



March Newsletter

Cowell shines!

Saturday March 11 was the official opening event of the Cowell Foreshore redevelopment and it is no exaggeration to say that Cowell shined bright, as it opened and showed off its beautiful foreshore area. This was a remarkably ambitious project for a small regional council. It was years in the planning, it then took years to gain all of the necessary approvals to proceed, and was then 3 years in the building. It took only one day to open it, but what a day it was!

The opening event included a large market with a huge variety of food offerings, and other interesting items for sale, the official opening by Federal Member for Grey Rowan Ramsay and our very own Mayor Walsh, a fabulous fireworks display, and a concert headlined by Shannon Noll with an excellent line up of supporting artists including Caitlan Drew, Jo Page, and Andy Seymour.

It was perfect autumn weather which was great for what was a fantastic day all around with approximately 4000 people welcomed to our foreshore, and a lot of smiling faces. We also had a fleet of trailer sailors in our marina that were visiting. Cowell was overflowing with visitors but handled it with ease.

It may have looked easy, but behind the scenes there was an enormous amount of work involved in making this day happen. It was a year in the planning and a huge effort from many people made it happen. Thank you to everyone that contributed to this event, but a very big thank you to the District Council of Franklin Harbour team and the Franklin Harbour Community Development Group. I need to single out two people in particular to thank for their enormous contributions, one is our very own Stacey Franklin who was the architect and main organiser behind this event and she worked tirelessly to make it happen, the other is Kerry Pepper who coordinated the market on the day which was challenging to say the least.

The feedback from this event has been incredibly positive from both near and far, and the overwhelming feeling seems to be

that we should make this a regular event. Watch this space. It was very clear on Saturday that locals are very proud of Cowell and if you were here it would have been very obvious that they have much to be proud of. The Cowell foreshore redevelopment is not a project that just stops. It will continue to grow and improve as the landscaping becomes more established, there will be more elements added to it over time, and we are already working on the next phase (across the road). This beautiful part of the world will just keep getting better!



The Cowell Wetland Project

Work on filling the area enclosed by Jetty Road is now well and truly underway. The end result will add an additional useable and beautiful 9500 sqms of beautiful landscaped park and wetland to the Cowell Foreshore area. This project is expected to be complete in July 2023.



Roads update

The final 3.3 kilometres of Beach Road into Port Gibbon has now been completed, so the road is now sealed all the way from Cowell.

Cowell-Kimba Road works have recommenced. We are in year 2 of a 5 year program to widen (make 1 metre wider) and to reseal our portion of this road (48kms) We are currently working on stabilising a 2km section of the road and will then commence shoulder construction on a 9.7km section. These two sections will be resealed this year (11.7km)

Our ongoing program of works to repair the roads damaged by the heavy rains associated with Cyclone Tiffany in Jan 2022 are progressing very well, and we are on target to complete this substantial body before harvest 2023.

Shane Gill



District Council of Franklin Harbour

Cowell Cottages Management Subsidiary Committee

Nominations for Community Representative

Nominations are invited from interested persons to be a Community Representative on the Cowell Cottages Management Subsidiary Committee.

Current members include:

Cr Rachel Deer (Chairperson), Cr Susan Chase, Mr Robert Udy, Mr Richard Wisemen.

If you are interested in the long term development of Cowell and feel you have the expertise relevant to the management of the Cottages, please write to the undersigned giving details of your qualifications/expertise/interest.

For further information, please contact the Manager of Corporate Services, Bernadette Clelland, during normal office hours on 8629 2019.

Nominations can be emailed to council@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au or posted to the District Council of Franklin Harbour, P.O. Box 71, COWELL SA 5602.

Nominations close on 31 March 2023 at 12.00 noon.

Shane Gill
Chief Executive Officer

Rubbish Bins

Council wishes to advise that, from 1st July 2023, only Council issued bins will be collected by Veolia for kerbside collection. If you have purchased a bin from a retailer, please DO NOT put this bin out for collection—it will not be collected. You can take your privately owned bins to the dump on opening days, free of charge.

If you don't have a Council issued bin, please contact Council on 08 8629 2019, or visit the office at 6 Main Street, and we can arrange for a bin to be delivered. If your bin is damaged, Council can fix it or replace your bin.

