

## in the loop



L-R back: Sheryn Pitman, Mayor Darryl Houston, Rosslyn Hoffmann and Peter Filsell. L-R front: Ros Hutchinson, Louise Allstrom and Eve Jansen .  
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## 2025 Citizen of the Year Award Winners

Citizen of the Year Awards were presented on Sunday, 26 January 2025, during the Australia Day Celebrations at The Village Green, Normanville. The ceremony was led by Chief Executive Officer Nathan Cunningham and Mayor Darryl Houston, with assistance from Australia Day Ambassador Mr John Shepherd.

The Citizen of the Year Awards recognise the outstanding efforts of individuals in the community who exhibit leadership, initiative and active citizenship. The Awards acknowledge the often-unsung heroes of our community who,

through their contributions, make our community the amazing place it is. The winners were honoured for their achievements and presented with certificates during the ceremony.

Congratulations to all our award recipients:

- Citizen of the Year Award – Ros Hutchinson
- Young Citizen of the Year Award – Eve Jansen
- Community Event of the Year Award - The Shannons QMT Yankalilla Classic Motor Show organised by the Yankalilla District Lions Club

- Active Citizenship Award - Carrickalinga Ratepayers Association for the Dark Sky Community.
- Mayor's Award – Louise Allstrom

Nominations for these awards can be made year-round and those interested in nominating someone can find more information on the Yankalilla Council website ([www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au/australiaday](http://www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au/australiaday)).

Congratulations to all the winners and nominees for their achievements and efforts to make their community a better place.

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2025! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and are feeling refreshed for the year ahead.

### The Mayor is Cooking – 5CY Fundraiser

It was an absolute pleasure to once again take part in the annual fundraiser for 5CY at Club Fleurieu. With 82 attendees and the incredible support of Club Fleurieu members, we shared a wonderful evening of good food and great company—all for an important cause.

Thanks to generous donations and a lively auction and raffle (along with my cooking skills being put to the test!), we raised an impressive \$5,500. Thank you to everyone who contributed—your generosity will help 5CY continue its invaluable work in our community.

### Australia Day Celebrations

Our Australia Day event at the Village Green in Normanville was a fantastic morning, bringing our community together to celebrate the achievements and contributions of many inspiring individuals. A huge thank you to the Council staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the event such a success.

We were also honoured to welcome Australia Day Ambassador John Shepherd AM, who shared his experiences and insights on the importance of working together to support those around us as a community. Following the event, John reached out to express his gratitude not only for the warm welcome he and his wife, Jan, received but also for the seamless organisation and coordination of their stay and the celebrations. It was wonderful to receive such positive feedback and I'd like to extend my thanks to John and Jan for being part of our celebrations.

Warm regards,  
**Darryl Houston**  
Mayor

## CEO'S CORNER

### Normanville Pontoon Set to Return

I'm pleased to share that the Normanville Pontoon is going through a final update of its risk management plan and is set to return to the water as soon as possible, provided weather conditions are suitable.

After sustaining damage due to misuse, the pontoon was removed in late January for safety reasons and underwent necessary repairs. Thanks to the hard work of our team, most of these repairs were completed in-house. We are now waiting for the right weather conditions and contractor availability to return the pontoon to the water as soon as possible.

The pontoon has been a staple of our summer seasons for a number of

years, offering locals and visitors a fantastic way to enjoy our beautiful coastline. We appreciate the community's patience and support while we ensured it was safe to return to the water while there's still warm weather to enjoy.

### A Grey Day – A Cultural Highlight for Our Region



Council has recently approved an exciting opportunity to share an important piece of our district's artistic heritage with a wider audience. The painting *A Grey Day, Second Valley*, is currently on a long-term loan to DCY and displayed in

the Charles Street Council Chambers in Yankalilla. The piece has been requested for inclusion in a prestigious Royal South Australian Society of Arts (RSASA) exhibition in Adelaide later this year. Permission from the artwork's owner was received before Council formally supported the request at its January Meeting.

This exhibition will bring together significant works from public and private collections, elevating the profile of our district's cultural assets. With full insurance coverage and professional transport arrangements in place, the loan of this artwork is a valuable chance to celebrate our region's artistic contributions and promote cultural tourism. The Exhibition 'James Ashton, artist of the Fleurieu Coast' will be on display at the Royal South Australian Society of Arts, Adelaide, from Saturday, 27 April to Saturday, 31 May 2025.

**Nathan Cunningham**  
Chief Executive Officer

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## **Citizen of the Year Award - Ros Hutchinson**



Citizen of the Year - Ros Hutchinson and her family

Ros Hutchinson, a proud Myponga resident, has been named the 2025 Citizen of the Year in recognition of her lifelong dedication to community service and leadership.

Ros has contributed tirelessly to local sports, health and community organisations, leaving a lasting and positive impact on the Myponga area. A life member of both the Myponga Sellicks Tennis Club and the Myponga Netball Club, she has been an unwavering supporter of community sports, encouraging participation and volunteering countless hours to coaching and mentoring.

In her role as the Heart Foundation Walking Organiser for the region, Ros coordinates two weekly walks and multiple social events that bring together 50 registered members. These inclusive and welcoming activities not only promote fitness but also foster a sense of camaraderie and the group's enjoyment is evident to anyone who crosses paths with these fluorescent walkers.

