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THE FRANKLIN TIDE

Cowell & District Community News

WELCOME

Welcome to the first edition of our new community newsletter, The Franklin Tide. Created by local volunteers with support from the Cowell School Community Library and the District Council of Franklin Harbour. This monthly publication aims to bring our community together in one shared space. Here you'll find local news, upcoming events, committee updates, sporting highlights, and opportunities for businesses and residents to advertise.

We're excited to launch this new initiative and hope it becomes a valuable resource for everyone in our district. If you're interested in contributing, volunteering, or supporting the newsletter in any way, we would love to hear from you. The newsletter will be available each month in both print and digital form, ensuring it's accessible to our whole community.

Above L - R: Rachel Deer, Michelle Curtis, Sharon Swan, Nicole Turner, Lisa Tomney, Lois Dyson, Claire Woods, Maria Papillo and Emma Wykamp. Absent - Amy Norris, Sue Grund, Ebonii Osborne, Beth Churchett, and Emmersyn Turner.

Many hands make light work, so speak to a committee member if you're keen to help out. Suggestions, feedback and recommendations are also welcome, feel free to reach out to any of us. For those wishing to be put on the emailing list for future newsletters, email council@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au as only limited printed copies will be available.

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A WORD FROM THE MAYOR

Welcome to The Franklin Tide!
Our NEW community newsletter put together by the community, for the community! I hope you find it informative and interesting. I am tasked with giving the community some Council news. So here goes:

The District Council has recently said farewell to a couple of long-term employees. Both of whom have retired and we wish them all the very best and hope they enjoy the freedom that comes with this stage of life. Tracey Inglis started with the District Council of Franklin Harbour in November 2007, and Darren Crettenden started in 2021 and reduced to part-time in 2023. The community thanks you both for your commitment to our town. Enjoy family time and your retirement. You deserve to relax and enjoy new adventures or whatever it is you choose to do. Thank you both.

We have also welcomed Ethan Burnett. Ethan recently moved to Cowell, and we welcome his experience in a range of areas. We hope Ethan and his family enjoy their new community.

Harbourside Drive is taking shape. At the time of writing there are currently 8 allotments remaining for sale in Stage 1. Michael Nance from Statewide Property is now managing enquiries and sales for the remaining allotments. Michael can be contacted on 0428 294 141 or michael.nance@statewideproperty.net. As construction progresses and the network becomes established, residents and visitors can see the development taking shape and a clearer understanding of the layout and setting of the remaining allotments.

I was also privileged in my Mayoral position to conduct Citizenship ceremonies recently. Both were excited to make their formal commitments to be official Australian Citizens. They included special people in the Chamber as they made their pledges to Australia. We are lucky to have them both in our community and I have no doubt there will be loud chants of “Aussie Aussie Aussie” as they support their chosen country from now on.

Have you heard about the SNAP SEND SOLVE app?
It is worth having. You can report your issues and they will go straight to the area that is responsible for resolving it. Even the Mayor has used it to report a water leak! SA Water got the message and were onto repairing it promptly. If you can use a mobile phone, you will be able to use this App. It’s easier than you might think!

Snap Send Solve

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A WORD FROM THE MAYOR

The State Electoral commission has recently announced that after discussions with the affected sectors, the upcoming Local Government Elections will be moved from October 2026 until February 2027. The last day to nominate for these elections will be Tuesday 9th February 2027. Elections will take place and voting will close at 5pm on Wednesday the 7th of April 2027. The next term of Local Government will also be extended until November 2031. This will align Local Government elections in the year following State elections moving forward.
Have you thought about standing for Local Government? It can be a very rewarding role within your local community.

It is pleasing to see our council area looking so wonderful and green now. Take the time to get out for a drive and enjoy the countryside.
It truly is a beautiful place to live.

From Rachel, Your Mayor.

Government of South Australia
Eastern Eyre Health Advisory Council Inc.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

EASTERN EYRE HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL INC (EEHAC)

Tuesday 21st July 2026

11am – 12.30pm

In front of Foodland, Main Street Cowell

EEHAC members, Sue Chase and Kim Baum will be in front of Cowell Foodland to hear Community feedback on our health services.

