Volunteers Needed Urgently

One of the things that has been most consistently raised with me since I took on the role of CEO at Franklin Harbour has been the very real community concern and anxiety over diminishing health services locally. This is a 'very real' issue and one that needs to be resolved, but is largely out of the hands of the community. We do now, however, have a very immediate healthcare risk that **only** the community can solve and we need to solve it quickly. I recently met with representatives from SA Ambulance Service and was shown the fortnightly roster for the Cowell ambulance and all that I need to say here is that for 11 of the 14 days in that fortnight there was only one person on the roster. The ambulance cannot be dispatched unless it has the required 2 trained personnel available, so for 11 of those 14 days anyone needing an ambulance would have been waiting for an ambulance from Cleve or, worst case, from Whyalla. I don't want to over dramatize and suggest that every fortnight is this dire, but there is definitely a shortage of SA Ambulance volunteers in our community. This puts an unduly heavy burden on a few volunteers and, at times, means that our ambulance can't be dispatched at all. I am sure that we all agree that this situation needs to be rectified rapidly and the only way to do this is to increase the pool of local trained volunteers.

By completing the SA Ambulance Service training you gain skills and experiences that will be invaluable to yourself, your family, and to your community. The key to a successful volunteer service is having a generous pool of trained people so that the roster is not overly onerous on anyone, and that being a volunteer is a rewarding experience rather than a burden. To be an SAAS volunteer you need to be over 17 and licenced to drive in SA. You can start the training while on P plates. There is no maximum age for volunteers as long as you are fit and healthy and you can be a CFS volunteer as well as a SAAS volunteer.

Don't sell yourself short, have a go and email HealthSAASVolunteerSupportUnit@sa.gov.au and see if it sounds like you.

Being a volunteer is good for you and your community and right now your community needs you. Just like in the COVID-19 situation, we need to look out for the more vulnerable members of our community and a regional community with an ageing population needs a well staffed ambulance service that can respond rapidly. This community responded remarkably well to the COVID-19 situation so I am sure we have what it takes to quickly respond to this situation.

Cowell Marina

Work on our marina continues to progress well. Digging the boat basin to full depth is now well advanced, as is the filling in of what was the old swimming hole. It is now anticipated that the marina will be complete and operational (including the installation of piles and floating pontoons/berths) in October.

A local taking a keen interest in the progress at the marina

EP Farmers Survey about the Genetically Modified Crops Bill

The councils of Eyre Peninsula are asking farmers for their perspective on the recent GM law changes. For more information and to fill out the survey, go to: www.eplga.com.au

Dog Registrations

Dog registration renewals will be sent to you during the month of July via email or post. You will need to renew your dog registration online. We can help you at the Council office if you require any assistance. Just a reminder that from 1st July 2018 all dogs need to be microchipped and any dogs born since this date need to be de-sexed (unless they are a working dog or you are a registered breeder).

Information regarding these laws can be found on the Dog and Cat Management Board website: www.dogandcatboard.com

The staff at the Council office can assist with any queries.

Do not do anything until you have received your renewal.

Join us for free Drought and Wellbeing webinars

Australian Red Cross is hosting "*Tune In & Tune Up*" - a five-part series of resilience webinars exploring 'maintaining your wellbeing through drought'. Expert speakers will share their insights and answer questions so we can better support our communities, our loved ones and ourselves during these dry tough times.

Find out more and Register on the Australian Red Cross Drought page https://bit.ly/2MqY7ez

DATES TO REMEMBER

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FRANKLIN HARBOUR COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 8th July 2020 @ 1:00pm

THE FOLLOWING EVENTS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED

RSL :

Cards for everyone

Men's Snooker & Pool

Bingo Wednesdays

Bar & a Sausage Sizzle Fridays

POSTPONED

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: 15th July and 12th August. Please contact the surgery on (08) 8629 2504 for an appointment.

Council After Hours - Friendly Reminder

Please ring Council on 0428 292 019 for after hours emergencies. This phone is only monitored after hours so don't ring it during office hours.