Ros' dedication extends to her role as a Cancer Council Ambassador, where she organises Myponga's annual Biggest Morning Tea, raising significant funds to support cancer research and services.

Ros has earned the respect and admiration of her community for her warmth, local knowledge and organisational skills. Her leadership strengthens community bonds, making her a true role-model and a source of inspiration.

Ros is not only a genuine and loyal friend but also a generous country

woman and her unwavering dedication to the Myponga community exemplifies the values celebrated by the Citizen of the Year Award.

Congratulations Ros Hutchinson on this well-deserved honour.

## **Young Citizen of the Year Award – Eve Jansen**



Young Citizen of the Year – Eve Jansen

Eve's passion for making a positive impact is evident through her many contributions. Her active involvement in the Youth Advisory Committee over several years highlights her dedication to planning and delivering events that benefit local young people. Recently, Eve's passion for making a difference was showcased when she presented a deputation at Council, advocating for a cause she strongly believes in and demonstrating leadership amongst her peers.

In addition to her civic involvement, Eve is a dedicated volunteer with Surf Life Saving. Eve has taught nippers

groups, assisted with the VACSWIM program and regularly undertakes beach patrols as a volunteer surf lifesaver. Her efforts to ensure the safety and enjoyment of beachgoers exemplify her selfless commitment to helping others.

Eve's contributions extend to the local sporting community in the community, where she plays both netball and football. A valued player in the women's football league, Eve also volunteers her time to support boys' football matches, demonstrating her dedication to fostering a strong and inclusive sports culture.

Through her leadership, involvement in community groups and volunteering efforts, Eve has set an excellent example of civic duty and leadership. She is a fabulous role model for younger generations, inspiring them to engage with and contribute to their communities.

Congratulations Eve, on this well-deserved recognition and thank you for your exceptional contributions to the local community.

## **Community Event of the Year Award - The Shannons QMT Yankalilla Classic Motor Show**



Mayor Houston with Rosslyn Hoffmann and Peter Fisell

Organised by the Yankalilla and District Lions Club and a team of passionate local volunteers, the Classic Motor Show has grown into a highly anticipated annual tradition. The event draws car enthusiasts, families and community members of all ages to celebrate classic cars while giving back to the community.

Each year, the Lions Club uses proceeds from the event to fund community projects. This commitment to giving back not only strengthens the community but also inspires residents and visitors to actively participate in the betterment of their community.

The Yankalilla Classic Motor Show also plays a key role in boosting local tourism, attracting visitors from across the region and beyond. This influx of attendees significantly contributes to the local economy through increased spending at businesses and accommodation providers.

Congratulations to the organisers of the Shannons QMT Yankalilla Classic Motor Show for their outstanding efforts in creating an event that embodies the spirit of community and celebration.

#### **Active Citizenship Award - Carrickalinga Ratepayers Association for the Dark Sky Community**



Mayor Houston with Sheryn Pitman (on behalf of the Carrickalinga Ratepayers Association) and Australia Day Ambassador Mr John Shepherd

The District Council of Yankalilla is proud to recognise the Carrickalinga Ratepayers Association as the 2025 Active Citizen of the Year for their extraordinary collective achievement in securing Carrickalinga's designation as Australia's first International Dark Sky Community.

In May 2024, Carrickalinga earned global recognition as the first Dark Sky Community in Australia and the 47th worldwide, joining an exclusive group committed to preserving natural night skies. This outstanding

achievement, the result of three years of tireless effort by Carrickalinga residents and visitors, was led by the Carrickalinga Ratepayers Association in collaboration with the District Council of Yankalilla.

The Carrickalinga Ratepayers Association spearheaded numerous initiatives as part of this effort, including:

- Establishing a sky quality metering program.
- Hosting community events such as the inspiring "Star Party".
- Delivering educational presentations and materials to promote awareness of light pollution.
- Collaborating with the District Council of Yankalilla on community consultations, public lighting policies and compliance with DarkSky standards.

The group continues to champion responsible lighting practices, minimise light pollution and engage the community in preserving the district's natural night skies for future generations. They are also supporting other regional communities, such as Clayton Bay and Yorke Peninsula, in their Dark Sky aspirations.

Congratulations to the Carrickalinga Ratepayers Association and the entire community for this outstanding accomplishment. Their leadership and dedication serve as an inspiration for communities across Australia and beyond, exemplifying the spirit of active citizenship and environmental stewardship.

#### **Mayor's Award – Louise Allstrom**



Mayor Houston with Louise Allstrom and Ambassador Mr John Shepherd

Louise has dedicated much of her time and energy to enhancing the social fabric of the region. A former Yankalilla Councillor, including a period as Deputy Mayor, she has played a key role in local governance and advocating for the needs of the community. Her leadership extended beyond the Council, where she made significant contributions as the founding president of Normanville Traders, a vital group supporting local businesses, as well as through her volunteer work on the Yankalilla Area School Governing Council and Yankalilla Community Children's Centre.

Louise's commitment to community engagement extended to her successful operation of Hooked on Books in Normanville, where she ran a free book club for preschool children. This initiative sparked a love of reading in young children and provided a welcoming space for families to connect.

