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ELLISTON COMMUNITY AND VISITOR
INFORMATION CENTRE NEWS

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WELCOME TO THE LATEST FROM OUR COMMUNITY

Summer is in full swing on the coast, and Elliston is buzzing with visitors following Christmas and New Year. With school holidays here and the warm weather encouraging everyone outdoors, there's plenty happening around town. This month, we'll share school holiday activities, highlight Zephyr's exhibition, celebrate our Citizen of the Year Award recipients, and bring you more local news.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT DARREN KELLY



What do you enjoy most about volunteering?

I enjoy volunteering because it brings you in touch with other passionate like-minded community members.

You only get back what you are prepared to put into community groups.

I also like to see the community flourish, if we all do a bit of volunteering the community is a better place to live and work in.

Passionate volunteers are an important part of the Elliston community and you feel great that you can achieve something when we all work together.

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

Have a real passion for the Elliston Districts FC which takes up my time during winter.

Fishing when I get the chance and also Trekking-Hiking.

Researching Family History.

What's something you're really proud of achieving?

Being involved in the community once again after being away for nearly 36 years and reconnecting with friends and family in Elliston. ->

Being involved with many committees previously and making things happen.... not just a talk feast, getting things done in a community is important to the health and continued growth of any community. Being involved-helping out with the local Easter fishing competition, because the wider benefits for the community and businesses is important for the district.

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

"It cost nothing to say g'day"

Where is your favourite place to visit in our region ?

So many beautiful areas in our region.... Mt Wedge is majestic the colours of Mt Wedge change everyday.

Walkers Rock Beach

Elliston Town Jetty

Sheringa Beach

WHATS ON

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

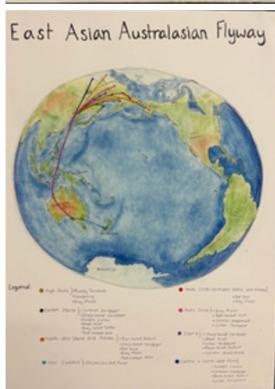
14 JAN: Kindergym 9:30am - Elliston RSL Memorial Building

16 JAN: Sausage Sizzle at the Elliston Skate Park 1pm (more details inside)

26 JAN: Australia Day Ceremony - Lock Football Club 9.30am

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

ZEPHYR JONES



We're excited to invite you to Share Our Shores, a beautiful local art exhibition by Zephyr Jones, now on display at the Elliston Hall.

Zephyr's Story

"My name is Zephyr, I am 14 years old and I live in Elliston. I am passionate about Migratory and Beach-nesting Shorebirds and have been actively monitoring them for about 3 years. I love to sketch and paint shorebirds, and from this I have created an exhibition to help raise awareness for them in my area. Every year migratory shorebirds traverse the globe from Australia to the Arctic so they can breed. It is a journey they have made for thousands of years, following an ancient invisible pathway. Shorebirds are among the most endangered birds in the world, largely due to coastal development, climate change and disturbance from cars, dogs and people on beaches. I want to celebrate the remarkable lives of shorebirds, and inspire people to notice the birds on our shoreline.

I think shorebirds are such amazing, inspiring, beautiful and intrepid travellers and I think that each one of us that enjoys this pristine coastline should do all we can to ensure the survival of these birds. Share Our Shores is an exhibition combining artwork and information detailing the incredible and perilous lives of 16 migratory and 4 resident shorebirds. The exhibition follows each species' extraordinary journey and the threats they face. I have been working on this project for the last two years as a part of my home-schooling, but I am doing it because I love shorebirds and can see that they desperately need our help.

I have created artworks of the 16 Migratory Shorebirds and 4 Beach-nesting Birds that I have seen on the Eyre Peninsula. Watercolour is my main medium, but I have also used other media such as linocuts. Each species also has a large poster with information on behaviour, habitat, threats, migration movements and breeding, accompanied by a watercolour painting depicting defining features. I have put together information leaflets on Migratory and Resident Shorebirds relevant to my area. Printed gift cards of my watercolour paintings will be available and from these I hope to raise funds toward the protection of Shorebirds.