We are looking for community input on what health services community members would like to see offered in the Cowell, Kimba and Cleve regions, and receive both positive feedback and opportunities for improvement. We will then inform Eyre and Far North Local Health Network (EFNLHN) of our community's views.

Please call in and talk to us on 21st July 2026 anytime between 11am and 12.30pm.

Community Profile - STAR MOTORS
Neil, Courtney and Kane Nayda

Welcome to Cowell - What inspired your family to choose this lovely part of the EP?
We have been coming to Cowell for a little while to go crabbing, we found it a great spot to visit. We purchased a block in town and when we found out Star Motors was for sale it seemed like the most logical thing to do.

What was life prior to Cowell?
We moved to Waikerie in 2011 and started the mechanical business around 2017. We provided field service to almond orchards, farmers, vineyards as well as regular mechanical work from our workshop. We became the Riverland agent for Performance Diesel Tuning servicing the agricultural and commercial market.

I'm sure you are still settling in but how has it been for you, taking on a new business and getting to know the community?
The community has been fantastic, very welcoming and we are truly thankful for their support. Craig and Kelli have been fantastic in the hand over period and continue to offer great support. We are lucky that Shykirra stayed on, her knowledge is extremely helpful. The business will be a huge learning curve as we figure out the ins and outs of everything we have to offer, but it is exciting and we think the best choice we could have made.

Divisive question : Port Power or Adelaide Crows?
Loaded question because to everyone there is clearly only one answer, but we are going to say without a doubt Adelaide Crows.

Submitted by our roving reporter Lisa Tomney

NEW COMMUNITY GROUP - YARNOHOLICS

Somewhat new to town and want to get to know more like minded people in a friendly and fun environment? Join Yarnoholics and come along for a great afternoon of crocheting, knitting and yarning. Our first meeting at the Commercial Hotel was small but lovely.

If you're interested in yarning, knitting, crocheting or chatting about the above, come along to our fortnightly meetings. Our next one is Sunday 26th July between 1pm - 4.30pm at the Commercial Hotel in the Cafe. For more information contact Trish Chatwin through Yarnoholics of Cowell and Surrounds on Facebook.

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Thank you from Cowell Hospital

We would like to thank the following committees for donating funds to go towards a new Airvo 3 respiratory machine for Cowell Hospital.

The Airvo 3 is a hospital respiratory machine that delivers warm, humidified air to help patients breathe more comfortably. It provides high-flow therapy through a nasal cannula and can be used with or without added oxygen.

The Cowell Hospital are enormously grateful to everyone involved.

Pictured L - R: Cowell Executive Officer / Director of Nursing Debra Clements with Angus Mills (Cowell Button Club), Jocelyn and Brett Crisfield (Cowell Community Op Shop) and Jill Brooks (Cowell Hospital Auxillary)

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

JULY 2026
COWELL UNITING SERVICES
Sunday 19th
2pm Sunday Service
Afternoon Tea
Sunday 26th
11am Sunday Service
Cowell

JULY 2026
COWELL LUTHERAN SERVICES
Sunday 12th
11:00am Holy Communion (HC)
Sunday 19th
9:30 am
Sunday 26th
9:30 am

JULY 2026
COWELL CATHOLIC SERVICES
Saturday 18th
5PM
Sunday 26th
11am

AUGUST 2026
COWELL UNITING SERVICES
Sunday 2nd
2pm Communion
Cowell

AUGUST 2026
COWELL LUTHERAN SERVICES
Sunday 2nd
9:30 am

AUGUST 2026
COWELL CATHOLIC SERVICES
Sunday 2nd
8:30am
Sunday 9th
9am Communion Service
Sunday 16th
5pm
Sunday 23rd
11am
Saturday 29th
5pm

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP COWELL

Sunday Meetings
10am The Lords Supper
10.30am Family Service

All welcome

COWELL ART & CRAFT SHOP

Find us in the Institute Building
next to the Information Centre,
Main Street, Cowell.

Come in and browse our range of craft, gifts, souvenirs, baked goods and preserves.
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OPENING HOURS
TUES - FRI 10am - 3.30pm
SAT - SUN 10am - 2pm

Cowell PLAYGROUP

Ages 0-5 + Parents/Carers
every Thursday morning – during the school term
9:30 - 11:30am
at the Uniting Church Hall
cost – $5 per term/family

for more information email
cowellplaygroup@gmail.com

Feel like playing cards?

