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Deep Creek Fire

Our community has faced a challenging and confronting few weeks, following the Deep Creek Fire, which began on Sunday 1 February 2026.

At the time of writing, the fire has burned approximately 4,500 hectares, with a perimeter of around 60 kilometres, affecting both private and public land, including Deep Creek National Park and Talisker Conservation Park.

The fire was declared controlled on Thursday 12 February 2026, marking an important milestone in the response. While this means the fire is no longer spreading, it is important to remember it may still be burning within the fireground perimeter and smoke or flare-ups may remain visible.

If you see any unattended fire, please call Triple Zero (000) immediately.

Council extends its sincere thanks to everyone involved in the response,

including the CFS, SES, MFS, volunteer services, Farm Fire Units, government agencies, neighbouring councils and the many community members who supported one another throughout the event.

Council staff also worked across multiple teams to support emergency services and the community during this time.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to the incredible volunteers who have stepped up during the Deep Creek Fire. You have worked long hours under extremely challenging conditions, always putting the safety of others and the wellbeing of our community first. Your dedication, resilience, and selflessness have not gone unnoticed. You are an integral part of this community, and we are truly grateful for everything you do.

I also sincerely thank our emergency services, farm fire units, council staff and the many support services working behind the scenes—providing coordination, resources, communications, logistics and care when it was needed most. Your professionalism and commitment have been vital to the response and to keeping our community informed and supported.

I also want to acknowledge and thank the employers who supported these efforts by allowing staff the time and flexibility to respond. Your understanding and generosity make

a real difference and help ensure we can act quickly and effectively when incidents arise.

To every volunteer, every responder, every staff member, and every employer who stood behind them, thank you for showing what community, teamwork and compassion truly look like. We are stronger because of you.

Warm Regards,
Darryl Houston
Mayor

CEO'S CORNER

With the Deep Creek Fire now officially declared safe, our district is entering the next important phase: recovery.

While the immediate threat has eased, recovery is not a single moment in time. It is a process that supports residents, primary producers, businesses and community groups as they move from response toward stability and rebuilding.

Local government plays a leadership role in this stage through coordination, advocacy and support, ensuring recovery efforts reflect the needs of the whole community. We work alongside State agencies, service providers and local leaders to help restore infrastructure, reconnect people with support services and ensure decisions remain transparent, inclusive and community focused.

In the weeks since the fire began, significant groundwork has already

taken place. Damage assessments have been prioritised and largely completed. Hazardous tree inspections have supported the safe reopening of key road networks. Community liaison meetings have commenced and staff have helped connect affected residents with wellbeing support, food relief, insurance information and other practical assistance.

The formal transition from response to recovery is now underway, with State agencies, Council and community representatives meeting to determine next steps. A local Recovery Committee will be established, with Council providing administrative support while ensuring the direction remains community-led. This approach ensures no single voice dominates and that priorities reflect the collective needs of the total affected area.

Over the coming months, Council will continue contacting impacted residents to understand emerging needs, investigate grant opportunities with recovery partners and advocate strongly on behalf of our community. We recognise that recovery can

bring new challenges once the initial response subsides and we are committed to walking alongside our community throughout this process.

I want to personally acknowledge our Council staff who worked in extraordinary conditions during the response phase (often outside their usual roles and hours) providing machinery support, coordination, communications, logistics and community assistance. Their professionalism, adaptability and dedication reflect the very best of local government service.

I also reiterate my sincere thanks to every responder, volunteer, employer and community member who played a part in protecting and supporting our district.

Recovery takes time, but it also highlights the strength of community. Council will continue listening, facilitating connections and advocating for the support our district needs - now and in the months ahead.

Nathan Cunningham
Chief Executive Officer

How to stay



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Deep Creek Fire: community strength in the face of adversity

The Deep Creek Fire has had a significant impact across the district. We acknowledge the distress and disruption this event has caused for residents, property owners, visitors, primary producers and local businesses.

While conditions have improved, there are still important safety messages and ongoing recovery needs.

Current conditions and access

While the immediate threat has eased, several risks and disruptions remain:

- Although the fire is controlled, it may still be burning within the perimeter. If the public sees any unattended fire, they are urged to call 000.
- Deep Creek National Park has partially reopened, while Talisker Conservation Park remains closed to the public. For the latest information, visit www.parks.sa.gov.au/
- Some roads may also remain closed or subject to restrictions while crews continue hazard reduction, tree assessments and recovery works. For the most up-to-date road closure information, please visit www.traffic.sa.gov.au/
- Other hazards may include reduced visibility from smoke, falling branches and trees, and risks associated with fire-affected infrastructure. Damaged fences may allow livestock to wander onto roads, and wildlife may seek refuge in unusual areas, creating additional road hazards.

The community is urged to take care when travelling through the area.

A huge thank you to the people who protected our district

We would like to thank everyone who has supported the response to the Deep Creek Fire.

This includes the Country Fire Service (CFS), State Emergency Service (SES), Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS), volunteer services and emergency service personnel, government agencies and supporting



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organisations, Farm Fire Units, neighbouring councils, community leaders and local support networks and residents who supported one another during the event.

The scale of the response has been extraordinary and we are deeply grateful for the commitment, professionalism and courage shown throughout the incident.

Council's role in supporting the response

Throughout the fire, Council staff from across the organisation worked as part of the coordinated emergency response, supporting lead agencies and helping meet urgent needs on the ground.

Council's role was to support the response by providing local resources, coordination and practical on-ground assistance where requested.

