

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

CEO NEWS

THE RACE FOR THE FINISH LINE

As we race towards the close of 2021 the completion of our Foreshore remains the priority, but we now know that we simply cannot complete it by year end which is hugely disappointing. I have said many times over the last two years that there is nowhere that I would rather have been during the time of COVID than here. Compared to the rest of the world, and indeed the rest of Australia, its impact has been minimal and everyone has worked hard at doing the right thing. I see that Franklin Harbour are doing exceedingly well in the “vaccination race” with 93.19% of us now having had the first dose, and 87.62% now being double dosed. If you haven’t been vaccinated I would suggest now would be a very good time. Covid has impacted our Foreshore project though, causing extreme delays for some key components, and putting some serious strain on our budget with rapid increases in the cost of materials, and a lack of competitive tendering due to the “flood” of stimulus money flowing into the economy and the resulting uptick in large infrastructure projects. Nonetheless, we are almost finished and remain on budget. It now looks like end of January for completion of the water park and the “bouncy pillow”. It is very tempting to stretch that date to avoid further embarrassment but let’s keep the pressure on and get it done! In the first quarter of 2022 our focus moves to landscaping which is where the real transformation will occur.

That is what we didn’t quite manage in 2021 but a lot has been achieved, including :

- The completion of the new Marina at Cowell
- The completion of the new road across the foreshore and additional parking areas
- More than 90% of the foreshore works will have been completed by Christmas.
- The foreshore project was originally budgeted to add \$3.5 million to DCFH debt but will in fact add less than \$1.0 million to our debt upon completion.
- All but 3 km of the Cowell – Port Gibbon Road has now been sealed (the remainder will be completed in the first half of 2022)
- We have been successful in obtaining grant funding to widen and reseal our 48km of the Cowell-Kimba road, a project that will commence in 2022.

Eco-Eyre is up and running with two “eco-pods” overlooking the beach at Port Gibbon being available since June.

This project has been a resounding success.

Construction of new toilets at Point Gibbon will be complete by year end

A new 30 year lease for Lucky Bay has been signed with the State government

Our finances are “healthy” and we have a plan to both repay debt and continue to grow and improve the Franklin Harbour area.

In a little over 2 years this small regional council will have successfully completed more than \$10 million worth of major projects, projects that have been transformational to our area.

This is a remarkable achievement for a council with less than 20 employees, and for the council that continues to have the lowest in the dollar rates in South Australia. (from 68 councils)

Anyone that works in local government knows that you get a lot of “darts” thrown at you and little thanks but I would like to go on the record and thank the dedicated team at DCFH for their outstanding efforts and dedication over the past two years, you have been superb! And you need to be superb next year too, as we have a lot on. 😊

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the very best for 2022. We have a lot to be thankful for living on the beautiful Eyre Peninsula, and 2022 is shaping up to be a much better year for the wider world as well. Let’s hope it turns out that way.

OFFICE CLOSING DATES

THE COUNCIL OFFICE WILL
BE CLOSED FROM 2PM
THURSDAY 23rd
DECEMBER AND WILL
REOPEN TUESDAY 4th
JANUARY 2022.



Rainfall for December as at 10/12/2021

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Message from the Eyre and Far North Local Health Network Chief Executive Officer, Verity Paterson



South Australia's borders reopened on 23 November and already there is local transmission of COVID-19 in the community in Adelaide.

The best defences against COVID -19 remain:

- Getting vaccinated
- Wearing masks
- Maintaining good hand hygiene
- Maintaining social/physical distancing

At this time, Cowell has among the best vaccination rates in the Eyre and Far North and is doing well against State averages too:

- 92% of the population 16+ have had a first dose
- 85% of that population have had a second dose.

Don't forget to have your second dose.

Evidence from across the world shows that people are at much higher risk of severe illness or even death, if they remain unvaccinated and contract COVID-19.

