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“Looking to the Horizon 2014-2018”

Council is 4 months into its 4 year term of office and we need to set our priorities. “Looking to the Horizon 2014-2018” is Council's draft Strategic Plan outlining the overarching goals and priorities for the delivery of services & infrastructure to the community over the next 4 years and beyond. We also have some ideas for projects to benefit the community.

The draft Plan must do this within a local context as well as being consistent with wider regional and state strategic plans, in a planned and financially sustainable manner.

Have we got our priorities right? We are seeking your help to ensure that the Plan provides real guidance in developing our Annual Business Plans over the next four years to sustainably deliver these priorities.

Please visit www.yoursayyankalilla.sa.gov.au to view content, download documents and have your say at this interactive on-line site. Alternatively, copies of the draft Strategic Plan and a feedback form are available from Council's office and library.

Two Public Sessions will be held to give you the opportunity to come along and ask questions of staff and Councillors. These sessions will be held from 2pm to 4pm and 5pm to 7pm on Friday 17 April 2015, at the Council Chambers, Charles Street Yankalilla.

The closing date for lodging your feedback with us is Friday 1 May 2015.



MAYOR'S CORNER

Council's train is travelling at a great rate of knots, it has a lot on board and a lot happening at any one time. This is influenced by, firstly, the expectations of the community/ratepayers, secondly the business itself and the legislative/political demands and constraints that hinder the decision making and management of how Council operates. The biggest single issue the community keeps bringing up is that Council's communications are not very good, and I have to agree. How that can be made better is something Council will look into.

Here are a few of the things on that train-:

- Budget time is here. The executive team are putting this together and councillors will be looking at the first draft soon. Then we'll be getting you to look at this for your comments.
- A rate review was instigated by the previous Council and the reports have been viewed by councillors with the consultant. The findings weren't very fruitful as far as coming up with a solution to reduce rates. We are looking at having them more equitable and keep rises as low as practicable.
- Branding of our region is still going through the process. By October it will be done and dusted and signs will be up to let the visitors know where they are and how welcome they are.
- There is always the ongoing roads and waste which are under constant scrutiny, how can we do these better?
- Keep an eye out for the next listening post with Rick and Rachel, it's a good chance for you to have your say about what's going on in your world. We want to know.

Festival Fleurieu is on from the 11 - 19 April, get your tickets. There are plenty of programs around so get one and be part of the festivities. It is with great honour that His Excellency, the Governor, Hieu Van Le will be opening the Festival on Saturday 11 April at 12noon.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - FESTIVAL FLEURIEU STREET PARTY

Council advises of the temporary closure of the following road on Saturday 11 April 2015 for the Festival Fleurieu Street Party:

- Main Road Normanville from Cheeseman Street to Edmund Street 7.00am to 5.00pm

This is in accordance to Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act 1961 and Clause G of the Instrument of General Approval of the Minister.

LISTENING POST

Drop by a listening post and chat with your elected members.

This will be a great opportunity for community members to chat informally with elected members about issues, concerns, opportunities and wonderful, amazing things that are happening in our community.

The Listening Post will be at varying locations across the district on a monthly basis.

- Sunday 12 April 10am – 11.30am – Cape Jervis market
- Thursday 26 May 10am – 11.30am – Normanville shops
- Saturday 6 June 10am – 11.30am - Inman Valley market
- Thursday 30 July 10am – 11.30am – Yankalilla (between Just Penny's and Yankalilla Post Office)

Further dates and locations will be advertised in future editions of In the Loop.

Hope to see you at a Listening Post.

CARRICKALINGA PLANNING -Brown Road Development Plan Amendment UPDATE

Council is undertaking a privately funded Development Plan Amendment (DPA) process to investigate the possible re-zoning of a small portion of land located on the northern edge of Carrickalinga at Brown Road from Primary Industry to Residential Zoning. Work on finalising the Development Plan Amendment is continuing. Council's Strategic Directions Committee gave consideration to the issue of the visual impact of future residential development within this portion of the backdrop to Carrickalinga.

The results of the public consultation (reported in previous In the Loop articles), two Visual and Landscape Assessment reports (prepared by landscape architects) and the administration's recommendations have now been considered. At its March meeting, the Committee recommended a number of changes to amend the DPA to take into account the issues raised. Once Council has considered the final DPA details, a further update will be provided on progress with this matter.

