

THE FRANKLIN TIDE

Cowell & District Community News

RECORD ATTENDEES AT INTERGENERATIONAL STORYTIME

On July 28th, Cowell Ivy Caire hosted another Intergenerational Storytime and Baby Bounce, and it turned into one of the biggest early literacy sessions yet. The event held fortnightly at the Cowell School Community Library, is filled with stories and songs for children and enthusiastically crafted by wonderful library volunteer, Michelle Curtis. Michelle is passionate about community connection, and being an early years teacher herself knows the benefits of early literacy.

A remarkable 100 people attended, filling the space with energy, movement and plenty of happy noise. Visitors from the hostel and hospital also joined in, adding to the sense of community. The kindy children performed the story of "The Green Sheep" and the audience enjoyed joining in with "but where's the green sheep?". The scarf dance was a particular favourite, with everyone from babies to grandparents, moving together and singing along to familiar childhood nursery rhymes.

Research shows up to 85% of brain development happens before age three, and the words, songs and conversations children experience during this time play a major role in how their brains grow. Programs like these help families build those vital early-language foundations in simple, enjoyable ways.

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Michell Curtis and kindy students performing the children's book, The Green Sheep by author Mem Fox.

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INTERGENERATIONAL STORYTIME CONTINUED.

Leisure and Lifestyle Coordinator, Emma Daw, has been working with her clients to make books for the kindy children, and also helped facilitate the event. A big thank you to Emma and Michelle for making the morning such a success.

The strong turnout showed how valued these sessions are within the Cowell community. They provide a welcoming space for families to connect, learn and share moments that support children's development. What was possibly more special was the number of 4 generation families that were involved in the session, which was at least 5.

Our next Storytime and Baby Bounce session will be held on **25th August at 9:45am** at the Cowell School Community Library, and mark the **8th September** in the diary for our first Storytime Rave. Families of all ages are welcome, and we look forward to another morning of stories, songs and shared learning.



Kindy students looking at the books Ivy Caire residents made for them.



The scarf dance was a hit with all generations.



The audience waits patiently for the show to start.

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A WORD FROM THE CEO

The season is looking very good

There is much optimism locally and across the state with continued good rains. It is looking like a very good year for our farmers, which flows through to a very good year for our towns, our region and most of the state. However, as things warm up and dry off in spring/summer, all of this green vegetation becomes potential fuel for bushfires so it is a season where we need to start thinking and making preparations for in advance for the coming fire season. The disastrous bushfires recently seen in the Northern Hemisphere's summer this year; across Europe and North America; are a reminder to us all.



Progress Continues on Harbourside Place

Works in our land subdivision overlooking Franklin Harbour in Cowell are coming along well, this project continues to be both on time and on budget. All of the underground services (power/water/sewer/nbn) are now installed. Stormwater services will be installed during August/September. Kerbing, roads, footpaths and landscaping will follow and it is then that it transitions from looking like something of a quarry to a desirable place to live. We anticipate all of these works being finalised prior to Christmas.



Where's Walshy now?

Anyone that has seen former Mayor Walsh after he resigned as our Mayor in December will have noticed just how much more relaxed and happy he looks now. He was always happy and optimistic, just more so without the Mayoral responsibilities. If you haven't seen him around lately, that would be because he, like a lot of South Australians, has very wisely headed off to somewhere warmer for a while. Based on the photos he keeps sending through we suspect he will shortly be deported by the Northern Territory government for catching too many Barramundi! I think some of the locals in the NT could learn a thing or two from him.



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RUSTON PROCTOR STEAM ENGINE TRACTOR



LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY AND DISTRICT OF COWELL

In 1911, Asa Fairbank Snr imported a Ruston Proctor Steam Traction Engine to Australia to clear scrub on his farm at Miltalie. This remarkable machine has a long and proud connection to our district and to the farming heritage of Franklin Harbour. Its most recent restoration began in 2020 at the Cobdogla Steam Museum. After an investment of more than \$20,000, the tractor is finally returning home in fully restored condition. The shed that has housed the tractor for decades now requires improvement and full enclosure to protect it from weather, salt air, vandalism, and theft. The estimated cost of these upgrades is \$15,000, in addition to volunteer labour. To maintain the tractor in pristine condition, it must be washed down, serviced, and started regularly. To legally operate the tractor, two qualifications are required: a boiler operator's ticket and a reciprocating steam engine operator's ticket. These tickets cost approximately \$6,000 per person. To ensure the tractor's future, four local volunteers, representing a range of ages, have been selected to undertake this training so the engine can be safely and legally operated for many years to come.

