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YANKALILLA



Town snapshot – Myponga



Myponga is surrounded by rich grazing country, where herds of dairy cows are often joined at dusk by mobs of grey kangaroos. Over the past decade Myponga has drawn an influx of residential growth bringing more families into the region. Myponga Reservoir has become a key tourist attraction since opening to the public in 2019, allowing residents and visitors increased recreational activities. Myponga residents are a close-knit community who work together to improve their local facilities.

Myponga has seen a growth of 30% or greater since 2011 (consistent with District Council of Yankalilla (DCY) as a whole). Between 2011 and 2016 Myponga had a growth spurt of over 25% or 149 persons. Myponga township is significantly younger than the broader district, over 64% of the township population was aged 49 or under in 2021. The median age is 18 years younger than the broader Council area (at 38 years for the median age of Myponga, 56 median age for DCY).

There are more occupied houses in Myponga (88.4%) compared with the district (58.9%). There are more family households and less single person households in Myponga, compared to the district overall.

Interestingly over 25% of adults have completed university, which may provide insight to the type of employment Myponga residents would engage in.

Households in Myponga have three or more motor vehicles (31.4%) when compared with the broader district (21.3%). This can demonstrate household dependency on private vehicles to access daily needs, with no public transport being available.

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



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 or [visitfleurieucoast.com.au](https://www.visitfleurieucoast.com.au)



Town snapshot – Myponga

Total population

771

Total households

311

If our community was 100 people...



Gender

50

are men

50

are women

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

Myponga
6.7%

vs

District of Yankalilla
2.9%

vs

Regional SA
-0.3%



Labour force

66

are in the labour force (aged 15+)

52

of those work full-time

3

are unemployed

16

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

19

volunteered in the past 12 months



Health

32

live with a long-term health condition

4

need assistance due to age or disability



Identity/ethnicity

1

identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

14

were born overseas



63

are households with children



18

household weekly income less than \$650



11

rent their home



60

have completed Year 12 or equivalent (aged 15+)





Town snapshot – Myponga

Total population

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Families*
82

39%
couples with children

27%
couples without children

5%
single parent households

19%
one person households

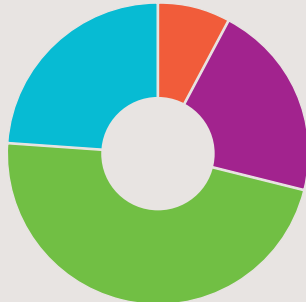


Labour force**

27%
are not in labour force
(i.e. retired, disability support pension, DVA pension)

71%
are employed
2%
are unemployed

17%
are labourers compared with 10.5% for SA



Median age 38

	#	%
babies and pre-schoolers (0-4)	54	7
school age (5-17)	143	18
working age (18-59)	319	54
pre-retirees and retirees (60+)	160	21



Dwellings
311

11%
unoccupied

89%
purchasing or fully owned

11%
renting

average number of people per household

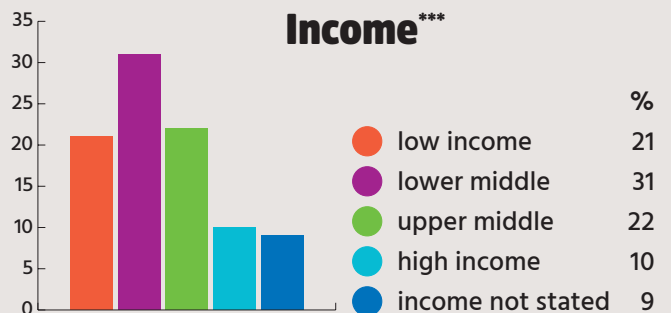
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44%
with 4 or more bedrooms compared with 26% for SA

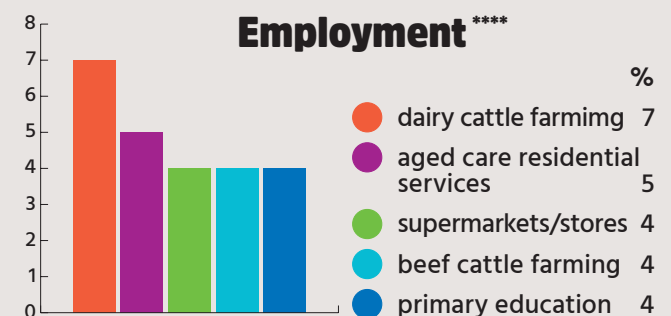
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new dwellings in last 5 years

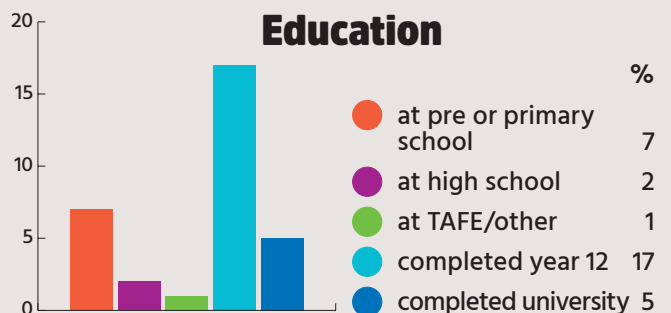
Income***



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 Myponga 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 Myponga and Cape Jervis.

