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# CAPE JERVIS



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District Council of  
**YANKALILLA**



# Town snapshot – Cape Jervis



Cape Jervis is a picturesque coastal town located on the tip of the Fleurieu Peninsula. The rugged terrain provides a dramatic back drop to the meeting point of the Southern Ocean and Gulf St Vincent. Its residents form a close-knit community who take pride in the unique beauty of their environment. Cape Jervis has significant cultural meaning for First Nations people in particular the creation story of Tjilbruke. Cape Jervis is also home to the iconic lighthouse that continues to play a crucial role in maritime navigation.

Cape Jervis has experienced almost 70% population growth between 2011 and 2021. Although population growth has been steady for Cape Jervis over the past 10 years, it was slightly greater in the last five years. This increase is primarily due to more young people (0–24 years) and young workers (25–34 years) in the Cape Jervis township. There has also been an increase in people from 70–85 and over, which is why the median age has stayed consistent despite these changes in demographic population.

The median age for the township of Cape Jervis is 57, slightly older than the median age of the whole Council region which is 56. The biggest difference from the region data is the much greater proportion of elderly residents aged 85 and over. Access to health services and transport is important for the community, with 45.5% of the community having a long-term health condition.

*The Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) regard Cape Jervis as a more disadvantaged community of the broader district.*

Although there is a large number of young people/young families moving into the area, Cape Jervis is still presenting as a holiday population with just over 46% of dwellings unoccupied. Almost 50% of people living in Cape Jervis are not in the labour force. Of those who are in the labour force, many are employed locally, generating 42 jobs for the township.

## Did you know?

The **Fleurieu Coast Community Network (FCCN)** is a collaboration of community groups, leaders and services from our district. Connect via bimonthly meetings (all welcome, zoom available), emails on current community offerings and the Facebook page. For more information email [fccn@yankalilla.sa.gov.au](mailto:fccn@yankalilla.sa.gov.au)



## Did you know?

**Yankalilla Cultural Centre and Library** meeting rooms and hall can be booked online through [SpacetoCo.com](https://www.spaceto.com.au)

## Did you know?

**Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre** offers free resources for events including events trailer, permits, planning and promotion. For more information contact the Centre on (08) 8558 0240, email [cooee@visitfleurieucoast.com.au](mailto:cooee@visitfleurieucoast.com.au) or [visitfleurieucoast.com.au](https://www.visitfleurieucoast.com.au)



# Town snapshot – Cape Jervis

**Total population**

**343**

**Total households**

**291**

## If our community was 100 people...



**Gender**

**53**

are men

**47**

are women

**10-year average annual population growth rate (2011–2021)**

**Cape Jervis**  
**4.8%**

vs

**District of Yankalilla**  
**2.9%**

vs

**Regional SA**  
**-0.3%**



**Labour force**

**39**

are in the labour force (aged 15+)

**17**

of those work full-time

**6**

are unemployed

**15**

provided unpaid assistance to a person with a disability, health condition or due to old age

**16**

volunteered in the past 12 months



**Health**

**46**

live with a long-term health condition

**10**

need assistance due to age or disability



**Identity/ethnicity**

**3**

identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

**15**

were born overseas



**32**

are households with children



**36**

household weekly income less than \$650



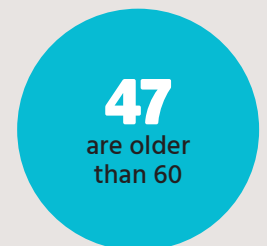
**19**

rent their home



**51**

have completed Year 12 or equivalent (aged 15+)





# Town snapshot – Cape Jervis

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**343**

**Total households**

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**Families\***  
**82**

**17%**  
couples with children

**36%**  
couples without children

**2%**  
single parent households

**38%**  
one person households



**Labour force\*\***

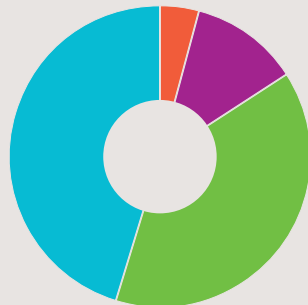
**50%**

are not in labour force (i.e. retired, disability support pension, DVA pension)