Additional volunteers can be trained in future years. The boiler must also undergo annual inspection by an accredited inspector, which attracts a fee. Once returned to Cowell, the tractor is expected to be driven around selected areas of the town every 4-6 weeks on a Sunday morning, providing a unique attraction for visitors and a point of interest for locals. It is also intended to feature prominently in the Christmas Pageant, Pyrotechnics, Lions Markets & other major public events. There are believed to be only 20-25 restored operational Ruston Proctor engines remaining in Australia, and ours is likely the oldest.

The care and management of the tractor rests with our Museum Volunteer Committee—a small group with limited income and mostly senior members. We are seeking financial sponsorship from community members, local businesses, and farmers to ensure this historically significant tractor remains in excellent condition and becomes one of Cowell's and the Eyre Peninsula's most iconic tourist attraction. We would like to raise at least \$30,000, and in appreciation of your support, a small plaque acknowledging your sponsorship will be displayed on the wall of the tractor's enclosure.

Your contribution will also be recognised at events. If the tractor can be used to promote your business, sponsors will receive priority access. Any amount is greatly appreciated—no contribution is too small. Every donation helps secure the future of our famous Ruston Proctor Steam Tractor.

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Account Name:

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Please include your name in the reference field.

President & Chairman of the Museum Committee,
Allan Zerna

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Allan Zerna', written over a light blue horizontal line.



ROYAL FLYING DOCTORS COWELL SUPPORT GROUP

The RFDS Cowell support group was started in September 2005 and has been quietly ticking along ever since. The RFDS supplies an essential service to our community. We frequently have the plane arrive to take serious medical emergencies to bigger health care centres.



We would like to congratulate Rhonda Atkinson (former president) and Marj Cox (former secretary/ treasurer) on their continued involvement over the years and efforts to maintain fundraising for such a worthy cause. To become a member of the group an annual membership fee of \$10 is required. The group met in July and was great to see so many people come to support.

New - President: Kirralee Beinke

Vice president: Vicky Elleway

Secretary: Lynn Rush

Treasurer: Kamille Jaunutis

We hope to have many new fundraising ideas shortly and welcome any ideas the Cowell community supply. Email: rfdscowellsg@gmail.com

Meetings will be held every second month, first Tuesday at 11 am in the Ivy Caire centre – everyone welcome. **Next meeting will be 1st September 2026 @ 11am.**



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BACK FOR THE 5TH YEAR - 2027 FRANKLIN HARBOUR CALENDAR

We're once again inviting everyone to share their favourite photos of our beautiful district for the 2027 Franklin Harbour Calendar.

From breathtaking sunrises and coastlines to rolling paddocks, wildlife, farming, fishing and community life, we're looking for images that celebrate all of Franklin Harbour.

The community will vote during Mental Health Week in October to decide which 12 photographs will feature in the 2027 calendar.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this project over the past five years. We can't wait to see Franklin Harbour through your lens once again!



2027 CALENDAR
of Franklin Harbour

Email your photographs to
cowellwellbeinggroupspn@gmail.com
by **25th September 2026**

**** All photographs MUST be landscape orientation & submitted by the photographer ****

The district will decide which twelve photographs feature in the 2027 calendar by voting during Mental Health Week in October

This calendar is a joint project between Cowell Wellbeing Group & Cowell Post Office

25/9/26
Closing date to submit photos

➤ Your photos. Our community. ◀

A CALENDAR THAT CELEBRATES ALL OF FRANKLIN HARBOUR



JOIN OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Community Garden group meet on the third Sunday of each month at 10am. The garden is situated behind the parking bay next to the Cowell Agriculture Museum. The group formed after the Cowell Wellbeing Group received a start up grant to establish the garden.

Our meetings involve any garden maintenance, planting and harvesting. We also learn about and swap gardening tips during lots of chatter. We would love more people to join the group, even if they don't have 'green thumbs'. It's a chance for people to learn from others and to see how easy to process of growing produce is, and provides a chance for someone to 'adopt a bed' for their own personal planting. Growing and harvesting produce is very rewarding and is great for overall health, including mental health.

Some of the produce ends up at the swap cart where we encourage people to help themselves for free or to donate. Our caretaker Vicki often reports about its success. Swap cart updates can also be found on Facebook.





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COWELL COASTAL MASSAGE & REMEDIAL

Tell us a bit about yourself. My name is Anika Walladge. I grew up in Wudinna and have lived in Cowell for the past three years. I hold a Diploma of Branded Fashion Design and I'm currently completing my Diploma of Remedial Massage Therapy while also studying a Bachelor of Nursing at the Whyalla campus.

