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RECYCLED WATER HAS US SEEING GREEN

The value of the Yankalilla/Normanville Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS) Re-Use Project has been there for all to see in recent months.

Recycled water has been used to irrigate the Yankalilla Skate Park since early November and the result is a much greener and more inviting facility than in previous summers. We've used more water but at much lower cost than before, when potable mains water was our only option – a real win-win.

Recycled water is also now being used on the Yankalilla Memorial Park Oval.

This is all possible, of course, thanks to Council's decision to upgrade and increase the capacity of the CWMS at Normanville, including the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The old CWMS had reached full capacity, which required water restrictions during the hot and dry summer months and, in the longer term, was preventing further housing development in Yankalilla, Normanville and Carrickalinga Sands. With an ever increasing demand for limited water supplies, the successful project has the potential to save the Council and the community considerable money over the coming years.



MAYOR'S CORNER

With the children all back at school the new year is very much under way. The district has certainly been abuzz with holiday makers over summer, which is a great sign, and once again we looked after them in style. From what I've seen and heard, businesses have had a good couple of months, meaning a much needed boost to start the year.

Some terrific events were held at the Centre and elsewhere over the holidays, but for me a highlight was being at Government House to see Festival Fleurieu collect the State Australia Day Community Event of the Year Award. Having won our regional award, the Festival moved on to the State final and was widely acclaimed as a worthy winner.

Congratulations and well done to everyone who made the 2015 event such a success.

We look forward to an even bigger and better Festival next year.

Congratulations also to award recipients at our annual Australia Day ceremony – and thanks to those who attended what was a terrific day.

Council uses this event to hand over the community grant funding which allows community groups, churches, museum, arts and cultural events and sporting clubs to buy or upgrade equipment and facilities. This money is a great investment as it supports and encourages local groups and individuals to volunteer their time, energy, talents – and sometimes equipment and materials – to keep some key community activities happening. It also helps keep our rates low compared with other Councils, for a similar level of amenities.

On the business front, Council is working through the next Budget period and has been getting community feedback as part of a review of our rating system. We appreciate the feedback we have received, and our elected members will consider all of it when making their decision. Our aim is to make the system as fair and equitable as possible. We will never please everyone, but hopefully will not disadvantage too many.

Keep an eye out for the consultation dates for the Budget – the Annual Business Plan. It is your money we are using and we must achieve results. Finding efficiencies while still getting things done is the priority for our Chief Executive, Nigel Morris, as he works through this financial year and plans for the next.

I'm pleased with the positive comments we have received about the beach access Council put in place at Normanville. Thanks to staff for their quick action in constructing it just in time. I also thank those boaters who took ownership of the pad, ensuring it was trafficable and undamaged. Council will be considering the long-term future of that access and all stakeholders will be approached for their input before a decision is made.

It is also great to see that library use continues to climb. It is a credit to the staff and our many users that it all works so well in such a small space. There is currently discussion about opening the library for more hours, so keep an eye out for developments.

A Future Library Action Group has been researching the requirements for a new library for our district, and after 10 months of work will present its findings to Council in the near future. It is unlikely these will be considered in the current Budget period, as we will need to get community feedback. However, we will have a commitment to a new library in the long-term financial plan.



COMMUNITY ART GALLERY REFRESHED

“Still Life” is the theme for the latest exhibition now on display at the Council's Community Art Gallery located at 1 Charles Street, Yankalilla.

The community are welcome to come in to view these works during office hours.

For enquiries please contact the volunteer curator Gilbert Dashorst on 0432 372 235.

AUSTRALIA DAY SIZZLES ONCE AGAIN

Thank you to the 200 or so locals and visitors who attended our Australia Day Breakfast Celebrations in Bungala Park, followed by the Lions traditional sausage sizzle.

Council acknowledged locals who have committed their time making notable contributions to our community.

The following awards were presented:

Citizen of the Year: Helen Scholfield

Young Citizen of the Year: Caitlin Lloyd

Community Event of the Year: Festival Fleurieu

Mayor's Award: Fleurieu Milk

Cassandra Deed-Cole, from Delamere, showcased her fantastic voice while singing the National Anthem.

Council received positive feedback from the community about the event and we look forward to making the program even stronger in 2017.

PLACES AND SPACES

The Yankalilla district has many stunning landscapes that are both geologically significant and historically unique, and the Second Valley Foreshore Complex is part of the 1990 State heritage listed Second Valley Coastal Cliffs.

