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OPERATION FLINDERS

It is the world renowned program which is transforming the lives of vulnerable or at risk young people, by helping them to break away from their pasts and grow as valued members of the community.

It is Operation Flinders. Now for the first time The District Council of Yankalilla is offering one local teenager the opportunity to take part in the unique outback intervention program.

“Council will be taking the lead in supporting the young people in the area to participate in this program which we know will give them the opportunity to help them to turn their lives around,” said Jonathon Robran from Operation Flinders.

The South Australian based charitable organisation runs the world leading evidence based outback intervention program for teenagers aged 14 to 18, which runs for eight days in the far northern Flinders Ranges.

“Their mission is to provide young men and women with demanding outdoor challenges and support, to help them develop their personal attitudes and values of self-esteem, motivation, team-work and responsibility,” said Council CEO Nigel Morris.

“Council will sponsor one young person from our local area to take part in this valuable program in the current financial year and we’re excited to see this relationship with Operation Flinders grow.”



NEW
LOOK & FEEL
COMING
SOON

MAYOR'S CORNER

I was recently asked why I joined council two years ago, despite having had little interest (and some resistance) prior to that point. Upon reflection, the primary reason was simply to see if I, and we the new council, could make a difference and get things done for the district.

Over the 18 months this council has been in place, I believe we have started to do just that, but there is plenty more on the agenda in the near future.

Below are just a few of the things on Council's 'to do' list as the new financial year steams ahead:

Rolling out the second round of Welcome Signs, after the first round installed last month. The roll out of the Farewell Signs will follow. This is a huge project which has taken the best part of a decade to get up and has been a whole of community effort in seeing it through.

Planning for the new library at the Centre precinct.

Installing a new bridge at Memorial Park which council has won a grant for. If everything goes to plan that will be built around December.

Looking at ways to breathe life in Bungala Park in Normanville and the creek area. A Master Plan will be drawn up, with ideas including bike trails and nature play facilities.

Investigating how to improve our road network, particularly the 450 kilometres of unsealed roads in the council district.

Getting things done in our District is a whole of council and community effort. I am not one to push my own cart, I would much rather encourage others to help take us to where we need to go and I think that is why we are doing such great things at the moment.

In the meantime, keep warm and stay safe while travelling.

Glen Rowlands MAYOR



MAYORS SHORT STORY CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the inaugural winners of the Mayor's Short Story Challenge within the district.

Reception – Year 2 Winner: Lily Major, Yankalilla Area School

Year 3 - Year 4 Winner: Monique Marcel, Yankalilla Area School

Year 5 - Year 7 Winner: Kelsea Rilstone, Rapid Bay Primary School

Year 8 – Year 10 Winner: Falie Klieve, Yankalilla Area School

Overall Winner: Falie Klieve, Yankalilla Area School

Alexandrina Library Service and Victor Harbor Public Library have been running the Mayors' Short Story Challenge for six years and Yankalilla has joined for the first time this year. An incredible 140 entries from students from Yankalilla Area School, Myponga Primary and Rapid Bay Primary were received. Congratulations to all the students who took part.

COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Council's Community Grant Policy has been enhanced and community organisations or groups are invited to submit an application for funding to assist with projects or events.

The new policy, guidelines and application form will be available at www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au during September.

DUMP AWAY... But only at the recently opened RV Dump Point

Yankalilla has taken the first steps to becoming an RV Friendly accredited destination with the opening of the RV Dump Point. Located on the corner of Main and Arthur Streets, the free site is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and provides free drinking water as well as waste disposal and recycling facilities.

Project Manager, Helen Sampson, said it has been great to see the facility up and running with people stopping to make use of the services.

Council will now work on establishing some RV Friendly parking within the district.



PROPOSED OPENING HOURS FOR COUNCIL

Council is seeking community feedback on its proposal to change the operational hours of its administration offices at 1 Charles Street, Yankalilla.

Council in their efficiencies program is proposing new opening hours of 9.00am – 5.00pm Monday to Friday. Currently the office opens at 8:30am and has little patronage prior to 9.00am.