What inspired you to pursue remedial massage? I've always been interested in remedial massage, but I'm someone with many career paths and only recently found the time to commit to the study. My inspiration comes from two places: my dad, who worked as a remedial massage therapist, and my own passion for helping people improve their quality of life. I also wanted a flexible job that would support me while studying nursing.

Why did you choose to open your own business? I always knew I wanted to work for myself. I was lucky to be offered a rental space inside The Beauty Room here in Cowell, which allowed me to open my clinic, Cowell Coastal Massage. I currently offer relaxation and remedial massage, with plans to expand my services, especially once I complete my pregnancy massage qualification.

How do you promote your business? Most of my promotion happens through Instagram (@cowellcoastalmassage) and my new Facebook page. Being located inside The Beauty Room has also helped me connect with regular customers. I'm grateful for the support of Shaz and Caroline, two experienced local therapists who have been incredibly encouraging. Clients can book through Client Diary by searching Cowell Coastal Massage online or using the links on my social pages. There's also a QR code on the back of my business cards for easy access.

What can clients expect during a session? I want every client to feel safe, comfortable and unrushed. I walk through each treatment plan beforehand, check comfort once they're on the table, use professional draping techniques and encourage open communication throughout the session. My goal is for clients to leave feeling relaxed and satisfied.

How do you balance study, business and self-care? I manage my workload by adjusting my clinic hours to what I can realistically maintain. Outside of work and study, I enjoy outdoor walks with my dog Lewy and grabbing a caffeine boost from the Brew Buggy.

What are your future goals? I'm excited for what's ahead. I hope to expand my treatment menu over the next year and welcome many new clients. Long-term, I'd love to combine my passion for remedial massage with my nursing career.



Contact details

To make an appointment with Anika, email anikawalladge@gmail.com, book online at booking.clientdiary.com/?bookingsUrl=cowellcoastalmassage, or call on 0475 519 575.

For those wishing to be put on the emailing list for future community newsletters, email council@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au as only limited printed copies will be available.

YOUTH FOCUS

NOAH BAKER - 1st YEAR APPRENTICE

Hi, I'm Noah, a 1st year apprentice with DPL Country Constructions (Dayton Lock). I've just completed school and achieved my SACE this week.



What made you want to become a builder? I've wanted to be a builder for a very long time, building had been in my family bloodline for many years, and I have always wanted to continue it.

What are you hoping to learn during your apprenticeship? During my apprenticeship I want to learn to be the best tradie I can, learning problem solving skills and trade techniques. I don't have a preference for what kind of work I would like to do in the future, but I'm sure with more experience that will come to me. In the future, I would love to be able to own and run my own business in a small community.

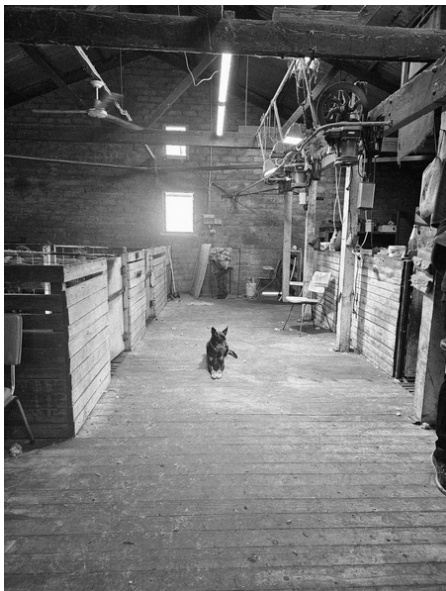
How do you handle early starts and physically demanding work? I handle early mornings well, but I must admit I do end up shattered at the end of a long hard-working day.

Tell me about a time you had to learn a new skill quickly? Not so much a trade skill, but I've had to learn how to interact professionally with clients at work. Talking to clients and trying to give them the answers they are seeking is important to me.

How do you respond when someone gives you feedback or corrects your work? I respond well to feedback and constructive criticism because I understand that this is intended to help me improve and become the best tradie I can be.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years? In five years I want to have completed my apprenticeship and start the journey to establishing my own business.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Jeremy and Sue Parker submitted this fantastic photo of Jaws and wrote this. "Jaws waiting for his dad at Middlecamp shearing shed. She has penned up in this shed for many years". Jaws has now retired.

We know there are some wonderful photographers in our community, so why not share your favourite photo with us? It could be a beautiful local landscape, wildlife, a community event, a familiar face, or a special everyday moment. Simply send your photo, along with a few words about where it was taken and why you chose it, via our Facebook page or email. Your photo could be featured in our next newsletter for everyone to enjoy. We can't wait to see our community through your eyes!

