

June 2021 Newsletter



CEO News

I'm going to follow the lead of our illustrious media here and talk about Covid, but unlike the media I will be brief, and even manage to talk about other things as well. It was terrific to see so many of you lining up for your first shot of the Covid vaccination when the clinic was in Cowell last month. I suspect that despite the media's best efforts to frighten you, that you will all be lining up for the second shot of the Astra Zenneca when the clinic is back in Cowell in August, as will I. That is what country people do, they just get on and do what needs to be done. I am an early riser and get up early and watch half an hour of ABC News each morning before doing much else, but must say that I am suffering from Covid fatigue, because it seems to be all they ever talk about. Despite the daily drama's portrayed in the media I think Australia has done, and continues to do, exceptionally well in what is an evolving and challenging situation. We will as a nation be well on the way by years end to having everyone that wants to be vaccinated being vaccinated. Strong border control and the resulting extremely low case numbers has made vaccination much less urgent than in most countries but it is happening, and it is progressing well.

I think we may also be suffering from road works fatigue. It doesn't seem to matter where you go now it takes considerably longer to get there because of what feels like an endless stream of roadworks in every direction, country and city. Although this is a little inconvenient at times, it really is a great positive and our road networks will be in great condition in coming years courtesy of the very large amounts of stimulus money currently flowing into the economy. The downside for a small regional council is that we simply can't get contractors at the moment which is why the Cowell-Kimba road is yet to be repaired after its Harvest traffic damage. The good news is that we have submitted a very strong case for government funding to widen the entire length of the Cowell-Kimba Road and to reseal it over the

next three years to make it fit for purpose for the volume of heavy vehicle traffic it now carries during harvest with grain trucks en-route to Lucky Bay. We are now commencing some patching works on this road while we wait for our external contractor to arrive.

Speaking of harvest, seeding is largely complete and it has started to rain and there seems to be plenty of rain in the forecast for now. Let's hope it keeps coming and our farmers have a good season. I am unintentionally working a continual cropping regime of weeds in my lawn in Cowell. Despite my determined efforts, they just keep coming. There will be smiles all round if this years wheat crop grows as well as the weeds in my lawn.

The Foreshore Project

The last load of marina pontoons are only weeks away now, and by the time they arrive all remaining civil works on the marina construction will be complete. The construction of this marina has been something of a "marathon" but we are nearing the finish line and the end result is looking very impressive.

The Marina building footings are being poured this week so you will soon see the more interesting and visible above ground construction of this building commence. The inground reticulation tank for the Aquatic Playground has been constructed, and the building pad prepared so construction of this key component of the Foreshore upgrade can now commence. There will be a lot of activity in coming weeks shaping and levelling the areas to be landscaped.

We have in recent days deployed our road crew to the foreshore to prepare the Aquatic Park building pad and build up the sub-base for the new road. If you were watching this you could not help but to have been impressed. With their efforts, knowledge, experience and equipment this team turned a goat track into a road in two days.

Shane Gill
Chief Executive Officer

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

Eyre and Far North Local Health Network

The Eyre and Far North Local Health Network (EFNLHN) is running COVID-19 vaccination clinics for people aged 16 years and over.

People aged 16-49 who live in Eyre and Far North can book an appointment at:

- Port Lincoln Liverpool Street Clinic (entry off Coorong St)

People aged 50 and over can book an appointment at:

- Port Lincoln Liverpool Street Clinic (entry off Coorong St)

- Port Lincoln Bowling Club: 13-15 July
- Port Lincoln Aboriginal Community Council 20-22 July
- Ceduna Town Hall: 26-30 July
- Elliston Sports Centre: 2-3 August
- Streaky Bay Town Hall: 4-5 August
- Cummins Institute: 9-10 August
- Lock Health Centre: 10 August
- Tumby Bay Soldiers Memorial Hall: 11-12 August
- Cowell Bowling Club: 16-17 August
- Cleve Institute: 17-18 August
- Kimba Institute: 19-20 August
- Coober Pedy TAFE: 24-26 August

To book, go to www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/regionalclinics

For assistance with bookings call the SA Covid-19 Information Line on 1800 253 787. or general vaccine enquiries call the National Coronavirus Helpline on 1800 020 080.

If you have had a flu vaccination, you must wait 7 days before having a COVID-19 vaccination.

June Rainfall to Date

40.6ml

Events Calendar

If you have an event or meeting that is open to the public please notify Council and we will promote it in our dates to remember and on the Council website events calendar.



By-Laws

The District Council of Franklin Harbour, pursuant to Section 246 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, have reviewed the following By-Laws:

- Local Government Land
- Dogs
- Permits and Penalties.

And present them for public consultation. Copies of the draft by-laws are available at the Council Office and from Councils website. In accordance with Councils Consultation policy, submissions relating to these by-law will be received in writing until 5.00pm Friday 2nd July 2021.

Shane Gill
Chief Executive Officer

Have you
registered
your cat?

