



CEO News

COVID-19 Vaccinations

It was good to see that again we had a big turnout for the vaccination clinic when it was in Cowell on August 16 and 17. We now have quite a big cohort fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and I have no doubt that everyone that isn't vaccinated will now be endeavoring to get it done. They say that even one dose gives quite good protection and the government is now urging everyone eligible to get the first dose as soon as possible, and it is definitely getting easier and easier to access the vaccinations at dedicated vaccination centers as well as some chemists and GP's.

Foreshore Redevelopment

Progress on the foreshore continues to accelerate with the new road and the Thompson Drive intersection upgrade rapidly taking shape. The poles for the Jumping Pillow shade sail have been installed, the basketball court and car park area have been levelled off and are starting to be compacted, the steelwork for the roof structure of the marina building has been installed, and the plumbing for the aquatic playground is in.

Attached is an artists impression of where all of this work is heading. As work progresses, it is getting much easier to imagine how it is going to look when finished.

Business Opportunity

We will shortly be seeking expressions of interest for leasing the commercial space in the marina building. Keep an eye out as this will appear in the newspaper, councils website and facebook page. This is an excellent opportunity for an enterprising entrepreneur to take advantage of this fabulous waterfront location in Cowell, with a new and interesting business.

Cowell-Kimba Road

The first round of repairs on this road are just being finished, and will be complete when the sealing contractor comes through in the next few weeks. Please drive carefully and obey any speed restrictions that are in place.



With the opening of the T-Ports facility at Lucky in 2019, this road effectively became a major freight route which is not something it was designed and built to be so in coming years it needs to be widened, improved and resealed. Council is currently seeking funding opportunities to make this work a priority so that we will have a fit for purpose road, rather than one that needs major repairs after each harvest.