The striations and rich contrasting colours of the cliff face are stunning evidence of enormous folding of Precambrian slates and marbles along a section of the coastline. The oldest known Precambrian rocks have been dated to about 3800 million years old, and the earliest living organisms date from the latter part of the aeon.

The historic stonework causeway, seawall, bridge and railway footings, as well as the much shortened jetty, are part of the earliest extant maritime shipping facility complex in South Australia, while on the shoreline of the small bay at Second Valley is a rare structure, with stonework dating back to 1855. Together they provide historical evidence of South Australia's early maritime, agricultural, industrial and mining heritage, most notably the wheat industry of the 1840s-1860s.

Do you have any landscapes of special significance to you? Why not go to Council's website at www.yoursayyankalilla.com.au and post a photo of your favourite area in the Heritage section.



NEW TECHNOLOGY TRIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR CAPE JERVIS

New Technology Trial Opportunity for Cape Jervis.

SA Power Networks is working with Council to undertake a battery storage trial at Cape Jervis for up to a 3 year period. The trial proposed to use Community Land located at Lot 149 James Street Cape Jervis with lease payments of the land to be returned to the Cape Jervis Community.

Visit Council's Engagement website www.yoursayyankalilla.com.au to view a copy of the handout "Network Battery Storage System Trial" and make your submission. Copies are also available from the Administration Office at 1 Charles Street Yankalilla.

Any comments must be submitted by close of business Friday 1 April 2016.

STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR LOCAL CLUBS

A strategic plan provides a roadmap for a club's future and a framework to support future funding requests.

If you would like assistance with this critical document, contact Rachael Reeves on 8558 0200 to arrange an appointment with Council's Funding Officer, Anne Petch.

Dates to Remember

Monday 14 March – Public Holiday (Adelaide Cup Day)

Tuesday 15 March – Council meeting 4pm (including Public Forum)

DO BUSINESS

nbn™ Get Connected Showcase

Wednesday 2 March 5pm – 7pm, Yankalilla Football Club

The **nbn™** network is essential for Australia's digital evolution and this makes investment in the **nbn™** network crucial for Australia. The digital economy demands a fast and reliable network to enable; access to new markets, opportunity to reduce costs and drive innovation as well as gaining competitive edge on the global stage.

To discuss these opportunities and the practical needs for connecting to the **nbn™** network, drop in and speak with **nbn™** representatives at the Do Business Fleurieu Coast **nbn™** Forum.

Digital Growth Program

Tuesday 15 & Wednesday 16 March

The Digital Growth Program Roadshow offers FREE, independent advice for businesses to learn about and improve their digital footprint and improve their prosperity.

The program, delivered by the Polaris Centre and funded by the SA Government Department for State Development, includes:

Digital Start - 1.5 hours free one-on-one advisory targeted at start-up/new or intending businesses.

Digital Audit - 1.5 hours free one-on-one advisory targeted at businesses with an established online presence.

For more information contact Amber Nancarrow at ambernancarrow@yankalilla.sa.gov.au or call (08) 8558 0263



WHAT'S ON IN MARCH AT THE CENTRE / LIBRARY

WHEN	WHAT	BOOKINGS
Tuesday 8th 10.00am-12.30pm	Craft Sessions with Judith Ancient Art of Shibori Dyeing Techniques	Enquiries to Claire: 8558 0264 Book at VIC: 8558 0240
Tuesday 8th 2pm	Celebrate International Women's Day (Art, Afternoon Tea & more)	Enquiries to Kimberley 8558 0264 Book at the library: 8558 2043
Monday 21st 10.30am - 1pm	Cooking for Blokes \$15 Making the Most of Seasonal vegetables	Enquiries to Claire:8558 0264 Book at VIC: 8558 0240
Tuesday 22nd - Thursday 24th (during library hours)	Exciting and Excellent Easter Pop-Up - visit the library to get some great ideas for celebrating Easter, recipes, children's craft/activities and colouring in for all ages!	Enquiries to library staff: 85582043
Monday 21st 10.30am - 1pm	Library Online! Learn how to use the library catalogue and the new online resources, such as linda.com and Zinio online magazines	Book at the library: 8558 2043

UPCOMING ROADWORKS

Council will be conducting various tree trimming, drainage and grading works on the following roads in March:

Fannyside Road

Wild Dog Creek Road

Pyne Hill Road

Lanceolata Road

Causeway Road

Nunn Road