

March Newsletter

CEO NEWS

Cowell Gym is up and running

In late 2020, a determined group from the Cowell Netball Club set themselves a big challenge when they applied for some of the Drought Relief funding to build new Netball clubrooms incorporating a gym. Given the “less than best” state of their existing clubrooms, and the fact that Cowell was lacking a public gym, they were successful in their application for funds. This was by no means a fully funded project, the Cowell Netball Club committed considerable existing funds of their own, and to a program of fund raising.

Getting the funds proved to be the easy part because it was at this time that COVID burst onto the scene with its shutdowns, logistics issues, price rises, and an ongoing shortage of building products. COVID was to be no match for the indomitable ladies of the Cowell Netball club, they pushed on with their building plans and approvals, and then managed the build themselves employing subcontractors, skilfully managed a tight budget, and a program of fundraising.

And they delivered on all counts, they delivered a fabulous spacious well equipped clubroom facility and a huge and well equipped gym.....and yes it is bigger than Cleve’s

The Gym is now open to the public, with 110 members already signed up. It is accessible 7 days per week with an electronic key via a phone app, or a key fob for non phone users. Thus far it is averaging 25 users per day from a variety of age groups.

Local physio, Sophie Cohen, has been utilising it for rehab programs with some of her clients which greatly assists Improving mobility. Coming soon in the not to distant future will be group exercise classes at the Cowell Gym.

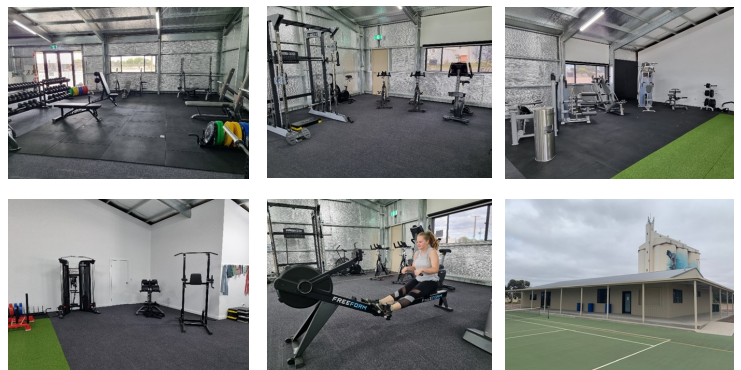
For membership enquiries please contact:

Tracy Mills on 0439 280 099

Membership rates are : \$240/year (\$150 for pensioners)
\$25/month (\$15 for pensioners)

Congratulations to the Cowell Netball Club for delivering this fabulous new facility to both the club and the community.

This is a great example of community spirit and determination.



The Cowell Foreshore Redevelopment

The water playground and jumping pillow are now installed and fully operational but not yet open to the public.

Although looking much neater, the area is still very much a worksite. The irrigation installation will be complete in two weeks, then paving and landscaping works will be done very quickly, and then around 2000sqm of turf will be laid around the water park area, and 11,000sqm of spray seeded lawn will be applied in the much larger area.

The Marina gangways have been installed in the last few days, and we are just awaiting the pylon brackets that attach the pontoons to the Pylons. (these are caught up in a factory badly impacted by the East Coast floods)

By this time next month we should be ever so close to completion of these works.

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



The Port Gibbon Association AGM for 2022 will be held on Easter Sunday April 17th at 3pm in the green shed at Port Gibbon.

This will be followed by a sausage sizzle.

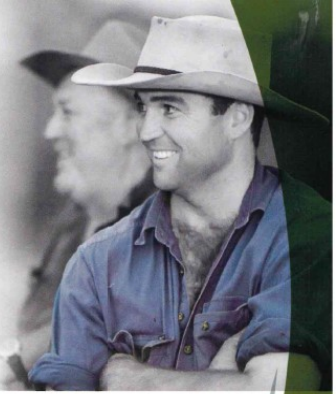
Hoping to see you all there.