Join us at the
Uniting Church on
Mondays & Wednesdays
between 12.45pm - 3.30pm.

Mon:Bridge and Hand & Foot
Wed: Hand & Foot

$2 per session includes tea, coffee & a biscuit.

Everyone welcome including learners.

Contact Angie on
0429 150 545

Cowell Cats Fitness Centre

Yearly memberships
Full Membership $250
Concession $150
Student $150

Monthly $30
Concession $15
Student $15

All memberships allow
24/7 access

Contact:
Stacey Stening 0429 292 944
Nikki Walsh 0427 361 873
Tracy Mills 0439 280 099

Cowell Institute Committee

The next Institute committee meeting is our AGM on **September 16th at 4pm** in the Supper Room.

Everybody is welcome!

The committee is currently looking into replacing the PA system in the Institute.

If you have any queries, or would like more information on the committee contact Michelle on
0428 856 604

DK Mechanical Cowell

About Us

DK Mechanical Cowell is a family owned business based in Cowell S.A supporting the Eyre Peninsula & Mid North. Dual traded as both an Automotive and Agricultural mechanic with over 15 years of experience across multiple industries. Carrying out remote repairs on Agricultural, Machinery, Cars, Small Engines, Trailers/ Caravans & 4x4 accessory installations

Our Mission

We prioritize a client-centric approach, customizing our services to align with our customers needs to deliver expert service with high quality repairs to keep you moving with peace of mind.

Why Choose Us?

At DK Mechanical whether you need repairs or preventative maintenance - it's "not just a job". We pride ourselves on offering the highest quality service at affordable prices, as a local - family owned and operated business we aim to build lasting relationships with our customers.

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DK MECHANICAL

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DK Mechanical Cowell

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COWELL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Did you know the Hospital Auxiliary raises money for the Cowell Hospital and Hostel? This is done through several ways including catering and raffles.

We meet every 4th Thursday of the month, with the next meeting on **Thursday 23rd July at 1.30pm** to be held in the Ivy Caire Centre. New members wanted and everyone is welcome.

If you'd like to meet some new people, and are happy to help cook every now and then contact President Lorraine Mills on 0427 292 067.

Northern Eyre Peninsula Health Alliance

Regional Healthcare Services Newsletter

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Did you know we also loan puzzles? Pop in and have a look what is available. We also have a range of DVDs and magazines too.

Libraries SA Firstival July 1 - 31 Try something new.

Little Bang Science

Little Bang is a fun-filled, hands-on science discovery program for 3-5 year olds, looking at how and why things happen using everyday objects and experiences. Children learn the basics of science but it feels more like play than education.

Join us for our first of four workshops. Spots are limited, so please book with the library.

Wednesday 29th July 9.30am

RSVP to the library on 8629 2320

Libraries SA Firstival July 1 - 31 Try something new.

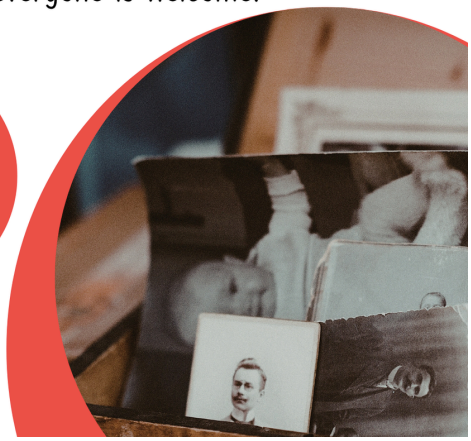
Community Connect - 5 Slides

Come and experience our Community Connect program. This month 5 slides is back!

Dust off five favourite photos or slides and bring them in for a friendly show-and-tell. We'll share memories, enjoy a cuppa, and have a yarn together. Whether you're happy to share or just listen to others, everyone is welcome!

Thursday 30th July 10am

Book your tickets through Cowell Library on 8629 2320



Parents and Friends' Biscuit Roster - What's it all about?

