

# The Elliston Echo

## SEPTEMBER 2023

### ELLISTON COMMUNITY & VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE NEWS

The Australian Salmon Fishing Championship has completed its 30th year, starting on the 1st June running until the 31st August. Thank you to everyone who participated in the event and a big thank you to our sponsors!

Congratulations to the 2023 Winners! \$2000 cash prize for the heaviest Salmon goes to from fish weighed and was caught at . \$750 cash prize for the second heaviest salmon goes to from his fish weighed and was caught at . Our final \$200 mystery weight winners were

**Week 9 Mystery Weight** winner is **Gerry Muir** from Whyalla. The Mystery Weight was 2.449kg and Gerry's Salmon weighed 2.445kg caught at Talia.

**Week 10 Mystery Weight** winner is **Roger Bennett** from Aberfoyle Park. The Mystery Weight was 2.581kg and Roger's salmon weighed 2.568kg caught at Talia.

**Week 11 Mystery Weight** winner is **Peter Brine** from Port Augusta. The Mystery Weight was 1.671kg and Peter's Salmon weighed 1.715kg caught at Locks Well.

**Week 12 Mystery Weight** winner is **Brian Baker** from Noarlunga Downs & **Brian Hallett** from Whyalla. The Mystery Weight was 1.408kg Brian's Salmon weighed 1.404kg caught at Locks Well.

**Week 13 Mystery Weight** winner is Byron Todd from Whyalla. The Mystery Weight was 2.491kg and Byron's Salmon weighed 2.483kg caught at Locks Well.

**Week 14 Mystery Weight** winner is Michael Lee from Woking Bay. The Mystery Weight was .6048kg and Michael's salmon weighed .597kg caught at Talia.

### SAVE THE DATES

2nd Sept - 2nd Semi Final @ Cummins  
9th Sept - Preliminary Final @ Ungarra  
16th Sept - Grand Final @ Karkoo

*Tourist comment - Andre Villemin - Perth WA - Great Coastline*



### ELLISTON COMMUNITY & VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9.00am - 5.00pm  
SATURDAY - SUNDAY 9.30am - 1.00pm  
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 9.30am - 1.00pm  
CLOSED MONDAY - FRIDAY 12.30pm - 1.30pm

AVAILABLE TO HIRE

Chairs, Trestle Tables, Hall, Tennis Racquets, Golf Clubs



Facebook - Elliston Community & Visitor Information Centre  
Instagram - @elliston.sa  
Facebook Group - Elliston Markets  
Facebook - Australian Salmon Fishing Championship - Elliston  
Instagram - asfc-elliston

**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR COPY OF THE ELLISTON ECHO FROM THE ELLISTON POST OFFICE, ELLISTON SUPERMARKET, ELLISTON BAKERY, ELLISTON HOTEL OR COME AND VISIT US.**

## View online at [www.elliston.com.au](http://www.elliston.com.au)

PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU WOULD LIKE THE ELLISTON ECHO TO BE EMAILED TO YOU EACH MONTH

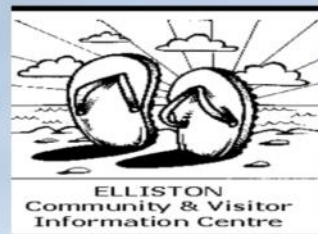
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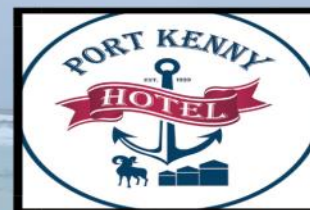
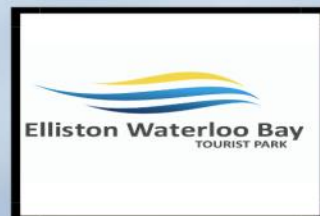
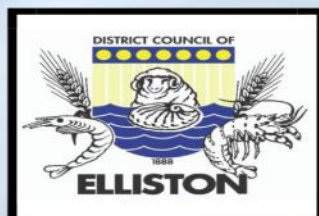
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# 2023 AUSTRALIAN SALMON FISHING CHAMPIONSHIP ELLISTON SOUTH AUSTRALIA



**THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS SUPPORTING OUR 30TH YEAR**



**ANXIOUS BAY INVESTMENTS  
BAKERY NO.9  
TYSON McDOUGALL ELECTRICAL SERVICES  
GRANITE COUNTRY OUTDOORS  
VENUS BAY BEACHFRONT TOURIST PARK  
ABALONE INDUSTRY ASSOC. OF SA  
WESTERN ABALONE**

**LESTERS ELECTRICAL  
ELLISTON PHARMACY  
VENUS BAY LICENSED GENERAL STORE  
PORT LINCOLN BOAT SUPPLIES  
FLINDERS ISLAND ECO ESCAPE  
KILLAS FISHING & TACKLE  
PORT KENNY CARAVAN PARK  
ELLISTON APARTMENTS  
OUTLAW WINES**

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES  
WHILE VISITING OUR AREA**

OUR PROMOTERS



**AUSTRALIAN SALMON FISHING CHAMPIONSHIP - ELLISTON  
08 8687 9200**

Photo taken by Chris Imeson and entered in our August 2022 photo competition



**CONGRATULATIONS  
2023 ASFC WINNERS**

**HEAVIEST SALMON  
LINDA BASTICK - AKA FISHING SISTER  
FROM STREAKY BAY WINS \$2000 FOR  
HER FISH CAUGHT AT TALIA  
WEIGHING 4.770KG**



**CONGRATULATIONS  
2023 ASFC WINNERS**

**2ND HEAVIEST SALMON  
BRIAN BAKER FROM NOARLUNGA  
DOWNS WINS \$750 FOR HIS FISH  
CAUGHT AT TALIA WEIGHING 4.342KG**





"Elliston from Auster, September 1963 Credit : Ralph Holden. "

Source: Facebook group - Eyre Peninsula Yarns and Family History, posted by Jon Holden



**DO YOU HAVE A SPARE  
3 AND A HALF HOURS  
IN YOUR WEEK?**

**If you enjoy meeting people and  
talking about our region, we would  
love for you to join our team.**

**We are looking for volunteers to  
serve at the counter and keep our  
Centre open on weekends  
and occassionally during the week**

**PLEASE CONTACT A STAFF MEMBER AT THE ELLISTON COMMUNITY & VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED  
08 86879 200**

## **New Book Release!**

Colonial Constable - the story and adventures of Mounted Trooper James Geharty who was stationed on the far west coast in the very early days of settlement. Written by Neville Collins.

**Limited copies available from the Elliston Community and Visitor Information Centre. Price \$30**





# LOCAL BUSINESS, NEWS & UPDATES

Can't afford to desex  
your cat or dog?



National Desexing Network, District Council of Elliston  
and participating vets are here to help those in need.

**DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON NDN  
COOPERATIVE DESEXING PROGRAM\***

ALL CATS \$50  
SMALL DOGS 0-10KG \$60  
MEDIUM DOGS 11-25KG \$70  
LARGE DOGS 26-40KG \$90  
X LARGE DOGS OVER 40KG \$100

**Call: 1300 368 992**

Please leave a message if needed and your call will be returned

\* District Council of Elliston residents only.  
Conditions apply. Available while funds last.



"Our pup  
wouldn't  
hurt  
a fly."

Last year, over 500 South Australians were  
admitted to hospital for dog bites because even  
good dogs have bad days. With some helpful  
safety tips, many of those injuries could have  
been avoided. Together let's learn more about dog  
behaviour and bring this number down.



From dogs we don't know to the cuddliest  
family pet, any dog has the potential to bite for  
all sorts of reasons. So it's vital we know the  
situations when and why dogs bite and how  
we can interact with dogs safely.