**47%**  
are employed

**3%**  
are unemployed

**13%**  
are labourers compared with 10.5% for SA



**Median age 57**

	#	%
babies and pre-schoolers (0–4)	54	7
school age (5–17)	39	11
working age (18–59)	131	37
pre-retirees and retirees (60+)	153	45



**Dwellings**  
**291**

**47%**  
unoccupied

**81%**  
purchasing or fully owned

**19%**  
renting

average number of people per household

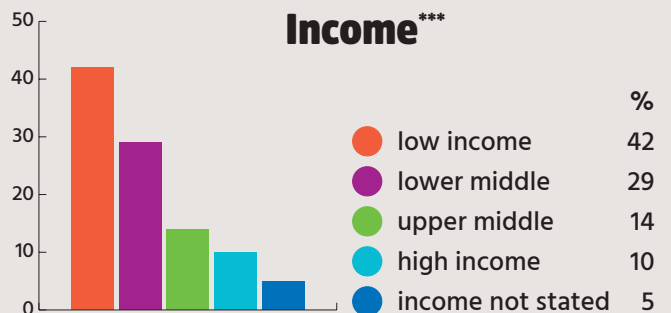
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**23%**  
with 2 bedrooms compared with 18% for SA

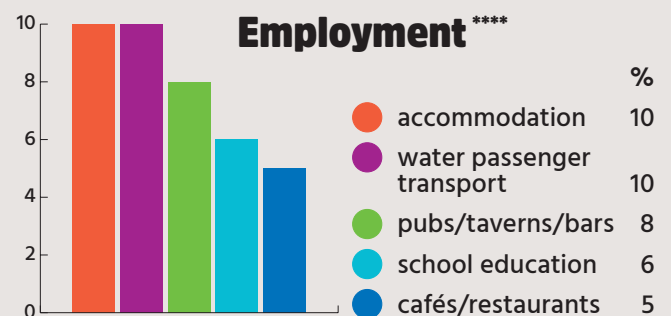
**71%**  
with 3 or more bedrooms compared with 77% for SA

**38**  
new dwellings in last 5 years

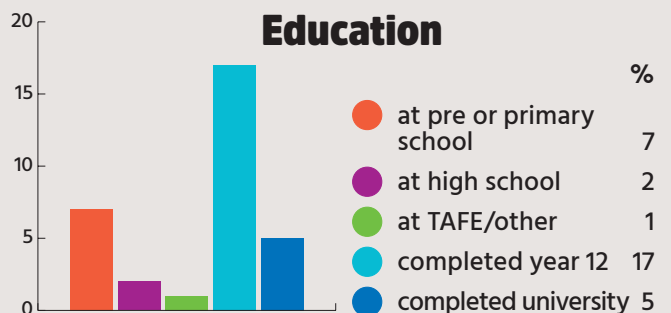
**Income\*\*\***



**Employment\*\*\*\***



**Education**



\* average 1.9 children per family. \*\* aged 15+. \*\*\* low income = less than \$800/wk; lower middle = \$800–\$1,749/wk; upper middle = \$1,750–\$2,999/wk; high income = \$3,000 or more/wk. \*\*\*\* by industry, top responses (employed people aged 15+).

Notes: All statistics are from .id (informed decisions) community profile unless otherwise specified. Statistics rounded to nearest whole number.





# How we got here

The District Council of Yankalilla (DCY) collaborated with the Cape Jervis community to co-create a plan for the township that would help them take charge of their future and strengthen the bonds between Council and the community.

This approach was designed to give each township context and information to help its continuing development. It also serves as a formalised document to support funding applications that engaged community organisations were making. The first two townships plans are for Cape Jervis and Myponga.

*These townships continue to participate actively in civic engagement and community development, and are likely to embrace the concept and data for use.*

Using information from the 2019/2020 strategic engagements as a starting point, targeted consultation was undertaken with existing groups to determine if the previous findings were still relevant. Further to this, the wider community had opportunities to provide feedback and offer current perspectives. Face-to-face public forums were facilitated, and online surveys via *YourSay* were gathered, along with adhoc meetings with community groups.

