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ELLISTON COMMUNITY AND VISITOR
INFORMATION CENTRE NEWS

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WELCOME TO THE LATEST FROM OUR COMMUNITY

It's shaping up to be a wonderfully busy month here in Elliston, with plenty happening as we head into the festive season. Our Community Christmas Street Party is just around the corner, and there will be a great range of school holiday activities to keep the kids entertained throughout the break.

Please note that ECVIC opening hours may vary over the Christmas period. Any changes will be shared on our social media pages and displayed on posters around town, so keep an eye out for updates.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Kristy Newton



What do you enjoy most about volunteering?

In small towns we can really make a different and achieve things by working together. When we achieve goals we can then enjoy them and make our community a better place. In a way we are doing something that others can also enjoy and benefit from.

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

Walking, driftwood art, going to the beach and spending time with the family

What's something you're really proud of?

Really proud of my 3 children. They are being the best people they can be and all travelling different paths.

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

Always believe you can ...

Where is your favourite place to visit in our region?

I think where we live is pretty special! I also love swimming in the channels at the back of Venus Bay. Its like you could be anywhere in the world.

WHATS ON

Dec 4 - School Presentation Night 5pm

Dec 12 - Christmas Street Party and Photos with Santa 5pm-7:30pm

Dec 19 until 20 Feb - Zephyr Jones - Share our Shores exhibition in the Elliston Hall

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS...

More details on our **school holiday activities** are coming soon! Expect plenty of fun, including games, outdoor movies, and lots more to keep the kids entertained.

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 25TH OF THE MONTH

OUR BACK YARD



WEDGE TAILED EAGLE

The SACWA Elliston Branch presents the next of our bird articles for your interest.

From the last Echo (October), we gave you some true or false statements for you to ponder. All statements were true, so well done if you achieved 8/8! We covered courtship and mating behaviour, and monogamous relationships.

This month's issue deals with the wedge tailed eagle ecological niche in the habitat, important ecosystem services, nesting, home range, and diet.

Email the Elliston VIC for last month's edition if you have not read part 1. It is highly recommended that readers consult further reading: [Landscape.sa.gov.au](https://landscape.sa.gov.au) Wedge Tailed Eagle in agricultural areas Fact sheet 2024. The WTE has important ecological functions for the natural environment and for farmers. They help control rabbits (comprising 30–70% of their diet), and are one of the few predators which kill foxes and cats. This also assists in controlling toxoplasmosis carried by feral cats (google the effects on stock, particularly ewes and lambs).

The WTE supports farm hygiene by feasting on dying animals and carrion. There are many livestock practices that support fat score in ewes and healthy lamb weight, able to suckle immediately after birth. And most importantly, the WTE indicate environmental health by providing early warning for climate change impacts and harmful chemicals.

Continuing on from last month: by the age of 4 years, if they have learnt how to fend for themselves, and have learnt a wariness of traps, poisoning, shooting, vehicles and road kill, birds with adult plumage now set about finding a mate and establishing a territory. The pair establish large home ranges in which the birds hunt for food but do not all defend. There is usually overlap between home ranges of two or more breeding pairs and of nonbreeding birds. Home range varies with habitat, food availability and season: they prefer open woodland, forests and mountains with good ground cover for hunting. How large is a home range? (See end of article.)

WTE build their nests in prominent locations with a good view of the surrounding countryside, usually with the onset of winter. They are usually built in the tallest tree in the territory, cliff faces, ridges or bluffs, telegraph poles, or on the ground, away from disturbance. A pair can have 10 different nests, often using different nests each year. Diet has been studied by CSIRO scientists for over 30 years, with data collected from old and occupied nests and bone and other fragments from around the nests.

