

# October Newsletter

## CEO

### Sometimes you just need to stop and smell the flowers

Choosing Local Government over the Corporate world, and the country over the city, was seen by many of my friends and former colleagues as either some form of “madness” or, at the very least, a mid-life crisis! But for me, at the time I made that decision, it was very clearly the right choice, and I was not to be deterred. I wanted to go back to the country and I was lucky enough to be successful with my very first Council CEO job application. I feel like I have only just arrived in Cowell but, according to the calendar, I am just two weeks away from my one year anniversary. The fact that it has come around so fast tells me that I made a good choice. I am still very new though, to both Local Government and to Franklin Harbour, so still see things through fresh eyes but not as fresh as in the beginning. As is human nature I find myself starting to take things for granted at times.

While walking to work this morning I was desperately trying to think of something to write for this newsletter and then it struck me!...how rare it must be for a CEO to have the luxury of being able to walk to work. It's a nice walk, its quiet and I can see the sea, and it takes just 9 minutes. When I worked in Jakarta, I lived 7km from the office yet it took me, on average, 45 minutes to drive to work. Not that I drove, as I had a driver, mostly I sat in the back gazing out at the bustling throng of humanity that is Jakarta wondering how on earth a kid from country SA had ended up living and working in such a place. I don't wonder that in Cowell because I chose this place and feel lucky to live and work here. I hope you do too.

Why am I telling you this? Because unfortunately for all of us, human nature tends to lead us all to take things for granted, to focus on small irritations and blow them way out of proportion, which in turn leads us to take what we

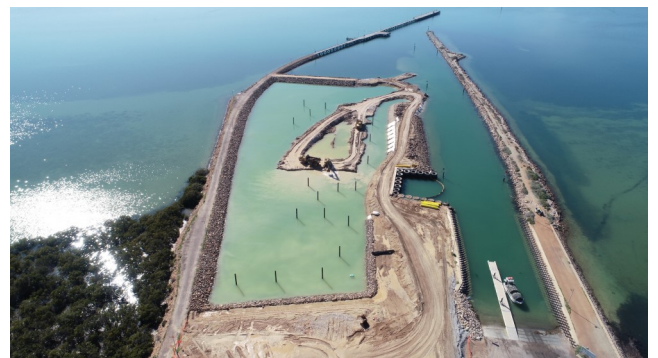
have for granted rather than being appreciative. Let's not do that in Franklin Harbour! We have a reputation as a happy friendly place for good reason. COVID couldn't break it and there are many positive things happening in our area. It's even been raining!

### Marina and Foreshore Works

After a bit of preaching above (sorry about that!), now it's time for a confession. I have previously gone on the record saying that the Marina would be complete by the end of October but we have had a few “hiccups” that will now delay completion until around Christmas.

Despite the delays, the digging of the basin and the placing of the pylons continue to proceed well. In November you will see some additional activity with the first load of pontoons scheduled to arrive, works will commence on the limestone steps in front of the Marina building, as will the earthworks and footing for the Marina building. This building will contain toilets/showers, a café, and a large undercover area. The area between the Marina and the Fishbox will be landscaped and “greened” and will be on average 1 metre higher than the causeway to the Jetty, making it a good area to view the harbour from. There will also be car parking constructed next to the marina building overlooking the marina.

The current “mountains of earth” in the Marina/Foreshore area will also start to come down as we fill and shape the areas to be landscaped.



## The Ferry

T-Ports are enthusiastically gearing up to handle their first real harvest and Spencer Gulf SeaRoad anticipate the Aurora V (ferry) being back in service in the next few weeks. It has been held up in survey in Adelaide but should be en-route to the Spencer Gulf very shortly.

## Filling a gap

It was decided at the last council meeting that given the continuing lack of a local newspaper that we could expand this monthly newsletter to include local news and community notices.

Yes, social media fills some of this gap but not everyone has access to, or wants access to social media. Thanks to Councillor Deer for suggesting this great initiative.

Suggestions for items/topics to include are very welcome and could include: sports results, births, deaths, special birthdays and good news stories.

If you would like something put on this page, please let the Council Office know via email to [council@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au](mailto:council@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au) or in person by the 2nd Friday of each month.