Council's involvement included:

Fireground and operational support

- establishing and strengthening control lines using heavy machinery (including graders)
- carting water, filling trucks and tankers and supporting air operations at Second Valley
- installing road closures, temporary signage and speed controls to support public safety
- clearing roads and hazardous trees to restore access for emergency vehicles and residents
- engaging specialist contractors to inspect and remove dangerous trees to help reopen roads safely
- completing additional tasks as directed by lead agencies on the fireground

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Waste and logistics support

- supplying bins and waste services at staging areas and operational bases
- increasing waste collection frequencies to manage high-volume debris generated by the fire response
- ensuring continuity of waste services to Cape Jervis and surrounding areas (where access was possible)
- supporting clean, functional workspaces for emergency services teams

Community support and recovery coordination

- delivering communications and community engagement activities, including information sessions
- working closely with community leaders to identify needs and connect residents with services
- helping coordinate recovery information and ensuring consistent messaging

Liaison and coordination

Council staff also filled the key coordination role of Liaison Officer at the Incident Command Centre, supporting timely tasking and completion of requests.

Looking ahead: supporting recovery

While the fire is now controlled, recovery will take time.

Over the months ahead, Council's focus will be on better understanding the short and medium-term needs of residents, primary producers and local businesses.



Water Carrier

While strong community support and generosity have helped many people manage immediate impacts, it can sometimes reduce the visibility of needs to formal support agencies.

To date, requests received by Council have included support for temporary housing, food supplies for properties affected by road closures, water supply to refill firefighting tanks, and waste and debris management.

We will continue working closely with recovery agencies, community leaders and service providers to ensure people are supported through the next stage.

Impacts on Council services and works

During the fire response, Council resources were redirected to support urgent emergency operations and community needs.

As a result, some programmed works and responsive maintenance across the district have been impacted. With recovery and clean-up activities continuing over the coming months,

these impacts are expected to remain while operational resources are prioritised to support bushfire recovery and community safety.

We appreciate the community's patience and understanding as we work to restore normal service delivery as soon as practicable.

Thank you

The Deep Creek Fire has been a difficult event for our district but it has also shown the strength of our community.

We thank every person who has contributed in any way: whether on the fireground, behind the scenes, through volunteer service, by supporting neighbours, or by offering kindness and practical help during a stressful and uncertain time.

Your efforts have made a difference and they reflect the very best of our community.

Support for Deep Creek bushfire-affected ratepayers

We know that the recent bushfires at Deep Creek have had a significant impact on members of our community. If you have been affected and are experiencing financial difficulty as a result, please know that Council is here to support you. This includes people with properties directly impacted by the fire, as well as other members of the community who gave up their time to help.

If you are unable to pay your rates by the due date, we encourage you to contact us as soon as possible. We can work with you to:

- Arrange flexible payment plans (weekly, fortnightly or monthly)
- Extend due dates
- Waive fines and interest where requests are made prior to the due date

Every situation is different, and our team will treat your circumstances with care and confidentiality.

Please contact Council on 08 8558 0200 or email council@yankalilla.sa.gov.au to discuss a short-term arrangement.

We are committed to supporting our community through recovery and encourage anyone needing assistance to reach out.

Thank you, DCY Rates Team.

RediCommunities

Community-Led Disaster Resilience Project

RediCommunities is coming to **Cape Jervis** and **Inman Valley** this year.

This 2-year project includes a workshop series facilitated by Australian Red Cross, commencing in July 2026, aimed at enhancing local disaster resilience through a co-created community action plan.

The workshops will:

- Identify local multi-hazard risks (fire, flood, earthquake etc), assess resilience, make a comprehensive disaster resilience action plan together.
- Connect community members, emergency services, and local council to share responsibility for disaster preparedness, response and recovery.
- Identify community resources and strengths.
- Promote a whole of community approach to disaster resilience with a focus on inclusivity, equity, and sustainability.

Attendance at all workshops is ideal but all levels of participation are welcome.

Receive ongoing support:

Participants will be provided ongoing support from Red Cross and the District Council of Yankalilla to implement their actions beyond the workshops and are encouraged to join the Community-led Disaster Resilience Network to exchange ideas and resources with other communities across SA.

Registration free but essential

Workshop dates will be set based on the best availability for interested community members.

If you live, work or play in the Cape Jervis or Inman Valley areas, you can register your interest now, or keep an eye out for targeted group information sessions in the coming months.



For more info contact: Cristel Chambers – Australian Red Cross
cchambers@redcross.org.au or 0415 695 836

This project received grant funding from the Australian Government.

Cape Jervis:

Register interest via QR code or website:

forms.office.com/r/V866MypELV



Inman Valley:

Register interest via QR code or website:

forms.office.com/r/AQJmBELreX



Cockatoo Café Students Brew Up New Skills

Our Cockatoo Café students kicked off 2026 with an exciting hands-on learning opportunity, receiving professional barista training on Friday 6 February. The session was led by Ali Pilborough, owner of Fleurieu Roast, who generously shared her industry knowledge and expertise with our students.

During the training, students learned how to use a commercial coffee machine to make a variety of drinks, gained background knowledge about how coffee beans are roasted, and were shown the importance of correctly cleaning and maintaining the equipment. It was a fantastic real-world learning experience that boosted both confidence and skills.

We are incredibly grateful to the District Council of Yankalilla for their financial support, which made this valuable training possible.



Opportunities like this allow our students to develop practical, employable skills and connect their learning to real industry pathways.

The students are now super keen to keep practising their barista skills and are looking forward to serving staff and receiving feedback on their drinks.

The Cockatoo Café will be opening later this term on Friday mornings, so keep an eye out for further information. We would love to see as many staff and community members there as possible to support our students and enjoy a great coffee!

Jade Barry

(Food and Hospitality Teacher,
Yankalilla Area School)

Library Updates

Summer Holiday Fun at the Library

Local and visiting families were found at the Yankalilla Library collecting an activity bag, being challenged with Lego, making movies, singing songs, making fish, sea stars, coral reefs, learning about Hooded Plovers and meeting an author.

Susea Spray captivated the children with tales which inspired her new book 'A day on the brine'.

They enjoyed her sea songs and sea craft.



