

May Newsletter

CEO News

This month we will have COVID vaccination clinics in Cowell, at the Bowling Club on Tuesday 25th May (2.30pm – 6pm) and Wednesday 26th May (10am to 6pm). Anyone 50 years old or over is eligible to attend for their first of two vaccinations. The clinics will be back again in August to administer the second “jab”. This will be the first time that I have been happy about qualifying for the 50+ category, although I guess it is better than the alternative! I certainly will be lining up for the “jab”, it is for the greater good in the fight against this insidious virus, and it’s just one less thing to worry about once you are vaccinated. Vaccinations for the under 50’s will follow a few months later.

While we are on the subject of health, SA Health have advised that they remain firmly committed to ensuring Cowell has Doctor coverage 5 days per week as a minimum, and are aiming to have this in place and operating by the end of June.

While we have had a bit of rain, a real opening to the season remains elusive but a lot of our farmers have been busy dry sowing and no doubt some real rain will come soon.

A further 6km of Beach Road has been completed and sealed in recent weeks, leaving only the final 3.3km section to Port Gibbon left to be constructed and sealed. This final section will be complete in the first half of 2022.

The Marina is now just having some final touches to complete, we are now just waiting on the last load of pontoons/gangway, and some final works on the rock armour of the Southern breakwater.

Excellent progress continues to be made on the new road, and work has commenced on the building overlooking the marina. This building will house public facilities, a retail space, and a large undercover area. In coming weeks there will be a major power upgrade to the Foreshore area, continued levelling and shaping of the large areas to be landscaped, and works to build additional carparking.

Work on the water playground area will also commence shortly. All works are scheduled to be complete by Christmas so expect the foreshore area to be a hive of activity for the remainder of 2021. By Christmas there will have been a remarkable transformation of the Cowell Foreshore, it will be an asset that can be enjoyed for generations to come.

Shane Gill
Chief Executive Officer

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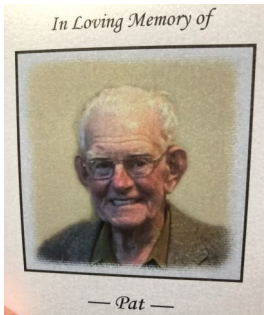
If you would like something put on the community news page, please let the Council Office know via email to council@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au or in person by the 2nd Friday of each month. Topics can include (but not limited to) sports results, births, deaths, special birthdays and good news stories.

Pat Alder Rehn
1934—2021

Lived most of his life in Cowell. Gave his time to local trotting (including a decade as SA rep) also JC's and EP AH & F Show society.

Stood for Parliament in 1972.

Served on the District Council of Franklin Harbour from 1985—1989 and continued his involvement for many years in the control of pests & weeds.



In Loving Memory of

— Pat —



By-Laws

The District Council of Franklin Harbour, pursuant to Section 246 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, have reviewed the following By-Laws:

- Local Government Land
- Dogs
- Permits and Penalties.

And present them for public consultation. Copies of the draft by-laws are available at the Council Office and from Councils website. In accordance with Councils Consultation policy, submissions relating to these by-laws will be received in writing until 5.00pm Friday 2nd July 2021.

Shane Gill
Chief Executive Officer

Rainfall

January—15.4mm February—4.5mm
 March—23.8mm April—18.4mm

The Do's & Dont's of Recycling

Recently there have been issues with cardboard boxes being placed in the skips at the landfill site for recycling that contain contaminants such as dirty nappies, plastics, folders etc.

Please ensure that only cardboard is placed in these bins.

Continued misuse of this service may result in fees being applied

Kerb-side recycling is an option available for Cowell residents. Please enquire at the Council office if you wish to have this facility for your property.