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

After checking in with the community about the current importance of these themes there were some changes. Throughout this process we had 153 individuals visit *YourSay* with six submissions to the Myponga. Via the *Let's Talk About Our Community* in-person consultation over 80 people provided feedback, including young people, with new priorities being identified.

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, ten themes were identified for Myponga.

Current priorities

- 1 Better public transport
- 2 The need for tourist accommodation
- 3 Increasing and utilising business opportunities
- 4 Maintenance and improvements of roads and footpaths
- 5 Looking after our children, young people and families
- 6 Myponga Reservoir
- 7 Main streetscaping
- 8 Sensitive and sympathetic growth, building and development
- 9 Development of Town Hall precinct
- 10 Caring for our environment

2019 priorities

- 1 Increasing and utilising business opportunities
- 2 Better public transport
- 3 Looking after our children, young people and families
- 4 The need for tourist accommodation
- 5 Main streetscaping
- 6 Caring for our environment, including re-wilding
- 7 Sensitive and sympathetic growth, building and development
- 8 Myponga Reservoir
- 9 Maintenance and improvements of roads and footpaths
- 10 Development of Town Hall precinct

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Then and now



Interestingly, the second priority, the need for tourist accommodation, increased in importance. Community identified wanting local and short-term accommodation with camping, cabins and caravan parks (but not Big 4 large-scale caravan parks). However, it was also found from the data that there was not a desire for more tourism.

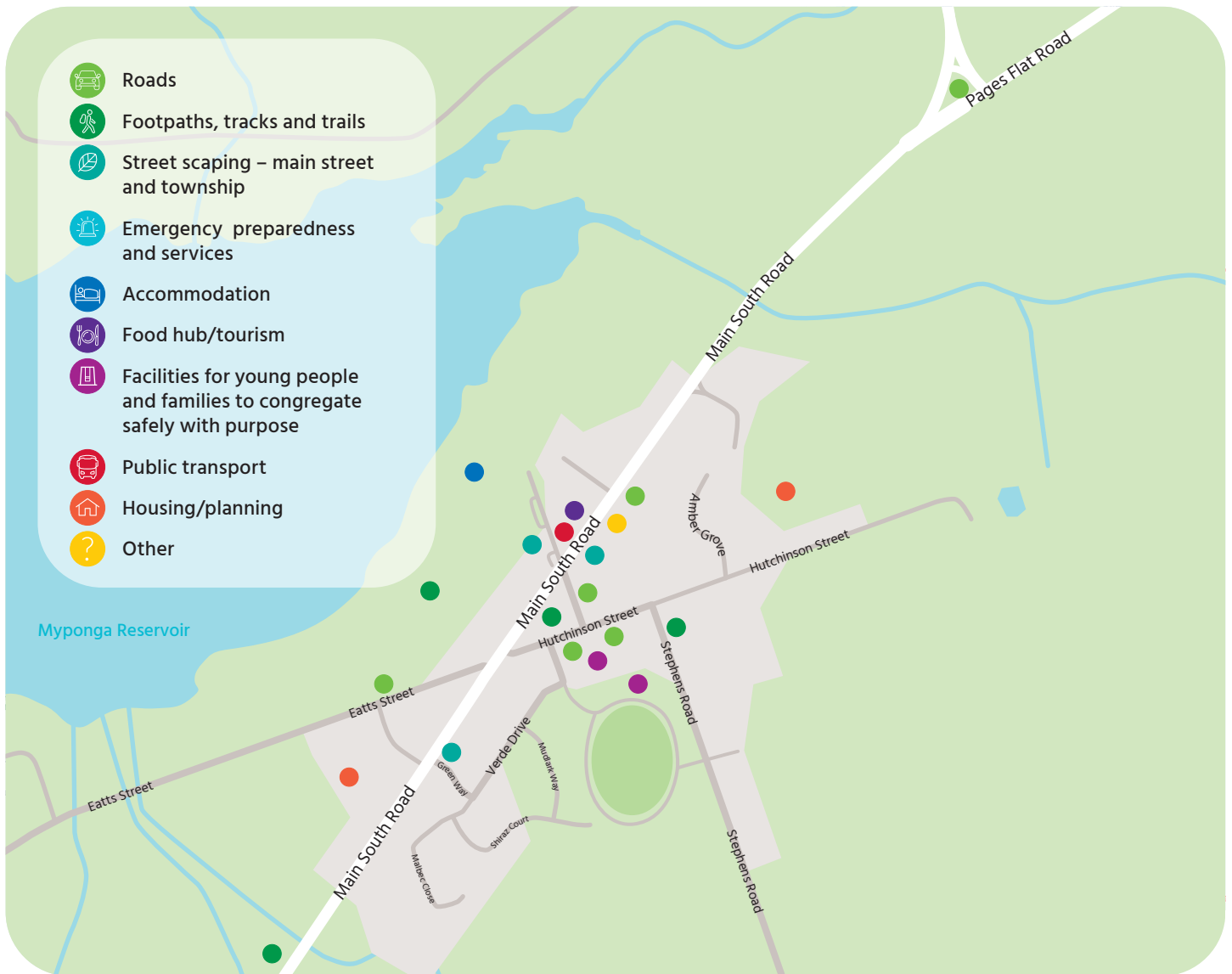
Better public transport became the most important theme, including a need for transport access, in particular a bus to Seaford train station.

