

January Newsletter

Christmas Pageant

The Cowell Lions Christmas Pageant was, once again, a massive success. It is wonderful to see the enjoyment the kids, and adults, get from this with the many and varied floats on parade. Thanks to the efforts of everyone involved in making the Pageant happen and thanks to the community for the support this event receives.



Larry Young

We would like to acknowledge the passing of Larry Young.

Larry was heavily involved with the Cowell CFS for over 40 years. He volunteered on the roster, organising and training cadets and maintaining the CFS property. During this time Larry attended fires, road accidents and, at times, assisted SA ambulance volunteers by either helping with a lift or extricating a patient, along with assisting a sole responder as a driver of the ambulance. Larry was the recipient of our Australia Day Citizen of the year in 2023.

Our thoughts are with Larry's family and friends at this time.



Snap Send Solve



Did you know that you can report damage directly to Council through the Snap Send Solve app on your phone or tablet?

Just download the free app, take a picture, select your location and submit the report.

This app will also report damage to Telstra, SA Water and other groups with infrastructure in your location – not just Franklin Harbour.

You can report damage to playgrounds, footpaths, Telstra pit covers, leaking water, graffiti, street lights, overgrown trees, public toilets damage, pot holes, rubbish bin repairs and so much more.

Your report will be updated so you can keep track of how your submission is progressing.

Give it a go – You will be surprised how easy it really is.

WE ARE CALLING FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

On Friday 31st May Council are hosting a conference for approx. 150 guests, we are seeking interest from business/groups that may be interested in catering for lunch

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR
TO DISCUSS INTEREST PLEASE
CONTACT STACEY ON
PH: 8629 2019
stacey@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au





Tracy Mills (Citizen of the Year)

Tracy is an active volunteer in our community and has been a big contributor to many of our sporting organisations over many years. Tracy has been a huge part of the Cowell Netball Club as a player, coach and umpire.



Tracy is currently the secretary for the club, a role she has had for 15 years. Tracy has also held all other executive positions in the club at different times.

Tracy volunteered as the swimming club coach for many years and has been involved in the local softball team as a player, umpire and scorer.

In 2021 Tracy became an SA Ambulance volunteer at the Cowell station. The expectation as a SAAS volunteer is to complete 360 hours per year, Tracey does far more than that and is on call regularly.

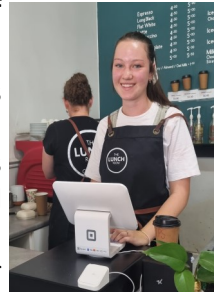
In December 2020, the Cowell Cats Fitness Centre opened its doors after 10 years of planning. Tracy was proactive in the planning and building stages and is the contact person for any queries or for those wishing to sign up.

Congratulations Tracy.



Imogen Jaeschke (Young Citizen of the Year)

Over the past few years Imogen has been involved with volunteering in a variety of ways. She regularly helps serve at Breakfast Club at the school once a week and has been a member of the SRC most of her schooling years.



As a representative Imogen has helped organise events, fundraisers, dress-up days and a gala day. With the money raised going to charity or to buy equipment that the school and others could use. Imogen has also participated in student voice forums.

Other Extracurricular activities that Imogen has participated in at school over the past couple of years include music lessons, student leadership conferences in Pt Lincoln and the CBCA Shadow Judging where a small group of students read and analyze short-listed titles and vote for the their preference for Book of the Year.

Imogen plays for the Cowell Netball Club and sometimes helps out in the kitchen after training on Thursday or on Saturday, when games are held. When the club has catered for Cowell events she has also put her hand up as a volunteer waitress, and waitressed at the Cowell IGA Christmas Show in 2023.

Imogen is an active member of the Lutheran Church congregation and is on the Readings roster and helps at Sunday School leading group discussions and activities.

For the past two seasons Imogen has volunteered her time with the Cowell Swimming Club helping the instructors in the water guiding the members in the younger classes, and through VacSwim and Surf Lifesaving hopes to become an instructor before finishing school. Congratulations Imogen



Community News

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:

Raelene James: 0439 218 740

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 LIONS CLUB **MAIN STREET MARKET DATES**

February 4th 2024

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

Rainfall for January

11 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: 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



SATURDAY 9th MARCH

THE ANNUAL PYROTECHNICS DISPLAY WILL TAKE ON A MARKET DAY THEME IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FRANKLIN HARBOUR, FRANKLIN HARBOUR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP & THE COWELL LIONS CLUB - LIVE MUSIC FROM 4 PM @ THE WATER PARK

FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE FROM 4PM ONWARDS
FRANKLIN HARBOUR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP WILL BE SELLING SHOWBAGS, GLOW PRODUCTS

HEADLINE ACT: MIXED GRILL



LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF AUSTRALIA
where love comes to life

Cowell Lutheran Church

'Sharing the love of Christ'

Worship Times

January 21st - 9:30am LR

January 28th - 9:30am LR

February 4th - 9:30am LR

February 11th - 5pm HC with Pastor Keller

February 18th - 10am Parish service + AGM
At Cowell.

Chairman: Carl Jaeschke - 0448 522 332

Secretary: Julie Magnay - 0438 015 242

LIBRARY NEWS



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Community Opening Hours

Library Recycling Hub

Monday: 9am – 12pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 8.30am – 12.30pm, Reopening: 2pm – 4.30pm

Friday: 9am – 12pm

Don't forget we are still offering our Recycling Hub in the library. We are collecting:

X-rays	Bread & potato bag tags
Stamps	Aluminum coffee pods (please allow them to drip dry first).
Old mobile phones	Aluminum ring pulls from cans
Reading glasses	Used dental items including empty toothpaste and floss containers.
Household batteries	

Book club

Restarting on the **13th February at 2pm** in the library. Join us for a coffee and a chat about all things books, and often not about books. No required reading, we're more than happy for you to share anything you have been reading.