There is a lot of misinformation being spread about COVID-19 and about vaccinations. All COVID vaccines in use in Australia have to go through a formal approvals process to be allowed to be supplied to the public and are only approved if the benefits outweigh the risks.

There are still opportunities to get vaccinated, including at the Cowell Pharmacy, at the Port Lincoln COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic, and there are options in Whyalla as well.

Check vaccine appointments at www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/covidvaccine and follow the Eyre and Far North LH Facebook page for updates about our mobile vaccination team clinic visits.

SA Health has put in place a COVID Response Plan for the State, which sets out that:

- 85% of COVID cases will be safely managed at home
- 10% will recover at supervised COVID-19 facilities (not hospitals)
- 5% will be cared for in hospital

This is to ensure there is capacity in the State's hospitals to care for those who become seriously unwell.

The majority of people who test positive for COVID-19 are planned to recover at home, monitored by a team in Adelaide using technology and regular checks, and supported if they deteriorate, to receive care and treatment.

In cases where people cannot recover safely at home, for whatever reason, there are plans to set up supervised COVID-19 facilities. These are not hospitals but places where people can recover with some support.

At this point in time, the nearest facilities to Cowell are planned to be in Port Augusta and Port Lincoln, and there are also medi-hotels in Adelaide where some people may go.

Eyre and Far North Local Health Network has developed a local COVID-19 Response Plan, working with local General Practitioners, the SA Ambulance Service, the Royal Flying Doctor Service, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOS) and District Councils.

As the local health service, our top priorities are to:

- keep our communities and staff safe
- protect our vulnerable, elderly residents living in our aged care facilities.

We will do all we can to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to those vulnerable, elderly residents.

Under our local plan, Cowell District Hospital will not be accepting COVID positive patients.

Three hospitals have been designated as COVID hospitals – Port Lincoln, Ceduna and Coober Pedy.

Our three COVID hospitals will be separated into COVID (red) and non-COVID (green) zones. Red zones will be restricted to essential personnel only and staff will wear full Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at all times.

Patients and staff in each zone will be separated to reduce any risk of transmission.

If there is a COVID outbreak in Cowell or surrounding areas, anyone who comes to the hospital's Emergency Department will be treated as potential COVID positive patients. They will undergo a risk assessment to determine if they are a high COVID risk or are COVID positive.

Patients who do not require admission but are still considered high risk, will be referred for a COVID test, discharged and advised to quarantine at home until they receive their test results. Many people who test positive are expected to be able to recover at home with home monitoring.

Anyone who requires admission will be taken to one of the three COVID hospitals or could be sent to Whyalla Hospital.

Any COVID-19 positive patients who become unwell will be transported to Adelaide for treatment; they will be cared for at a COVID hospital while awaiting transport.

You can find more information about SA's COVID response at: SA.GOV.AU: COVID-19 | SA.GOV.AU: COVID-19



District Council of Franklin Harbour Notice of Road

Closure

Annual Christmas Pageant

Notice is hereby given that the District Council of Franklin Harbour, pursuant to Section 33 (1) of the *Road Traffic Act 1961*, declares the Annual Christmas Pageant and arrival of Father Christmas an event to which section 33 of the *Road Traffic Act 1961* applies and makes an order that the following roads on which the event is to be held, be closed to traffic from the period between 5pm-12am Friday 24 December 2021.

- South Terrace, from West Terrace to Fifth Street
- Fifth Street, from South Terrace to Main Street &
- Main Street, from Fifth Street to the Esplanade

