

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

GET READY!

Christmas is Coming

A new council elected for the 2022 - 2026

Saturday November 12 was the day that votes were counted in the local government elections, deciding the elected member groups for the next 4 year term for all of the states 68 councils.

In Franklin Harbour we had a true election with 9 candidates for 6 positions, and as always we had one of the highest voter participation rates in the state, at 70.68%.

Congratulations to our soon to be sworn in elected member group for the 2022 – 2026 term. The successful candidates were :

Rachel Deer

Sue Chase

Robert Walsh

Kim Baum

Robert Norris

Terry Rehn

The elected members will elect the Mayor from within, at the upcoming December Council meeting.

This is a diverse high calibre group that share a passion for this community.

Franklin Harbour 2018 – 2022

I would like to take the opportunity to publicly thank our elected member group for the term just finished. This group has overseen and contributed to what has most likely been the highest achieving and most progressive council term in Franklin Harbour's history. They have been a cohesive group that has demonstrated vision, stamina and dedication to their community. Three of this group will not be taking part in the new council and I would like to acknowledge and thank them for their efforts and service. Thank you to :

Cr Daven Wagner – sworn in 19th November 2014

Cr Geoff Giles – sworn in 14th September 2015

Cr Sharran Franklin – sworn in 14th November 2018

Shane Gill—Chief Executive Officer

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Water Park

Council would like to advise that on extremely windy days that we will not have the water splash area turned on, however the waterslides will continue to run.



SAVE THE DATE

Cowell Foreshore Opening,
Pyrotechnics Display, Live
Music & Markets
11th March 2023
Further details to follow



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 Saturday 24 December 2022.

- 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

OFFICE CLOSING DATES

**THE COUNCIL OFFICE WILL
BE CLOSED FROM 2PM
THURSDAY 22nd
DECEMBER AND WILL
REOPEN TUESDAY 3rd
JANUARY 2023.**



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 – 4th December 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

Hard Waste Rubbish Collection—Cowell Township Only

Council will be collecting hard waste on Tuesday 6th December 2022. If you have hard waste to be collected please register your address with the Council office on 8629 2019 prior to 2nd December.

Please Note: Lucky Bay Hard Rubbish Collection will be late January, date to Advised.



COWELL LIONS CLUB

MAIN STREET MARKET DATES

Sunday December 4th, January 8th, February 5th,
March 12th and April 2nd

P: Alan 0427 292 088

P: Andrew: 0429 801 498

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 Saturday 24th 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

60th Annual Senior Citizens Xmas Party

This year will be our 60th Senior Citizen's Christmas Party which will be held Friday 9th December, 2022 starting from 11am. This is a great event and local residents over the age of 65 are invited to register. Invitations have been sent out. Please RSVP by the 24th November to secure your spot. Catering will be provided by Parents & Friends, with entertainment provided by Cowell Area School Reception / Year 1 class.



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 17th Nov, Sat 19th Nov
Thurs 24th Nov, Sat 26th Nov
Thurs 1st Dec, Sat 3rd Dec
Thurs 8th Dec, Sat 10th Dec
Thurs 15th Dec, Sat 17th Dec
Thurs 22nd Dec, Sat 24th Dec
9:00am till 1:00pm

Prices

Large 1.5kg cake \$17, Small 1kg cake \$13 & Pudding 900g \$13

CHRISTMAS LIGHT COMPETITION

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

Judging of the Christmas lights will happen Sunday night (18th December).
Winners will be announced on Pageant Night.

CHANGE TO BIN COLLECTION DAY

Change to weekly waste collection arrangements

After many years of a shared arrangement for weekly rubbish collection (with DC Kimba and DC Cleve), from October 1st we moved to a contract with Veolia and our weekly rubbish collection day moved to **THURSDAYS** (from Tuesdays).

We have ceased collection of recycling bins (Yellow lid) for the time being as we have no facilities to effectively deal with this in Franklin Harbour. This is an issue for most remote regional councils, we are hopeful that the Strategic Review of EP waste currently underway will identify workable solutions to this issue.



Fire Prevention Reminder

The upper Eyre Peninsula has experienced a year of high rainfall and subsequently fuel loads (vegetation) are also at an extremely high level and are curing fast. Your action is now required to help reduce the high fire risk.

This year the Fire Danger Season begins on the 1st November, as a property owner you are responsible to take action to



prevent the outbreak of fire or the sustainability of fire on your property.

Councils Fire Prevention Officer will be carrying out inspections in the Township under Section 105F of the Fire and Emergency Services Act, follow up notices will be sent to non-compliant owners.

