

# FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



## Wetland Update

As you would be aware this area is currently under construction and when complete will be a complementary addition to the Cowell Foreshore redevelopment, that was completed in early 2023.

It will add an additional 14,370sqm of open space to the foreshore area. To date, this space has been filled and had three ponds created and linked. Once the Wetland area is complete, these ponds will act as a filtration system for stormwater from our main street, most of which will now, not enter the marine environment.

The largest pond has an island in the middle which will be linked to the rest of the space by paths and two footbridges. (see concept). The concrete abutments for the bridges have been poured, and the bridges and their footings will be completed during the next fortnight.

Works on this project are now ramping up and will include the following :

- Excavate and construct footings, and assemble the footbridges
- Pour slab & construct shed to house Historic Lifeboat
- Finalise footbridge assembly
- Kerbing to the Esplanade
- Electrical connections
- Construction of Pathways and edging
- Installation of subsurface irrigation for areas to be lawned
- Installation of drip irrigation system for new plantings
- Paving



- Lay Turf
- Plantings
- Install ANZAC sculptures
- Seating and lighting installation
- Install posts and memorial plaques for local ANZACS named on Cowell War memorial
- "Remembrance Park" Entrance constructed
- Signage
- Carparking and line marking

We are aiming to have 90% of this project complete by June 30, 2024. This is a challenging schedule as planting alone will be approximately 8000 plants. Once the plantings are in and begin to become established, this area will become a haven for plants and wildlife (the ducks of Eastern Eyre have already discovered it!) and a spectacular addition to the already fabulous Cowell Foreshore.



## Construction and Maintenance Worker



We are seeking to employ a new team member working from our depot in Cowell.

The position is full-time permanent, classified under the Local Government Employees award (Grades 5-7) and Councils Enterprise Bargaining agreement. We are a small team covering a big area, and a very broad range of tasks so you need a positive "can-do" attitude to succeed, and in return we can assure you that you will never be bored. We are a friendly and progressive regional council not afraid of a challenge. There are excellent opportunities for training to acquire new skills/competencies and licenses. There will be opportunities to work with both our road and town crews.

You will need to be physically fit, have experience operating heavy plant, and a truck licence.

Further details are available on our website :

<https://www.franklinharbour.sa.gov.au/your-council/employment>

For a confidential discussion please call our Works Manager (Darren) on 0427 973 219,

or send application with a covering letter and resume to: [council@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au](mailto:council@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au)

Applications close Friday March 8 at 5pm

Eyre Peninsula Monopoly Board Games.

Now available to purchase from the Council Office. \*\$65 each\*



## Cowell Lutheran Church

*'Sharing the love of Christ'*

### Worship Times

February 25<sup>th</sup> - 9:30am LR

March 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9:30am LR

March 10<sup>th</sup> - 9:30am LR

March 17<sup>th</sup> - 8:30am HC Pastor Schwarz

March 24<sup>th</sup> - 9:30am LR

*Chairman: Carl Jaeschke – 0448 522 332*

*Secretary: Julie Magnay – 0438 015 242*

## Head to Health

*You can make a free call to Head to Health on 1800 595 212 for advice and connection to the local mental health service or support that is right for you. The Head to Health Phone Service is available Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.00pm (except public holidays).*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FRANKLIN HARBOUR COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 13th March 2024 @ 1:00pm in Council Chambers

### Cowell Refuse REMINDER

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





# Community News

## WHATS ON AT THE RSL

Snooker every Monday & Thursday from 12:30pm

## Are you interested in our Farming History?

You may wish to help our volunteers at the Cowell Agriculture Museum. For Further information please phone:

Raelene James: 0439 218 740

## Cowell/Lions Community Bus

Reminder that the Community Bus is available for hire to Locals. For Further information or booking regarding this service please contact the Council office on 8629 2019.



## **COWELL LIONS CLUB** **MAIN STREET MARKET DATES**

March 9th 2024

P: Alan 0427 292 088    P: Andrew: 0429 801 498

## Rainfall for February

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## 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: March 20, April 17, May 29 & June 19 2024.

Please contact the Cowell surgery on (08) 8629 3035 for an appointment.