Please ensure that only the nominated items go into your recycling bin for collection—**NO GLASS** please

District Council of Franklin Harbour
Kerb Side Recycling
 First and Third Tuesday of every month

- ♦ Paper
- ♦ Newspaper
- ♦ Magazines
- ♦ Catalogues
- ♦ Cardboard
- ♦ Shredded paper (contained inside paper bag or box)
- ♦ Milk containers
- ♦ Milk containers (rinsed with lids off)
- ♦ Aluminium cans & tin
- ♦ Plastic bottles & containers (rinsed with lids off)
- ♦ Yoghurt & butter containers (rinsed with lids off)
- ♦ Pizza boxes (without food scraps)
- ♦ Packaging contaminated with food (cling wrap, aluminium foil)
- ♦ Tissues & paper towel
- ♦ Empty & dry paint cans
- ♦ CD's, video tapes or tapes
- ♦ Clothing & fabrics
- ♦ Polystyrene foam packaging
- ♦ Polystyrene foam trays & cups
- ♦ Crockery or drinking glasses
- ♦ Glass
- ♦ Broken toys
- ♦ Non-rinsed containers
- ♦ Plastic lids from jars & bottles
- ♦ Plastic bags & other soft plastics
- ♦ Food scraps & garden waste
- ♦ Nappies

Have you registered your cat?

In South Australia, cats must be desexed, microchipped and registered in Dogs and Cats Online (the state-wide database used by all councils, RSPCA, Animal Welfare League and vets for identifying lost pets to find their owners). Register your cat now and go into the draw to win a cat pamper pack. For details and to enter the draw go to www.dogandcatboard.com.au/catprize. Council do not charge a fee for the registration of cats in our district.

Cowell COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

COVID-19 vaccinations are available for adults 50 years and older.

Where: Cowell Bowling Club

When: Tuesday 25 May, 2.30pm-6pm and Wednesday 26 May, 10am-6pm

Bookings

Book online (using Google Chrome): <https://healthengine.com.au/book-covid-19-vaccination/85047>

Or call: 1300 334 222

Please have an email address, mobile phone number and your Medicare card ready.

There are some walk-in slots available but you may have to wait.

If you have had a flu vaccination, you must wait 14 days before having a COVID-19 vaccination.

Consent forms can be downloaded from the Department of Health website:

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/covid-19-vaccination-consent-form-for-covid-19-vaccination>

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LIBRARY NEWS



Book Club

Join us for our next meeting on **Tuesday 1st June @ 11am** in the library. Our book for May is *After Everything* and we still have copies available in the library.

Writer's Group

Enjoy creative writing & want to share your work with others? Maybe you're interested in listening to other people share their creative work. Writer's Group is meeting again on **Wednesday 2nd June @ 5.30pm** in the library. Come a long and check out what the group has to offer.

Storytime

Join Maria for songs and stories at our next Storytime session, on **Tuesday 25th May @ 11am** at the library. Keep up to date with future session times in our School & Council Newsletters or our Facebook page.

Book Rehoming Project

We've recently retired some of our Adult Fiction books and we'd love to find them a new home. If anyone would like to top up their caravans or shacks with some used books, the books would be very appreciative and so would we. Pop into the library and collect as many items from our retired stock as you like.

Cowell Seed & Plant Exchange

We are excited to share our first meeting will be on **Tuesday 18th May @ 10.45am** in the library. Thank you to everyone who completed our survey about suitable times & what you'd like to see included. It will be a jam packed first meeting as we share our ideas for the group moving forward, what the library can offer & chat about seed collection and how to start a seed library. We are already working on a guest speaker for our second meeting too! If you would like to attend but unable to make the current date & time, please contact us. We are looking at the viability of running a second group after hours for those people that work or have commitments in the day.

Australians at War Display

We are very proud to promote the display, *Australians at War*, which is currently on loan to the Cowell RSL from the Australian War Memorial. There is a range of material from both wars including real & replica uniforms, equipment & more. Please feel free to come & browse the display. Due to Covid regulations, the display is strictly for viewing and not touching. We still have a number of books & DVDs available on our ANZAC displays, both children & adults, which are available for borrowing.



Anzac Day 2021

Over 180 attended the Dawn service led by Andrew Schutz, president of the Cowell RSL. It was a beautiful sunrise, with galahs and wattle birds announcing the morn in fine form!

