

# March Newsletter



## A nod to the Past

Typically, I talk about plans, progress and the future but this month we are turning our attention to the past. Sadly, very often stories of the past are lost with the passing of our elders but sometimes they are written down and passed on, and such stories are a great gift for those that follow. Starting this month we will be sharing some stories and recollections from Roy Jacobs. Roy was born in the front room of the family farmhouse at Miltalie (Poodra) in 1916, and died in Cowell in 2000. In his later years, Roy had the foresight to document his stories and memories. Thank you to the Jacobs family for allowing us to share these stories that your father took the time and trouble to write. I suspect that he would be very happy to know that his stories are being shared with the community that he so loved, and was a part of for his whole life.

This month, we will hear from Roy about the 1889 Entrance drownings.

## The Marina/Foreshore Project

Much progress has been made over the past month, and we are now only days away from the Marina entrance being dug and opened to the channel. All Pylons are now in place, and the remainder of the pontoons will arrive and be put into place over the next few weeks.

A very visible change over the past month has been the removal of the "mountains of dirt" adjacent the Lions Park, and continued progress with the base works of the Second Street extension.

In the coming month, construction of both the Water Park and the Marina building will commence.

**Shane Gill**  
Chief Executive Officer

## PORT GIBBON ASSOCIATION—AGM

Will be held on Sunday 4th April, 2021 at 3.00 pm at the 'Green Shed'. A sausage sizzle will follow



**SA HEALTHY TOWNS  
CHALLENGE  
IS NOW OPEN**

Live in a rural town? Interested in preventive health and wellbeing?  
**Apply now for a grant of up to \$50,000.**  
Applications close  
**Friday, 26th March 2021**  
[sahealth.sa.gov.au/SAHealthyTowns](https://sahealth.sa.gov.au/SAHealthyTowns)



The SA Healthy Towns Challenge is a grants program for regional and rural towns to develop preventive health programs within their community, which will have measurable benefits (over 12 months) to the community's health and wellbeing. Successful projects aim to increase access or opportunity for the community to make healthier choices or participate in activities with a prevention focus.

Grants of up to \$50,000 each will be provided to a minimum of five towns.

Grant closes: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

For more information visit: <https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/healthy+living/healthy+communities/sa+healthy+towns+challenge>

## Doctors At Cowell

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



## 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.

### Council Newsletter

Council's monthly newsletter is available via Council's website and email.

If you would like to be added to the email list please contact Council.

### COWELL BOWLING CLUB

Night Owls Competition Tuesday's 7:00pm for 10 weeks, 4 players per team with bowls available.



\$5.00 per night per player all entries to Peter Gynell on 0428 292 217

### 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

*The COWELL RSL Sub Branch members will be honouring the service of our veterans and serving members this ANZAC DAY 25th April.*



#### **6.45 am Dawn Service**

*Breakfast at the RSL clubrooms*

*Toast/tea & coffee*


#### **11.00 service**

*10.45 line up at the clubrooms*

*Lunch—sausage sizzle*

*Services at the Memorial,  
opposite the Franklin Harbour Hotel.*

**PLEASE NOTE: Due to COVID19 restrictions, members of the community who attend will need to observe the 1:2sqm**



**District Council of Franklin Harbour**  
**Long Term Financial Plan 2021 – 2030 & Infrastructure & Asset Management Plan 2021 - 2030**  
**Public Consultation**


Council has reviewed its Long Term Financial Plan and its Infrastructure & Asset Management Plan and is seeking public feedback prior to formal adoption in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 and Council's Communication and Consultation Policy.

A copy of the plans are available on Council's website [www.franklinharbour.sa.gov.au](http://www.franklinharbour.sa.gov.au); or can be purchased for a fee at the Council Offices at 6 Main Street, Cowell SA 5602.

The community is encouraged to provide input by written submission addressed to the Chief Executive Officer at the above address or by email to [council@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au](mailto:council@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au) by no later than Wednesday 31st March 2021 at 5.00 pm.

For further information, contact Bernadette Clelland at the Council Office.

