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2025 Mayors' Story Challenge Winning School - Rapid Bay Primary School

2025 Mayors' Short Story Challenge Winners Announced!

The talents of young writers from across the Fleurieu Peninsula were celebrated during the 2025 Mayors' Short Story Challenge.

An initiative of Alexandrina Council, the District Council of Yankalilla and the City of Victor Harbor, the Challenge encourages school-aged children from Reception to Year 10 to let their imaginations run wild and share stories through creative writing.

The Challenge received 544 entries from Alexandrina Council, 245 entries from District Council of Yankalilla and 398 entries from the City of Victor Harbor.

The winners of the 2025 Mayors' Short Story Challenge were announced at a celebration held at the Strathalbyn Library on Thursday 11 September. More than 200 people from across

the Fleurieu Peninsula attended to recognise the talented work of all the entrants.

Individual category winners received a \$50 book voucher, with the overall winner from each council area receiving an additional \$50 book voucher. The school where the overall winner is enrolled also received \$1,000 from their Council. In the case where a Home School student wins, the student is invited to select up to \$1,000 worth of books or library resources for their local Council Library.

Special Option category entries were collated from across the region and were judged by members of the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee with prizes provided to the category winners by the Committee.

The Overall Winner's School receives a \$300 voucher to purchase new library resources for their Special Options students.

In presenting the awards, the Mayors from each council praised the children who took up the Challenge and demonstrated their creative writing skills.

They also thanked the three public libraries for their coordination of the challenge along with the principals, teacher-librarians, teachers and student service officers who played a key role in encouraging students to enter and showcase their talents.

The prizes were provided by the respective councils and Friends of the Library groups and the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

This past month has seen some important steps forward in shaping how Council delivers services, manages resources and plans for the future of our district.

The newly formed Service Review Working Group, made up of four Elected Members and key staff, has held its first meeting to begin the process of selecting a consultant. This independent support will help guide a structured review of Council services, ensuring they are efficient, effective and aligned with the needs of our community. The aim is simple but important: to make sure we are delivering high-quality services in a financially sustainable way, while providing the best possible value for our ratepayers.

I was also pleased to contribute to the update of the Hills and Fleurieu 5-Year Landscape Plan. This plan provides a shared roadmap for how we care for our land, water and environment in the face of growing challenges such as climate change and declining ecosystems. It's about working together, whether you're a land manager, part of a local group or someone who simply loves our beautiful region, to ensure that our landscapes remain healthy and resilient for generations to come.

Council has also recently held its first workshop as part of the comprehensive rate review. This session marked the beginning of an important process to examine how rates are applied across the

district, with the goal of creating a system that is fair, transparent and reflective of community expectations. This was just the start of a broader conversation, and we look forward to engaging further with residents, stakeholders and community groups to ensure the outcome is one that works for everyone.

Together, these initiatives reflect Council's commitment to responsible governance, sustainability and listening to the community as we plan for the years ahead.

Warm Regards,
Darryl Houston
Mayor

CEO'S CORNER

At Council, we're always looking for ways to deliver the best possible services for our community and to do so in the most efficient and sustainable way we can. Every year we set ourselves savings targets across different parts of the organisation, but sometimes it helps to step back and obtain a fresh look at how we're operating.

That's why we've recently engaged an independent consultancy, BeeSquared Consulting, to carry out a Service Review. Put simply, a Service Review is a structured health check of a select number of services Council provides. It asks important questions like:

- Are we delivering the right services for our community?
- Are we delivering them in the best way?
- Could we deliver them more efficiently or effectively?
- Are the service levels appropriate given our financial capacity?

The review doesn't just focus on cutting costs - it's about making sure the services we deliver remain relevant, effective and aligned with

the needs and expectations of our community.

To guide this work, Council has established a Service Review Working Group made up of four Elected Members and key senior staff. This group is working closely with the consultants to identify priority areas for review and to ensure the process remains grounded in both operational knowledge and community perspective.

BeeSquared have already begun a "rapid diagnostic" of Council's operations, which will help narrow down the focus to a few key services for deeper review. With \$30,000 set aside in the 2025-26 Annual Business Plan & Budget, the aim is to identify practical efficiencies and improvements that can deliver genuine value for money while maintaining (and where possible improving) service outcomes.

It's important to note that not all Council services are discretionary. Some, like rubbish collection, stormwater management and planning approvals, are required by law. Others, such as libraries,

playgrounds, or sporting facilities, reflect what communities have told us they value. The Service Review will look at discretionary and non-discretionary services as it considers where improvements can be made.

What I want to emphasise is that this process is about continuous improvement. Having an independent set of eyes look at how we do things gives us a chance to challenge ourselves, test ideas and find better ways forward. It's one of the ways we make sure we're living up to our responsibility of being both responsive to community needs and careful stewards of the investment made from your rates.

We'll keep you updated as this work progresses and, once findings are available, we'll share what it means for our district. In the meantime, I want to thank our Elected Members and staff who are working collaboratively to ensure this important initiative delivers the best possible outcomes for our community.

Nathan Cunningham
Chief Executive Officer



Above: Special Options School Winner



Above: Year 3-4 Section Winner



Above: Year 5-7 Category Winner



Above: Shortlisted R-2



Above: Shortlisted 3-4



Above: Year 5-7 Shortlisted

2025 Mayors' Short Story Challenge Winners

Category	Alexandrina Council	City of Victor Harbor	District Council of Yankalilla
Reception to Year 2	Norah Higgins Year 1 Port Elliot Primary School	Libby Baggs Year 2 Encounter Lutheran College	Abigail Nottle Year 2 Yankalilla Area School
Year 3 to Year 4	Henry Green Year 4 Home School	Greta Freeman Year 4 Victor Harbor Primary School	Joshua McCallum Year 3 Yankalilla Area School
Year 5 to Year 7	Isaac Lorenz Year 6 Tyndale Christian School Strathalbyn	Ruben Croft Year 7 Encounter Lutheran College	Addi McArdle Year 6 Rapid Bay Primary School
Year 8 to Year 10	Mia Steed Year 10 Tyndale Christian School Strathalbyn	Layla Beaty Year 10 Victor Harbor High School	No entries
Overall Winner	Isaac Lorenz Year 6 Tyndale Christian School Strathalbyn and Mia Steed Year 10 Tyndale Christian School Strathalbyn	Layla Beaty Year 10 Victor Harbor High School	Addi McArdle Year 6 Rapid Bay Primary School
Special Options Primary School Category	Luka Cox Eastern Fleurieu School R-6 Strathalbyn	No entries	Christopher Nemeth Year 5 Myponga Primary School Cruz Stevens Year 6 Myponga Primary School
Special Options High School Category	No entries	Heath Lloyd Victor Harbor High School	No entries
Special Options Overall Winner			Christopher Nemeth Year 5 Myponga Primary School Cruz Stevens Year 6 Myponga Primary School

