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WELCOME TO THE LATEST FROM OUR COMMUNITY

Spring has well and truly arrived here on the coast, and Elliston is buzzing with activity. From community catch-ups to school holidays, fishing trips, and fresh projects around town, there's plenty to celebrate and look forward to. This month we're shining a light on local events, updates from Council, and the wonderful people who make Elliston such a special place to call home.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT Leanne Kelly



What do you enjoy most about volunteering?

It's a sense of achievement and the satisfaction of knowing that other people will enjoy the event too. Cummins Christmas Wonderland is a great example of this.

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

Relaxing, catching up with family and friends, Paddle Boarding and beach days.

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

I am truly honoured to receive the United Yeelanna Football Club Philip Martin Memorial Best Club Person award jointly with husband Darren in 2017 and jointly with my Sister Lisa in 2021. Philip Martin is my Dad.

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

I have a few! 'Many hands make light work', 'Golden rule for Fruit & Veg is if I won't buy it don't expect someone else to', 'Make every Post a winner'.

Where is your favourite place to visit in our region?

Port Neill, Farm Beach, Walkers Rock, the Sculpture and Cliff Top drive that we do every weekend, and the BBQ area at the Front Beach surrounded by friends. We are spoilt for choice!

WHATS ON

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS...



2 OCT: Family Board & Card Game Afternoon
- all ages - 2-4pm RSL

9 OCT: Childrens Craft Activity - 10-12pm Elliston Hall - RSVP at ECVIC by 6 Oct



MORE TO EXPLORE...

1-20 OCT: Op shop Donation Freeze



8 - 11 OCT: Elliston Op Shop \$5 Bag Sale

13 -20 OCT: Op shop Closed for Revamp



25 OCT: Elliston Area School Woolshow

29 NOV: Elliston Markets - Elliston Parklands



**ELLISTON
MARKETS**
ART, CRAFT & PRODUCE

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

OUR BACKYARD

WHITE WINGED CHOUGH

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

Clan behaviours a breed apart from others

There are few birds that have such diverse and loud social behaviours as the White Winged Chough (pronounced chuff). For a black bird with bulging blood red eyes whilst performing a mating dance ritual or keeping subordinates in place within the hierarchy, this bird has had to earn its place in the clan.

Living in a clan of around 7- 10 birds in the breeding season from August to December, they are bush battlers. Only one breeding pair is able to produce young, the other birds being offspring from previous years. Expectations include helping with nest building, incubation and feeding of the chicks. The most important lesson for the young is learning the art of finding food, by copying behaviours of older birds. They are mostly ground feeders, foraging in leaf litter and rotting wood for termites, beetles, centipedes and millipedes, cockroaches, grasshoppers and crickets, flies and moths, ants, bees and wasps. Seeds from native grasses and saltbush, wattle and some introduced weeds are also sought.



Learning the songs and repertoire of what different calls mean can take at least 6- 7 months to master to reach independence.

Birds are most often noticed by a mournful descending whistle, or a ratchet like call if disturbed. Research on the variation of calls like alarm calls, 'good foraging here' calls, 'flee now' calls come secondary to learning how to forage because they have constant protection from adults within the group. Observation of clan members by researchers have noticed differences in responding to snakes and foxes, to aerial predators like raptors, to a distinct 'help, I'm lost call.

Possibly the most two unique behaviours are poaching of young from other neighbouring clans, and dance behaviours, both going hand in hand. By attracting and luring a young from another clan, with wing displays, dancing and jigging, and showing off their white under coverlets, they adopt the youngster, who will assist in raising future chicks.

Loud calls, together with dancing and jigging are the hallmark of social behaviours keeping the clan together. In a pack, they form close alliances and individuals are always looking for ways to help each other.

For an unabridged version of this article, contact the VIC by email or phone.

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ELLISTON CAMERA CLUB

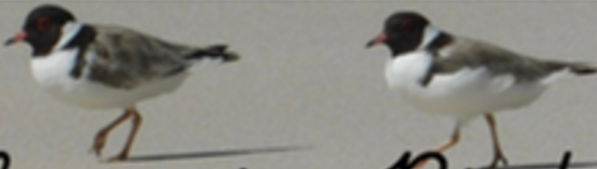
Marie Clark

Photo 1: Spectacular Panoramic Seas at Elliston

Photo 2: Elliston Cliffs

Photo 3: High Tides





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 it is 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

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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

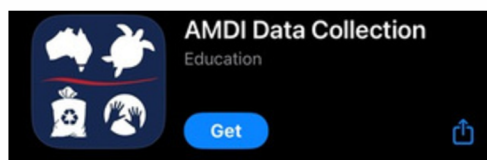
PROTECTING OUR COASTLINE

The Elliston Country Women's Association (CWA), with the support of Council, is raising awareness about the impact of marine debris on our coastline. Marine debris such as plastics and other manmade items is more than just an eyesore; it can harm marine life, damage ecosystems and spoil the natural beauty of our beaches. The Elliston CWA is encouraging everyone in the community to play a part in tackling this issue by collecting debris and recording what is found.