Her impact on the local community is particularly evident through volunteering with Meals on Wheels to her involvement in Club Fleurieu, where she serves as president. Under her leadership, Club Fleurieu has become a cornerstone of social life in the district, offering a wide range of activities that encourage participation and foster social connections. From Tai Chi, Rock & Roll, Scrabble and Mah Jong to quilting and mosaics, Louise helped create an inclusive environment where all ages could come together. Her tireless work has included organising regular events such as monthly lunches, BBQs, bingo nights, quiz nights and occasional bus trips that bring people together and help combat social isolation.

Her long-standing and diverse contributions to the community make Louise Allstrom a truly deserving recipient of the Mayor's Award. Through her dedication and hard work, she has enriched the lives of many residents, fostering a sense of belonging and pride in the Yankalilla district.

Congratulations Louise on this well-earned recognition and thank you for your unwavering service to the community.

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF YANKALILLA

# Australia Day Celebrations 2025

The District Council of Yankalilla's Australia Day celebrations were an outstanding success, with over 200 attendees gathering at the Village Green in Normanville. Hosted by CEO Nathan Cunningham and Mayor Darryl Houston, guests were entertained by Australia Day Ambassador, Mr John Shepherd, who served as the guest speaker for the day and shared his personal reflections on what it means to be Australian.

The proceedings were once again graced by a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem, led by local resident Wendy McPhee. Wendy also shared her original Acknowledgment of Country song, educating the audience on the difference between an Acknowledgement of Country and a Welcome to Country.

A highlight of the event was the presentation of the Citizen of the Year Awards, recognising outstanding individuals for their contributions to the community. Additionally, we were very pleased to welcome three new Australian citizens to the community.

Mayor Houston took the opportunity to express his gratitude to Council and community volunteers for their hard work and dedication, particularly those who have given extended years of service.

As the celebrations drew to a close, Wendy McPhee returned to the stage alongside fellow local artist Corey Stewart, entertaining the crowd with live Australian music. Families enjoyed a sausage from the traditional Lion's sausage sizzle, played yard games and

children were thrilled by the talented face painter Julia, who was a crowd favourite.

Thank you to Janey Fowler from Koa Photography for capturing the essence of the day through her wonderful images.

We also extend our appreciation to the Australia Day Council for the \$15,000 grant received to help fund the event. \$5,000 of this funding was specifically allocated to be used for significant cultural elements, enabling the professional recording of Wendy McPhee's *Acknowledgment of Country* song, accompanied by Phil Noel on the yidaki.



# Welcome to our new Australian Citizens

On Australia Day the District Council of Yankalilla welcomed three new Australian citizens at a citizenship ceremony. Held as an integral part of the Australia Day Celebrations, this ceremony marked a significant moment for individuals hailing from three different countries who chose Australia as their new home.

Conferees were welcomed by Mayor Darryl Houston, the Presiding Officer of the ceremony, and the Honourable Leon Bignall MP who extended congratulations on behalf of the community. Mayor Houston also shared a message from The Honourable Tony Burke MP – the Minister responsible for administering the Australian Citizenship Act, which welcomes new citizens to one of the most diverse nations on earth.



Each new citizen was gifted a selection of local coastal plants grown by our Community Nursery and a jar of Vegemite.

We extend our warmest congratulations to the newest members of our community.

## Community Grants Awarded

As part of our Australia Day Celebrations, certificates were presented to the representatives of the various community groups that were successful in receiving Community Grant Funding from Council for 2024/25 Financial Year. Successful applicants have shared in \$15,000 in community funding this financial year. In addition to this funding, the Myponga Memorial Community Centre was granted \$25,000; the Yankalilla Memorial Park was also granted \$25,000, and

\$13,000 was available to the Arts and Creativity Grants Program.

This Annual Program provides incredible value across the community and the next round of Community Grant Applications will open again later in the year for the 2026/27 Financial Year. More Information on the next round of applications will be available from Council, on our website and advertised in future editions of In The Loop.

### Successful Grant Winners were:

5CY - for the Community Pantry

Myponga Netball Club – for court roster signage

Myponga Progress Association – Myponga Community Christmas Party

Rapid Bay Primary School – Crops and Chooks: Rapid Bay's Kitchen Garden Sanctuary

Yankalilla & District Interchurch Council - for the Yankalilla Area School & Myponga Primary School Breakfast Club & Welfare

Yankalilla District Historical Museum Inc - Publication of "Cemeteries of the Yankalilla District - Early Burials" book

Yankalilla Netball Club - Uniform subsidy for x130 players

Yankalilla Normanville Progress Association - Purchase of 10 x AED's for Heart Safe Community project

Yankalilla Youth Arts Incorporated - Audio recording of YYT theme song "Tumbleweed" and film music score

Wirrina Cove Social Golf Club - Computer scoring system



# Library Updates

## What we did at Yankalilla Library this Summer Holidays

This summer, the Yankalilla Library was buzzing with exciting activities for families and children. From hands-on workshops to creative challenges, there was something for everyone to enjoy!

Our popular activity bags made a return, filled with Christmas and summer holiday-themed activities. Families explored the library while picking up their bags and we're excited to bring them back in April! Be sure to visit the library at the start of the school holidays so you don't miss out.

The Spheros were out and about battling and moving away from the light. Children used tablets to navigate these little robots. It was a fantastic way to explore coding and problem-solving through play.

Each Thursday in January, families with young children joined us for **Baby Sprouts**, a fun-filled session of songs and stories in the children's library area. The little rubber ducks were again a hit during the *Five Little Ducks* song!