Any suggestions on a name for this new column are very welcome. We will not be following the lead of our town art sold in the public toilets, it won't be called "Cowell Crap". We need to keep it factual, the "Bush Telegraph" here supplies more than an adequate supply of the other to both annoy, entertain and sometimes even inform us!

If it gets too big we might need to call for volunteers/regular contributors to help collate it each month.

## AUSTRALIA DAY & Citizen of the Year Nominations

Australia Day will be celebrated next year as normal (unless restrictions come back and we have to celebrate from home!!) Therefore, it's time to start



thinking about our Citizen's of the Year nominations. Nominations open on the 19th October and close on the 27th November. You can collect the nomination form from the Council office or the school library. A selection panel will then judge the nominations and the winner is announced on Christmas Eve. Presentations for the winners will be done at the breakfast on Australia Day.



### **Boat Ramp Permit Machine**

Daily Boat Ramp Permits can now be purchased using a card from our new ticket machine at the boat Ramp.

You can still purchase your annual permits from the Council Office.

## **Australian Silo Art Trail – Calendars**

The Cowell Silo Art features in the 2021 calendar, to purchase yourself a calendar visit the below link:

<https://www.australiansiloarttrail.com/store/-c53479469> or visit the Council office and we can assist you in ordering your calendar.

The cost of each calendar is \$24.95, profits made from the sale of these calendars will be distributed back into the featuring silo art communities.



## **Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2020-2024**

The Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2020-2024 is out for public consultation and written submission are to be submitted via post PO Box 71 Cowell SA 5602, email [council@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au](mailto:council@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au) or in person at 6 Main Street Cowell by the 30th November, 2020 at 5:00pm.

## **September Rainfall - 27.2mm**

**Shane Gill**

**Chief Executive Officer**

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### **Emergency / Out of Hours**

0428 292 019

# With Only 8 weeks left till Christmas

## Annual Senior Citizens Xmas Party

The Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party is On!!

**Sunday 6th December**

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, Council will be providing a home delivered meal (within the town limits) to those who wish to participate. If you are a resident and have reached pension age, you are eligible to attend.

Invitations have been sent out and your RSVP is required by 20th November—Sorry—Due to catering requirements we cannot accept late comers.

We are encouraging you to arrange a 'party' at your home, complying with the current restrictions. Just let us know where you will be, and we will deliver.



We look forward to seeing you on the 6th December.

## **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 19th Nov, Thurs 26th Nov, Thurs 4th Dec, Thurs 11th Dec, Thurs 18th Dec & Thurs 24th Dec 9am to 1pm

### **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 (20th 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 Thursday 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.

## **Agricultural Town of The Year**

Cowell has been nominated for the Agricultural Town of the Year award. If you would like to vote please go to:

<https://solsticemedia.com.au/south-australian-agricultural-town-of-the-year-award/#Vote>



## **Tourism Advertising**

**Are you a business that offers tours, a place to eat or stay?**

If you answered yes then you will benefit from listing your business on the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (ATDW) website, this free listing will ensure websites including the Eyre Peninsula and South Australia capture your service.

If you already have a listing it is important too that information is up to date, now is a good time to review your listing.

Visit the ATDW website at <https://atdw.com.au/>

Contact Stacey at the Council office if you require assistance with your listing.

# Community News

**Betty Franklin** was recently awarded a "Distinguished Service Award" for services to the Liberal Party of Australia for her 46+ years of active service, particularly to the Cowell Branch of the Liberal Party. Due to COVID restrictions, the presentation of the award was not able to be done at a State meeting in Adelaide in August as originally hoped.

Betty was presented her award at a recent luncheon in Cowell by MP, Mr Peter Treloar and Cowell Branch President Mr Robert Walsh. Members of the Cowell Liberal Party Branch attended the luncheon held at the Franklin Harbour Hotel.

Over her extraordinary years of service, Betty attended meetings across the State being a voice for local members.

Betty was very humbled by the award and was very fortunate to have several family members in attendance.



## With Many Thanks

Cowell District Hospital & Aged Care would like to thank the Cowell Lions Club and the Cowell Hospital Auxiliary for donating the funds to enable us to replace the outdated vertical blinds in our Sun Room. The new blinds have created a more homely environment for our Residents as well as now meeting Accreditation Standards.



Cowell District Hospital & Aged Care would like to extend a huge thank you to the Cowell Community Op Shop for donating the funds to enable us to purchase privacy screens for the front of the Hospital. We think they look great.

