

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR



And down it came!

It started raining on Friday December 8 and didn't really stop until Monday December 11. The end result was some very impressive rainfall totals, with most of our district receiving upwards of 125mm over the 4 days. This is great for the garden, and great for subsurface moisture but there is a cost in terms of damage to our local road network. This was not the torrential deluge that we received in January 2022, and the damage to our roads is much less, and by and large it isn't the same roads affected. We have already made most roads passable again, and we will be commencing more permanent repair work in the New year.

Salt Creek overtopping the Cowell Kimba Road 11/12/23



Recognition of Community Service

After many years on the board and working for the Cowell Cottages, Richard (Dick) Wiseman has resigned. This is a tremendous effort and we would like to sincerely thank Richard for his community spirit and service.

Cowell/Lions Community Bus

Reminder that the Community Bus is available for hire to Locals. For Further information or booking regarding this service please contact the Council office on 8629 2019.

Cowell Refuse REMINDER

Just a friendly reminder that the Opening hours for the Cowell Refuse site will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday 2pm to 4pm & Sunday 10am to 12 noon.



Senior Citizens Christmas party

On the 24th of November, 121 guests attended the District Council of Franklin Harbour's Annual Senior Citizens Christmas party. The guests enjoyed a hot lunch catered by the Cowell Area School Parents and Friends with the help of the year 5/6 class who served the meal and handed out biscuits they had made for guests. This year was the 61st year this event has been held, with the cake being cut by Enid Rehn. A huge thank you to Deputy Mayor Rachel Deer for being the MC for the day. Rachel did a fantastic job and made the Christmas quiz fun and enjoyable for guests, this tested the knowledge of all participants! A huge thank you to all businesses that generously donated gifts to the prize table.



- Cowell Post Office
- Franklin Harbour Hotel
- Moo Kate
- Cowell Foodland
- Cowell Home Timber and Hardware
- The Beauty Room
- Cowell Pharmacy
- The Lunch Room



Council Office Closure

The Council office will be closed from 12pm December 22nd and will be reopening on Tuesday 2nd of January. Council wishes everyone a Safe and Merry Christmas

Community News



District Council of Franklin Harbour Notice of Road

Closure

Annual Christmas Pageant

Notice is hereby given that the District Council of Franklin Harbour, pursuant to Section 33 (1) of the *Road Traffic Act 1961*, declares the Annual Christmas Pageant and arrival of Father Christmas an event to which section 33 of the *Road Traffic Act 1961* applies and makes an order that the following roads on which the event is to be held, be closed to traffic from the period between 5pm-12am Sunday 24 December 2023.

- South Terrace, from West Terrace to Fifth Street
- Fifth Street, from South Terrace to Main Street &
- Main Street, from Fifth Street to the Esplanade

Shane Gill

Chief Executive Officer



COWELL LIONS CLUB

MAIN STREET MARKET DATES

January 7th, February 4th

P: Alan 0427 292 088 P: Andrew: 0429 801 498

Rainfall for December

126 mm

Dr Joy O'Hazy

Please be advised that Dr Joy O'Hazy a Women's Health Practitioner will be conducting appointments at the Cowell Medical Practice once a month on the following dates: January 31, February 21, March 20, April 17, May 29 & June 19 2024.

Please contact the Cowell surgery on (08) 8629 3035 for an appointment.

Feel Like Trying Your Hand in a Game of Cards?

Every Monday & Wednesday from 12:45pm to 4pm
Cowell Uniting Church Hall located in Second Street
Cost: \$2.00 with afternoon tea provided

Card Games Include

Bridge, Hand & Foot and many more

For further information please contact :

Angie Turner on 0429 150 545



LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF AUSTRALIA
where love comes to life

Cowell Lutheran Church

'Sharing the love of Christ'

Worship Times

December 24th – 9:30am LR

December 25th – 8am LR

December 31st – 9:30am LR

January 7th – 9:30am LR

January 14th – 8:30am HC with Pastor Pech

Chairman: Carl Jaeschke – 0448 522 332

Secretary: Julie Magnay – 0438 015 242

Submit your survey here

sahealth.sa.gov.au/eyreandfarnorthlhn

Return your completed community survey here for the Central Eyre Peninsula Health Services Planning process.