Thanks to the State Library, we hosted *Beneath the Waves* and *On the Shore*, 'Out of the Box' travelling children's resources. These collections featured books, puppets, playdough, kinetic sand, shells and sea creatures, allowing little ones to create imaginative seascapes.

Janine Baker captivated young audiences with her interactive presentation about crabs and their fascinating marine friends. Children then put their creativity to work with crab-inspired art activities. Wendy from *Friends of the Hooded Plovers* also visited to teach families how they can help protect these precious shorebirds. Kids had a blast decorating their own bags and filling them with fun surprises.



Our Lego Challenges had families taking on fun building tasks, including blindfolded builds, bridges, fruit sculptures, a marble maze and even boats that float! Some of these amazing creations are now on display in the library's glass cabinet - come take a look!

We had an incredible summer and we can't wait to welcome you back for the **April school holidays** as part of **Festival Fleurieu's Imagine Your World in Stories and Art**. See you at the library!



The holiday season is one of the busiest times of the year for the Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre, with our dedicated team on deck to assist visitors and locals alike over the holiday period. The Visitor Information Centre remained open throughout the holiday period, only closing on Christmas Day to ensure we're here to support the adventures and experiences of visitors.

This shows the true passion and dedication of our team to deliver.

Additionally, we're thrilled to introduce two exciting new tour offerings that are now available on the Fleurieu Coast and across the greater Fleurieu Peninsula! These tours are designed to showcase the region's unparalleled natural beauty, unique heritage and extraordinary experiences, inviting you to explore like never before.

### Fleurieu Coast Tours

Whether you're a nature enthusiast, a culinary connoisseur, or simply seeking adventure, we have the perfect experience for you. Fleurieu Coast Tours offers four remarkable mystery tours across the region, each designed to surprise and delight. These experiences are now bookable online at [www.fleurieucoast.tours](http://www.fleurieucoast.tours)

### Deep Creek Experiences



Deep Creek Experiences, John Mazzocato



Deep Creek Experiences, John & Jackie Mazzocato

These tours focus on sustainability and the area's rich cultural heritage, offering activities ranging from gourmet picnics and guided trails with panoramic views to thrilling 4WD adventures. With a variety of experiences and price points available, there's something for everyone with Deep Creek Experiences. Find out more at:

[www.deepcreekexperiences.com.au/](http://www.deepcreekexperiences.com.au/)

### Congratulations to Superstar Nick Nicmanis-Everingham!



Nick Nicmanis-Everingham

Congratulations to Nick Nicmanis-Everingham, our December Fleurieu Peninsula Service Star! At just 23, Nick has become a beloved team member at Aqua Blue Restaurant in Normanville, where he's been working since day one - literally from the moment the tiles were being laid in the kitchen.

Nick's dedication to creating memorable experiences for every guest shines through his work. As he puts it, *"As long as people walk out with a smile on their face and a sense of satisfaction, I know I've done my job."*

The Fleurieu Peninsula Service Star Awards celebrate the heroes of hospitality—the staff and businesses that ensure visitors feel welcomed, valued, and connected. In a region renowned for its stunning beaches, world-class wineries, and vibrant culture, it's our service that leaves a lasting impression.

This program is your opportunity to showcase your commitment to excellence, engage your team, and set a new standard for visitor experiences.

The rollout of promotional materials for our area is being coordinated by the Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre, along with personal visits to businesses to promote this customer service program with great success.

### Farewell



We take this opportunity to say farewell to one of our unsung heroes who has championed not only tourism but the complete visitor experience at the Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre for over 15 years.

Bruce Burford was an inaugural member of the tourism reference group and was a strong voice in tourism being recognised as an industry in our council region.

He was also key in pushing forward with getting a visitor centre building established at 104 Main Street, Yankalilla, the site of the bakery today, whilst staying on through the movement to the Mitre10 retail site and finally where the Visitor Centre stands today

Bruce and his wife Faye owned the popular B&B, PearTree Hollow. The property is still a B&B today and Bruce was also a super active advocate for the building and development of the strategic plan advocating tourism to the council.

Last but not least, Bruce always stepped in to help where he could. He led from the front, handled himself in the most professional manner and was a real sounding board for our team on everything related to tourism.

### Bookings

Bookings for our event support equipment have been exceptionally busy over December and January. We proudly supported a variety of community events, including Aqua Blue Normanville 1st birthday celebration, Christmas on the Green,

Lot 50 Christmas Market, Myponga School celebrations and notably, the Normanville NYE Pageant (just to name a few). In addition to providing equipment, we assisted with promotion through our social media channels and events guide.

### Social Media

Our social media presence continues to flourish, thanks to Sophie Maclay-Ross's dedication and creativity. Our Facebook page now boasts an impressive 10.6K followers, while Instagram has surged from 3.9K to 4.4K followers in just seven months. These platforms are invaluable for engaging with visitors, sharing the best of what the Fleurieu Coast has to offer, and reminding them to visit respectfully.

For more information or to enquire about volunteering, visit the Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre and chat with our friendly team.