Tour de Cure rides into Yankalilla



On Monday 23 February 2026, Deputy Mayor David Olsson attended a special morning tea to welcome riders taking part in the SA Discovery Tour by Tour de Cure.

The pelotons passed through the district, stopping at the Yankalilla CFS Station where Deputy Mayor Olsson delivered a short speech on behalf of Council, alongside the Yankalilla CFS. CFS representatives also spoke about their recent experience responding to the Deep Creek fire, highlighting

the dedication and resilience of local volunteers.

Riders, volunteers and support crew were warmly welcomed by the community, with thanks to the local Ladies Probus Club for providing a delicious morning tea.

The SA Discovery Tour brings participants through regional South Australia to raise vital funds for cancer research, support and prevention, while also connecting meaningfully with the communities they visit.

During their stop in Yankalilla, the peloton met with CFS volunteers to recognise their important work and share the Tour de Cure cancer prevention message.

Funds raised through the event will support the Adelaide-based Flinders Foundation, as well as local cancer support services in the regions visited. This year's tour aims to raise \$380,000. For more information, visit the SA Discovery Tour website at <https://sadiscovery.tourdecure.com.au/>

Information sought: Forktree Road verge works

Council is seeking help from the community regarding some recent changes made to a section of road verge along Forktree Road, Carrickalinga, just past the Brown Road intersection. We believe this activity occurred around the weekend of 17–19 October 2025 and involved the removal of several mature trees and vegetation.

If anyone noticed work taking place in this area around that time, or has any information that may assist, we would appreciate hearing from you. Please contact Council's Compliance Department on 8558 0200 during business hours.

All information provided will be kept confidential.



4x FREE Workshops

Family Connection Series

Designed to support families of children aged 10–15 to stay connected through the changing teenage years, with a neurodiversity-affirming and inclusive approach.

WORKSHOP 1 – What's Changed?
Wednesday 25th Feb 6–8pm

WORKSHOP 2 – CONNECT
Wednesday 25th March 6–8pm

WORKSHOP 3 – IMAGINE (BUSH RETREAT)
Monday 27th April 10am–4pm

WORKSHOP 4 – GROW
Wednesday 27th May 6–8pm

District Council of YANKALILLA

ADDF Alcohol and Drug Foundation

COMMUNITY CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS PROGRAM

Act Now, Stay Secure

In a world where more of our lives happen online, knowing how to protect yourself has never been more important. Join our session to learn essential skills and understand the real risks you face online - so you can act now, stay secure and protect yourself from cybercrime

local businesses are particularly welcome

WHAT ARE YOU RISKING ONLINE?

- Learn essential cyber security skills
- Build confidence in your digital literacy
- Help protect yourself from cybercrime

Yankalilla Library **FREE workshop**
20 March 2026 **2:00pm - 3:30pm**

Please register at :
<https://events.humanitix.com/act-now-stay-secure-cyber-security-yankalilla>

CYBR **Yankalilla Library**



Have Your Say: Community Consultations Open

The District Council of Yankalilla is inviting the community to provide feedback on two current projects:

- **Yankalilla District Local Heritage – Stage 1 (Delamere, Normanville & Yankalilla) Code Amendment: consultation closes 13 March 2026**

- **2 Hobart Road, Normanville – Proposed Land Revocation: consultation closes 25 March 2026**

Scan the QR code or visit www.yoursayyankalilla.com.au to learn more and share your feedback.



Right place, right time – bin placement tips to avoid damage or non-collection

Following a spate of issues through incorrect bin placement and presentation, Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority (FRWA) encourage all users to follow the tips below or risk your bin not being collected or the bin or infrastructure being damaged.

Look up 4 metres - The truck collection arm works in an arc and gravity empties your bin. The arc requires a 4-metre clearance above, a closed bin lid and no waste sticking out above the rim, as overfull waste can fall onto your street or into the truck hydraulics.

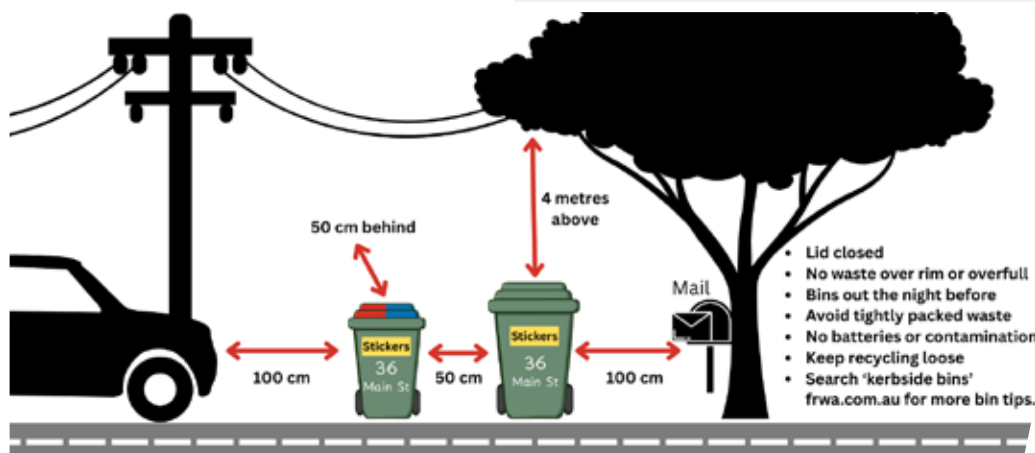
Look back and sideways - The truck arm action can also push bins back or sideways, so please leave 50 cm of clearance behind bins to fences, signage and gardens. Keep 50 cm between bins and 100 cm between cars, stobie poles, letter boxes and trees.