REGISTER NOW
WIN
One of 140
cat pamper packs



Did you know ALL councils, the RSPCA, Animal Welfare League and most vets use Dogs and Cats Online (the state dog and cat register) as the number one tool for identifying lost pets to find their owners? So if your registered cat wanders, is found and scanned, it can be identified and returned to you quicker. So what are you waiting for? Register your cat ... And if you register now you can go into a prize draw to win one of 20 fabulous prizes drawn each month. Learn more >> www.dogandcatboard.com.au/catprize

Grant Funding Availability

The Future Drought Fund's Networks to Build Drought Resilience grants program is now open.

For more details visit:

<https://frrr.org.au/funding/disaster-resilience-and-climate-solutions/future-drought-fund-networks-to-build-drought-resilience>

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Community News

LIBRARY NEWS



Book Club

Join us for our next meeting on **Tuesday 29th June @ 11am** in the library. You don't have to be a devoted reader or a literature buff to join in. Everyone is welcome to share thoughts and reviews on books they've read and check out our new additions.

Writer's Group

Enjoy creative writing & want to share your work with others? Maybe you're interested in listening to other people share their creative work. Writer's Group is meeting again on **Wednesday 7th July @ 2.30pm** in the library. Come a long and check out what the group has to offer.

Book Rehoming Project

We've recently retired some of our Adult Fiction books and we'd love to find them a new home. If anyone would like to top up their caravans or shacks with some used books, the books would be very appreciative and so would we. Pop into the library and collect as many items from of our retired stock as you like.

Cowell Seed & Plant Exchange

Thank you to everyone who came along to our "Grow me instead" session with Landscape SA presented by Barbara Murphy. We are in the process of securing some copies of the resources Barb shared during her talk and hope to have them available soon. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 27th July @ 10.45am** in the library. It will be a workshop with Lita from The Seed Library and will hopefully provide us with the knowledge of how to start our own seed library here in Cowell. Please feel free to bring any produce or plants you may like to share/ exchange at our next group.

School Holiday Hours

School holidays start on Monday 5th July and as such our hours will revert to school holiday hours. We will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays only, from 8.30 – 4pm. Normal hours will resume from Monday 19th July. There may be a last minute change to the holidays hours, so please check the school newsletter & our Facebook page for more details.



Cowell Wellbeing Group—AGM

Monday 2nd August 2021 at 6.30pm

Franklin Harbour Hotel

All community members over the age of 16 are welcome to attend

Enquiries to

Jasmin Piggott 0427 527 646

Erin King 0400 834 998



DATES TO REMEMBER

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FRANKLIN
HARBOUR COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 14th July 2021 @ 1:00pm in
Council Chambers

Supporting Volunteer Firefighters

November is the time to give a
'SHOUT OUT'
and say **THANK YOU** to all of our amazing CFS volunteers!

Our CFS volunteers attend to many horrific incidents throughout the year, from bushfires to road crashes, chemical spills & more! While protecting the community, CFS volunteers often become victims themselves, suffering injuries, losing property to fire, and in some cases, even their lives

...so please support those who volunteer to protect YOU!

- Choose a day in **November** to fundraise for the CFS Foundation
- Wear **YELLOW** for a gold coin donation OR
- come up with your own fundraising idea
- Register your fundraiser at www.cfsfoundation.org.au
- Share your photos and hashtag **#ThankyouCFSvolunteers**
- Have fun and encourage others to join in!

FUNDRAISE FOR OUR INCREDIBLE CFS VOLUNTEERS AHEAD OF THIS UPCOMING FIRE SEASON!

PO BOX 4197
NORWOOD SOUTH SA 5067
P: 1300 270 278
E: admin@cfsfoundation.org.au

Hello Whyalla, Port Augusta, Port Pirie, Clare Valley and Barossa Valley regions!

Can we help you improve your health?



Department of Rural Health

We are planning the inaugural IIMPACT Rural Health Outreach Tour...

...a community and health professional education and engagement initiative, to be run in September 2021 and we are **visiting a town near you!**

We have a team of world-renowned researchers and a growing network of clinical, consumer and community partners who are keen to share their health-related knowledge with you.

BUT we need to hear from rural community members and health professionals exactly what topics you would like our health experts to cover.

To have your say:

Please visit www.bit.ly/RuralTourSurvey to participate in a 2-3 minute online survey and help shape this exciting series of events in your community.

We want advice from as many South Australians as possible, 18 years or over who live outside metropolitan Adelaide.

For further information please contact tracy.jones@unisa.edu.au or 8302 2454

We look forward to hearing from and meeting you soon.

This project has been approved by the University of South Australia's Human Research Ethics Committee (Ethics Protocol 203753). If you have any ethical concerns about the project or questions about your rights as a participant please contact the Executive Officer of this Committee, phone: 08 8302 0330; email: humanethics@unisa.edu.au, researchintegrity@unisa.edu.au

3KM TRACK
5KM TRACK

Sausage Sizzle will be available to purchase on the day

COLOUR RUN!

\$20

1 X SHIRT
1 X WRIST BAND

JULY 4TH, 2021 |
9:00 AM START
42 STORY ROAD
- SCHOOL OVAL

Tickets purchased before the 4th of June will receive a free shirt.

Tickets purchased after the 4th of June will not receive a free shirt.

