



Moving ahead in 2021

We will see pop-up COVID vaccination clinics around the Eyre Peninsula in coming weeks so despite the negative media coverage it is likely that Australia's rate of vaccination will now "ramp up" quite quickly. This bodes well for restoring some of the freedoms that we are so used to here in the "lucky country". Despite the bad press of late, I still can't think of anywhere better than Regional Australia to have been during the COVID restrictions/lockdowns, and at least in 2021 we have the footy back to get us through the winter.

Like a lot of Regional Australia, our area has benefitted significantly from an increase in Regional tourism which has been a much needed boost to the local economy. It is now generally expected that even when International travel reopens, domestic tourism will remain strong.

On the local front, we are now only weeks away from the Marina being completed, and from construction of the Marina building commencing. The Marina entrance is now open to the channel.

In May we will also be commencing earthworks for the construction of the Aquatic playground in the Lions Park area adjacent to the existing playground. We have managed to secure some additional grant funding to construct a basketball court next to the skate park as part of the Foreshore upgrade. Progress on the new road continues. Once all of these major Civil works are completed we will be commencing a program of Landscaping that will rapidly turn our currently brown foreshore area to green and stunning.

This month, we will hear from Roy Jacobs about the Management of Poodra Part 1—Part 2 to be concluded in May's Newsletter.

Shane Gill
Chief Executive Officer

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.



The Do's & Dont's of Recycling at the Dump

Recently there have been issues with cardboard boxes being placed in the skips at the landfill site for recycling that contain contaminants eg dirty nappies, plastics, folders etc.

Please ensure that only cardboard is placed in these bins.

Continued misuse of this service may result in fees being applied

Expression of Interest—Casual Cleaner

Council are seeking expressions of interest from the public to fill a casual cleaners position. If you are interested please contact Council by Friday 14th May 2021. For further information, please contact Stacey on 8629 2019.

Expression of Interest—Committee Member

Council are seeking expressions of interest from the public to fill a vacancy on the Cowell Cottages Management Committee as a community representative. If you are interested please apply in writing to Council by Friday 21st May 2021. For further information, please contact Bernie on 8629 2019.

Recycling Bins

We have received instruction from the District Council of Cleve that **NO GLASS** is to be placed in recycle bins. These items break when tipped into the truck and contaminate all other products as well as causing a health hazard to their staff.

The following items are acceptable:

Egg Cartons	Aluminium Cans / Tins
Paper, newspaper & magazine	Pizza Boxes
Plastic bottles / containers	Catalogues
Milk, butter & Yoghurt containers	

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Wifi Node at Port Gibbon

Connecting Regional Communities, Places, and People.

Four remote Sedi wifi nodes have been deployed across the Eyre Peninsula in a pilot for the South Australian Tourism Commission and Regional Development Australia - Eyre Peninsula to demonstrate the benefits of remote connectivity, digital interpretation, visitor management and safety. These nodes have been developed by Specialised Solutions which are fully powered by an off-grid solar and battery system and with no inground footings, the Sedi node is perfect for remote areas with minimal environmental impact or temporary installations.

Nodes can come fully integrated with LED lighting, Qi and USB Chargers, free Wifi Access (with remote management), LoRaWAN capability and an array of IOT sensors, and much more...

We thank the below for their contribution towards this project:

South Australian Tourism Commission

- Regional Development Australia - Eyre Peninsula
- Optus
- Easyweb Digital
- Artwork by Susie Betts
- Specialised Solutions
- Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board



Community News

LIBRARY NEWS



Book Club

Join us for our next meeting on Tuesday 4th May @ 11am in the library. Our book for April is *The one plus one by Jojo Moyes*, and we have copies available in the library.

Writer's Group

Enjoy creative writing & want to share your work with others? Maybe you're interested in listening to other people share their creative work. Writer's Group is meeting again on Wednesday 5th May @ 5.30pm in the library. Come along and check out what the group has to offer.

Storytime

Join Maria for songs and stories at our Storytime sessions. We are offering sessions at the library and at Playgroup. Keep up to date with session times in our School & Council Newsletters or our Facebook page. Our next sessions are:

Playgroup – Wednesday 12th May. Playgroup starting at 9.30 with a visit from Maria approx. 10.45am.

Library – Tuesday 25th May @ 11am

Cowell Seed & Plant Exchange

We are always looking for ways to be involved in our community and bring people together. We've come up with an idea, following its success in other metro libraries, to start a Seed & Plant Exchange group in Cowell. The group, which may meet bi-monthly or quarterly, would exchange local knowledge, ideas, best plant practices, exchange cuttings, bulbs and possibly produce. We'd be looking to start the group around May and can be flexible in meeting days & times. If you're interested please let us know via phone, email or through our Facebook page.

