

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Kicking some goals for Franklin Harbour

It has been a month of good news and progress for Franklin Harbour. We now have all grant funding and approvals in place for the full scope of works for our transformational Foreshore Redevelopment. The re-scoping of the project, while maintaining the same level of grant funding, has saved Council in excess of \$2.0 million dollars which is a great result.

We were also advised that the Ferry MV Aurora is en-route to Australia, expected to arrive in Wallaroo late September and resume Ferry services between Wallaroo and Lucky Bay shortly thereafter. This will bring much needed economic stimulus to our region, as well as providing a very convenient service.

Most importantly it has Rained!!!

Progress continues at the Marina with the commencement of driving the 34 pylons that will secure the marina pontoons, and digging of the basin continues to progress well. The 80/20 rule is definitely in play on this project where the last 20% of effort will deliver 80% of the results. With current progress it is anticipated that the quasi quarry that you see now will be transformed into a working marina by the end of October (I confess to tending towards the overly optimistic but it's on the record now!).



The tender for the Marina building has been let and building will commence once the earthworks are complete, as will paving, landscaping, and additional carparking.

In the New Year we will cross the road and commence work on the water playground area, significantly increasing and improving our landscaped and play areas.

In the two year period ending Christmas 2021 we will have completed projects worth \$10 million, a large proportion of it grant funded. The Marina and Foreshore are very ambitious, once in a generation, opportunities for a small community such as this, and I am very sure that the end result will be fabulous. For a small regional council with only 17 employees this is pushing the limits but it will be done and done well, and we will be delivering to the community a foreshore precinct to be enjoyed and to be proud of.

I'd like to thank and acknowledge some great community contributions this month, firstly three community members who have volunteered their time to the Cowell Institute Committee for a considerable amount of years:

- Meryl Shultz who served as the President for 17 years
- Pat Linton who served as the Secretary for 23 Years.
- Margaret Winen who served as the Treasurer for 10 Years.

All three ladies continue to be members of committee.

Also a big thank you to the Cemetery committee that was formed in 2019 to come up with a plan for improving and freshening up the cemetery. They came up with some great ideas and a well thought out plan that is now being implemented by Council. Thank you to Sharran Franklin, Michelle Stening, Di Woods, David Tonkin and Gary Klingberg for their contribution towards this committee.

Dog Registrations

Dog registrations are due as of the 31st of August, a late fee will be applied after this date.



Scam Awareness

In 2019 Australians lost \$634 million to scams – an increase of 30 percent compared with 2018.

Scams themselves are not new (think Nigerian prince), but the tactics and methods being used to carry out scams are continually evolving. Traditionally scams have been conducted via phone and mail, and while these are still prevalent, our reliance and use of new technologies, such as the internet and email, also presents scammers with additional opportunities to reach potential victims and obtain your personal information.

By being smarter with your data, verifying the source or knowing how to spot scams you can help protect yourself from losing your identity, your reputation or your life savings.

If you are unsure about something, please contact Rhys at the Police Station (8629 2029) who will be able to assist you further.

BE YOURSELF
don't let a scammer be you

SCAMS
AWARENESS WEEK
#ScamsWeek2020

Pool Inspections

Council's Building Inspector will be undertaking swimming pool inspections in the coming months, he will be inspecting all swimming pools in our Council area.

If you have a swimming pool please contact Council to ensure we can make contact with you prior to the inspection.

DATES TO REMEMBER

**DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FRANKLIN HARBOUR
COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday 12th August 2020 @ 1:00pm

THE FOLLOWING EVENTS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED

RSL :

Cards for everyone

Men's Snooker & Pool

Bingo Wednesdays

Bar & a Sausage Sizzle Fridays

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: 16th September, 14th October, 18th November and 16th December. Please contact the surgery on (08) 8629 2504 for an appointment.

Council After Hours - Friendly Reminder

Please ring Council on 0428 292 019 for after hours emergencies. This phone is only monitored after hours so don't ring it during office hours.

Regional Business Development Survey

Council are encouraging you to complete this survey, research is being undertaken on the sustainability of regional business development. There are a few key questions that we are looking to understand which are around barriers to starting a business.

You are welcome to come into the Council office and we can assist with undertaking this survey or grab a paper version.

<http://survey.unisa.edu.au/index.php/956671?lang=en>

July Rainfall - 8mm

Shane Gill

Chief Executive Officer

Australian Silo Art Trail – Calendars

The Cowell Silo Art features in the 2021 calendar, to purchase yourself a calendar visit the below link:

<https://www.australiansiloarttrail.com/store/-c53479469> or visit the Council office and we can assist you in ordering your calendar.