Recording is just as important as cleaning up. By using the Australian Marine Debris Initiative (AMDI) app, the information collected is added to a national database. Once reviewed, this data helps identify the most common types of rubbish, possible sources of pollution and the ways we can work together to stop it at its origin.

Getting involved is simple. When you are out walking the beach, pick up any manmade rubbish you see and log it directly into the AMDI app. The app is free to download from Google Play and the Apple App Store and includes easy-to-use features such as searchable categories, GPS mapping and photo uploads.

This is a community-wide effort. By coming together and supporting the initiative, locals and visitors alike can help build a clearer picture of the problem while taking practical steps to protect the coastline we all treasure. Every piece collected and recorded brings us closer to a cleaner and healthier environment for everyone to enjoy. Watch this space for further information and updates.



COMMUNITY SAFETY

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - SLSSA DRONE OPERATOR



Surf Life Saving South Australia (SLSSA) is inviting members of the community to take part in an exciting opportunity to become a Drone Operator.

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, as well as provide vital support in emergencies when called upon. To prepare you for this role, SLSSA will deliver a two-day training course (dates to be confirmed) that covers both theory and flight training. No prior experience is required—just a willingness to learn and a commitment to supporting the safety of our community.

Minimum Requirements:

- Aged 16 years or older
- Prepared to become a member of SLSSA
- Willing to obtain a Working With Children Check (WWCC) and National Police Check (NPC)

To prepare you for your training SLSSA will provide you with the information you need to obtain your nationally recognised CASA Drone Operator Accreditation at no cost.

This is a unique chance to gain valuable skills, join a supportive community, and make a meaningful contribution to coastal safety in South Australia.

If you're interested in becoming a Drone Operator, please complete the form.

We'd love to welcome you on board.

Applications will remain open until Sunday 12 October 2025 (Inclusive)

The link for the online application online form is below or contact Council for a copy:

<https://slssa.wufoo.com/forms/z137kv4s1gofzi2/>

ECVIC UPDATES

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN



FAMILY BOARD & CARD GAMES
Afternoon

Thursday 2nd Oct
2PM - 4PM
RSL Memorial Building

Let's play!



KIDS CRAFT Activity

10AM -12 NOON
Elliston Hall
Thursday 9 Oct



KINDERGYM

Every Wednesday
(during school term only,
unless otherwise advertised)

Location: Elliston Hall
Time: 9.30 - 10.30am
For children aged 0-5 years of age

Parental supervision compulsory



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ELLISTON

Op Shop
BAG SALE

8TH - 11TH OCTOBER



OP SHOP REFRESH TIME!

We are sorting, refreshing, and giving the op shop a brand-new look.

Donation Freeze: 1 October - 20 October
Shop Closed: 13 October - 20 October

Reopening 21 October - fresh stock, new look, more bargains!

OP SHOP REVAMP UNDERWAY! FRESH FINDS COMING SOON

Our beloved Op Shop is getting a makeover! From 1 October - 20 October, we'll be sorting, refreshing, and giving the shop a whole new look. To help us prepare, we're asking for a donation freeze during this time. Please hold off on donations until we reopen.

The shop will be closed from 13 October - 20 October, but don't worry, we'll be back on 21 October with fresh stock, a revitalised space, and even more bargains to discover. Get ready for a whole new Op Shop experience!

COUNCIL UPDATES

PARTIAL REOPENING OF ELLISTON JETTY

We're pleased to announce that approximately 113 metres of the Elliston Jetty has now reopened to the public following an initial engineering assessment.

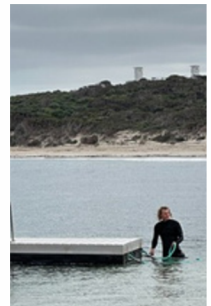
Further sections of the jetty will be reopened as they are cleared by engineers, although some exclusion zones may remain in place to ensure public safety.

As daylight savings begins and the days grow longer, now is the perfect time to enjoy this much-loved community asset. Whether you're taking a stroll, casting a line or just soaking in the view, it's great to have the jetty back.



DIVE IN, THE PONTOON IS BACK!

Council is pleased to announce that the pontoons at Elliston and Venus Bay have been reinstalled and is now ready for public use. These popular community assets provides a safe space for swimming, fishing, and family activities, and we look forward to seeing locals and visitors enjoying it throughout the summer months.



HALL DOORS UPGRADED FOR SAFETY

This October, the District Council of Elliston will be upgrading the emergency exit doors at the Elliston Community Hall.

The change is an important one. The Fire Safety Committee has identified safety concerns with the current doors and the work must be completed before the Hall hosts its next big community event.

We also know the Hall is home to more than just doors. It is home to a much-loved mural that adds colour and pride to our community.

Replacing the doors will mean a small section of the mural will be removed. To protect it, the old doors will be carefully taken down and stored to help guide the restoration.

The mural was first created in 1992 by Siv Grava and John Turpie with local artists Dave Beatty and Gidge Murphy, along with assistance from many community members including students from Elliston Area School and children from Elliston Kindergarten. It was repainted in 2014 to refresh and preserve its impact. We have been speaking with Siv Grava, one of the original artists, and she will be working with us to repaint the new doors so the artwork continues to shine bright on our Hall for everyone to enjoy.

