

APRIL 2025

ELLISTON ECHO

ELLISTON COMMUNITY AND VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE NEWS

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IF YOU HAVE A COMMUNITY NOTICE OR SOME INTERESTING NEWS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE COMMUNITY, PLEASE EMAIL OR DROP INTO CENTRE BEFORE THE 26TH OF THE MONTH

WHAT'S ON IN APRIL!

With something for everyone, April is a busy month.

The movie *Groundswell* is being presented by Yoga Seashells on the 13th in the Hall. Don't forget to bring a chair or beanbag to sit on.

On the 15th, Laser Tag and Mini Golf will be held for the first time in Elliston. Further details can be found in this edition.

The 19th is a busy day with the Port Kenny Markets and the inaugural Elliston Fishing Competition. The fishing comp is offering some great prizes, so get your rods ready!!

The Elliston ANZAC day service and breakfast will be held at the Cenotaph commencing at 7am on the 25th.

The Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board are holding a Bird Workshop on the 29th.

And, the Elliston Camera Club's photo exhibition is still running in the Hall.

SAVE THE DATE

13 APRIL - MOVIE AT THE HALL

15 APRIL - LASER TAG & MINI GOLF

19 APRIL - ELLISTON FISHING COMPETITION

19 APRIL - PORT KENNY MARKETS

25 APRIL - ANZAC DAY SERVICE

29 APRIL - ELLISTON BIRD WORKSHOP

OPENING HOURS

Monday - Friday

9.00am - 5.00pm

Saturday - Sunday

9.30am - 1.00pm

Closed for Lunch Mon-Fri

12.30pm - 1.30pm

SIV GRAVA

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

What inspired you to become a volunteer with us?

Shortly after opening, the Info Centre was in danger of closing because of a change in Council. There was no money for staff so we all (30 or so) jumped in to keep it open.

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

I'm a painter so I paint.

What is something you're really proud of achieving?

It's hard to pin one thing down - building our house, looking after mum, making a career out of art.

Do you have any favourite quotes or sayings that resonate with you?

I think it's a Buddhist thing - we're here to learn - love, compassion, wisdom, knowledge.

Where is your favourite place to visit in our region?

Those rock formations at Talia are just so magnificent.



Facebook Pages - Elliston Community & Visitor Information Centre
- Australian Salmon Fishing Championship - Elliston

Facebook Group - Elliston Markets



Instagram - @elliston.sa



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COMMUNITY NEWS

THE EASTERN OSPREY - PART TWO

Part One was printed in last months Echo which is available on the Elliston Community & Visitor Information website <https://elliston.com.au/>

The Eastern Osprey is particularly susceptible to both direct and indirect human disturbance, vulnerable to unmanaged coastal recreation and encroaching urban development, as well as fox predation. They were mostly found on islands, rock stacks and isolated stretches of coast, reflecting a 26 per cent population decrease over 10 years.

The Osprey can be irregularly observed patrolling along this coastline. Drive along Salmon Point to the first road bend and rock stack, or occasionally along man-made structures along the Esplanade, or bird rock in town. Binoculars and knowing their physical appearance and their habits is vital for correct identification. Documentation of sightings and reporting is important.

Consider this: for a species that has endangered status, with less than 50 breeding pairs, what is being done to enhance its breeding prospects?

In recent decades, all known osprey breeding sites on the mainland of Yorke Peninsula have regularly failed or become abandoned, mainly due to human disturbance. Osprey monitoring by the North & Yorke Landscape Board on Yorke Peninsula between 2014 and 2016 found that there were no remaining breeding pairs on the mainland, confining their breeding to one offshore island only. Statewide survey data from this time also revealed a significant decline in the breeding population across South Australia.

Due to the efforts of the Friends of Osprey and Ian Falkenberg (raptore specialist), the group aimed to increasing the number of successful fledglings by installing elevated breeding platforms which minimised disturbance by humans and interference from predators. Since that time, seven artificial nesting platforms have constructed and installed at key breeding locations on Yorke Peninsula. See picture of an example.