Thank you for your input.

The survey is open until Friday 26 January 2024.

For further information or to write a separate submission please email: Health.RSSPlanningTeam@sa.gov.au

Scan the QR code with a smart phone to complete the survey online



Hard copies can be collected via the Council Office



Health
Eyre and Far North
Local Health Network

Library closed & need something to read?

Don't forget all library members have free access to our digital books & audio books. Simply download the Libby or Borrow Box Apps from Googleplay or the App Store, select our library and enter your library card number and pin. If you can't remember your library number, pop in or give us a call for assistance.

Merry Christmas

A big thank you to our community for your wonderful support this year. We hope you enjoyed our events including Fleur McDonald, Nitro Nat, Teddy Bears' Picnics and our other programs. We're busy planning next year's events and look forward to sharing that with you in the new year.

In the meantime, wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year. Merry Christmas from Maria, Kyla, McKenzie, Michelle, Amy and Nicole.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY LIBRARY OPENING TIMES	
Effective 18th December	
Monday	9am – 12pm
Tuesday	9am – 12pm, 1pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday	9am – 12pm, 1pm – 4.30pm
Thursday	9am – 12pm, 1pm – 4.30pm
Friday	Closed
Closed between 22nd December – 7th January	

CALLING ALL BUSINESS & COMMUNITY GROUPS

With Christmas starting to creep up on us, it is time to put a reminder in your diary for the Lions Christmas Pageant which will be held on Sunday 24th December.

The Lions Club are encouraging all n Local Businesses and Community Groups to put their creative flare together and join in on a not to be missed event.



Contact details & Elected Members

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www.franklinharbour.sa.gov.au

Emergency / Out of Hours
0428 292 019

The Franklin Harbour Community Development Group is excited to share our latest report with the community through the Council newsletter. We want to keep everyone informed about our ongoing projects and the progress we are making.

Here is a summary of the meeting held on October 29th, 2023:

- Attendance: We had a great turnout with 9 members in attendance.
- Projects Discussed:

1. Cowell District Hospital Entrance Upgrade: This project, initiated by our former Group President Trisha Wildman, has been in progress for the past 18 months. We have decided to install two sets of laser-cut metal signs and create two garden beds to enhance the entrance. To ensure visibility at night, we will be adding solar lights to illuminate the signs. Additionally, a dripper system will be installed to keep the gardens watered. We are pleased to announce that this project is almost complete, with the only remaining task being the installation of solar lights.



We would like to express our gratitude to the following individuals and organizations for their generous support:

- Cowell Foodland (formerly IGA Community Chest Program) - \$1,245 donation
- Cowell Community Op Shop - \$2,000 donation
- Travis Carmody - Gravel for Gardens
- Richard Stening - Large Rocks
- Chris Wakelin, Steve Wildman, Zane Wykamp, and other Group members - for their valuable time and expertise

1. Jacaranda Trees Dripper System: We would also like to extend our appreciation to Tony (Jack) Kaden for installing a dripper system for the Jacaranda Trees on Wellington Rd. We would also like to thank the District Council of Franklin Harbour for generously donating the materials for the dripper system.

- Meeting Schedule: The Development Group meets every two months at 7pm at the Cowell Lion’s Men’s Shed. We encourage new members to join us and contribute to our community development efforts.

We hope you find this report informative and inspiring. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact on the Franklin Harbour community.