Please submit your comments at www.yoursayyankalilla.com.au

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Before there were permanent fences in the district to keep stock, crops and property in line, some farmers tried a few 'interesting' tactics to establish their own home grown barriers of sorts.

According to the Yankalilla Museum, one farmer planted garlic along his border to deter the neighbour's cows eating his feed. The plan naturally backfired, instead tainting the neighbour's milk making it undrinkable, while rendering his own paddock unusable. It no doubt seemed like a good idea at the time!

This is just one tale that offers a window into the diversity of rural and social life of the district. Be transported into another world at the Museum and get a taste for the dolls and clothing from yesteryear, minerals from throughout the area, as well as farm machinery, the old church and a wide range of memorabilia and photographs.

"Depending on what you're looking for you could spend 15 minutes if you just wanted to do a quick skim around or you could spend half a day exploring the museum," said Alison Angus, Visitor Information Centre (VIC) Coordinator.

"You can buy tickets for the Museum at the VIC on Main Street, both are open seven days, and for just \$5 you can immerse yourself in all the gems this historical precinct has to offer."

Over the coming months we will be delving into the district's history and unpacking some of the treasures that the VIC and Museum hold.

NATIONAL TREE DAY PLANTING EVENT AT LADY BAY

More than just a revegetation program, it is a botanists dream with more than 700 local native species planted, 171 types of plants recorded including 36 threatened species.

The Hobart Memorial at Lady Bay and nearby coastal reserve are looking greener than ever, after a swarm of volunteers Normanville Natural Resource Centre got their hands dirty planting, and also installing guards around the local native plants as part of National Tree Day.

The area will become an educational mecca for the community to understand what grows in the area, but also showcase which plants are ideal in landscaping for a high exposure coastal site with no irrigation.

If you are interested in being involved with natural area restoration projects in the future please contact the Normanville Natural Resource Centre at 3/50 Main Street Normanville, Phone: (08) 8558 3644 or Email: admin@nnrc.com.au



WHAT'S ON @THE CENTRE IN SEPTEMBER

WHEN	WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST 2016	BOOKINGS
Tuesdays during school term 10 - 10.30	Wiggle 'n' Giggle Wiggling, Jumping, Dancing, Singing and Giggling	Enquiries Renee: 0409 709 504 Maddy: 0417 843 107
Thursdays 10 - 11.30	NEW Dance Class	Enquiries Lynne: 0423 771 956
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday	NEW Centrelink Access Point Opening Hours	Enquiries Centre Staff 8558 0264
Thursdays 1.30 – 4.30	Grief Workshops Discover effective coping strategies	Enquiries Karyn 0448 783 252
Friday 9 September 10 – 11	Yankalilla and District Historical Society 180 Years Ago history talk	Bookings Library - 8558 2043
Tuesday 13 September 11.15 – 2 \$6.00. B.Y.O Lunch	Craft with Judith Turn your shoe or hat into a wearable work of art	Bookings V.I.C - 8558 0240 Enquiries 8558 0264
Monday 19 September 10.30 - 1 \$15.00	Cooking for Blokes Curry in a hurry Includes all ingredients and shared lunch	Bookings V.I.C - 8558 0240 Enquiries 8558 0264
Friday 23 September 2 – 4	Yankalilla and District Historical Society Researching your family tree – where to start	Bookings Library - 8558 2043
Friday 23 September 1.30	Library Online Learn how to use the library catalogue and the new online resources, such as linda.com and Zinio online magazines	Bookings Library - 8558 2043

SPRING INTO ACTION

As the clouds part and we leave behind the depths of winter, make a date with a picnic table under the shade cloth in The Centre's outdoor recreation area. What better way to spend a beautiful spring day than with a spot of chess on one of the feature café tables, or watching the kids play on the grassy surrounds. Board games are also available at The Centre during open hours, including Uno, colouring books, scrabble and battleship.



MINIATURE ART AT LARGE

The Community Art Gallery located at the Council Chambers has opened its latest artwork display. Featuring 'Miniature' themed artwork, with predominately A5 sized pieces, the public is encouraged to come and view the locally curated works. The pieces will be displayed for approximately three months. Council encourages local artists to get on board and showcase their artwork.