Book Rehoming Project

We've recently retired some of our Adult Fiction books and we'd love to find them a new home. If anyone would like to top up their caravans or shacks with some used books, the books would be very appreciative and so would we. Pop into the library and collect as many items from our retired stock as you like.



Dinner at the Shed Tanks



On March 20, 2021 approximately 150 excited and curious guests gathered at the Shed Tanks between Cowell and Kimba to attend a 3 course, Black-tie event that had been planned to raise funds for the restoration of the historic site.

Plans to put the Shed Tanks back on the map began over 6 months ago. A committee of like-minded people from both Cowell and Kimba had gathered on numerous occasions to bring the event to life. They sought sponsorship from both local and corporate businesses and took donations for an Auction on the night.

The overwhelming support from sponsors and the guests on the night has been nothing short of amazing. The Shed Tanks looked beautiful as guests arrived from 5pm and as the sunset and the lights took effect, people were even more amazed at how this venue could be made so beautiful.

The Auction was supported very generously, and the funds received by the committee will be put straight into the restoration of the current structure. New tanks will be purchased, and the addition of a History Board is a must. The committee really want the site to remain important for generations to come. Other ideas are now being considered due to the financial support.

“Just Mates” and “Chasin Aces” provided great music throughout the night. North Shore Event Catering served a delicious meal, and the night was enjoyed by all that attended.

The committee are so proud of the event we put together but are so grateful for ALL the support they received from both Cowell, Kimba and the wider community.



10 Dozen Oyster—Cowell Oysters

Bali Hai Accommodation (Andy & Marty Guidera) & a \$200

Flight voucher from AJM Global (Andrew McFarlane)

5 Acres of cropping land gross proceeds—Pike & Rachel

Scenic Flight for 3 with Ty Kaden

Wood Heater donated by Garan Pty Lts (Toby Waterman)

Shuttle of Firewood—Cowell Lions Club

2021 Signed Port Power Gurnsey

2021 Darcy Fogarty signed Crows Gurnsey

Turners Aquaculture Harbour Cruise & Tasting for 6

Port Lincoln Hotel Accommodation for 1 Night—Rowan &

Teresa Ramsey

Grunds Gourmet Hamper—Tatas Grund

1 Dozen Bottles of Hill River Clare Estate Riesling

9ct gold padlock bracelet—Rory & Wendy Milhinch

High Tea @ Val Lambs for 8 People

Shady Tours Harbour Cruise for 9 People

20 L of Glyphosate—Cleve Rural Traders

Megs Cottage Accommodation 2PPL / 2 Nights—Stefan Ahren

AUCTION ITEMS

SPONSORS

Graham and Janet Tiller

Docking Mechanical

Cowell Post Office

Story's Liquid Waste

District Council of Franklin Harbour

Anonymous x 3

Alliance Eyre Pty Ltd

Graeme and Heather Baldock

Cowell Paint N Panel

Downer Utilities Australia P/L

Seaslip

Ramsey Pharmacy

Diggers Civil

Cowell Community Op Shop

Tara Kenny

Electranet

Karawatha Park

Spencer Gulf Searoad

EP AG N FERT

Treadz

Kimba Transport

Bank SA

Cowell Commercial Hotel

District Council of Kimba

MANAGEMENT OF POODRA

I am writing my memories of Poodra, the property that was owned by the Jacobs family for one hundred and eighty years. William, my grandfather (the third child of Isaac and Elizabeth, my great grandparents) was born at Cherry Gardens on the 12th March 1842, and died at Poodra on the 28th April 1899. He is buried at the Cowell Cemetery. In 1684 at Scotts Creek, a double wedding took place between William and Mary Ann Mildwater, along with the elder brother Isaac Junior and Elizabeth Ann Beeching. William and Mary lived in the Cherry Gardens and Echungung districts, where they were active in community and church affairs. According to an extract from the Kangarilla historical record of 1855, Thomas and William Jacobs and Edward and John Mildwaters were employed by the contractors Dalwood and Derwent, and went by ship to Darwin to begin construction of the Overland Telegraph line southward to Port Augusta. Early in 1880, William came to Franklin Harbour in search of land and a future home for his family. The lease of land held by the Melrose family was to be sub-divided into farming areas, and William squatted at Poodra, a place of good water. When the land became available he eventually applied for Sections 14, 34 and 35 in the Hundred of Miltalie and sections 113 and 114 in the Hundred of Minbrie. Later another section was added, being section 11 in the Hundred of Miltalie. This land was owned by a William Story of Hawker.



