determine the optimal schedules for a Community Bus Service. Following approval from Council, expressions of interest were sought from local businesses able to provide bus services for 2018/19.

The new contract will provide service from Cape Jervis to Victor Harbor every Thursday and Cape Jervis to Noarlunga every Friday.

Residents satisfaction survey

This year Council carried out its first resident satisfaction survey to establish a benchmark of community sentiment towards our key services, facilities and programs. The aim of this project was to create a robust framework and provide a baseline against which future programs can be measured to assess changes implemented by Council based on the feedback.

The audiences were residents, business owners, ratepayers who had contacted Council in the previous 12 months and ratepayers who do not currently reside in the District.

Feedback was collected via targeted telephone surveys, social media posts, online survey and a letter linked to the on-line survey.

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Surveys Completed by	Number of Reponses
Residents (by phone and online):	204
18-24 years (7)	
25-29 years (6)	
30-34 years (11)	
35-49 years (38)	
50-59 years (43)	
60-69 years (61)	
70+ years (38)	
Business Owners and Managers	40
Residents – with recent service interactions	40
Non-resident rate payers	140
Correspondence online	12
Total	436

Our Community Goal Continued:

The following areas received very good feedback:

- Maintaining open areas
- Visitor Information Centre (VIC)
- Library services
- Community centre activities
- Customer services

The highlighted areas of the survey have been collated into an Action Plan for consideration by the new Council, elected in 2018, with the following categories being identified as needing improvement:

- Recycling waste management
- Maintenance of footpaths, walking trails and roads
- Council communication, community support and consultation
- Planning within the District
- Elected Members recognising the best interests of the community.

Some identified concerns have already been addressed within the 2018/19 Annual Business Plan and long-term Budget.

Library

The Yankalilla Library is currently located in The Centre at 181 Main South Road Yankalilla. It is open to the public 31 hours a week, Tuesday to Saturday, and accessible online 24/7 via the library catalogue or the Libraries SA app.

In 2017/2018 the Yankalilla Library had 39,156 local and tourist customers taking full advantage of the library's membership of the One Card Network of public libraries across South Australia. The One Card Network vastly improves accessibility to items around the State. The Yankalilla Library service sent and received almost 34,000 items to satisfy the requests of our own community and those around South Australia.

The Yankalilla Library service was supported by nine volunteers who contributed more than 750 hours to support day-to-day operations, programs for children and adults, technology assistance as well as the Home Library Service.

The Home Library Service began in November 2017 and volunteers delivered items to those customers who are unable to visit the library due to frailty, age, disability, suffering ill health or chronic illness, and is also available for their carers and children.

During 2017/2018, the library shared its focus between improving our collection which was supported by additional funding from Council to support the State Government Materials Grant to purchase stock. We also focused on delivering programs to support multiple forms of literacy and lifelong learning in our community.

Our library collection turnover rate increased from 1.5 in 2014 to 8.22 in June 2018. This means that items in our collection are being borrowed more often, in addition to the high number of items that come through the One Card Network.

The number of programs offered to the community in 2017/18 increased by 32% and participation increased by 260% with more than 1000 people attending events.

Programs delivered included:

- live streaming Adelaide Writers' Week programs
- the introduction of a regular weekly Story Time for preschoolers
- school and summer holiday programs
- regular author and literary events
- introduction of the Little Bang Discovery Club for children 3-5 years, which supported learning through natural curiosity and hands on experiences.



The Home Library Service proved invaluable to those who weren't able to get out

The library's ongoing partnership with the Yankalilla and District Historical Society was demonstrated in hosted weekly sessions in the library for local and family history, bi-monthly history presentations and events for the SA History Festival.

Our Community Goal Continued:

Arts and Culture

The District Council of Yankalilla (DCY) partnered with The City of Victor Harbor and Country Arts SA to employ its first Arts and Cultural Facilitator. Peta Johnston commenced in December, 2017. February 2018 saw the establishment of an Arts and Cultural Advisory Group consisting of eight local artists and arts advocates. The group is working to create an Arts and Cultural Policy for the District. These have been significant steps toward the District acknowledging the importance of supporting and promoting arts and culture in our district.