WTE mostly eat:

- Carrion, roadkill and other carcasses
- Live prey including rabbits and hares 30–70% of the diet
- Macropods (19%), joeys are the most common age group, can take full grown red kangaroos and euros (kill by striking at the head and neck)
- Reptiles including shinglebacks, bluetongues, skinks, goannas and monitors 18%. Snakes are not a feature.
- Corvids: crows and ravens (5–8%): these are ground feeders sharing the same food (carrion)
- Foxes and cats, also predators of rabbits and eaters of carrion (3–5%)
- Lambs: 2.08%: Of the 2,179 carcasses examined, 1/3 showed evidence of mutilation after death. 54% of the lambs died from starvation/mismothering (the major cause of death)
- Goats are also hunted, particularly on steep rocky slopes

Some home range examples: 3,200 acres (edge of the Nullarbor Plain); Canberra (7,000 acres), lightly wooded ridges and sheep grazing country (250 sq mls).

ELLISTON CAMERA CLUB

Photos by IJ Penna



ELLISTON MARKETS

What a brilliant day we had at the Elliston Markets on Saturday, 29th November! This month we welcomed a record 33 stalls, offering everything from handmade crafts and recycled surfboard art to delicious baked goods and fresh local produce. The weather stayed perfect, and it was wonderful to see around 150-200 people enjoying the day in the parklands.

The markets were buzzing with friendly chatter, laughter, and the hum of a community coming together. Stallholders were delighted with the turnout and the support from locals and visitors alike, and many commented on how much they enjoyed the lively, welcoming vibe. A special thank you to Sophie Barkway and The Mistys for their fantastic live music, you really set the tone for the morning!

We also want to give a heartfelt thanks to Leanne Kelly for everything she does behind the scenes to help the markets run so smoothly, your dedication is truly appreciated. And of course, a huge thank you to all the stallholders, volunteers, and everyone who helped make the day such a success. The Elliston Markets wouldn't be what they are without you, and we can't wait to see you all again at the next market! Keep an eye out for our next Easter markets.



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COUNCIL UPDATE

Public Consultation Now Open – Elliston Esplanade Integrated Coastal Foreshore Management Plan

Council is seeking community feedback on the Draft Elliston Esplanade Integrated Coastal Foreshore Management Plan.

The Esplanade is an important community and visitor space, and this draft Plan outlines proposed improvements to beach access, vegetation management, parking, stormwater, pedestrian safety, and long-term coastal resilience.

Have your say:

- To Review the Draft Plan and Download the Community Feedback Form visit Councils website www.elliston.sa.gov.au under the “Latest News” on the home page.
- Or collect printed copies from the Council Office, and ECVIC.

Submissions close 4:30pm on 5th February 2026.

A Community Consultation Meeting will also be held on 29 January 2026 at 5:00pm at the Elliston RSL Memorial Building.

We encourage all residents, ratepayers, and visitors to share their views. Your feedback will help shape the future of the Esplanade.



ECVIC UPDATES

OP SHOP BAG SALE



KINDERGYM

Every Wednesday

(during school term only,
unless otherwise advertised)

Location: RSL Memorial Building

Time: 9.30 - 10.30am

For children aged 0-5 years of age



Parental supervision compulsory

COMING "SOON"



Keep an eye on our social media pages and community notice boards around town for updates on our upcoming school holiday kids' activities. Stay tuned!



We're looking for volunteers!

The Elliston Information Centre is seeking enthusiastic community members to join our volunteer team. If you love meeting new people, sharing local knowledge, and being part of something that supports and celebrates our town, we'd love to have you on board!

Volunteering with us is a fun, rewarding way to get involved, make new connections, and help showcase everything that makes Elliston special. Whether you have a few hours a week or just the occasional afternoon, your time and energy make a real difference.

Interested?

Contact Tayla Jones on 8687 9200, or email info@elliston.com.au.

You're also welcome to pop in and say hello!



Share Our Shores

By Zephyr Jones

An exhibition combining artwork and information detailing the incredible and perilous lives of 16 Migratory and 4 Resident Shorebirds.

Following each species' extraordinary journey & the threats they face. With knowledge, understanding and simple steps, we can share our shores and reverse their decline.

