



May Newsletter

Wetlands

The Wetland Project on the Cowell Foreshore is progressing well with around 80% of the clay liner completed. This will isolate the freshwater wetland from the saline groundwater below.

Once the liner is completed, connecting pipes will be installed between the lagoons and from the town stormwater pipes then irrigation will be installed and a layer of sandy loam will be spread over the entire area as a growing medium for the lawns and landscaping that will follow.

The Wetland will be a treatment system for town stormwater outlets that will improve the quality and reduce the amount that goes into the Saltmarsh and mangroves. It will also attract native birds and be a fantastic recreational outdoor space for the public to enjoy with walking paths and footbridges winding through it.



Public Toilets

Sadly, there has been an increased reporting of toilet paper theft and general misuse of our public facilities. Continued misuse of these facilities may result in the toilets being closed at night.



Please do the right thing!

Dogs

Please tidy up after your furry friend when out in the public. If you don't have a bag for cleanup duties, dog tidy bags have been placed around the town for use in these situations.



Backyard Burning

With the fire danger season ending, there has been an increase in backyard burning. A recent burn caused issues in town with smoke and the smell. Council's Fire Management Burning Policy states:

Residents are able to burn dried materials such as wood, garden clippings, cardboard and paper subject to the following:

Stockpiles of dry vegetation to be no larger than 3m x 3m x 1.5m high

A four-metre break is required around the area to be burned

All flammable materials are to be removed from the proximity to the burn

Ensure that working fire control equipment is with you

A responsible person must be present at all times

Minimise the smoke entering another person's property, as not to cause a nuisance

Do not burn the following materials or any other hazardous waste:

- Tyres
- Green garden waste
- Plastic
- Chemical containers
- Treated timber

Consideration must be given for smoke that may be emitted from any fire lit. Any complaints to Council regarding smoke causing nuisance to neighbouring properties, will result in the person in charge of the fire being asked to extinguish the fire and an expiation may be issued.

Cowell to host the EP LGA Conference in 2024

Cowell has been chosen as the venue for the 2024 Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association conference. This will be held March 21 – 22 and is a great opportunity to showcase our area to approximately 200 visitors, and provide a nice boost to the local economy.

COVID-19

Due to the current increase of confirmed COVID-19 cases within the community. Council has placed a bucket containing packs of 5 rapid antigen tests (RATS) outside the Council office front door.

If you have symptoms, or you are a close contact please take **ONE** pack only. If you test positive follow the current SA Health advice on their website:

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au

Rubbish Bins

Council wishes to advise that, from 1st July 2023, only DCFH 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 for residents.

If you don't have a DCFH 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 your 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 and Sunday 10am to 12 noon.



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

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Community News

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Recycling Hub

Up until the 7th July, we are recycling any type of bread bag for a promotion with Wonder White. Bags collected will be tallied and go towards points for the school to receive sports equipment. Recycling them is easy. Once you have finished the loaf, shake out the crumbs and drop off bags at the Library or the IGA also have a collection point.



Exciting News

We've had an action packed 2 weeks, with the notification of 3 successful grant applications!



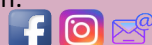
The first is with thanks to Wellbeing SA and Libraries SA. The "A Walk Can Work Wonders" campaign, is to encourage South Australians to discover the benefits of walking. 'There are many simple ways to add a walk into your day. Every move counts!' We have some great events planned, including **Teddy Bears Picnics** for our youngest community members. Sign up to be a part of the picnic, and get yourself an event bag thanks to Wellbeing SA. We are also holding talks on how to access **digital audio books** on your mobile devices, so you can listen to books and podcasts while out and about. Coming soon, we'll also have comfy headphones available to loan. **All participants go in the draw to win prizes to support this great campaign. Contact us for more information our first picnic is on the 30th May.**



With thanks to the funding support of the Libraries Board of South Australia and the Government of South Australia, we are able to bring you a new exciting community program. Our '**TechKnow Library**' program will have monthly computer classes, as well as expand our 'Digital Drop In' service. We understand there is a lack of assistance in our community for people needing help using their mobile devices and laptops/ computers. We've listened to community concern and with this funding assistance, we are collaborating with Whyalla, Port Lincoln and Tea Tree Gully libraries, and to help provide digital assistance and bridge the technology gap. Stay tuned for more details, this is a big win for our community and we look forward to providing this service.