More bin tips:

- No batteries in any bin – fire! Beware embedded batteries in wearable devices, vapes, rechargeable toys and tools.
- Food waste (yes, meat, seafood, dairy) goes in the green FOGO bin.
- Paint your house number and street name to avoid theft and non-collection due to multiple bins.
- Don't contaminate the recycling or green FOGO bins – repeat offenders risk suspension of collection. Search www.frwa.com.au/kerbside-collections/which-bin-do-i-use/
- Keep recycling loose – no bags or bin liners.
- Bins must be out the night before.

- Avoid compaction – wrap/bag Styrofoam, dry (leave lid off) and stir to loosen lawn clippings and moist weeds, avoid wedging cardboard and sticks.
- Only one bin per waste bin, unless showing a current extra sticker (paid additional or Council-provided exceptional circumstances).
- Don't place bins of the same waste stream together (e.g. right next to your neighbour's bin) unless each bin is painted with separate house details.

Further information is available by searching 'kerbside bins' at www.frwa.com.au or calling our customer service team on 8555 2467 (Mon – Fri 8.30 am to 4.00 pm).



Food Safety

With the Environmental Health Officer



Eating Outdoors

Eating outdoors is a great way to make the best of Australia's great climate. But eating outdoors increases the risk of food poisoning for a number of reasons.

For example, your food will be stored in a cooler such as an esky. This makes it much more difficult to maintain a safe food storage temperature of 5°C or below than a fridge at home.

Follow these tips to make sure your fun day out doesn't turn into a nightmare

Chill

- Remember the simple rule for food safety; keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. Put all perishable foods in a cooler when travelling.
- Don't pack food for a picnic if it has just been cooked and is still warm, coolers cannot cool food enough to prevent bacteria growing.
- Always cover pre-prepared foods securely and keep in the refrigerator overnight. Other perishable foods and drinks, such as deli products, cooked chicken and dairy products must also be cold when put in the cooler.
- Always pack plenty of frozen bricks or gel packs around the food. Frozen drinks thaw quickly in warm weather and serve as extra cool bricks. Wicker baskets, unless they are insulated, are best used for non-perishables and your other picnic needs.
- Avoid keeping perishables such as salads, quiches and cold meats out of the fridge for longer than 4 hours before eating. If you expect to return leftovers to the fridge they should be left out for no more than 2 hours.



Separate

- Meat juices can easily leak onto pre-prepared foods, so pack with this in mind and put the meat in leak proof containers on the bottom of the cooler away from ready-to-eat food.
- Cut meat into serving-size pieces before leaving home and have all salads ready to eat. This reduces the need to handle foods, particularly when there are no hand-washing facilities.
- Use a clean plate and clean utensils for cooked meat. Never re-use the same ones you used for the raw meat without washing them.

Clean

- Carry disposable wipes or alcohol-based hand gel in case there is no water for hand washing.
- Don't put food directly on picnic tables as they are not always clean so use clean plates or trays.

Cook

- Remember sausages, hamburgers and poultry need to be cooked all the way through – use a meat thermometer to check they have reached 75°C in the centre. Intact steaks and whole pieces of red meat can be cooked to taste.

- It's all right to leave cooked meat to remain warm on a corner of the BBQ or covered on a plate for late arrivals. Just ensure it is protected from flies and, as with cold perishables, avoid leaving it around for more than four hours, (or two hours if there are leftovers to be put into the fridge).

Additional tips for BBQs at home

- Keep your meat in the fridge until you are ready to put it on the BBQ and keep all ready-to-eat food covered until you are ready to eat it. This will protect it from contamination by flies.
- Keep salads, patés, spreads, dips and other perishable products in the fridge until needed. It may seem like a great idea to leave food out so that guests can nibble throughout the whole day, but unfortunately bacteria will also have a feast. It's better to divide these higher risk perishable foods into small amounts and replenish with fresh portions as required.
- It is even more important than indoor events that you don't mix fresh top-ups with ones that have been outside for some time where they may also have been enjoyed by flies. Low risk foods, such as nuts, crisps, crackers can be topped up.



Assets and Environment Update

Welcome to the February Assets and Environment Update. This regular feature keeps you informed about the progress of various Council projects. For more details, we encourage you to read the February Assets and Environment Update presented to Council.

Supporting the Community During the Deep Creek Fire

February has been a challenging month for our district, with the Deep Creek bushfire starting on 1 February 2026. Much of the Assets and Environment team's focus has been on supporting the emergency response alongside the CFS, DEW and SA Metropolitan Fire Services.

Council staff from across the organisation, including Depot and Operations, Fire Prevention, Community Services, Communications, WHS, Finance and Leadership teams, worked extensive hours to support the fire response. Key contributions included:

- **Fireground and Operational Support:** Establishing control lines, carting water, installing road closures, clearing roads and hazardous trees and undertaking tasks as directed by lead agencies.
- **Waste Management:** Supplying bins and waste services at staging areas, increasing collection frequencies and providing on-site logistics to maintain safe and functional emergency bases.
- **Community and Recovery Support:** Delivering communications, engaging with community leaders and coordinating recovery information.
- **Coordination and Liaison:** Staff were deployed as Liaison Officers at Region 1 Headquarters and worked closely with contractors and technical experts to support response and early recovery operations.

The response required up to 70% of the depot workforce, which has inevitably affected normal service levels. As we transition from response to recovery, the team is now focusing on detailed assessment and restoration of roads, culverts,

drainage assets and the systematic removal of fallen trees and debris to ensure the district is safe, resilient and prepared for future fire seasons.



Fire Clearance Works – Q&A

Council continues its fire prevention program, targeting roadside vegetation to reduce fuel loads and improve safety. Some recent questions from the community and CFS are outlined below:

Q – Is DCY responsible for the roadside maintenance of state-controlled roads, including Main South Road?

A – The State have care and control of their own roads and verges; however, Council staff undertake some verge management along parts of these roads to enhance fire breaks and improve sight lines where there is a measurable benefit in Council doing so.

