

February Newsletter

CEO NEWS

And Down it Came!

As has been well reported on, in late January large parts of the Eyre Peninsula experienced an extreme rain event with some areas receiving the equivalent of their average annual rainfall in a weekend. The District Councils of Franklin Harbour, Kimba and Cleve suffered extensive and catastrophic damage to their unsealed road network, with some roads a total “write off”. The cost of rebuilding/repairing the road network for these three councils alone is approaching \$20 million dollars.

When I was growing up on Yorke Peninsula we were taught that you should never complain about rain, with the possible exception of rain in the middle of harvest. As the CEO of a small regional council with large scale damage to our roads it is quite tempting to break that rule but lets not, there are huge positives as well from such rain and we just need to get on and deal with it.

What are we doing? We have been working hard to get all roads, where possible, at least passable, but the reality is that rebuilding the road network will take several years. Even roads that appear relatively unscathed can be seriously undermined and/or have simply lost their structural strength through the loss of fine binding material. The message for now is please be patient and please be careful on these roads. These pictures shows how deceptive what you see can be. This 4WD was straddling a not particularly large crevice when the road collapsed as it had been seriously undermined by water. A similar event occurred at Kimba that resulted in a truck and trailer tipped onto their side.



As well as getting roads passable, there has been a considerable effort put into a full assessment of the damage and into lobbying the government for relief funding, as it is simply beyond the financial capabilities of small regional councils to fund such extensive repairs. We have commenced crushing to raise what will be vast quantities of material to resheet/rebuild roads.

We hope to receive a positive response from the State government before the end of the week when they enter “caretaker mode” in the lead up to the State election. I am sure that the Advocate will report on the outcome next week.

The lake (image to the left) is actually a section of the Cowell Mangalo Road after the rains, the volumes of water were impressive but very damaging, both to roads, and to farm infrastructure.

Australia Day 2022

We had a small but lovely turnout despite the restrictions for the Australia Day Ceremony. The Australia Day awards being presented to Ian and Lorraine Mills as the Citizen of the Year, Rhys Turner as the Junior Citizen of the Year and Shed Tanks Dinner as the Event of the Year.

With a few changes on how to proceed with Australia Day, Council would like to thank those who attended and complied with the restrictions that were put in place.

We truly missed our famous Breakfast as it is always a huge success! Hopefully it will return next year!



District Council of Franklin Harbour

A friendly reminder to tie-down rubbish in trailers when transporting to the landfill site.

There has been a number of incidents recently where rubbish has had to be collected from along Melrose Road as it hadn't been tied down. Expiations for littering may be issued for those identified as dropping their waste.

It is also an offence to carry an unsecured load under the Road Traffic Act 1961. Please help keep our town beautiful.

COWELL LIONS CLUB

Cowell and district telephone directory Update :

Have your details changed? Recently moved or Changed phones number

Please contact the Council office to update your details: 8629 2019



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 – 6th March 2022 Schedule of Roads

Main Street – Between Third Street and the

Esplanade

Between the hours of 8.00am to 2.00pm

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Chief Executive Officer

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Emergency / Out of Hours

0428 292 019

Community News

LIBRARY NEWS



School term Opening Hours

Tuesday 2.00 – 4.30pm

Wednesday 2.00 – 4.30pm

Thursday 2.00 – 4.30pm

Friday 8.30 – 10.30am

Library Lovers' Day

Library Lovers' Day is celebrated on 14th February each year to recognise libraries, book lovers, and lovers of libraries. On Library Lovers' Day, we celebrate the enduring relationship between our community and our library. Not everyone receives flowers on Valentine's Day but everyone is welcome at our library.

This year we are celebrating throughout the month with a Mystery Draw for borrowers. If you like a challenge, try our Library Quiz and see if you can answer the questions without the help of Google.

Pop Quiz - Name that Book

Can you remember the title? If you get these correct, pop in & try our Library Quiz.

1) *A strange murder in The Louvre museum in Paris gets two academics caught up in a deadly religious mystery.*

2) *A mad scientist creates an intelligent but hideous creature and regrets it.*

Health & Safety Requirements

For us to continue to provide services to our community, we ask you help us stay healthy by wearing a mask while in the library, social distancing and sanitising your hands upon entry. We have a QR code on the front door and inside the library doors, so please check in as you come in. For those without the ability to QR check in, Maria & I will add you to our manual Contract Tracing Record.

Plant Exchange & Seed Library, Book Club & Writers' Group

We are looking to start our groups again in the next month or two. Please keep a look out for further information in the school newsletter or our Facebook page.

Isolation services

If you are in isolation or at high risk and prefer not to visit the library, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or email. We are happy to put a selection of books, magazines and DVDs together for you and either drop them off or have them available for collection outside the library. Please phone: 8629 2320 or email:

cowell.library@libraries.sa.gov.au for assistance.

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: 23rd March, 20th April, 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 :
Angie Turner on 0429 150 545



COWELL LIONS CLUB

MAIN STREET MARKET DATES

Sunday March 6th & Sunday April 3rd.

