

# September Newsletter

## CEO News

### The Return of a Local Newspaper

Eyre Peninsula residents will have their own newspaper once again, with the announcement of the Eyre Peninsula Advocate publishing its first edition on Thursday September 30, 2021.

This is a welcome development after the permanent closure of both the Eyre Peninsula Tribune and the West Coast Sentinel earlier this year.

This newspaper will be published by Papers and Publications Ltd who are based in Balaklava and already publish the Plains Producer (est 1903) and the Two Wells Echo. Papers and Publications employ 16 people in the Mid North, and now three on the Eyre Peninsula, with plans to recruit more part time staff.

This was an initiative of the Cleve Council, with the backing of both the District Councils of Franklin Harbour and Kimba.

### Foreshore Redevelopment

With just over 3 months left to complete our foreshore works, the area is a hive of activity with:

1. Civil works on the marina now complete
2. Marina pontoon fingers, and all electrical and plumbing works on the marina to be complete in coming weeks
3. Works are progressing well on construction of the new road and the Thompson Drive intersection upgrade.
4. The Marina building now has a floor and wall frames and the final roof frames are being installed. The roof will be installed next.
5. The Aquatic Playground now has all underground plumbing installed, concrete surfaces will be the next step
6. The earthworks for the new boat/caravan parking area have been completed
7. The Basketball court base works are now underway.

## Road Name Needed

The new road on the foreshore is nearing completion and needs a name. Council is seeking community input. If you have a suggestion, please advise council by October 7. You can email us on [council@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au](mailto:council@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au) or call 8629 2019.

## Foreshore 2022

Whilst the plan has always been to fill and green the land enclosed by the new road on the foreshore, it was not part of the current redevelopment project. We have now been fortunate enough to secure grant funding for 2022 which will allow us to complete this final part of the “greening” and redevelopment of the Cowell Foreshore area.

Please find attached the latest iteration of the plan for this area, which includes wetland, open space and walkways. This will greatly enhance the amenity of this part of the foreshore, as well as catch and filter the stormwater flowing in from the main street outflow.

**Shane Gill**

**Chief Executive Officer**

## **The Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party is On!!**



Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, Council will be providing a home delivered meal (within the town limits) to those who wish to participate. If you are a resident and have reached pension age, you are eligible to attend. Invitations will be sent out soon.

We are encouraging you to arrange a ‘party’ at your home, complying with the current restrictions and the required social distancing. Council will supply you with a main meal and dessert with the regular xmas cake and other little surprises.

Make sure your name is listed so you don’t miss out on this great event and we look forward to seeing you in December.

# COWELL FORESHORE REDEVELOPMENT



**Total Project Cost \$9 million**

- 32 Berth Marina**
- Full Size Basketball Court**
- Commercial Building**
- Jumping Pillow**
- Landscaping**
- Water Slides**
- Boat Ramp Upgrade**
- Water Play Area**
- Road Upgrade**
- Shade**

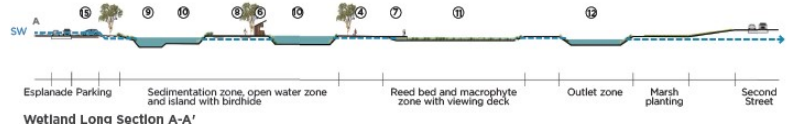


**Project Completion - end of 2021**



Wetland Concept Plan

## FORESHORE 2022



**Legend**

- Interpretive signage
- Exposed aggregate concrete path 1.5m wide
- Compacted rubble trail
- Compacted rubble informal carpark
- Viewing Deck
- Birchide
- Proposed tree
- Proposed small tree/shrub
- Feature planting
- Wetland planting

**Design Notes**

- ① Exposed aggregate concrete path along entry road
- ② Interpretive and wayfinding signage at entry points to wetland and at points of interest along the trail
- ③ Native trees with open canopy to provide shade to path
- ④ Compacted rubble trail, 2.4m wide, winding through wetland
- ⑤ Footbridge across wetland to island
- ⑥ Timber bird-hide with seating and interpretive signage
- ⑦ Timber viewing deck over wetland
- ⑧ Island within wetland
- ⑨ Sedimentation Zone 1.5m deep NWL
- ⑩ Open Water Zone 1.2m deep NWL
- ⑪ Reed bed macrophyte zone 500-600mm deep NWL
- ⑫ Small outlet pond connected to outlet 1.2m deep NWL
- ⑬ Outlet to ocean via pipe under Second Ave
- ⑭ Low saltmarsh planting
- ⑮ Compacted rubble informal parking area - TBC with Council

### 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>



A colorful illustration featuring a yellow butterfly, pink roses, and other smaller butterflies. The text reads: **2022 CALENDAR OF LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHY**  
Take inspirational photographs of our district to be featured in our 2022 calendar  
All photographs need to be submitted by Sunday 10th October by emailing entries to [cowellwellbeinggroups@gmail.com](mailto:cowellwellbeinggroups@gmail.com)  
If more than 12 photographs are received, we will ask the district to choose the 12 to be included in the calendar  
This calendar is being made possible due to an Australia Post Grant  
Disclaimer: Photographs need to be submitted by the photographer or submitted with the photographer's permission  
COWELL WELLBEING GROUP logo with an anchor icon.  
Greetings ISLAND logo.