**#FleurieuCoast #MadeByNature**



**FOR THE DADS**

**Wednesday 12th March**  
**6.30pm-8.30pm**  
**Yankalilla Showgrounds**  
(shed behind the hall)

BBQ dinner provided

Bookings:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CYLET>

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## FREE Battery and Gas Bottle\* Recycling at FRWA Depots

### Two recent battery fires at FRWA

Two Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority (FRWA) depots experienced fires from batteries recently. The Kangaroo Island Resource Recovery Centre shed suffered extensive damage from a major fire started by a lithium battery.

The Strathalbyn Waste and Recycling Depot had a close call on the same day. Strathalbyn staff identified a hidden gas bottle still filled with gas and removed it from the general rubbish. Ten minutes later, a small battery fire started in the same vicinity. Luckily, this fire was able to be extinguished completely.

FRWA pleads with users of both kerbside bins and depots not to bin

or hide batteries in any bin or depot waste. Please store all batteries separately and take them to your nearest collection location for FREE disposal. Empty gas bottles up to 9kg can also now be recycled for FREE.

Damaged and used batteries:

- Start fires
- Leach chemicals into the ground
- Are a missed opportunity to recycle valuable resources.

Battery fires in rubbish trucks and waste depots are becoming a major issue across Australia – please do the right thing:

- No batteries in kerbside bins
- Don't hide batteries or gas bottles in depot waste

- Separate and store batteries (put sticky tape over terminals)
- Let the FRWA Depot gatehouse staff know you have batteries and empty gas bottles to recycle for FREE. They'll direct you to a special battery recycling bin or gas bottle area.

Further information:

For more information on the safe storage of used batteries visit <https://recyclingnearyou.com.au/batteries>

To find your nearest alternative collection location <https://bcycle.com.au/drop-off/>

\*Gas bottles must be empty and up to 9kg.



**FREE**

**Battery and gas bottle\***  
**recycling at FRWA Depots**

No batteries or gas bottles in any bin.  
Batteries in bins and depot waste case FIRES!

\*Gas bottles must be empty - Maximum 9kg

FLEURIEU REGIONAL WASTE AUTHORITY

# Food Safety

With the Environmental  
Health Officer



## Campervan and Caravan Food Safety

If you are off on a campervan or caravan holiday and don't want illness to spoil your fun, think about how you are going to prepare food on the road. Follow the simple but effective hints suggested here and food poisoning won't be an unwelcome hitchhiker on your road trip.

When you're on the road in a motor home, caravan or campervan, remember these important tips:

### Clean

Our health is in our hands! Clean hands significantly decrease the possibility of food poisoning and other diseases.

Remember the 20/20 rule: wash hands for 20 seconds with warm, soapy water and dry hands for 20 seconds before starting to cook. Repeat frequently, especially after handling raw meats, or vegetables with visible soil on them.

Wash utensils and cutting boards with soap and warm water and dry thoroughly before handling different sorts of foods. This is particularly important when dealing with raw meats and vegetables.

### Chill

Food that is meant to be kept chilled should be!

As soon as possible after purchase meat, poultry, dairy foods, vegetables, salad ingredients etc should be refrigerated at or below 5°C.

It sounds easy but often food is left in hot cars or put in refrigerators that are not cold enough. A fridge thermometer should be used to ensure the temperature is at or below 5°C.

The temperature should be adjusted in line with changing seasons and the amount stored. Refrigerate leftovers promptly.



Cooked food should be stored in covered containers and either put in the fridge to cool or frozen immediately. Frozen foods should be defrosted in the fridge, NOT on the kitchen bench. If in doubt, throw it out!

### Cook

Properly cooking food minimises the risk of food poisoning. Cook chicken, minced or boned meats, hamburger and sausages right through until they reach 75°C.

Serve hot food steaming hot above 60°C. Defrost frozen poultry and rolled and stuffed meats thoroughly before cooking. Always follow cooking instructions on packaged foods.

### Separate

Cross-contamination is a major way for food borne diseases to spread. To avoid cross-contamination keep raw and cooked foods separate when storing and preparing.

Food should be stored in covered containers in the fridge, and raw meats and poultry should be placed in the bottom of the fridge so the juices don't contaminate food on lower shelves.

Don't put cooked meat back on the plate that the raw meat was on.

### Your Travelling Kitchen

Cooking in caravans, motor-homes or campervans is not always easy. The bench space is usually limited, there is probably less equipment, fridge space is small and a good supply of fresh running water is not always available.

Here are some tips to help cope with all of this:

- If water is going to be in short supply buy extra chopping boards, knives and other food preparation equipment or buy ready chopped or prepared food.
- Take extra care to clean benchtops and utensils before, during and after food preparation.
- Carry lots of leak-proof containers with you and use them for any raw food to prevent leaks onto other foods. Zip lock plastic bags can also do the job, provided they are properly sealed and have no holes.
- Buy fresh – shopping from the local markets is a great way to get to know the small towns. You can also sample the fresh local produce.

## Keeping food out of the temperature danger zone

The temperature danger zone where bacteria can grow quickly in food is between 5°C and 65°C.

