



# Newsletter

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## TOURISM

It is great to see the town absolutely buzzing with visitors. By all appearances we are busier than the same time last year. I did the radio interviews for Jo Sampson and Zorb last week where I covered the Tourism Advisory Group, which is now working with key tourism groups to map the future of tourism in the town. The work for the dole team who have done a great job on the new building at the Agricultural Museum, have installed 3 of the shipwreck signs which will all eventually run from the Mangrove Walk, the 4 Mile and then spaced along the coast to Point Gibbon. Worth following this trail. The signs have been done in stainless steel so hopefully will last a long time.



## LAND SALES AT PORT GIBBON

With the number of visitors, interest is growing again for the 9 remaining blocks we have at Port Gibbon. The ability to purchase a fully serviced block in one of the pristine seaside locations for around \$30,000 is un-repeatable. Grab them while you can. While at Port Gibbon, you will see work beginning shortly on a playground to be installed on the grounds of the existing caravan park. Also work will commence on the new water pipeline to Port Gibbon. This line picks up at Starr Road intersection and runs along Port Gibbon road into Port Gibbon.



## FORESHORE REDEVELOPMENT

Council is actively pursuing grants for the foreshore work. To date \$10.25 million has been sought in three grants. As has been anticipated we are being challenged by the Coastal Protection Group and Native Vegetation Group who are concerned with the area that must be filled to enable the new Second Street entry for oyster punts to work. We have asked Larry Bebbington who is an expert in this field to work through the issues with the Departments.

## CWMS UPDATE

Of the (approx.) 503 expected connections we have received 171 applications to date. 91 connections have been completed. This is a completion percentage of 18%. Still a way to go!!

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT GET TOGETHER AT COFFIN BAY

Earlier in the month all of the Councils on the Eyre Peninsula met at Coffin Bay for their annual get together. Some of the more interesting topics were around electricity, community and tourism. On the electricity front a session was given on a storage methodology called 'Pumped Hydro' by Hydro Tasmania. The system comprises having two water sources with a head differential of 100m. Water, when electricity is in excess from either solar or wind, is used to pump water from the lower dam to the higher dam. When renewable sources are not available the water is released and generates electricity.

The community topic was on social inclusion. The suggestion which we thought was very good was to organise a weekly get together for people who wanted to meet for a cup of tea. The idea was that in today's society it is very easy to become isolated and lonely. This idea would be to use the bus to go around once a week, pick people up and meet. If this interests you please let the front desk at the Council know and we will see if we can get it off the ground.

Brad Riddle the Tourism Co-ordinator attended the Tourism Advisory Group last Tuesday night to discuss the new plans the RDA has to promote tourism on the Eyre Peninsula. The plan, which recognises Cowells importance, will seek \$1 million in funding to increase awareness of the Eyre Peninsula.

## WHO OWNS A PUSHBIKE?

I see a number of keen residents out on their pushbikes. Cycling is a great low impact exercise—gentle on the knees and joints. If anyone would like to get involved in part of a regular cycling group, please let the Council know and we will organise some combined outings. Currently we have marked out the 1 kilometre increments on the Cowell Kimba Road which is a safe road to ride.

## COUNCIL WEBSITE

We are excited to have our new website up and running, if you require any forms, documents, agendas, minutes, newsletters or general information please head to our website [www.franklinharbour.sa.gov.au](http://www.franklinharbour.sa.gov.au) to locate this information.

Some sections of our website are still under construction however all required information is available.



## OYSTER HATCHERY WORKS

Eyre Shellfish have advised Council that they will soon be laying the seawater supply pipeline from the Harbour to the hatchery. There will be a short term road closure of Beach Road for the section crossing the road to be installed, this is expected to be on 6 April 2017 from 3am to 12pm. It is planned to have the road open as early as possible as access to and from Pt Gibbon must be via Lincoln Highway during the closure. Notification will also appear in the Tribune closer to the date.

**Chris Smith**  
Chief Executive Officer

## **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

Tuesday 21st March at 12pm onwards  
**MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
**Brevet Sargeant**  
**Ashley James Meek**  
At the Cowell Community and Sports Complex.  
All welcome to attend.

Friday 24th March at Cowell Complex starts midday  
**SUICIDE & BEREAVEMENT SESSION**

**Laurie Collins**  
Development Officers next Cowell visit 26th April.

April 2nd - **Lions Street Market** 9am - 1pm

## **FIRE PERMIT OFFICERS**

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## RANGERS REPORT

It is good to see tourists making good use of the many camp sites along the Beach Rd. The boat ramp is also seeing plenty of use with most ramp users paying their ramp fees. With the completion of the Harbour View ramp in early January plenty of tourists are now using that ramp instead of having to make the trip into town to use the main ramp.

Animal management has been good for the last few months with only 4 wandering dog complaints. It is good to see the majority of pet owners being responsible and keeping their pets inside their yards.

Fire danger season is still with us and will be finishing on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April. Farmers are able to acquire permits to burn from authorised permit holders. **See Fire Permit Officers contact details on pg 2.**

FEBRUARY RAINFALL - 48.2mm

## SUICIDE AWARENESS & BEREAVEMENT SESSION

StandBy Response Service will be holding a discussion group on suicide and bereavement at midday on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of March at The Complex in Cowell. Guest speakers and mental health professionals will be in attendance, and afternoon tea will be provided. All are welcome to attend.

## LIBRARY NEWS

**Book Chat & Cuppa Group (Book Club)** - Come along to our Book Chat & Cuppa Group. If you're interested contact the Library for more information. Our next meeting is in the Library on Thursday 13th April from 10.30am. For March, Book Club members have selected books for each other to read - it's not too late to join in the fun!

**EP Creative Writers' Group** - New faces are always welcome and it's never too late to join in. The next meeting for the Writers' Group will be Wednesday 5th April @ 5.30pm in the Library. March's theme is "Leaving" and don't forget themes can be interpreted in anyway.

**Tech Chat** - Our next Tech Chat is Wednesday 22nd March from 9.30am in the Library.

**Family History Workshop** - For anyone who missed our last workshop, it's not too late to come along. The group meets again Tuesday 21st March between 2.30pm - 4pm to discuss progress and troubleshooting, but new members are welcome to come along.

**Storytime** - Unfortunately due to low numbers, Storytime will run fortnightly until the end of the term. Our next session will be on March 29th from 9.20am.

**School Holidays Opening Hours** - School holidays start Monday 17th April through until Friday 28th April. During these dates the Library will be open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 8.30am to 4pm. We will be closed the other days and any public holidays. Don't forget while we may be closed you can still access great titles through Overdrive for eBooks and Zinio for digital magazines. There is also a selection of titles available in the Visitors' Centre.

**School Term Opening Hours**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - 8.30am to 4pm, Friday - 9am to 4pm, Weekends & Public Holidays - Closed

## **Cowell Kindy Fundraiser**

Cowell Institute

Saturday April 8th 2017

THE WHYALLA PLAYERS Est. 1956

Produced by Special Arrangement with  
Pioneer Drama Services Inc. Denver, Colorado present

**"MURDER BY INDECISION"**

Raffles, Mini Auction, lots of fun for all.

\$25.00 per ticket—BYO Drink, Glass and nibbles to share.

Table bookings at Cowell Post Office

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