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THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

National Volunteers Week was celebrated during May and Council took the opportunity to thank the many people who give their time to help out with a range of important programs and activities in the District.

The Acting Mayor, Cr Janet Jones, hosted a special morning tea at the Visitor Information Centre on Thursday 12 May, during which she was delighted to present Service Badges to 10 volunteers for five years of service and one who has reached an impressive 10 years.

Guest speaker Jen Kay (who is pictured below with Cr Jones) shared her experiences from more than 30 years working as a CFS volunteer, including a fascinating slide show from her time helping to fight the Tasmanian bushfires in 2012.

Council has 94 registered volunteers who assist with a range of activities with the Yankalilla Council Transport Program, the Visitor Information Centre, Bungala Park, the Library and the Centre.

Others are involved with 28 Coastal Community Groups and work tirelessly to protect the native vegetation and coastal environment in our District under the auspices of the Natural Resource Management Board.



DEPUTY MAYOR'S CORNER

The coming of June means winter is upon us and we are just weeks away from a new financial year. We have been very pleased with the response from the community during the six-week consultation period for our draft Annual Business Plan, Long-Term Financial Plan (through to 2026) and Planning Reforms. There was some very good feedback and thoughtful submissions.

All comments are now being considered as we work to finalise these key documents for ratification at our 21 June Council meeting and get everything ready for a busy year ahead.

Six public meetings were held during the consultation and all ratepayers received an information brochure. Information can still be found on Council's website by clicking on the link to Your Say Yankalilla or at the Council offices.

As our Chief Executive Nigel Morris has stated throughout the consultation period, the proposed projects in the 2016/17 budget focus on increased asset replacement, planning for the future and making a difference in the community while achieving a budget surplus.

One exciting project will be commencement of Phase 2 of planning for a new Community Library within The Centre at 181 Main Road.

Project Officer Helen Sampson, Librarian Sandra Skinner, Manager Finance & Community Services Mark Heinrich, Mayor Glen Rowlands and volunteers Robyn Hosking, Jen Kaye and Ian McGrath have concluded Phase 1, which included consulting with the district's communities, listening to their requests, and visiting other libraries to see how the services can best be delivered.

Thank you to this team for the very necessary preliminary investigation done to date. Phase 2 of the project will include detailed planning to attract external funding and focus on creating a multifunctional facility that can deliver a range of services in addition to the Library. Possibilities include youth, arts and environment services and a Business Hub.

I would also like to thank and commend the staff of both The Centre and the interim Library for continuing to deliver quality services and programs while sharing space. They have all done great work.

On a sad note, I would like to conclude by extending Council's condolences to the family of the late Mr John Pile, who died on Anzac Day aged 96. Mr Pile was a loving husband, family man and mentor and will be remembered for his faithful service to his country.

Leaving Yankalilla in 1940 he enlisted in the Army and was posted to a cavalry squadron as part of the Ninth Division. He fought in Syria, in the deserts of North Africa and in the Battle of El Alamein. Returning to Australia in 1944, he retrained as a commando, which prepared him to fight the war in Borneo.

Mr Pile occupied many office positions in RSL, was awarded Life Membership for this commitment, and also served Legacy for 57 years. He proudly marched in every Adelaide Anzac Day Parade from 1946 until 2015.

John and Heather Pile had six children, one of whom was the late Cr. Jim Pile.



Cr Janet Jones

NEW SIGNS ARE ON THEIR WAY

Council has approved final designs for the District Entry Statements and Town Arrival Signs and a local contractor has now been appointed to manufacture and install them. Engineering reports and approval have been received, the sites have been pegged out and manufacturing has commenced.

You should see the signs appearing during July, starting with our new District Entry Statement at Sellicks Hill. We will then work through the District, with Town Arrival Signage to be erected at Myponga, Yankalilla, Normanville, Second Valley, Parawa and Inman Valley.

A second District Entry sign will be installed at Cape Jervis and we expect this work will be complete by the end of July. This is the culmination of extensive community consultation and we should all be proud of what we have achieved together.

COMMUNITY BUS

The District Council of Yankalilla and the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) have jointly funded a community bus service to assist elderly or disadvantaged residents with their shopping and social needs until June 2018.

The service runs every Thursday, bringing people from Cape Jervis, Delamere, Second Valley and Carrickalinga to Normanville and Yankalilla. There is a small subsidised charge of \$5 from Second Valley or closer or \$10 from further afield.