I hope that people will be inspired by my exhibition and join me in helping to protect and raise awareness for these incredible and vulnerable birds. With knowledge, understanding and simple steps we can share their story and reverse their decline."

The exhibition runs from 19th December 2025 ~ 20th of February 2026
Elliston Town Hall (Elliston Community and Visitor Information Centre)



flinders island safe haven

Restoring balance, protecting wildlife - Check, Clean, Close

Help keep Flinders Island PEST FREE



NOTIFY
CHECK
CLEAN
CLOSE



BIOSECURITY
REQUIREMENTS

What is the Flinders Island Safe Haven Project? From 2025, the whole of Flinders Island is being transformed into a safe haven for nationally threatened species. Safe havens are predator-free islands and fenced areas that protect mammals susceptible to predators. Across Australia, a network of more than 100 safe havens has been created by governments, landowners and conservation groups.

The first stage to make Flinders Island a safe haven is the eradication of introduced pest animals. These include predators and animals that have competed with native species for food and shelter, and degraded native vegetation. When the eradication is confirmed successful (success checks due in May 2027), threatened plant and animal species can be introduced to the protected environment.

Offshore Islands possess highly effective natural biosecurity barriers for ongoing protection against reinvasion, which dramatically reduces the cost to maintain a feral-free environment.

Alongside benefits to native plants and animals, the Flinders Island Safe Haven will stimulate conservation and nature-based tourism and opportunities for the local community.

Important biosecurity information for all visitors Whether you travel to Flinders Island by plane, boat or barge, every visitor has a critical role to play in preventing pests from reinvading. Rats and mice are the biggest threats as stowaways, especially in vehicles, vessels and gear that has been stored away. All biosecurity actions and checklists are detailed on the [Flinders Island Eco Escape](#) website and must be strictly followed. The QR code at the top of the page will direct you to: <https://flindersislandeco.com/biosecurity-and-visitor-requirements/>

Notify, Check, Clean and Close - every trip, every time.

Preventing pests from making their way to the Island is the first, and most effective step in the biosecurity chain. Before leaving the mainland we need you to:

- Notify – Complete your booking or day visitor notification online.
- Check – Your luggage and personal items for pests and organic matter.
- Clean – Your footwear, outdoor clothes and equipment, and personal items.
- Close – Store your luggage securely after packing to prevent pest access before departure.
- Contact the Woolford's if you see any pest animals on the island. This includes mice, rats, cats.

Cooperation by every island visitor will make all the difference to the success of this project.



Beach-nesting Bird Update

The Hooded Plover and Red-capped Plover breeding season is from August to March and they currently have nests and chicks on our local beaches!



If you come across signs on the beach indicating a nesting area or a chick feeding zone, please don't linger between signs, put your dog on a lead and walk by the waters edge. The nesting signs are only up during the incubation period (28 days). Once hatched the chicks are on the move and could be anywhere on that beach. You may come across a chick feeding zone sign indicating to use caution as they can't fly for 35 days and are extremely vulnerable.

Nesting:

These birds are highly susceptible to disturbances. Hooded Plovers lay 2-3 eggs in a shallow scrape in the sand and both parents incubate them for 28 days. If disturbed, both birds will **leave the nest** in order to distract the threat away from the eggs. This leaves the **eggs susceptible to predators** like gulls, ravens, dogs and hawks and they are easily stepped on by people or dogs. The eggs left unprotected are sensitive to weather conditions; if it is hot they will overheat, if its cold they will cool and if it is windy they can be covered with sand.



Chicks:



When Hooded Plover chicks hatch they must feed themselves and be able to travel to the waters edge safely. They are as small as a 50 cent piece and are extremely camouflaged. They **cannot fly for their first 35 days**. When there is a threat, the parents will call to their chicks and send them into hiding (crouching motionless on sand) to keep them safe. During this time the chicks can be eaten by other predators and can be easily stepped on. If the threat doesn't go away they may die from cold or overheating. Chicks cannot regulate their own temperature so must be brooded by their parents.