**Shane Gill**  
Chief Executive Officer



**DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FRANKLIN HARBOUR**  
**REVIEW OF ELECTOR REPRESENTATION**

Notice is hereby given that the District Council of Franklin Harbour is undertaking a review to determine whether a change of arrangements is required in respect to elector representation, so as to ensure that the electors of the area are being adequately and fairly represented.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 12(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, notice is hereby given that Council has prepared a Representation Options Paper which examines the advantages and disadvantages of the various options available in regards to the composition and structure of Council, and the division of the council area into wards.

A copy of the Representation Options Paper is available on the Council's website ([www.franklinharbour.sa.gov.au](http://www.franklinharbour.sa.gov.au)); and for inspection and/or purchase at the Council offices at 6 Main Street, Cowell.

Written submissions are invited from interested persons from Thursday 11th February 2021 and should be directed to the Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 71, Cowell 5602; or emailed to [council@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au](mailto:council@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au) by close of business on Wednesday 31st March 2021.

Information regarding the elector representation review can be obtained by contacting the Manager Corporate Services on telephone 8629 2019 or email [council@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au](mailto:council@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au).

**Shane Gill**  
Chief Executive Officer

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### Emergency / Out of Hours

0428 292 019

# Community News

## LIBRARY NEWS

### SCHOOL TERM OPENING HOURS

<b>Monday</b>	9.00 – 4.00pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.00 – 5.00pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.00 – 5.00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	9.00 – 4.00pm
<b>Friday</b>	9.00 – 12.30pm

*The library will close  
daily at 12.30 – 1.00pm*

### Book Club

Join us for our next meeting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April @ 11am in the library. Our book for March is *The one hundred years of Lenni & Margot* by Marianne Cronin, and we have copies available in the library.

### Writer's Group

Last month we saw the first meeting of the year for our Writers' Group. The group are looking for new members. You don't have to be a best-selling author to join, simply enjoy writing and be willing to listen to others share their work.

### Cowell Seed & Plant Exchange

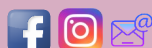
We are always looking for ways to be involved in our community and bring people together. We've come up with an idea, following its success in other metro libraries, to start a Seed & Plant Exchange group in Cowell. The group, which may meet bi-monthly or quarterly, would exchange local knowledge, ideas, 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.

### 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:

Library – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March @ 11am

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



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### COWELL LIONS CLUB MARKET

Sunday 4th April 8:00am—2:00pm

### DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FRANKLIN HARBOUR COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 14th April 2021 @ 1:00pm in  
Council Chambers

### PORT GIBBON ASSOCIATION—AGM

Sunday 4th April 2021 a@3.00pm



### 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 April 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



## COWELL LIONS CLUB

### MAIN STREET MARKET DATES

Sunday April 4th.

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

### Cowell Refuse REMINDER

Just a friendly reminder that the Opening hours for the Cowell Refuse site will be **Monday, Wednesday & Friday 2pm to 4pm & Sunday 10am to 12 noon.**



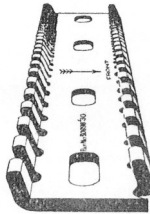
**Franklin Harbour History Museum**



Franklin Harbour History Museum is looking for information on a 1922 Tilling Steven's Petrol Electric Truck that was used by Franklin Harbour Council then went to Kimba unsure of what years.

We are also looking for information on a thresher Bar made by Whittingslowe Engineering in Adelaide, we are hoping that older residents or their families may have photos of both these items hidden in their cupboards.

Whittingslowe Thresher Bars  
Patent No. 30896/20



If you have any information please contact Bev Horder on 0427 292 313 or [bev.horder@gmail.com](mailto:bev.horder@gmail.com)



When bus lights are flashing and they have stopped for children, drivers **MUST** slow down to 25km.

The 25km speed limit applies when passing a school bus with flashing lights, stopping for children on any road. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure children make it to school and home safely.

Teach children to be aware, protect themselves and watch for traffic.