Rubbish collection is a service charge added to rates, it's not a free service. All residential properties are allocated a bin, all vacant and Commercial properties will need to apply for a bin (if you haven't already).

Dump opening times are:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Sunday 10am to 12 Midday.



District Council of Franklin Harbour Temporary Road Closure

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act 1961, as amended, the following roads are closed to vehicular traffic

For the Lions Market Day

Sunday – 2nd April 2023

Schedule of Roads

Main Street – Between Third Street and the Esplanade

Between the hours of 8.00am to 2.00pm

Shane Gill

Chief Executive Officer

COWELL LIONS CLUB



The Lions Club of Cowell publish the Cowell and District Telephone Directory which is due for an update.

If you wish to add or delete phone numbers or UHF Channel numbers please notify the Council Office by April 14th 2023.



By-Law Review

Pursuant to Section 246 of the Local Government Act 1999, Council has amended the following by-law:

By-Law No. 2 - Local Government Land 2023

and is seeking public feedback in accordance with the requirements of Council's Communication and Consultation Policy.

A copy of the amendment is available on Council's website www.franklinharbour.sa.gov.au, can be viewed, or can be purchased for a fee, at the Council Office at 6 Main Street, Cowell SA 5602.

The community is encouraged to provide input by written submission addressed to the Chief Executive Officer at the above address or by email to council@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au by no later than Wednesday 1st February 2023 at 5.00 pm.

For further information, contact Bernadette Clelland at the Council Office.

Shane Gill

Chief Executive Officer



District Council of Franklin Harbour

Temporary Road Closure

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act 1961, as amended, the following roads are closed to vehicular traffic.

For the Anzac Day march

Tuesday 25th April 2023

Schedule of Roads

Third Street - Between First Street and Main Street

Main Street—Between Third Street and Esplanade

Thompson Drive—Between Main Street and Jetty Road

Between the hours of 6:30am - 7:30am

Shane Gill

Chief Executive Officer



The COWELL RSL Sub Branch members will be honouring the service of our veterans and serving members this

ANZAC DAY Tuesday 25th April.

7 am Dawn Service

March participants to assemble at the RSL clubrooms at 6.45am.

"Gunfire breakfast" after the service at the club rooms.

*Services at the Memorial,
opposite the Franklin Harbour Hotel.*

**Please note: There will only be one service this year,
the Dawn Service.**

Water Park

Council would like to advise that as of Sunday 2nd April the Water Park's extended hours will be decreased.



COWELL LIONS CLUB MAIN STREET MARKET DATES

April 2nd

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

Contact details & Elected Members

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rehn@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au

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Cr. SM Chase

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Emergency / Out of Hours

0428 292 019

Its hard to believe it has been two weeks since the Foreshore opening event, there are many people and businesses that need to be acknowledged, an event this significant could not have been successful

without many people contributing their time, money and/or goods and services. The biggest thanks however need to go to the District Council of Franklin Harbour, who financially committed to this event, we are the envy of other towns, not just for the free community facilities that we now have available, but also for hosting a free community event that attracted? people from all over the Eyre Peninsula and beyond!

Thank you to Rowan Ramsey for officially opening the facilities and also Sam Telfer and David Spears for attending the event, and thank you to Robert Walsh for his great speech at the opening.



I would like to acknowledge Kerry Pepper who volunteered her time to organise the market stall holders and the Lions Club for erecting and removing gazebos for the markets. Thanks to Cowell Electric who donated their two portaloos and a generator for the use during the event.

An event can not happen without monetary support, Thank you to each of the below businesses who financially contributed towards this event:

**Franklin Harbour Button Club
Story's Liquid Waste
Tondari Fisheries
Cowell Lions Club
Treadz @ Cowell
Cowell Electric
Ramsey Bros
Cowell Oysters
Cowell Community Op Shop**



**Turners Readymixed Concrete
Cleve Hardware
Lambcorp Pty Ltd
Cowell Plumbing & Gas
Murray Pest Control
Stix Industries
Calcookara Stud
Cleve Rural Traders
Star Motors**

The list of thanking people can go on and on as the community came together to help with supplying gazebos, cleaning up the morning after the event, volunteering time to cover asset protection of the stage and production equipment, erecting and taking down the marquee.