## 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



**SATURDAY 9th MARCH**

THE ANNUAL PYROTECHNICS DISPLAY WILL TAKE ON A MARKET DAY THEME IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FRANKLIN HARBOUR, FRANKLIN HARBOUR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP & THE COWELL LIONS CLUB - LIVE MUSIC FROM 4 PM @ THE WATER PARK

FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE FROM 4PM ONWARDS  
FRANKLIN HARBOUR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP WILL BE SELLING SHOWBAGS, GLOW PRODUCTS

**HEADLINE ACT: MIXED GRILL**



**Eyre Eye Centre is visiting Cowell**

on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Our Optometrist, Alek Sims, will be consulting at

Drs in Cowell Clinic

South Tce, Cowell

Appointments available from: 9.30am to 12.00pm

If you are unable to travel to Port Lincoln, Whyalla or Ceduna and would like an appointment, please call Eyre Eye Centre Whyalla on **8645 7399**

Consultations will be Bulk Billed

# LIBRARY NEWS



## Community Opening Hours

Monday: 9am – 12pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 8.30am – 12.30pm,

Reopening: 2pm – 4.30pm

Friday: 9am – 12pm

## Library Recycling Hub

Don't forget we are still offering our Recycling Hub in the library. We are collecting:

- X-rays
- Bread & potato bag tags
- Stamps
- Aluminium coffee pods (please allow them to drip dry first).
- Old mobile phones · Aluminium ring pulls from cans
- Reading glasses · Used dental items including empty toothpaste and floss containers.
- Household batteries

## New Recycling item

You can now bring in your old tablet packaging (blister packs) for recycling



## Library Closed

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March (due to Cowell Area School Sports Day)

## Dates to Remember

Storytime/Baby Bounce @ 9.30am

Tues 5th March (wk 6)

Tues 19th March (wk 8)



Mums & Bubs @ 11am

Thurs 29th Feb (wk 5)

Thurs 14th March (wk 7)



Book Club & Cuppa @ 2pm

Tues 12th March (wk 7)

TechKnow @ 10.30am

Wed 6th March (wk 6) In Person



## CALLING ALL LADIES! LOOKING FOR A REASON TO HANG OUT WITH THE GIRLS ?

Stay tuned for dates as we host - 'Girls Night In'.

Things to expect:

- Guest speakers
- Laughter & fun
- Good company
- & much much more



## WHAT'S ON?

### Cowell RSL

Visitors always welcome.

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| <b>MON</b> | Men's Day<br>From 12.00-4.00                        | snooker & pool<br>\$2 & \$1/ game |
| <b>WED</b> | Military Museum Open -<br>from 10.30—2.30pm         |                                   |
| <b>THU</b> | Men's Day<br>From 12.00                             | snooker & pool<br>\$2 & \$1 /game |
| <b>FRI</b> | Bar open from 5pm.<br>Museum open.<br>Pool/snooker. |                                   |

All proceeds go to the RSL

COWELL RSL SUBBRANCH 7 THIRD St. COWELL

Contact Nos: Pres A SCHUTZ 0401 492 396 Sec: S GRUND 0407 277 501  
Museum: B STOCKER 0457 098 503

## WE ARE CALLING FOR

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

On Friday 31st May Council are hosting a conference for approx. 150 guests, we are seeking interest from business/groups that may be interested in catering for lunch

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO DISCUSS INTEREST PLEASE CONTACT STACEY ON

PH: 8629 2019  
stacey@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au



## Contact details & Elected Members

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Emergency / Out of Hours  
0428 292 019



## Franklin Harbour History Museum

The History Museum has decided to inform the General Public of our activities on a Semi regular Basis.

As there has been recent interest in the "Ruston Proctor" We have decided to provide a History around the Tractor.

It's earliest history is when it came off the last Coaster Steamer to Cowell, partly assembled, on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 1910. It was purchased by Asa Fairbank Snr in early 1911 for 2,000 pounds.

It had several owners, Fred Turner / Cowell, George Nicolson / Roopena Station via Whyalla, then Les Hudson of Lock, but remained at Roopena.

Mr. Hudson donated it to the "Franklin Harbour National Trust Museum" and it was transported by Brambles on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 1969 from "Roopena Stn" to Cowell. It was then restored by Ross Guthleben and several Volunteers and had its first official run in November 1972. On April 21<sup>st</sup> 1980 the Certificate of Registration was withdrawn as the Boiler did not pass its Annual inspection with the Registrations and De-registrations. It was Deregistered on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1992.