Maintenance and improvements of roads and footpaths jumped from ninth to fourth most important theme – in particular Stephens Road to the Heysen trail, and safe bike paths and walkways. Some themes were no longer relevant to the community:

- Waste collection centre at Myponga
- Further education and activities/programs
- More tourism



Our community aspirations



Roads

- Serious road safety issues at the junction of Main South Road and Pages Flat Road – remove the mound and vegetation management (suggested change to low, colourful/attractive vegetation which doesn't impact visibility)
- Upgrade road from Eatts Street to Lovelock
- Upgrade roads in Myponga, including Forktree
- Investigate pedestrian crossing/s for Main South Road
- Safety issues crossing Main South Road; traffic on main street
- Potential to reroute trucks away from town/main street/school
- Investigate traffic flow management and signage around the school for safe movement of school students (especially at drop-off and pick-up times and zones, including buses) – clearer signage needed; ensure car parking is adequate
- Resurfacing/upgrade of Hutchinson Road footpaths

Footpaths, tracks and trails

- Footpath needed for Stephens Road – including to address safety issues (trucks, children on Stephens Road) required for level of usage, amenity, including to link to Heysen Trail
- Investigate extension of reservoir trails/trail network
- Investigate safe shared use path for walking, running, cycling from Myponga to Yankalilla



Our community aspirations



Street scaping – main street and township

- Made By Nature gateway/signage on northern side of town
- Street scaping – suggestion of rain gardens on Hansen Street; creating an entrance to the reservoir; could use the community nursery and link with the Myponga Green Thumbs; Main Street (South Road); greening of township
- ‘Facelift’ for buildings
- Picnic area/s and toilets (for the main street and for reservoir visitors); regular toilet cleaning
- Daytime stopover area with toilets and parking which allows for heavy vehicles stopping (and using toilet facilities); parking in and around the hall and toilets for trucks and cars
- Off-road parking
- Toilet in the Tom Roberts Park
- Communicate the history and natural features
- Reservoir dam wall lookout signage
- See also *Facilities for young people and families* below
- Security cameras in main street and entrance to housing estate



Emergency preparedness and services

- Planning for new CFS station/upgrade



Accommodation

- Camping sites in/around reservoir to allow for overnight stays; give people a reason to stop
- Eco-friendly accommodation
- Maximise opportunities for nature-based tourism and ensure that any development is sensitive to the natural environment



Food hub/tourism

- Continue to improve market stalls and regularity of markets
- Myponga as a food hub; connection between local producers and tourism
- Increased tourism/retail opportunities for people to stop (with parking); petrol, mechanic
- Live music



Facilities for young people and families to congregate safely with purpose

- Investigate hub for youth – skate park/community centre/ swimming/gymnastics/tracks and trails; play facilities for younger children – more swings!
- Activities, programs
- Dance class
- Daycare, kindy, OSHC
- Advocate for bus services to support Myponga Primary School and appropriate zoning (school catchment zones) eg. Sellicks Beach zoning
- Signage for school on Main South Road
- Dog park, as well as dog poo bags/management
- Recruitment of volunteers for community roles



Public transport

- Investigate bus link to Seaford; links to trains and other bus services
- Buses to: Normanville, Yankalilla, Aldinga
- Buses to allow access to employment (especially for young people)
- Investigate school-holiday bus service – Myponga–Yankalilla