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

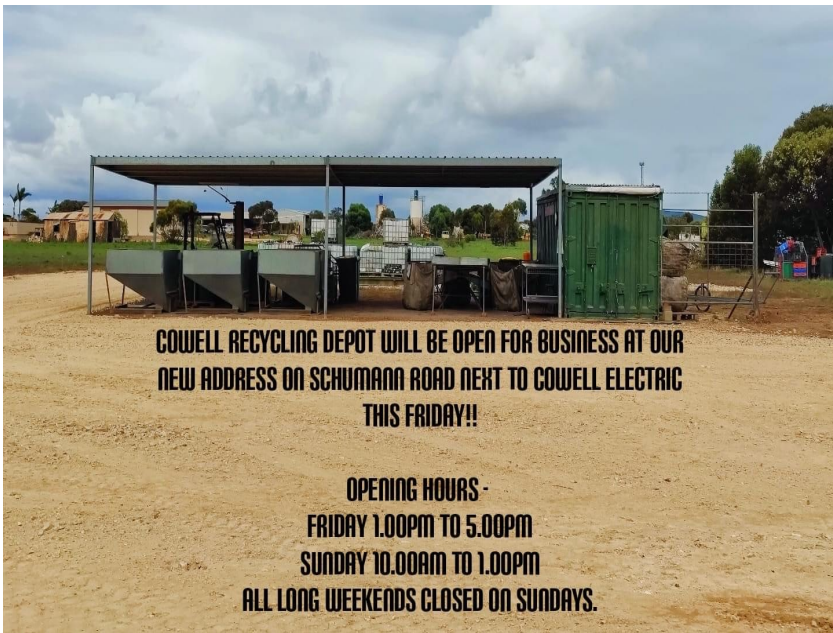
Rainfall for January 133mm
Rainfall for February as of 17/02/2022
34mm

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.

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.**



COWELL RECYCLING DEPOT WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS AT OUR NEW ADDRESS ON SCHUMANN ROAD NEXT TO COWELL ELECTRIC THIS FRIDAY!!

**OPENING HOURS -
FRIDAY 1.00PM TO 5.00PM
SUNDAY 10.00AM TO 1.00PM
ALL LONG WEEKENDS CLOSED ON SUNDAYS.**

Cowell Pyrotechnics - Display & Markets

12th March 2022

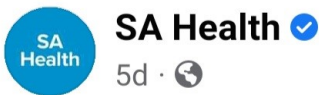
CANCELLED

Due to COVID 19

**MODERNA
Vaccinations now
available at Cowell
Pharmacy**

Moderna vaccines are available for those 12 years old and above. Vaccinations are by appointment only, so please reserve your slot by talking to staff or calling the pharmacy

FOR INQUIRIES,
CALL US ON
8629 2064




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

- CLEVE**
- COWELL**
- ELLISTON**
- KINGSTON SE**
- MAITLAND**
- WUDINNA**



COVID-19 RESOURCES



SA Health COVID-19 Information Line

1800 253 787

SA Health COVID-19 Response Care Team (At Home Medical & Urgent Food Assistance)

1 800 272 872

SA Health COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line

1 800 632 753

1800RESPECT Domestic Violence Support

1 800 737 732

GET ORGANISED



Everyday Essentials – get your groceries delivered, prescriptions filled



Prepare items – Keep handy items such as throat lozenges, tissues and oral re-hydration tablets/solutions



Family – Make alternative arrangements for picking up children, looking after pets, supporting relatives



Living space – Think about how to isolate from others in your house if needed



Mental wellbeing – Think about how you will stay entertained, stay calm and manage stress



Download the Australian Red Cross Get Prepared App



Personal safety – find a support service if you don't feel safe in your home
Keep a record of any close contacts or places you have been (e.g. in your phone calendar)



Search for *hummingly.co* for a free Pandemic Pack (mental health activity card pack)

After the Storm Support

The Red Cross Regional Emergency Services team member Jasmin Piggott is here to offer support to people within the Community after the recent storms that we have experienced. If you would like more information, please call 0438207434.

The Cowell Ambulance Team is in need of new recruits!

SA Ambulance Service (SAAS) is calling on Cowell residents to rise to the challenge and find out more about becoming an ambulance volunteer.

The challenge comes as the Cowell team prepares for its major training launch in March and April 2022.

“The Cowell community relies on a handful of dedicated volunteers to provide ambulance services to the area. Without them we have to rely on volunteers from neighbouring towns such as Cleve to help out,” said Campbell Forsyth, Regional Team Leader. The Cowell team attended approximately 140 incidents last year with the majority of these being non-urgent cases or transfers to the local airfield, or to the Cowell and Cleve Hospitals.

Without SAAS volunteers, rural communities like Cowell wouldn't have additional support for emergency and non-emergency ambulance services in the community and would rely heavily on neighboring communities to respond.