Q – What machinery does the Council own for the purpose of roadside slashing in preparation for fire prevention?

A – Council has several items of plant that are utilised for our roadside management. These items include a sled slasher (new), a mulcher mower, a tractor, a spray unit, mowers (Parks and Gardens), a Ventrac multi-purpose mower and general minor plant such as line trimmers, chainsaws and portable spray units.

Q – When were the roadside major plant items purchased?

A – The slasher was purchased in December 2025 in line with the allocated budget and the Heavy Plant Plan. The tractor and mulcher combo was purchased in the 2023-24 financial year. The roadside spray unit (ute-mounted) was purchased in the 2022-23 financial year.

Q – How many kilometres of roadside need slashing each year?

A – Council maintains 543 km of roadsides (133 km sealed, 410 km unsealed). This figure does not include State Government roads on which we also undertake some works, where budget permits and there is a recognised need.

The exact amount of roadside slashing varies from year to year and is largely dependent on the weather and the amount of fuel load in different areas of the district.

The team uses roadside spraying as the main fuel reduction tool and slashes the areas that need additional treatment. This means the exact amount of slashing will vary from year to year on an as-needed basis and a risk-based approach guides the prioritisation and timing.

Q – How many kilometres have been completed so far this year?

A – We have undertaken treatment on most roadsides. Officers previously identified 56 roadsides in the December 2025 report and this has increased to 79 roads. The logging of works is based on each road, not on a per-kilometre basis and the number of treatments on any individual road can be multiple in order to undertake further treatment, such as slashing works or treatment of pre-emergent weed species.

Q – On average, how many kilometres of slashing per hour are achieved?

A – With the new sled slasher, the new expectation is that approximately 6 km per hour will be achieved. The mulcher is slower, being approximately 2 km per hour. However, this varies greatly as there may be thicker vegetation in areas or areas where we undertake treatment to the fenceline and how trafficable the path is, which will vary travel time.

Q – What are the benefits of spraying plants that are no longer actively growing and still require slashing? Does the Council consider risks of herbicide resistance when applying herbicides?

A – All council staff undertaking spraying have qualifications in weed management to enable them to undertake appropriate spray treatments in line with the relevant guidelines.

In addition, our team takes advice from an agronomist in terms of chemical and treatments applied. The approach to spraying needs to be tailored for its purpose; for instance, some species need treatment pre-emergent, which means we need to treat at different times of the year. There may be times when we spray in the summer to achieve this.

One of the potential causes of resistance is the application of too high rates of chemicals. To manage this risk, Officers use the application rates and chemicals as per the label and in line with the agronomist's advice.

Q – What is the cost comparison between internal delivery vs contractors?

A – Internal delivery currently costs approximately \$50,000 per year, compared with \$145,000 when contracted in 2022. Rising contractor and input costs reinforce the value of in-house delivery.

Q – Has any consideration been given to offering a rate rebate to Farmers that are willing to manage their own roadside slashing program?

A – Allowing private citizens to undertake work on Council land would be outside of the Council's adopted risk appetite.

Q – Is the current budget allocation for slashing sufficient to meet Council's legislative requirements?

A – The relevant legislation speaks to undertaking sufficient works to minimise risk; the amount of work required will vary depending on the year and on fuel load. Additional work on roadside vegetation management would come at additional costs regardless of whether the delivery model was internal or contracted but additional investment would ensure we are able to appropriately meet this requirement in a timelier manner.

Finniss Vale Drive – Construction Underway

Construction on Finniss Vale Drive, Second Valley, commenced in late January 2026. The project is a major upgrade that will improve drainage resilience, minimise surface water impacts and enhance road condition and accessibility for residents.

Works include installation of stormwater infrastructure, box culverts, swales, headwalls, road reconstruction, profiling, stabilisation, rubble placement and final spray sealing. Completion is expected by April 2026.

Normanville Foreshore – Beach Access Ramps and SLSC Retaining Wall

Council continues to progress follow-up actions relating to the coastal storm damage sustained in 2025.

Insurance assessments are still underway for key infrastructure, including the northern beach access boardwalk and the retaining wall in front of the Surf Life Saving Club.

While a final insurance position is still pending, an assessment report included short-term repair recommendations. Council staff have delivered a number of these works in-house to improve beach access.

Southern Beach Access Ramp and Stairs

The southern beach access stairs reopened in December 2025. Following further review, the final section of the southern boardwalk was approved for reopening in early February 2026.

The southern beach access ramp and stairs are now fully open to the public.

Northern Beach Access Ramp

The northern beach access ramp remains closed.

Short-term works are not currently authorised under engineering advice and this infrastructure is awaiting the outcome of the insurance determination.



Finniss Vale Drive – Construction Underway



Southern Beach Access Ramp and Stairs

Understanding Land Valuations for Primary Production Properties

If you own land in the District Council of Yankalilla that is used for primary production, your property may be valued on a Notional Basis rather than its full capital or market value for rating purposes. To be valued on a Notional Basis, an application must have been made to and approved by the Office of the Valuer General.

What is a Notional Value?

Under the *Valuation of Land Act 1971*, the Office of the Valuer-General can apply a Notional Valuation to eligible properties where certain criteria are met. A notional value is a concessional valuation that reflects the actual use of the land (such as farming or other primary production activities), rather than its highest potential use.

Because of this, a notional value is generally lower than the market value of the land. There are two types of notional valuations under the Act:

- Primary production
- Residential

To receive a notional valuation, landowners must apply directly to the Office of the Valuer-General and meet the eligibility requirements.

What is a Substantive Value?

Where land is valued on a notional basis, the legislation also requires that the land be given a second value. This value shows what the land would be

worth if it were not eligible for the notional concession.

This is known as the Substantive Value and it is determined by the Office of the Valuer-General.