# TIMETABLE

BOOK ONLINE & SAVE OR CALL 08 8823 0777

[www.spencergulfsearoad.com](http://www.spencergulfsearoad.com)

1st September to 30th April

DEPARTS WALLAROO		DEPARTS LUCKY BAY
0800	MONDAY & FRIDAY	1030
1330		1600
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0930	TUES/WED/THURS	1200
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0900	SAT	1200
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1200	SUN	1430

1st May to 31st August

DEPARTS WALLAROO		DEPARTS LUCKY BAY
0930	MONDAY to FRIDAY	1200
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0900	SAT	1200
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1200	SUN	1430

**Please note: All passengers must arrive 30 minutes prior to departure.**

Timetables and fares are subject change without notice. For cancellation policy in full and all other terms and conditions of travel please visit [www.spencergulfsearoad.com](http://www.spencergulfsearoad.com).

Effective from November 2020

**CONSIDERING YOUR OPTIONS?**

**IT'S NEVER BEEN A BETTER TIME TO JOIN SA POLICE**

**We are recruiting for 2021.**

If you're 18 or over contact our Recruiting Section or visit our achievemore website to start your career in SA Police.

Phone: 7322 3353  
Email: [sapol.recruiting@police.sa.gov.au](mailto:sapol.recruiting@police.sa.gov.au)  
Website: [search.achievemore.gov.au](http://search.achievemore.gov.au)

[www.police.sa.gov.au/join-us](http://www.police.sa.gov.au/join-us)

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE**  
KEEPING SA SAFE

Government of South Australia

**Private Sale**

Looking for a small business to own and operate?

This profitable 10cent return on recyclable glass bottles, plastic bottles, aluminium cans, flavoured milk and juice cartons business is for sale.

Owner/Operate will need to relocate the business in the township of Cowell.

With all equipment kept in good working order, this is a small business not to be missed, ideal for family, father/son or add to existing business.

Assets include: Shed structure, 20ft shipping container, glass crusher machine, lock up bale yard, turning sorting table, 4 x glass bins and 12 x glass transport bins.

\$130,000.00



**In The West Tour - Tom Curtain**

Over 280 people turned out to watch Tom Curtains show on February 21st, the show included horse-breaking and working dog demonstrations and live music. Thank you to the Sports Complex, Franklin Harbour Community Development Group and Cowell Cricket Club for making this event a success.



The Franklin Harbour Community Development Group received a donation of \$1,200 from the Community Chest through the Cowell IGA.

Picture is Dee Cook, Stacey Franklin and Pat Wood accepting the cheque from IGA owner Shaun Horndardt.

If you know of a small community group seeking donations this community chest is available to community groups by applying in writing to the Cowell IGA.



**THE PRAWN STORE  
EASTER POP UP!**

**FRANKLIN HARBOUR HOTEL  
COWELL**

**Tuesday 30th March 2pm-4pm**  
Enjoy our Absolute Kings this Easter, New Season Spencer Gulf King Prawns, 1kg & 5kg Cooked or Uncooked extras available on the day until sold out  
**PRE ORDERS OPEN 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH**



pre-order at [www.theprawnstore.com](http://www.theprawnstore.com)  
orders close 24<sup>th</sup> March 4pm  
100% SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FAMILY OWNED BUSINESS



**Census**

**19,791 jobs available**

**2021 Census Field Officer**

**\$24.80 per hour** (incl 25% loading) + super  
(Contract/Temporary)  
Roles start from July 2021

Earn extra income  
Apply now: [censusjobs.adeco.com.au](http://censusjobs.adeco.com.au)



**Census**

**2,665 jobs available**

**2021 Census Field Manager**

**\$36.90 per hour** (incl 25% loading) + super  
(Contract/Temporary)  
Roles start from May 2021

Earn extra income  
Apply now: [censusjobs.adeco.com.au](http://censusjobs.adeco.com.au)



## THE ENTRANCE DROWNINGS 1889

When the committee was selected to write the history of Franklin Harbour, in the Centenary year, I volunteered to go to Adelaide to read and take notes from the minute books that are held at the archives. In the minute book a brief note was made of the calamity that had taken place at the entrance. During the latter part of 1993, a man came to the door enquiring about the accident. He was a Mr. Royce Mews, of Broken Hill, who gave me this document to read. I was amazed that an Adelaide newspaper had interviewed Grandfather, William Jacobs, regarding this accident. At a council meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 1888 Mr. Mews' relative, Mr. John Pillifeant, was elected, the first Clerk of the Franklin Harbour Council. He died as a result of the boating accident on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 1889 at the entrance to Franklin Harbour. Here is the story: -