A Charity event for Operation Flinders

Tickets can be purchased at Cowell Community Library, The Hair Room or Cowell IGA

Please join Cowell Area School Parents and Friends for our annual **SOUP DAYS**

Soup with bread roll
Cake
Tea and Coffee **\$8**

FRIDAY 18th JUNE
FRIDAY 30th JULY
11:30am to 2pm
Supper Room, Cowell Institute

Enquiries to Erin on 0400 834 998

Takeaways will be available

All proceeds go directly to Cowell Area School

Franklin Harbour District Council of Franklin Harbour

Kerb Side Recycling

First and Third Tuesday of every month

- Paper
- Newspaper
- Magazines
- Catalogues
- Cardboard
- Shredded paper (contained inside paper bag or box)
- Milk containers
- Milk containers (rinsed with lids off)
- Aluminium cans & tin
- Plastic bottles & containers (rinsed with lids off)
- Yoghurt & butter containers (rinsed with lids off)
- Pizza boxes (without food scraps)

- Packaging contaminated with food (cling wrap, aluminium foil)
- Tissues & paper towel
- Empty & dry paint cans
- CD's, video tapes or tapes
- Clothing & fabrics
- Polystyrene foam packaging
- Polystyrene foam trays & cups
- Crockery or drinking glasses
- Glass
- Broken toys
- Non-rinsed containers
- Plastic lids from jars & bottles
- Plastic bags & other soft plastics
- Food scraps & garden waste
- Nappies

THE FARM (part 1)



The first sections bought by William were 34 and 35 in the hundred of Miltalie, section 113 and 114 in the hundred of Minbrie, later section 14 of Miltalie was added, and later again William bought section 11 of Miltalie from William Story in 1895, this was only a grazing block which was well placed as far as water was concerned. Near the watering site a shepherd hut was built, possibly by the Melrose family, at the present time it is only a heap of rubble and rocks. Sections 11 and 34 were the watering areas for Miltalie as was 113 for Minbrie. I will deal with the situation of water in more detail later.

The total farm area was just over 1400 acres, of this there were about 610 acres that were arable, the balance being good average grazing to rough scrubby hills.

Before the clearing of sections 113 and 114 of Minbrie, the original road was surveyed through these blocks making it very difficult for the working of agricultural land that this area contained. There would have been about eight areas, with two or three with ten acres or less. In order to keep the bulk of land in a large workable area, William put a plan to the Franklin Harbour Council that the road be constructed on the southern side of these blocks from the hundred line to meet the road originally surveyed. William also agreed to give who ever was owner of the property of part 1D Minbrie unrestricted rights to travel through his property on to the main road. The Council accepted these propositions, and the road was duly constructed At the time the owner was his elder son, William.

The clearing of the White Hill paddock was a much harder proposition. The huge mallee scrub had to be cut down by axe, and the stumps from these trees took years to be killed. Shoots were a real problem, which had to be dealt with while the shoot was reasonably small, this job was a constant problem for many years. Native pine trees covered the flats in this paddock. These also were cleared with the axe, but where the mallee scrub was burnt the trunks of the pine trees were cut into post lengths and used for fencing. These fence posts of the older trees lasted well, there were some posts still in the line after 80 years.



This then left section 14 Miltalie, which we named School Hill paddock because of the fact that two acres of land was sold to the Education Department so that the children in the early years were able to get their schooling. The land in this paddock varied a great deal, from very heavy clay types, to very stony ground on the rises and white sand over clay on the flats. School paddock was a terribly stony field and many days and months were spent in picking stones. There was one year when a great endeavor was made to pick stones from all the 220 acres. There were three of us on the job, one on each side and one at the rear of the dray.



We had a special horse for the dray called Roger, he was a big upstanding horse and very powerful. For days on end we would pick up to twenty loads in a day, these dray loads of stone were carted to nearby stone heaps. After playing football on Saturdays it was very painful on the hands, especially if the conditions were frosty. The poor old fingers that were affected by being slightly out of joint soon responded to the task of lifting stones and pulling them out of the soil.

On this particular year we spent three months of continuous work on stone picking. We would clean up part of the land then the horse team would be put to work ploughing while the other men continued picking stones. These days the work is being done by stone rakes and front end loaders and what's more the job is more thorough because you've got steel instead of the poor old fingers.

To be continued.....



Camping Around Franklin Harbour

Did you know that camping areas are provided in the following areas within the Franklin Harbour:

The RV Park, Beach Access Sites on Beach Road, Port Gibbon , Lucky Bay and Ulbana Weir (Payne's Weir)

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

Permits are required to camp within the Port Gibbon & Lucky Bay area for \$15 per night per vehicle or \$75 per week per vehicle with a maximum stay of 14 days. These can be purchased at the allocated pay stations at the locations listed as well as the Council Office, Cowell Hardware, Cowell Roadhouse.

Permits are required at all other camp sites including Ulbana Weir, RV Park and accesses along Beach Road for \$10 per night per vehicle or \$50 per week per vehicle with a maximum stay of 14 days.

Local Residents and Rate Payers are able to camp at no cost.