Shane Gill
Chief Executive Officer

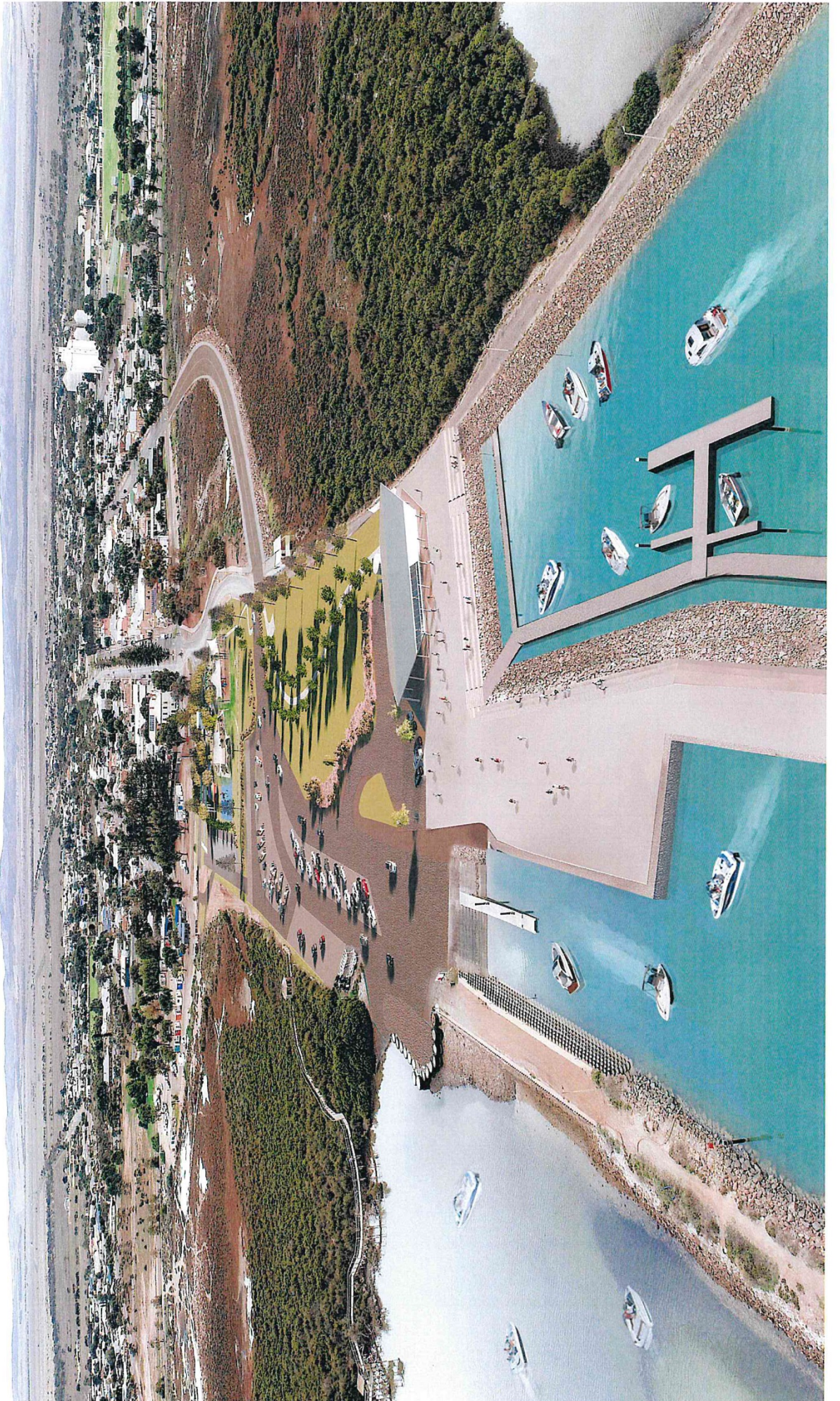


Cowell Cemetery

With a gracious and huge THANKYOU to the Cowell Community Op Shop, we have been able to start the recognition project at the Cowell Cemetery by placing concrete memorials and brass plaques on the many un-marked graves. This generous donation and the hard work from the 'Work for the Dole' group, making the concrete blocks, has made this project possible. We have a total of 248 memorials to complete.



We also send a big thankyou to the volunteers who tirelessly weed, prune and take time to maintain the area. Council employees have also been busy. Our cemetery is looking lovely and we are receiving many compliments and thankyou's from the families and visitors to our cemetery.





District Council of Franklin Harbour

Construction/Maintenance Worker
(Plant Operator)

Council has a position available for a Construction/Maintenance Worker (Plant Operator). The position is based in Cowell.

Duties include, but are not limited to, machinery operation, road maintenance and construction, town maintenance and any general field work required.

It is mandatory applicants hold a current HC Drivers Licence and have diverse plant operation experience.

Written applications will be received up to 12 noon Friday 3rd September 2021.

Applications are to be marked: **Construction/Maintenance Worker**

Addressed to:

Bernadette Clelland
District Council of Franklin Harbour,
P.O. Box 71,
COWELL SA 5602

or by email to bernadette@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au.

The Position Description may be obtained from Council's website www.franklinharbour.sa.gov.au or by contacting Bernadette on 8629 2019 or by email bernadette@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Darren Zechner on 8629 2019.

S.A. Gill
Chief Executive Officer

When you register your cat's microchip in Dogs and Cats Online, you're not only giving it the best chance of being returned if it goes missing, but you could win a \$70 goodie pack from RSPCA Petville. For details and to enter the draw >>



www.dogandcatboard.com.au/catprize

Disruption to Jetty

Council would like to advise that over the coming months there will be some disruption to the Jetty and it's surrounding areas as we continue with the Foreshore Upgrade. Please also be mindful of the increased volume of heavy vehicle traffic.

For any enquiries please contact Darren Zechner at District Council of Franklin Harbour on (08) 8629 2019.

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>

SA Power Networks is, in partnership with Aplo Pty Ltd, currently working towards improving their Customer Notification Service.



As part of this work, they are conducting a survey to capture how residents and businesses in South Australia feel about the information that is either sent to them or made available to them during power outages. The insights captured by this survey will inform work to optimise the customer notification services and to ensure that customer experience is suitably factored into future planning.

The survey can be accessed via link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NQZXSX3>

Survey respondents have the opportunity to go into the draw for a \$200 Coles Myer gift card. The survey is open **until 5pm ACST, Monday, 30 August, 2021**. (Full Ts & Cs are available at the survey link.)

DATES TO REMEMBER

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FRANKLIN HARBOUR COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 8th September 2021 @ 1:00pm in
Council Chambers

Contact details & Elected Members

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Emergency / Out of Hours

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Community News

LIBRARY NEWS



Community Opening Times

Due to the current Coronavirus restrictions, we are unable to open the library during school hours. We are still here for you though, so please do not hesitate to call us and arrange a collection or a home delivery. Holds are still coming in from other libraries, so if you are wanting resources call us to help organise loans or jump on the Libraries SA app and order them. We are currently opening on **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday afternoons from 3.30pm to 5pm** and we'd love to see you. Thank you for your patience.

Recycling Collection

Don't forget we collect the following items for recycling;

Bread & potato bag tags ,Batteries (not car batteries)

Postage stamps, Xrays, Ring pulls

Dental items – tooth paste tubes & tooth brushes

We have also purchased a bowl from Transmutation made of bread tags which is on display in the library.