SAAS is looking for local people to support the community and the ambulance team to ensure a sustainable service is provided to the Cowell area. Volunteers don't need to be on call 24/7; a roster is arranged around availability and the more members we have the fewer shifts are needing to be filled. Volunteers aren't required to stay on the station, they respond from home or work if needed.

Previous experience or medical training is not a prerequisite as SAAS provides all the necessary training. Training can be set at a pace to suit the person with a mixture of online and face to face sessions held locally in Cowell. Mentoring and support is provided by the Regional Team Leader and senior members on the Cowell team.

The Cowell team train weekly on Tuesday evenings from 7:00pm to 9:00pm during the school term.

To find out more about becoming an ambulance volunteer at Cowell, please call Volunteer Team Leader, Julie Magnay on 0438 015 242 or the Volunteer Support unit on 8150 3460 (Monday to Friday, 8.00am to 4pm).

For further information on how to apply visit our website: saasvolunteer.sa.gov.au



Police News!

Hi Cowell,

Just a few police-related things to bring to your attention;

- **Motorists;** *Please be mindful of where you park around town:
Familiarise yourself where fire hydrants and fire points are and be sure to keep these clear
Don't park within 10-metres of an intersection (unless there is defined parking). This will prevent a potential accident with drivers creeping out to see if the intersection is clear*
- **4WD's;** *If you are enjoying drives on the beach/dunes then make sure you know what bit of land you are driving on. Familiarise yourself with what is public and what is private access only. The beach is a 'road related area' so the same road rules apply there as it does anywhere else.*
- **Scams;** *If it's too good to be true then it normally is. I've had an influx of residents being scammed and deceived over the last year. If you are unsure about something please come and see me at the Police Station and I will help clarify the legitimacy of your matter.*
- **Farmers;** *Please turn your attention to rural security this year eg. Locks, fencing, and cameras. Sheep thefts are happening all over the Peninsula and it would be great if police had some better lines of enquiry to work with on our investigations. Don't hesitate to report any suspicious activity.*
- **Shooters;** *Familiarise yourself with the National Parks & Wildlife Act. Unlawful destruction of protected wildlife is being monitored and I encourage anyone who witnesses such behaviour to come forward (anonymously or otherwise). Please don't hesitate to call me on 8629 2029 or drop into the station if you have any other matters that need attention.*

Thanks,

Rhys

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (PART 3)

The book committee also received a great deal of information from the Lutheran Press in Adelaide, also from Mrs. Daphne Freeman of Port Lincoln. To the members of the book committee themselves who made themselves available to pursue the many different topics involved I would express my thanks to you for your efforts in that our first attempt at writing a history of Franklin Harbour.

The Council called a meeting to elect a committee to make a program for the Centenary celebration. There was a fairly large attendance and I was appointed chairman. I recognized that it was to be a huge job, but not without some reservations. Fortunately the secretary was Noel Ramsey who used his vast experience and conducted his office very well.

We planned to meet once a month and as most of the committee were towns people short meetings of about a two-hour duration would suffice. But as time came closer we would meet more often if the situation warranted it. The entire celebration went off extremely well, but I think the biggest thrill for me was the last day.

All interested people met at the show grounds at 8.30am, there were many came who were willing to take passengers. A school bus was organized to take many of our visitors out into the country areas where the original settlements occurred. A small fee was charged for the bus and it was filled to capacity.

The length of the country trip was just over seventy kilometers and we visited two country schools where many old residents were honored. These schools were Mindrow Creek and Yabmana. Departing from the Yabmana School we proceeded to the farm that the late Merv Smith and his wife Glad owned. On the roadside prior to entering the property the Smith family erected a cairn in honour of their late husband and father who was extremely interested in the early events that took place; such as the township of Ferns, where the first wheat crop was grown, the home of the first policeman, the first show, also where the first tragedy had occurred.

This plaque was unveiled by the Chairman of the Franklin Harbour District Council, Mr. Ron Schumann and was dedicated by Pastor Wittwer. We went to the homestead site of Mrs. Glad Smith, where we had our sandwiches and a beaut hot cup of tea. After lunch we proceeded to Wangaraleednie homestead now owned by Mr. And Mrs. Sam Kraehe. Here we visited the gravesites of several of our early settlers. This place is well cared for. It was here that our first settlers, the McKechnie Brothers lived for many years. The scenery there is really good and during a good spring would look great.

It was quite a memorable drive and a wonderful days outing. It was discovered that there were well over one hundred cars on the tour. The day finished in an old blacksmith shop where tea and biscuits were provided by the Kraehe family. The following morning all our visitors were on their way home, so when the buses arrived I made sure that I was there to say goodbye. This was a really wonderful experience for me.

To be continued.....



NEWSLETTER



DATES TO REMEMBER

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FRANKLIN HARBOUR COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 9th March 2022 @ 1:00pm in Council Chambers

LIONS CLUB MARKET DAY

Sunday 6th March 2022, 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.