Osprey-occupied breeding territories on Yorke Peninsula have now increased from one in 2017 to seven in 2024. Community participation through the Southern Yorke Peninsula Landcare Group was paramount to the recovery and conservation of the osprey population What outstanding success!



What's happening on Eyre Peninsula to emulate this?

Logging onto a fixed live stream camera on the framework of a platform in Porter Bay Pt Lincoln, viewers would have been entranced at the actual birth of two chicks and the endless supply of prey delivered by both parents. This streaming continued through early development and activity on the platform. Competition can be fierce amongst siblings. At this point, chicks are also fitted with trackers before they fledge (usually around 96 days) to follow their feeding patterns and wellbeing. This data is particularly important to ascertain where they are feeding, how far they are tracking the coast and where they are roosting as a single individual.

Eyre Peninsula artificial platforms have been erected at the barge at the entrance to Porter Bay, Pt Neil, Tulka, Tumby Island, Smoky Bay, Arno Bay and Streaky Bay. Through a series of grants and generous private donations, these are largely funded by private individuals, groups, and foundations. Many of the remote locations required a helicopter to lift them into place. Oyster industry boats have also helped with the installation of artificial nests at Streaky Bay and Smoky Bay.

Reference group: C O'Neil, I & D Penna, G Fieldhouse, I Quinn (EP Landscape Board), J Rossi, Co-ordinator S Fieldhouse. Feedback or comments welcome: gally3@bigpond.com



Photos supplied by Fran Solly

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ELLISTON CAMERA CLUB



PHOTO BY JODY ROSSI

Kindy Fundraiser

The Kindy is doing a bulb fundraiser. If you would like a catalogue there are some at the Kindy to look at otherwise you can go online, have a look and place an order on:

<http://www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/ELLISTON>

The Kindy gets 40% of all sales, and you get some lovely spring flowering bulbs.. win win

Final orders by the 11 April 2025

Elliston Telephone Booklets



New booklets will be printed soon

Please see Leonie at the Post Office to add a number or make changes
Due date: 18 April 2025

Mid-West Health & Aged Care Inc.
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 29th April 2025
Elliston Community Health Meeting
Room at 5.30pm



Interested individuals from the Elliston, Streaky Bay and Wudinna communities are invited to this year's presentation of reports that will take place in **Elliston**.

Nominations are being called for any person residing in:

1 x Streaky Bay, 1 x Elliston and 1 x Wudinna local government area representatives - 3 year term is eligible to nominate as a member of the Association under section 25 of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985.

This is an opportunity to be involved in the auspice arrangements for Commonwealth & State Multi-Purpose Service funding to facilitate, co-ordinate and provide hospital, primary health and aged care services to the local government areas of Elliston, Streaky Bay and Wudinna. It is also an opportunity to source funding, encourage, seek and manage donations and funding opportunities to support the expansion and or improvements of existing services, or introduction of additional services.

Nominations can be made by contacting:

Kym Gillett (Chair)

PO Box 11

ELLISTON SA5670

Phone: **0429 879 055 or 8687 9055**



The Northern Eyre Health Care Newsletter for April is delayed. Once it has been received it will be available online or hard copies available from the ECVIC.

ELLISTON BIRD WORKSHOP

APRIL 29



Join us for a fun and informative day learning about some of our local bird species.

TOPICS COVERED

- INTRODUCTION TO BIRD ANATOMY
- GETTING TO KNOW COLOURS & FIELD MARKINGS
- RECOGNISING BIRDS BY HABITS & BEHAVIOURS
- BIRD WATCHING TIPS
 - how to maximise sightings without disturbance
 - learning calls
 - when recorded calls can be used
 - binoculars & spotting scopes
- RECORDING DATA USING BIRDATA
- BIRD MIGRATION

Morning session in the sports centre, followed by a field session after lunch. Please wear attire suitable for a few hours in the field & bring binoculars.

- Tuesday, April 29
9am - 4pm
- Elliston Sports Centre,
4-6 Memorial Drive
- Free event but must
RSVP. Tea, coffee &
lunch provided.