COWELL LIONS CLUB

The latest up to date edition of the Cowell & Districts Telephone directory is now available at the District Council of Franklin Harbour Office. \$3 per book

Are you a farmer who could use some help?



Rural Aid is committed to providing support to farmers and rural communities.

Whether you're coping with or recovering from a serious event, or preparing for future challenges... we're here and ready to help.

REGISTER NOW
 for **Farmer Assistance & Support**



ruralaid.org.au
 1300 327 624



**District Council of Franklin Harbour
 Temporary Road Closure**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act 1961, as amended, the following roads are closed to vehicular traffic

For the Lions Market Day

Sunday – 3rd April 2022 Schedule of Roads
 Main Street – Between Third Street and the Esplanade

Between the hours of 8.00am to 2.00pm

Shane Gill
Chief Executive Officer

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Community News

LIBRARY NEWS



School term Opening Hours

Tuesday 2.00pm – 4.30pm

Wednesday 2.00pm – 4.30pm

Thursday 2.00pm – 4.30pm

Friday 8.30am – 10.30am

Book Club

Our first book club for 2022 will be held at the Commercial Hotel, Wednesday 23rd March from 10.15am. Join us for a chat about new books, book recommendations and our new discussion book.

Large Print – New Items

Our mystery, western, romance & general shelves have received a number of new additions. We are in the process of updating our Non Fiction too. Pop in and check out what's available.

Health & Safety Requirements

For us to continue to provide services to our community, we ask you help us stay healthy by wearing a mask while in the library, social distancing and sanitising your hands upon entry. We have a QR code on the front door and inside the library doors, so please

check in as you come in. For those without the ability to QR check in, Maria & I will add you to our manual Contact Tracing Record.

Being Digital

Being digital is a program to help promote the digital assistance and learning that libraries offer to adult South Australians. We're making it easy for you to develop your skills and confidence to connect with today's digital world. Public libraries around SA are doing this in different ways, and we'd like to know what our members need help with. Digital literacy covers a number of areas, including but not limited to, online safety, internet shopping, Covid certificates, My Gov and more. If you have any suggestions on what you'd like digital sessions on, please let us know via email, phone or pop in and see us.

Isolation services

If you are in isolation or at high risk and prefer not to visit the library, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or email. We are happy to put a selection of books, magazines and DVDs together for you and either drop them off or have them available for collection outside the library. Please phone: 8629 2320 or email: cowell.library@libraries.sa.gov.au for assistance.

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: 20th April, 18 May and 29th June. Please contact the surgery on (08) 8629 2504 for an appointment.

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.



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



COWELL LIONS CLUB

MAIN STREET MARKET DATES

Sunday April 3rd.

P: Alan 0427 292 088

Rainfall for March as of 24/03/2022
7mm

Community News

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.

Cowell Refuse REMINDER

Just a friendly reminder that the Opening hours for the Cowell Refuse site will be **Monday, Wednesday & Friday 2pm to 4pm & Sunday 10am to 12 noon.**

Building resilient businesses that tap into their strengths and support systems to overcome farming adversity and challenges.



Do you operate a South Australian grain or livestock business?
Do you want to learn how to manage and adapt to risk?
Do you want to improve your business' economic, environmental and social resilience?

Get subsidised access to leading advisers who will deliver both on-farm support and group workshop learning to prepare you and your business to bounce back in the face of adverse climate and other challenges through the new AgRi-Silience program, a joint project between Livestock SA and Grain Producers SA.

Participants will finish the program with a **Resilience Roadmap**, which will help you build resilience and boost productivity, profitability and sustainability over the long-term.

Local facilitators will deliver facilitated learning, expert guidance and coaching, along with the support of subject matter experts with specialist skills in strategic farm business management and planning, farm risk management and decision making, natural resource management and personal and social resilience.

You will get one-on-one support from subject matter experts to help boost your business' resilience.

Each participating business is required to contribute \$500 (ex. GST) and, where there is a genuine need, may be able to access reimbursement for travel and childcare costs from PIRSA.