South Australian Office, Department of Health and Aged Care
Service Delivery Division, Ageing and Aged Care Group
For Eyre and Western Collaborative Members – 7 December 2023

Who we are

The SA Office has five teams based in Adelaide. A sixth team will be established in Port Augusta in 2024. Today there are representatives from the following SA Office teams:

- Program Management, including Home Care (HCP, CHSP), Residential Care, & Short-Term Restorative Care (State-wide)
- Country SA, Ageing and Aged Care (covering the Eyre & Far North, Yorke & Northern, Riverland Mallee Coorong and Limestone Coast regions)
- Health Engagement, Aboriginal ageing and wellbeing (State-wide, prioritising Eyre & Far North in 2024)

Our Vision

We are delivering stewardship to support the vision that older people are able to get the aged care services and support they need.

Our Purpose

Stewardship means we engage with older Australians, aged care consumers, peaks, providers, and other stakeholders to establish local connections, identify regional pressure points, enable proactive collaboration and partnerships to support local capacity and better outcomes for older people in the community they live. We report back to the department’s policy areas in National Office to support improvements. Our stewardship priority areas include:

- Supporting aged care reforms
- Addressing challenges to thin markets
- Improving care pathways including access
- Embedding responsiveness to diversity

How we can help

We aim to be the ‘front door’ to the Department of Health and Aged Care for our local South Australian stakeholders. We seek to be proactive through building relationships and purposeful engagements including regional visits and participation in local events with a diverse range of people and groups. We understand that all communities are different and have different priorities - we seek to understand those priorities and influence outcomes on issues that are common across communities, as well as collaboratively address specific community issues individually.

Here are some of the ways we can collaborate and contribute, we aim to

- help people understand the reforms, answer questions, and help people to navigate the sector as the Commonwealth implements changes designed to improve the system
- support partnerships and linkages and connect you to the relevant areas including in our department
- increase awareness about the issues and barriers affecting consumers and providers with ageing and care needs in your community and region with our policy areas
- help address issues of access to aged care services in the regions that older Australians live
- learn from local insights, solutions and innovations in your communities that can help improve outcomes
- broker solutions to local and system issues to overcome barriers to access and delivery.

Today you met with:

Cynthia Barton	Assistant Director	Country SA	cynthia.barton2@health.gov.au / 08 8237 8248
Natasha Pickburn	Project Officer	Country SA	natasha.pickburn@health.gov.au
Paula Georgieff	Program Manager	Program Management	paula.georgieff@health.gov.au
Caroline Holmstrom	Project Manager	Health Engagement	caroline.holmstrom@health.gov.au
Nicholas Friskus	Support Officer	Health Engagement	nicholas.friskus@health.gov.au
Angelina Taylor	Assistant Director	Health Engagement	angelina.taylor@health.gov.au / 08 8237 8286



Default speed limits on South Australian beaches will change to 40km/hour and 25km/hour within 50m of a person, unless otherwise signposted, from 1 December 2023.

Fines and demerit points will apply for exceeding these limits.
thinkroadsafety.sa.gov.au/beach-speed-limits



Please respect Council work Zone signage on roads and do not remove or tamper with signs. They are put there for safety of the public. Severe penalties will apply!



TRUCKS

In the early years of farming the transport situation relied on the horse, wagon and drays. Dad did have a light trolley that was used very often, and with good horses we could travel to Grant's Hill, four miles away, in good times.

The first truck that Dad bought was from his nephew, Jack Pike of Kimba. It was a Dodge truck with the word "Dependable" written across the hood over the windscreen. I cannot remember the year of purchase but feel certain it was about 1934-35. It carried a load of 30 bags of wheat with only a small harvester, 8-foot Big E, and three of us on the farm we were able to keep the grain cleared from the paddocks. On several occasions stock was loaded and carted to the market in Adelaide. This small truck was used as a car by Mary and me during the early years of our marriage. Finally it was used in conjunction with picking fruit in the garden. Depending on the quantity of the fruit to be picked, instead of picking a couple of half cases and carrying them back to the house.

Another handy run-about Dad had a T model Ford. This vehicle only had a tray top, no cab, in other words when you drove this vehicle the only shelter was the glass of the window. This was used in Cowell for the butchering business he owned. The shop is now owned by John and Karen Franklin next to the Bank of Adelaide.