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African boxthorn and Gazania control

Our contractors are working hard to control African Boxthorn and Gazania. So far more than 80km of roadsides across the District Council of Franklin Harbour have been treated. Almost 2000 plants were treated along Michellville, Wilton, Lucky Bay, and Guidera roadsides through spot spraying and cut and swab methods.

We remind the public that Winter-Spring is the time to control African boxthorns and Gazania, while they are actively growing and preferably before they set fruit/seed.

Aerial Goat Control 10-18 August

The Eyre Peninsula and SA Arid Lands Landscape Boards are undertaking a combined aerial operation targeting feral goats and deer on authorised private properties and conservation reserves in areas of eastern and western Eyre Peninsula, and the Gawler Ranges.

All landholders in or near these areas have been sent letters about the program advising of the locations and likely helicopter action during this time.

Feral goat populations have increased in recent years, causing biodiversity impacts. Thanks to funding from the Landscape Priorities Fund, we can undertake this control program to help landholders control goats in hard to access areas.



Figure 2: Feral goats

H5 Avian Influenza readiness

According to official information, more than 90 cases have been confirmed and recorded to date in SA, including one case in the Eyre Peninsula region. Regional preparedness, response and recovery are current priorities for the Department for Water and Environment.

Early detection is critical, and South Australians are encouraged to remain vigilant. If you see sick or dead birds or other wildlife, do not touch them. Avoid contact. Record what you see. Report it to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline: 1800 675 888.

Annual shorebirds survey

Landscape officers and Birdlife Australia expert Jasmin Rooks conducted the annual winter count for shorebirds at two critical breeding and feeding sites in Lucky Bay and Franklin Harbour Marine Park.

More than 450 birds of 15 species were recorded during the on-foot monitoring, including Red-capped Plover, Australian Pied Oystercatcher, Fairy Tern, and the migratory Double-banded Plover.



Figure 1: Double-banded plover, species recorded in winter shorebird surveys 2026. (Photo credits: Leo, Atlas of Living Australia)

OPENING HOURS

<u>Monday</u>	-	8.30am - 12.30pm 1.30pm - 3pm
<u>Tuesday</u>	-	8.30am - 12.30pm 1.30pm - 5pm
<u>Wednesday</u>	-	8.30am - 12.30pm 1.30pm - 5pm
<u>Thursday</u>	-	8.30am - 12.30pm 1.30pm - 5pm
<u>Friday</u>	-	8.30am - 12.30pm 1.30pm - 3pm

GIRLS' NIGHT IN

AT COWELL SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Coming Soon

September	Glass Painting
October	Girls' Day Out Women on Eyre - Cleve
November	Games Night
December	Weave your own Christmas Wreath



Community Connect

Cuppa with our local Copper

Cowell Library

Thursday 27th August 10am

Join us at the library and have a cuppa with our local Copper. A great opportunity to ask questions, share concerns or ideas in a welcoming environment.



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Libraries SA

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Storytime & Baby Bounce

Tuesdays @ 9.45am

- August 11th
- August 25th
- September 8th
- September 22nd



Special event- Tuesday Sept 8th 9:45am

Belated Book Week session

"Symphony of Stories" Rave Party

Wear your favourite colour to celebrate!



LIONS CLUB OF COWELL



The Lions Club of Cowell has been busy fundraising and preparing for another active season of community service. You may recall seeing our members working at the recent Field Days, selling raffle tickets at the Franklin Harbour Hotel, and offering our popular Lions mints, cakes and Christmas puddings. If you'd like to purchase a cake or pudding, please contact Bruce Francis on 0428 894 645.

Our mentoring program with the Cowell Early Childhood Centre resumes in August, with more cooking and gardening activities planned as the children prepare produce and goodies for their market stall. The Lions and kindy children would like to sincerely thank the Cowell School Community Library for hosting the stall last term. This term, you'll find the stall outside the Post Office—thank you to Kenny and Debbie for your wonderful support.

Behind the scenes, members have also been hard at work during regular working bees, making improvements to our catering trailer and planning maintenance of the Cowell Boardwalk during September and October. We'd love to welcome a few fit and able volunteers to help with the boardwalk working bee, so if you're willing to lend a hand, please get in touch.

Planning is also well underway for the return of the Cowell Markets, with the first market of the season to be held on **Sunday, 4 October**. If you'd like to become a stallholder and help make the market season another great success, please contact Zorb on 0427 292 088.

Thanks to the incredible support of our community, the Lions Club of Cowell donated close to \$10,000 throughout the 2025–26 financial year to local community projects and a range of Lions medical foundations. Every raffle ticket purchased, cake sold and event supported helps us continue making a difference in our community.

Our next meeting is a dinner meeting on **Tuesday, 18 August**, and visitors are always warmly welcome. To find out more, please contact our President, Stax, on 0407 063 698.