In South Australia, cats must be desexed, micro-chipped and registered in Dogs and Cats Online (the state-wide database used by all councils, RSPCA, Animal Welfare League and vets for identifying lost pets to find their owners). Register your cat now and go into the draw to win a cat pamper pack. For details and to enter the draw >> [www.dogandcatboard.com.au/catprize](http://www.dogandcatboard.com.au/catprize)

## COWELL LIONS CLUB

### MAIN STREET MARKET DATES

Sunday October 3rd, Sunday November 7th, Sunday December 5th, Sunday February 6th, Sunday March 6th & Sunday April 3rd.

P: Mark 0487 296 147 P: Alan 0427 292 088

\*Please note January, 2022 markets to be advised \*

### 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 – 3rd October 2021**

**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

## Contact details & Elected Members

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**Emergency / Out of Hours**  
0428 292 019

# Community News

## LIBRARY NEWS



### Closed for Refurbishment

During the school holidays the library will close for refurbishment. Our last opening day will be Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September and we will reopen on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October. If we are ahead of schedule we will open earlier, so keep an eye on our library flag and if it's out – were open!

### We're Always Open Online

Don't forget we may not be open, but your library membership gives you access to our digital catalogues too. There is Libby & BorrowBook for ebooks & eAudiobooks, available through the App & GooglePlay stores and also Pressreader for magazines.

### Keep Up to Date

Don't forget to keep up to date with what's on in the library, you can check out the Council & School newsletters as well as follow us on Facebook.



### COVID-19 Vaccination

The Cowell Pharmacy are able to administer AstraZeneca vaccinations and will soon be able to administer Moderna 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: 20th October, 17th November and 15th December. Please contact the surgery on (08) 8629 2504 for an appointment.

### Dog Registrations—REMINDER

Dog registrations are now overdue. A late fee will be applied after the 1st October.



### 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](mailto: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.

### 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 SEED & PLANT EXCHANGE

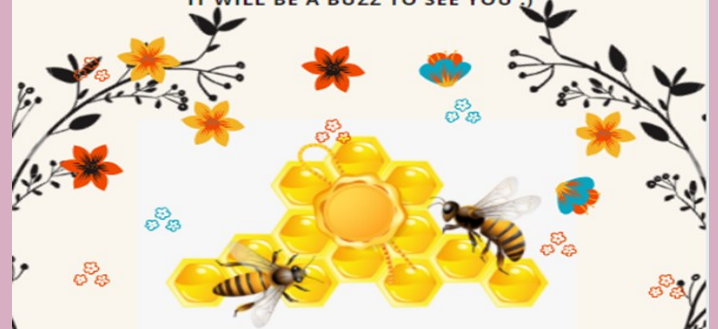
COWELL COMMERCIAL HOTEL  
TUESDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER  
10.30AM  
BEER GARDEN

### BEE KIND TO YOUR GARDEN

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEES AND THEIR LITTLE FEET ON THE PETALS AND IN THE GARDEN!

COWELL SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
HAS INVITED A GUEST SPEAKER TO TALK ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF BEES AND THE PRODUCTION OF HONEY. PLEASE JOIN US AT THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL

ALL WELCOME  
IT WILL BE A BUZZ TO SEE YOU :)



### 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



APPLY ONLINE

[www.tports.com/harvest-jobs](http://www.tports.com/harvest-jobs)

## Eyre and Far North Local Health Network COVID-19 Pfizer Vaccination Clinics

- Port Lincoln Clinic – 12 Napoleon Street (New location)
- Ceduna Memorial Hall: 30 Aug-3 September
- Ceduna Blues Sports Club: 20-24 September
- Streaky Bay Institute Hall: 6-7 September / 27-28 September
- Elliston Sports Centre: 8-9 September / 29-30 September
- Coffin Bay Hall: 13 September / 5 October
- Lock Bowling Club: 14 September / 5 October
- Kimba Uniting Church Hall: 15-16 September
- Kimba Institute: 6-7 October
- Cowell Bowling Club: 11-12 October / 1-2 November
- Cleve Institute: 13-14 October / 3-4 November
- Cummins Institute: 18-19 October
- Cummins RSL Hall: 8-9 November
- Tumby Bay Soldiers Memorial Hall: 20-21 October / 10-11 November
- Coober Pedy TAFE: 26-28 October / 16-18 November

To book, go to [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/regionalclinics](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/regionalclinics)

For assistance with bookings call the SA COVID-19 Information Line on 1800 253 787.