A major project was Council's support of the Country Arts SA "Drawing on Country" - a program run in South Australia, through Country Arts SA, for approximately 10 years and offered in Yankalilla for the first time this year. This program enabled 23 local novice, emerging and established artists to spend the day at Bungala Park, working with local professional artist Barbara Pettigrew to create work inspired by their local environment. The results of this day were presented at The Centre as a part of the 2018 SALA Festival.



An extension of the Drawing on Country Program was in the creation of the Bungala Park Glass work. In March this year, DCY commissioned Llewelyn Ash to take excerpts from the artwork created to produce a design for artwork which enhanced and improved the safety of the BBQ glass shelter panels in Bungala Park.

Power Networks SA provided a donation for use specifically in Cape Jervis. Following extensive local community consultation, it was decided the money would be used to create a public art shelter at the corner of James Street and Flinders Drive. This location was identified by residents as the gateway into Cape Jervis and in the mosaic boat project created by local community members and a new tourist sign, supports this choice. A successful application to Arts South

Australia to match the SA Power Networks donation was made and work on this project will begin in 2018/19.

Myponga Playground



The Myponga Progress Association approached Council wanting to establish a playground in the town of Myponga. The Council-owned land on Main South Road was identified as suitable. The association had a design drawn up and engaged a builder to construct the playground.

A nature play playground has been constructed, the barbecue facilities, table and seats have been upgraded and new fencing has been installed to keep the space safe.

The \$90,000 project funded by Local, State and Federal Government, and driven by the Myponga Progress Association, has transformed the once drab and overgrown space on Myponga's Main Street into an exciting nature play space for all ages.

Chip Blitz

In July 2016, the *Dog and Cat Management (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill 2015* was passed in State Parliament. The main changes to the Act included:

- Microchipping – introducing the requirement for certain dogs and cats to be microchipped
- Desexing - introducing the requirement for all new generations of dogs and cats to be desexed
- Breeders – introducing a requirement for anyone who breeds dogs and cats for sale to register as a breeder
- Sellers – introducing a requirement for certain information to be provided to the buyer
- Council powers – councils to have greater powers to administer and enforce the Act including increases in some expiations and penalties
- Assistance dogs – changes to who can accredit animals.

Our Community Goal Continued:

The *Dog and Cat Management Act 2015* came into effect on 1st July 2018.

To assist the transition of requirements of the Act, Council sought to provide occasions of subsidised micro-chipping of dogs and cats.

In August 2017, Council ran a fully funded microchipping day, offering free microchipping for dogs and cats registered (or about to be registered) in the District. Subsequent days offering Council subsidised microchipping of dogs and cats for \$10 took place in April and June 2018. Each day was well attended by local people who took the opportunity to get their fur-friends chipped.



New Littering and Nuisance Legislation

The *Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016* was introduced to help support and enhance amenity values by strengthening local nuisance and litter management services within South Australian communities.

Local nuisance is any adverse impact (e.g. noise, fumes, offensive graffiti) on the value of an area that interferes with the enjoyment of that area by people.

The littering components of the legislation began on 1 February 2017 and the local nuisance provision became effective from 1 July 2017. Councils now have authority to manage nuisance and litter in their local areas.

Relevant Council administration staff attended workshops for training and familiarisation purposes, and various processes were introduced to enable Council to fulfil its role with regards to the Act.

Mobile food vans

Legislation passed in the South Australian Parliament in August 2017 removed the capacity for Council to restrict the number, operating hours and food type sold by mobile food vendors (MFVs) operating within our District. It was made mandatory for Council to grant a permit to a MFVs upon application, subject to regulations.

Council was required to prepare and adopt location rules that set out where, within the Council area, MFVs may operate. Council could either (a) specify that food trucks must not operate within a certain distance of fixed food outlets or could (b) identify specific areas where food trucks may operate.

While Council was not required to perform public consultation on this matter, the administration gave an opportunity for the community to provide feedback between October 2017 and February 2018.

Council opted to create exclusion zones to restrict mobile food vendors from operating within 500m of a fixed (bricks and mortar) food business during the operating hours of the fixed businesses.

Council has now developed a process for issuing permits to people wishing to operate mobile food vans and can assist applicants to meet the requirements of the Act.



Introduction of cat by-law including registration and containment

Due to reforms undertaken by the Dog and Cat Management Board (DCMB) and subsequent changes in legislation, there was a requirement for Council to implement a By-law No 8 - Cats before 1 July 2018 to provide Council's Authorised Persons authority to manage cats within our District.

