

CEO NEWS

Sails on Franklin Harbour

In late March, we had around a small fleet of a dozen trailer sailors launch from Cowell and some spend 4-5 days exploring Franklin Harbour while staying on their yachts. They were very impressed with both our harbour and our new Marina facility and are keen to return once the Marina is open. One did manage to sneak into the marina, our rope across the entrance was no match for a wind-up keel! It was great to see sails out on our beautiful Harbour enjoying the stunning Autumn weather.



The Cowell Foreshore Redevelopment is close now.

As mentioned last month, the water playground and jumping pillow are now installed and fully operational but not yet open to the public. The irrigation system has now been installed and is fully operational. Paving around the marina is now almost complete and looking good. Unfortunately, our paving contractor has been delayed for 3 weeks but will be back on site in the first week of May to complete around the marina. They will then commence the paving around the waterpark area.

The Marina Green area has been spray-seeded with lawn, which is already starting to come up. Please keep off of this area until lawn is established and all paving works are finalised. Shortly, the shelters on Marina Green will be erected, a BBQ installed, and plants will be planted out.

We are now commencing garden edging in the Water Park area, and once the pavers are down we will be laying turf, as well as spray seeding a further large area, and finally putting in the plants. So not finished but very much heading for the finishing line now and looking good.





Community pop-up session dates and venues only

Eyre Peninsula Desalination Plant Project

Summary of ALL Stakeholder Engagement activities

	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
agencies			3 June - EPLGA Board
	12 Apr – DC of Cleve deputation	3 May - EP Landscape Board presentation	presentation (TBC)
			8 June – DC of Franklin
	12 Apr – DC of Tumby Bay deputation	10 May – DC of Streaky Bay deputation	Harbour deputation
	19 Apr – Port Lincoln City Council deputation	11 May – DC of Kimba deputation	
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	deputation	17 May – DC of Elliston deputation	
Council	28 April - RDAEP Board presentation	17 May – DC of Wudinna deputation	
Ŭ		18 May – DC of Ceduna deputation	
Community engagement		1st and 2nd Week of May - Community focus	8 June - Franklin Harbour –
	19 April - online survey starts on Water Talks	groups presentations	pop-up sessions
	20 April – Tulka Progress Association briefing	2 - 6 May – Pop-up sessions (Port Lincoln, Coffin	
	session (TBC)	Bay, Cummins, Tumby, Cowell and Cleve)	
		10 May - Streaky Bay pop-up sessions	
		11 May – Kimba pop-up sessions	
		17 May – (Elliston and Wudinna) Pop-up sessions	
		18 May – Ceduna Pop-up sessions	
		Mid-May - online survey closes	
0		Late May - Community feedback report to SSC	

Date	Town	Venue/timing	
Mon 2 May	Port Lincoln	Rogue & Rascal Cafe (10am-12pm)	
Mon 2 May Coffin Bay		Coffin Bay Shopping Centre (2pm-5pm)	
Tue 3 May	Cummins	Five Loaves Bakery (9am-12pm)	
Wed 4 May	Tumby Bay	Tumby Bay Bakery (9am-12pm)	
Wed 4 May	Cleve	Cleve Foodland (2pm-5pm)	
Thu 5 May	Cowell	Cowell Bakery (9am-12pm)	
Thu 5 May	Arno Bay	Arno Bay IGA (2pm-4pm)	
Fri 6 May Port Lincoln		Port Lincoln Woolworths (9am-12pm) Port Lincoln Bunnings (1pm-3pm)	
Tue 10 May	Streaky Bay	aky Bay Elliott's Streaky Bay Bakery (10.30am-1.30pm) Foodland (2.30pm-5pm)	
Wed 11 May Kimba		Eileen's Cafe (10.30am-12pm) Kimba IGA (1pm-3pm)	
Tue 17 May Elliston		Elliston Bakery (9am-11am)	
Tue 17 May	e 17 May Wudinna Wudinna Bakery / Foodland (1pm-3.30pm)		
Wed 18 May Ceduna		Ceduna Bakery Coffee Lounge (9.30am-12pm) Ceduna Foodland (1pm-3.30pm)	

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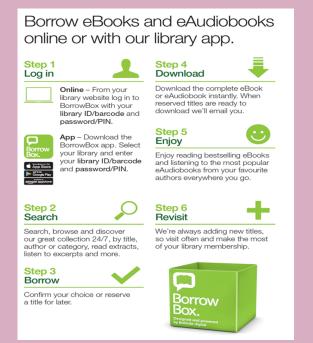
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Being Digital

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: 18 May and 29th June. Please contact the surgery on (08) 8629 2504 for an appointment.