RSVP TO:

Landscape Officer, Ian Quinn

ian.quinn@sa.gov.au

0427 261 793

This workshop is supported by our project to restore & enhance Drooping Sheoak Grassy Woodlands, funded by the Australian Government Natural Heritage Trust.



LANDSCAPE
SOUTH AUSTRALIA
EYRE PENINSULA

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Elliston 1 Day FISHING Competition

Registration 8.30am Elliston Jetty Carpark
19 April 2025
\$5 entry

Weigh-ins 3.30-4.30pm at Elliston Caravan Park
more details closer to the time

Elliston ANZAC Day Service

7.00am
25 April 2025
Elliston Cenotaph

Followed by a \$5 bacon & egg breakfast

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT VOLUNTEERING?

ELLISTON AMBULANCE SERVICE

Did you know your local Ambulance Service is manned by and run entirely by Volunteers?

We would love you to join us in maintaining this vital service here in Elliston.

Come and meet the Team of dedicated volunteers each Thursday night at Training at 7pm. Come for a meet and greet, no obligation.

All training and uniforms supplied, NO out of pocket expenses.

For further Information please call Monika 0428 819 590.



ELLISTON COMMUNITY & VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

We are looking for volunteers!

"It is a fascinating place to be as you get to talk with people from all over the world and share with them all the things that you love about here. You feel like you're doing something for the community and it's sure better than sitting alone at home playing with your phone" - Siv (a current volunteer).

We have 3 & 1/2 hour shifts in the morning or afternoon, but can offer more or less.

If you would like to know more details about volunteering please contact Sam on 8687 9200.

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NIC VON RUPP
MAKILA ROTHMAN
TORREY MEISTER
KAI LENNY
MATT BROMLEY
BIANCA VALENTI
NARRATED BY
JOSH BROLIN

"A MATTER OF
LIFE AND DEATH"

PLEASE BRING A CHAIR OR
BEANBAG TO SIT ON

GROUNDSWELL
THE OTHER SIDE OF FEAR
A FILM BY PAUL TAUBLIEB

ELLISTON
Community Info Center
April 13 | 7 PM

SCAN FOR
TICKETS

STARRING NIC VON RUPP, MATT BROMLEY, KAI LENNY, TORREY MEISTER, BIANCA VALENTI AND MAKILA ROTHMAN WITH SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY VINICIUS DOS SANTOS AND MAYTE THE 100 FOOT WAVE. DIRECTED, WRITTEN & PRODUCED BY PAUL TAUBLIEB. PRODUCERS SUSAN COOPER AND STACY TRANSOU. EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS JOSH BROLIN, MITCH COVINGTON, MARK HALL, SAM PONTRELLI AND DAN MCHUGH. COORDINATING PRODUCER CURTIS DECK. DIRECTORS OF PHOTOGRAPHY/ASCAP PRODUCERS WESLEY FORSYTH AND DAVID CLARK. EDITED BY WESLEY FORSYTH AND DAVID CLARK. OFFICIAL SONG FORECASTER MARK SPINSLER. MUSIC BY VANACORE. ADDITIONAL THUNDER POWERLINES PRODUCTIONS AND TIM GUNYTHON. PRODUCED BY TAUBLIEB FILMS, MALIBU, CA.

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**FAMILY
FUN
DAY**

LASER TAG IS COMING TO YOU THIS APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

Strike Force Laser Tag are back with our mobile battlefield to setup another action-packed day.

This time we aren't alone. We are also bringing an all new mini-golf experience!

Between Laser Tag & Mini-Golf, there is an activity for the entire family to enjoy and we hope to see you on the greens or in the battlefield!