In July 2017, Council introduced the free non-mandatory registration of cats.

In July 2017, Council commenced the process to draft a new by-law for Cats. Following public consultation and approval from the Minister and the Dog and Cat Management Board, the By-Law came into effect from 1 July 2018.

While compulsory registration was introduced as part of the By-Law, Council further resolved that there would be not acceptable times for cats to be wandering, meaning cats must be contained on their owner's property at all times.

Australia Day

Almost 300 locals and visitors attended the 2018 Australia Day celebrations at Bungala Park.



After guest speaker, Francene Connor (Australia Day Ambassador, above) spoke, Mayor Glen Rowlands conducted a citizenship ceremony for one new Australian citizen to the district.

New citizen, William Bullock.



Locals and visitors turned out dressed in the spirit of the day.



Mayor Rowlands also presented the Australia Day awards as follows:

Community Event of the Year was awarded to the **Second Valley Progress Association: WWI Soldiers Memorial 100 Year Re-enactment.**



Young Citizen of the Year was awarded to **Nicole Filsell** for her wide volunteer involvement in the Show Society, as a recognised Rural Ambassador, Yankalilla Hockey Club, Yankalilla and Delamere Tennis Clubs, Red Cross, Meals on Wheels, CFS and local ecumenical community.



Nerida Edge (Libby) was named **Citizen of the Year** for her more than 12 years of volunteer work with Meals on Wheels, CFS and more recently, the Yankalilla Community Op Shop.



Our Community Goal Continued:

The **Mayor's Award** was presented to **Brian Thorpe** in recognition of his outstanding service to the community.



Service Recognition

A success story for the whole community – the quiet achievers.

Dr Lyn Gardiner and Steve Cracknell were recognised for their many years of service to the Yankalilla District.



Community Grant Recipients for 2017/18 were also presented with their respective cheques to fund their community initiatives.



Our Economic Development Goal:

A robust, prosperous economy that is innovative and adaptable

Fostering business connection

Our team actively supports initiatives of the Fleurieu Coast Business Association (FCBA), such as the *Winter Deals* program, for which the Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre assisted in promotion and distribution.

We coordinated delivery of two in-region training workshops in partnership with SA Tourism Industry Council. Part of the Service Excellence program, the workshops were followed by one-on-one business coaching sessions.

Tourism and Events

Council delivered a range of tourism initiatives during 2017/18 in partnership with the community, local business and Fleurieu Peninsula Tourism. We aim to build on our strengths, such as a compelling natural heritage, plentiful and diverse wildlife and flora, an abundance of unspoilt bushland and a coastline that is unique and a powerful part of our economic and tourism profile.

Tourism in the digital space

Through our team of volunteers, Council continues to update the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (the national platform for digital tourism information on Australia) with attractions and facilities across the Fleurieu Coast.

Our staff members offer help for new operators to list on ATDW and a free listing service for events.

Welcoming tourers

In recognition of the growing numbers and economic impact of long-distance and extended-duration tourers, Council has continued to develop our towns and places to welcome those in motorhomes, RVs and vehicles towing caravans. A long-vehicle parking bay established at Bungala Park is being well utilised, and the Yankalilla dump point continues to receive favourable comments about ease of access and proximity to services.

Visitor information sign upgrades (Cape Jervis, Myponga, Second Valley)

Council recognises tourism as a key driver of the local economy, providing jobs and investment. Council has funded and coordinated new tourist information bay signage for Cape Jervis, Myponga and Second Valley. The signs have been designed to complement the Fleurieu Coast - Made by Nature township signage and are located on major thoroughfares with ample parking.

Council, in partnership with communities - largely through Progress Associations – developed content-rich panels to provide direction and information to visitors wanting to enjoy the attractions of the Fleurieu Coast.



Our Economic Development Goal continued:

Events

Tourism staff helped more than 35 event organisers manage events across the Fleurieu Coast during 2017/18. These included the 2017 Tom Quilty Endurance Ride, Yankalilla Cruise, and the Normanville Beach Classic Volleyball.

The Community Grants program supported and provided funding for Myponga’s Tour Down Under activities and the Christmas Carols.



The Bungala Bridge Fun Run to commemorate the opening of the new pedestrian bridge attracted 63 registrations. A local organising committee is now working to hold an annual fun run.