SA Water Partnership

We are excited to announce our success in achieving a Community Partnerships Program with SA Water. The partnership with SA Water will help us create a water wise, sensory garden out the front of the library. The garden will be available for our community to use, and especially good for those looking to sit outdoors in a quiet space and read or just access the library WIFI. To bring the garden to life, we will be seeking further funding and in kind assistance with building it, but we believe the outcome will be an asset to our town.



Water Park—Council would like to advise that as of June the Water Park will close for winter months.



Rainfall for April / May

14.2mm



Cowell Lutheran Church

Worship Times

May 28 th - 8:30am HC	Pastor Keller
June 4 th - 9:30am LR	
June 11 th - 11am HC	Pastor Vosgerau
June 18 th - 9:30am LR	
June 25 th - EP Zone Conference at Pt Lincoln; 10am	

Chairman: Carl Jaeschke – 0448 522 332

Secretary: Julie Magnay – 0438 015 242

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: 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





Worried About Your Memory?

Community Session

Cowell
Tuesday 27 June 2023

This session provides information on memory and common changes that may occur with ageing. It provides strategies for improving memory, when to seek help about your concerns and services provided by Dementia Australia.

Dementia Australia's facilitators have specialist knowledge, skills and experience.

Suitable for: Members of the general public who are concerned about their memory and dementia or who are worried that someone they know may have dementia.



When: 27 June 2023
10am-12pm, 2 hours

Where: Cowell RSL
Third Street
Cowell SA 5602

Cost: Free

Additional information:
Bookings are essential.

Morning tea provided.

Followed by a drop in session from 1-4pm at the RSL Hall.

Find out more

Please contact Kylie Earl on 0429 594 641
email Kylie.Earl@dementia.org.au
Book on: https://waym_27jun_cowell.eventbrite.com.au

This program and the National Dementia Helpline are funded by the Australian Government.

National Dementia Helpline **1800 100 500**

Find us online dementia.org.au



Brain Hub

Cowell, SA - RSL
Tuesday 27th June 2023



Dementia Australia's Brain Hub can connect you to the information, education and support you need. These sessions are available to anyone who wants to learn about dementia, including local residents and health care providers.

Worried About Your Memory? Tuesday 27th June, 10am-12pm

This session provides information about memory and ageing, memory strategies and when to seek support for concerns about memory.

Drop in Session, Tuesday 27th June, 1-4pm

Speak to Kylie the local Dementia Support Specialist. Find out more about memory and ageing, Dementia and Dementia Australia services.

This Brain Hub is funded by the Federal Government and enables Dementia Australia to reach more people living in regional and remote areas, providing greater equity of access to our services.

Find out more

For further information and to register, contact Kylie Earl on 0429 594 641 or email Kylie.Earl@dementia.org.au

National Dementia Helpline **1800 100 500**

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Memoires of Roy H Jacobs (Continued)

FALLOWING MACHINERY

Combines were increased from the old-time size of 16-hoe combine up to 28 tynes. We used a 24-hoe combine for quite a number of years, eventually we bought a 28-hoe combine. With both these machines working we were able to sow 26ft per round. One year we had an early break and Dean Jacobs asked us if we would help him sow the bungalow country. We did and in return he helped us with the sowing of our crop. It was very impressive to see the large area sown all breaking ground at the same time. Dean's machine was a 22ft air seeder, it held about a ½ ton of seed and super. The combine boxes were the large type, I think about 4 bags of super and 3 bags of wheat.

To refer back to the tractors I had to sit out in the dust and heat for many years at that time it was the normal thing to do, there was no thought of a tractor with a cab. But as the years went by larger tractors were coming onto the market, with larger horsepower capacity it was only a matter of time before the Farmall tractor days were numbered. I supposed this little tractor did about 12 to 15 years work at Poodra. In the meantime a couple of second hand tractors were used and they proved to be a vast improvement on the Farmall.