Elected Member Information and Briefing Sessions



The District Council of Yankalilla is bringing Elected Member Information and Briefing Sessions out into the community, with meetings being held at different locations across the district.

The second session in this new format took place in September at the Myponga Memorial Community Centre, where Elected Members received updates from local community groups. Theresa Shaw-McMillan gave an update on behalf of the Myponga Memorial Community Centre about a proposed development at the Centre and their success in seeking grant funding. Judy Golding gave an update on behalf of the Myponga Hall and Myponga Progress Association about their achievements over the past 12 months.

These sessions are a fantastic opportunity for local residents, community groups and stakeholders to attend, listen and gain a greater understanding of the matters before Council.

The next session will be held:

- **Tuesday, 7 October 2025 – Inman Valley Community & Memorial Hall**

What are Elected Member Information & Briefing Sessions?

Elected Member Information and Briefing Sessions play an important role in enhancing Council's decision-making processes. They allow Elected Members to become well-informed on issues, ask questions and seek clarification before making formal decisions at Council meetings.

Sessions are held in accordance with Council's *Code of Practice – Formal Proceedings of Council and Committee Meetings* pursuant to Section 90A of the *Local Government Act 1999*. They are generally open to the public, although some items may need to be discussed in confidence and the meeting closed for those particular matters.

When and where?

Elected Member Information and Briefing Sessions are held at 3pm on the first Tuesday of each month. The location is determined by the CEO and details are available in the agenda, which is published on Council's website the Friday before each session.

We encourage community members to come along and take advantage of this opportunity to see Council in action.

How to stay



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If you cannot access our news in any of the above formats, request to have a hard copy posted to you by calling us on 8558 0200 or by emailing council@yankalilla.sa.gov.au



Algal Bloom Community Forum Normanville



Government of
South Australia

**Mon 20 Oct
6pm to 7:30pm**

Normanville Surf Life Saving Club

You're Invited:

Coastal areas across South Australia have been impacted by an algal bloom.

To help keep communities informed, the South Australian Government is hosting a series of community forums across regional and metropolitan locations.

These forums will provide updates on the response and recovery efforts, including the latest science, public health advice, and support measures for affected communities and industries.

What to expect

- Hear from government leaders including Premier Peter Malinauskas and Deputy Premier Susan Close.
- Expert insights from Professor Mike Steer (SARDI), Chief Public Health Officer Professor Nicola Spurrier, and others.
- Presentations on algal bloom science, health safety, environmental impacts, and recovery efforts.
- Expert panel Q&A sessions.

Each forum will feature expert presentations on algal bloom science, public health advice and safety, and include an expert panel Q&A.

There will be opportunities for attendees to share insights and ask questions. Forums are free and open to the public.

Registration is essential due to venue capacity.

These forums form part of the state and federal governments' \$28 million crisis response package to address the algal bloom impacting the South Australian coastline.

Enquiries: DEWEngagement@sa.gov.au or (08) 8124 4928
Visit www.algalbloom.sa.gov.au for the latest updates.

algalbloom.sa.gov.au

CLMP (Business Premises) Rapid Bay Camping Ground

Community Consultation OPENING SOON



Opening for comment: TUES, 30 September 2025

Council is updating the Community Land Management Plan (CLMP) for the Rapid Bay Camping Ground to ensure it is fit-for-purpose, reflects current infrastructure needs at the Camping Ground and aligns with the Management Plan for the Normanville Jetty Holiday Park.

The proposed amendments:

- Expand sections on leases, licences and short-term permits.
- Introduce new provisions that better reflect Council's intentions for how the land is used.
- Optimise current and future uses of the site for the benefit of campers, visitors and the broader community.

The updated CLMP (Business Premises) – Rapid Bay Camping Ground has been prepared and will be open for public comment from Tuesday 30 September to Thursday 30 October, in line with legislative requirements and Council's Public Consultation Policy.

This process ensures the CLMP remains current, considers the future potential of the site and responds to the needs of stakeholders and the community.

How you can make comment:

- Visit yoursayyankalilla.com.au to read further and submit your feedback
- Provide a written submission to participate@yankalilla.sa.gov.au
- Post your submission to PO Box 9, Yankalilla 5203
- Prefer a conversation? Contact Council staff to arrange a time to discuss.

Find out more
yoursayyankalilla.com.au

Consultation concludes
Thursday, 30 October 2025.

Road Crash Rescue Demonstration Captivates Yankalilla Community

On the evening of 12 August, 2025, the Yankalilla community gathered to witness an unforgettable showcase of skill, coordination and public service as local emergency crews came together for a live Road Crash Rescue demonstration.

Crews from Yankalilla CFS, SES, SAAS and SAPOL collaborated to simulate a real-life vehicle accident response, offering the community a rare, behind-the-scenes look at how emergency services work together during road incidents.

More than 50 community members attended, watching firsthand as responders demonstrated the precision and teamwork required to safely extract individuals from a crash scene. From stabilising a vehicle to using hydraulic rescue tools, each stage was explained with care, ensuring the audience understood both the technical process and the human impact behind it.

The event proved to be more than just a demonstration, it was a powerful opportunity for reflection. Attendees shared that the experience made them think about the everyday decisions they make on the road and gave them a deeper appreciation of the many dedicated people involved in every rescue operation.