We thank the community for your understanding while these works take place and we look forward to unveiling a mural that is both safe and beautifully restored.



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD



COMING SOON

Community Consultation for the Water Allocation Plan. Date and details will be announced shortly, keep your eyes on Council's socials so you don't miss your chance to have your say.

CATHOLIC CHURCH: ELLISTON

OCTOBER 2025

Sunday 5 th	5pm
Saturday 11 th	9am
Sunday 19 th	5pm
Sunday 26 th	11am

Elliston Area School
45TH WOOL SHOW 2025
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

ELLISTON SPORTS CENTRE 11AM-10PM

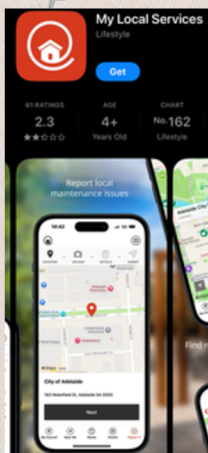
FLEECE DONATIONS WELCOME

LIVE MUSIC JAKE HORTON

- Fleece Judging & Presentations
- Monster Auction and Raffle (to support the students of EAS)
- Jumping Castle, Bubble Soccer, Archery Tag
- Games for kids and the young at heart
- Golf Challenge
- Novel Bike riding race
- An assortment of market stalls
- Lunch Food Stalls available
- Tea available
- Chicken or Beef Salad, T-Bone, etc.
- Licensed Bar Facilities
- Shearing exhibitions
- Vintage/Classic Cars Competition
- Emergency Services and Heavy Vehicle Display
- Learning Expo Display of student work

For Further information or to be invited please contact Julie Treen on 86874 4000

Halloween Weekend at Coodlie Park Friday Oct 31st – Sunday Nov 2nd Coodlie Park | Eyre Peninsula, SA



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

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 9th October 10.30am cuppa for 11am start.

Handicraft Tuesday 21st October at 10.30am. join our Celluloid lesson or byo craft, all friends of CWA are welcome.

We will be at the Elliston Area School Wool Show (25th Oct) Come and say hello.



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 - 13, 20 Oct 25
Podiatry - 20 Oct 25
Social Work - 21 Oct 25
Dietetics - 21 Oct 25
OT - 21 Oct 25
Speech Therapy - 21 Oct 25

URGENT REFERRALS MAY BE 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

SHARNI SIDDLE
 Tuesday
 9.30AM - 3.00PM

Diabetes Educator:

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



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 SA Health

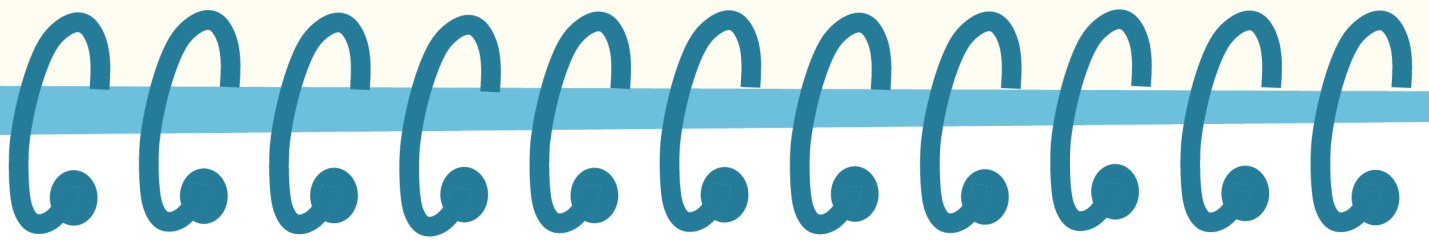


ELLISTON MEN'S SHED

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**



OCTOBER

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1 Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon	2 Board and Card Games Afternoon 2pm-4pm RSL	3 YELLOW BINS	4 Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon	5 10c bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm Catholic Church 5pm
6 RED BINS	7	8 Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon	9 CWA Meeting 10.30am Craft Activity RSVP 8687 9200 10am-12pm Hall	10	11 Catholic Church 9am	12 10c bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm
13 RED BINS	14	15 Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon	16	17 YELLOW BINS	18	19 10c bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm Catholic Church 5pm
20 RED BINS	21 Council Meeting	22 Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon	23	24	25 Elliston Area School Woolshow 11am - 10pm	26 Catholic Church 11am 10c bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm
27 RED BINS	28	29 Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon	30	31 YELLOW BINS Coodlie Park Halloween Weekend		

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Northern Eyre Health Care Locum doctor roster
Cleve • Cowell • Elliston

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29	30	01	02	03
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Returning in November: Dr Olutayo, Dr Mukwevho, Dr Sorensen, Dr Akonjee, Dr Koh, Dr Hiley, Mr Maroussem, Dr Hitch, Dr McManus

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Streaky Bay • Kimba

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Returning in November: Dr Estrada, Dr Akonjee, Dr Wong, Dr Koh, Dr Olutayo