19 December 2025 to 20 February 2026.

Elliston Town Hall (Information Center)

Open when the information centre is open



Shorebirds are among the most endangered birds in the world...some species having lost 80% of their population in the last 23 years

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COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

BAKERY NO. 9

Christmas Hours:

CLOSED - Saturday 6th December

OPEN 8:30am - 1pm Wednesday 24th December

CLOSED Christmas Day

OPEN 8:30 am - 1pm Boxing Day



YELLOW BIN DAY MOVED



from Friday 26th December - to Saturday 27th December



The **My Local Services** app can help you discover upcoming local events and places of interest. You can also stay up-to-date with council issues.

The app allows you to:

- report issues such as potholes or damaged council infrastructure.
- personalise content to only show information from your local council
- set up weekly bin reminders
- find out what's on in your local area
- locate your nearest community centres, libraries, playgrounds, toilets, and council buildings

Elliston Community Health Centre Opening Hours:

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

Phone: 08 8687 9012
Fax: 08 8687 9341

Mid Eye 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 - 1st and 15th Dec 25

Podiatry - 15th Dec 25

Social Work - N/A

Dietetics - 16th Dec 25

OT - 16th Dec 25

Speech Therapy - 16th Dec 25

URGENT REFERRALS MAY BE REVIEWED VIA TELEHEALTH OR PHONE

To get a referral for an appointment contact:

Charlize

Phone: 08 8687 9012
Monday to Friday

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Community Nurse: Elliston

SHARNI SIDDLER

Tuesday

9:30AM - 3:00PM

Diabetes Educator:

Ashlee Stringer

Mon, Tues & Thurs

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Support at Home:

Annette Jolly

Monday to Wednesday

8:45 AM - 3:30PM

Eyre Eye Centre

08 8682 4566 (by direct appointment)

18 Mar 2026 01.30 - 04.30PM

13 Mar 2026 01.30 - 04.30PM

16 Mar 2026 01.30 - 04.30PM



CATHOLIC CHURCH: ELLISTON

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Sunday 7 th	5pm
Saturday 13 th	9am
Sunday 21 th	5pm
Wednesday 24 th	6pm
Sunday 28 th	5pm

COMMUNITY GROUPS

ELLISTON CWA

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 11 December 11am at Sally's Garden, all friends of CWA are welcome. Reassess for Jan and reconvene Feb 2026



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



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	1 Red Bin	2	3 Elliston Transfer Station CLOSED	4 School Presentation Night	5 Op Shop Bags sale begins	6
7 Bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm Catholic Church 5pm	8 Red Bin	9	10 Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon	11 Last Day of School Term	12 Yellow Bin	13 Catholic Church 9am
14 Op Shop Bags sale ends Bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm	15 Red Bin	16	17 Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon	18	19 Council Office closing at 12pm Share our Shores exhibition - Hall	20
21 Bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm Catholic Church 5pm	22 Red Bin	23 Council Office closing at 12pm	24 Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon Catholic Church 6pm	25 Christmas Day! 	26 Boxing Day	27 Yellow Bin
28 Bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm Catholic Church 11am	29 Red Bin	30	31 New Years Eve Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon			