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.

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 :



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.

Cowell Refuse REMINDER

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

Community News

Are you a farmer who could use some help? Rural Aid is committed to providing support to farmers and rural communities.







SA Health 🥏

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New Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) Collection Points have opened across regional South Australia.

If you are a close contact, you can access a kit of two free rapid antigen tests from a RAT Collection Point.

Cowell

The Cowell RAT Collection Point is located at Cowell Hospital and is integrated with the Cowell Hospital COVID-19 PCR testing site. 2.30pm to 3.30pm Monday to Friday and 2.00pm to 2.30pm Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays

🚑 Drive-in

You must register on the SA Health website to collect your kit: www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/ COVIDRapidAntigenTesting

RAPID ANTIGEN TEST COLLECTION POINT

New Collection Points

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POODRA— A RAINFALL RECORDING STATION

From the early days of Poodra Grandfather William was approached by the Bureau of Meteorology to be a rainfall recording station for the district of Miltalie. When they agreed to this request all the equipment was supplied and set up by the Department. Rainfall records were kept at Poodra for 108 years. It was an official recording station for the Miltalie district until 1927 when the telephone exchange came to this district, never the less our rainfall was always recorded.

Prior to the arrival of the telephone communication weekly returns were always submitted to the Cowell Post Office, which sent the results to the Weather Bureau in Adelaide. With the arrival of the telephone a report was issued to the Post Office every day. Except Saturday and Sunday, by 9 am.

William and Mary were instrumental in Poodra becoming a recording station, and this was continued by Dad and Mum. Equipment was supplied for this purpose including rain sheets and rain gauge. The rain gauge itself was heavily constructed of brass. The heaviest rainfall which was recorded in my time 850 points of continuous rain in late February 1946. Salt Creek flowing from Mangalo ran a banker. The Kimba road was cut due to the volume of water that was crossing the road. When the water level had subsided, Harry Schiller had to tow a number of vehicles across the creek.

Due to the creek area on the flats being blocked by fences that had drifted up over the years of drought and windstorms the floodwaters took about a week to reach Cowell. The causeway at Cowell was washed away. In those days there were no water pipes permitting water flow under the road. The highest rainfall would have been about 1973 and 1974 when Poodra recorded 53.5 inches, 26 inches a years; in todays figures 214mm.

Because we had a very dry season and the prospects of a small crop I decided to take Mary and the children down to Adelaide for Christmas. (I do not remember what year this was, probably about 1957).

This was the first time we had the opportunity to celebrate Christmas at her parents place since we had been married. At this time we had only measured four inches of rain. We left Adelaide a couple of days after the celebrations. It was 2 am when we left, the reason for this was Beverley was a bad traveler and suffered horribly from carsickness. By the time we reached Port Augusta the heat was terrific and before we came to Whyalla it had started to rain. By the time we arrived home we measured 2.5 inches of rain giving us a total of 6.5 inches for the year. That possibly could be our lowest recording.

Malcom Jacobs presented the rain gauge to the National Trust. This rain gauge was placed at Poodra by the Bureau of Meteorology in the mid 1880's until 1927. The rainfall recording station was transferred to Mr. Stan Jacobs home, where a telephone exchange was established. It was usual that the telephone exchange and the rainfall station were placed together. This rain gauge is the original equipment placed at Poodra over 100 years ago.







DATES TO REMEMBER

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FRANKLIN HARBOUR COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 11th May 2022 @ 1:00pm in Council Chambers

ing 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.