Running for years, maybe even decades, our Parents & Friends Biscuit Roster is a long-standing, much-loved tradition that supports our school community and continues to be appreciated by staff. Each week, a volunteer provides around 3 dozen baked items, which can include biscuits, slices, cakes, or sweet and savoury treats — or a mix of everything! We provide the container the week before your turn, and volunteers return it filled to the front office on Monday of their allocated week. The baked goods are then available to staff throughout the week as an easy snack option, usually priced between 50c and $2.

Funds raised through the Biscuit Roster go directly back into the school, supporting all students and staff with things like classroom projects, school equipment and other valuable resources. P&F puts out a call at the end of each term for the following term's roster, and a completed roster is shared on our Facebook page prior to the start of term so everyone knows when they're on. The Biscuit Roster runs every term and is a low-key fundraiser that makes a real difference. If you'd like to be involved in a future roster, we'd love to hear from you! For more information, please contact Erin on 0400 834 998.

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COWELL AREA SCHOOL PARENTS & FRIENDS
Stay up to date with news, events & ways to get involved!

Small effort, big impact — thank you for your continued support

Franklin Harbour Tide Times

FRI 17 Jul
- 1:51 am 0.4m
- 7:03 am 0.95m
- 9:53 am 0.87m
- 5:42 pm 1.99m

SAT 18 Jul
- 1:56 am 0.51m
- 7:15 am 1.09m
- 11:10 am 0.91m
- 5:59 pm 1.84m

SUN 19 Jul
- 1:45 am 0.62m
- 7:29 am 1.26m
- 12:16 pm 0.94m
- 6:17 pm 1.66m

MON 20 Jul
- 1:16 am 0.67m
- 7:48 am 1.41m
- 1:17 pm 0.97m
- 6:38 pm 1.48m

TUE 21 Jul
- 1:00 am 0.67m
- 8:19 am 1.53m
- 2:20 pm 1.02m
- 6:56 pm 1.31m

WED 22 Jul
- 1:02 am 0.66m
- 9:06 am 1.59m
- 3:37 pm 1.08m
- 7:00 pm 1.17m

THU 23 Jul
- 1:07 am 0.66m
- 10:20 am 1.61m

FRI 24 Jul
- 1:05 am 0.67m
- 12:00 pm 1.64m

SAT 25 Jul
- 12:50 am 0.67m
- 1:31 pm 1.71m

SUN 26 Jul
- 12:30 am 0.65m
- 2:44 pm 1.81m

MON 27 Jul
- 12:18 am 0.61m
- 3:34 pm 1.9m

TUE 28 Jul
- 12:17 am 0.56m
- 5:26 am 0.93m
- 8:06 am 0.88m
- 4:11 pm 1.97m

WED 29 Jul
- 12:23 am 0.51m
- 5:36 am 1.01m
- 9:23 am 0.85m
- 4:41 pm 2.01m

THU 30 Jul
- 12:30 am 0.46m
- 5:53 am 1.11m
- 10:21 am 0.83m
- 5:06 pm 2m

FRI 31 Jul
- 12:37 am 0.44m
- 6:12 am 1.22m
- 11:08 am 0.81m
- 5:30 pm 1.96m

Low tide
High tide

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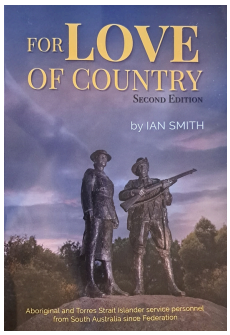
Cowell Area School Students Honoured for Excellence

Two students have been recognised for their outstanding historical research at the Virtual War Memorial Australia (VWMA) Annual Excellence Awards, celebrating exceptional student biographies of Australian service personnel.

The award-winning biographies were completed as part of the VWMA Schools Program, which aligns with the Australian Curriculum for Years 9–10 History. The program encourages students to develop their historical research skills whilst gaining a deeper understanding of the impact of military service on individuals, families and communities.

Among this year's award recipients, Lauren Beinke and Bree Tonkin were recognised for their exceptional biographies of Clyde Ronald Ramsey and John Edward Ramsey respectively. Their work demonstrated a high standard of research, historical accuracy and thoughtful storytelling.

History teacher, Mrs Colleen Peters, was also recognised with an award for her dedication, commitment and ongoing support of History education and veterans' commemorations. Her recognition highlights the important role teachers play in inspiring students to engage with Australia's history and honour the service of those who have served.