What you need to know

- If a property has been approved for a notional valuation, rates are calculated using the notional value
- The substantive value does not affect how rates are calculated
- The substantive value is provided for information purposes only
- Council cannot provide financial or valuation advice, but it can confirm:
 - whether a property is valued on a notional basis, and
 - what the substantive value would be (based on information supplied by the Office of the Valuer-General) for the 2025-26 financial year.

How do I know how my land is valued?

Current Rates Notices do not indicate whether a property is valued on a notional basis. However, this information can be obtained by contacting Council or the Office of the Valuer-General.

From the 2026–27 Rates Notice, properties valued on a notional basis will be clearly identified with a symbol or notation next to the

property value. The notice will also include links to: Local Government Association – Fact Sheet 4: Valuations

- Office of the Valuer-General – Notional Values: Concessional Property Values for Primary Production

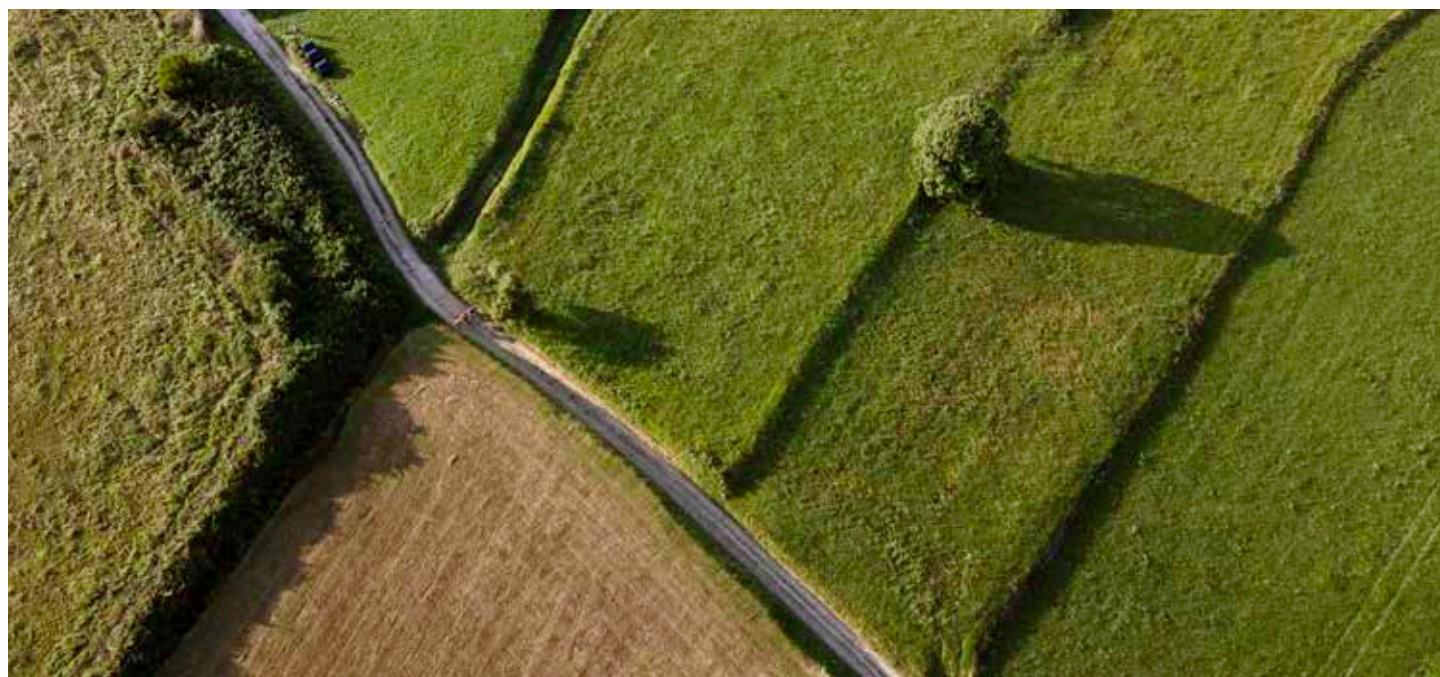
If you would like to know whether your property is on Notional Value prior to the 2026-27 Rates Notices being issued, you can contact Council or the Office of the Valuer General.

Please note that Council cannot provide financial advice, it can only inform whether a ratepayer is on Notional Value and what the Substantive Value (for 2025-26) would be if the land were not receiving the notional concession. This information is supplied to Council by the Office of the Valuer General.

More information

Further information about notional valuations is available on Council's website, including fact sheets from the Local Government Association and Office of the Valuer-General.

Landowners who wish to confirm whether their property is valued on a notional basis, or request their substantive value, can contact Council or the Office of the Valuer-General directly.



Council Decisions

The following provides a summary of the decisions made at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 February 2026.

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 unanimously. This month, Mayor Houston extended thanks to all those involved in the recent Deep Creek Bushfire.

He also spoke of the success of the Australia Day Event and the 5CY Fundraiser 'The Mayor is Cooking', which raised \$6,000 for 5CY.

Reports of Members, Delegates and Working Parties

Cr Olsson provided a verbal report on his activities and advised the chamber of the upcoming Clean Up Australia Day Event on 1 March at Second Valley.

Deputations

Council received a deputation from Rae & Chris Reynolds in relation to Agenda Item 14.3 Land Management Agreement Waiver to 5A View Court, Carrickalinga.

Following this deputation, the Mayor sought and was granted leave of the meeting to bring item 14.3 forward to be considered whilst Mr & Mrs Reynolds were present in the gallery.

Land Management Agreement Waiver – 5A View Court, Carrickalinga

Cr Rothwell moved the motion to waive the stated elements of the Land Management Agreement for 5A View Court, Carrickalinga. This motion was carried.

Following this item, the meeting resumed the natural order as presented in the agenda.