The cost of each calendar is \$24.95, profits made from the sale of these calendars will be distributed back into the featuring silo art communities.



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SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S NEW PLANNING SYSTEM

www.plan.sa.gov.au

PlanSA

A new planning system is now in place across South Australia's outback and rural areas*.

This new system is fully electronic, providing online development assessment and processing via a modern ePlanning platform.

Everyone living and working in outback and rural South Australia can submit and track development applications from the comfort of their home, office or whilst on the go using their computer or mobile.

Clear and consistent planning policies, relevant to your area, is now easily accessible by all to help shape your community, both now and into the future.

To find out more visit www.plan.sa.gov.au, email DPTI, PlanSA@sa.gov.au or call the PlanSA Service Desk on 1800 752 664.

South Australia's new planning system will help you to:

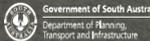
- Search zoning for your property
- Review development rules
- Lodge and track an application online
- Track major projects and development activity
- Find an accredited professional.

A series of community webinars will be conducted to help support outback and rural areas with the launch of the new planning system.

These sessions will explore how to use the new planning system, how to access South Australia's online Planning and Design Code and how the Code applies to rural South Australia.

For more information visit EventBrite or the PlanSA events calendar.

*the new planning system will be implemented in large regional towns and metropolitan areas later this year.



Boat Ramp Permit Machine

Daily Boat Ramp Permits can now be purchased using a card from our new ticket machine at the boat Ramp

You can still purchase your annual permits from the Council Office

South Aussie with Cosi

Hopefully you remembered to watch South Aussie with Cosi on Sunday 23 August, if you wish to re-watch the episode it will be available at <https://www.9now.com.au/south-aussie-with-cosi>

Recycling Bin Pickups

Council ask that glass be kept to a minimum in the recycling bin pickups.

X-Ray Disposal

X-Ray's can be disposed of through the Red Cross, this can be done by dropping these into one of their offices, our closest two are Whyalla and Port Lincoln. Alternatively we have a drop off point in Cowell which is located at the Library. Please see the Library News for more information.

Cowell Tennis Club AGM

The Cowell Tennis Club will be holding their AGM on Wednesday 2nd November at the Cowell Community Sports Complex. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm. New Faces are welcome

Doggy Doo's and Don'ts

A friendly reminder that whilst you are out walking your four legged friend that you clean up any mess they may leave behind with the bags that are provide by Council on our green bins located around town.

LIBRARY NEWS

National Science Week

This year we'll celebrate National Science Week from 15th—23rd August & you can enjoy many activities from the comfort of your home. One of the many stand out activities are the virtual talks run by Experiencing Marine Sanctuaries, who have previously run Snorkel with Cuttlefish in Whyalla and the Snorkel at Flat Rocks earlier this year. Events will be via streamed video with commentary and Q&A by leading South Australian marine biologists, ecologists, Kurna elders, underwater photographers, researchers and citizen scientists. For more information check out their website link at <https://www.scienceweek.net.au/event/virtual-tour-of-great-southern-reef-marine-life-rays-and-sharks/>.

Community Opening Hours

- **Monday to Thursday 3pm to 5.30pm**

If you receive a hold message for an ordered item and wish to collect your book outside of the above opening hours, please don't hesitate to call and organise another collection time. Cal & Collect and Local Delivery services are still available. **Please note we will be closed on Monday 7th September.**

1000 Books Before School

We've been continuing to share our picture books readings on Facebook and just wanted to say thank you for your wonderful comments and likes. For all the children participating in our 1000 Books Before School initiative, every time you visit the library between now & the 25th September, we'll put your name in a book prize draw. If you haven't yet joined its not too late, we'd love to add you to our list. Don't forget we can organise a bag of books for Call & Collect if our current opening hours are not suitable.

Recycle Hub

Bread Tags for Wheelchairs—We are excited to announce that the library is now a registered collection point for bread & potato bag tags. The bread tags are recycled into kitchenware which are then sold with the monies going to purchase wheelchairs. 500kg of bread tags will fund 2 to 3 wheelchairs. Bread tags can be dropped into the library or in a bag through our return chute.

Household Batteries – Our new battery bucket will gladly accept any household and hearing aid batteries. Once we have a full bucket our wonderful Council Depot will recycle them. Please note car batteries are not accepted at our library.

X-rays – Did you know that x-rays can also be recycled to reuse the silver in them? For privacy feel free to cut your personal details off and drop the remainder into us. Once we have a large pile, they'll be transported to Wingfield and recycled.

P: 08 8629 2320





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.