Promotion by local football and netball clubs ensured strong attendance from young drivers, with senior football players and new drivers alike turning up to learn. The evening began with short talks from local police officer Jason, a SA Ambulance paramedic from Victor Harbor, and Yankalilla CFS Brigade Captain Sean Chipman. Their personal stories and insights into common local callouts set the tone for a thought-provoking session that encouraged everyone to consider how and when they drive.

A special thank you goes to Damon Wade from Yankalilla CFS for driving the initiative and leading such a valuable community session and to the Alcohol and Drug Foundation for generously funding pizza for everyone through LDAT funding.



We are incredibly fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers in our region working tirelessly to keep our community safe. If you've ever thought about joining the local emergency services, now is a great time to get involved. You can connect with the Yankalilla CFS and SES

via their official Facebook page at [Yankalilla CFS & SES \(https://www.facebook.com/YANKALILLA.CFS.SES.OFFICIAL\)](https://www.facebook.com/YANKALILLA.CFS.SES.OFFICIAL), or simply drop into the Yankalilla CFS station on a Wednesday evening at 7pm, where the team will be more than happy to chat and connect you with the right people.



SA
Ambulance
Service



Year 10 Road Safety Education (RYDA workshop)

On 5 September, our Year 10 students had the valuable opportunity to participate in the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) workshop, held at Victor Harbor. This interactive and engaging program was designed to equip young people with essential road safety skills, empowering them to make informed and safe decisions behind the wheel. The RYDA workshop is strongly underpinned by best-evidence road safety education, ensuring that students receive the most relevant and up-to-date information.

The day was packed with various interactive sessions, each targeting a different aspect of road safety. One of the key topics, *'The I in Drive,'* encouraged students to reflect on how their personal mindset, emotions, and decision-making affect their behaviour on the road.

In the *'Crash Investigators'* sessions, students explored the human and environmental factors that can lead to crashes. They learned how these factors not only contribute to accidents but also impact the severity of collisions. One of the

highlights of the day was a practical demonstration of how speed impacts stopping distance. Through this activity, they explored the critical relationship between speed, stopping time, and safety features, reinforcing the importance of regular vehicle maintenance.

'Drive S.O.S.' shed light on the unique challenges faced by different road users, including heavy vehicles and vulnerable groups such as pedestrians and cyclists. Students learned to anticipate the actions of others on the road and practiced using both focused and peripheral vision to maintain a high level of awareness.

The RYDA workshop offered an invaluable experience for our Year 10 students, equipping them with knowledge and practical strategies to stay safe on the road. By participating in this program, we expect that they have taken valuable knowledge supporting them to become responsible and informed drivers in the future.

Thank you to the Yankalilla Council for making this trip possible for Year 10 students.





School Holiday Activities on the Fleurieu Spring 2025

When	Activity	Where	Details	Book
Sat 27 Sep to Sat 12 Oct (Tue-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-1pm)	Activity Bags Visit the Yankalilla Library during October School Holidays and collect a Nature Craft Activity Bag. Each bag contains three Nature craft activities.	Yankalilla Library, 181 Main South Rd, Yankalilla	Suitable for children of all ages. 	No booking required. Limited number
Mon 29 Sep 11:30am - 1:30pm	Wobble Run Test your balance with our new Wobble Run inflatable. You'll have to be light on your feet to make it to the end! Participants must be confident swimmers in deep water.	Fleurieu Aquatic Centre, 4 Ocean Rd, Chiton	6+ years included with pool entry.  Partial: Pool wheelchair accessible for recreational swimming	No booking required
Tue 30 Sep 8:45am - 2pm	Coastal Custodians - Spring We're taking a coastal hike from The Bluff to the SA Whale Centre, where you'll explore the shoreline and dive into a creative workshop about microplastics—tiny pieces of plastic that can harm sea creatures. Funded by Landscape Hills and Fleurieu Grassroots Grant.	Start at Whalers Seaside Dining, 121 Franklin Pde, Encounter Bay. Finish at SA Whale Centre, 2 Railway Tce, Victor Harbor	8-14 years \$15 per child	http://bit.ly/47d5aG6 

LEGEND Wheelchair accessible =  Children's University activity = 

School Holiday Fun on the Fleurieu

Looking for ways to keep the kids entertained these October school holidays?

The Fleurieu School Holiday Program is packed with free and low-cost activities for children,

young people and families - right across the Fleurieu.

Get out and enjoy the fun!

Download the program at bit.ly/42LTcMz.

BUSINESS SURVEY



This is your opportunity to shape the future of business support in our region. Whether you're a sole trader, retail business, a home-based business, a growing enterprise, or part of the agricultural sector or in construction, your insights matter.

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- ✓ Guide future programs and services
- ✓ Advocate for issues that matter to you
- ✓ Ensure your voice is heard in local planning



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ESCAPE ROOM

Yankalilla



October 7
Open 11am - 3pm

Yankalilla Library and Cultural Centre
181 Main South Road Yankalilla

Free event for 12 - 25 year olds
Friends and family welcome

Register



FRWA September Update

Got unwanted chemicals on your property? Register for ChemClear's upcoming SA collection

Farm safety starts with responsible chemical management. ChemClear's upcoming SA collection event is proposed for early 2026. It's your chance to safely dispose of unwanted or expired agricultural chemicals. If enough local registrations are received, FRWA and Council hope to secure a Fleurieu Peninsula collection point.

Whether you have Group 1 or Group 2 chemicals, ChemClear ensures they are disposed of safely, preventing potential hazards on your farm.

Group 1 chemicals, supported by drumMUSTER (drums containing the eligible drumMUSTER logo printed or stamped on them), can be disposed of for free, while Group 2 chemicals, chemicals that are unlabelled, out-of-date, or no longer supported, require a fee.

Registration is simple—just visit the ChemClear website (chemclear.org.au) or call their hotline (1800 008 182). By registering early, you contribute to a safer environment and reduce the amount of hazardous materials stored on your farm, creating a safer workplace for you and your employees."

