



A report to the YDRA 2024 AGM – Thursday 18th April 2024

The dog park committee members express their sincere gratitude to the YDRA for their invaluable support. This support allowed the fundraising group to begin operations under their auspice, much more smoothly than other alternatives might have done.

Our fundraising activities to date have included:

A stall at the Normanville Christmas Twilight market, with a raffle.

A stall at the Yankalilla Show

A stall at the Easter Markets and a site at the car boot sale.

Produce for sale has been donated by businesses in the region in the form of bulk honey that we bottled and sold under our own label, gift vouchers, and items for a raffle. SACWA members have cooked and sold dozens of scones with jam and cream. All ingredients donated by local business.

The South Australian branch of the CWA is allocating funds from the sale of real estate within SA, and our local representatives have been promised at least \$10,000 from those funds. Their intention is to donate that amount to the dog park fund, and we anticipate receiving it at the end of the fiscal year. Our budget continues to evolve as we know about the site and build requirements. We now expect an amount of \$50,000 to \$60,000 will be required.

We are applying for appropriate grant funding. Our submission to Elders Community Giving Project will be submitted in early May, seeking an amount of \$20,000. We have attended a committee meeting of the Yankalilla Community Op-Shop. They have advised us to submit a funding request for a specific need such as the rainwater tank or seating and shelters. We have a donor prepared to give posts and fencing, subject to them meeting the requirements of the build. We have volunteer labour and equipment, just waiting for the site to be agreed and the materials to be available.

We have created a Facebook page and a GoFundMe page to get the word out about our activities. There is some misunderstanding about where the funds will be coming from to establish the park, and we are working hard to ensure we give

accurate information. The Yankalilla Regional News is a staunch supporter and the editor has generously given us advertising space free of charge.

We have continually liaised with Yankalilla District Council and at the April council meeting a resolution was passed as shown in the attached letter from Council. In that letter we are tasked with presenting our recommendations about the park site and structure, to the Elected Members Forum on 3 September. A layout plan of the proposed park is attached to this report.

Our understanding is that if our proposal is accepted by the EM's, then a period of public consultation will ensue. So, we have two major milestones to achieve, all the time continuing with our fund raising. We must have Council agreement on our chosen site and layout, and we must have also public support for those things.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you this evening. A copy of this report and attachments will be provided to your secretary for your records.

**District Council
of Yankalilla**

Inc: C24047

8 April 2024



Bronwyn Lewis
Yankalilla Dog Park Committee
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Dear Bronwyn

I am writing to extend Council's appreciation to the Friends of Normanville and Yankalilla Dog Park Committee for their dedication and efforts to establish a dog park in our community.

At the 19 March 2024 Council Meeting it was resolved:

C24047 Moved Cr Quirke
Seconded Cr Gibbs

1. That the report be received.
2. That Council Encourages the Dog Park Committee and thank them for their dedication to build a dog park in DCY.
3. That in line with the Dog Park Committee's request, the land for the dog park be under the care and control of DCY.
4. That Council ask the Dog Park Committee to present their recommendation to the September Council Forum.

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The establishment of the proposed dog park stands as a testament to the collaborative spirit and proactive approach of the Committee. The enthusiasm and support demonstrated by the committee members throughout the planning phases have been invaluable.

As per the resolution above, I take this opportunity to invite the Committee to attend the 3 September Elected Member Information and Briefing Session to present recommendations. One of our team will be in contact nearer the time of the meeting.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathan Cunningham".

Nathan Cunningham
Chief Executive Officer