## Safety tips:

- ⚠ Always supervise children around dogs  
at home or in public.
- ⚠ Never enter a dog's territory, like their  
bed, yard or toy box.
- ⚠ Never startle a dog.
- ⚠ Never touch a dog while it's eating.
- ⚠ Never touch a dog's puppies without the  
owner's permission.
- ⚠ Never disturb a sleeping dog.
- ⚠ Never put your face near a dog's face.
- ⚠ Teach children to always ask the owner's  
permission before approaching a dog.
- ⚠ Dogs can bite when they're tired,  
frightened or annoyed.
- ⚠ When approaching a dog, slowly reach  
to touch its chest from the side. If it  
retreats, it's time to back off.



For more information  
about dog ownership  
and responsibilities, visit  
[gooddogsbaddays.com.au](http://gooddogsbaddays.com.au)  
or scan the QR code.

"Our pup  
wouldn't  
hurt  
a fly."

"My dog  
is great  
with  
kids."

"My dog  
loves a  
cuddle."

"My dog  
loves  
playing  
with  
other  
dogs."

**Good Dogs  
Have Bad Days**

[Learn More](#)

**Tank Cleaning**  
& odd jobs

Steve 0456 725529  
[tankbysteve@gmail.com](mailto:tankbysteve@gmail.com)

## 4WD & PASSENGER TYRE SERVICES

**Rotations  
New Tyres & Rims  
Puncture Repairs  
Tyre Fitting and Balancing**

**Come say hello @ Elliston Caravan Park!**

**2 Flinders Highway, Elliston SA 5670  
(Elliston Caravan Park)**

**Tim Taylor Enterprises - 0413046285**

## DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON



## IS YOUR DOG AND CAT MICRO CHIPPED?

Having your animal  
microchipped ensures your  
animal can be easily identified  
and returned to the rightful  
owner when lost, stolen or  
strayed.



## DC ELLISTON IS NOW OFFERING A MICROCHIP SERVICE

**\$40 per dog or cat  
\$30 concession card holders**

## IT'S THE LAW!

In South Australia it is compulsory for  
ALL dogs and cats to be microchipped.  
All dogs and cats in the District Council  
of Elliston must be registered in Dogs  
and Cats Online with the microchipping  
details.

Dogs and cats must be microchipped:  
Before it is sold; or;  
Before it reaches 12 weeks of age; or;  
Within 28 days of an owner taking  
possession; or;  
If a veterinarian has granted an extension of  
time, before the extension of time has  
expired.

Call to make an  
appointment time

**8687 9177**

21 Beach Tce  
ELLISTON



# LOCAL BUSINESS, NEWS & UPDATES



The Galley Catering  
E- [the.galley@outlook.com](mailto:the.galley@outlook.com)  
0427 055 487  
Mel Pryor

If you would like to be on the text list for Mel's Wednesday lunches, please send her a message or keep an eye out on her Instagram @the.galley2.



## WCT RURAL ELLISTON

46-49 Flinders Highway

Phone: 08 86879333

[elliston@wctrural.com.au](mailto:elliston@wctrural.com.au)

After Hours: Woody 0417 789 403

**OPEN MONDAY TO FRIDAY 8.30am to 5.00pm**

AG CHEMICAL-FERTILIZER  
HARDWARE-NUTS n BOLTS-TOOLS  
GARDEN TOOLS-CLEANING PRODUCTS  
PET FOOD-POTTING MIX  
ELECTRICAL GOODS-BATTERIES  
INSURANCE  
AGRO SERVICES  
LIVESTOCK

Call in today and see Lee-Anne, Graham and Woody

*'A Local Business Supporting Your Community'*



## THE HOLISTIC HYGIENIST

Charlie - Registered Dental Hygienist

Book online via website or text/ call 0424 515 331.

[www.theholistichygienist.com.au](http://www.theholistichygienist.com.au) and

@theholistichygienist\_\_ on Instagram.