Don't delay—register your chemicals today to help secure a local collection day while taking an active role in maintaining a safe and sustainable farming operation.

Protect your garden this summer with local mulch

Did you know the FRWA Yankalilla Waste and Recycling Depot sells local mulch*?

Mulch is great over the hot, dry months to help keep your soil cool and moist.

Visit www.frwa.com.au/waste-recycling/depot-locations-price-lists/ for prices (FRWA does not deliver, but local truck transport or gardening service providers can help).

**While stocks last*

Half price greens

Prepare your property for bushfire season and spring clean your garden

To help residents with bushfire preparedness, Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority and the District Council of Yankalilla will again host their popular half price green waste disposal days.

Details and dates:

Yankalilla Waste and Recycling Depot
- 2864 Inman Valley Road

- **Sunday, 12 October 2025 – 12 to 4 pm**
- **Sunday, 19 October 2025 – 12 to 4 pm**

Get those green (and not-so-green) thumbs outside and fill the trailer before the fire season starts.

50% OFF Green Waste Disposal

Yankalilla Depot
Sunday 12 & 19 Oct
12.00 – 4.00pm



Upcoming collection: Register your chemicals now



ChemClear is proudly run by
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Food Safety

With the Environmental
Health Officer



Food Safety with Eggs



Eggs are a nutritional powerhouse. They provide the body with 13 vitamins and minerals, high-quality protein and important antioxidants. Eggs are also tasty, convenient and good value for money, making them an excellent inclusion in a well-balanced diet.

Food safety is as important with eggs as it is with chicken, meat, seafood and dairy products. There can be health risks if eggs are not handled, stored and prepared safely, the following are myths in regards to eggs:

Myth: Dirt on eggshells is organic and shows the eggs are free range

Fact: Dirt may be organic but it's definitely not good for you. Dirt, chicken poo and feathers sometimes contain harmful bacteria, including *Salmonella*. Discard dirty eggs.

Myth: Eggs stored on the benchtop make better cakes

Fact: Refrigerating eggs not only keeps them fresh but also minimises the risk of *Salmonella* growing. If desired, air eggs for several hours immediately before making a cake.

Myth: Bad eggs always smell bad

Fact: Eggs can smell and taste fine and still have *Salmonella*. Also, bacteria on the shell can get into ready-to eat food. Discard cracked or dirty eggs. Keep hands, utensils and surfaces clean and dry. If an egg smells bad, don't use it.

Myth: Serve a raw egg to someone who is sick for extra protein and minerals

Fact: Never give a raw egg food to someone who is seriously ill. *Salmonella* poisoning is more dangerous for people who are seriously ill, children younger than 2 years, pregnant women and people over 65. Cook eggs until whites are completely firm and yolk begins to thicken.

Myth: Wash eggs to remove the dirt

Fact: Egg shell becomes more porous when wet, making it easier for bacteria to get inside the egg. Discard dirty eggs. Never wash them.

Myth: Raw eggs are the same risk as cooked eggs

Fact: Uncooked food that contains raw egg, such as hollandaise sauce, egg mayonnaise, custard and so on, are a higher risk of food poisoning than thoroughly cooked foods. Cooking kills most bugs like *Salmonella*. Never serve raw egg to children younger than 2 years, pregnant women, people over 65 or with serious illness.

Myth: Raw eggs have better protein

Fact: Drinking raw eggs in milkshakes or on their own is a higher risk way of consuming eggs. There is no evidence to suggest that cooking reduces protein content. In fact, if you get food poisoning, you'll be far less healthy than if your eggs had been cooked. Cook foods with egg until hot all the way through.

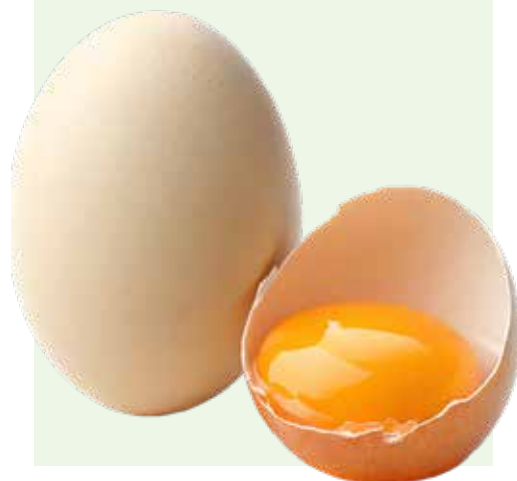
**PS: How old are your eggs?
Check the Carton Date and
Julian Date**

All egg cartons and trays sold in Australia must be marked with a best before date and this is the easiest and most reliable way to check whether eggs are still ok to eat.

You may also notice a Julian date – a three-digit code showing the exact day the eggs were packaged (e.g. 5 January's Julian date is 005, whereas 24 December is 358).

The best before date signifies the end of the period in which eggs are best to eat and is calculated as six weeks from the day the egg is packed into the carton, i.e. the Julian date.

Comparing both of these dates can help you decide whether your eggs are good to eat.



Fresh Flavours and Local Connections at the Yankalilla Craft & Produce Market

Do you want fresh, local food? The much-loved **Yankalilla Craft & Produce Market** is being reinvigorated with the support of the Local Food Collective and there's plenty to get excited about!

Starting **Saturday, 18 October 2025**, the Market will continue to showcase all your favourite stallholders while welcoming new producers including Hillside Farm Fresh Produce and Cockatoo Creek Farm. To celebrate, regular stallholder Sebastian will host a live cooking demonstration and visitors will have the chance to learn more

about mapping local food systems, an innovative way to connect community members with local growers and improve food security.

The Local Food Collective will host a special stall where you can explore a local food map, share your knowledge and contribute to building community resilience. Everyone who stops by for a chat will also receive a free raffle ticket to go in the draw for a local food hamper.

Meet Hillside Farm Fresh Produce

What began as a humble veggie patch has grown into a thriving farm guided by organic principles,

no chemical fertilisers, herbicides, or pesticides. Hillside Farm focuses on soil health and biodiversity to produce seasonal, sustainable, chemical-free food that tastes exactly as it should. They're excited to share their fresh produce with the Yankalilla community and can't wait for you to taste the difference.

