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01/ FIRE DANGER SEASON

Residents are reminded that the Fire Danger Season will operate from 1st November 2009 and will continue until 15th April 2010. A more promising season has provided an increased fuel load throughout the district and there is potential for a period of very high fire danger.

Please take steps to reduce fire hazards around homes and buildings and obey restrictions for fires in the open.

Information regarding use of BBQ's etc during the fire danger season is available from the Council Office.

02/ AUDIT COMMITTEE

Council's Audit Committee, Chaired by Bob Norris as an independent member met on Thursday 26th November to review the report of Council's Auditors John D. Ewen & Associates and to review Council's Internal Control Policy and Procedures in accordance with the relevant legislation.

The Audit Committee signed off on the Audit Report and recommended that the report and Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2009 be adopted by Council.

03/ CITIZEN & YOUNG CITIZEN AWARDS

Council will receive nominations for the above awards sponsored by the Australia Day Council, up until Friday 11th December 2009. The awards are part of the Australia Day Celebrations, and individuals, Clubs and other organisations are encouraged to nominate persons they consider worthy of recognition.

04/ VANDALISM

Council is very concerned at the amount of ongoing senseless vandalism causing expensive damage to community facilities. This results in a direct cost to our ratepayers that is an entirely avoidable cost.

In an effort to curb the level of vandalism, Council has adopted a policy to offer a reward of up to $1000- for information that leads to the conviction of any person that has wilfully damaged District Council of Franklin Harbour property or assets. So "Dob in a Dill" and help keep out town tidy.

05/ EASTERN EYRE HEALTH SERVICES QUESTIONNAIRE

Attached to this newsletter is a questionnaire prepared by Eastern Eyre Health Services which seeks community input into the region's future health services.

Council encourages all residents to take the opportunity to have their say in this very important community service.

06/ CHRISTMAS PAGEANT FLOATS

The Cowell Lions Club with the support of the Button Club will again be organising a Christmas Pageant to be held on Tuesday 24th December.

The success of the Pageant relies on the enthusiasm of organisations, businesses and individuals to enter floats in the procession together with decorated children's bikes etc. Prizes are awarded for the best floats and bicycles.

This is a reminder to start planning your entrant for this year's pageant to make it a great success. The more the merrier.

07/ BY LAWS

The District Council of Franklin Harbour pursuant to Section 246 of the Local Government Act 1999 proposes to introduce bylaws for the following:

- Permits and Penalties
- Dog & Cat management
- Use of Council Land

Copies of these draft bylaws are available at the Council Office and from Councils website. In accordance with Councils Consultation policy, submissions relating to these bylaws will be received in writing until 5.00pm 24/12/09.

BA Francis
Chief Executive Officer

08/ WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

As of 1st January 2010 Council will commence town collections, supervisions and maintenance of waste. During the next 4 weeks trials will commence with a new collection truck. This truck is a single person operation and requires bins to be placed with the opening facing the road (Pic A), NOT under trees, beside cars or stobie poles. Multiple bins will need to be spaced to allow the arm to collect each bin independantly (Pic B). Once the truck commences full time operaton *bins that can not be accessed will be left*, so please use this trial period to resolve any issues you may have.

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09/ COASTAL CONSERVATION ZONE

A Special Council Meeting was held on Friday 27th November following the Senior Citizens Christmas Party, to further consider proposed boundaries for the Coastal Conservation Zone in Council's Interim Development Plan.

Council resolved to request additional time to allow further analysis and refinement to the zone definition prior to it coming into final effect.

This may mean that the current Interim status of the Plan will lapse early next year, but Council has requested that the Minister reinstate the Interim Plan for further negotiations.

The Special Council meeting also adopted the Audited Financial Statements for the 2008/2009 year.

10/ DEVELOPMENT PLAN AMENDMENT (DPA)

Council invited public submissions for the Cowell and Environs Development Plan Amendment between 21st September and Monday 23rd November 2009.
A number of submissions have been received from both local residents and Government Agencies, and they will be assessed and summaried by Council's Planning Consultants, Urban and Regional Planning Solutions (URPS).
As part of the Public Consultation process, a public meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 9th December in the Council Chambers, to hear final presentations from those who have requested a formal hearing.

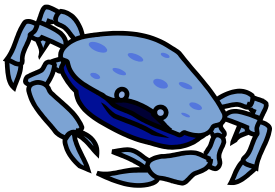
11/ DESIGN SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

The Director of the Landscape Architecture Program of Adelaide University, Associate Professor David Jones, has approached Council with a proposal to use 3rd Year Bachelor of Design Students to carry out a "Practical" hands on project for the town of Cowell, looking at the sustainable future design of our community.

The project will involve some minimal costs to Council (Mainly accomodation costs for approximately 20 students) and will provide an independent assessment of our town and community.

Council agreed to participate in the program which is scheduled for early March 2010.

12/ COWELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & TOURISM



For anyone wishing to contact the Chamber of Commerce please feel free to contact:
Chairperson – Kym Martens on 8629 2181 or
Secretary – Sharran Franklin on 8629 6001.
Please keep the following dates Free:

- **Cowell Blue Crab Festival** – 6th & 7th March 2010. More Information coming soon.

13/ DEVELOPMENT SERVICES MANAGER

Council's Development Services Manager, Mr Laurie Collins, is available by telephone to discuss any building issues that residents may have. He also visits Cowell for one full day per month for on site inspections or advice. Appointments can be made at the Council office to see him when he next visits. His next scheduled visit will be Thursday 17th December.

14/ WORKS

3 kms of the Cowell/Kimba road was sealed on 17th November, with construction work continuing to the Kimba Council boundary.

Recent delivery of Council's side tipper unit will assist in progressing the work.

Town and Aerodrome mowing has been carried out, and recent lightning activity has resulted in repaires being required to the automatic lighting system at the Aerodrome.

15/ LANDS TITLE OFFICE NOTICES

From	To
Rodney William Bevan and Vierka Bevan Lot 133 Hd Playford	Shane Gordon Scott and Judith Gay Scott
Decd Bruce John Henderson and Kathleen Margaret Henderson Lot 148 Hd Playford	Kathleen Margaret Henderson
Steven Roy Havelberg and Rhonda Kaye Havelberg Lot 38 Hd Playford	Shane Gordon Scott and Judith Gay Scott
Jeffrey Thomas Little Lot 18 Hd Playford	Wesley Kuhn
Minister for Environment & Conservation Sec 35 & 36 Hd Charleston Sec 4.5.35 Hd McGregor Sec 31 Hd McGregor Sec 17A Hd Warren Sec 17B Hd Warren	Minister for Environment & Conservation

16/ ADVICE OF CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

From	To
NIL	

17/ LUCKY BAY/PORT GIBBON SHACK TRANSFER

From	To
TM Donnelly	BD Nottle, CB Nottle, LA Johnson
John Michael Degiglio & Giovanni Degiglio	John Michael Degiglio & Jennifer Anne Degiglio

18/ DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS – APPROVALS ISSUED

NIL

19/ DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS – REFERRED FOR COMMENT

NIL

20/ DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS – REFERRED TO DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT COMMISSION

NIL

21/ PLANNING SA – NOTIFICATION OF DECISION

NIL