Stacey

Mayors Speech—Foreshore Opening March 11th 2023

We are here today to celebrate the opening of the Cowell Foreshore redevelopment and if you saw it before to compare with how it is now you would know how absolutely transformational this has been for our town and our district.

Over the past 3.5 years on the Cowell Foreshore we have built:

- A new Boat Ramp
- A 32 berth Marina
- The Marina building overlooking the water
- Additional car and boat parking
- The Waterpark
- A huge bouncy pillow
- A Basketball Court
- We have added approx. 5 acres of additional landscaped area including paths, paving, shelters, seating, BBQ's, lawns and plants

It took 3.5 years to build, and nearly as long to get all approvals, this is a story of perseverance. This is the story of a small regional council daring to do big things.

Major Contractors on the Job

Diggers Civil—Marina Earthworks

Seaslip—Marina Pontoons

Kim Clarke Buildings—Marina Building

SouterSpace Design—Landscape design and Waterpark design

EP Civil—New Road

Hydrilla—Waterpark

Groundworks—Paving and Paths

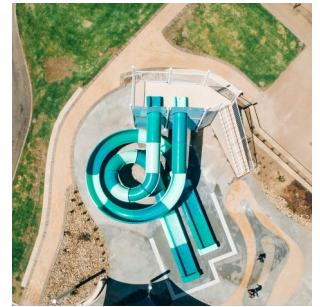
Terrain Group—Shelters, Table & Benches

Local Contractors on the Job

Turners Concrete

Cowell Plumbing & Gas

VR King Electrical



A lot of work was done directly by council using our own equipment and employees. Our employees are justifiably proud of what they have achieved, and we are proud of them and the effort they put in to turn these plans into a reality.

Most of the works were done during COVID and as far as we can ascertain, this is the only government project (Federal/State or Local) that was brought in on budget during this period. The end result has exceeded our expectations but the cost didn't. This is a remarkable achievement for a small regional council, and one that we are very proud of. We aren't resting on our laurels though..... We are now working on the area across the road to construct additional recreational areas and a wetland to capture stormwater from our main street. This will minimize stormwater outflows into the harbour, add to the amenity of our foreshore and any water that does make it to the harbour will have been filtered through the wetland system.

In the past 4 years we have also built:

- 1) The Coolanie Water Scheme— A 30km pipeline with associated pumps and tanks taking water to 29 farms that didn't have water previously
- 2) Constructed and sealed 20km of road from Cowell to Port Gibbon
- 3) Set up the new Eco Eyre tourist accommodation at Port Gibbon

Also

- 1) 45% of our unsealed road network was damaged in Jan 2021 by heavy rains associated with ex-tropical cyclone Tiffany, repairs to these roads will be complete later this year. (approx. \$7.5 million worth of works)
- 2) Cowell Kimba Road upgrade—2 years into a 5 year project to widen and reseal 48km

Community News

LIBRARY NEWS

COMMUNITY OPENING HOURS

Monday—Thursday -

8:30am to 12:30pm, 2:00pm to 4:00pm Friday

9:00am to 12:00pm

Congratulations to Nicole on being awarded the SLASA— (School Libraries Association of South Australia)— *Library Advocate Award*. Nicole was given this award for her passionate advocacy for the Cowell Area School Library and it's wider community. Building stronger connections with students and being innovative with different learning styles. Nicole is always looking at ways to make improvements, keep our library update with the current trends and best of all, willing to share her knowledge to others.



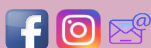
Book Club

Join us for a chat about all things books on 16th May at 2pm. This month we are reading novels that are set overseas. Feel free to come in and grab a title before our next chat.

Fleur McDonald

We are looking forward to a visit from Australia's leading rural literature author. Fleur's books become best sellers almost as quickly as they hit the shelves. Her story lines are drawn from inspiration from having lived and worked for much of her life on farms. Loving the rural life style Fleur now owns 4050ha across rural Western Australia. Come and meet Fleur on her visit on April 6th at 4pm in the Library.

Bookings are essential. Please contact the Library on 8629 2320, through our Facebook page or book through Eventbrite.