**Upcoming Elliston Dates:**

**Tuesday 26th September**



## **Elliston Markets discussion**

**Thursday 7th September 1.30pm**  
**Elliston Hall**

If you are interested to discuss the future of the Elliston Markets please come along, have your say and bring your ideas.

We hope to set the date for our next market day.

If you can't make it on the day, please contact us with your ideas and suggestions.

[info@elliston.com.au](mailto:info@elliston.com.au)

## Bushfire Ready Workshop You're Invited



### ELLISTON

Invest in a **FREE** Bushfire Safety workshop. Protect you and your family for the 2023/2024 Fire Danger Season!

Can you CONFIDENTLY?

- Protect your family and home if threatened by a bush fire?
- Protect your family and home on your own?
- Say your property is prepared to be bushfire safe?
- Decide when to leave, stay or defend your property?
- Understand Emergency Warnings
- Read and predict weather conditions in your local area?

If you have answered NO to any of the above, this workshop is for YOU!

**WHEN:** Thursday 21st September 2023 from 6:30-8:30pm

**WHERE:** Elliston Community Sports Centre, Memorial Drive  
Elliston

**CONTACT:** CFS Community Engagement Officer,  
Kylie Kleinig to register your attendance Ph: 0428 891 745  
E: [Kylie.Kleinig@eso.sa.gov.au](mailto:Kylie.Kleinig@eso.sa.gov.au)

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## CATHOLIC CHURCH AT ELLISTON SEPTEMBER 2023

SUN 3rd 5pm  
SAT 9th 9am  
SUN 17th 5pm  
SUN 24th 11am



### SCHOOL CLEANERS NEEDED!!!!

Alert Cleaning are seeking staff in various areas in the country region of South Australia such as Elliston and surrounding areas.

#### WHAT WE ARE OFFERING

- Uniforms provided
- Shifts are predominantly Monday to Friday from 3:00pm
- Paid hourly for work
- Immediate start for the right applicants

#### WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR

- Staff with good, friendly & caring attitudes
- Attire to be neat & tidy
- Working With Children Check

Apply on-line now or submit your resume to [recruitment@alertcleaning.com.au](mailto:recruitment@alertcleaning.com.au)

or please contact Alert Office (08) 8234 1909

Please submit your current Resume asap to secure your new job.

Alert Cleaning is committed to an inclusive workforce & encourages application.

From people of culturally diverse backgrounds, including those who identify as part of the Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community.

BE QUICK TO SECURE THE BEST SHIFTS WITH ALERT CLEANING SERVICES!



## Mid Eyre Medical ELLISTON

Elliston opening hours  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
9am to 5pm

To make an appointment contact  
**86879110**

Phones are diverted to Cleve on Mondays  
and Tuesdays for appointment bookings

## ALLIED HEALTH CLINIC DATES



**5th SEPTEMBER**  
SOCIAL WORK, PODIATRY, SPEECH, OT &  
PHYSIO

To get a referral for an appointment contact  
**EBONY - MON, TUES & WED.**  
8.30am - 4.30pm  
08 8687 9012

**COMMUNITY NURSE** - Jess Bascomb

**Wudinna**

Mondays and Thursdays 8am - 4.30pm

**Elliston**

Tuesdays and Fridays 8 am - 4.30pm



Business/office hours for  
enquiries that **don't require**  
**immediate** police attendance –  
86879006

(This number diverts to Pt Lincoln  
on days off or out of mobile range)  
**Requires police attendance** –  
131444

**Emergency** – 000

## CANS AND BOTTLES RECYCLING OPENING HOURS

**SUNDAY**  
12-5pm  
ELLISTON CARAVAN PARK

## ELLISTON WASTE VOUCHERS ARE AVAILABLE AT:

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON &  
ELLISTON COMMUNITY & VISITOR INFORMATION  
CENTRE

\$20, \$30, \$50 booklets

**ELLISTON WASTE TRANSFER STATION**  
**OPENING HOURS:**

10.00am to 12pm

Every Wednesday & First Saturday of each month

## ELLISTON SACWA

**Next meeting of Elliston Branch SACWA will be Thursday Sept 14th.**

10.30am cuppa for 11am start held in our rooms at 9 Memorial Drive.