Meet Cockatoo Creek Farm

Based right here in Yankalilla on the Fleurieu Peninsula, Cockatoo Creek Farm is a small-scale regenerative farm enterprise with a big vision: to regenerate the land while producing **nutrient-dense, grass-fed lamb and beef**. Their animals are naturally raised on diverse pastures using regenerative practices such as mob grazing and long rest periods, which build living soils, improve pasture health, and increase nutrition. The result? Delicious lamb and beef that's good for you and good for the land.

About the Yankalilla Craft & Produce Market

Operating since 1992, the Market is a not-for-profit community event held on the third Saturday of each month, year-round. You'll find us from 9am to 2pm at the Yankalilla Showgrounds in the Agricultural Hall, Supper Room, under gazebos and along the Jervois & Main South Road frontages.

With over 35 stalls, live music, and a welcoming village-like atmosphere, it's a family- and pet-friendly outing not to be missed. From fresh fruit and vegetables, olive oil, honey, baked goods, chocolates and dog treats to handcrafts, clothing, jewellery, plants, artworks and collectibles, there's something for everyone.

If you'd like to book a stall or learn more, **please contact Mattie on 0447 044 721** or email mattiehattie@adam.com.au.

Mark your calendars: Saturday 18 October - Yankalilla Craft & Produce Market. Fresh food, friendly faces and a true taste of our community.



FREE RAFFLE & COOKING DEMO ON THE DAY

Local Food Collective coming to the Yankalilla Craft & Produce Markets

18th October 9 - 2pm

LOCALLY GROWN PRODUCTS INCLUDING:

FRESH VEGETABLES & FRUIT • SEEDLINGS
HONEY • OLIVE OIL • GARLIC • LOCAL LAMB

The Yankalilla Show grounds, corner of Main South Road & Jervois Road
Yankalilla Market 3rd Saturday of every month.

Assets & Environment Update

Welcome to this month's Assets & Environment Update, where we share progress on key projects, infrastructure works and environmental initiatives across the district.

For more details, we encourage you to read the September Assets and Environment Update Report, which was presented to Council.

Coastal Storm Damage

No new storm damage has been reported since July, but recovery and repair works are progressing across the district:

- **Normanville Jetty** - The jetty remains closed due to extensive damage. An engineering assessment of storm damage has been accepted by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT), who have asked Council to seek quotes for repairs.

Quotes have been received and forwarded to DIT for approval. If approved, the timeline for repairs can be confirmed and Council will be able to share this information with the community.
- **Normanville Foreshore Ramps** - Both northern and southern beach access ramps remain closed. Insurance claims have been lodged and are currently being assessed.
- **Surf Life Saving Club Retaining Wall** - Minor sand movement works are in place to provide temporary protection while an insurance claim is processed.
- **Second Valley Causeway** - The causeway and jetty have reopened following emergency repairs by DIT, with further heritage-approved works still to follow.



Normanville Jetty

- **Myponga Beach Stairs** - The access stairs remain closed. Council is awaiting the outcome of a Coastal Protection Grant application before proceeding with replacement works.
- **Coastal Protection Grant** - Council has applied for funding to support storm recovery works, including dune fencing and planting at Myponga Beach, Carrickalinga and Normanville; the replacement of beach access stairs at Myponga Beach and sand replenishment at Normanville Beach.

Normanville Swimming Pontoon

Thanks to generous support from local businesses, Council has now secured \$10,000 in sponsorships to cover the annual costs of the Normanville Swimming Pontoon. Belgravia, the management license holder of the Normanville Jetty Holiday Park, has committed \$5,000 per year, with further contributions from three other local businesses bringing the total to the funding target.

Council is now working to secure contractors to reinstall the pontoon and its moorings, aiming to return it to the water in October 2025.

Roads and Bridges

Unsealed Road Program - Council staff are reviewing a list of roads prepared by external consultants, with onsite inspections helping to prioritise the renewal program for 2025-26. This will ensure the available budget is directed to where it is most needed. The updated list will be shared before works begin in the coming months.



Normanville Foreshore Ramp

Shoulder Maintenance Works

Planning is underway, with works expected to take place in autumn when conditions are most suitable. A full update will be provided once the schedule is finalised.

Finniss Vale Drive, Second Valley

- Council has successfully secured a \$533,000 grant from the Special Local Roads Program to help fund the upgrade of Finniss Vale Drive. This funding represents two-thirds of the total project cost and marks a major milestone in the delivery of this key project.

Design work is complete and cost estimates are now being reviewed before the project moves to tender.

Myponga Beach Bridge - A maintenance schedule is being developed following inspection and quotation from Council's contractor. Further update on this project will be provided once we have certainty from the appointed contractor.

Blacker Road Bridge - A revised design has been completed and costed. Next steps will be considered as part of Council's 2026-27 budget process.

Rogers Road Bridge, Myponga - Safety assessments have identified the need for guard rails on both sides of the bridge. Quotes are being sought, with works expected to begin in October/November.

Footpath Renewal

A high-priority project has been identified along the north side of Main South Road, Normanville (between numbers 7-19a). Design work is complete and quotes are currently being sought. A contractor is expected to be appointed later in September, with construction expected to begin in October/November.

5-Year Regional Landscape Plan

Council is contributing to the development of the next Hills and Fleurieu Regional Landscape Plan (2026-2031). This plan will guide how the region cares for land, water and nature into the future.

Over the coming months, the Landscape Board will engage with landholders, First Nations communities, councils, environmental groups and the wider public to shape the plan's goals and priorities.

Council Decisions

The following provides a summary of the decisions made at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 September 2025.

As always, we encourage you to read the complete agenda and minutes to get the details and a greater understanding of topics at www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au/council/agenda-and-minutes

Mayor's Report

The Mayor's Report was received. This month, the Mayor spoke about the Service Review Working Group, the Rates Review Workshop and the Landscape South Australia Hills & Fleurieu Plan 2026-2031.