Whilst numbers were down from previous years, the Day service began with the march, led by Kevin Beinke. The Mayor, Robert Walsh took the salute. We were fortunate to have the Air Force's Poseidon fly over en route to Kimba.



For both services, the poem "Not A Hero" (Clyde Hamilton) was read by students Liliana Crettenden and Rhys Turner. A very poignant poem-

*"First of all, I was not a Hero", said the old digger in solemn tone,
"But I served with many heroes, the ones that never came home.*

We thank all those who attended, who laid wreaths, the Cowell Area School students and Judy Francis and Carol Bull for officiating.

Honour Our Fallen –the Cowell RSL & the CAS are supporters of this worthy initiative. Before ANZAC Day, a group of students, with parent help and assisted by members of the RSL, placed Australian flags at the grave of each veteran and serving member who has worn the Australian uniform. It is a fitting tribute to their memory. If we had inadvertently missed a veteran, would you please let us know, so that we can adjust our records and add a flag for next time as we hope this will be an annual tribute.





The latest aerial photo of the Marina and Foreshore work.



Media Release
19th April 2021

Eco Eyre to provide environmentally friendly accommodation at Port Gibbon from May

The District Council of Franklin Harbour is pleased to announce the launch of a new, environmentally friendly accommodation option near Cowell on the Eyre Peninsula, Council has seized the opportunity with the intrastate boom seen in the region post COVID-19.

From May visitors will be able to stay with Eco Eyre in one of two beachfront 'eco-pods' at Port Gibbon, perfectly designed to sleep two people in ultimate comfort.

Each pod features a queen bed, kitchenette, bathtub, TV and WiFi and a deck, sun lounger and BBQ.

Guests will be able to walk straight down to the beach from their front deck.

Eco Eyre is a District Council of Franklin Harbour project, providing a unique accommodation offering for the region.

Franklin Harbour Mayor Robert Walsh said the development will be a fantastic base for visitors to explore the area.

"These eco-pods are something different for our community, helping a diverse target market discover the eastern Eyre Peninsula.

"They are also increasing the variety of the accommodation in the Franklin Harbour district which is something we are really excited about.

"The Council is thrilled to be involved in this type of project, with tangible benefits for our community."

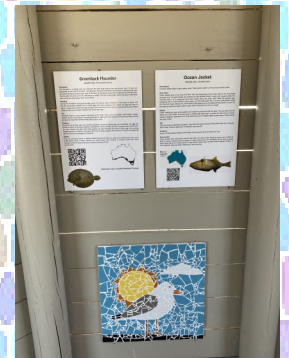
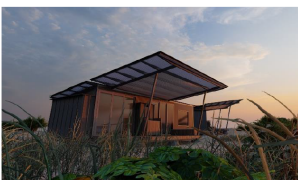
District Council of Franklin Harbour Tourism Officer Stacey Franklin said the visitor economy is a key focus for the council.

"Over 200,000 vehicles pass through Cowell every year on the Lincoln Highway, and that's a great opportunity for us.

"The increase in domestic travel last year really saw a boom for the Eyre Peninsula and we need accommodation options that meet the standards visitors are expecting.

"It's important we provide a variety of options for people to stay in so they can enjoy our area in a sustainable way."

For more information view www.ecoeyre.com.au or contact Stacey Franklin on (08) 8629 2019 or stacey@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au



Boardwalk Mosaics and Information Signage

The Franklin Harbour Community Development Group, Cowell Area School and Cowell Lions Club have undertaken a project to upgrade the boardwalk hut. A fresh coat of paint, mosaics and information signage are all a welcome addition to the hut.

This project was undertaken due to the success of a grant from the South Australian Museum - Inspiring South Australia program. A huge thank you to Vicki Bourlioufas for taking the lead with this project. It looks fantastic.

Eco Eyre
PORT GIBBON ECOPODS



Experience the beauty of the Eyre Peninsula from your own luxury eco-pod at Port Gibbon

With uninterrupted beachfront views, starry skies and kilometres of rugged beauty to explore, this is the perfect place to base yourself for the ultimate nature-based holiday, a short drive from Cowell.