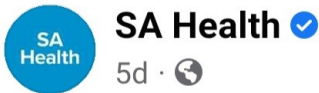
AGRI-SILIENCE WILL HELP YOU AND YOUR STAFF:

- Improve your financial literacy and, in the process, learn new ways to build the financial viability of your business.
- Become more confident in decision-making by conducting risk assessments.
- Learn new skills and techniques to build your own personal resilience.
- Become high-performing contributors regarding decision making and operations.

Apply now: bit.ly/Livestock-Agri-Silience



This project is part of the Farm Business Resilience Program and is jointly funded through the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund and the Government of South Australia. Delivered by Livestock SA and Grain Producers SA.



New Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) Collection Points have opened across regional South Australia.

If you are a close contact, you can access a kit of two free rapid antigen tests from a RAT Collection Point.

■ Cowell

The Cowell RAT Collection Point is located at Cowell Hospital and is integrated with the Cowell Hospital COVID-19 PCR testing site.

2.30pm to 3.30pm Monday to Friday and 2.00pm to 2.30pm Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays

Drive-in

MODERNA Vaccinations now available at Cowell Pharmacy

Moderna vaccines are available for those 12 years old and above. Vaccinations are by appointment only, so please reserve your slot by talking to staff or calling the pharmacy

FOR INQUIRIES,
CALL US ON
8629 2064



You must register on the SA Health website to collect your kit: www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVIDRapidAntigenTesting

RAPID ANTIGEN TEST COLLECTION POINT

New Collection Points

**CLEVE
COWELL
ELLISTON
KINGSTON SE
MAITLAND
WUDINNA**

POODRA SPRINGS

WOMENS DAY

Poodra Springs native flowers hosted their first event on Saturday 5th March celebrating international women's day. 40 women attended the afternoon which included afternoon tea and drinks. The women walked through the flower rows and enjoyed conversations. Jasmin spoke about the vision/idea for the farm what they have done to get to the current setting and the vision dreams for the direction of the flower farm. Jasmin asked the attendees to ask questions of each other to see what their dreams and ideas are as one little dream can lead to something big. This event is the start of many more events to come. Poodra Springs has also hosted flower farm tours and bouquet making on farm. Follow along in the journey via Facebook or Instagram.



The Cowell Ambulance Team is in need of new recruits!

SA Ambulance Service (SAAS) is calling on Cowell residents to rise to the challenge and find out more about becoming an ambulance volunteer.

The challenge comes as the Cowell team prepares for its major training launch in March and April 2022.

“The Cowell community relies on a handful of dedicated volunteers to provide ambulance services to the area. Without them we have to rely on volunteers from neighbouring towns such as Cleve to help out,” said Campbell Forsyth, Regional Team Leader. The Cowell team attended approximately 140 incidents last year with the majority of these being non-urgent cases or transfers to the local airfield, or to the Cowell and Cleve Hospitals.

Without SAAS volunteers, rural communities like Cowell wouldn't have additional support for emergency and non-emergency ambulance services in the community and would rely heavily on neighboring communities to respond.

SAAS is looking for local people to support the community and the ambulance team to ensure a sustainable service is provided to the Cowell area. Volunteers don't need to be on call 24/7; a roster is arranged around availability and the more members we have the fewer shifts are needing to be filled. Volunteers aren't required to stay on the station, they respond from home or work if needed.

Previous experience or medical training is not a prerequisite as SAAS provides all the necessary training. Training can be set at a pace to suit the person with a mixture of online and face to face sessions held locally in Cowell. Mentoring and support is provided by the Regional Team Leader and senior members on the Cowell team.

The Cowell team train weekly on Tuesday evenings from 7:00pm to 9:00pm during the school term.

To find out more about becoming an ambulance volunteer at Cowell, please call Volunteer Team Leader, Julie Magnay on 0438 015 242 or the Volunteer Support unit on 8150 3460 (Monday to Friday, 8.00am to 4pm).

For further information on how to apply visit our website: saasvolunteer.sa.gov.au



Police News!