The school also extends its sincere thanks to the Virtual War Memorial Australia for its generous donation of For Love of Country by Ian Smith to the school library. Congratulations to Lauren, Bree and Mrs Peters on their well-deserved recognition and awards.

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Libraries SA

Contact the library on 8629 2320 to book in.

Kim Syrus Chats with Locals About Roses and Garden Care

Members of the Cowell community were treated to an informative presentation by one of the best in the industry when Kim Syrus visited the library on Thursday 18th of June to discuss the wonderful world of roses.

Many people would have seen Kim before on Channel 9's Garden Gurus or had seen him on visits over the years including the EP Field Days in Cleve. Kim talked about his Churchill Fellowship where he recently travelled extensively overseas to various countries to learn more about the creation of new varieties of roses. The audience ranged from as young as 11 months old right through to Cowell's oldest resident at 100. The wonderful library staff provided tea and coffee and some delicious soup for those that visited.

Following the presentation, Kim attended the Cowell Cemetery and gave those that braved the cool conditions, a pruning demonstration. All the cemetery roses were pruned, some with hedge trimmers and chain saws much to the astonishment of onlookers, but the job was completed. The hard work was rewarded with a warm cuppa at The Lunch Room and a chance to ask more questions.

L - R: Maria Papillo, Lorraine Mills, Sue Enright, Kim Syrus and Nicole Turner.

Want your group or committee featured in our community newsletter?

Get in touch and we'll help you share your news.

CFS Update with Jay (Stix) Stening

The past 12 months for Cowell CFS has been very busy. With the inclusion of 8 new members joining the team and a new truck being appointed to the Cowell brigade, things are looking very positive for the future of both the service and the town. The region 6 brigade from Port Lincoln have been very accommodating with upskilling our new members with training courses, from basic truck pump operations to intense road crash rescue operations and breathing apparatus.

Cowell has seen a change in leadership as long term Captain, David Fisher, has stepped down after serving his time and handing the reigns to myself after a short term in service. The brigade and the community would love to acknowledge the time and commitment that David has put into the Cowell CFS and we are truly grateful for all that he has to offer for the future volunteers.

Although the fire season is behind us for now, Cowell CFS has been busier than ever. We sent two crewed trucks to Coulta for a serious bush fire clean up. We have been involved in serious road crash incidents, assisting with our local ambulance and attending major structure fires. A lot of these incidents we were not mentally or physically trained or prepared for, but as a team have dealt with them incredibly well.

Our volunteers are putting countless hours into looking after our community so if you happen to see the team in yellow driving around in the truck give them a wave or a toot or even one better, give us a call and join the team. You won't believe the satisfaction that comes from helping our community. We would love to see new members join the team and experience the same feeling that we do. **Cowell Captain Jay Stix Stening 0429966179**

Cowell Branch of the Australian Red Cross

The Cowell Branch of the Red Cross meet yearly in June and as required to address business arising or to organise fundraising.

Australian Red Cross

In March we had some of our volunteers sit down the street to raise funds for the March Appeal and Badge Day. These funds are sent to the head office in support of the important work that Red Cross is involved with. This includes crisis relief, disaster recovery and community support. A key service is also the Australian Red Cross Lifeblood.

New membership is always welcome and is free. You can register online through the Australian Red Cross website or by contacting Vicki Elleway or Jill Kaden on 0428 292 298.

Australian Government

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Visit the mobile service centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

We can also help veterans and their families connect to the Department of Veterans' Affairs phone line and online services.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Friday, 24 July 2026

9 am to 2 pm

Opposite Cowell Cottages, Main Street

COWELL

For more information, go to **servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice**

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LIONS CLUB OF COWELL

The Lions Club of Cowell meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Lions Den (shed on Story Road behind the Agricultural Museum). Our next meeting is **Tuesday July 21st at 7:30pm**, and everybody is welcome.

Here's just a few of the projects we have recently been working on -

- Kindy/Lions mentoring, we have been visiting the kindy during term 2 and buddying up to work on various projects, gardening, cooking and craft. The children decided that they would like the Lions help to make things to sell on a stall to help raise some money for their playground.