Boat Ramp Permit Machine

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

May Rainfall - 19mm

Shane Gill

Chief Executive Officer

Oyster Hatchery Community Day

Eyre Shellfish welcomes the Cowell and wider Franklin Harbour Community to visit its Oyster Hatchery on the 27th June between 10am and 12:30pm. If you ever wanted to learn about how a world leading Oyster Hatchery is operated this is the time to come and get a tour around the facility. For those amongst the community interested in a career in aquaculture come and see what is involved in this intensive environment.

Guided tours will be conducted for anyone who comes up to view the Hatchery and Nursery. Due to bio-security constraints some areas will only be viewed from outside as walking inside would endanger the young oysters.

The Lions Club will be offering refreshments for sale. On arrival please gather at the front gate

We look forward to welcoming you to our Hatchery and Nursery operations on the 27th June.

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Cowell SA Ambulance Volunteers
"We need help"

Local Cowell SA Ambulance volunteers, Julie Magnay and Phillip (Blue) King have been serving the Cowell community for five and three years respectively. Both feel strongly that a local ambulance service is a vital part of the community, however, due to small team numbers the Cowell Team are putting the call out to other locals who want to make a difference in their community to consider volunteering.

Julie said she began volunteering with SA Ambulance in 2015 as a way of giving back to the community for kindness shown to herself and her late husband.

"It is essential that we have an ambulance here in Cowell and that we have local volunteers to crew it" she said. "A caring community looks after its own - and our current team membership is small...we need help"!

Phillip joined in 2017 as a way of helping people and families in their time of need.

"I enjoy working with the team and I find it really rewarding knowing that I've helped," he said. "The skills and knowledge that I've gained, I know, will help both myself and my family for life."

Regional Team Leader and paramedic, Liz Guerin, said that when people called 000, minutes can matter. Whilst calling 000 in an emergency will always get an ambulance to you, if there are not enough locals from Cowell to provide roster coverage, the ambulance may respond from the nearest town, which might be Cleve or Whyalla.

"I'm here to ensure volunteers are well trained, confident, and are able to provide flexible roster coverage to their local area," she said. "You can fit ambulance volunteering in with your lifestyle and you can set the pace of your training to suit you."

"In fact, you could be driving an ambulance, supporting an ambulance officer in just seven training days. Through volunteering, an emergency response can be provided closer to home. "

SAAS volunteer staff members are the heart of service delivery in the state's rural and remote communities, with 1595 volunteers currently signed up across the state.

Volunteers need to attend regular training so they keep their practical and clinical knowledge up to date.

For information about becoming a volunteer ambulance officer, call the SA Ambulance Service volunteer recruitment hotline on 1800 655 306 or visit saambulance.com.au/Volunteering.aspx.

LIBRARY NEWS

Community Opening Hours

Monday—Thursday 3:00pm to 5:30pm

Our Call & Collect and Drop & Wave services are continuing to maximise access to Library Materials. If you receive a hold message and wish to collect your book, please don't hesitate to call & organise a suitable collection time if you cant make out opening hours.

Safety Precautions when entering the Library

- Remember to **sanitise your hands** when entering the library.
- Please follow **1.5m social distancing measures** within the library & **limit visits to 15 minutes**.
- **Do not enter the library if you are feeling unwell**, Instead contact our staff via phone to organise a Drop & Wave delivery.

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 or call us on 8629 2320 to be added to the list. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram to keep in the know.

Library Holds

There are thousands of books moving around SA public libraries for holds. We're experiencing about a two week wait time for items placed on hold, but the good news is holds have resumed to full capacity and hopefully you shouldn't need to wait too long for your next favourite read.

Lego Display

During the school holidays the library will be displaying a number of Lego creations from our community members & students. If you are interested in putting an entry in the display, please drop the item between Monday 22nd June and Thursday 25th June to the library. After terrific feedback with our Star Wars display which included a number of Lego pieces, we are sure this display will be fantastic and worth seeing.

Book Club & Writers' Group

At this stage our Book Club and Writers' Group will not be resuming in the near future. In line with Government recommendations, the library is open for short visits for borrowing and essential use of computers only. We do miss these groups and as soon as we can, we'll let you know when meetings will resume.

P: 08 8629 2320

NEWSLETTER

TO THE HOUSEHOLDER JUNE 2020

NO. 612

Camping Around Franklin Harbour

Did you know that camping areas are provided in the following areas within the Franklin Harbour:

The RV Park, Beach Site 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.