Questions on Notice

Questions were asked this month on the following topics:

- Communication with State Election Candidates
- Drug and Alcohol Testing

- Vehicle Signwriting
- Disability Parking Update

The questions and responses are published in full in both the Agenda & Minutes.

Questions without Notice

Questions were asked and answered.

Motions on Notice

Cr Grocke moved a motion requesting a report regarding the ownership, status and management of the burial site of Robert Norman. This motion was carried unanimously.

Cr Quirke moved a motion relating to the feedback forms used in consultations being supplied to Elected Members. This motion was varied on the night with the consent of Cr Rothwell as the seconder and was carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Policy Review Project Update – February 2026

Council unanimously received the report, noted the amended 2026 project plan and adopted the review CHSP Client Contribution Policy V2.2.

Update to Delegations under the PDI Act 2016

Cr Hatch moved the motion to delegate specific powers under the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 to the CEO. This was carried unanimously.

2026-27 Proposed Budget Timeline and Key Financial Assumptions

Council unanimously adopted the assumptions previously provided for the mid-term financial plan in the development of the 2026-27 draft budget and 2026-2036 Long-Term Financial Plan, as well as adopting the proposed timeline for the preparation of and consultation of the 2026-27 Annual Business Plan & Budget.

Year Ahead 2025-26 in Council Reports

Cr Olsson moved the motion to receive the report. This was carried unanimously.

Monthly Finance Reports

Council unanimously resolved to receive the report on the February 2026 Monthly Finance Reports.

Economy and Community Update – Activity in January 2026

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

Assets and Environment Update – February 2026

Cr Hatch moved the motion to receive the report and for Council to thank neighbouring Councils for their support and assistance through the Deep Creek Bushfire. This was carried unanimously.

Chief Executive Officer Report

Cr Rothwell moved the motion to receive the Chief Executive Officer Report, which was carried unanimously.

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

Tuesday, 17 March 2026

Tuesday, 21 April 2026

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

Agendas are available on the Friday before the session on Council's website.

Tuesday, 3 March 2026 – Council Chambers

Tuesday, 7 April 2026 – Council Chambers

WHAT'S ON

AT THE LIBRARY MARCH '26

Yankalilla & District Historical Society

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

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

Advance Care Directive Support Sessions

**Wednesday March 4
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. JP Service at the Library is available on Tuesdays.

Bookings essential online, or call the library team

Tech @ the Library

**Friday - March 6, 13, 20 & 27
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

Tuesday - March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 | 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.

Weaving for Wellness

Thursdays- March 5

(then a break)

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! Come along, cuppa provided. Craft materials provided.

Bookings not required.

Wiggle and Giggle

Tuesday - March 3, 10*, 17, 24 & 31 | 10:00am - 10:30am

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

Bookings not required

***PLEASE NOTE:** a community consultation session will take place following the 10 March Wiggle & Giggle session, with local parents and educators from the area and surrounds to discuss all things Early Childhood Education and Care, from 10.30am – 11.30am.

All welcome to participate

Yankalilla Library Baby Sprouts: Sensory play for families, parents, caregivers with babies

Thursday - March 5, 12, 19 & 26

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- March 5, 12, 19 & 26
10:30am - 11:30am**

Read books, sing along and engage in different activities each week that promotes 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)

Friday - March 6, 13, 20, & 27

9:30am - 10:30am

Read books, sing along and engage in different activities each week that promotes early literacy development, socialising, science discovery, maths, creativity and fun! Rapid Bay Primary School

Bookings essential - 08 8598 4062.

Southern Community Justice Centre

Friday - March 6

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.

Morning Tea and Tales

Thursday - March 26

10:30am - 12:00 noon

Returning monthly in 2026!

Come to the Yankalilla Library for a cuppa, scones, and a chat. Every month a guest speaker will share tales of their lives, their connection to our region, or their connection to nature. All ages welcome. Meets the last Thursday of every month.

Bookings not required.



**TURN OVER FOR
MORE EVENTS**

Yankalilla Library

181 Main South Road Yankalilla 5203

Library 08 8558 2043



YANKALILLA

WHAT'S ON

AT THE LIBRARY MARCH '26

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? Please get copies made prior to meeting with the JP.

No bookings required, just join the queue.

Library Book Club

Friday - March 20

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. Or register your interest in forming another Book Club

Bookings not required.

Home Library Service

Wednesday - March 11

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

After School Gaming and Media Lab

Wednesdays - March 5, 12, 19 & 26

3:30pm - 4:30pm

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

Learn how to create stop motion movies!

Drive or program Sphero bots!

Ages 8-12.

Bookings essential

Yankalilla Arvo Club

Monday - March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

2:30pm - 4:00pm

Ages 8-12 years

Unwind afterschool with Arvo Club! A fun mix of games, art, craft, cooking and creative projects designed to help kids relax, connect with friends and explore their imagination in a supportive space.

Bookings not required.

Yank Youth Collective - Dream.

Explore. Build. Lead.

Monday - March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

4:30pm - 6:00pm

Ages 12 - 18 years

Dive into awesome mix of music, sport, art, craft, games, cooking and activities designed to inspire creativity, connection and fun.

Bookings not required.

Act Now, Stay Secure - Cyber Security workshop

Friday March 20

2:00pm - 3:30pm

In a world where more of our lives happen online, knowing how to protect yourself has never been more important.

Join local business owners and community members to find out how to act now, stay secure and protect yourself and your business from cybercrime.

Businesses and community members welcome

Register: <https://events.humanitix.com/act-now-stay-secure-cyber-security-yankalilla>

Come n' Try Dance Exercise Classes - FREE

Saturdays : 28 March, 25 April & 23 May - starting at 11:30am

3 Monthly Saturdays classes - attend one, or all classes. All levels of fitness welcome. Classes will be appropriate for beginners.