This section of land was very hilly, the tops of the hills were covered by mallee and broom bush scrub, but the open areas were very good grazing, of course the attraction being ample, good water in the creeks. Near the watering places on open ground was shepherd's hut, probably built in the Melrose years, or may even go back to the McKechnie family. These days it is only a small mound of rubble. Section 11 being on the south end of section 14, known as School Hill was the only place where water was available and was a vital link. Also situated in section 11 were two hills marked on the map and known as "The Brothers", these hills are situated in the southwest corner and these properties are divided by boundary fences.



Section 34 of Miltalie surrounded the Poodra Well area where the homestead was built and the water used for the vegie garden. Poodra well was also on a land reserve and during the late 1930's this land was sold to H.R. (Bert) Jacobs and became section 91 of Miltalie and contained six and a half acres of land. There were two graves situated on this reserve, one man was a surveyor's assistant. Years ago when we received weekly paper called "The Chronicle" there was a letter inquiring about this grave, unfortunately Dad did not see this letter so we missed an opportunity to make contact with this family. My Grandmother told me the second grave was that of a man killed by a bullock wagon. The National Trust refenced these graves several years ago.

Section 113 and 114 in the hundred of Minbrie were of great importance to the Miltalie sections because of the water situation. A small well in the bed of the main creek was only 3 feet deep, and the supply of water was great for it watered all the stock situated in the area, of course the situation changed over the years as the land clearing took place. William's application for section 34 Miltalie was also applied for by William Story of Hawker, but William Jacob's application was approved by the Department of Lands. William brought Mary and her family to Franklin Harbour early in 1883, and for several years they lived in a pine and pug home with a thatched roof. Eventually the family built a two room stone house; the first stone house in the district, the stone was quarried from a nearby gully. The house consisted of two rooms, a bedroom and living room, later two more rooms were built, a girls room and a kitchen. These rooms were constructed of small fluted iron. In the living room of the stone house was a huge fireplace and chimney, which co-operated with an external oven and this was used for many years after the new house was built in 1909.

The roof timbers, door frames and window frames as well as the floor boards, were all cut from the native pines that were growing very prominently on this property, for instance the floorboards were at least 1 1/2 inches thick. The means of keeping food cool and fresh would have been a major problem in the early years of the district: at Poodra they used two means, a cellar and a small broom bush shade house. The cellar was dug out of a small hill, with an air vent on one end opposite the door. When the hole was deep enough then a frame work of split timbers in a form of an upside down vee and covered by the earth taken from the hole, eventually a couple of pepper trees were planted close to the cellar to give this area shade.

The other area was a large circular room with a tall center post and this area was heavily thatched with broom bush, possibly making it much cooler than the cellar. It was situated on the south side of the house and on top of a small rise where it would get the cool afternoon breezes. There were two huts built for the boys, the nearest one was about a chain from the house, the other one quite a distance away. I was told the boys never blew out the candle light but used small bird shot to kill the flame, one night one of the lads left a live bullet in the rifle, this caused some panic. On hearing the rifle shot, their father William was over to the hut very quickly and took the weapon away immediately, it was very fortunate that none of the sons were injured.



William died of a brain tumor at Poodra in 1899, and is buried at the Cowell cemetery. When William died his son



William and son-in-law Jonathon Deer were the executors of his will. Mary and her sons continued farming the land, but as each son married, the single members bought the other members out so that they could set up their own farm. This continued until 1926 when grandma died in our house in Cowell. Apparently Uncle Tim and Dad had made an agreement that Tim would carry on with the farm work, while dad would manage a butcher shop in Cowell. This shop was next to the Bank of Adelaide, and is a craft and hobby shop. Eventually dad (Bert) and Uncle Tim were the only two sons left in the partnership, and they both married in 1915. Dad married Alwina Degner in the Coolanie church; this was the second marriage celebrated in this church.

The partnership with Uncle Tim lasted until 1926 when dad purchased Tim's share. We moved to Cowell in time for my sister and I to start school in 1923, after the school holidays. Strangely enough I spent most of the school holidays at the farm, sleeping on the floor.

To be Continued.....



DATES TO REMEMBER

**DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FRANKLIN
HARBOUR COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday 12th May 2021 @ 1:00pm in
Council Chambers

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.