There are only 892 Hooded Plovers left in S.A. and they are listed as Vulnerable.



A pair of Hooded Plovers with their 3 chicks
Supported by:  **birdlife**
AUSTRALIA

Without our help there is only a 2.5% chance an egg will survive to adulthood. If we help them by taking simple steps like leashing dogs on breeding beaches, walking by the waters edge and not lingering we can help the survival of Hooded Plovers and reverse their decline.

Article & photos by Zephyr Jones



A Red-capped Plover parent and chick
 **LANDSCAPE**
SOUTH AUSTRALIA
 **EYRE PENINSULA**

2026 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR RECIPIENTS



2026 Citizen of the Year: Gabby Zerk

Gabby Zerk of Lock has been named 2026 Citizen of the Year! For nearly 30 years, Gabby has given extraordinary service to the Lock and Districts community – from leadership in netball and swimming, to tireless work with the Op Shop, school committees, community events, and more recently as a dedicated SA Ambulance volunteer.

Her generosity, reliability, and quiet determination have made a real difference in the community. Congratulations Gabby, and thank you for everything you do!

2026 Young Citizen of the Year: Chloe Northcott

Chloe Northcott from Port Kenny has been named 2026 Young Citizen of the Year! Chloe is a dedicated and active member of the Port Kenny community, giving her time to a wide range of local initiatives and events. She volunteers with the Port Kenny Ambulance Service, supports community projects, and is involved with organisations including the Port Kenny Sports Club and the Port Kenny-Venus Bay Progress Association.

Chloe has also shown strong leadership in community events, notably coordinating the Port Kenny Time Capsule Opening, putting in many hours behind the scenes to make it a success. Her ongoing commitment reflects the spirit of active citizenship and community pride. Congratulations, Chloe, and thank you for all you do for the community!



2026 Award for Active Citizenship: Larry, Vinny & Danny Honner

This year, the 2026 Award for Active Citizenship goes to brothers Larry, Vinny, and Danny Honner. The Honner brothers are always there for the community – supporting local events, helping behind the scenes, and encouraging the next generation. From long-standing involvement in sporting and community activities to pitching in with set-ups, clean-ups, and working bees, their contribution is constant, generous, and heartfelt.



They also go out of their way to mentor young people in sport, including helping families with travel and participation costs when needed. Congratulations to Larry, Vinny, and Danny – this recognition is well deserved!

2026 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR RECIPIENTS (CONTINUED)



2026 Community Event of the Year: Port Kenny Time Capsule & Sports Centre Opening

The Port Kenny Time Capsule and Sports Centre Opening has been named 2026 Community Event of the Year!

This memorable celebration brought the community together to honour Port Kenny's history through the Time Capsule opening, while also marking an exciting new chapter with the official opening of the Port Kenny & Districts Sports Centre.

Congratulations to everyone involved – from organisers and volunteers to the many community members who helped make the day such a success. It was an event filled with pride, connection, and true local spirit.

Community Invitation – Australia Day Awards BBQ Breakfast

The community is warmly invited to attend an Australia Day BBQ Breakfast in Lock, held to celebrate and recognise our 2026 Australia Day Award recipients.

📍 Lock Football Club
🕒 9:30am

This is a great opportunity to come together, enjoy a relaxed breakfast, and acknowledge the incredible individuals and groups who make such a positive contribution to our communities. Everyone is welcome, so bring your family and friends and help us celebrate local achievements and community spirit.

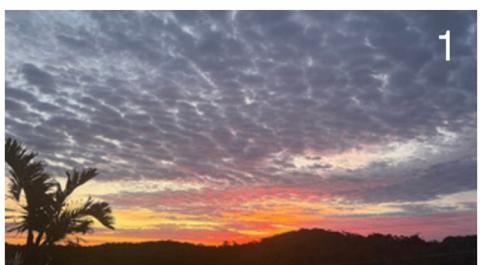
We look forward to seeing you there.