In addition, on the second Wednesday of the month a “mystery tour” provides an opportunity for residents to experience a surprise outing. Dates, times and costs for each outing are published on regular monthly advertising flyers. At the moment the cost is \$35 per person, including morning tea, lunch and any entry fees.

The bus seats 10 and bookings are essential for both services. Bookings can be made Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm on 8558 0200.

FREE WI-FI

At its May meeting, Council approved funds for a pilot of free solar-powered Wi-Fi in the Normanville town centre. The service will cover both sides of the main street from Bungala Park to Edmund Street and should be in place by the end of June.

This is in line with a commitment in Council’s 2014/2018 Strategic Plan to capitalise on the NBN rollout, reduce the digital divide and foster a prosperous, dynamic rural and commercial environment by enabling opportunities for new and existing businesses.

Studies have shown that free Wi-Fi increases foot traffic and encourages customers to stay and spend more at local businesses.

FIELD OPERATIONS

Work is scheduled to be conducted on the following roads during June, although, as always in winter, the weather may force priorities to change.

Newbolds Road, Myponga

Taylor’s Road, Tunkalilla

Rymill Road, Tunkalilla

Illawong Road, Parawa

Tapanappa Road, Deep Creek

Creek Stone Road

Mount Cone Road

Salt Creek Road, Hay Flat

Tunk Head Road, Parawa

Tunkalilla Road, Parawa

McGregor Road, Parawa

Three Bridges Road, Deep

Mount Scrub Road

Boards Road

In addition, the two timber boardwalks on the Normanville foreshore will be repaired, including full deck tread replacements and some structural upgrades.

Council meeting dates

Monday 13 June – Public Holiday – Queen's Birthday

Tuesday 21 June – Council Meeting at 4 pm, including Public Forum

WHAT'S ON IN MAY AT THE CENTRE / LIBRARY

WHEN	WHAT	BOOKINGS
Tuesday 14th 11.15am—2pm	Craft with Judith - \$6.00 Lino Printing - Part 2	Bookings VIC:8558 0240 Enquiries the Centre: 8558 0264
Wednesday 15th 6.30pm—8.30pm	Lino Printing with Judith \$6.00	Bookings VIC: 8558 0240 Enquiries the Centre: 8558 0264
Monday 20th 10.30am—1pm	Cooking for Blokes - Roasts \$15, includes all ingredients and shared lunch	Bookings VIC: 8558 0240 Enquiries the Centre: 8558 0264
Wednesdays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd 12.30pm—2.30pm	Well Being Workshops Aromatherapy/Emotional Freedom Technique/ Making Green Products/ Mindfulness \$25 per session or discount if you attend all 4 sessions	Enquiries: Maxine: 0415 704 612 maxinesmith01@gmail.com or Claire: 8558 0264
Wednesday 29th 2pm	Library Online! Learn how to use the library catalogue and the new online resources, such as linda.com and Zinio online magazines	Bookings: Library 8558 2043
All month	Winter Warmers Food Collection - donations of non- perishable food items will be accepted for distribution	Enquiries: the Centre 8558 0264
Opening Hours	New for Winter: Come in out of the cold! Board games, cards, colouring sheets and pencils, and Scrabble will be available for all community members to use at the Centre.	Centre staff on 858 0264 or Library Staff on 8558 2043

HERITAGE YOUTH ART COMPETITION

Students at Rapid Bay Primary School had already started work on their entries for the Heritage Youth Art Competition when Kirsty Tapp and Iris Iwanicki called in during May to present examples of local history. Pictured here are Brandon Gates, Jevin Brown, Ella Douk and Jazmyn Liddy.

The competition was one of many events held throughout the State as part of History Month to celebrate history throughout the state.

Public nominations are being called for Heritage Heroes and a presentation on Yankalilla's heritage review of the 1985 heritage survey places is being presented at the Visitor Centre at 11am every Friday for the rest of the month.

**THE MAYOR'S SHORT STORY CHALLENGE**

Alexandrina Library Service and Victor Harbor Public Library have been running the Mayors' Short Story Challenge for local schools for six years and this year the District Council of Yankalilla is joining in.

It will run during Term 2 and any students who are interested should ask their teachers for details. Category winners receive a \$50 gift voucher.