Council sponsored the 2018 Fleurieu Film Festival with the dual aims of developing new cultural experiences and forging stronger links with the film industry. The first screening of the festival outside McLaren Vale brought more than 300 filmgoers to enjoy a diverse program of short films, local food and wine in the picturesque surrounds of the Yankalilla Golf Course.

District and Township entry signage

After the successful installation of the first two stages of the District gateway and township arrival signs the final stage of the project has now been completed.

District entry signs are now installed at Hindmarsh Tiers Road and Inman Valley Road, complementing those installed at Sellicks Hill, Cape Jervis, Pages Flat and Willow Creek. Township arrival signs have also now been installed at Worrina Cove. Six locality signs were installed at Hay Flat, Torrens Vale, Willow Creek, Silverton, Bald Hill and Deep Creek.

This has been a collaborative project and we would like to thank the local communities for supporting us with their ideas, thoughts and feedback. Their contributions have shaped each township and locality sign to best reflect the character and diversity of each town.

We would also like to thank Exhibition Studios and their team of local contractors for bringing the material supply, manufacture and installation of the signs together on time and on budget.



Our Economic Development Goal continued:

Fleurieu Coast Visitor Information Centre

The Fleurieu Coast Visitor Information Centre (formerly Yankalilla Bay Visitor’s Centre) welcomed 10,730 guests through its doors this year and responded to 8,217 emails, phone calls and social media enquiries.

It was a big year for the Visitor Information Centre (VIC), celebrating its 20th birthday in January with a Summer Twilight Market. The market showcased local producers, artisans and businesses of the Fleurieu Coast. It was a huge success with 659 visitors through our door.



The centre has continued to roll out the “Made by Nature” brand, increasing our range of locally produced items and sourcing sustainable souvenirs and gifts.



The VIC team of staff and volunteers have participated in local and regional familiarisations, including attractions and tourism businesses in Second Valley, Cape Jervis, Wirrina, the Buddhist Temple, Myponga, Historical walks of Yankalilla and Normanville and Kangaroo Island (Sealink).

The museum entry has grown significantly with the entries increasing from 1,354 in 16/17 to 2,419, a 79% growth.

Fleurieu Coast free bike scheme

The scheme is a joint initiative by Council and the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, now wholly managed by Council.

A total of 25 bikes are stationed at three nodes on the Fleurieu Coast – Council Chambers, the Visitor Centre and the Normanville Jetty Caravan Park.

The Fleurieu Coast free bike hire has been well received with a total of 475 hires:

Venue	No. of Hires
Visitor Information Centre	126
Junk Street (now closed)/ Council Chambers	28
Caravan Park	321
Total Bikes Hired	475

SA Tourism Awards

Staff involved in the award submission always enjoy the continuous improvement learnings that come from responding to the selection criteria as it creates space to reflect in detail on the past year’s activities and to spark ideas to implement in the coming year.

This award recognises the best experiences and operators in South Australia, with the VIC winning silver in the Visitor Information Services category. The award is recognition of our consistent delivery of high-quality information services to visitors.

One step closer to the Gold.



Our Natural and Built Environment Goal:

Maintain and enhance our natural environment complemented by sympathetic buildings, facilities and activities

Streetscaping (Yankalilla, Myponga and Wirrina)

Following on from last year’s successful streetscape projects with the beautification of Normanville, Yankalilla and St Andrews Boulevard, further work was undertaken in Myponga and Wirrina and planting out of more trees through Yankalilla.

After some positive and constructive feedback from community consultation it was agreed to begin the new year’s projects with the tidy up of the iconic tunnel of Cypress Macrocarpa entering our unique and beautiful district at Myponga. A most daunting task as the trees had been left for the past 50 years. Nevertheless, the skilled and experienced staff of the outdoor team were more than up for the challenge. Tackling the task head on involved removing 50 years of dead wood and branches, lifting the canopy and maintaining the cover to expose the expansive, panoramic vistas of our unique and beautiful countryside.



Myponga - Before



Myponga - After

Further to this was the roadside planting of thousands of trees and indigenous plants by our team members in both Yankalilla and Wirrina. Residents and visitors alike can all look forward to the transformation of these streetscapes over the coming years as the trees and plants reach into maturity enhancing and beautifying our townships.