Community News

LIBRARY NEWS

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR @ Cowell Library

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be ready for sales next Thursday 17th November from 8.30am. We will have a range of children's books & activity packs available - what a great way to do some early Christmas Shopping.

We will be offering a late night shopping night too – Thursday 17th, Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd the library will stay open until 5.30pm for Book Fair shopping. It's an ideal opportunity to shop when the kids are at basketball, swim club and cricket.

Payment can be made via EFTPOS and cash. For those parents that can not get to the library during opening hours, we can send a wish list home with your child listing the items they are interested in, & you can pay online for the items. Students simply return the wish list with the Scholastic Receipt number on it to collect their items.

The Book Fair will run through until 29 November 4pm.



**Cowell School
Community Library**

OPENING HOURS

Monday
8.30am - 12.30pm

Tuesday - Thursday
8.30am - 12.30pm
2.00pm - 4.00pm

Friday
Call & Collect
9am - 12pm



Need some help with your device?
Do you want to build your confidence with technology?

being digital is a Government initiative to help our communities improve their digital literacy. The initiative, run through Libraries SA, aims to help you gain skills and know-how, in a range of digital topics suitable for you. We are currently running group and one on one sessions for anyone needing assistance. You can even work your own way through the topics from home, at a time that suits you.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Contact Cowell School Community Library for bookings on:
Phone: 8629 2320 Email: cowell.library@libraries.sa.gov.au

Date	Activities	Time	Appointment Required
WED: OCT 26	30 min. One-on-one session for specific issues	2pm – 3.30pm	YES
THURS: OCT 27	How to use e-books & e-audiobooks (Please bring your library card)	2pm – 3pm	
WED: NOV 2	30 min. One-on-one session for specific issues	2pm – 3.30pm	YES
WED: NOV 9	30 min. One-on-one session for specific issues	2pm – 3.30pm	YES
WED: NOV 16	30 min. One-on-one session for specific issues	2pm – 3.30pm	YES
WED: NOV 23	30 min. One-on-one session for specific issues	2pm – 3.30pm	YES
WED: NOV 30	30 min. One-on-one session for specific issues	2pm – 3.30pm	YES
WED: DEC 7	30 min. One-on-one session for specific issues	2pm – 3.30pm	YES
WED: DEC 14	30 min. One-on-one session for specific issues	2pm – 3.30pm	YES

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: December 14th.

Please contact the surgery on (08) 8629 2504 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



DATES TO REMEMBER

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FRANKLIN HARBOUR COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 14th December 2022 @ 1:00pm in
Council Chambers

COWELL LIONS CLUB MARKETS

Sunday 4th December 2022

Rainfall for October/November as at

17/11/2022 45.4mm

RAPID ANTIGEN TEST COLLECTION POINT

RAT Kit Distribution - Concession Holders

As you may be aware, eligible Concession Card Holders are able to access free RATs.

What you need to do: Concession Card Holders must register, prior to collection, on the SA Health website [South Australian Government - Rapid antigen test collection \(forms.sa.gov.au\)](https://www.southaustralia.gov.au/rapid-antigen-test-collection). Clients are also encouraged to call the office before presenting, to confirm their pick-up time.

All persons entering the Council office for RAT kit distribution, should be wearing a mask.

Concession Card Holders are eligible for 5 x RAT kits a month, but no more than 2 lots (10 kits) in a 3 monthly period.

Cowell Christmas Carols

Presented by:

The Cowell Inter- Church Council

**Sunday 11th December
2:30pm at The Cowell Institute
All Welcome**

Donations will be used to support
The Cowell Area School Pastoral Care Program



Children will be invited on the day to partake in a little Nativity play at this event if they wish :)

INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMERS

Australian Government Mobile Service Centre

Serving Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Thursday, 1 December 2022

9 am to 3 pm

Opposite Cowell Cottages, Main Street

COWELL

For more information, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice



Health
Eye and Far North
Local Health Network

OFFICIAL

What do you need to live well as you age?

Eyre and Far North Local Health Network is planning the future of our local aged care services – both residential and at home.

What works well? What could be better?

We want to learn more about what sort of supports people living in country communities might need to live their best lives as they get older.

You are invited to join us and share your views on what ageing well means for you and to learn more about how aged care services in Australia are changing.

