

# June Newsletter

## BACK FROM HOLIDAYS

It is great to be back from our trip overseas. The holiday was great, however we were away for five weeks, which for me was too long. Some observations from overseas which you might be interested in:

- In contrast to Australia, a large part of the population smoke, both men and women.
- Roads and foot-paths were in appalling condition with many trip hazards.
- Food is very expensive, even in supermarkets. On average 50% dearer than Australia.
- Very few people own their own home. Rents are expensive and consume 50% of their income.
- Rubbish is very poorly handled with almost no mechanisation in their collection system. This is complicated by the condensed living with lots of people living in high rise flats.
- Most people don't own a car. Scooters are the main form of transport. If you don't own a scooter you ride a push bike.
- Very good public transport system—trams, trains and buses. All very cheap.



- Lots of dogs, even owned by people living in apartments. Dogs have much more freedom, being allowed in restaurants, hotels, supermarkets, on trains and trams and even on planes and ferries!



## ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET

Council has agreed to extend the period of public consultation for the business plan into July. There are some really important elements in the budget which will herald an exciting time for Cowell in the coming years:

- We have been pursuing grants for a number of key projects. Most will be aware that we received a Treasurer's grant from the former government to expand the boat ramp and to go towards the bulk earthworks for the Marina. This grant of \$543,000 came with the opportunity to borrow up to \$2.2 Million, at discounted rates, to advance this project.
- The South Australia Boating Facilities Advisory Committee has made a recommendation to the Minister to approve a grant of \$2.2 Million for the bulk earthworks and marina.
- Council has included the \$2.3 to \$2.5 Million bulk earthworks in this years plan pending further advice on the grant.
- Council has agreed to take advantage of the discounted loan and to place \$2 Million into a Capital Reserve to ensure that Council can take advantage of future grants
- Council was advised that the sealing works for Beach Road has now been advanced on the list for 2019. This grant which may be over two to three years will total \$5 Million. We won't know the outcome of this grant for some time.
- Council has added to the Capital plan the new water supply to Lucky Bay (\$100,000) and the sealing of the new section of road (diversion) near the hatchery at a cost of \$85,000.
- Council has approved further assistance to our oyster industry by way of a credit for all operators of oyster leases of up to \$2,000 which can be applied to rates or commercial operators boat permits.

Lots to consider so if you would like to have your say, contact the office for more information.

## LUCKY BAY EXPORT FACILITY

The planning approval has been given for the project to proceed. T Ports are confident that they can have the project complete in time for this years harvest. The plant has arrived for the contractor, Lucas, to commence work on the bunker site. We have news that the barge, which has been built in China, is now in the water and is having the loading and unloading mechanisms and final fit-outs completed.

## RETIREMENT SURVEY

We now have around 50 responses, mainly from Cowell residents. If you still haven't completed the survey, please do as we value your views on retirement in Cowell. The survey will, next month, focus on responses from the Kimba District.

## COUNCIL TO USE LESS ELECTRICITY

Council has fitted solar panels to most of our major buildings to reduce our electricity bill. We are now waiting on SA Power Networks to change over our street lights to LED's which will reduce our street light bill by two thirds.



## 2018/19 BUDGET

The public consultation period for the Annual Business Plan and Budget for 2018/19 financial year has been extended. Following the Council meeting in June, the budget has been reviewed and copies are available from the Council office. Submissions for the reviewed budget close on the 13th July 2018.



## DOG REGISTRATIONS



Dog registration renewals will be sent to you in the first couple of weeks of July. You will need to renew your dogs registration online—we can help you at the

Council office if you require any assistance. After the 1st of July 2018 all dogs need to be micro-chipped and any dog born after this date will need to be desexed—unless they are a working dog or you are a registered breeder. Information regarding the new laws can be found on the Dog and Cat Management Board website [www.dogandcatboard.com](http://www.dogandcatboard.com). The staff at the Council office can assist with any queries. Do not do anything until you received your renewal.



## Australian Red Cross Information Session—Cowell

**Australian Red Cross Information Session—Tuesday 26th June 2018—Council Chambers, from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm.**

Join some of the team from Port Lincoln office and learn more about the services available in your region. Come along and hear about the work of Red Cross and how you can help make a difference in our community by volunteering your services as a transport driver or companion or register as a client. For more information contact Port Lincoln office on 8683 0551.

## Contact details & Elected Members

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## JETTY CLOSURE

Maritime Constructions will be working on our jetty from the end of June for a period of about 6 weeks. The jetty will be closed over this period of time. Please keep the area clear for the safety of all concerned.

## ENROLLED TO VOTE:

As Council elections are fast approaching, are you enrolled to vote?

You are entitled to vote if:

- You are over the age of 18 years
- You have lived in the area for more than one month
- You own a rateable property in the Council area
- You are a business or corporate body or a member of a group within the Council area.



If you are on the State or Federal electoral Roll for the area of Giles, you are enrolled.

If you meet one or more of the criteria above but are not on the State or Federal Roll for this area, you will need to apply.

If you are unsure or would like to check on your enrollment status, ring Bernadette at the Council office .

Enrollment closes on the 10th August 2018.

# ELECTION 2018

## COUNCIL ELECTIONS

If you are eligible to vote in your Local Council Elections, you are probably also eligible to stand for a position on Council. Have you thought about your new Council?

You can nominate for a position regardless of qualifications, religion, race, gender, experience. Nominations for Council open Tuesday 4th September 2018.

## RAINFALL

Rainfall for May 2018 was 4.0 mm—

May 2017 was 10.0mm

Rainfall for April 2018 was 1.6mm—



# LIBRARY NEWS

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## Creative Writers' Group

We were lucky enough to have Janice Madden join us for Writers' Group last week.

Thank you to those people who joined us for the evening to listen to a piece from Janice's newest book, her wonderful memories and also her thoughts on the importance of libraries. We had a lovely evening. Thank you to Muriel Hunt for helping to organise the evening as well. Our next Writers' Group is on Wednesday 4th July @ 5.30pm in the library.



## Book chat & cuppa

You just never know where the conversation will end up at with our book chat & cuppa group - last week it was 50 Shades of Grey and a lot of laughs. Our next book club book is Grass Dogs and it is available at the library. We meet again, no doubt for some more laughs on Thursday 5th July @ 10.30am.

## Winter Reading Challenge

During winter we are running a reading challenge for community members. To enter, just read 12 books from the 20 categories we have listed. Write the name of the book and author on your reading challenge list and return it to the Library before 31st August 2018. We'll randomly select 2 winners from the completed entry forms. 1st Prize is a \$100 book voucher. Forms can be collected from the library.

## Digital Literacy

Thank you to those community members who have joined us for our iPad and iPod sessions recently. We have a number of sessions in the planning including using an android phone and using the internet. If you are interested, please contact the library for more information.

## Lounge

Our new lounge has arrived! Thank you to the Council for helping fund the lounge in conjunction with Public Libraries.

## BOWLS CLUB

The laying of synthetic grass at the Bowls club is almost complete and looking great!!



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