Second Valley Smart Bin/Free wi-fi



In 2017/18 the District Council of Yankalilla introduced a new technology infrastructure into the Second Valley Foreshore area - a ‘Smart Bin’ which incorporates a general waste section that has a compaction mode that can compress the general waste material down by seven times, meaning the frequency to empty is greatly reduced. It also includes a recycling section that aims to collect bottles and cans that can be returned for the deposit. Separating the two streams at the bin helps reduce our waste disposal costs.

The units also have external signage that promotes and advertises the local area, giving it a more aesthetically pleasing outlook. Lastly, the structure also includes a free wi-fi hotspot, which is a real enabler to not only help promote local businesses with longer stays of visitors but also assist with visitors and locals seeking internet usage.

Yankalilla Public Cemetery

To complement the construction of a rotunda made possible during 2016/17 through community donation, Council undertook some significant landscaping in 2017/18 near the rotunda and columbarium wall. Landscaping included creation of a crushed pathway, rock placement and plantings of more than 100 plants.



Our Natural and Built Environment Goal Continued:

Walking trails (Second Valley to Randalsea)

This was one of our new construction projects, to form an off-road walking trail from Second Valley foreshore to Randalsea township. The new pathway took the form of a 'Nature Trail' and incorporated new plantings and suitably defined road crossing. Council used a limestone material for the pathway construction, which adds a visibly pleasing aesthetic to the whole look and feel.

The new pathway also provided public safety for those wishing to walk between the two townships, especially at the Randalsea end where we were able to utilise the war memorial scrub area to form the pathway. This alleviated the need to walk around the blind corner and enhanced the safety of the pedestrians. We also took the opportunity to place a bench and table here for those walkers to rest and take in the beautiful vista on offer.



Three-bin system

In 2017/18, we embarked on a new waste disposal calendar that moved waste collection from weekly to fortnightly pickups. This also enabled Council to introduce a green waste bin. Bins were provided free of charge to all those residents who had property in the township boundaries and were no longer able to burn due to a change in State Government legislation.

Instead of paying a contractor to deliver the bins to each eligible home, Council engaged the services of the Yankalilla Football Club and the Myponga Community Club to roll out the bins. Each group received \$10,000 for their work, keeping the funds in our District and supporting our local sporting clubs.

In townships with the new fortnightly service, and with the introduction of the green organics bin, over any given four-week period an additional 440 litres of material can be removed.

Council acknowledges that this was a significant change in waste management services in order to recycle more and divert less to landfill, but it is the right change to make for the environment and rising costs of landfill. Well done to all residents who have adapted their behaviour and taken to recycling more and using the green waste bins.



Community Biodiversity Project in Coastal Reserves

The Yankalilla Council has many coastal reserves with high biodiversity (high variety of flora and fauna). This project enabled council to work with the community to implement the priority actions outlined in the Southern Fleurieu Coastal Action Plan.

Council's funding for this project was matched through the work plans by Natural Resources Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges (AMLR) Seascapes Program. Priority sites included coastal reserves at Cape Jervis, Wirrina, Normanville and Carrickalinga.

Cape Jervis coastal reserves are a State biodiversity hotspot with more than 360 plant and animal species recorded. More than 70 flora and eight fauna species are recorded as threatened. Adding to this area conservation volunteers maintained the 80 hectares of revegetation completed under the 20 Million Tree Grant. The Cape Jervis Coastal Community Group were assisted with the Nature Trail project at the start of the Heysen trail that now continues through to the towns entrance.

Our Natural and Built Environment Goal Continued:

At Wirrina, Conservation Volunteers Australia in partnership with Council, is revegetating 32 hectares of coastal reserve through a new 20 Million Trees Grant. Council assisted the volunteer effort and increased biodiversity through adding diverse plant species and weed control.

Normanville State Heritage-listed sand dunes are dedicated as the best example of intact sand dunes left in Gulf St Vincent and are a Geological Monument.

With funding from Natural Resources AMLR Seascapes Program, we completed a Biodiversity Action plan was to improve management of this unique dune system. A key priority was to improve the coastal woodland at the rear of the dunes. Volunteers from Yankalilla Area School assisted contractors to revegetate the rear of the dunes with plant species recommended in the plan to improve diverse bird habitat.



At Carrickalinga, conservation volunteers maintained the revegetation sites that had more than 6,000 seedlings planted last season. This included weeding and collecting tree guards for reuse at Wirrina. A National Tree Day planting event was also held at Carrickalinga with volunteers from the Normanville Natural Resource Centre adding another 600 plants and guards to infill revegetation and increase biodiversity at this site.