Housing/planning

- Sensitive housing development (eg. small developments with larger blocks)
- Maintain the country feel
- Protect the country lifestyle, agricultural land and natural environment
- Investigate wastewater system limitations and options
- Light industrial area needed; light commercial back from/ behind the main street, opening up the main street for commercial/retail opportunities



Other

- Waste collection including hard rubbish collection
- Improve business opening hours

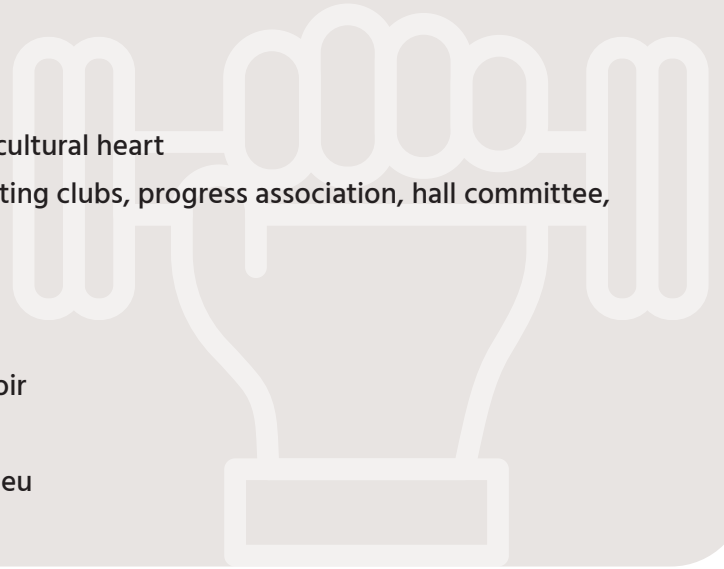


Strengths, challenges and hopes



Strengths

- Community – country feel, agricultural heart
- Community involvement – sporting clubs, progress association, hall committee, community club
- Sense of pride
- School
- Nature – space, country, reservoir
- Business – positive support
- Tourism – entrance to the Fleurieu



Challenges

- Transport
- Road – speeding, pedestrian crossing, parking, Pages Flat intersection
- Business
- Youth – activities, primary school retention, employment
- Tourism – capturing tourists on way through, accommodation, events of interest
- Development
- Community related – dog poo, need for security cameras, finding volunteers, activities available, information sharing.



Future hopes

- Roads – improve road condition, slow traffic, parking, pedestrian crossing/access
- Transport access
- Tourism – balance of local and tourism, destination location, accommodation, presentation
- Youth – playground, skate park, school, activities
- Services/businesses – public toilet upgrade, op shop, more shops, street scaping
- Nature
- Progress but still small town
- Other – history sharing, dog park



RediCommunities project

Myponga was selected to engage and deliver a Red Cross disaster resilience project, aptly called Myponga RediCommunities. The RediCommunities program is community-led beginning with six initial workshops facilitated by the Australian Red Cross and being supported by Council staff.

The program is aimed at enhancing local disaster resilience through community co-creation identifying local multi hazard risks, assess resilience, make a comprehensive disaster resilience action plan together. In addition it connects community members, emergency services and local council to share responsibility for disaster preparedness, response, and recovery. It highlights community resources and strengths, and promotes an inclusive and sustainable, whole of community approach to disasters resilience.

The priority actions developed, through the community leaders engaged through this ongoing program, have been identified as:

- Developing knowledge to support each other during disasters – including having trained First Aiders and training residents in Mental Health First Aid
- Providing opportunities for knowledge growth through events with guest speakers, Firey Women workshops and other similar training offered throughout the community
- Provide opportunities for young people to have knowledge growth through youth specific events and workshops
- Support connection, wellbeing, and knowledge through the development of a Myponga Women's Group
- Setting up a community garden to share resources, connectivity, and knowledge
- Establishing a communication strategy for a single source of truth around community news and sharing information regarding disasters and emergency
- The need for a larger CFS station to provide provisions for both response (eg. staging) and recovery (eg. Blazeaid, safe refuge, accommodation, sorting and administering donations, etc)
- Increasing access to public transport
- Upgrading the Myponga Memorial Community Club to be well resourced and adequate for community emergencies
- Sourcing generators for community use in an emergency for use at the Community Hall and Community Club (grant sourcing)
- Developing a 72-hour community emergency action plan identifying community leader(s) to coordinate response, assets, access and more

These priorities will continue to be worked through by community groups and individuals, with the support and advocacy of other agencies. These priorities are emergency preparedness related, but connect in and supplement the Community Aspirations listed in the previous pages of this document.



How to use this document

This document was created with the Myponga community providing all content and vision for the township. The Myponga 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 & Budget
- Economic Development Strategy
- Asset Mangement 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 or searching Census data at 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.



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