Mark your calendar for **April 15th** and bring your A game

Mini-Golf: Elliston Oval

Laser Tag: Elliston Hall

EVENT DETAILS

- Ages 6 and Up
- Closed shoes must be worn for laser tag
- 10:30AM - 2:30PM

CALL 8687 9177 TO BOOK

LASER TAG

- 3 Missions
- Unique battlefield
- Earn bragging rights
- Free For All & Team based missions

BOOK YOUR ENTRY

MINI-GOLF

- Unique 9 hole experience
- Find your putter fit
- 4 players per scorecard
- An experience for the whole family

ROLL UP FOR A TEE TIME



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LOCAL BUSINESS NEWS & UPDATES

Catholic Church: Elliston



APRIL 2025

Sunday 6th	5pm
Saturday 12th	9am
EASTER Sunday 20th	11am
Saturday 26th	9am

Children's Activities

Keep your eye out on the ECVIC socials for up and coming children's activities.



Elliston Men's Shed



Open for morning chat, tea and coffee.
9-11am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
and Thursday.

Also available at the shed:

- Key Cutting Service
- Knife and Scissor Sharpening

The Men's Shed Group meets for committee meetings on the second Thursday of the month at 9.30am.

ALL WELCOME

Elliston CWA

Next meeting of Elliston Branch SACWA is to be April 24th at 10.30am at our room on Memorial Drive.

Bring your lunch as we shall have a practise for our Table Day entry.

ALL WELCOME



Government of South Australia
SA Health

Elliston Community Health Centre Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Phone: 08 8687 9012
Fax: 08 8687 9341

Mid Eyre Medical Centre Opening Hours:

Monday to Wednesday
(by appointment)
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Phone: 08 8687 9110
Fax: 08 8687 9318

Allied Health Clinic Dates:

Physiotherapy - 7 April 2025
Podiatry - 7 April 2025
Dietetics - 29 April 2025
Speech Therapy - 29 April 2025
Social Work - no visit in April
Occupational Therapy - no visit in April

URGENT REFERRALS MAYBE REVIEWED VIA TELEHEALTH OR PHONE

To get a referral for an appointment contact:

Ayunda
Phone: 08 8687 9012
Monday to Friday
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Community Nurse:

Elliston, Wudinna, and Lock

Jess Bascomb
Phone: 0428 576 670
Monday to Friday
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Diabetes Educator:

Ashlee Stringer
Monday to Tuesday
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Thursday
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Additional Info:

Child Development Check
29 May 2025

Eyre Eye Centre
Visiting Elliston
4 June 2025
10 September 2025



WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

APRIL CALENDAR

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Sun

	1	2	3	4 YELLOW BINS	5 Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon	6 10c bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm Catholic Church 5pm
7 RED BINS	8	9 Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon	10	11	12 Catholic Church 9am	13 10c bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm Groundswell Movie at Elliston Hall 7pm
14 RED BINS	15 Laser Tag & Mini Golf	16 Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon	17	18 YELLOW BINS Good Friday	19 Elliston Fishing Competition Pt Kenny Markets	20 Catholic Church 11am 10c bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm
21 RED BINS Easter Monday	22 Council Meeting	23 Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon	24 CWA meeting 10.30am	25 ANZAC Day service 7am	26 Catholic Church 9am	27 10c bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm
28 RED BINS	29 Elliston Bird Workshop 9am-4pm Mid-West Health & Aged Care Inc. AGM 5.30pm	30 Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon				



Flinders Island Safe Haven project



What makes Flinders Island unique?

Flinders Island is a unique and wild place, with around 50 km of diverse and stunning coastline, featuring granite boulders, limestone headlands, sandy beaches, dune systems and sheltered bays. Approximately 75% of Flinders Island is covered with native vegetation, including remnant Drooping Sheoak woodlands, Tea Tree forests and native vegetation.

Flinders Island is one of South Australia's largest islands at 4,000 ha.

What is happening on Flinders Island?

From 2025, Flinders Island is being transformed into a safe haven for nationally threatened species.

Across Australia there is a network of more than 100 havens, consisting of predator-free islands and 20 fenced areas that contain mammals susceptible to predators.

Once pests are eradicated from Flinders Island, the island will be part of Australia's safe haven network and threatened plant and animal species can be re-introduced. This will create a lasting impact that will stimulate conservation and nature-based tourism with opportunities for the community to get involved.

What pests will be eradicated?