Bridge works

The replacement of the access bridge to the Yankalilla Memorial Park was completed during 2017/18. The bridge provides dual vehicle access as well as a new pedestrian bridge, making access to and from Memorial Park safer and easier for everyone. The new bridge was made possible by contributions from Council as well as the SA Government, and was officially opened by Hon Leon Bignell.



The footbridge at Bungala Park was completed in December 2017, in time for the busy holiday period. Its completion was celebrated with the inaugural Bungala Bridge Fun Run in February 2018. The works were funded by Council, the Horizon developers and the SA Government.

Lookout upgrades

The Cape Jervis lookout received a facelift this year with the installation of binoculars and seating, an update to the safety railing and sealing of the lookout carpark and the access road leading up to it.



The Carrickalinga Lookout on Forktree Road also received a facelift, with new seating, landscaping, stobie pole art by local artist Gilbert Dashorst, and a selfie photo frame being installed to enhance the area for visitors and give them a chance to share the great view of the Fleurieu Coast with their friends and family.



Our Natural and Built Environment Goal Continued:

Sealed roads

Council has a sealed road network of 129km. During 2017/18, more than \$1.32million was invested into the renewal and upgrade of sealed roads and associated infrastructure.

This included continuing Council's program of sealing unsealed township roads; the construction of stormwater infrastructure and sealing of Myponga Beach Road within the township of Myponga Beach; and the construction of stormwater infrastructure and re-sealing of Herbert St and Court Street, Normanville.

Approximately 2.5km of pavement repair and seal renewal works were undertaken across the district. Works occurred in Stacey Court, Myponga Beach Stephens Road and Eatts Street, Myponga, Olive Avenue Carpark, Normanville, Para Avenue, Jakaka Avenue and Elenora Avenue, Cape Jervis, and Finniss Vale Road carpark and turning area in Second Valley.



Engineering design plans were completed for the sealing of Boathaven Drive, Second Valley and the upgrade of stormwater systems and re-sealing of Wallman Street, McArthur Street and Mary Street Yankalilla, as well as Oval Road and Hansen Street Myponga.

Unsealed Roads

The 2017/18 unsealed roads program saw the civil team complete a total of 16kms of upgraded material. The focus areas for these activities were:

- Stone Road - 1.5km
- Lord Road - 0.5km
- Bald Hills Road - 2km

- Lawless Lane - 2km
- Blowhole Beach Road - 4km
- Forrest Road - 2km
- Tunkhead Road - 4km

In addition to this, while we had staff and machinery onsite, we were able to perform some much needed drainage and tree maintenance.

Our 2017/18 unsealed roads maintenance program has performed extremely well, with both the spring and pre-winter grading going to plan. Although, due to the drier than average year, we have experienced a spike in dust-related issues requiring a higher than normal watercart usage on the roads while grading.



Community plant nursery

Following the successful creation of a plant nursery to supply revegetation projects at the depot a number of years ago, this year Council created a community accessible plant nursery for community members to grow and care for plants. The site chosen was next to the existing plant nursery that will now be used by the Council Parks and Gardens team. The area was fenced off from depot machinery and an external gate installed. An existing shed was moved for material storage and shelter for volunteers. Automated irrigation established with assistance from volunteers. Plants were then propagated for projects such as the Wirrina 20 Million Trees Federal Government Grant project by volunteers from the Normanville Natural Resource Centre and Conservation Volunteers Australia. Some of the volunteers propagated plants at home during the transition process that were then grown on in the new nursery. The YACCA (Youth and Community in Conservation Action) Lilla environmental group propagated plants at a workshop which were then grown on in the nursery.

Our Natural and Built Environment Goal Continued:



The new nursery and its dedicated volunteers were able to propagate and grow 6,000 seedlings as well as nurturing an additional 4,000 purchased plants for community and council coastal revegetation projects. The old nursery was used by Parks and Gardens to cultivate an additional 6,000 plants for council projects.

Regular nursery working bees are being held once or twice a month with volunteers being organised through the Normanville Natural Resource Centre. The recent working bees have seen volunteers building a new greenhouse and propagating the new season's seedlings for planting next winter.