Regular Library Groups

Unfortunately, we are unable to have groups meeting in the library at the moment, but we hope to bring some news in the near future as to when our Book Club, Seed Library & Plant Exchange and Writers' Group will start meeting again. Stay tuned

Thankyou

We have had some very kind donations lately and we send a big thank you for your generosity. Firstly, Mrs Lyn Deer, and her donation of an updated copy of Frank Deer's "No Fame No Fortune". Thank you also to the District of Franklin Harbour Council for their donations of updated copies of the 'Saga of Wangaraleednie' and the centenary book 'Franklin Harbour District Council 1888-1988'. Thank you also to Catherine Shelton, who generously donated seating for students.

Latest Additions

Apologies for the delay in sending out our newsletter. Stay tuned to your email boxes though as we hope to have it sent out on Friday. If you'd like to receive our Latest Additions newsletter and keep up to date with the new Adult Fiction and Non Fiction titles we add to the collection each month, let us know and we'll include you in future mailouts.

COVID-19 Vaccination

The Cowell Pharmacy are able to administer AstraZeneca vaccinations. For an appointment please contact the Cowell Pharmacy on (08) 8629 2064



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: 15th September, 20th October, 17th November and 15th December. Please contact the surgery on (08) 8629 2504 for an appointment.

Dog Registrations—REMINDER

Dog registrations are due as of the 31st of August, a late fee will be applied after this date.



Community News

If you would like something put on the community news page, please let the Council Office know via email to council@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au or in person by the 2nd Friday of each month. Topics can include (but not limited to) sports results, births, deaths, special birthdays and good news stories.

Fruit Fly

Travellers within South Australia have long been familiar with the 'bring a receipt' rule when travelling into the Riverland –previously if you could show appropriate proof of purchase for your fruit and veg you could take it in with you.



To further protect Riverland growers, new changes are now in effect meaning the 'bring a receipt' rule is no longer recognised.

It would be appreciated if you could communicate the messages below to your residents.

The information about what this means is available below and we also have resources available on the fruit fly website - https://fruitfly.sa.gov.au/news_and_resources/resource_kits/riverland_receipt_resource_kit

We will have social media posts going out as well, so please share these with your followers.

For more information, visit <https://fruitfly.sa.gov.au/travelling-restrictions/travelling-to-the-riverland>

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.



Cowell Welcomes New Businesses



Our new business Blooming Brew, will be offering Cowell a beautiful selection of plants and decorative pots. Plant accessories and eco products. Some bulk 'scoop your own' foods, fresh cold pressed juice and Eyre Roasted coffee! This won't just be a shopping experience but a space to chill out and relax in the greenery and enjoy our brews! We wanted to offer Cowell something different and provide things that most people, myself included, would buy online or go out of town for. We are excited to share our new space with everyone on Sunday when we open! We will be opening Monday to Friday 9.30 – 4pm and some weekend hours when we see what the demand is. Follow us on Facebook or Instagram @blooming.brew.cowell to keep up to date with new products and any other news we have.



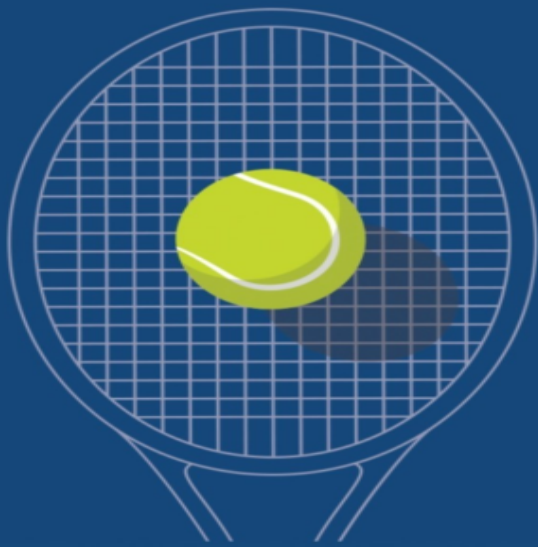
Dave's Blinds is a new business for the Eyre Peninsula, supplying and installing indoor and outdoor blinds and shutters. Kicked off by Dave Kovac, Dave's Blinds offers an easy service enabling people to complete or refresh their home and work spaces. Dave is the person you will speak to, who will do the onsite measure up and who will return and complete the installation once your products have been received.

Products are suitable for both residential and commercial locations. Exact measurements and requirements are determined during the onsite measure up and then each blind or shutter is made to your exact specifications. The focus for Dave is providing exceptional service while supplying and installing quality products.