Shane Gill

Chief Executive Officer

SAVE THE DATE

Cowell Pyrotechnics Display & Markets

12th March 2022

Further details to follow



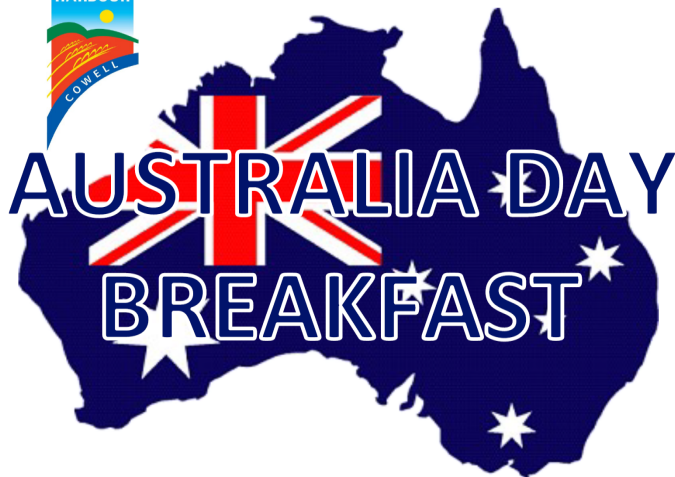
COWELL LIONS CLUB

MAIN STREET MARKET DATES

Sunday January 9th, Sunday February 6th,

Sunday March 6th & Sunday April 3rd.

P: Mark 0487 296 147 P: Alan 0427 292 088



COWELL LIONS PARK

WEDNESDAY 26th JANUARY 2022

7:30am BREAKFAST

8:45am PRESENTATION OF

AWARDS and CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

ALL WELCOME!



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 – 9th January 2021 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



COMMUNITY OPENING HOURS

1st – 17th Dec: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9am – 4pm

20th – 22nd Dec Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9am – 4pm

Christmas Closure

The library will be closed from Thursday 23rd December and reopen Tuesday 11th January.

Library closed & need something to read?

Don't forget all library members have free access to our digital books & audio books. Simply download the Libby or Borrow Box Apps from Googleplay or the App Store, select our library and enter your library card number and pin. If you can't remember your library number, pop in or give us a call for assistance.

Thankyou

A huge thank you to Pat Wood for her volunteering efforts throughout the year. No matter what the task, Pat always has a smile. Thank you also to the Cowell Uniting Church Op Shop for their donation earlier this year to new furnishings.

Keeping up to date

To keep track of our new additions we are emailing a monthly newsletter called *Latest Additions* to members and it highlights a variety of new items received the previous month as well as some information on the newest releases. If you'd like to keep in the know, please email us at cowell.library@libraries.sa.gov.au or call us on 8629 2320 to be added to the list. Don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#) to keep in the know.

Merry Christmas

Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas and all the very best for the New Year. We're thankful for your patience & understanding with our changes in processes and opening hours during such a challenging year. Fingers crossed 2022 is a better year for us all.

Merry Christmas from Maria & Nicole.

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: 15th December, 9th February, 23rd March, 20th April, 18 May and 29th June. Please contact the surgery on (08) 8629 2504 for an appointment.

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.

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



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FRANKLIN HARBOUR
RUBBISH COLLECTION

Please be advised there will be no change to rubbish collection over the Christmas / New Year period

Tuesday - 28th December
Tuesday - 4th January

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FRANKLIN HARBOUR
REFUSE SITE HOURS

Opening Times for Cowell Refuse Site over the Christmas / New Year period

Friday 24th December 2-4pm
Wednesday 29th December 2 - 4pm
Friday 31st December 2-4pm
Sunday 2nd January 10am-12pm
Wednesday 5th January 2-4pm

Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch



With Covid again shaking things up we had to do things a little different for this year's Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon. We would like to thank Parent's and Friends for their catering contribution once again and all those who assisted or volunteered their time. A wonderful day had by all.

LIONS CLUB CAKES, PUDDINGS & RAFFLE TICKETS

Christmas cakes & pudding orders can be placed with:

Bruce Francis: 0428 894 645 or will be on sale out the front of IGA along with raffle tickets.

Dates: Thurs 16th Dec ,

Thurs 23rd Dec 9am to 1pm

Friday 24th Dec 9am to 7pm

PRICES

Large 1.5kg cake: \$17

Small 1kg cake: \$13

Pudding 900g: \$13



CHRISTMAS LIGHT COMP

Get your Christmas lights out of the cobwebs!
Its time to decorate your house and get in the
Christmas spirit.