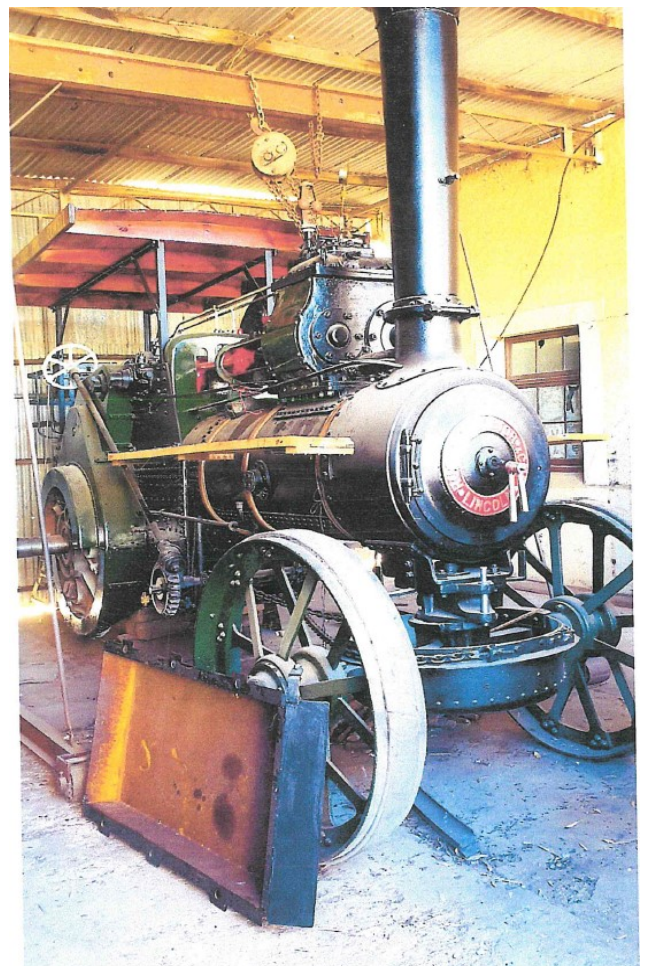
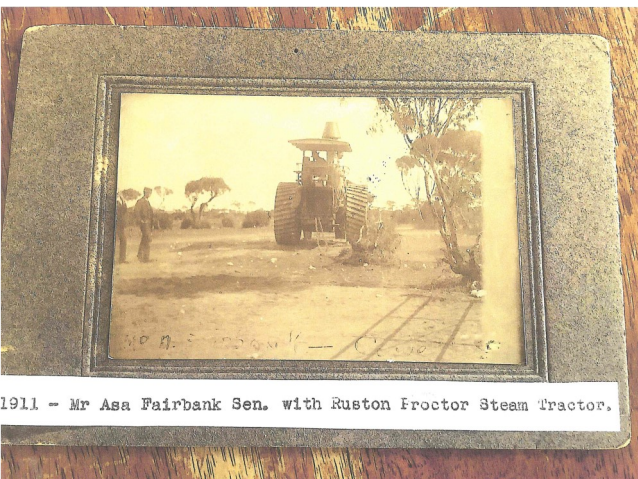
It has remained as an exhibit at our Agricultural Museum until Spring of 2019, when it was transported to Cobdogla Steam Engine Enthusiasts as part of their Field Day, and in appreciation, they offered their expert volunteers to restore it to working order at no cost to us.

The restoration is nearing completion and we hope you enjoy the photos included in this article.

It is the only operational Steam Engine of its type in Australia. We do not have a return date as yet. The Cobdogla Volunteers are putting countless, man hours to ensure its earliest return to the "Franklin Harbour Agricultural Museum"

For your information it weighs 13 Ton or 11.7934 Metric Tonne's

We are always looking for new members / volunteers, so if you are interested please contact Betty Franklin (secretary) on 86 296 005 or Di Woods 0428 123 471





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## Camping Around Franklin Harbour

To book a site within the District Council of Franklin Harbour permits must be obtained online at [www.eyrepeninsula.com/camping](http://www.eyrepeninsula.com/camping).

All campers must have self contained toilet facilities except where toilet facilities are provided.

Local Residents and Ratepayers are able to camp at no cost however must still book online.

To book a permit online there are 3 campground areas:

‘Port Gibbon Beach Camping’ formerly known as the beach access sites these includes Port gibbon jetty, Hideaway, The Fence, Serenity, Flat Rocks, The Sanctuary and White Sands.

‘Point Gibbon Campgrounds’ includes Point Gibbon (15 allocated sites), Dunes, Mills Steps, Bush and Boat shed.

‘Cowell RV Park’ which has 22 designated sites.