- Lions are looking into replacing some posts/boards of the mangrove boardwalk. The boardwalk was part of a Lions project over 25 years ago and time has come to replace some worn parts. Many thanks to Brett and Jocelyn from the Cowell Community Op Shop for their generous donation towards this project.

Allan Zerna & Geoff Turner gardening with Kindy children.

Herbs, oranges and homemade biscuits available on the stall.

Phil Wake and Jack Kaden being presented by President Peter Story, their Miletsone Chevron award for 25 years service to the Lions Club.

Riddle Me This

I have space but no room.

You can enter, but you can't go outside.

I have keys but open no locks.

What am I?

Find the answer on page 20

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Cowell RSL Sub-Branch

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If you are a Veteran needing guidance on employment, advocacy, referrals to other services or just want a chat, you can contact your local RSL Reach Out Officer on 0406 969 106.

RSL Reach Out Wellbeing Program

RSL South Australia

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COWELL RSL SUB-BRANCH

7 THIRD STREET

WEEKLY EVENTS

Mon	SNOOKER	From 12pm	John Perry - 0457 668 774	
Mon	BINGO	Starts 7pm *Restarts in August*	Bar Open Tea/Coffee	Light supper provided 10 games
Tues	DARTS	Start 7pm	Bar Open	Matt Baker/Gary Martin
Wed	MORNING TEA	10am – 12 pm Museum Open	Cards/Board games available Scones (jam & cream)	
Thur	SNOOKER	1pm – 3pm	John Perry - 0457 668 774	
Fri	SOCIAL NIGHT	Open 5pm	Bar Open	Light meals

Contact details: cowellrslsecretary@gmail.com

(Linda McGrath 0477 362 585)

(A small fee applies to events)

The posts at Remembrance Park have recently been reoiled by our group of volunteers. They were in desperate need of some attention and now look new again.

COWELL DARTS CLUB

The club launched in March 2026 and is currently operating in a social capacity each week. We draw teams from a pool of players that are there on the night. This is to gain interest with the aim of forming a more structured competition next year. From teams drawn we then run a structured evening format of best of three 501 singles, 501 reverse singles, 601 doubles, then a final 1001 teams game. Statistics of high scores and peg outs are kept.

The Club meets at the RSL every Tuesday evening. Bar open from 7pm, names in by 7:25pm. The club provides great social connection and at any skill level you can have a lot of fun. Call Matt Baker on 0407 605 748 if you would like to join or get further information.

Football & Netball Fixture

Round 12 25 July
Eastern Ranges VS Cowell (Rudall)

Round 13 1 August
Cowell vs Parts (Cowell)

Round 14 8 August
Cowell vs Kimba (Cowell)

Round 15 15 August
Central Eyre United vs Cowell (Wudinna)

If you have anything you'd like to add to our Community Calendar, please email us at cowellcommunitynewsletter@gmail.com or chat to a committee member.

JULY
16 Institute AGM - 4 pm
19 Community Garden Working Bee - 10 am
21 EEHAC community engagement - 11 am
21 Lions Club meeting - 7:30 pm
23 Hospital Auxilary meeting - 1:30 pm
24 Library Girls' Night In - 6:30 pm
24 Services Australia Mobile Visit - 9 am
27 AusAlert test - 1:30 pm
28 Story Time and Baby Bounce - Ivy Caire - 10 am
29 Library - Little Bang Science - 9:30 am
29 Tennis Club AGM - Sporting Complex - 6:30 pm
30 Library - Community Connect (5 slides) - 10 am
31 RSL - Soup Day - 12 pm

AUGUST
11 Australian Census
11 Library - Story Time and Baby Bounce - 9:45 am
12 Council meeting - 1 pm
16 Community Garden Working Bee - 10 am
18 Lions Club meeting - 7:30 pm
25 Library - Story Time and Baby Bounce- 9:45 am
27 Hospital Auxilary meeting - 1:30 pm
27 Museum meeting and AGM - 5 pm

SEPTEMBER
8 Library - Story Time and Baby Bounce - 9:45 am
9 Council meeting - 1 pm
15 Lions Club meeting - 7:30 pm
16 Insitute Committee AGM - 4 pm
20 Community Garden Working Bee - 10 am
22 Library - Story Time and Baby Bounce - 9:45 am
24 Hospital Auxilary meeting - 1:30 pm

OCTOBER
4 Lions Market - 9 am
14 Council meeting - 1 pm
18 Community Garden Working Bee - 10 am
20 Lions Club meeting - 7:30 pm
22 Hospital Auxilary meeting - 1:30 pm
22 Museum meeting - 5 pm

Further information about many of these dates can be found in this newsletter.