YANKALILLA COUNCIL ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

The condition of local unsealed roads is an ongoing concern in our district and continues to be a major focus of Council moving forward. With winter just around the corner, Council's Operations team is working to ensure the local road network is safer for residents and visitors alike.

James Track, Forktree Road and Tapanappa Road have recently been subjected to a state-of-the-art stabilising process using a product known as Polycom. The product, which binds and stabilises dirt roads, has been used by the Council to encourage a more stable and safe driving surface for the hundreds of drivers that use these roads every day.

Warren Kaeding, Operations Manager, who was instrumental in setting up the project said, "Over time the condition of our unsealed road network had deteriorated. This is a safety concern and we have moved quickly and with purpose to ensure any future and ongoing problems are alleviated."

Mayor Glen Rowlands says "We have been highly proactive in our approach to safety and hope to encourage other local Councils to take a leaf out of our book and adopt a similar strategy to road safety."

It is anticipated road breakdown which in some locations is as high as 4-6 times a year, can be eliminated altogether for a minimum of 3 years with the use of this product.

Before application of the stabiliser the Council undertook extensive research to find the right solution to upgrade the local road network.

The local community and road users have responded positively to the trials and have praised the stability, lack of potholes and dust on the upgraded road surface.

Local Yankalilla resident Lee Saunders uses James Track on a daily basis and has spoken highly of the new and improved road surface, "The depreciation of the road after recent rainfall is distinctively less than it has been in previous years."

Another local resident Pat Pearce also feels positively about the project, "The amount of dust coming from the road is significantly less since the upgrade."

Council is confident about its investment, as the improvement has shifted resident's perception of road condition from 'poor' to 'good'. Council is aware of the potential for the surface to become dangerous when wet. Pat Pearce further commented, "After rainfall the clay surface became slippery and also quite boggy despite the improvements that have been made."

Council will install new warning signs on these roads and monitor any breakdown or danger that has the potential to cause accidents. The Operations team is working to repair Forktree Road after the initial application of Polycom was unsuccessful.

Council will continue trials into the winter period and use the information, data and observable outcomes to make an educated decision on the ongoing use of the product in the District.

Dates to Remember

11-19 April: Festival Fleurieu

Tuesday 7 April: Audit Committee 9.30am

Tuesday 7 April: Strategic Directions Committee 4pm

Sunday 12 April 10am – 11.30am: Cape Jervis market

Tuesday 21 April: Council Meeting 4pm /

Public Forum 4.30pm

WHAT'S ON @ THE CENTRE**NEW Workshop - 'COOKING FOR BLOKES'
18 May 10.30am - 1pm**

Impress your mates with your newfound skills!

You won't believe how simple it really is!

\$15 includes all ingredients and a shared meal.

Book at the Visitor Information Centre – 8558 0240

Enquiries to the Community Centre – 8558 0262

Further updates will be provided over the next few months on progress with this matter.

**National Youth Week: 10 – 19 April**

FREE Events at the Community Centre!

SciWorld is back for Youth Week!

Monday 13 April 11.15am; Slime, for all ages

Monday 13 April 1.30pm: Robotics, for ages 10 - 25

Thursday 16 April 11.15am: Light up your mind, for all ages

Thursday 16 April 1.30pm: Liquid Nitrogen Show, for ages 10-25

Come and join these very popular hands-on, educational, science adventure shows.

Henna/Bollywood is back for Youth Week!

Sunday 19 April 1.30pm – 4pm

Learn the Art of Henna Body Art and a vibrant mix of Dance styles including traditional Indian, folkdance and bellydance.

Newcomers are Welcome!

All enquiries and bookings at the Community Centre – 8558 0262

MYSTERY BUS TOURS**Mystery Tour:** Wednesday 8 April 9am-4.30pm**Movie and Shopping Trip:** Wednesday 22 April 9am – 4.30pm

Cost: \$35pp includes Morning Tea and Lunch

(please advise of any special dietary requirements when booking)

The bus will leave from the Council Office at 9am and return to

the same location at 4.30pm. (Special arrangements available)

Bookings are essential as places are limited.

Book at the Council Office or call 8558 0200.

**SOME YANKALILLA LIBRARY FAST FACTS**

In January and February this year your Yankalilla Library has:

- Lent 5,229 items
- Has had 7,164 customers
- Has sent and received 9,406 items around the State as part of the One Card Library Network.
- Has served an average of 36 customers every hour we are open.
- Has had 282 sessions on 4 public computers.