Lions/kindy mentoring



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2026 CENTRAL EYRE PENINSULA YEARS 7,8 & 9 - NINE A SIDE CARNIVAL

On Friday 31st July, a group of Cowell Area School Year 7, 8 and 9 students travelled to Cleve to compete in the annual Eyre Peninsula Girls and Boys; 9-a-side Football Carnival. Despite a cold winter's day, the conditions were ideal for football. Both our girls and boys teams played some excellent, consistent football across their three matches. The boys enjoyed a mix of convincing wins and narrow losses, putting together a strong overall carnival performance. The girls were involved in several tightly contested games and were unlucky to narrowly miss out on a place in the grand final. The standard of football in the girls competition continues to improve each year, and it was fantastic to witness the high level of skill, teamwork and emerging talent on display throughout the day.



To finish the carnival, the Cowell girls and boys combined to form two mixed teams for a friendly "grudge match" which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone involved. Even the coaches took to the field to join in the fun, making for a great way to wrap up the day. Congratulations to McKenna Arnold and Dane Beach, who were each presented with a Norwood football in recognition of their outstanding sportsmanship throughout the carnival. Both students consistently demonstrated fair play, teamwork, respect and strong performances on the field, making them worthy recipients of the award.

A big thank you to Darren Fisher for assisting with transport and umpiring throughout the carnival. Thank you also to Kyla Franklin and Danielle Whitwell for their support with coaching, goal umpiring and encouraging our students throughout the day. Our Year 10 student leaders, Quintin Fisher, Chase Piggott and Zoe Flavel, also did an outstanding job coaching our teams and continued to develop their leadership skills in a positive and supportive environment. Finally, thank you to Cleve Area School for organising another fantastic carnival. It was great to see students from across Central Eyre Peninsula coming together, making new connections and enjoying a day of quality football.



Junior Primary Volunteers

WE WANT YOU!

We are looking for some volunteers to help us improve our reading. We think the best way to improve our reading is by practising reading!

To be a volunteer, you will need a current WWCC and RAN. Get in touch if you need any information regarding these.

So, if you would like to come and support our R/1 class be super readers, we would love to connect with you! Get in touch with Erin, Tilly or Emma.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

COWELL UNITING SERVICES

Sunday 23rd August
2pm Afternoon Tea

Sunday 30th August
11am

Sunday 6th September
11am

CHRISTIAN WOMEN COMMUNICATING INTERNATIONAL (CWCi)

Tuesday 8th September
10am

Join us for morning tea with a speaker at Cowell Uniting Church.

Bring a plate to share.

Contact Judy 0427 292 231

COWELL LUTHERAN SERVICES

Sunday 23rd August
9:30 am

Sunday 30th August
9.30am

Sunday 6th September
8.30am

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP COWELL

Sunday Meetings
10am The Lords Supper
10.30am Family Service



COWELL CATHOLIC SERVICES

Sunday 23rd August
11am

Saturday 29th August
5pm

Sunday 6th September
8.30am

Sunday 13th September
9am

Communion Service

Saturday 19th September
5pm

Sunday 27th September
11am

Franklin Harbour Tide Times

TUE 18 Aug

▼	12:00 am
	0.58m
▲	6:56 am
	1.69m
▼	1:28 pm
	0.73m
▲	6:30 pm
	1.32m

WED 19 Aug

▼	12:06 am
	0.55m
▲	7:19 am
	1.71m
▼	2:03 pm
	0.81m
▲	6:45 pm
	1.22m

THU 20 Aug

▼	12:17 am
	0.54m
▲	7:52 am
	1.66m
▼	2:46 pm
	0.95m
▲	6:46 pm
	1.14m

FRI 21 Aug

▼	12:29 am
	0.54m
▲	8:43 am
	1.57m
▼	4:04 pm
	1.1m
▲	5:53 pm
	1.11m

SAT 22 Aug

▼	12:33 am
	0.55m
▲	11:02 am
	1.49m

SUN 23 Aug

▼	12:28 am
	0.56m
▲	1:35 pm
	1.56m

MON 24 Aug

▼	12:11 am
	0.56m
▲	2:43 pm
	1.67m
▼	11:47 pm
	0.55m

TUE 25 Aug

▲	6:17 am
	0.98m
▼	7:24 am
	0.98m
▲	3:23 pm
	1.75m
▼	11:33 pm
	0.51m

WED 26 Aug

▲	5:16 am
	1.05m
▼	9:14 am
	0.9m
▲	3:55 pm
	1.79m
▼	11:30 pm
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THU 27 Aug

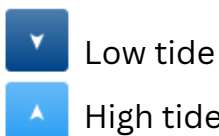
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Tide times published on willyweather.com.au
Correct as of 12th August 2026



VALE

Beinke, Ian Alexander Mick
03/09/1933 - 09/07/2026

The Cowell RSL Sub-branch pay tribute to the life and service of Mick, a gentleman and loyal member of our sub-branch. Mick enlisted in National Service in the Australian Army from June 1951 to 1953, based at Woodside. After three months continuous training, he was placed in the Medical Corps. Mick served a further 4 years in the CMF. He qualified for the National Service Medal and the Australian Defence Medal.