July's Riddle Me This: Answer - A keyboard

Australian Government

AusAlert™

The AusAlert™ national test

Monday 27 July 2026

In October2026, the AustralianGovernment is launching AusAlert – a new national warning system that uses the latest technology to send emergency messages to compatible mobile devices.

What is AusAlert?

AusAlert is a fast and reliable way to help communities be informed and better prepared during local and national emergencies.

What is AusAlert for?

AusAlert gives the Australian Government and state and territory emergency services organisations the ability to send national or local alerts about disasters. These could be natural hazards such as bushfires, floods, cyclones and tsunamis, or events like public health emergencies, security threats or biosecurity incidents. It's just one of the many ways we're helping to keep Australians safer in times of disaster.

When will AusAlert be live?

AusAlert will be ready to use on 1 October 2026, but before it launches, the system needs to be tested across Australia. This is called the AusAlert national test.

What's involved in the AusAlert national test?

On Monday 27 July 2026, an AusAlert test message will be sent to all compatible mobile devices in Australia. You may receive a test alert on your mobile phone, tablet or smart watch.

What time will the AusAlert national test be sent?

- **2:00 pm AEST** Queensland, New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory, Victoria, Tasmania
- **1:30 pm ACST** Northern Territory, South Australia, Broken Hill (NSW)
- **12:00 pm AWST** Western Australia

What will the AusAlert national test sound like?

The AusAlert test message is a Critical Alert. It will cause your mobile device to vibrate and will be delivered with a loud siren-like warning sound that lasts about 10 seconds. It will make this noise even if you've set your device to 'silent' or 'do not disturb' mode.

What will the AusAlert national test look like?

Depending on your device type and operating system, an AusAlert test message will look something like this:

Is an AusAlert a text message?

No, an AusAlert isn't an SMS or text message – it's an 'alert'. It will appear as a notification on your mobile device's screen and will show up during phone calls and app use, and on lock screens. You'll need to close the notification once you've seen the message, otherwise it will remain on your screen.

Will my mobile be able to receive the AusAlert national test?

Mobile devices such as compatible mobile phones and some tablets and smart watches will receive the AusAlert national test. AusAlerts are expected to work on iPhones 11 and up running iOS 26.4 or later, and Android phones and tablets running Android 12 or later. Always install the latest software updates on your device when asked so you're ready to receive AusAlerts.

What do I do if I receive the AusAlert national test?

As this is just a test, you don't need to do anything. But in an actual disaster an AusAlert will let you know the type of emergency, where it's located, how serious it is and how to respond. It will also tell you the name of the emergency organisation that has sent the AusAlert and where to find more information about the emergency. You should always read and understand the AusAlert and follow the instructions to keep yourself and others safe.

What if I don't receive the AusAlert national test?

This is fine – you don't need to do anything. Your device might not be compatible, or maybe it wasn't connected to a mobile tower at the time of the test. If you have information you'd like to pass to the AusAlert team, you can fill in the 'I didn't receive a test alert' form on the AusAlert website at **ausalert .gov. au/feedback**

What if I don't want to receive the AusAlert national test?

AusAlerts contain important information and should be turned on to help keep you safe. The AusAlert national test is a Critical Alert, which you can't opt out of. If receiving it could disrupt you or cause you or a loved one to feel unsafe, please turn off your mobile devices or switch them to aeroplane mode before the test time in your location and leave them off for at least one hour.

What if I receive the AusAlert national test while driving?

If you receive the AusAlert national test while driving or riding, stay calm and don't touch your phone. Mobile phone laws remain active – don't read or respond to the alert while moving. The test will make a siren-like sound for about 10 seconds. Only check the message when it is safe and legal to do so.

For more information, visit **ausalert.gov.au**