## Did you know?

### Volunteering in our district includes:

- Community Transport Program
- Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre
- Library
- Advanced Care Directive Support
- Fleurieu Coast Community Nursery or Community Garden
- Local Emergency Services (CFS, SES, Ambulance)
- Local community groups (Progress Associations, Community Centre, Sports, Environment Groups, etc)

For more information contact Council via phone or website.

## Yankalilla Council

# TRANSPORT SERVICE

Are you a resident of the District Council of Yankalilla aged 65 years and over?

OR

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander aged 50 years and over?

### Do you require transport for:

- Visiting friends
- Local Shopping
- Outings
- Centrelink appointments
- Attending a workshop

Call the Transport Team on

**8558 4086**

to find out if we can help you\*





# Then and now

Throughout the current process we had 153 individuals visit *YourSay* with 24 submissions to the Cape Jervis page. Via the *Let's Talk About Our Community* in-person consultation over 24 individuals provided feedback, with new priorities being identified. Interestingly themes were still relevant to community but had changed in priority order.

Previously consultation was undertaken where almost 1,250 perspectives were gathered across the district to inform the DCY Strategic Plan (2020–2024). During this consultation in 2019, seven themes were identified for Cape Jervis.

## Current priorities

- 1** Roads  
Transport and access to Cape Jervis
- 2** Port facilities  
Tourism
- 3** Positive connections with community
- 4** Communications about changes/improvements  
Health services  
Morgans Beach vehicle access
- 5** Facilities for children  
Business opportunities

## 2019 priorities

- 1** Transport and access to Cape Jervis
- 2** Facilities for children
- 3** Positive connections with community
- 4** Health services
- 5** Business opportunities
- 6** Roads and port facilities
- 7** Tourism  
Communications about changes/improvements

For Cape Jervis, roads had moved to the top priority, compared to being ranked at number six previously. 'Roads' includes an overtaking lane going up Cape hill, better roads, easy and quick access in case of emergencies. There was opposition reported from community regarding building South Road all the way to the Cape.

Beyond roads, transport and access to Cape Jervis remains an important theme for the community, which when combined with the health data (45% of residents have a long-term health condition) is of high importance. Specifically, the need for a bus to/from Seaford on a regular basis was identified. Port facilities and tourism also became a more prominent theme, which includes boat ramp upgrade/refurbishment. This issue was further elevated with the announcement of ferry terminal upgrades at both Cape Jervis and Penneshaw.

The community identified through this process that better and truthful advocacy for issues facing the area, in particular for infrastructure, was important. It was valuable to check in on the original 2019 priority themes and to gather the most current community perspectives.



# Our community aspirations



## Wharf precinct

- Upgrade boat ramp
- Mooring for larger boats
- Extend floating pontoon/add another pontoon – noting that funds are paid by boat owners into SABFAC and this is opportunity for funding
- Possibility of boat ramp fees for non-locals
- Retain or replace jetty for fishing access
- Sealed designated boat ramp carpark for boats and cars – need local input into master plan to ensure adequate space is allowed for this, including provision for peak times
- Traffic and road safety design elements
- Utilising local input to address local concerns
- Include truck safety ramp
- More bins at boat ramp

## Roads

- Reduce speed limits – 80 from the top of the hill or from the bottom of the hill to St Vincents Drive; town area (50kph)
- Controls to deter dangerous speeding by traffic to and from the ferry, eg. speed camera, speed signs, especially James Street intersection
- Policing/police presence
- Overtaking lane going up the hill
- Seal St Vincents Drive; Range Road West
- Fix roads (Main South Road) between Myponga and Cape Jervis; pot holes
- Repairs to streets in the town
- Better roadside/vegetation maintenance
- Christie Street kerbs
- Improve street lighting



# Our community aspirations



## Public transport

- Cape Jervis to Seaford/Seaford Meadows/Adelaide
- Cape Jervis to Yankalilla/Normanville
- Cape Jervis to Victor Harbor
- Suggestions of a minibus, reserving seats for locals on the Sealink bus and multiple daily services