Mick was a long-time member of the Cowell RSL sub-branch since December 1986 where he demonstrated the mateship and respect he had for our veterans and other members. He took on many duties within the RSL and served on the committee for many years. To Meryl, his children Helen, Rodney, Beverly and Judith, and families, we offer our condolences of the Returned & Services League of Australia.

Lest We Forget.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Mon	SNOOKER	From 12pm	John Perry - 0457 668 774	
Mon	BINGO	Starts 7pm	Bar Open Tea/Coffee	Light supper provided 10 games
Tues	DARTS	Start 7pm	Bar Open	Matt Baker/Gary Martin
Wed	MORNING TEA	10am – 12 pm Museum Open	Cards/Board games available Scones (jam & cream)	
Thur	SNOOKER	1pm – 3pm	John Perry - 0457 668 774	
Fri	SOCIAL NIGHT	Open 5pm	Bar Open	Light meals

Contact details: cowellrslsecretary@gmail.com
(Linda McGrath 0477 362 585)

(A small fee applies to events)



On Saturday 18th July, the RSL hosted a dinner for its members and guests. Music, supplied by Kingsley, and a Trivia Quiz with a few challenging questions made for a great night.

The catering was done by CAS Canberra Camp parents and students, who did an amazing job. The Cowell RSL will support the camp with a donation.



From the Archives.....



**Do you remember when..... 1970 opening of the Cowell Cottages.
Slide converted to photo from Harold Curtis' collection.**

Feel like playing cards?

Join us at the
Uniting Church on
Mondays & Wednesdays
between 12.45pm - 3.30pm.

Mon: Bridge and Hand & Foot

Wed: Hand & Foot

\$2 per session includes tea,
coffee & a biscuit.

Everyone welcome including
learners.



Contact Angie on
0429 150 545

Cowell Cats Fitness Centre

Yearly memberships
Full Membership \$250
Concession \$150
Student \$150

Monthly \$30
Concession \$15
Student \$15

All memberships allow
24/7 access

Contact:

Stacey Stening 0429 292 944
Nikki Walsh 0427 361 873
Tracy Mills 0439 280 099

Cowell Institute Committee

AGM
Wednesday Sept 16th
4pm

Supper Room
Everybody Welcome

Contact:

Richard Stening 0427516566
Michelle Curtis 0428856604



DK Mechanical Cowell



About Us

DK Mechanical Cowell is a family owned business based in Cowell S.A supporting the Eyre Peninsula & Mid North. Dual traded as both an Automotive and Agricultural mechanic with over 15 years of experience across multiple industries. Carrying out remote repairs on Agricultural, Machinery, Cars, Small Engines, Trailers/ Caravans & 4x4 accessory installations



Our Mission

We prioritize a client-centric approach, customizing our services to align with our customers needs to deliver expert service with high quality repairs to keep you moving with peace of mind.



Why Choose Us?

At DK Mechanical whether you need repairs or preventative maintenance - it's "not just a job". We pride ourselves on offering the highest quality service at affordable prices, as a local - family owned and operated business we aim to build lasting relationships with our customers.

• Automotive & Agricultural

Service & Repair

- Automotive logbook servicing
- Suspension, Brakes & Exhaust repairs
- Tractor & Harvester inspections, servicing & repairs

• Small Engine Service & Repair

- Grain Augers
- Lawn Mowers
- Generators
- Chainsaws

• Mobile Mechanic

- With our field service unit we are fully equipped to come to you for your convenience.

• After Hours Service

- Ran in to trouble but no one's open? We provide an after hours service to keep down time to a minimum

• Needing Parts?

- With our large range of suppliers we can assist you with the very best in after market parts



0400 071 628



DK Mechanical Cowell



10 Warnes Street Cowell S.A 5602

NEPHA NEWS

Your feedback has helped create a new healthcare services resource.

The Northern Eyre Peninsula Health Alliance (NEPHA) warmly thanks everyone who shared their ideas during our community consultation and surveys in 2025. Your feedback helped shape NEPHA's new Regional Coordination Service website, designed to make it easier to find healthcare services across the Northern Eyre Peninsula region.