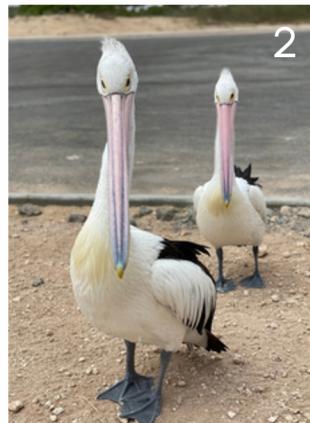
ELLISTON CAMERA CLUB

Narelle Biddell

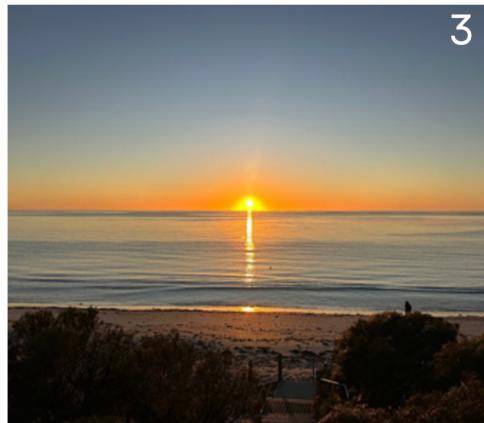
Photo 1: Sunset - Dusk in Bloom
Photo 2: Pelicans - Double Trouble
Photo 3: Sunset - Liquid Gold



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HAVE YOUR SAY – SEA STORMS & COASTAL CHANGE

The District Council of Elliston is undertaking a Coastal Hazard Assessment for Elliston, Venus Bay and Port Kenny, and we need your local knowledge.

👉 We're asking the community to:

- Complete a short online survey
- Share photos and stories of past sea storms, erosion or coastal changes you've observed over time

Your experiences will help us better understand coastal risks now and into the future, and guide long-term planning for our coastline.

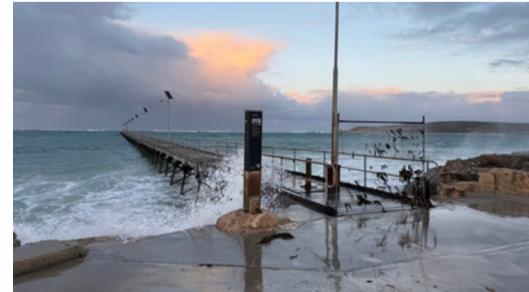
📸 Got photos or memories of past storm events?

📊 Have you noticed changes to the coast?

🔗 Complete the survey or find out more:

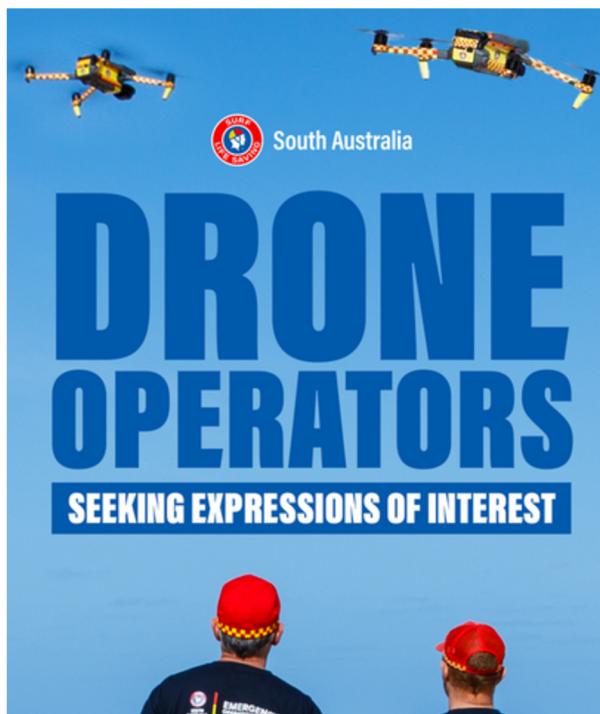
<https://form.jotform.com/253437025283051> or grab a copy from the Council Office or ECVIC.