Each eco-pod provides an environmentally friendly escape from the demands of everyday life, ideal for couples looking for that special getaway.

Visit us in our little slice of paradise, where the beach is uncrowded and you can be at one with nature.

Whether you're looking to relax and recharge or explore to the max, Eco Eyre has you covered.

For Booking please visit: <https://www.ecoeyre.com.au>

Eco Eyre
PORT GIBBON ECOPODS

MANAGEMENT OF POODRA (part 2)

After Grandma died her funeral started from in front of the house and moved to the cemetery where the service was held. It was the only time in my life that I have seen women wearing veils, her daughters as well as her daughters-in-law all wore this type of dress. I was also amazed at the number of people at the cemetery. The next day was a school day and my concentration was greatly affected, especially in the afternoon session when I found it impossible to do my schoolwork and the Head Master sent me home, he knew that the funeral of Grandma had affected me.



The butcher shop was sold to a Mr Harry Rehn, who took over late in December 1926. Mum took us kids to Adelaide, where she had two sisters living, for about three weeks and then back to the farm in time for school. The distance to school was about three miles and the distance had to be covered by walking, eventually dad bought a sulky so that we could drive. The driving of the horse and sulky was a real treat.



During shearing dad developed a terrific thirst. The shearing was done by blades and he would often take a huge bottle of water in which Epsom salts was put in an endeavor to quench his thirst. When shearing was finished he went to the doctor for medical attention, who referred him to Adelaide. He was sent to the Rua Rua hospital and his doctor was Dr DeCrepney. He was away for about ten weeks.

I have often wondered how mum managed the farm for that length of time. The horses and cows had to be fed and watered. At that time the water had to be drawn from a 60ft well with a windlass and a 20-gallon bucket (this took quite an effort). It was at this time we had an Italian migrant working for us, these people were very hard workers. He promised dad he would look after the stock, which he did during the week, but not at the weekends, this is when mum and I had to do the heavy work. This simply boiled down to the fact that these migrants did not like having a woman boss.

Dad bought Johnny Watson's place in 1942, when he and mum moved down there to live. This is when I leased the Poodra farm from him until he died in January 1948, in the Cowell hospital. The Watson farm was bought as a grazing proposition, he had a small mob of sheep and mum had her cows, the beauty of it was the water was reticulated to this property. The principal reason for buying this property was because being a chronic diabetes sufferer he was restricted from doing heavy farm work. After dad's death mum stayed on at this farm and her brother came in from Kielpa to live with her. Eventually the farm was sold and she bought a vacant block of land next to the Methodist Church and built a nice comfortable home where she lived until this was too much for her. The house was sold to Ken and the late Val Wilson.





After dad's death, in 1948 the Poodra farm was transferred to me. When mum and dad went down to live at Coonerie I agreed to lease Poodra from him so that I could gain experience in the management of the cropping program, this also brought in the management of the sheep flock. During these years we did not have a large annual cropping area, approximately 300 to 400 acres, but when seeding was finished we immediately set about doing early fallowing. This also proved beneficial because of the sheep feed it provided.

Mary and I married on March 1st 1947 at the Mosely Street Methodist church. We had a family of two girls, Beverley and Kathryn, and two boys, Ian and Malcom. When the girls married leaving the boys and Mary and I we carried on through to 1980. Ian and Malcolm were to inherit the farm, which they did.