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

## Eyre and Far North Local Health Network Cowell COVID-19 Pfizer Vaccination Clinic

People eligible for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine can book an appointment at:

**WHERE:** Cowell Bowling Club

**WHEN:** 11-12 October / 1-2 November

For bookings: [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/regionalclinics](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/regionalclinics)  
or scan the QR code below



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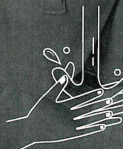
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COVIDVACCINE.SA.GOV.AU

# 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

COVIDVACCINE.SA.GOV.AU

## 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](http://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](mailto:tracy.jones@unisa.edu.au) or 8302 2454

**We look forward to hearing from and meeting you soon.**

## THE FARM (part 4)

In the early days of the Franklin Harbour Council, the Council bought and distributed wire netting, to farmers who made application, to be used on specific fence lines, and the Council was re-imbursed over a period of time. The overseer had to report to the Council, as to whether the farmer had erected his fence according to the specifications. There were some farmers who were brought to task. Over a period of time this fencing material became the property of the landowner. During the depression years of 1928 to 1932, a drought caused much damage to the wire netting fences, particularly as the strong winds blew dry grass and rubbish on to the wire netting. Later when the strong winds caused the soil to drift, it covered the rubbish and the netting fence. When the drought years ended and when time permitted, these fence lines had to be cleared and an extra line of wire was strained to add height to the existing fence. This was a temporary measure to make them sheep proof. The long term solution required the removal of the wire netting by digging it out, as the years rolled by ice-plant, which was prevalent, caused the netting to rust. The width of the wire netting was 36 inches(90cm) wide, in most cases there were about 30 inches(75cm) covered, so there were many tons of earth to be removed in the process of digging drifted fences.

On the Poodra farm there was only a small amount of drifted fence line, probably about 400 yards. Digging this netting out on our property was possibly the hardest work that Charlie Degner and I had to do. We must have dug out at least five miles of interior and roadside fences. Perhaps the hardest part was about half a mile of broom bush on top of the range of Reg Ramsey's boundary, where the north to northwest wind blew his drift into the hills. Rubbish broom bush and drift sand were all entangled in the wire netting. We had to clear the fence line of rubbish, dig away the sand where possible, untie the wire and netting from the post. The broom bush would have to be axed so the sand could be cleared before we could pull the wire netting. Sometimes several attempts were made to cut the broom bush clear before the netting could be lifted. This was very hard work on the back as well as the hands and fingers.



In those year we would walk to work. For me the distance would have been at least two and a half miles and for Charlie about a mile and a half. The last part of our walk to work we had to climb to the top of the range. Today this job would have been simple, the whole lime would have been cleared with a dozer.

During the 1970's further expansion took place, I bought Allen Hanson's farm. This purchase was to set up Ian and Malcolm with a farm each. Although separated they were close enough to help each other in busy times. This also meant doubling up on the cropping program, and increasing sheep numbers.

With the Hanson's farm was Grant's Hill, which dad had previously owned. We had terrible trouble working this new farm. The old fencing material had not been picked up but just left lying along the old fence lines. Using machines with shares, we were getting blocked as we were raking up great lengths of wire that we promptly loaded onto the ute and took to the rubbish dump in Cowell. We sowed barley and wheat the first, the crop looked great. Harry Schiller wanted to get back behind the paddocks of crop to have a look at the marble, ect. Harry was the man responsible in finding the jade deposits in the Minbrie hills. I offered him a lift to the back paddock where the marble material existed. As we skirted the crop I asked him to give an estimate of the possible crop yield for an insurance cover. He was amazed and estimated yield of 12 to 14 bag crop per acre. This did not eventuate, the finish was rather sudden and the grain was affected, but even then the yield was not too bad.

The following year we sowed a fair amount of oats, the west variety. A massive crop in the first two paddocks yielded more than 15 bags an acre. Then a hell of a hot north wind arrived, after that we barely reapt 5 bags an acre. The sheep did very well and had two years feed from this disaster.

When Hanson's place included the Grant's Hill property this land was bought by Uncle Frank Jacobs from the Hissey family. When he decided to enter the blacksmith business in Cowell, Dad bought this farm from him. Early in the depression of the late 1920's and early 1930's this land suffered from the overgrazing of the Speed property which had a very large mob of sheep on it.

Mr Jack Wakelin's house across the road from this property had a stump fence built around the house, this type of fence was popular in these days. Mrs Wakelin, formerly Elsie Mildwaters (Granny Jacob's cousin) had a lovely garden established. This was ruined as drift from Speed's paddock covered the stump fence up to the level of the windows on the west side. All the properties on the east of this property became a huge dust bowl being spread by strong winds from the north and northwesterly direction.

When the drought finally broke and with the early rains a cropping program began. It was truly amazing to see the amount of barrel clover that germinated. With four bad years of drifting conditions just concluded, it was amazing to see there was still clover seed on the ground, and germinating.





**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FRANKLIN HARBOUR**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday 13th October 2021 @ 1:00pm in  
Council Chambers

**LIONS CLUB MARKET DAY**

Sunday 3rd October 2021, 8.00am to 2.00pm

## 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.