Bookings required

Easter hours

The library will be closed over the Easter period, from Friday 3 April to Monday 6 April inclusive.

Get your reading list sorted



BOOK/CONTACT:

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

FOLLOW US ON:

 facebook.com/YankalillaCommunityLibrary
 instagram.com/yankalillalibrary
 www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au

Yankalilla Library

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Library 08 8558 2043



**April
School Holidays
are coming!**

April 11 -24



WHATS ON THIS MONTH

Markets, festivals, live music, workshops, performances and special events

She By The Sea (Adelaide Fringe)

Sunday 8 March 2026 | 5.30 pm – 8.45 pm
(Gates open 4.30pm), Yankalilla Show Hall
Join us for She by the Sea, a one-night-only celebration of incredible local female talent at the iconic Yankalilla Show Hall. Featuring:
April Stuart, Wendy McPhee & The Russell Sisters

Mocking the suburbs (Adelaide Fringe)

Sunday 1 March 2026 | 2 pm – 3.30 pm
Yankalilla Hotel
Mocking the Suburbs is a 90-minute showcase of the funniest Fringe comedians, all for approximately the price of getting a carpark in the city.
Tickets available @ Adelaide Fringe Website

Granny Flaps - The Retrospective Roadshow (Adelaide Fringe)

Thursday 19 March 2026 | 7.30 pm
Yankalilla Hotel
Expect a whirlwind of sassy songs, scandalous tales, and razor-sharp wit as Granny revisits her most iconic numbers and jaw-dropping anecdotes.
Tickets available @ Adelaide Fringe Website

One Wild Night Live

Saturday 21 March 2026 | 8 pm – 11.30 pm
Yankalilla Hotel
Bringing all your sing-along favourites.

Normy Fun Run (Normanville)

Sunday 8 March | 8 am – 11 am
2.5km / 5km run or walk
Gold coin donation. No booking required

Fleurieu Food and Wine Events

www.fleurieufoodandwine.com.au

Hibachi Steak Masterclass: Native Flavours & Flame Cooking

Sunday 26 March | 11 am – 3 pm
Set within the heritage gardens of Bungala House in Yankalilla, this three-hour class combines expert steak education, native food immersion and open-flame hibachi cooking with South Australian wine to finish.

Pasta likes Nonna Makes

Sunday 1 March | 11 am – 1.30 pm
Sunday 22 March | 11 am – 1.30 pm
Lot 50 Yankalilla
Roll, fill, laugh, and eat – just like Nonna intended.

Sausage Making Masterclass / Lunch

Saturday 14 March | 11.30 am – 2.30 pm
This exclusive experience brings together hands-on craft, expert guidance, and a long lunch to remember. Bungala House, Yankalilla.

Gallery 88 Summer Exhibition

Every day (except Wednesday) | 11am – 4pm

Selection of differing styles and media from invited artists.

Yankalilla Craft and Produce Market

Every 3rd Saturday of the month – 21 March

Yankalilla Showgrounds | 9 am – 2 pm.

Contact Mattie **0447 044 721** for more information

Caffe on Bungala

Saturdays | 3 pm – 5 pm

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

LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Weekly, fortnightly and monthly activities run by local community groups

WEEKLY

Club Fleurieu:

Monday:

Mahjong | 2 pm

Rock and Roll dance class | 6.30 pm

Tuesday:

Quilting | 10 am

Line Dancing | 2.30 pm

Wednesday:

Zumba | 5 pm

Friday:

Craft, coffee and a chat | 10 am

Cards | 2 pm

Croquet | 3 pm

Sunday:

Croquet | 10 am

Enquiries: Ph 8558 2053 or 0477 111 315.

Cape Jervis Community Club

Monday:

Yoga | 10 am

Tuesday:

Gymnasium 6 pm or by appointment

Wednesday:

Library | 1 pm – 2 pm

Sew 'n Sews Noon to 4.30 pm

Thursday:

Dinner from 5.30 pm.

Phone: 8598 0088 to book.

Yankalilla Men's Shed

Open weekly behind Club Fleurieu

Tuesday | 8.30 am – 2 pm

Wednesday | 5 pm – 9 pm

Friday | 8.30 am – 2 pm

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 am – 11.30 am

Yankalilla Area School

Support local students by purchasing hot drinks & morning tea goodies

Hedge Witch Apothecary

10 am – 3 pm

Main Street, Yankalilla

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

Myponga Reservoir parkrun

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

www.parkrun.com.au

Sorry no dogs.

More info:

mypongareservoir@parkrun.com

EVENTS GUIDE FLEURIEU COAST

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

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MONTHLY

Club Fleurieu Movie Night

Thursday 5 March | 7 pm start

Movie: "Another Round"

Club Fleurieu:

Barbeque | Tuesday 10 | 12 pm

Night Bingo | Tuesday 10 | 6 pm

St Patrick's Lunch | Wednesday 18 | 12 pm

Happy Hour & Dinner | Friday 27 | 5 pm

Yankalilla Library Events

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

Find March variety of events at:

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

Yankalilla Acoustic Evening

Saturday 21 March | 7 pm

Supper Room @ Yankalilla Showgrounds

Gold coin donation entry.

More Info: Phone 0439 861 001

UPCOMING EVENTS

Second Valley Market – Easter Market!

Saturday 4 April | 9 am – 3 pm

At the Second Valley Hall

Locally Grown, Made & Produced Goods.

Easter Art Show

Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 | 10 am – 4 pm

Yankalilla Show Grounds

Fleurieu Refugee Support Group

Yankalilla Craft and Produce Market – Easter Market

Saturday 4 April | 9 am – 2 pm

Yankalilla Showgrounds

Contact Mattie **0447 044 721** for more information

Lions Easter Car Boot Sale

Saturday 4 | 9 am – 1 pm

Yankalilla Show Grounds

Sausage sizzle, coffee van, car boot sales