Newsletter

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2017/18 ANNUAL PLAN & BUDGET

We had a very interesting public meeting to review the Annual Plan & Budget. We had one resident turn up along with the pleasure of the grade 3-4 class from the Cowell Area School. It turned out to be a fun meeting. We hope the children enjoyed the outing however expecting that they might have been somewhat bored with the whole affair!

Some of the main points that Council approved:-

- Rate rise limited to 2%.
- CWMS charges - Fixed charge $367.00 & Annual service charge $442.00
- Weekly rubbish collection $250.00.
- Trialing of a voluntary monthly recycling service with yellow bins for $240.00 per year.
- Focus on further reseals for roads affected by the CWMS trenching and further money to be spent on footpaths & kerbing.
- CCTV and wifi for the Main Street
- Street lighting changes to LED's.
- Solar for Council buildings.

PETITION RE DOCTOR SERVICE

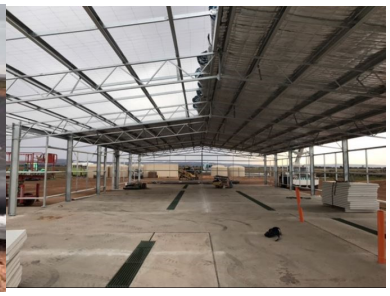
Council received a petition from approximately 300 residents regarding the urgent need to resolve the Doctor situation. The petition was forwarded to the Minister for Health. Todate we are yet to receive a response. Council decided that the lack of response was unacceptable and have now asked that we seek the attention of media outlets to advertise our displeasure. In background, Council has been seeking the help of HACC and Country Health. We have also been negotiating with the Whyalla Doctors who have been providing the skeleton service in association with Doctor Ochnick's practice, to provide a more comprehensive service.

DOG REGISTRATIONS

Just a reminder that all dog registrations expire on 30 June so please renew your registration as soon as you can after that date. A reminder notice will be posted out to all current registered dog owners on this date.

HATCHERY

News is that the Eyre Shellfish Hatchery at the 4 mile is nearing completion. They are expecting their first spawning in late July. The facility is very impressive.



HENDERSON'S CROSSING

Our farmers out in the Mangalo area will be pleased to know that the crossing has now been upgraded and has been built to hopefully withstand the massive volumes of water which pass over the road during major rain events. It has been a challenging build and we hope it is up to the task.

The 'before' photos below are when Salt Creek flooded in March 2011.

TOWN HISTORIC BUILDINGS TOUR

Fifteen sites have been identified for the town walk. It is hoped that the signs will be stainless steel etched similar to the Coastal Ketches signs, although these will be A4 size.

COMMUNITY PLAN FOR FRANKLIN HARBOUR & DISTRICTS (2002)

We discovered this report recently which although a step back in time, crystalizes the unchanged tourism priorities for Cowell.

The report highlights that Cowell has:

a) a robust agricultural sector.
b) Lucky to have a second string in aquaculture (albeit in some temporary difficulty working its way out of POMS)
c) A natural advantage in attracting people to the Coast ie. Sea Change
d) A recognised retirement destination
e) Still not developed a huge tourism opportunity

One of the well worded sections of the report partmentalises the relationship between the Development Group and other entities that function in the town such as the Complex, Institute, Museum, Lions, Tourism and so on.

The report is available on the Council website.

Chris Smith
Chief Executive Officer

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Laurie Collins
Development Officers next Cowell visit 16th July.

Schnitzel Night
Commercial Hotel
every Wednesday night

Spit Night
Franklin Harbour Hotel
every Wednesday Night

Thursday Night Club Teas
Football & Netball Club teas every Thursday night.
Kids teas start 6pm
Adults teas from 7pm - 8pm @ Cowell Sporting Complex.

24th June 2017
Cowell Football & Netball Game Day.
Cowell vs Eastern Ranges
$6 entry fee to grounds.

SOUP FOR SCHOOL
Parents & Friends soup lunch. 12pm Fri 30th June.
$7.50 for soup, bread roll & slice of cake.
Order with Roanna 0429 133 301.
Orders can be delivered to work place.

PLANT A TREE DAY!

FRIDAY 28th JULY 2017 @ 10am

Come along and help plant some trees at BROOKS DRIVE, COWELL.

More information to come soon.

Keep an eye out on our FaceBook page

'District Council of Franklin Harbour'.

LIBRARY NEWS

EBOOKS

Don't forget your membership also allows you to borrow ebooks and audio books through the application Overdrive. Available to download on mobile devices.

BOOK CHAT & CUPPA GROUP / BOOK CLUB

'The Memory Keepers Wife' & 'Closed for Winter'
6th July 10:30am

WRITER'S GROUP

5th July @ 4:30pm - Theme is 'Upstaris'

HOMEWORK CLUB

Mon, Wed & Thur 3:30pm - 4pm

STORY TIME

Fortnightly Wednesdays 9:20am 28th July.

LIBRARY OPEN HOURS

Mon, Tue, Wed & Thur - 8:30am - 4pm
Fri - 9am - 4pm
Closed Weekends & Public Holidays

RECYCLING

As of the 1st July your recycling will no longer be collected from the kerb side unless it is in one of our new recycling bins.

You can request a bin today at Council.
$240.00 per year for a recycling bin and they will be emptied the first Tuesday of EVERY month.

SOME NON RECYCLING PRODUCTS
Packaging contaminated with food
Tissues & Paper Towel
Paint Cans
CD's video tapes or tapes.
Nappies & Takeaway Coffee cups

SOME RECYCLING PRODUCTS
Paper, Newspaper, Magazines.
Cardboard, Milk containers.
Glass bottles & jars (rinsed, no lids).
Plastic bottles & containers
Pizza boxes

TO THE HOUSEHOLDER

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