Dave's Blinds is based in Cowell and is servicing the entire Eyre Peninsula. Get in touch with Dave today to organise a free, on location and no obligation quote.

Check out the website at davesblinds.com.au or like us on Facebook and Instagram to keep up to date on what Dave's Blinds are up to. Dave can also be contacted on 0409 726 252.





COWELL TENNIS CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 30th August 2021
at 7pm
Cowell Sporting Complex



Enquiries to Declan Crabb 0407 735 727



harvest positions

NOW AVAILABLE

Lock, Lucky Bay & Kimba bunker sites

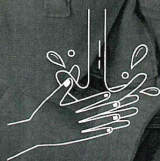
APPLY ONLINE

www.tports.com/harvest-jobs

STOP THE SPREAD



COVER COUGHS
and sneezes with a tissue or your elbow



WASH HANDS
regularly, especially when unwell



WIPE SURFACES
that are touched frequently



STAY HOME
from work, school, childcare if unwell

StopTheSpread.sa.gov.au



Government of South Australia
SA Health

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

Can we help you improve your 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: 2017/33). 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 8330; email: humaneethics@unisa.edu.au, researchintegrity@unisa.edu.au

THE FARM (part 3)

Sections 113 and 114 hundred of Minbrie forms a very vital part of Poodra. These sections, being situated in the eastern part of the farm, and bordering the flats, provided an early response to feed when the rains came. Another very important factor was that it provided a valuable water supply. In the early days there was a well three feet deep that water all the animals around, including those of the neighbors. Of course during these years the stock population was not very high. As the years went by the sheep numbers grew, and with drier years, the well in the creek could not cope and had to be deepened. Eventually it reached the depth of nineteen feet. The supply of water was adequate, but after each thunder storm the well would fill with wash sand, and that meant tons of sand had to be bucketed out, a hell of a job. Eventually, dad put a cement top on the well, leaving enough room for drawing water with a bucket. This hole had a heavy piece of flat iron placed over it but with the rush of water from the large hills area this did not stop the sand from filling the well. Eventually a new well was dug about five feet away on the bank of the creek. This had the desired effect—no more sand needed to be bucketed from the well.

Mr Dick Pike of Cowell assisted dad to dig this well, as he was very interested in the mining venture. The well was sunk to a depth of thirty feet. A stream of water, good quality stock water, was found at a depth of eight feet, so we had twenty-two feet of water in the well. A windmill was erected over the well and a 20,000 re-enforced concrete tank built. This made life a great deal easier. Drawing water for 800 sheep, using a twenty-gallon bucket each day of the week and in hot weather was no child's play.

Poodra was only a small farm with only 650 arable acres with most of the balance being grazing land. During the early 1930's dad bought Frank Badman's place, which used to be Uncle Will's farm that joined onto the Minbrie sections of Poodra. This property consisted of approximately 1300 acres of arable land with the balance grazing, to very rough hills, and many creeks. In the early years the crops were reasonable quality but during any dry spell, particularly September to October the ice-plant weed would take over. The sheep would only nibble at the plant, and when they did, scouring would occur. When it dried off naturally there would always be an oily film on the ground, preventing any moisture being absorbed by the soil. In particularly bad areas the wheat seldom germinated. When rain fell during seeding it was impossible to drive a tractor, or any other vehicle, in these paddocks, as there was no traction and the wheels just spun on this oily soil. Even walking on it was almost impossible.



One year I decided to sow Wimmera rye grass on ground which was badly affected with ice plant. The rye germinated fairly well. This was sown with the wheat and seeded very well. The following year the grass showed signs of doing well, and by allowing it to seed well by removing the sheep, this paddock the following year was a thick mass of Wimmera rye grass, giving a paddock of marvelous feed. I adopted the method of vitalizing the farm, although some problems were created, but the benefits outweighed the disadvantages. The one big advantage was that during 1946 when the district received 8 1/2 inches of continuous rain, the paddocks where the Wimmera rye grass was growing there was no water wash. Then I noticed another big advantage in the first paddock that was sown. A really good stand of barrel clover was taking place, so much so that I was able to get a very good hay cut.

With the vast improvement on feed the flock of sheep numbers increased at this stage. We were able to carry between 900 to 1000. In the long term the Wimmera rye grass was to be the curse of all weeds as far as cropping was concerned but the transformation of the Badman farm from the introduction of the Wimmera rye grass was amazing, from paddocks of ice-plant to fields of lush, good feed.

To be continued.....

NEWSLETTER



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.