Thank you for helping shape the future of our coastline ☀️



COMMUNITY SAFETY

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - SLSSA DRONE OPERATOR



Late last year, a Coastal Risk Assessment carried out by Surf Life Saving South Australia (SLSSA) identified the need for a **community-managed drone** in Elliston - to enhance local emergency response and coastal safety.

Drone Operators play an important role in keeping our coastline safe. As part of this team, you'll have access to SLSSA drones to conduct water surveillance during community events and recreational activities, and provide vital support in emergencies when called upon.

The drone, supplied and maintained by SLSSA, is equipped with a **camera and speakers** to assist in:

- Real-time coastal surveillance
- Community event monitoring
- Search and rescue operations
- Monitoring hard-to-access areas like cliffs and surf breaks
- Given our remote location and limited rapid-response resources, this initiative will strengthen community safety, support emergency services, and improve response times during critical incidents.

We're now seeking **Expressions of Interest (EOIs)** from local **residents** keen to be trained and participate as Drone Operators under the Surf Life Saving SA framework. Volunteers will receive a 2-day training and operational support course – no prior experience required!

Minimum Requirements

- Aged 16 years or older
- Prepared to become a member of Surf Life Saving SA (no cost)
- Willing to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) and National Police Check (NPC) (no cost)

Interested?

Find out more and submit your EOI here:
<https://slssa.wufoo.com/forms/z137kv4s1gofzi2/>

Closing Date: Monday, 19 January 2026

Contact Council if you require assistance:
(08) 8677 9177 | Email: dce@elliston.sa.gov.au



Let's keep SAVING WATER

Get up to \$400 back with rebates on water efficient fixtures and appliances.

To find out more visit
sawater.com.au/EPwatersecurity



SA Water



Government of
South Australia

This summer, SA Water is encouraging everyone on the Eyre Peninsula to keep saving water.

Whether you're saving water while washing your boat, watering your garden, or in your home, keep up the good work.

To help you save water, SA Water is still offering rebates with up to \$400 back on water efficient fixtures and appliances.

Conditions apply, and you can find out more by visiting
sawater.com.au/EPwatersecurity

ECVIC UPDATES

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

SAUSAGE SIZZLE AT THE PARK

1pm, 16th of January 2026

Roll on down to the skate park with your bike, scooter, or any wheels!

Remember a water bottle and hat, enjoy the playground, and stick around for a sausage sizzle lunch.

Music, Giant Jenga, Connect 4, volleyball and more!!



SCHOOL HOLIDAY KINDER GYM



WEDNESDAY 14TH JAN

Location: RSL Memorial Building

Time: 9:30 - 10:30am

Kinder Gym Playtime

0-5 years

parental supervision compulsory



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD



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

COMMUNITY GROUPS

ELLISTON CWA

Reassess for January.
Will reconvene
February 2026



AUSTRALIAN MEN'S SHED ASSOCIATION Shoulder to Shoulder

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 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 - 12 Jan 26

Podiatry - 12 Jan 26

Social Work - N/A

Dietetics - N/A

OT - N/A

Speech Therapy - N/A

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



Government of South Australia
SA Health



Community Nurse: Elliston

SHARNI SIDDLER

Tuesday
9.30AM - 3.00PM

Diabetes Educator:

Ashlee Stringer

Mon, Tues & Thurs
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Eyre Eye Centre:

Phone: 08 8682 4566
(by direct appointment)

18 Mar 26 1:30 PM - 4:30PM
13 May 26 1:30 PM - 4:30PM
16 Sep 26 1:30 PM - 4:30PM



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!

JANUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year's Day	2 Yellow Bin	3 Catholic Church 9am
4 Bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm	5 Red Bin	6	7 Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon	8	9	10 Catholic Church 9am
11 Bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm	12 Red Bin	13	14 Kindergym 9:30am RSL Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon	15	16 Yellow Bin Kids Sausage Sizzle 1pm Elliston Park	17 Catholic Church 9am
18 Bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm	19 Red Bin	20	21 Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon	22	23	24
25 Bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm Catholic Church 9am	26 Australia Day Red Bin	27 School Term 1 Begins	28 Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon	29	30 Yellow Bin	31

2026

JANUARY

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29	30	31	01	02
05 Cleve: Dr Kada Cowell: Dr Lawton Kimba: Dr Makada Elliston: Dr Sorensen	06 Cleve: Dr Kada Cowell: Dr Lawton Kimba: Dr Makada Elliston: Dr Sorensen	07 Cleve: Dr Kada Cowell: Dr Lawton Kimba: Dr Makada Elliston: Dr Sorensen	08 Cleve: Dr Makada Cowell: Dr Kada Kimba: Dr Lawton Elliston: No clinic	09 Cleve: Dr Kada Cowell: Dr Lawton Kimba: Dr Makada
12 Cleve: Dr Kada Cowell: Dr Lawton Kimba: TBC Elliston: Dr Sorensen	13 Cleve: Dr Kada Cowell: Dr Lawton Kimba: TBC Elliston: Dr Sorensen	14 Cleve: Dr Kada Cowell: Dr Lawton Kimba: TBC Elliston: Dr Sorensen	15 Cleve: Dr Kada Cowell: Dr Lawton Kimba: TBC	16 Cleve: Dr Kada Cowell: Dr Lawton Kimba: TBC
19 Cleve: Dr McManus Dr Viki Cowell: Dr Dumbrell Kimba: Dr Olutayo Elliston: Dr Sorensen	20 Cleve: Dr McManus Dr Viki Cowell: Dr Dumbrell Kimba: Dr Olutayo Elliston: Dr Sorensen	21 Cleve: Dr McManus Dr Viki Cowell: Dr Dumbrell Kimba: Dr Olutayo Elliston: Dr Sorensen	22 Cleve: Dr McManus Dr Viki Cowell: Dr Dumbrell Kimba: Dr Olutayo	23 Cleve: Dr McManus Dr Viki Cowell: Dr Dumbrell Kimba: Dr Olutayo
26 Public holiday	27 Cleve: TBC Cowell: TBC Kimba: Dr Viki Elliston: TBC	28 Cleve: TBC Cowell: TBC Kimba: Dr Viki Elliston: TBC	29 Cleve: TBC Cowell: TBC Kimba: Dr Viki	30 Cleve: TBC Cowell: TBC Kimba: Dr Viki

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

Northern Eyre Health Care

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026

Visiting healthcare services

Service	Cleve	Cowell	Kimba	Elliston	Wudinna	Streaky Bay
Acupuncture (Matter of Meridians)	13 Jan (monthly)					
Audiology (Bloom Hearing)	25 Feb.	7 Jan. 4 Feb.				Feb 3-4 at capacity)
Chiropractor (Eyre Chiropractic & Podiatry)		1, 15, 29 Jan 12, 26 Feb	12, 26 Jan, 9, 23 Feb		13, 27 Jan, 10, 24 Feb	13, 27 Jan, 10, 24 Feb
Chiropractor (Port Lincoln Chiro)	13 Jan (monthly)					
Counselling (Zanti)	By appt					
Dentist (Boston Bay Family Dental)						19-23 Jan
Optometrist (Eyre Eye Centre)					18 Feb.	2 Feb.
Optometrist (Gulf & Ranges)	18 Mar.		17 Mar.			
Osteopathy (Dr Alex Cronin)	25, 26, 27 Jan					
Physio (JLP Physiotherapy)	Mondays (weekly)					
Physio (Zac Ghabrial)					Mondays; Lock alt Tues	
Podiatrist (Eyre Chiropractic & Podiatry)		9, 15, 16 Jan 12, 13 Feb	14 Jan, 11 Feb			
Podiatrist (Your Local Podiatrist EP)	24 Feb (bi-monthly)					
Psychology (SHEOAK Clinical Psychology)					Via telehealth	
Dr Joy O'Hazy (Women's Health GP)	15 Jan.	21 Jan.	22 Jan.			