### 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: 18th November and 16th December. Please contact the surgery on (08) 8629 2504 for an appointment.

### Doctors At Cowell

From the 5th December, Doctors at Cowell will have Saturday consults available. The updated days are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

### CRICKET STATS 10/10/2020

#### **Juniors -Cowell 2/85 Lost to Buckleboo 2/120**

Batting: Lachlan Harding retired with 26 runs

Bowling: Dylan Gregory 1/19

#### **A-Grade Cowell 3/166 defeated Buckleboo 10/82**

Batting: Carl Jaeschke 68 runs & Geoff Starr 34 runs

Bowling: Ethan Grigg 2/8, Wayne Piggott 2/16 & Bryce Poker 2/16

#### **B-Grade Cowell 8/211 defeated Rudall 9/133**

Batting: Josh Siviour 81 runs & Lachlan Crabb 52 runs

Bowling: Lachlan Crabb 2/17 & Sean Norsworthy 2/10

### Up Coming Games

**31st October A Grade** - Cowell V's Cleve @ Cleve, **B Grade** - Cowell V's Rudall @ Rudall, **Juniors** - Cowell V's Cleve @ Cleve

**7th November A Grade** - Cowell V's Darke Peak @ Cowell, **B Grade** - Cowell V's Lock @ Cowell, **Juniors** - Cowell V's Lock @ Cowell (teas served at the clubrooms all are welcome)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### **COWELL LIONS CLUB MARKET**

Sunday 1st November 8.00am - 2.00pm

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Wednesday 11th November 11am

### **FRIDAY NIGHT TENNIS**

Seniors starting Friday 23rd November @ 7:00pm

### **DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FRANKLIN HARBOUR COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday 11th November 2020 @ 1:00pm in Council Chambers

# Community News

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Community Opening Hours

Monday to Wednesday 2pm to 5pm

Thursday & Friday 2pm to 4pm

Thank you for your patience with our opening hours. We've changed our times this term to open on Friday afternoons as well, giving members an opportunity to collect items before the weekend. Don't forget our Call & Collect and Drop & Wave services are continuing. If you receive a hold message for an ordered item and wish to collect your book outside of above opening hours, please don't hesitate to call and organise another collection time.

### Author Visit – Tricia Stringer

We were very excited to welcome South Australian bestselling author, Tricia Stringer, to our library to share her writing journey and launch her new novel, The Family Inheritance. We have a number of Tricia's titles available for borrowing if you'd like to read some of her titles before her visit. This was a free ticketed event to ensure that we met Covid 19 regulations.

### Book Club & Writers' Group

We are investigating suitable meeting dates & times for Book Club and Writers' Group which align with our Covid Plan & Department of Education regulations. Anyone interested in attending either of these groups could you contact the library to help in our planning.

### Library Recycling Hub

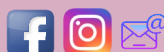
We've had a fantastic response to our recycling hub! Thank you to those people who have dropped off items. Please continue to do so. Did you know that all collected bread tags are sold to **Transmutation**, a recycling workshop and retail outlet in Robe, who mould the tags into usable products like bowls & serving boards. They have a website and Facebook page if you're interested. The money raised is used by Bread Tags for Wheelchairs to purchase a new chair for someone in need.

### 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 some information on the newest releases. If you'd like to keep in the know, please email us at

[cowell.library@plain.sa.gov.au](mailto:cowell.library@plain.sa.gov.au) or call us on 8629 2320 to be added to the list. Don't

forget to follow us on **Facebook**



### 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.



## COWELL LIONS CLUB

### MAIN STREET MARKET DATES

Sunday November 1st, Sunday December 6th, Sunday February 7th, Sunday March 7th & Sunday April 4th.

P: Daven 0428 618 175. P: Alan 0427 292 088

\*Please note 2nd January, 2021 markets to be held in conjunction with Pyrotechnics Night\*



### 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 – 1st November 2020

#### 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



VACSWIM is South Australia's longest running holiday program giving your kids confidence in & around water!

## December 2020 & January 2021

Programs held at over 120 pool & beach locations.

Enrol online at [vacswimsa.com.au](http://vacswimsa.com.au)

Dec closing: 2nd Dec  
Jan closing: 20th Dec



# NEWSLETTER



## 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.**