

# September Newsletter



## Flood Damage Update

Council sustained significant damage to its road network during weather events associated with ex Cyclone Tiffany in January 2022. Over 170km of the road network was affected, with damage ranging from catastrophic, where complete sections of road were washed away and rendered impassable, to minor loss of fines in the rubble sheeting.

Council suspended its 2022-23 Works Program and commenced emergency repairs to establish vehicle access to isolated farms. 3 contractors were subsequently engaged to undertake reconstruction works which commenced in May 2022.

To date, reconstruction works have been 94% completed and 2 of the contractors have finalised their programmed works and left the District. One contractor is continuing works on Riches Rd/Salt Creek crossing which will be completed by end September. Council will continue to finish off minor works which will all be completed this year.



## Eyre Peninsula Camping – Online Booking System

During 2022-23, a partnership between EPLGA, RDAEP, Landscapes SA and Eyre Peninsula Councils, achieved remarkable results with the online campground booking system, in conjunction with campsite upgrades and clear, consistent signage.

Some of the notable outcomes include:

1. Consistent booking process for a better visitor experience across the Eyre Peninsula.
2. Increased length of stay from visitors traveling from both within and outside the state.
3. Effective use of digital technology and cashless payments.
4. Creation of value-adding opportunities for new service businesses.
5. Better protection for Eyre Peninsula's unique environment through the establishment of capacity limits and zoning for campgrounds.
6. A replicable camping node model that delivers best practices for councils and regional stakeholders.
7. Successful adoption of an online booking system, mirroring the success of other campgrounds in National Parks.



## Visitor Feedback

Feedback from visitors and the community has been overwhelmingly positive. They appreciate the ability to plan and book in advance, as well as the improved management of campgrounds. One camper from the Gold Coast even adjusted their travel plans to spend three weeks in the region after using the online system.

## Digital Technology Impact

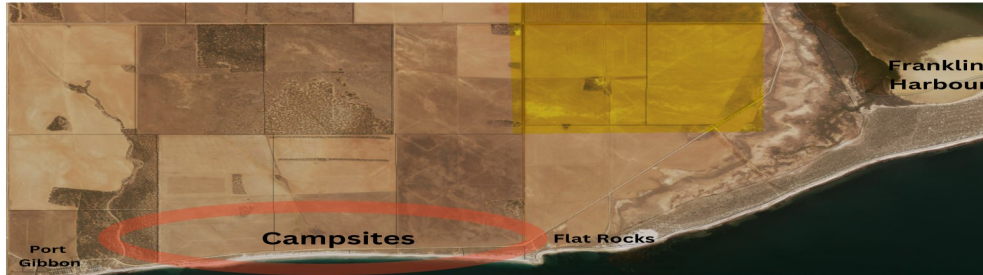
In 2022-2023, the online booking system saw 14,000 bookings for the Eyre Peninsula, catering to 35,000 visitors, for a total of 29,000 nights. Revenue has increased by 220%, allowing Councils to offset waste management costs and reinvest in better camping facilities. The data collected has proven invaluable in guiding the decision-making process for Council's across the Eyre Peninsula.



## LOCAL KNOWLEDGE WANTED!

Due to the success of the online booking system for campgrounds at Point Gibbon we are moving to have the campsites from Flat Rocks to Port Gibbon bookable online and need a name for each site!

**DO YOU HAVE A NAME FOR ANY OF THESE CAMPSITES?  
IF SO THEN WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.**



If you have a name then please email the number and name of campsite to  
[stacey@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au](mailto:stacey@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au)  
or pop into the Council office and let us know  
prior to 31st October 2023

Disclaimer: Council will have final say on naming each campsite



## BUILDING NOTIFICATIONS

Have you received approval to undertake development

If so then you will need to advise Council of any required building notifications

The notifications required are outlined in the Decision Notification Form which is issued at the time of approval

Notifications are to be made to Council via the Plan SA planning portal



If you have commenced or completed construction of any development and are yet to notify Council, please ensure this is undertaken immediately

For any questions please contact Stacey on 8629 2019

**Attention builders and property owners who are constructing or are planning to construct a new dwelling**

## HOUSING OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENTS

From 1 January 2024 a class 1a house must not be occupied unless it is fully completed to a standard suitable for ongoing occupancy and will require a Certificate of Occupancy prior to occupation.

The elements currently under consideration to ensure occupant safety are:

- structurally sound and weatherproof
- have a working kitchen, bathroom and laundry
- have relevant services connected eg electricity, water
- have all smoke alarms installed and tested



More information will be provided by the South Australian Government through Plan SA in due course, if you have any questions please contact Stacey at the Council office on 8629 2019.

# Community News

## What's happening at the RSL?

### Cowell Area School student visit to the RSL.

The CAS students from year 8 and 10 visited the club rooms as part of their WW2 studies. This was a precursor to their visit to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, which they were visiting during their Canberra trip. I must commend the students and their teacher, for the way the students conducted their research. They were respectful and genuinely interested in their research. Finding relatives who served added to their interest.