Judging of the Christmas lights will happen Sunday night
(19th December).

Winner will be announced on Pageant Night.

"CALLING ALL BUSINESS & COMMUNITY GROUPS"

With Christmas starting to creep up on us, it is time to put a reminder in your diary for the Lions Christmas Pageant which will be held on Friday 24th of December.

The Lions Club are encouraging all Local Businesses and Community Groups to put their creative flare together and join in on a not to be missed event.



Whyalla
New Beach
Tues **11 JAN**

Flat Rock,
Port Gibbon
Wed **12 JAN**

Tumby Bay
Jetty
Fri **14 JAN**
Sat **15 JAN**

Mount
Dutton Bay
Jetty
Sun **16 JAN**

Smooth Pool,
Streaky Bay
Tues **18 JAN**

**New
location!!!**

2022 EP MARINE PARK SUMMER SNORKELS



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Limited tickets - Adult \$49
Child \$29 | Concession \$29

Book online today www.emsau.org/ems-community-tours

For more information email: sophie@emsau.org or
call 0431 032 797



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unique marine life of the
Eyre Peninsula - thanks to:



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



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Drought Resilience Leaders Development Program

EYRE PENINSULA, SA

The Australian Rural Leadership Foundation is inviting people from the Eyre Peninsula, South Australia to gather, collaborate and learn with other people who share the aspirations of the region.

The program provides a learning experience that will challenge and support you to develop the skill, knowledge, mindset and networks to lead your community into the future. Become part of a forward-thinking network of people committed to embedding resilience thinking in their communities and to influencing change.



The program will be held over the proposed following dates:

SESSION 1 2-4 February 2022 3 days in person	SESSION 2 22-23 February 2022 2 days virtual	SESSION 3 16-18 March 2022 3 days in person	ALUMNI upon completion
Themes Self-awareness, adaptive leadership, change theory, personal and community resilience	Themes Climate science, problem solving, creativity, mental and physical wellbeing	Themes Scenario planning, influence, network leadership	All participants join the ARLF Alumni

Applications open 11 October–21 November 2021

Invest in yourself. The program is open to anyone over the age of 18 from any industry. The program is aimed at curious individuals who seek to understand their region, have strong relationships within the community or want to develop them, and who want to influence the resilience their community has, to adapt and manage uncertainty.

What will I gain from this program?

- The opportunity to create new networks, to work alongside others and to not lead on your own as there is added strength in collaborating with others
- The chance to collaborate with others who are willing and ready to respond to the future impacts of climate
- To ask bigger, broader and more expansive questions about the future and what can be done now.
- When you complete the program you become part of the ARLF network of alumni of over 1,700 members who are working for the greater good of rural, regional and remote Australia.

All places are funded by the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund. The program is free of charge, however you will be responsible for funding your own travel and some meals. An allowance of up to \$500 to cover up to 50% of your travel costs is available at the end of the program.

To find out more or apply visit:
rural-leaders.org.au/drought-resilience-leaders-development-program



Your facilitators

Your program will be facilitated by a team of people committed to leadership development, climate adaptation and connections and wellbeing in regional, rural and remote Australia.



ANIKA MOLESWORTH
anikamolesworth.com

Anika is a passionate advocate for sustainable farming, environmental conservation and climate change action. She helped form Farmers for Climate Action, and connects land managers to researchers through her platform Climate Wise Agriculture to help build resilience into farming communities.



POLYKALA
polykala.com

Polykala will explore the ideas of adaptive leadership experientially. They will encourage participants to explore leadership through their own professional and personal experience. Participants will be on their feet learning in real time through creative and reflective activities.



TANYA LEHMANN
Regional Lead

Tanya is passionate about leadership development and building the wellbeing, resilience and sustainability of rural communities. A clinician, change leader and executive in rural health by background, Tanya is former Chair of the National Rural Health Alliance, runs her own consulting business, and lives in the Riverland SA.