Cowell Lutheran Church

Worship Times

April 2 nd - 11am HC	Palm Sunday
April 7 th - 11am	Good Friday
April 9 th - 11am HC	Easter Day
April 16 th - 9:30am LR	
April 23 rd - 9:30am LR	
April 30 th - 6:00pm HC	

Cowell Catholic Service time for Easter in Cowell

The service details are: Good Friday – 5.15pm

Holy Saturday – 5.15pm



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: April 26, May 31 & June 28.

Please contact the surgery on (08) 8629 2504 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



COWELL CATS ROSTER

After the success and positive responses to our changed roster system last season, we will be continuing to use the online booking system for our rosters.

Below are the Roster QR codes for the first half of the season (second half will be released around mid June). Thursday teas are commencing on 6th April and our 1st home game is on Tuesday 25th April v Eastern Ranges. Just open your camera and hover over the QR code you want and open link and choose the shift that works for you.

Guideline is 3 per person for the 1st half of the season. The 2nd half of the season is yet to be released. A count of shifts has been done and we need to cover 144 shifts over the 1st 3 home games and 157 shifts over the 1st half of Thursday teas. We understand the huge ask of all our volunteers and we appreciate everyone's support to cover these shifts to support our club.

The more people who help out on the rosters, the less work there is for everyone.

If you are on Facebook, jump on the Cat's Chatter page to see all the updates and information as we move into the 2023 season.



Thursday Night teas from 6th April to 6th July



1st Home Game – Tuesday 25th April
v Eastern Ranges



2nd Home Game – Saturday 20th May
v Central Eyre United



3rd Home Game – Saturday 24th June
v Ports Magpies



Join us!

Cowell Football and Netball Clubs
welcome all new and past players
for the 2023 season



Football contact—Kym Martens 0400 279 917

Netball Contact—Emma Wykamp 0487 146 774

Cowell Cats...striving to be unified, progressive and respectful



Eyre Eye Centre is visiting Cowell

on Monday 29th May 2023

Our Optometrist, Alek Sims, will be consulting at

Drs in Cowell Clinic

South Tce, Cowell

Appointments available from: 9.30am to 12.00pm

If you are unable to travel to Port Lincoln, Whyalla or Ceduna and would like an appointment, please call Eyre Eye Centre Whyalla on **8645 7399**

Consultations will be Bulk Billed



SEEKING INDEPENDENT CLEANERS

COWELL / CLEVE / TUMBY BAY

Grow your business with us - Let's make it happen

Want flexible hours? Want to be your own boss? Why not give house cleaning a go! This is the fastest growing service type in the industry. As a contractor to West Coast Homecare, you will have negotiable hours with customers referred from our vast client base.

West Coast Homecare is a provider of in-home aged care and disability support services and has been facilitating care in the community for more than 30 years. Our people live local, work local, know local.

Due to our continuous success and expansion across Eyre Peninsula we are offering multiple opportunities for independent contractors for Home Cleaning Services.

About being an Independent Home Cleaner

Successful applicants shall be highly motivated with great attention to detail with a respectful attitude, and good communication skills. Most customers prefer their service between 9.30am – 3.00pm weekdays. As part of our friendly and reliable team to get the job done you will:

- Be able to communicate well with clients, as well as the scheduling team
- Be able to obtain a NDIS Worker Check
- Be willing to attain a first aid certificate
- Have the fitness to work a physical position
- Have received three doses of COVID-19 vaccinations

Why Join Us:

- Flexible Hours – Be your own Boss!
- Work in one of the fastest growing industries
- We find your customers
- Attractive and negotiable rates on offer
- Fortnightly payments
- Full induction provided

Contact Katrina on 08 8682 2177 or email katrina@westcoasthomecare.com

NEWSLetter

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

Wednesday 12th April 2023 @ 1:00pm in
Council Chambers

WHATS ON AT THE RSL

Snooker every Monday & Thursday from
12:30

Open on Fridays for drinks and light meals

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

Cowell Refuse REMINDER

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

**Rainfall for February**

7.2 mm

Camping Around Franklin Harbour

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

Permits within the Port Gibbon & Lucky Bay area are \$15 per night or \$75 per week.

Permits are required at all other camp sites including Ulbana Weir, RV Park and accesses along Beach Road
for \$10 per night or \$50 per week.

Permits can be purchased at pay stations along beach road as well as the Council Office, Hardware and the
Roadhouse.

To book a site at Point Gibbon 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 Rate Payers are able to camp at no cost.