The website brings together visiting healthcare calendars, a directory of local health services, and information about healthcare facilities and community wellbeing supports across Cleve, Elliston, Franklin Harbour, Kimba, Streaky Bay and Wudinna.

The website is being trialed until the end of 2027. Every time you use the website to find a service and click through to make a booking, you help demonstrate the value of the service and strengthen the case for ongoing funding.

The website builds on NEPHA's monthly healthcare newsletter, which will continue alongside the new online resource. Keep an eye on the website and NEPHA's Facebook page for details of upcoming community information events, where you can learn more about the Regional Coordination Service and local healthcare services.

Visit the website: www.nepha.com.au

Follow NEPHA's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/nephealth

Contact NEPHA with feedback or questions: info@nepha.com.au



Northern Eyre Peninsula Health Alliance
Championing equitable healthcare for our region

You told us:
"Finding healthcare information shouldn't be so hard!"

We listened.

Introducing:



Your new healthcare information service

-  Visiting healthcare calendar
-  Service provider directory
-  Health and wellbeing news
-  Local events and updates



Visit nepha.com.au
Find services, visiting providers, news and updates

A regional initiative by the Northern Eyre Peninsula Health Alliance (NEPHA), representing the districts of Cleve, Cowell (Franklin Harbour), Elliston, Kimba, Streaky Bay and Wudinna.



Community Consultation: Sharran Franklin, Madeline and Jill Brooks attending community consultation in Cowell with local Lions Club members Peter Story, Geoff Turner and Bruce Francis.

UPDATE FROM THE LUCKY BAY SHACK OWNERS ASSOCIATION

The Lucky Bay Shack Owners Association meets regularly and works in the interests of the Lucky Bay community.

The 2026 Committee consists of:

President Georgie Corfe, Vice President Amy Norris, Secretary Lisa Lock, Treasurer Hayley Masson and committee members Shane Jaensch, Billy Butterfiel Dion Harris, Dave Medlin, Micky Siviour and Sue Chase. You're welcome to contact us at luckybaysecretary@gmail.com



Sand dune replenishment

The beach at Lucky Bay is looking great, thanks to the District Council of Franklin Harbor for their support in replenishing the sand.

Community Hub

With thanks to the SA Government's Thriving Communities Program, the Shack Owners Association has undertaken a series of upgrades and new work in the area known as the Community Hub, including:

- Upgrades to the Lucky Bay Hall, which now boasts kitchen facilities and reverse-cycle air conditioning, new double front doors and an awning will soon be added.
- Installation of a new basketball half-court and netball ring near the playground area.

The committee is open to suggestions for future projects – please email us at luckybaysecretary@gmail.com

Venue hire

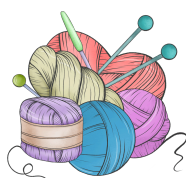
The updated Lucky Bay Hall is available for hire. We recently hosted a birthday party for 50 at the Hall, with glowing reviews.

To discuss hall hire, contact Georgie Corfe on 0427 486 100

YARNOHOLICS

If you're interested in yarning, knitting, crocheting or chatting about the above, come along to our craft afternoons. We meet between 1pm - 4.30pm at the Commercial Hotel in the Cafe. For more information contact Trish Chatwin through Yarnoholics of Cowell and Surrounds on Facebook.

23rd August
6th September
4th October
18 October



Cowell HOME Hardware

YOUR LOCAL HARDWARE STORE

For every project, big or small!

Makita TRUCK BACK IN S.A.

REPS ON SITE, PRODUCT DEMOS AND GIVEAWAYS!

WHEN: THURSDAY THE 3RD OF SEPTEMBER

WHERE: COWELL HOME HARDWARE 17 - 19 MAIN STREET COWELL

TIME: 8AM - 4PM

PLEASE CALL THE STORE (08) 8629 2073 FOR DETAILS!

PLUS FREE BBQ

PAINT & PAINT ACCESSORIES

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Great brands you can trust

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Proudly supporting our community

WE'RE OPEN 7 DAYS!

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Lest We Forget

VIETNAM REMEMBRANCE DAY



★ **TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST 2026** ★

We pause to honour and remember
the courage, sacrifice and mateship
of all Australians who served in Vietnam.

Their Service. Our Freedom. Always Remembered.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE



11:00 AM
TUESDAY
18TH AUGUST 2026



COWELL RSL
7 THIRD STREET,
COWELL SA 5602

DAYS PROGRAM:

RSL Open 10.30 am

- **11:00 AM** Service Commences
- **11:20 AM** The Ode & Last Post



Video Interviews with Vietnam Veterans



Battle of Long Tan Documentary



Light Lunch



Bar Open after Service



*We will remember them.
Today. Tomorrow. Always.*



COWELL DARTS CLUB

Cowell Darts are currently playing a social season on Tuesday nights. A summary of the individual results from this are below.