To reduce your risk of food poisoning:

- Keep a thermometer in the fridge to allow you to monitor and adjust the temperature when needed. If the temperature inside the fridge rises above 5°C, bacteria in the food can multiply and make the food unsafe to eat.
- Don't overload the fridge and block air circulation which is needed to maintain the correct temperature.
- Take the beer, jam and pickles out of the fridge if you're short of space. They are unlikely to cause food poisoning if they stay outside the fridge. Put the beer in an esky.
- Take special care when preparing cooked food for eating later and storing in the fridge. Make sure that all work surfaces and utensils used are clean. Refrigerate or freeze the food as soon as it stops steaming.
- If perishable food or leftovers have been out of the fridge for more than 2 hours throw it out.
- Freeze food in small containers or sealed bags containing only enough for one meal to reduce left-overs. Remember to label and date the packages.
- Thaw food in a microwave or in the fridge – never on the benchtop. Soups and stews can be heated from frozen in a saucepan. Whatever way you thaw the food, make sure that it is heated to steaming hot above 65°C before it is eaten.
- Minimise contamination by always storing raw meats and poultry on the lowest shelf of the fridge, below ready to eat fresh food. This will prevent contaminated juices dripping from the raw meat onto foods you will not be cooking again before eating, such as salads or desserts.

Don't forget to take a cooking thermometer as well to make sure minced meat and poultry are cooked to above 75°C and hot food served above 60°C.

## Canned and dry foods

- If you're travelling far from towns and supermarkets, you can supplement your fresh foods with canned and dried products which can be safely stored outside the fridge.
- Make sure that you have access to enough safe water to rehydrate any dried food e.g. powdered milk, which will not be thoroughly cooked before you eat it.
- Once opened, dried foods should be kept in airtight containers. Leftover perishable food in cans should be refrigerated as soon as possible for later use or used within 2 hours.

## BBQs

Cook poultry, minced meats, sausages and boned roasts right through to a temperature of 75°C using a meat thermometer. If you do not have a meat thermometer no pink should be left visible and the juices should run clear. Intact steaks and other solid pieces of meat can be cooked to taste.

Have a clean plate and clean utensils ready to receive the cooked meat – don't use the same

ones used for the raw meat, as the uncooked juices will contaminate the cooked food.

Cooking only enough meat for one meal is the safest option. Food left out of the fridge for two hours or longer could be unsafe and should be thrown out.

## Safe water supply

If you are using an unserviced site, remember that water, even in remote and pristine Australian wilderness, is not necessarily safe.

- If the water tank in your caravan or motor-home is unsealed or if the water has not been regularly changed, it may have picked up contaminants and should be treated if used for drinking or washing ready to eat food.
- Ask about the quality of the water supplied and if it is safe for drinking. If you are unsure about the local water safety, use bottled water.
- Modern water purifiers are transportable and very effective. Used correctly, they remove organic material and organisms from water and render it about as safe as possible.

Enjoy your trip and maximise the chance that your memories will not be marred by bouts of food poisoning, by remembering that food safety is an essential ingredient.



# Capital Projects Update

Welcome to the February Capital Project's Update. This regular feature keeps you informed about the progress of various Council projects. For more details, we encourage you to read the February Capital Projects Update presented to Council.

## Rapid Bay Septic System Upgrade

The septic soakage system at Rapid Bay's public toilets has reached capacity, requiring regular pump-outs during the busy summer season. Wastewater engineers are currently assessing the best long-term solution and a detailed report on costs and next steps will be presented to Council in the coming months.

## Sealed Road Program Completion



Line-marking has now been completed on Forktree, Reservoir, Carrickalinga, and Range Roads. Contractors are scheduled for mid-February to adjust utility hole covers to align with the new road surface, ensuring a smooth finish. This will mark the completion of the 2024-25 Sealed Road Program.

## Range Road Parawa – Special Local Roads Project



Following a successful tender process, Stabilised Pavements of Australia (SPA) was awarded the contract for this significant road upgrade. Works, including road reconstruction and the final road seal, were completed this month. Line-marking will occur shortly. Additional quotes are being sought to explore the possibility of extending resealing efforts further towards Parawa Road. This will be subject to the overall budget remaining now that Stage 1 is completed.

## Bridge Works

Based on recommendations from a 2019 Bridge Inspection Report, key bridge repairs will begin between March and April.

The Blacker Road Bridge is currently in the design phase, with options being assessed to determine the best approach in terms of cost and delivery time.

## Finniss Vale Drive – Second Valley

The Finniss Vale Stormwater Project is moving forward after being deferred due to budget constraints last year. Updated contractor quotes have now been received and are under evaluation. Pending budget approval, works will commence later this year.

## Footpath Renewal Program

A priority list for footpath upgrades has been developed in line with the Yankalilla Pedestrian and Cycling Network Plan – Footpath Priority Plan. Quotes are currently being obtained, with construction set to begin in March 2025.

## Unsealed Road Renewal Program

The Council's Unsealed Road Renewal Program continues to progress, addressing critical segments to improve accessibility and road safety across the district.

The operational crews have commenced capital works on Kemmis Hill Road with works on track to be completed in February 2025.

## SA Power Networks – Tree Management Works

Active Tree Services will be carrying out tree inspections and vegetation maintenance in Yankalilla and surrounding areas over the coming months to maintain a safe and reliable power network. For more information, visit the Vegetation Portal at <https://sapowernetworks.co/Vegetation> or call SA Power Networks during business hours on 13 12 61.

## Looking Ahead

Council remains committed to delivering these essential projects while balancing resources and timelines. Regular updates will continue to keep the community informed as we progress through the 2024-25 Financial Year.