Key contacts

Regional Lead for South Australia: Tanya Lehmann | E tanya.lehmann186@gmail.com | P 0437 293 627
For assistance to complete your application please call the ARLF on 02 6281 0680.

Community Extension Grants

Participants in the program will be eligible and supported to apply for Community Extension Grants of up to \$4,000. These grants provide participants with the opportunity to design and run activities that share the skills and knowledge developed during the program with their community.

About the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation

The ARLF has a 29 year history of delivering leadership programs across Australia that develop courageous and authentic leadership to support resilient regional, rural and remote communities. We bring this experience to the Drought Resilience Leaders Program, drawing on the expertise of our partners, associates and alumni network to deliver tailored leadership development and mentoring for people living and working in rural, regional and remote communities.



The Drought Resilience Leaders Program is proudly supported by the following partners: Australia Rural Leadership Foundation, Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal, Rural Economies Centre of Excellence, Australian Resilience Centre, Centre for Applied Climate Sciences – University of Southern Queensland, Charles Sturt University and the National Farmers Federation

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (PART 1)

At the first Franklin Harbour Council elections William Jacobs submitted his name as a candidate. He was successful and at the first regular meeting of this council he was elected Chairman, in 1888. This was a significant step in the community affairs of the district. When William and Mary left Echunga to come to Franklin Harbour they were presented with a scroll signed by prominent people connected with the Methodist church of the district. They were also presented with a silver cake tray suitable inscribed.

When they arrived in the Franklin Harbour area they carried on with their church work. William gave a small piece of land so that a Sunday school could be built. This site was later bought by the Education Department for a school, so in a minor way William was still involved in community affairs. By being elected to council this work was greatly extended. When this land was donated to the Sunday school it was in the state of virgin scrub.

He used to meet many new settlers arriving by boat from Wallaroo. On the north side of the gully, on top of a hill, there was a rock formation and out of a split in the rock grew a she-oak tree, its trunk grew parallel to the ground, with the branches and leaves turning skywards.

When the time approached for the boat to arrive again at Cowell, William would spend time waiting for the boat to appear before harnessing his buggy team to travel to Cowell to meet the people about to make their homes on Eyre Peninsula.

He served the district as councilor for eight years, two as Chairman. He succumbed to a brain tumor and died at Poodra in 1899. His wife, Mary carried on with the farm with the aid of her sons until 1915, when Bert (my father) married. Mary then left Poodra and lived with various members of her family. William junior was also attracted to the council, but only had two short periods as a councilor. His energies were spent as overseer for a period of ten years. During this time there was a large work force of Italian immigrants employed on road construction. Two of Grandpa William's nephews also served as councilors. They were Francis Jacobs and John Pellew Story, who each served as Chairman of the council for a period of two years. Francis was a councilor for a period of fourteen years. Ivan, the youngest son of Francis and Cicely, follows in his father's footsteps and served the community for about ten years giving the district good solid service.

John Story was the longest serving member of the Jacobs clan. He was councilor for some twenty-four years. In that time he would have seen many changes. Colin Story, the youngest son of the Story family served several years as assistant clerk. Harry Schiller, son-in-law of John Story, entered Council as the member of the Miltalie ward. Later when he moved to the Mount Ghearty farm, he again nominated and won the Minbrie Ward. Harry gave thirteen years of very valuable service to the council, seven of these as Chairman.

I nominated for council and was elected for three terms, six years. These years were very demanding, but rewarding. Perhaps inspection fire breaks and giving permits was rather daunting, but I found the landowners very understanding.

This represents a total of seventy-nine years active service given to the Franklin Harbour Council by various members of the Jacobs family and twelve years by William Junior as overseer. This is an outstanding community service

To be continued.....





DATES TO REMEMBER

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FRANKLIN HARBOUR COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 19th January 2022 @ 1:00pm in
Council Chambers

LIONS CLUB MARKET DAY

Sunday 9th January 2022, 8.00am to 2.00pm

LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Friday 24th December 2021

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.