The first new tractor bought was a Chamberlain; this tractor was bought with a cab. In wintry weather the cab was much appreciated, being able to sit out the rain and wind, the windows were able to be opened by sliding. Eventually the later tractors were again increased in horsepower, air conditioning was incorporated, also the wireless, a real luxury. The only time the wireless was used when I was driving the tractor was when I was having my dinner or a cuppa in the afternoon.

The young farmers of today would get a terrific shock if they ever had to revert back to those early years of development, compared with conditions they are now enjoying, furthermore I would not wish the situation to be reversed.

FALLOWING MACHINERY continued

There is one thing I should say never has this area of Eyre Peninsula had so much rain in the October/November period as they have this year. This is a terrible disappointment of having such a good growing period with the chance of having a wonderful yield of grain. This just goes to show that you can never count your chickens before they're hatched or in other words you cannot skite about the good harvest until the grain is in the silo!

The biggest seeding job that I achieved was the year when the district was deluged by a tropical rain from the northeast. It was in February 1946, it rained continuously for 36 hours. From this rain we measured 850 points. Needless to say this caused many problems with the travelling public at creek crossings such as Windmill creek and Hissey's creek, caused by the overflow of the weir. In these creeks the water flowed for days, although not deep; by sensible driving they could be negotiated without much worry.

Dad and Mum were living down at Watson's place at this particular time. They moved back to Poodra because of the dust North of the house at Coonarie. Dad would go down every other day to check on the few stock left there. When this rain arrived they could not get back to Coonarie quickly enough. Dad immediately arranged to have three tractors and combines to start sowing as soon as possible. We started seeding at Watson's (Coonarie) during early March, combining the seed into the ground which was very bare. We had Moore Wilson's tractor and combine. Dudley did the driving and we had Tom Hanson's tractor and combine with Reg doing the driving. Strangely enough the three tractors were all Farmalls.

Oats were sown in the paddocks near the house, and on very bare ground on the north side which blew a lot of dust. Reg could only stay for a week; that allowed us to sow a very large area. Germination was very quick and in a few weeks the fields were a mass of lush green. Dudley and I sowed three large paddocks of wheat, the growth response was remarkable and these crops were reaped late August. The yield was very good with the oats. When reaped they were stored in the underground tanks on the Watson farm and securely covered to keep out the moisture. These were fed to the sheep in drier times.

The wheat yielded over 7 bags to the acre and was trucked to Cowell. While we were reaping the wheat a car stopped at the wheat heap with two people in it; they were Clair Morton and the wheat inspector, Frank Harry, from Port Lincoln. Apparently Clair had been told we were reaping and he was of the opinion that the wheat could not be received before the usual opening time in October. Inspector Frank Harry inspected all wheat heaps to see whether the grain was completely ripe and he spent plenty of time at each heap trying to find green or doughy grain. After the inspection he informed us that the grain was acceptable. That pleased us immensely as the stubble paddocks could be used by the stock where the main water was situated.

When the seeding was finished at Coonarie I returned to Poodra to work back the fallow paddocks before seeding at Grant's Hill. Thank goodness the fallow paddocks were adjacent to the watering positions at the home and the sheep were using the fallow paddocks for a pick at the Summertime greens!

One of the paddocks at Poodra had a fairly wide creek on the southern side and with the amount of water flowing along this creek it could burst its banks and let the flood waters spread over a wide area. This I knew would cause problems at harvest time. The fallow was all reworked and it was time to return to Grant's Hill to rip and sow a couple of hundred acres of wheat.

This did not take very long and then it was time to return home to do the seeding when it rained. The wait was not very long and so the seeding could proceed. There were about four hundred acres to sow but by starting early everyday this job did not take very long. Of course the machinery in those days was small in comparison with the implements used today, but by working long days the acres were soon whittled away. The seeding being finally finished, it ended a hectic period from March until the first few days of June, a period I can look back on with great satisfaction.

NEWSLETTER



DATES TO REMEMBER

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FRANKLIN

HARBOUR COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 14th June 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 will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday 2pm to 4pm & Sunday 10am to 12 noon.



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.