Jetty Caravan Park renewal

Over the past two years, Council has embarked on an asset renewal program for the caravan park. In 2017/18, this included replacing the washing machines and dryers in the camp laundry as well as completely painting the internal walls and ceilings of the south and north amenity blocks. Hand dryers, and broken toilet roll and soap dispensers were also upgraded.

During the year, two new sets of steps were installed in the northern section of the park to enable guests to safely move between the lower part of the campground to the camp kitchen. Solar lighting for access after dark was also installed above the steps. This work was undertaken in response to identification of the risk to our guests of the hazards of the slopes and the work was undertaken to avoid anyone slipping or hurting themselves in the park.



Two new barbecue shelters were installed by the Council Depot maintenance team which have improved guests' experience of staying at Jetty Caravan Park. Visitors have recently commented that the works undertaken by Council to enhance their stay has been most welcome.



Public toilet upgrades

The Inman Valley public toilets situated behind the Community Hall had served the community well for many years but were due for an update. The old toilets, handbasins, taps, soap dispensers, cubicle walls and doors were replaced. A new ceiling was installed and the outside eaves were replaced To keep out vermin and birds. In addition, electric hand dryers were installed, and tiling was completed on the floors and walls. The toilets were painted throughout, windows replaced, and sensor lights were installed internally. Baby change facilities were also added to the female toilet block.

Our Natural and Built Environment Goal Continued:



Before

After

The Normanville Beach Café toilets also received a major facelift following the lessee's upgrade of the café. The facilities were completely replaced including the addition of electric hand dryers. The toilet areas were newly tiled and re-painted with new windows being installed.

Feedback received from the community and visitors alike has been positive and supportive of Council doing these upgrades.



Before

After

A baby change table was also installed at the Edward St Normanville public toilets to complement the existing facilities within that toilet block.

Planning and Development

Development applications are assessed against the Yankalilla Development Plan and the Building Code of Australia, pursuant to the *State Government Development Act 1993* and the *Development Regulations 2008*.

The number of development applications received in 2017/18 was 320, slightly lower than in 2016/17 and is representative of an average number of applications for this area.

The number of new dwelling applications continues to be at healthy levels with 77 lodged in 2016/17.

Two of the more significant applications of note include:

- Construction of workers accommodation at an existing 'horticulture business (strawberry farm) at Myponga;
- Wedding/reception venue in conjunction with an existing tourist accommodation business at Myponga Beach;

A number of major compliance matters were finalised during 2017/18.

There were 18 land division applications lodged in 2017/18, three less than last year, covering the realignment of boundaries and creation of additional allotments.

Future planning

The State Government is continuing the staged introduction of a new planning system for the state.

As a result of the Government's focus on delivering the new state system, Council (together with other councils across the State) has been unable to deliver Development Plan Amendment (DPA) priorities to update our local Development Plan.

Council is working with the Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure on the transition of our local Development Plan (containing all the planning policy and zones for the district) to the Planning and Design Code in 2020. This transition process offers the opportunity to update planning policies to be consistent with the State Planning Policy Library and explore other minor improvements to zone boundaries and possibly begin the staged re-zoning of Growth Areas for Yankalilla/Normanville/Carrickalinga.

The second round of public consultation on the Structure Plan for Yankalilla, Normanville and Carrickalinga concluded in July 2017 and was followed up with a public meeting in October 2017 informing the community about the outcomes of the consultation. This work will provide the policy overview for the next 15 years' land supply for residential growth, environmental, business and public open space needs.

The Structure Plan will identify the staging for approximately 1,500 future new dwellings together with public open space along the Bungala River and coastal fringe. Water sensitive urban design principles will be introduced to ensure that sensitive environments associated with the coast and watercourses will be enhanced and protected.

The plan will be finalised during the 2018/19 financial year.

Our Natural and Built Environment Goal Continued:

Environmental Health

Council’s Environmental Health Officer is responsible for the administration of public health legislation, community education and the monitoring of key issues to promote community health and wellbeing.

Over the past 12 months, Council’s Environmental Health Officer has:

- assessed and approved 110 wastewater system applications
- carried out 148 wastewater system inspections
- completed 16 inspections for non-complying aerobic irrigation systems
- liaised with property owners regarding failing septic system;
- inspected the 40 permanent food premises within the Council area, together with temporary premises operating at markets, events and shows
- performed inspections on issues including food safety, drinking water suppliers and swimming pool water quality at public access pools and spas
- participated in several audits of high-risk premises in compliance with the recommended SA Health’s risk-based schedules
- facilitated the school-based disease prevention immunisation program at the Yankalilla Area School
- continued to monitor the quality of the groundwater at the closed Myponga and Yankalilla landfill sites and assess the level of landfill gas at Yankalilla.