The Adelaide Observer, of Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 1889, page 33 records the story of the survivor, William Jacobs, Senior: Peter Ingram, John Robert Pillifeant and William Jacobs, Senior, left in the cutter Lucy about 8 o'clock on Wednesday morning, March 6, for a day's fishing, near the entrance at the mouth of Admiralty Creek. The morning was mild with a gentle breeze from the north-northwest. By the time the mouth of the creek was reached, the wind was so strong that it took the boat to near Pelican Point before the anchor could be put out. It was decided to go to Pelican Point. The wind increased in force and shifted to northwest, taking them out of the entrance, to under the lee of Pelican Point. They went ashore some way down the beach, towed the boat up to the point along the water's edge, and made fast. The billy was boiled, and dinner eaten, after which they caught some snapper.

The tide had turned and running strong, the men departed, hopeful that the tide with the boat brought up to the wind would enable them to round the point and get inside the harbour, but the wind took the boat out very fast, causing them to run across under the lee of the island opposite the point. The boat had taken in water, so they tacked around and tried to make across the entrance with Jacobs bailing the water. The wind and tide being directly opposite each other and very strong, it turned the boat over on her side. The sails prevented her turning upside down, so she filled and sank. The men moved to the weather side of the boat and quickly left Ingram and Pillifeant being the first to go. Jacobs struck out for the southern shore, and never saw or heard anything of the others. Jacobs found it difficult to float, the water tending to draw him down in spite of efforts to keep up. He became exhausted and went down, but happened to touch bottom in about six feet of water, by which means was enabled to get out. He got to high water mark, lay down and vomited. He arose and went up and down the beach to see if he could see anything of the others, but to no avail. He had landed a quarter of a mile from where the boat overturned. The capsizing took place about 2 p.m. He set out for the township, a distance about 17 miles, barefooted and succeeded in reaching there about half past 9 p.m., and reported the accident. Mr. and Mrs. Smith kindly supplied dry clothes, medicine, and refreshments.

Early next morning a search started, and found only the boat brought in by the current. Help was sent for from all available places, and among whom were specially mentioned Messrs. Harry Fairbank, Arthur Venning, William Pike, J. Rehn, William Jacobs junior, William Hissey, John Wakelin, (probably Co-led) Reuben Deer, Edwin Wake, John Spencer (Postmaster, Cowell) and Trooper Sullivan. The body of J. R. Pillifeant was found at the back of the island, not far from the scene of the accident, on Sunday afternoon, March 10, and P. Ingram's body on Monday about 11 a.m. The JP and trooper deemed an inquest unnecessary. The men were both interred in the cemetery about a mile from the Cowell township, J. R. Pillifeant on Monday at 3p.m., and P. Ingram 11 a.m. Tuesday, both services being conducted by the survivor of the accident, William Jacobs, senior.

Peter Ingram, a Scotsman by birth, had no relations in this colony, but believed to have a brother in Sydney and a mother in Scotland living. He was about 50 years old, a Freemason, was engaged in the war in China; in fact was in the town at the time that Sir H. B. Lock and Sir H. Parkes were taken prisoners and nearly lost their lives.'

I feel that I have to make a few short comments in relation to this press release:

The wind and tide movements through the entrance waters can only be described as a terrific tidal rip, and for any person to swim and reach land is nothing short of a fantastic miracle. These waters are very dangerous. (William described the feeling of being pulled down.) When the tide is running there are great whirlpools where such a flow would have the effect of being pulled down; just as well his feet touched the bank otherwise this drama may not have unfolded. To walk a distance of seventeen miles around the southern side of the harbour barefooted, was in itself an achievement. In those days there would have been no roads constructed, and very little land would have been cleared, but I suppose there could have been a narrow animal track.

The search party did a marvelous job of locating the boat and also finding the bodies of William's friends. All the more meritorious that William was able to conduct the burial services. This would have been a very emotional time for William, and we, his descendants, feel very proud of this very brave man.

**GOD BLESS YOU WILLIAM, OUR GRANDFATHER.**

# 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.**