### 50th Anniversary of the end of Australia's Involvement in the Vietnam War

On the 18th of August 2023, we commemorated the 50th anniversary of the end of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War. Australians are encouraged to honour and remember the service of some 60,000 Australian men and women who served in the Vietnam War and their families—523 Australians lost their lives in the war, and over 3,000 were wounded. The flag was flying at the cenotaph as a mark of respect



Long Tan Cross

### 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: November 15, December 6 2023, January 31, February 21, March 20, April 17, May 29 & June 19 2024.

Please contact the Cowell surgery on (08) 8629 3035 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



### Rainfall for September

7.2mm

## Snap Send Solve

Did you know that you can  
report damage directly to Council through  
the Snap Send Solve app on your phone  
or tablet?



Just download the free app, take a picture, select your location and submit the report.

This app will also report damage to Telstra, SA Water and other groups with infrastructure in your location – not just Franklin Harbour.

You can report damage to playgrounds, footpaths, Telstra pit covers, leaking water, graffiti, street lights, overgrown trees, public toilets damage, pot holes, rubbish bin repairs and so much more.

Your report will be updated so you can keep track of how your submission is progressing.

Give it a go – You will be surprised how easy it really is.

## Contact details & Elected Members

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# LIBRARY NEWS

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October: the library will be closed**

### **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

Mon: 9.00am to 12.30pm

Tues, Wed & Thurs: 9.00am to 12:30pm, 1.00pm to 4:00pm

Friday: Closed

### **Dates to remember**

**10<sup>th</sup> October – Storytime & Baby Bounce.** Our next session will be at the Ivy Caire Centre. Meet us at the library at 9.45am and we'll walk over to the centre together for some fun. Bring a piece of fruit to share.

**10<sup>th</sup> October – Community Information Session 2pm to 4pm.** Come along to the library and connect with specialists in their fields. We'll discuss scams safety, legal services, disaster readiness, living safe, healthy and active lives online and in our community. Speakers include CFS, Wakefield Legal Services, nbnCo and Community Justice Centre. Come and join us for a cuppa.

## TechKnow Digital Program

With thanks to the Libraries Board of South Australia and the South Australian Government, we are excited to announce our TechKnow - Digital Literacy program. The Techknow program aims to build knowledge and confidence in using digital technology such as phones, tablets and computers. You don't have to attend every session, simply those you are interested in.

Our first session will cover mobile phones, so if you need help finding your way around your device, or you're keen to learn some tips and tricks, this session is for you.

Before we get started with our first session, we'd love our community to complete this short survey to make sure we cover what people would like to know more about.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QJVCGYQ>

If you have any questions about this program, please feel free to contact us at 8629 2320 or through private message. Stay tuned for dates and times.



## Mums & Bub's Group

**FORTNIGHTLY ON THURSDAYS  
STARTING 19TH OCT 2023**

Come and enjoy a conversation & cuppa with fellow mums, fortnightly in the library. Dads, grandparents & carers are more than welcome too. Informal and relaxing, pop in **from 11am**, no need to RSVP.

Occasionally we'll have relevant guest speakers and resource displays too.

**CONTACT US**

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cowell.library@libraries.sa.gov.au



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# 2024 CALENDAR OF FRANKLIN HARBOUR

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COWELL WELL BEING GROUP

It's that time again!! Get out your cameras and start taking photographs of our district for the 2024 calendar

All photographs need to be submitted by Friday 22nd September by emailing them to [cowellwellbeinggroups@gmail.com](mailto:cowellwellbeinggroups@gmail.com)

If more than 12 photos are submitted, we will ask the district to choose which ones get featured in the calendar

*Note: Photographs need to be submitted by the photographer or with written permission from the photographer*

THIS CALENDAR IS MADE POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF AN AUSTRALIA POST GRANT



**Eyre Eye Centre is visiting Cowell**

on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 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



**Scavenger Hunt thru town starting at Foreshore around 10am**



**FREE Pizza Dinner between movies around 5pm**



## COMMUNITY FUN DAY

**Saturday 21st October**



**FREE BBQ Lunch from 12:30pm**



**2 Movies at 2:30pm & 6pm inside Institute**

**\$5 per movie  
Drinks & Treats available**



## NEWSLETTER



## WATER PARK IS NOW OPEN & HOURS WILL BE EXTENDED DURING DAYLIGHT SAVING!

### Water Park

Council would like to advise that on extremely windy days that we will not have the water splash area turned on. However the waterslides will continue to run.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FRANKLIN HARBOUR COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 11th October 2023 @ 1:00pm  
in Council Chambers

### WHATS ON AT THE RSL

Snooker every Monday & Thursday from  
12:30pm

# 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](http://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.