Although there were butcher yards and a slaughterhouse about a mile from Cowell the land is now owned by the Schumann family. This small property only used to run a few sheep; the cattle were mainly killed on the property where they were bought, so this vehicle was ideal as it could be easily loaded and unloaded. The cattle killed on the farms were loaded and brought back to the butcher shop immediately and hung for a couple of days before being cut up for sale. This type of killing would not be allowed these days as all slaughter places are inspected and all such places are registered and strictly monitored.

This small vehicle was also used for carting seed and super into the paddocks to be sown, no further dumping of seed and super on the ground being necessary. When Dad bought the Hart Par tractor it had the advantages of being able to keep the seed and super right up to the seeding equipment.

For a period of some years when I was on Poodra alone I used hired trucking for wheat carting which was a big advantage. Perce Story did a great deal of carting for me. By having another person do this work, it was not very expensive for me being only eight miles from Cowell and was a big advantage. I used to do bag sewing in the mornings when it was too tough to reap. After a period of good reaping weather bag sewers were brought in and they were paid by the hundreds bags or by unit bag rate.

I bought a 5-ton Bedford truck during the early 1950's. Of course like most farmers we used to carry eighty-five bags per load. The loading of this truck was much easier as it was equipped with the G-well loader. The Dodge truck was loaded manually, if only one was available a bag of wheat was laid on the ground. This helped the person on the truck to help lift the bag on to the truck, or if there were two persons present they would lift the bag on to the tray of the truck. By the time another ten or eleven years passed bulk handling was introduced on to the farming scene. When that time came I bought a Reddin Bin. This bin held eighty-five bags of wheat, it also had four emptying doors along each side and emptied out very well. With barley it was filled to capacity, barley being lighter than wheat so I was able to do this.

Having purchased an international header it had the necessary equipment, namely the auger, to load the wheat into the truck and only the screenings were bagged, and this was a tremendous stride forward. With this larger truck I was able to take a load of either sheep or pigs direct to the abattoirs. I had good luck in taking these animals to the city markets I topped market twice with porker pigs and once with sheep. I made these trips a dual-purpose arrangement and bought a load of petrol in drums to take home. I had to pay about \$2.00 a drum but this was refunded when returned to the local depot.

When the boys bought a second-hand truck on which to place a seed and super unit, the seed and super unit would be housed on this truck continuously. There is no doubt that a unit of this nature makes farming much easier carrying bulk supplies to the paddock where the seeding implements had super boxes that would hold a half-ton of super and nearly four bags of wheat. Implements of this nature enabled the sowing of many additional acres per week. Having bought a large capacity header we concentrated on being able to hold tons of grain in paddock bins. Even then with a good average crop the new tip truck that was bought was under pressure to keep up with the grain that could be held in the paddocks. There were times when a large truck was brought in to help clear the backlog.

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**WHATS ON AT THE RSL**

Snooker every Monday & Thursday from
12:30pm

Are you interested in our Farming History?

You may wish to help our volunteers at the
Cowell Agriculture Museum. For Further
information please phone:

John Smith: 0438 792 078 Or

Raelene James: 0439 218 740

DATES TO REMEMBER**DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FRANKLIN HARBOUR
COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday 17 January 2024 @ 1:00pm in
Council Chambers

Christmas Pageant

Sunday 24th of December

Camping Around Franklin Harbour

To book a site within the District Council of Franklin Harbour permits must be obtained online at
www.eyrepeninsula.com/camping.

All campers must have self contained toilet facilities except where toilet facilities are provided.

Local Residents and Ratepayers are able to camp at no cost however must still book online.

To book a permit online there are 3 campground areas:

'Port Gibbon Beach Camping' formerly known as the beach access sites these includes Port gibbon jetty,
Hideaway, The Fence, Serenity, Flat Rocks, The Sanctuary and White Sands.

'Point Gibbon Campgrounds' includes Point Gibbon (15 allocated sites), Dunes, Mills Steps, Bush and Boat
shed.

'Cowell RV Park' which has 22 designated sites.