Annual reports, predominately on the management of Council’s landfills, wastewater management schemes and drinking water provision to residents at Wirrina Cove were provided to State Government agencies including SA Health, the Environmental Protection Authority and the Essential Services Commission

Together with our partner councils, Yankalilla Council drafted a Regional Public Health Plan under the auspices of Southern and Hills Local Government Association, creating the Yankalilla Public Health Action Plan.

Heritage

After reviewing and updating details on the 1985 Heritage Survey, which recorded 185 places within the District, Council produced a “Yankalilla District Heritage” booklet, published in December 2017, and

launched at the Heritage Fleurieu Coast history festival in May 2018.

Council co-hosted the regional launch event for the State History Festival, with the State History Trust in May 2018 and supported the Yankalilla Historical Society in the Heritage Fleurieu Coast History Festival that ran throughout the district during the month of May.

Council launched the inaugural Heritage Heroes Award during the festival, with Bob Fairchild announced as the 2018 Heritage Hero in recognition of his efforts as foundation Chairman of the Yankalilla District Historical Museum, and member of Yankalilla Historical Society. Bob was a key figure in the establishment of the Yankalilla Museum after the successful re-enactment celebrations in 1986.

He continues to contribute a very detailed knowledge of the history of the district and is keen for the history to be preserved.

We receive 80 entries for the youth art competition – “Heritage of the Fleurieu Peninsula, as seen by children who live or holiday in the Yankalilla District”. All the entries were exhibited at the Visitor Information Centre during the Heritage Fleurieu Coast Festival, with the winners announced at the Heritage Fleurieu Coast/Regional History Festival launch. Prizes were awarded in the Junior category, with the Judging Panel also deciding to award several commendations.

The Judging Panel was impressed with the variety and range of entries by the children.



Our Governance and Financial Goals:

Provide leadership, good governance, and efficient, effective and responsive Council services

Savings and Efficiency Program

The focus of the Chief Executive continued to include the delivery of savings and efficiencies that has produced more than \$2.3 million in services uplift and savings to the Council over the past two years.

Council also ensured that all major purchases went through a competitive tender process and ensures all purchases were cost effective and showed preference for purchasing local goods and services.

Extensive Annual Business Plan and Budget process

In preparation of the 2017/18 Annual Business Plan and Budget, Council again conducted an extensive consultation process that included five public meetings at Cape Jervis, Second Valley, Adelaide, Myponga and Yankalilla.



A budget summary document was sent to all ratepayers inviting them to the public meetings and requesting feedback. More than 120 individuals again attended the public meetings resulting in a modified budget prior to adoption.

The 2017/18 Annual Business Plan and Budget was adopted in June 2017 with a focus continuing on increased asset replacement, planning for the future, making a difference in the community, keeping rates increases to a minimum, lowering the Vacant rate charge and achieving a Budget surplus.

The adopted Budget ensured Council's financial sustainability in the medium to long term while still achieving the objectives of our Strategic Plan for 2014-2018 *Looking to the Horizon*.

Statutory financial statements

The audited financial statements are found in Appendix A. These document the financial results for 2017/18.

Identifying and applying for grants

The position of Grant Funding Officer continues to deliver direct benefits to Council and the community through the leverage of grants for the delivery of strategic projects.

Community groups continue to build capacity by developing strategic management plans, attending trainings and working closely with the Grant Funding Officer during the preparation of funding applications.

During the 2017/18 financial year:

- community groups achieved \$549,533 for their various organisational projects
- Council received \$741,186 in tied funding from the Grants Commission
- Council officers secured \$221,427 for community and environmental projects
- strategic environmental initiatives undertaken by third parties delivered an additional \$299,645.

The total value of confirmed strategic projects funding for 2017/18 was \$1,811,791.

The Myponga Bowling Club was successful in obtaining \$180,000 from the Office of Recreation and Sport for a synthetic green. This valued addition to the club enables pennants to begin on time and mitigates the risk of injury caused by bowling on heavy greens.

Club volunteers undertook the laying of extensive new paving and upgraded garden beds in readiness for the 4 October 2018 official opening.



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