COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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1) INTRODUCTION OF NEW CEO

Chris' career has been a mix of mining, food and beverage manufacturing and then water, sewer and electricity utilities. In his work he has pursued disciplines as diverse as accounting, management, project management and engineering.

Chris started working in accounting and audit roles for companies like BHP and RIO and later for MIM Xtrada. In 1980s Chris was the company secretary of South Australian food manufacturer Anchor Foods followed by a decade working for manufacturers like Peters Ice Cream, stock feed company Milne Feeds and local soft drink manufacturer Weaver and Lock. Chris has worked either as a contractor to or directly for State owned utilities in electricity, water and waste water across Australia and the Pacific, ranking the construction of the waste water system in Samoa as a highlight.

More recently Chris was the Director of Asset Services and Infrastructure for Kangaroo Island Council. With a staff of 45 the department was responsible for all outdoor functions including roads, plant, CWMS systems, buildings, camp grounds and parks. Development Services and Building was also part of his responsibility. Further Chris represented Council on the NRM Board and the Fleurieu Waste Authority.

Chris and his wife Jen who is an academic and lawyer are settling into Cowell with their two dogs and a cat. They have a grown up family living in WA. They share common interests of sailing, cycling and golf. They own a little put-put fishing boat which they hope will recreationally ply the waters of Franklin Harbour.

Chris is keen to use his experience to further the objectives of Council and serve the community of the district.

2) *FAREWELL TO OUR COMPLIANCE OFFICER*

After nearly three years working for the District Council of Franklin Harbour, Wayne Pope, Compliance Officer has handed in his resignation. Wayne is moving back to Adelaide and has taken up a position as the Compliance Officer for the City of Playford Council.

The position of Compliance Officer will remain with Council and we will be advertising for a replacement in the new future. We wish Wayne all the best for his future.

3) *LOCAL AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD NOMINATIONS*

a. *Awards*

Nominations for Citizen, Young Citizen and Event of the Year awards are now open and will be received at the Council up to 20 November 2015.

Nomination Forms can be collected from the Council office.

b. *Ambassador*

This year's Australia Day Ambassador will be Mr. Barry Lewis, Police Superintendent and SANFL Umpire. Barry will be present at our Australia Day Celebrations on January 26th 2016.

4) *LUCKY BAY MANAGEMENT PLAN*

On the 12 October the Lucky Bay Shack Committee (LBSC), Council staff and elected members had a meeting with Michael Richardson from Masterplan regarding the update of the Management Plan for the Shack Area. Two Government Departments are involved, DEWNR and DPTI, If the Crown Lease over Lucky Bay is to be extended beyond 2026 (DEWNR) it is a critical first step that an acceptable Management Plan is implemented. Once this is secured the planning issues currently faced can be addressed with Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure.

Michael outlined the steps required and options available to produce a plan to satisfy the State Government Departments that it was possible to protect the settlement from coastal processes beyond 2050. Two options were put to the Committee, either a simple review based largely on the existing (1985) plan that would address the short term issues or a longer term approach based on the remedies suggested in the SMEC Report. The shack Committee later decided that the long term option was preferred. Masterplan will now produce a draft plan for wider consultation.

5) *LUCKY BAY HARBOUR EXTENSION*

Civil construction at the Lucky Bay Harbour is progressing with the removal of the wall between both the extension and the existing harbour. The focus activity is on the wall rock revetment and the widening of the entrance.

The harbour depth has been increased significantly to a depth of -5.2 AHD, ensuring that the new ferry which is in the final stages of construction will commence voyages on the completion of the harbor.

6) ***LUCKY BAY SAND REPLENISHMENT***

At the request of the Lucky Bay Shack Owners Committee, Thompson Ag Services has been engaged again by Council to replenish 3,000m^3 of sand from the eastern end of the beach to the front of the shack area in preparation for the holiday season.

7) ***COWELL CWMS PROGRESS***

The Civil Construction program is now at week 43, work has been progressing well with 5,380m of Gravity Drains, 262 property connections and 3,600m of rising and irrigation mains being completed as at 13 October 2015 all pressure tests on the completed sewer so far have been successful. The project is due to be completed in June 2016 and is tracking well within the forecast budget.

The Waste Water Treatment Plant Construction is also tracking well with all the treatment tanks and hardware being completed, the plant should be tested and ready for commissioning before the end of 2015.

Work will re-commence on the storage lagoon soon with a view to having it completed by the end of November.

8) ***COWELL SKATE PARK***

Council has received notification that the Skate Park Development adjacent to the Foreshore Playground Application has been approved (with 13 conditions). An appeal period for the decision of 15 days applies.

9) ***FIRE SEASON***

The fire danger season is fast approaching for 2015/16 and Council would remind all property owners to start their clean ups now by removing all combustible materials, piles of vegetation, all grass and weeds must be maintained to a height of no greater than 100mm.

Council would remind all property owners that there are restrictions on burning within the town (please refer to Council's Burning Policy) and if you intend to burn off you should first contact Council for clarification as penalties do apply for non compliance.

The Fire Danger season runs from 1 November 2015 to 30 April 2016.

10) ***SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY***

The Senior Citizens Christmas Party will be held on Friday 27 November in the Cowell Institute.

All residents are eligible to attend when they reach the pension age. They do not have to be receiving the pension, just have reached that age. Council is keen to see a "new" lot of Senior Citizens attending this long standing event which celebrates the contribution of our older generation.

Anyone who has recently become eligible to attend and is not on the current invitation list is encouraged to advise the Council Office on 8629 2019, so that their names can be added to the invitation list.

11) DEVELOPMENT

The Senior Building Rules Assessment Officer Nadene Tonkin from the City of Whyalla will be here on Wednesday 4 November 2015. If you would like an appointment, please give us a call on 8629 2019.

Development approvals for September were:

Two dwellings, two sheds and one shed extension: $390,000

12) RAINFALL FOR THE MONTH

For your information the rainfall collected for the month of September was 9.6 mm

13) DR B W THOMPSON

We have said Goodbye to one of our longstanding Councillors in Dr Bryan Thompson. Dr Thompson served the community as a Councillor for 40 years. He was involved in many of the local services including School Council, Sports Complex, Lucky Bay Committee to name just a few. He enjoyed his reading and loved his poetry and we offer his family sincere condolences' at this great loss to the community.

14) COUNCIL SNAPSHOT

Works have commenced at the Town Oval to extend the playing surface closer to the Clubrooms in preparation for the Sub-surface drip irrigation. This will be installed early next year (valued in excess of $250k).

The extension area will cover an additional 8,000m^2 in grass with over 2,500 tonnes of sandy loam currently being carted in and levelled by Council Works crew. This will bring the total irrigated grassed area to 3,54Ha. Seed for the extension will cost $4k.

This is going to be the main disposal path for reclaimed water from the CWMS which will ultimately save the Council and Oval Committee around $30k (9,000KL) per annum in potable water cost.
All these works are funded by the CWMS Project Fund.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SA COMMUNITY FOODIES PROGRAM

SA Community Foodies is a state-wide program that aims to support disadvantaged and vulnerable adults, and their children, to improve knowledge and increase healthy eating behaviours.

The program is delivered through a network of trained volunteers (Foodies) that deliver 4 key messages to their peers in line with the Australian Dietary Guidelines and the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating.

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To the Householder

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