Hi Cowell,

As some of you have already heard, I am unfortunately leaving my position as Officer in Charge of Cowell Police Station. I will be making the move across the Gulf to the states mid-north in April. Any departure is a prompt to reflect, look back and be grateful.

I have been fortunate enough to be posted in Cowell for nearly 3-years and have been blown away on how supportive the community has been to Cassandra and I.

The time here has flown, which is an indicator of how enjoyable my time in the town has been. Despite the difficulties that COVID (in its many variants) has foisted upon us, the township of Cowell rallied together and demonstrated flexibility and understanding to get through it as best we could.

I have enjoyed the great sporting community (albeit playing sport wasn't my strong point), I appreciated how everyone opened their arms to me. I think I will hang my boots up now – a one team man – cat for life. The development of the sporting complex is an outstanding resource and hopefully a catalyst for many premierships in the future.

I am currently relieving at Whyalla Police Station but will be back on April 4 – so if you're around the station, or see my gleaming head getting around the streets, don't hesitate to stop me and say g'day/good bye.

Cowell will always hold a special place in my heart, and I look forward to returning in the future with Cassandra (and junior).

All the best,

Rhys Pye

FRANKLIN HARBOUR SHOW SOCIETY

All my life I was very interested in shows, so attending many meetings and accepting different tasks broadened my knowledge tremendously. It was a pleasure to serve in the sheep section, under the guidance of the late Merv Smith and to observe the judges at work and to hear their comments.

Later I was given the task of being the wool convenor, and when the judging was taking place, these people would make comments about the fleeces of wool that I found very helpful to my own flock of sheep.

At one annual meeting I was nominated as chairman but was rather hesitant about accepting this high post, but the people at the meeting promised support and guidance so the position was accepted. The secretary position was also altered and Frank Rehn was nominated to this position, giving the Franklin Harbour Show Society a new team. The former chairman was a Mr Shillabeers and the secretary was the late John McFarlane. The Franklin Harbour Show Society held its first show at a Mr. Frost's place at Yabmana in 1895, and the last country show was held at Mr. George Elleway's property, since that time all shows have been held on the Cowell Show ground.

When our first show was coming up our food convenor, Mrs. Ern Riches reported that there was practically no crockery or cutlery held by the society, so we made this our priority for the coming years. Mrs. Riches volunteered to take care of the materials we bought, and to lease out to any person or club at a set price, with all breakages to be replaced. This worked well and Mr. Riches prepared cupboards and boxes to be stored in their home.

The horses were another problem area, the show society had to compete with the people who were holding gymkhanas during show time. The chairman of the Owners' Drivers and Reins men Association was most concerned about these events and decided to hold a meeting at Port Neill to gauge the feelings of the show societies.

At the meeting there were six societies represented, they were Kimba, Cleve, Lipson, Cummins, Yallunda Flat and Franklin Harbour. At the conclusion of the meeting, and after discussing at length with secretary Frank Rehn, I announced that the Franklin Harbour Shows society would call a special meeting of all societies to form a Shows Association, and the Owners and Breeders promised to give all Show Societies their unqualified support during the show season. This meeting was duly held at Port Neill and the late Stan Carr of Lipson was the first president of the Association.

The original show ground only had a very small trotting track and the show society wanted to enlarge it to a half-mile track so that registered meetings could be held. The Whyalla-Port Lincoln road was being planned and this made available all the land on the northern end of the show ground. By having this land included in the show ground it would enable us to enlarge the trotting track arena to half-mile, fortunately the Council agreed. We, the society, authorized the late Mr. Tom Hanson to collect money for this purpose. There being enough money donated the trotting track was extended and registered trotting meetings have been held ever since.



NEWSLETTER



DATES TO REMEMBER

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FRANKLIN HARBOUR COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 13th April 2022 @ 1:00pm in Council Chambers

LIONS CLUB MARKET DAY

Sunday 3rd April 2022, 8.00am to 2.00pm

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.