## Gateway improvements/ initiatives

- Digital display board/sign – possibly near the whale bone, with ferry departure times, what's on
- Beautification of tourist information site; whale bones; tree planting down the main road
- Interpretation that explains both Aboriginal and European history/culture
- Nature playground adjacent to Heysen trailhead
- Community garden/s
- BBQ
- Paths – footpaths, tracks and trails; safe walking trails
- Better accessibility for older people and people with limited mobility
- Footpath on both sides of the road
- Rabbit and weed control
- More rubbish bins
- Upgrading of retail/hospitality/food offerings (suggestion of supermarket)
- Multi-use areas for adventure tourism, nature-based tourism

✓ Indicates that these priorities have been implemented.



## Community

- Medical services – such as GP, flu vaccinations, mental health, mobile and outreach services (eg. breast screening, skin cancer screening, bone density check)
- Supporting young people/families
- Facilities
  - ✓ Ensure toilets for playground are up and running and accessible
    - Sporting facilities – footy/cricket oval to allow for teams
- Employment opportunities
- Engagement, entertainment for community
- Youth group facilitation
- Aged care facilities
- Shelter at student drop-off and pick-up zones
- Men's facility – men's shed or similar
- Dog park
  - ✓ Ensure dog poo bags are accessible where needed (whale bones, pub, community club)
- Safety and security – police presence
- Emergency housing – family violence support



## Other – regulatory, compliance and planning issues

- Waste management
  - Ensure proper septic systems, sewerage infrastructure
  - Hard rubbish pick-up
- Investigate concerns about unauthorised buildings (eg. sheds) and consider options to address concerns
- Addressing overgrown blocks and empty houses
- Balanced approach to protecting current environment and 'feel' of town, while also supporting growth – particularly more businesses and services
- Investigate water supply issues; consider options
- Communication about current projects

## Did you know?

**Fleurieu Coast Visitor Centre** compiles a comprehensive events guide each month. To have your event included email [coee@visitfleurieucoast.com.au](mailto:coee@visitfleurieucoast.com.au)







# Strengths, challenges and hopes



## Strengths

- Sense of community – active participation and support
- Quiet/peaceful
- Views
- Facilities – playground, oval, community centre, toilets, shelter
- Fishing
- Morgans Beach
- Nature/rural



## Challenges

- Access to services – medical and other
- Transport – bus services and isolation
- Water
- Roads – speed reduction, repairs/updates
- Facilities/infrastructure – jetty, water supply, community
- Conflict/lack of working together amongst community
- Information sharing
- Isolation
- Young people – need more for young people and support for young families
- Nature
- Cost of living
- Employment/business – need more opportunities



## Future hopes

- Roads – upgrade/maintain, speed limit changes
- Morgans Beach – improve lookout, dog bags (as well as on main walking trails)
- Tourism/nature – beautify, signage, Heysen, walking trails
- Businesses/services – medical services, retirement village, shops/eateries, coffee shop
- Community – country town feel, crime free, quiet
- Council support – street lighting, jetty to stay



# How to use this document

This document was created with the Cape Jervis community providing all content and vision for the township. The Cape Jervis community has active volunteers and advocates, and this document can be used to support the vision for the township. It is hoped that the community can refer to this document as a guide for the aspirations shared by the community and work together to bring them to life. It can also link in with other District Council of Yankalilla (DCY) documents listed below. These formal documents can provide further evidence and support when seeking funding for community projects.

## Suggested uses

- Support document when seeking funding or applying for grants
- Welcome pack information for new residents
- Support document when advocating for projects

## DCY documents

- Strategic Plan 2030 Vision
- Annual Business Plan and Budget
- Economic Development Strategy
- Asset Management Plans
- Strategic Plan 2030 Vision

## Did you know?

**Demographic data and details of grant opportunities** can be accessed by community. Demographic data can be found at [profile.id.com.au/yankalilla](https://profile.id.com.au/yankalilla) or searching Census data at [abs.gov.au](https://abs.gov.au). Sign up to be notified of grants via <https://www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au/library-and-community/council-grants> thanks to the partnership with Regional Development Australia.



## Did you know?

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