Port Lincoln

When: Monday 5 December 2022, 12:30pm – 3:30pm

Where: Port Lincoln Hotel Function Centre, 1 Lincoln Highway Port Lincoln
Light lunch provided

Cleve

When: Tuesday 6 December 2022, 10:00am – 1:00pm

Where: Cleve Institute, 20 Birdseye Hwy Cleve
Light lunch provided

Wudinna

When: Tuesday 6 December 2022, 3:00pm – 6:00pm

Where: Wudinna Town Hall, 11 Burton Tce Wudinna
Afternoon tea provided

Ceduna

When: Wednesday 7 December 2022, 12:30pm – 3:30pm

Where: Ceduna Memorial Hall, 31 Poynton St Ceduna
Light lunch provided

You can also take part in our online survey by scanning this QR code



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WATER continued

About twelve months after this episode Francis Jacobs began boring for water above the bungalow house, employing a man from Jamestown whose name was Thomas. This man had a fellow working for him who could look after the plant for a short time, so I made arrangements with him for the following day to have a look at my place and to pick a borehole site.

Previously Mr. Morrison had chosen a place where four creeks met, but to get there would have been difficult as it was inside the hill paddock and among some big water mallee trees. In hindsight, this site may have been the one to use. The site Mr. Thomas picked was approximately 500 yards due east in open country, a good place for a wind mill to be situated and the site Francis was boring was about 1½ kilometers due north at the edge of the range. After a couple of days I went down to this site only to be told that there was no rock formation, a strange event around these districts. Perhaps I should digress as the happenings in this part of the district.

Early after the war year's, perhaps in the late 1940's or 1950's, there was a team of surveyors working through mine and adjacent properties. They were there for some weeks. Eventually I had a visit from the Mines Department wishing to use an area of land inside my property at Pike's Corner as a base and campsite whilst they were drilling along many lines of pegs. Their camp eventually consisted of a dozen camping huts, with kitchen, toilet and shower facilities and an engine room for the electric light. There were quite a number of workers present who all proved good chaps to talk to. Finally the main driller arrived on the scene and work was to begin. The main driller was brought back from Singapore; it was said he was the only man qualified to do the job.

The seeding had to be done and there were two paddocks sown on this part of the property. As the season was progressing I was rather alarmed to realize that the harvesting was not far off. Unless the pegs were removed from the cropping area there was a possibility of staked tyres. I raised this matter with the boss who arranged for the men going through the crop to remove these pegs, but each row was marked inside the road fence.

All cores from the holes were placed in boxes to be sent to Adelaide for testing. The final hole was drilled to a depth of 950ft. It was drilled on an incline to see if the material was of the same quality. Throughout this drilling the overburden was 70 to 80 feet deep. I was told that it was magnetic and interfered with aircraft instruments.

The pegs extended from the Bungalow Road to about ¾ of the way to the foothills. The distance between these rows varied from 50 yards to 150 yards and extended through five of my paddocks.

The workers were stationed here for many weeks. The head driller told me he did not know the material. These men came up home for their supply of eggs and milk. Eventually Mr Thomas finished boring the hole at Francis Jacobs' place, and then started at my place. Fortunately the type of boring rig owned by Mr Thomas was a mobile drill and did not require any help to shift.

After a couple of days work they were down over **100** feet. I was a bit puzzled with the depth of these two bore holes because up to this time there were no bore holes on Poodra over 80 feet, and I brought this subject up with Mr Thomas. He explained that these holes were being bored in a dropped strata area and the water flow was being diverted because of the solid rock formation, marked by the many rows of pegs. After we passed the 100 feet mark the country changed and the type of rock was sandstone which Mr. Thomas assured me would provide a good supply of water, which we gained at a depth of 240 feet. The hole was covered over to stop any rubbish from blowing in until I was ready to equip the bore with windmill and pipes. It was a matter of great relief to have found water on this part of the land; there were now three paddocks that could have a water supply.

I was very surprised to learn that the Thomas plant was again working on the original hole on Francis' place. This caused me to make enquiries as to why this happened, only to be told that the depth of the hole was not as Francis was led to believe, and only after the boring plant had been working for a while that they had found a great quantity of steel had been put into the bore hole. This prompted me to make an investigation. Fortunately I had some surplus baling twine which was used to probe the depth of the borehole. I found that the borehole was barely 220 feet and it should have been just over 240 feet.

Mr Thomas said he would clear the hole but unfortunately he found the material put into the hole was an axle nearly as big as the borehole. It was just hammer, hammer hoping something would happen! Eventually it did after many hours but as we were not to know when, I went home to do many jobs needed after harvest. We were on the verge of retiring for the night when we heard a motor vehicle coming up to the house. It was Mr Thomas with the news that a different supply of water was found; beautifully clear with bright red fine sand. It was as fresh as rainwater.