Reports of Members, Delegates and Working Parties

Cr Grocke provided a verbal report congratulating the new committee for the Yankalilla Normanville Progress Association and numerous local sporting teams on their Finals performances.

Deputations

Ms JoAnne Bouzanis-Sellick on behalf of Second Valley Progress Association addressed Members regarding Agenda Item 14.4 Reserve Area (Adjacent Second Valley Caravan Park) – Finniss Vale Drive, Second Valley Update.

Following the Mayor seeking and being granted leave of the meeting, the order of proceedings was amended to consider Agenda Item 14.4 at this point of the meeting whilst the individual that provided the deputation was present.

Reserve Area (Adjacent Second Valley Caravan Park) – Finniss Vale Drive, Second Valley Update

The motion to endorse the concept design and accept the generous contribution from the Second Valley Progress Association towards the project was carried unanimously.

Questions on Notice

Cr Hatch asked questions regarding procedural clarification relating to Resolution C25185. These questions were answered and included in the minutes.

Questions without Notice

Questions were asked and answered.

Reports of Officers

2026 Citizen of the Year Awards Assessment Panel

Cr Rothwell moved the motion to appoint the members of this year's panel. Panel members will be Mayor Houston, Deputy Mayor Olsson and Cr's Hatch & Grocke. This was carried unanimously.

By-law No 8. Miscellaneous Amendment By-law 2025

The motion to finalise the By-law No 8. Miscellaneous Amendment By-law 2025, effectively correcting a minor wording change to the Cat By-law was carried unanimously.

Council Feedback Submission on LGA's 2026 State Election Platform

Cr Hatch moved the motion to approve the LGA Draft 2026 State Election Advocacy Platform – DCY Comments / Feedback as Council's submission to the LGA. This was carried unanimously.

Discretionary Rebates of Rate Application

Council unanimously approved a 75% rebate on rates for the Yankalilla Showgrounds and the Myponga Hall.

Monthly Finance Reports

Council unanimously resolved to receive the report on the July 2025 Monthly Finance Reports.

Assets and Environment Update – September 025

The motion to receive the report was carried unanimously.

Economy and Community Update – Activity in August 2025

Cr Olsson moved the motion to receive the Economy and Community Update which was carried unanimously.

Chief Executive Officer Report

The motion to receive the Chief Executive Officer Report was carried unanimously.

Minute Action Report

The Minute Action Report was received by Council and the Action List noted.

Confidential Items

This item was considered in confidence and the Report, Attachments & Minutes will be held in confidence for a period as determined by the CEO.

Meeting dates

Meeting Schedule: Members of the public are welcome to attend Council and Committee Meetings. To help the community plan ahead, a full year meeting schedule for Council & Committee Meetings and Information & Briefing Sessions is available on our website www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au/council/meetings-schedule and is updated regularly with additional dates, location changes and other information as necessary.

Council meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 4 pm in the Council Chambers, 1 Charles St, Yankalilla.

Agendas are available the Friday before the meeting and Minutes are available the Friday after the meeting, both on Council's website.

Tuesday, 21 October 2025

Tuesday, 18 November 2025



WHAT'S ON

AT THE LIBRARY OCTOBER '25

Yankalilla & District Historical Society

**Every Wednesday morning
10:00am - 12 noon**

Assistance with family and local history. Enquiries to YDHS:
phone: 0437 500 013 or
email : yank.hist.soc@gmail.com
Bookings not required.

Advanced Care Directive support sessions

**Wednesday - October 1
(1st Wed. of each month)
2:00pm & 3:00pm**

Would you like information/help filling in Advanced Care Directive forms? Book into a one-on-one session to receive some support from trained volunteers.

Bookings essential online, or call the library team.

Tech @ the Library

**Fridays - October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
10:00am, 11:00am or 12noon**

One-on-one help with technology related questions including Government sites and Apps, mobile phones, tablets, the internet and more.

Bookings essential.

A Cuppa, A Chat and Craft

**Tuesdays - October 7, 14, 21, 28
1:00pm - 3:00pm**

A friendly, casual and relaxed group that gathers to enjoy a chat and have a cuppa while each member starts, finishes or continues with a craft project of their own.

Come along, cuppa provided.

Bookings not required.

Southern Community Justice Centre

**Friday - October 3
(first Friday of the month)**

10:00am - 1:00pm

Book a free legal advice appointment with a solicitor who can assist with Family, Civil and Criminal law.

Enquiries and bookings:
1300 850 650.

Next month

6 November 10:30 - 11:30am

SCAM Awareness with
SAPOL

Presented by the Crime Prevention Unit, for the purpose of educating community members about current trends and behaviours that scammers use to obtain personal information and /or financial goods.

Bookings essential.

Call the library team.

Weaving for Wellness

Thursday October 2 & 16

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Enjoy the relaxing process of weaving. Discover and develop your creative potential. Share a cuppa and a yarn and make creative connections. Be refreshed and inspired by your creative time out. Become a dream weaver. Craft materials & cuppa provided

Wiggle and Giggle (term time)

Tuesdays - October 14, 21, 28

10:00am - 10:30am

30 minutes of wiggling, jumping, dancing, music, singing and giggling for children 0-5 years (and their parents/grandparents/caregivers!)

Bookings not required.

Home Library Service

Wednesday October 8

1:30pm - 2:30pm

Free service to eligible residents. Call the Library if you are interested or think you know someone who might be interested. Deliveries are 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Yankalilla Library Baby Sprouts: Sensory play for families, parents, caregivers (term time)

**Thursdays - October 16, 23, 30
10:00am - 10:30am**

Engage in story, song and rhyme that supports early literacy. Get to know other families, bond with your little one and explore the Yankalilla Library. Bookings not required.

Yankalilla Library Sprouts: Literacy, science and maths Preschool program (term time)

**Thursdays - October 16, 23 & 30
10:30am - 11:30am**

Read books, sing along and engage in different activities each week that promote early literacy development, socialising, science discovery, maths, creativity and fun!

Bookings not required.