# Fleurieu AgFest 2025: Connecting Agriculture, Innovation & Community

**Event Date:** 4 April, 2025

**Location:** Yankalilla Showgrounds

**Registration:** FREE, but registration is required

**Contact:** Beck Burgess 0438262966  
[events@beckburgessconsulting.com](mailto:events@beckburgessconsulting.com)

## Join Us at Fleurieu AgFest 2025!

We're excited to invite farmers, industry leaders, students and ag enthusiasts to Fleurieu AgFest 2025, the region's premier agricultural event!

Taking place on 4 April at the Yankalilla Showgrounds, this event offers a unique opportunity to connect, learn, and engage with the latest in agriculture—from hands-on workshops to emerging innovations shaping the industry's future.

### Why Attend?

**Producer Workshops** – Gain valuable insights from industry experts with practical, hands-on learning tailored for farmers and producers.

**Student Engagement** – Experience interactive displays and networking opportunities designed to inspire the next generation of agricultural leaders.

**Innovation & Advocacy** – Explore new technologies, sustainability initiatives, and industry-led discussions shaping the future of farming.



With a strong focus on connecting industry with the community, Fleurieu AgFest is the place to be for anyone passionate about agriculture!

### Event Details & Registration

- ✓ **FREE Entry** – Registration Required
- ✓ **Open to Farmers, Industry Professionals, Students & Ag Enthusiasts**
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### With thanks to our foundation sponsors:

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# Council Decisions

The following will provide a summary of the decisions made at the 18 February 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting. Please note that this meeting was adjourned to be reconvened Tuesday 25 February 2025 at 1pm. At the time of print, this meeting will not have been concluded, so the summary below will only cover the items considered on 18 February. For the full summary you can visit our news article on the website.

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](http://www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au/council/agenda-and-minutes)

## Mayor's Report

The Mayor's report was received. Mayor Darryl Houston spoke on the success of the Australia Day Event and our ambassador's (Mr John Shepherd AM) positive feedback on the day. He also highlighted the success of the recent 5CY Charity Dinner.

## Reports of Members, Delegates and Working Parties

Cr Quirke provided a verbal report regarding Adelaide Fringe Membership for new Citizens.

## Deputations

Ms Bronwyn Lewis, on behalf of the Friends of the Yankalilla/Normanville Dog Park, provided a deputation relating to item 14.7 Yankalilla Dog Park Proposal.

## Questions on Notice

Cr Hatch asked a question regarding Past, Present & Future Plans for Rabbit Control. The question was answered.

## Questions without Notice

Cr Hatch asked a question regarding the safety and re-installation of the Normanville Swimming Pontoon. The question was answered, and a motion was carried unanimously to record these questions and answers in the minutes.

## Motions on Notice

A Motion on Notice from Cr Gibbs regarding a Portion of Land on Reservoir Road, Myponga, referred to as 'The Lookout', was carried unanimously.

A Motion on Notice from Mayor Houston on Advocating to the State Government for an Extension to the First Home Buyers Stamp Duty Waiver was carried unanimously.

A Motion on Notice from Cr Hatch regarding FRWA Summer Peak Collection was carried.

## Motion without Notice

Cr Hatch moved a motion regarding the re-installation of the Normanville Swimming Pontoon. An amendment to this motion was carried, and the amended motion was then also carried.

## Reports of Officers

### Yankalilla Dog Park Proposal – Consideration of Development and Ongoing Responsibilities

Mayor Houston sought leave of the meeting to hear this item directly following the Deputation related to it.

Cr Hatch then moved an Altered Motion to continue further discussions regarding the implementation of a Dog Park on Council Owned Land providing it was not a net cost to Council. The motion was carried.

## Adjournment

Cr Rothwell moved a motion to adjourn the meeting due to reaching the prescribed time limit for the meeting in line with the Code of Practice – Formal Proceedings of Council and Committee Meetings.

This was carried unanimously with the remainder of the Agenda to be heard at a reconvened meeting to be held Tuesday, 25 February 2025, at 1pm in Council Chambers.

## Meeting dates

**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, 18 March 2025**

**Tuesday, 15 April 2025**

**Elected Member Information & Briefing Sessions** are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 3 pm in a location determined by the CEO.

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**Tuesday, 4 March 2025**



Normanville - Bungala River Estuary

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Assistance with family and local history.  
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Bookings not required.

## **Adelaide Writers' Week - Live Streaming**

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Australia's largest free literary festival Adelaide Writers Week returns, offering both writers and readers a unique opportunity to spend time sharing ideas and literary explorations in the heart of Adelaide.

Live streaming AGAIN, with many well-known and emerging authors from across the land beaming into our library, saving us the stress of driving, parking and crowds!

We'll provide the tea and coffee, so bring your snax and relax!

Streaming schedules available in the library. Bookings not required.

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(1st Wed. of each month)  
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## WEEKLY EVENTS:

### Club Fleurieu:

**Monday:** Mah-jong, 2pm

Rock and Roll dance class 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

**Tuesday:** Line dancing, 2pm.

**Wednesday:** Zumba, 5pm cost \$10.00 per session.

**Thursday:** Bingo 10.00am.

**Friday:** Craft, coffee and a chat 10am. Cards 2pm.

**Enquiries:** Ph 8558 2053.

### Lady Bay Hotel:

Friday nights 5pm – 7pm Happy Hour.

Phone 8558 0600 for more information or to book.