Mums & Bubs Group

**FORTNIGHTLY ON THURSDAYS
STARTING 15TH FEBRUARY**

Come and enjoy a conversation & cuppa with fellow mums, fortnightly in the library. Dads, grandparents & carers are more than welcome too. Informal and relaxing, pop in **from 11am.**

You're welcome to bring food & toys for your little ones too.

CONTACT US

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cowell.library@libraries.sa.gov.au



STORYTIME & Baby Bounce

Join us fortnightly as we read and sing our way through the morning, starting from 6th February at Cowell Library.

9.30 AM STORYTIME

Discover magical tales, create lasting memories with your little ones and have some fun at Storytime.

9.45 AM BABY BOUNCE

Join us for a toe-tapping, finger-snapping good time with catchy tunes and playful rhymes.

Contact details & Elected Members

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Emergency / Out of Hours
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Fire

The year 1980 was the worst year that I ever experienced as the silo manager. Less than 500 tonnes were received in Cowell. The 10th of December was Mary's birthday and as it happened there was also a council meeting. During the harvest period I usually excused myself, but on this occasion I elected to attend for just a short session and to have lunch with the other councillors. It was a hot windy day, a good day to enjoy the meeting insulated from the heat.

During the morning a blackout occurred, and I immediately reacted by ringing the silo from the office phone. Sid Story answered confirming that there was indeed a power failure. Nevertheless we carried on with the meeting for some time when we were informed that the fire was at Danger Corner. This was serious. The fire was on our property! What a disaster! Never have we been in this situation before. Where had the fire originated? And how? These questions raced through my mind. I learnt that Malcolm was at Pike's Corner reaping seed from a very drought stricken crop, and he saw the fire approaching so he parked the header in the creek bed. He later moved it to Reg Hanson's house area, where later the Fire Control officers established their headquarters as a central point for operations.

By this time the fire travelled very quickly as there was plenty of dry material in the creek. At this point the fire was a raging inferno. I arrived at the scene of the fire just after the fire had crossed the Bungalow road into what was Ida Harding's property. Both the tractors were at Poodra hitched up to various types of machinery. Ian set off for the Danger Corner area with a tractor and plough, Here he met up with Dean Jacobs who was operating his tractor with dozer. Baldy Wilson drove the other Chamberlain down to Hanson's place and assisted Malcolm to hitch up the disc plough. There was no time to lose!

There was the new home of Melville Gale's and also that of Bill Gale's to defend. Luckily I found Malcom and we arranged that he have the tractor and plough near the road so that it would only take a few minutes to cross the road into Bill Gale's farm.

In the meantime the Cowell police had arrived. David Vogelsang accompanied me over to Bill Gale's home to inform him of the nature of the crisis. Bill had just coupled his plough and tractor and his first intention was to make fire breaks around the new home. I told him our tractor and plough was ready to cross the road to make a series of firebreaks across his paddock using the track across the paddock as a base. Because the gate into Bill's paddock was too narrow we opened the fence and David controlled the increasing traffic.

The Plough was set at a shallow depth, just deep enough to make an effective break. The fire was approaching steadily, the wind speed was only slight, so this gave us a bit more time to do the job. We worked the tractor at the fastest possible speed. I then decided to drive to Danger Corner to assess the situation there. On the way there were many instances where the fire was burning back unattended. Given the magnitude of the fire front this was to be expected. The fire had progressed from Dean Jacob's house to Danger Corner where it jumped two roads. The Cowell-Mangalo and the Cowell-Kimba road, the latter being the most dangerous, where the hills carrying a lot of dry vegetation and scrub broke down into two low ridges at the south eastern end.

The western ridge contained dense mallee trees down to the creek and the fire raced through this to reach and cross the road. This happened near the Culver Creek where there was enough roughage on the ground to fuel it to the hills west of Reg's house. At this point being fanned by the north wind it raced uphill sending up a huge column of black smoke. This locality was where Dick Pike had developed his mines. The fire had become firmly established on this scrubby hill putting huge columns of smoke into the sky. Fortunately this area was not large and soon burnt out.

On our house block, Section 34 Miltalie, a fire unit was placed near the house with radio Contact, so the situation was well monitored. It was a matter of waiting for the fire to burn back until it could be attacked and brought under control. Eventually this happened and the area was made safe. After crossing the road at Danger Corner, the fire had a large front which was burning back, but at this stage it was too late to stop it from getting into the small gullies. This made it necessary to get behind these gullies to make fire breaks. Leith Stening had arrived with his tractor and plough, and he volunteered to make breaks through this long narrow gully which was arable to the boundary fence line with Dean Jacobs'. This area was again inspected later in the afternoon, there being only one place where the fire was able to burn slowly across this break but fortunately it was quickly extinguished.

NEWSLETTER



Australia Day

We would like to say a massive thank you to the Lions Club on another successful Australia Day breakfast they did an outstanding job!

A huge thank you to everyone that came out and showed support to the Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award winners.



DATES TO REMEMBER

**DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FRANKLIN
HARBOUR COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday 14th February 2024
@ 1:00pm in Council Chambers

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.