Yankalilla Library Sprouts: literacy, science and maths Preschool program at Rapid Bay Primary School. (Term time)

Fridays - October 17, 24, 31

9:30am - 10:30am

Read books, sing along and engage in different activities each week that promote early literacy development, socialising, science discovery, maths, creativity and fun!

Bookings essential - phone Rapid Bay Primary School 08 8598 4062.



**TURN OVER FOR
MORE EVENTS**

Yankalilla Library

181 Main South Road Yankalilla 5203

Library 08 8558 2043



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AT THE LIBRARY OCTOBER '25

After School Gaming & Media Lab (Term time)

Wednesdays, October 15, 22, 29

3:30pm - 4:30pm

Different sessions may be offered!

Test your skill on our SWITCH – step up to the console!

Learn how to create stop motion movies!

Drive or program our Sphero bots!

Ages 8-12. One booking per child

Morning Tea and Tales

Thursday October 30

10:30am - 12:noon

Come to the Yankalilla Library for a social morning. Every month a guest speaker will share tales of their lives, their connection to our region, or their connection to nature. All ages welcome.

Bookings not required.

Library Book Club

Friday - October 17

2:00pm - 3:00pm

By joining an active book club, you will be more likely to read and discuss your thoughts on the books with new and long-time friends. It's a great way to have meaningful discussions as well as some lighthearted fun.

Meets on the third Friday of the month.

Bookings not required.

JP Service @ the Library

Tuesdays 11:00am - 1:00pm

Do you need a document certified or witnessed by a Justice of the Peace? Stat Dec or ID witnessed for business or legal purposes? Help with an ACD? Please get all copies made prior to meeting with the JP.

No bookings required, join the queue.

Nature Festival event: Botanical Flow

Saturday October 11

10:30am - 12:30pm

\$20 per person | 14+ years

Discover the magic of sun prints and nature in this hands on - cyanotype workshop in the library.

Celebrate Nature Festival with us. Bookings essential: <https://naturefestival.org.au/event/botanical-flow> or

please call to book on 8558 2043

The Aged Rights Advocacy Service (ARAS) Outreach

next visit: November 25

10:00am - 12:00pm

Fleurieu Study Hub Outreach Drop-In Sessions

Wednesday October 15

3:15pm - 4:00pm

Free professional support to help you navigate your future! Our qualified career counsellors are here to assist. Drop in for personalised guidance tailored to your goals and circumstances. Perfect for students, job seekers, and anyone considering a career change.

School Holiday Activities!!

Stop motion movie making

Wednesdays October 1 & 8

3:00pm - 4:00pm

Make your own Stop Motion movie with Lego figurines or from collages. A chance for budding film makers to learn stop motion movie making techniques. 8+years. 1 ticket per child. Bookings essential

Coffee with a Cop/Big Games Family Fun- Library/Lions Park

Thursday October 2

11:00am - 1:30pm

Enjoy playing our big games in the park. (weather dependent). Chat with a police officers about concerns and initiatives over coffee.

Building relationships one cup at a time.

No bookings needed.

Tick Tock I Spy a rock

Thursday 9 October

10am - 12 noon

Join in with songs and stories about being a scientist, rocks, and fossils.

Only 1 booking required per family

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

RACE OFF! A LUNAR ROVER MISSION WORKSHOP

Thursday Oct 9

2:00pm-3:00pm

Race Off! is an engaging, one-hour digital workshop designed to inspire and educate kids and young adults about space exploration.

Through collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity, teams then compete to complete the mission in the shortest time, fostering problem-solving skills and teamwork in a fun, competitive environment.

Free Event . Bookings please

Event may be suitable 6+ years

(adult supervision required for 6yo's)

Please note: All events are FREE and held at the Yankalilla Library, unless stated otherwise.

Bookings may be required to secure your place.

BOOK/CONTACT:

humanitix.com/host/yankalillalibrary
library@yankalilla.sa.gov.au

Yankalilla Library

181 Main South Road Yankalilla 5203

Library 08 8558 2043

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WEEKLY EVENTS:

Club Fleurieu:

Monday:

Mahjong 2:00pm

Rock and Roll dance class 6:30pm

Tuesday:

Croquet 10:00am

Line dancing 2:00pm

Wednesday:

Zumba 5:00pm cost \$10.00 per session

Thursday:

Bingo 10.00am

Friday:

Craft, coffee and a chat 10:00am

Cards 2:00pm

Croquet 3:00pm

Sunday:

Croquet 10:00am

Enquiries: Ph 8558 2053 or 0477 111 315.

Cape Jervis Community Club

Monday: Yoga 10:00am

Tuesday: Gymnasium 6.00pm or by appointment

Wednesday: Library 1:00pm – 2:00 pm

Sew 'n Sews Noon to 4.30pm

Thursday: Dinner from 5.30pm.

Phone: 8598 0088 to book.

Yankalilla Men's Shed

Open weekly behind Club Fleurieu

Tuesday: 8:30am – 2:00pm

Wednesday 5:00pm – 9:00pm

Friday 8:30am – 2:00pm

Come visit us: Phone or email: 0439 047 336

yankalillamensshed@gmail.com

Wednesday:

Yank Youth

Free arvo sessions for young people aged 12-18. To find out more, email community@yankalilla.sa.gov.au or head to Club Reclink: Yankalilla Youth - Hangout Sessions!

Thursday:

Cockatoo Café

10:00am till 11:30am

Yankalilla Area School

Support local students by purchasing hot drinks & morning tea goodies

Hedge Witch Apothecary

10:00am till 3:00pm

Main Street, Yankalilla

Hot drinks- Herbal tinctures tailor-made to the individual.

Friday:

Lady Bay Hotel:

5pm – 7pm Happy Hour.

Phone 8558 0600 for more information or to book.

Yankalilla Hotel:

Meat tray raffle and draw 7pm.

www.yankalillahotel.com.au

Saturday:

Caffe on Bungala

Live music showcasing local artists on the 1st and 2nd Saturday of every month. Tapas menu, local wines & cold beers available.

No need to book, come along and join in the fun!