Hostess Vicki. All welcome. **Handicraft day will be Tuesday 5th Sept**

at 10.00am. Focus on **simple crochet**. BYO craft if you like. All welcome.

**Sincere thankyou to everyone** who joined our members to celebrate

90years of Elliston Branch. It was a really lovely day. Elliston Hotel staff  
looked after us well and allowed us to bring a history and craft display.

We had a fabulous cake made by Rosemary Kenny. SACWA officers and  
friends from Marble Range Group of SACWA, former members, Elliston  
Mens Shed members, District Council representatives, local friends and  
our husbands all joined us for the day.



## Drive or walk the clifftops of Elliston

The SACWA Elliston branch twitchers present the second of the bird series: bring your binoculars, a light camping stool, mobile phone &/or bird ID book. Most recommended sites: Salmon Point drive, Little Bay headland and scrub, heading south.

Driving down the last hill from Bramfield to Elliston, when winter's atmospheric conditions are clear, the near off shore islands stand out against a blue sea. They essentially link many birds to the mainland around the Elliston district, for nightly nesting, breeding and dispersal.

Since the Pleistocene Ice Age the position of the coastline has been affected by cycles of changing climate and sea levels associated with polar icecaps. At the peak of the last glacial phase, about 17,000 years ago, the sea lay 150m below its present level. As sea level rose to its present coast some 6,000 years before present (YBP), islands became isolated, the furthest out on the continental shelf were isolated first: closest to our shoreline, Ward Is (9,800 YBP), Flinders Is and Topgallant Is (8,400 YBP), and the Waldergraves (7,300 YBP). The current coastline has been slowly eroding for the past 6,000 years.

Cliffs are comprised of calcareous sand dunes hardened to calcarenite rock by the action of percolating rainwater. These are constantly exposed to salt laden spray from mostly south and south westerly winds. Exposure to these winds determine soil and vegetation type, with low shrub behind the cliff face providing a diverse habitat for birds.

Both the white bellied sea eagle and the Eastern osprey were listed as occurring on Waldegrave Is. and the mainland. They are endangered species, (conservation of vulnerable and endangered respectively at state level), and home ranges of over 100km square and 15- 20km respectively. Both have differing diets, although ranges overlap.

**Other birds seen in the past fortnight have included:** Little Eagle, (now listed as rare), Pacific gull, Silver gull, Nankeen kestrel, rock parrot, singing honeyeater, Rock dove, Dusky wood swallow, Welcome swallow, Pied oyster catcher, Willy wagtail, Fairy martin, Australian raven, Grey shrike thrush, White browed babbler, Bronze wing pigeon, Grey butcher bird, Crested pigeon.

The White Bellied Sea Eagle:

- \* Eat a considerable amount of fish, which they pluck from the water with a trailing foot
- \* Also hunt extensively on land, taking a variety of mammals, birds and reptiles
- \* Build huge stick nests in trees or on cliff ledges and stacks overlooking the sea
- \* Form stable pairs, and will return to the same nest year after year
- \* Breeding cycle typically from May to Nov, (some years beginning as early as June), and will actively defend their territory
- \* Susceptible to disturbance threats, particularly in courtship/ nesting phase: other threats incl threats by sea eagles, nearby drones, humans in close proximity to nesting areas
- \* Soar with their wings held at a steeper angle than the Wedge Tail Eagle
- \* Metallic clanking- far carrying: mated pairs duet

Eastern Osprey:

- \* Breed on rock stacks or cliffs overlooking the sea, in positions inaccessible from the ground
- \* Both male and female rebuild the stick nest, some pairs using the same nest year after year: some nests can become very large structures over 2 meters tall
- \* Nests are often lined with seaweed: males will feed the female on the nest, but when young's demands for food increase, both parents have to hunt
- \* Feed exclusively on fish, (99%) caught in spectacular dives into the water, often plunging a meter underwater to grasp fish in their talons
- \* Long razor sharp talons and sharp spines over the base of the foot pads and toes helps to grip and hold slippery fish
- \* They also skim low and catch fish on the surface, plucking them with their feet from the water
- \* Extremely vulnerable to disturbance: if disturbed defending their nest, eggs and small young can be predated on by gulls and crows
- \* Voice: plaintive pee-ee squeals

Rock Parrot

- \* Habitat: limestone islands and cliffs, coastal dunes, scrubs, grasslands, swamps
- \* Nests in crannies between boulders or under vegetation: breeds from Sept- Nov
- \* Highly susceptible to predation from cats and foxes, as a near to ground nester
- \* Sedentary: autumn to winter dispersal from islands to nearby coasts
- \* Primarily seed eaters, fruits, berries, flowers and insects also taken.
- \* Posture upright, flits and settles on rocks, shrub, darts skyward high and fast
- \* Rapid series of double notes: tsit- tset, tsit- tset

Dusky swallow

- \* Habitat: coastal, adjacent inland scrub, golf course
- \* Sits watchfully on exposed branches for insects
- \* Birds often huddle together on branches
- \* Nest: on horizontal branches: scant nest of twigs
- \* Diet: very varied of various forms of foliage, and other grassy material, termites, butterflies on the wing, nectar from flowers

Feral pigeon/ Rock dove/ domestic pigeon

- \* Habitat: dunes, beaches, cliffs, islands, buildings, silos, ploughed and grazing paddocks
- \* Feeds on the ground: grain eaters and naturally herbivorous, seeking berries, seeds, fruit, on occasions will eat insects, earthworms, snails
- \* Basic requirements of food, shelter, water and lack of predation has meant a recent dramatic increase in population
- \* Elliston District Council is currently exploring options for reducing population numbers
- \* Often nests in cavities and ledges along limestone cliffs excluding native species
- \* Feral pigeons also carry diseases which can be transmitted to native species

We hope you enjoy finding out about what goes on in the area. We welcome feedback or comments about what you are observing.

Reference group: C O'Neil, I Dudley, I & D Penna, J Williams, NP&W (Pt Lincoln), G Fieldhouse, I. Falkenberg (Birdlife Raptor Group) and S Fieldhouse o-ordinator (gally3@bigpond.com)



# SEPTEMBER 2023

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1.	2. Waste Transfer Station 10-12pm 2nd SEMI FINAL @ CUMMINS	3. CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICE 5pm Can/Bottle Recyc. Elliston C.Park 12-5pm
4. <b>RED BINS</b>	5. CWA Handicraft 10.00am	6. Waste Transfer Station 10-12pm	7. ELLISTON MARKETS MEETING 1.30pm ELLISTON HALL All welcome	8. <b>YELLOW BIN</b>	9. CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICE 9am PRELIMINARY FINAL @ UNGARRA	10. Can/Bottle Recyc. Elliston C.Park 12-5pm
11. <b>RED BINS</b>	12.	13. Waste Transfer Station 10-12pm	14. CWA Meeting 10.30am	15.	16. GRAND FINAL @ KARKOO DINNER & MUSIC FOR ELLISTON DISTRICTS PLAYERS, FAMILIES, SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS - ELLISTON SPORTSCENTRE	17. CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICE 5pm Can/Bottle Recyc. Elliston C.Park 12-5pm ELLISTON DISTRICTS WIND UP
18. <b>RED BINS</b>	19.	20. Waste Transfer Station 10-12pm	21. BUSHFIRE READY WORKSHOP 6.30PM ELLISTON SPORTSCENTRE	22. <b>YELLOW BIN</b>	23.	24. CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICE 11am Can/Bottle Recyc. Elliston C.Park 12-5pm
	26.	27. Waste Transfer Station 10-12pm	28.	29.	30.	