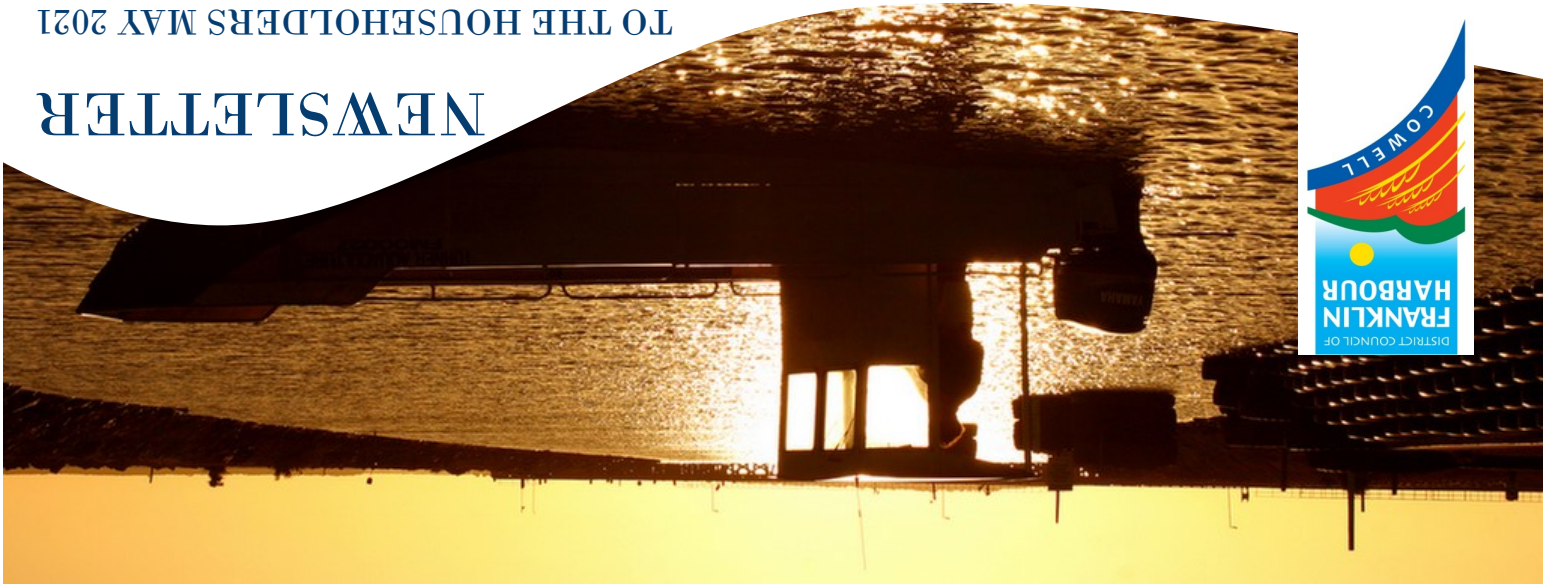
There was an advert in the Tribune by the Land Department, when this happened I decided to make a tender for this housing block, which was in a good position close to the shops in the main street. After being successful there was another advert for the agent for the Cowell silo, I replied to this advert to the C.B.H. inspector who resided in Cleve. One day a vehicle came to the farm, it was the inspector, Gordon Moore. After an in depth discussion we came to Cowell for an inspection of the silo. I told him that I would not be able to take the job because of the climbing of heights involved. Under his guidance and perseverance this difficulty was ironed out. When I reached the age of 65 years I notified the manager and was told to carry on, which I did until I was almost 68 years of age. It was quite an experience doing this work dealing with difficult people in business and farmers alike.



Eventually I transferred the farm to Ian and Malcom and in the first months of taking over they had to deal with a huge fire, burning miles of fencing and stock feed. Fortunately for them they had offers from two families in the Franklin Harbour district who offered them paddocking for weeks. The boys appreciated the concern of these kind people. It was ten years before they received compensation for this calamity: they carried on for 12 years.



NEWSLETTER TO THE HOUSEHOLDERS MAY 2021



DATES TO REMEMBER

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FRANKLIN HARBOUR COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 16th June 2021 @ 1:00pm
in Council Chambers

COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC

Tuesday 25th May 2.30pm to 6.00 pm
and Wednesday 26th May 10.00am to
6.00pm (See notice within this
newsletter for more details.

Events Calendar

If you have an event or meeting that is open to the public please notify Council and we will promote it in our dates to remember and on the Council website events calendar.



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.