3pm-5pm, 48 Main Road, Normanville

Myponga Reservoir parkrun

5km walk or run. 8am start, register at

www.parkrun.com.au Sorry no dogs.

more info mypongareservoir@parkrun.com

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FORTNIGHTLY EVENTS:

Club Fleurieu:

Tuesday - Quilting 10am (Weeks 2, 4, 5).

Enquiries: Ph 8558 2053 or 0477 111 315

MONTHLY EVENTS:

Club Fleurieu:

Tuesday 14th October – Club barbecue lunch 12 noon

Tuesday 14th October – Night bingo 6:00pm

Wednesday 22nd October - Club lunch 12 noon

Friday 31st October –Happy hour and Dinner 5:00pm

Bookings essential for all events

Enquiries: Ph 8558 2053 or 0477 111 315

MARKETS:

Yankalilla Market

Every 3rd Saturday of the month – 18th October 2025.

Yankalilla Showgrounds. 9:00am – 2:00pm.

Contact Mattie 0447 044 721 for more information.

Second Valley Market

Sunday 5th October, 10am – 3pm

At the Second Valley Hall

Celebrating 10 Years! Locally Grown, Made & Produced Goods.



The Recycled Closet Market

Saturday 25th October 2025. Every 4th Saturday of the month: 10am -2pm

Yankalilla Hall

More info phone: 0488 965 164

OCTOBER EVENTS

Bloom & Brew Co.

Thursday 2nd October - Macrame Workshop |

11am - 2pm

\$65 pp includes coffee and cake

Bookings to be made in store

Limited spots available

Pre-loved fashion pop up market Saturday October 04th - | 9am - 2pm

Acoustic Courtyard Session

Featuring Tracey Starkey

Sunday October 05th | 1pm - 3pm

Easy listening / Country Pop

Kids Macrame Session

Thursday October 09th | 11am - 1pm

\$30 pp Includes a scoop of ice-cream & small hot chocolate

Bookings to be made in store

Limited spots available

Fleurieu Environment Centre

Saturday 4th October | 9am – 4pm – Yankalilla Show

Friday 10th October | 7am – 9am – Early Morning

Nature Walk @ Bungala Park picnic area.

Working bees at various locations during October – please check flec.com.au for dates and locations.

Any questions, email info@flec.com.au

Spring Fever Soiree – Lot 50

Sunday 12th October at 2pm – 4:30pm

Join us for another magical afternoon with cello, violin and piano and enjoy beverages from the Festival Fleurieu bar (no BYO).

Tickets \$25 – Bookings essential, limited seats.

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Enquiries 0488 965 164 or email

shopatbirdie@gmail.com

A Cut Above: Steak Masterclass & Long Lunch

Saturday 11th October at 11:30am

Flame, flavour & fire at historic Bungala House. Step behind the flames at A Cut Above, a premium hands-on steak masterclass set in the stunning surrounds of historic Bungala House.

Cost \$200 Bookings essential:

www.fleurieufoodandwine.com.au

Yankalilla Show

Saturday 4th October, 9am-4pm

(October long weekend)

Yankalilla Showgrounds

\$10 Adults, Aged Pensioners & Children \$5,

Children under 5 free.

Southern Fleurieu Film Festival

My Favourite Cake - Drama/Comedy/Romance

Thursday 2nd October 6.30pm for 7pm.

Join up for \$60 and enjoy a film per month.

More info: www.sffs.org.au

Club Quiz Night at Club Fleurieu

October 25th | 7pm to 9pm

Join us at the Club for our CLUB QUIZ NIGHT as it's always a fun night with our amazing Quiz Master Rob French testing our brain and memory skills. We'll also have games and great prizes

Cost \$10pp. BYO Supper. No BYO alcohol

Bookings essential on 8558 2053 or

events@clubfleurieu.com

Sausage Sizzle @ A Little Birdie Told Me

Sunday 5th October | 9am until 3pm

Fundraising for the Marilyn Monroe Swim

Fashion Parade Expo

Tuesday 28th of October | 2pm to 4:30pm

Yankalilla Football Club

\$10 tickets available at A Birdie Told Me

Restore Weekend Retreat – Lady Bay Resort

Restore 2 night's Retreat

Friday 31 October 2:00 pm - Sunday 2 November

Experience a weekend of pure renewal.

Please call 0423155662 for more information or to make a booking.

Yankalilla Library Events

The Yankalilla Library offers a range of events for the community tailored to adults, families, children and youth.

Find October's variety of events at:

<https://www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au/library/library/libraryevents>

UPCOMING EVENTS

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www.fleurieufoodandwine.com.au

Sausage Making Masterclass / Lunch

Sunday 22nd November at 11:30am

Bungala House, Yankalilla.

This exclusive experience brings together hands-on craft, expert guidance, and a long lunch to remember. You'll be making your own gourmet sausages, learning from one of the best in the business bringing expertise and creativity to every step.

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Register your event at www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au or email tourism@yankalilla.sa.gov.au

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Cost \$160 Bookings essential:

www.fleurieufoodandwine.com.au

Melbourne Cup Lunch at Club Fleurieu

Tuesday 4th November | 12:30pm

Enjoy a great day at the Club with a delicious 3 course lunch, sweeps, raffles and games. Bar open.

\$35 members / \$40 non-members.

Bookings essential on 8558 2053 or

events@clubfleurieu.com

Forktree Yankalilla Classic Motor Show

Sunday 9th November at 11:00am

We are expecting over 250 classic vehicles to come from all parts of the State to participate in the Fleurieu Peninsula's newest motoring event which is open to historic vehicles of all types - muscle cars, hot rods, motorcycles, trucks, vans, buses, tractors, modified vehicles, specials, etc. built before 31 December 1994 are eligible to take part and rare, exotic and collectable vehicles built post 1994 may enter subject to the Committees approval.

Registrations are open until 1st November 2025.

\$15 for a car + 2 passengers, \$10 for a motorbike + rider. Additional passengers \$5. General Public Entry - \$6 on day. Bookings at

www.facebook.com/YankalillaClassicMotorShow

or the Fleurieu Coast Visitor Information Centre