2025 DECEMBER

Mid Eyre Medical Clinics - Locum doctor roster Cleve • Cowell • Elliston • Kimba

This roster is published monthly but is subject to frequent change depending on GP availability. Medical practices are not responsible for doctor changes.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
01 Cleve: Dr Chiureki Cowell: Dr Lawton Elliston: Dr Le Leivre Kimba: Dr Mukwevho	02 Cleve: Dr Chiureki Cowell: Dr Lawton Elliston: Dr Le Leivre Kimba: Dr Mukwevho	03 Cleve: Dr Chiureki Cowell: Dr Lawton Elliston: Dr Le Leivre Kimba: Dr Mukwevho	04 Cleve: Dr Chiureki Cowell: Dr Lawton Elliston: Dr Mukwevho	05 Cleve: Dr Chiureki Cowell: Dr Lawton Elliston: Dr Mukwevho
08 Cleve: Dr McManus Cowell: Dr Mukwevho Elliston: Dr Maroussem Kimba: Dr Mukwevho	09 Cleve: Dr McManus Cowell: Dr Mukwevho Elliston: Dr Maroussem Kimba: Dr Mukwevho	10 Cleve: Dr McManus Cowell: Dr Mukwevho Elliston: Dr Maroussem Kimba: Dr Mukwevho	11 Cleve: Dr McManus Cowell: Dr Mukwevho Elliston: Dr Maroussem Kimba: Dr Mukwevho	12 Cleve: Dr McManus Cowell: Dr Mukwevho Elliston: Dr Maroussem Kimba: Dr Mukwevho
15 Cleve: Dr Dumbrell Cowell: Dr Kada Elliston: Dr Lawton Kimba: Dr Mukwevho	16 Cleve: Dr Dumbrell Cowell: Dr Kada Elliston: Dr Lawton Kimba: Dr Mukwevho	17 Cleve: Dr Dumbrell Cowell: Dr Kada Elliston: Dr Lawton Kimba: Dr Mukwevho	18 Cleve: Dr Dumbrell Cowell: Dr Kada Elliston: Dr Lawton Kimba: Dr Mukwevho	19 Cleve: Dr Dumbrell Cowell: Dr Kada Elliston: Dr Lawton Kimba: Dr Mukwevho
22 Cleve: Dr Lawton Cowell: TBA Elliston: Dr Kada Kimba: TBC	23 Cleve: Dr Lawton Cowell: TBA Elliston: Dr Kada Kimba: TBC	24 Cleve: Dr Lawton Cowell: TBA Elliston: Dr Kada Kimba: TBC	25 Cleve: Dr Lawton Cowell: TBA Elliston: Dr Kada Kimba: No clinic	26 Cleve: Dr Lawton Cowell: TBA Elliston: No clinic Kimba: No clinic
29 Cleve: Dr Lawton Cowell: TBA Elliston: Dr Kada Kimba: No clinic	30 Cleve: Dr Lawton Cowell: No clinic Elliston: Dr Kada Kimba: TBC	31 Cleve: Dr Lawton Cowell: No clinic Elliston: Dr Kada Kimba: No clinic	01 Cleve: Dr Lawton Cowell: No clinic Elliston: Dr Kada Kimba: No clinic	02 Cleve: Dr Lawton Cowell: Dr Kada Elliston: Dr Mukwevho Kimba: TBC

Northern Eyre Health Care

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Visiting healthcare services

Service	Cleve	Cowell	Kimba	Elliston	Wudinna	Streaky Bay
Acupuncture (Matter of Meridians)						
Chiropractor (Eyre Chiropractic & Podiatry)		4, 18 Dec, 1, 15, 29 Jan	15, 29 Dec, 12, 26 Jan		2, 16, 30 Dec 13, 27 Jan	2, 16, 30 Dec 13, 27 Jan
Chiropractor (Port Lincoln Chiro)	2 Dec (monthly)					
Counselling (Zanti)	14 Nov (monthly)					
Dentist (Boston Bay Family Dental)					8-12 Dec, 19-23 Jan	
Optometrist (Eyre Eye Centre)						8 Dec.
Optometrist (Gulf & Ranges)						
Osteopathy (Dr Alex Cronin)	12, 13 Dec					
Physio (JLP Physiotherapy)	Mondays - n/a 29 Dec					
Physio (Zac Ghabrial)				Mondays; Lock alt Tues		
Podiatrist (Eyre Chiropractic & Podiatry)		4, 5 Dec, 9, 15, 16 Jan	14 Jan.			
Podiatrist (Your Local Podiatrist EP)	16 Dec.					
Psychology (SHEOAK Clinical Psychology)				Via telehealth		
Skin checks (Rural Skin Cancer Service)	3 Dec.				9 Dec.	