All welcome to come on down to the RSL on a Tuesday evening. Bar and nominations open from 7:00pm, play commences at 7:30pm.

July Social Dart Results

High Peg out Men	Gary Martin	100
High Peg out Men Runner Up	Sam Sully	98
High Peg out Ladies	Linda McGrath	48
High Peg out Ladies Runner Up	Sue Sully / Pat Martin	30
High Aggregates Men	Gary Martin	3775
High Aggregates Men Runner Up	Noah Baker	1618
High Aggregates Ladies	Sue Sully	638
High Aggregates Ladies Runner Up	Linda McGrath	464
Most Peg out Men	Gary Martin	18
Most Peg out Men Runner Up	Matt Baker	15
Most Peg out Ladies	Linda McGrath	10
Most Peg out Ladies Runner Up	Sue Sully	7
Total Aggregates for the month	13377	
Total Peg outs for the month	136	
Number of players for month	49	
180's	0	



Vice President Gary Martin in action while Sam Sully scores.

COWELL CRICKET CLUB 2026/27 AGM

Monday 17th August @ The Complex
7pm

All Players, Parents, Members, new and existing are encouraged to attend.

Apologies to:

Zac Crabb - 0419 744 723

Jarrad Schiller - 0455 282 077

JUNIOR TENNIS

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST 2026/27 SEASON

AGED 8-16 YEARS

Interested in playing tennis this season?

Cowell Tennis Club is inviting Expressions of Interest from juniors aged 8-16 years who are keen to play in the 2026/2027 season.

Whether you're new to tennis or have played before, we'd love to hear from you!

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME
Everyone can get involved!

LEARN, GROW & IMPROVE
Develop new skills, build confidence and enjoy the game.

FUN, FRIENDS & TEAM SPIRIT
Be part of a fun, friendly and supportive team.

STAY ACTIVE & HEALTHY
Tennis is a great way to have fun, get active and stay healthy!

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST PREFERRED BY:
Late Expressions of Interest may be accepted if places remain available.

4TH SEPTEMBER 2026

COWELL TENNIS CLUB

Erin King
0400 834 998

FRIDAY NIGHT'S AT THE COWELL GOLF CLUB

EVERYONE WELCOME
JOIN US FOR THE RAFFLE
MEMBERS DRAW
BAR FACILITIES
EFTPOS AVAILABLE

CLUB OPEN FROM 4:30pm
DON'T FORGET YOUR TOKEN FOR THE MEMBERS DRAW

If you have anything you'd like to add to our Community Calendar, please email us at cowellcommunitynewsletter@gmail.com or chat to a committee member.

AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
17 Cricket Club AGM - 7pm	1 RFDS Meeting - 11am
18 Lions Club meeting - 7:30 pm	6 Yarnoholics - 1.30pm
23 Yarnoholics - 1.30pm	8 Library - Story Time Rave - 9:45 am
25 Library - Story Time and Baby Bounce- 9:45 am	9 Council meeting - 1 pm
27 Museum meeting and AGM - 5 pm	15 Lions Club meeting - 7:30 pm
27 School Book Week Dress Up - 10.30am	16 Insitute Committee AGM - 4 pm
27 Community Connect: Cuppa with Copper - 10am	20 Community Garden Working Bee - 10 am
	22 Library - Story Time and Baby Bounce - 9:45 am
	24 Hospital Auxilary meeting - 1:30 pm
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
4 Lions Market - 9 am	1 Lions Market - 9am
4 Yarnoholics - 1.30pm	11 Remembrance Day
6 RFDS Meeting - 11am	11 Council Meeting - 1pm
14 Council meeting - 1 pm	15 Community Garden Working Bee - 10am
18 Community Garden Working Bee - 10 am	17 Lions Club Meeting - 7.30pm
18 Yarnoholics - 1.30pm	26 Hospital Auxilary meeting - 1.30pm
20 Lions Club meeting - 7:30 pm	
22 Museum meeting - 5 pm	
25 Girls Day Out - Women on Eyre (Library)	

Further information about many of these dates may be found in this newsletter, alternatively email cowellcommunitynewsletter@gmail.com

Cowell RSL Sub-Branch

The RSL Reach Out Wellbeing Program has been established to provide guidance and support to Veterans and their families.

If you are a Veteran needing guidance on employment, advocacy, referrals to other services or just want a chat, you can contact your local RSL Reach Out Officer on 0406 969 106.



August's Riddle Me This: Answer - Popcorn