The borehole was equipped with a Southern Cross windmill with a, 30 foot tower and a ten-foot wheel To lower the 240 feet of galvanized pipe into the hole would be quite a task, and impossible to reach this lovely water. We had no trouble until we reached 220 feet and could not lower it any further, because this is where the mill would stray into forming a new hole. We could have pulled the pipe out, used poly with the foot valve.

The water needed for the sheep as the men connected the rods and pumped the water direct to the trough. The sheep responded to having water at this isolated spot. We used this set up for a couple of years and catastrophe! Apparently a strong wind twister struck and the windmill was absolutely wrecked. The tower had collapsed. The tower consisted of three legs of heavy angle iron and was braced all the way to the top. The angle arm near the top of the tower was severely twisted and the tower bent over toward the ground. A wind causing so much havoc testified to the intensity of the forces of nature.

I think it was about 1984 that Malcolm Duet's plant was operating in the district again and the boys decided to invite him down to investigate the likelihood of finding water in the Hill paddock. He was of the opinion that the chances were good. He eventually started on a site opposite to the one selected by Mr Morrison. Unfortunately in the hole he found many feet of fine wash sand. Mr Duet used foam to seal off the sand but this proved unsatisfactory, as the sand was still troublesome.

Malcolm liked using the divining rod and he traced a water stream still in line with the Duet/Morrison holes but to the east. Water was found at 220 feet, the quality very good. An electric *pump* was used to pump water from the borehole, which was estimated to make about 500 gallons an hour. The water was pumped into a 1000-gallon tank, provided specifically for test purposes. When the tank was just over half full the supply was not big enough for the *pump* fitted. Had the power been supplied from the line, sensors could have been fitted. The power would switch off when it reached the lower sensor and would switch on again when it leveled at the top sensor. Although the power line was not very far away it would have cost too much to have it connected.

Had any of us been able to work on a windmill this would have been an excellent proposition by having a 5000-gallon tank to pump into the water then it could have supplied five paddocks. A flow rate of 500 gallons an hour would have been ideal for a windmill

The one big disadvantage would have been the lowering of the heavy galvanized piping into the borehole. I suppose one day they may come up with a lightweight material for the equipping of these boreholes.

In the creeks, water was always available; in these circumstances it was self-supporting. The home section, 34 Miltalie, was mostly open grazing country although there were two small parcels of land that was used for agriculture, about 60 acres in all. The gullies in this section grew large quantities of mushrooms that were used in home; this varies according to the type of early rainfall. Section 113 and 114 hundred of Minbrie formed a very vital part of Poodra. These sections, being situated in the eastern part of the farm and bordering the flats, provided an early response of feed when the rains came. Another very important factor was that it provided a valuable water supply. In the early days there was a well three feet deep that watered all the animals around, including those of the neighbours. Of course during these years the stock population was not very high.

As the years went by the sheep numbers grew and with drier years the well in the creek could not cope and had to be deepened. Eventually it reached the depth of nineteen feet The supply of water was adequate, but after each thunder-storm the well would fill with wash sand that meant tons of sand had to be bucketed out - a hell of a job. Eventually Dad put a cement top on the well leaving enough room for drawing water with a bucket, this hole had a heavy piece of float iron placed over it but with the rush of water from the large hills area this did not stop the sand from filling the well.

Eventually a new well was dug about five feet away on the bank of the creek. This had the desired effect - no more sand needed to be bucketed from the well. Mr. Dick Pike of Cowell assisted Dad to dig this well, as he was very interested in a mining venture, the well was sunk to a depth of thirty feet. A stream of water, good quality stock water was found at a depth of eight feet, so we had twenty-two feet of water in the well. A windmill was erected over the well and a 20,000 re-enforced concrete tank built, this made life a great deal easier.

Poodra was only a small farm with only 650 acres approximately the balance was grazing land. During the early 1930's Dad bought Frank Badman's place, which used to be Uncle Wills farm that joined onto the Minbrie section of Poodra.

NEWSLETTER



Camping Around Franklin Harbour

Did you know that camping areas are provided in Franklin Harbour:

Permits within the Port Gibbon & Lucky Bay area are \$15 per night or \$75 per week.

Permits are required at all other camp sites including Ulbana Weir, RV Park and accesses along Beach Road for \$10 per night or \$50 per week.

Permits can be purchased at pay stations along beach road as well as the Council Office, Hardware and the Roadhouse.

To book a site at Point Gibbon permits must be obtained online at www.eyrepeninsula.com/camping.

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

Local Residents and Rate Payers are able to camp at no cost.