### Cape Jervis Community Club:

**Monday:** Yoga 10am to 11am.

**Tuesday:** Gymnasium 6.00pm or by appointment

**Wednesday:** Library 12 Noon – 1 pm.

Sew' n Sews 12. Noon to 4.30pm

**Thursday:** Dinner from 5.30pm.

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month dinner 5.30pm

Phone: 8598 0088 to book.

### Yankalilla Men's Shed

Open weekly behind Club Fleurieu

Tuesday: 9am – 1:30pm

Wednesday 5:30pm – 8:30pm

Friday 9am – 1:30pm

Come visit us: Phone, or email: 0468 370 274

[yankalillamensshed@gmail.com](mailto:yankalillamensshed@gmail.com)

### Friday:

### Yankalilla Hotel:

Meat tray raffle and draw 7pm.

[www.yankalillahotel.com.au](http://www.yankalillahotel.com.au)

## WEEKLY EVENTS:

### Saturday:

#### Myponga Reservoir parkrun

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

[www.parkrun.com.au](http://www.parkrun.com.au) Sorry no dogs.

more info [mypongareservoir@parkrun.com](mailto:mypongareservoir@parkrun.com)

### Sunday:

#### Smiling Samoyed

Sunday Sessions 12:30pm – 3:30pm

Smiling Samoyed Brewery.

Book a table for lunch, sit back & relax with live music, pizzas, and craft beer in the Brewery Bar.

For more information and to

book <https://smilingsamoyed.com.au/>

Traditional Yoga at Myponga Hall every Sunday

7am – 8.30am phone 0449 976 526 or 0449 976 762 to secure your spot.

## FORTNIGHTLY EVENTS:

### Club Fleurieu:

Threads quilting, at 10am.

Threads, spinning and knitting Tuesday at 10am.

Enquiries: Ph 8558 2053 or 0477 111 315

## MONTHLY EVENTS:

### Club Fleurieu:

**Tuesday:** March 2025. Club BBQ. 12 Noon. Bookings required.

**Wednesday:** March 2025. Club lunch. 12 Noon. Bookings required.

**Friday:** March 2025. Happy Hour & Dinner. 5.00pm, bookings essential for dinner.

Bookings Phone: 8558 2053 or 0477 111 315

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## MARKETS:

### Second Valley Market.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 2pm.

Second Valley Soldiers Memorial Hall.

Phone 0417 857 518 for other dates

### Yankalilla Market

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

Yankalilla Showgrounds. 9am – 1pm.

Contact Mattie 0447 044 721 for more information.

### The Recycled Closet Market

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2025. Every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month: 9am -3pm

Yankalilla Hall

More info phone: 0488 965 164

## MARCH EVENTS

### Yankalilla Eat and Pray

Yankalilla District Churches Together

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 5:30pm

135 Main S Rd, JesusCo. Yankalilla

Please bring a share plate.

### Yankalilla Red Cross Fashion Parade

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of March

Fashion Parade and Afternoon Tea

Yankalilla Uniting Church Hall

### Fleurieu Fashions - Presented by The Dressing Room

A Birdie Told Me

Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2pm – 5pm

Fashion parade, guest speakers, delicious food, and refreshing drinks.

Hosted at Fleurieu Gin

Bookings essential: 0488 965 164

### Normy 2025 Fun Run

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March

2.5km or 5km run/walk

Gold Coin Donation

Normanville Beach

### Exclusive Mozzarella-Making & Tasting

Multiple dates available in March

11:30 AM start at Cut Hill Distillery

Pricing from \$110.00 pp

Bookings essential at:

[bookings@fleurieufoodandwine.com.au](mailto:bookings@fleurieufoodandwine.com.au)

### Yankalilla Library Events

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

Find March's variety of events at:

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### Fleurieu Coast Mystery Experience

Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday tours available.

Country Explorers, Tasting Odyssey, Culinary Delights, book your mystery tour for an unforgettable experience! [www.fleurieucoast.tours](http://www.fleurieucoast.tours)

### Deep Creek Experiences

A variety of tours with multiple dates available to book. Start your adventure today – where nature, flavour, and wildlife meet.

Bookings essential at:

<https://deepcreekexperiences.com.au/>

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## FESTIVAL FLEURIEU

Fringe Shows happening in the District Council of Yankalilla.

### Granny Flaps

Wide Open Spaces Roadshow. Comedy show "You'll laugh until your cheeks are sore!"

14 Feb – 22 March

Multiple shows starting 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 8:00pm, 8:15pm

Selling fast, bookings essential at:

<https://adelaidefringe.com.au/fringetix/granny-flaps-wide-open-spaces-roadshow-af2025>

### Festival Fleurieu – April 2025

As in previous festivals, this year is filled with events and activities across the beautiful southern Fleurieu. Art, music, workshops as well and wonderful local food, something for all ages.

The 2025 Festival Fleurieu program is now available online and will be available in local cafes and businesses throughout the southern Fleurieu this week.

Bookings for this exciting event are now available, come buy your tickets at the Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre or online at

<https://www.visitfleurieucoast.com.au/festival-fleurieu>

### Funny Adelaide: Mocking the Suburbs

Comedy Show "The Fringe's funniest comedians on your doorstep."

21 Feb – 23 March

Multiple shows starting 2:00pm, 3:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:30pm, 8:00pm.

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