From May 2025, an eradication program will focus on mice, rats and cats. Best practice rodent and feral cat eradication methods will be used with technical experts being engaged for the project.

By the end of 2025, the eradication process should be complete.

Why is this happening on private land?

Working collaboratively with private landholders is recognised as a critically important step in modern conservation efforts.

The owners of the island, the Woolford family, are dedicated to creating a haven for threatened species, working with a skilled team to enhance the island's ecosystem. A conservation agreement will be placed over most of the island, in addition to an existing Heritage Agreement that covers about 250 ha.

The unique nature of islands provides natural biosecurity barriers that dramatically reduce the cost to maintain a feral-free environment as well as a high level of ongoing protection against reinvasion.



How will visitors to the island be impacted by this project?

The local community who regularly visit the island are critical to the success of this project.

From May to December 2025, the island will be closed while the eradication process takes place.

When the island is open for visitors, support the project by following biosecurity procedures – all detailed on the [Flinders Island Eco Escape site](#) including:

- Contacting the landowners if you are planning a trip BEFORE you leave the mainland.
- Checking the [biosecurity checklists](#) when considering visiting the island.
- Ensuring that all luggage has been checked and packed in accordance with the Flinders Island Biosecurity Plan.
- If arriving by plane, boat or barge, be sure to check the correct procedure for packing to avoid bringing unwanted rodents and pests.
- Not bringing firewood.
- Checking all surfboard covers, swags and tents, BBQ bags and other high-risk items to ensure there are no stowaway pests before leaving the mainland.

Biosecurity for the island is the responsibility of everyone who visits the island. Following these simple steps will make all the difference to the project success.

How is this project funded?

This project is jointly funded by the Australian Government, the South Australian Department for Environment and Water and the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board in partnership with the Woolford family.

What happens after the eradication operation is declared a success.

A report by the [Threatened Species Recovery Hub](#) has identified the mammal species for inclusion in safe havens (those that are highly susceptible to predation by cats and foxes). This report has provided the basis for a strategic assessment of the highest priority species to introduce on Flinders Island. The mammal species candidates for introduction to Flinders Island included 18 identified as extremely or highly susceptible to predators. Also, some species need to be secured in more havens, whereas others are relatively well-conserved in existing havens. Based on this assessment the following species are prioritised on the short-list:

1. Banded Hare-wallaby
2. Southern Brown Bandicoot (ssp. Nauticus; Nuyts islands)
3. Greater Stick-nest Rat.

For the initial phase of introductions, the proposal is to introduce the banded hare-wallaby and Nuyts Southern Brown Bandicoot. Subsequent introductions would in part be informed by the success of the first two species.



More information

For more information and project updates see www.landscape.sa.gov.au/ep/flinders-island or <https://flindersislandeco.com/>

Or scan the QR code:



BUSINESS SUPPORT



Do you need a hand to think things through?

Talk to a FaB Mentor for help.

The Family and Business (FaB) Mentor service can help you to get through difficult times.

FaB Mentors are located across regional South Australia to provide support and a listening ear when things get tough.

FaB Mentors are:

- free
- confidential
- experienced
- independent

FaB Mentors will help you find ways to manage your unique situation.

They work closely with service providers and can connect you to services, including:

- financial counselling
- local health networks
- emotional wellbeing and counselling services
- government and non-government assistance

Eyre Peninsula

Steve Whillas
Ben Chandler

0458 852 268
0438 776 047



Tourism Round Up Event - Streaky Bay

4.30 - 6.30pm, Tuesday 27 May
2025

Where: Streaky Bay Hotel-Motel

Cost: All TiCSA Members receive 2 complimentary tickets (select TiCSA Member Offer ticket option) & \$30 for Non-Members

Find out more and register [HERE](#)



Tell Your Good Story - Tourism Storytelling (delivered by The Tourism Collective)

1.00 - 4.00pm, Tuesday 27 May
2025

Where: Streaky Bay Hotel-Motel

Cost: \$15 for TiCSA Members &
\$30 for Non-Members

Find out more and register [HERE](#)