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COMING TOGETHER

On Wednesday 20 May more than 60 local service providers, community members and school children attended the Community Connections event at the Yankalilla Sporting Club. The event was organised by SAFKI Medicare Local and involved a Café Co-Create session as well as acknowledging National Close the Gap Day.

As part of the event, participants were encouraged to sign the pledge to achieve health equality for Indigenous Australians and nearly 50 signatures were gained.

Local Aboriginal artist, Allan Sumner, created a piece of artwork with the help of some of the participants, titled 'Yuntu-Walun' meaning 'Coming Together'.

The painting represents the many people from the Yankalilla community coming together to promote better health outcomes for Aboriginal people. The hands symbolise the Ancestors both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal in support of the gathering. This artwork has been donated back to the community and it was presented to Council on Tuesday 10 June.

This beautiful painting will be proudly displayed in the Yankalilla Community Library.



MAYOR'S CORNER

One of our district's quiet achievers has been found out and become a celebrity. Graham Smith was awarded an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) recognising his contribution to the community, mainly serving surf lifesaving but also the Country Fire Service. We congratulate Graham and thank him for his contribution to our district always helping others. Council is in one of its most important decision making periods. The budget and rates are the most talked about topic for any Council. Yankalilla Council is nearing the end of that process after consulting in 4 forums, one in Burnside for the Adelaide ratepayers and 3 here in Yankalilla. To those who either wrote in or submitted electronically, we thank you all for coming out and participating. I am really pleased with the amount of responses and constructive feedback we have received. We, Councillors, can go so far in preparing what we think are acceptable suggestions to spend the rate revenue on and how much we think we need to achieve services and capital improvements. Ultimately the final decision is made using the responses from the consultation process. We called a special council meeting for Tuesday 23 June to debate the changes to the Annual Business Plan.

I'm pleased to announce that Council has moved forward on place branding. At the June Council meeting the motion to brand our region "FLEURIEU COAST" with the tagline 'MADE BY NATURE' was passed. The thinking behind it indicates that our region is the Fleurieu, its rolling hills, farm and bushlands and that our coast line is a very significant part of us and connects to beaches, water and marine life, and that our natural beauty is iconic.

We can now sign post the entrances to our region.

NEWLY ELECTED MEMBER

Your votes in the supplementary election were counted on Tuesday 9 June following the close of votes and we would like to welcome our newest member to Council, Leonie Fitzgerald.

Leonie attended her first Council meeting in June and was declared officially as Councillor at that meeting.

Contact: 0438 682 990 or email leoniefitzgerald@yankalilla.sa.gov.au

We thank Davina Quirke, Ian Main and Tim Moffat for their participation.



2015 / 16 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN

The deadline for producing this Newsletter unfortunately means that we are unable to announce the final changes that Council has made to the 2015/16 Annual Business Plan. Council gave consideration to the submissions made during public consultation on 23 June 2015 and a summary of the final Business Plan will be posted to all ratepayers together with their first Rates notice for 2015/16. Information on the final Annual Business Plan can be found on Council's website by clicking on the link to "Your Say Yankalilla" and copies are available from Council's offices.

The 6 week consultation period ended on 16 June 2015. This year, for the first time, we used our "Your Say Yankalilla" on-line consultation website in addition to information available from Council offices and the library. Almost 200 people took opportunities to inform themselves (with over 110 people going on-line, 60 people attending our Burnside Forum for non-resident ratepayers and 16 people attending the 2 local Forums). Verbal feedback from Forum attendees and thirteen written submissions ended up being considered by Council.



HERE TO HELP FIND \$\$\$\$

Are you seeking funding for your organisation or business? Council is offering assistance with identifying funding sources and preparation of funding applications. Email council@yankalilla.sa.gov.au to make an appointment.



OCEANLIX WAVE ENERGY STRUCTURE OFF CARRICKALINGA COAST

What do you think should be done?

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) is interested in the views of the local community about what should be done with the Wave Generator Structure located off the beach at Carrickalinga.

Visit www.dpti.sa.gov.au/ondeck/wave-generator-survey/ to participate in the survey and have your say.

For further information contact: Marilyn Hood, Marine Operations (DPTI) on 8260 0275.

CAPE JERVIS COASTAL COMMUNITY GROUP

The Cape Jervis Coastal Community Group is a small but active volunteer group that undertakes some wonderful initiatives.

Their current project has been the nature trail revegetation project starting at the Heysen Trail. This community group has been very successful with grant applications to put towards this project. Council contributed through formalising informal trails linking the start of the Heysen Trail to the town, weed control and placing a new picnic table overlooking the project and ocean.

The Green Army (Federal Government funded youth environmental program) assisted the volunteers with revegetation and weed control. Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges Natural Resources funded seedlings, guards, stakes, fertilizer, interpretative signage, volunteer tools and equipment, mulching weeds and ongoing weed and rabbit control across this site as part of the project.

This project is a great example of community volunteers working with Local, State and Federal Governments to improve the local environment, provide training opportunities for youth, build capacity of volunteers and to improve recreation spaces at the gate way to the Fleurieu.



Dates to Remember

- Tuesday 7: Strategic Directions Committee 4pm
 Tuesday 21: Council Meeting 4pm, Public Forum 4.30pm
 Sunday 26: National Tree Day www.treeday.planetark.org

WHAT'S ON @ THE CENTRE

Library Online: Learn how to use the library catalogue and online resources. Wednesday 1 July at 2pm.

ReCreate a unisex shoulder bag from recycled material: Friday 10 July from 1.30-3.30pm. For school aged children and adults.

ReCreate jewellery and key chains from recycled material: Tuesday 14 July from 1.30-3.30pm. For school aged children and adults.

Pre-School Story Time: No need to book, just come to the library. Tuesday 21 & Tuesday 28 July at 10.30am.

Enquiries and bookings at the Library or by phoning 8558 2043
 Facebook: Yankalilla Library

Lego Builder's Club: \$5pp for school aged children and adults. Thursday 9 July from 1-3pm.

Fun With Chocolate: \$5pp for school aged children and adults. Monday 13 July from 1-3pm.

Enquiries and bookings to Claire on 8558 0264
 Facebook: Yankalilla Community Centre

SENIOR'S SOCIAL BUS TRIPS 65's +

Mystery Tour: Wednesday 8 July 9am-4.30pm

Movie and Shopping Trip: Wednesday 22 July 9am-4.30pm

Cost: \$35pp includes Morning Tea and Lunch (please advise of any special dietary requirements when booking)
 The bus will leave from the Council Office at 8.45am and return to the same location at 4.30pm.
 (Special arrangements available)
 Bookings are essential as places are limited. Book at the Council Office or call 8558 0200.

YANKALILLA AND DISTRICTS MEN'S SHED UPDATE

Several meetings have now been held and progress is being made, behind the scenes.

A steering committee is busy working, with assistance from Council representatives, to become incorporated, form a constitution, develop necessary Policies and Procedures and look at Grant and funding opportunities. There is a site selected, on Over 50's Club land, but it won't happen overnight, so if anyone has any suggestions for temporary accommodation, shed contacts or any tools or equipment available, please feel free to email the committee members, on yankalillaanddistrictsmensshed@outlook.com or go to our Facebook page.

There is also a lot of general men's shed information on these websites
www.mensshed.org.au or www.theshedonline.org.au

