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ELLISTON COMMUNITY AND VISITOR  
INFORMATION CENTRE NEWS

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## WELCOME TO THE LATEST FROM OUR COMMUNITY

2026 has kicked off! As you make new connections or continue with existing ones, enjoy embracing the relaxed lifestyle our community offers. The school year resumes and many groups are regathering after having a break over the festive season.

### COMMUNITY CONNECTION CAROLINE BILLINGS



Meet our newest ECVIC volunteer! We're delighted she's joined the team, and appreciate her sharing a bit about herself.

#### **Where did you grow up and are there any other places you have lived?**

Grew up in WA. Lived in outskirts Perth, Tom Price (NW WA), Palmerston Northern Territory, Central Queensland.

#### **How long have you lived in Elliston?**

Arrived November 2024, Purchased home April 2025

#### **Name three of your favourite places to visit and/or share with others that come to visit?**

Salmon Bay for fishing, Art Trail, Waterloo Bay, Venus Bay, Talia Caves, Sheringa.

#### **Do you have any hobbies or interests?**

Photography

#### **What jobs (paid or unpaid) have you done that you LOVE?**

I have always enjoyed any aspect of accounting/bookkeeping.

#### **Do you have a particular book or movie that you LOVE?**

Not a particular book but I do like Crime Fiction – Author Michael Connelly

#### **What do you love about residing here?**

The unspoilt & uncrowded beaches and town. The way the locals have accepted and welcomed us.



### WHATS ON THIS MONTH

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

**Every Wednesday** - Kindergym 9:30am  
Elliston RSL Memorial Building  
(Location may vary - Updates on Facebook)

**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**



# 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

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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

## SUMMER TIME HARVEST AND THE BATTLE FROM GROUND AND SKY: THE STUBBLE QUAIL

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

Farmers and contractors working on this years' grain harvest will be constantly aware of the movement of stubble quail suddenly stripped of a ripe crop overhead, and scurrying into unprotected stubble.

Drivers passing through on the highways might also be aware of the number of goshawks and sparrowhawks engaged in high-speed stooping, diving or perched on trees, fenceposts or power poles quietly observing for movement as the header sweeps through on the next daylight lap. These are images of avian activity whilst harvest continues.

How does all this interact?



Stubble quail are a vital part of the avian ecosystem, playing a crucial role in the health of their habitats and overall biodiversity of the region. Their populations are generally stable, but face potential threats, however these are minimal at the population level.

Stubble quail are ground dwelling species, found in native grassland, shrublands and agricultural crops across Australia. They feed primarily on seeds, grains, grasses and a variety of small invertebrates. These can include beetles, ants and grasshoppers. Quail also forage on green shoots and foliage, which contributes to water intake. They have been observed climbing wheat stalks to directly access grain directly from the heads.

Some stubble quail biology facts:

- Males are about 18 cm long, females slightly larger
- Weight: males weigh around 100g, females around 110g
- Courtship and pairing: males engage in elaborate courtship displays to attract females, including vocal calls, puffing feathers and performing physical displays
- Breeding: is influenced by rainfall, cover and food availability. They can move into an area after rain breaks a drought and breed in huge numbers, with up to four clutches per season
- The nest is a scrape on the ground lined with dried grass and twigs. Only the female sits on the eggs, and she will pull vegetation over the nest as a cover
- The chicks are led away from the nest, almost straight away after hatching, and are fairly independent

Primary natural predators are introduced species such as foxes and cats, which can significantly affect quail numbers, especially during the nesting period when eggs and chicks are vulnerable. The sky also has imminent threats.

Australian hawks are among the most skilled aerial operators. Their vision is 4- 8 times sharper than humans, capable of detecting small movements of prey from high above. They can detect ultraviolet light, which can reveal tracks and urine marks of small animals. For stubble quail, ambush may involve flushing birds from cover and capturing them during short flight bursts. Hawks can use stoops, folding their wings to minimise drag and reach speeds of 100-200km/h.

With high wing agility, hawks can follow quail through rapid turns and low flight manoeuvres until capture.

**Reference group: C O'Neil, I & D Penna, I Quinn, J Rossi, G Fieldhouse, co-ordinator S Fieldhouse.  
Feedback or comments welcome gally3@bigpond.com**

### ELLISTON CAMERA CLUB

**Marie Clark**

Pearsons Island



# EVENTS

## ELLISTON EASTER MARKETS – SAVE THE DATE

The Elliston Easter Markets will be held on Saturday 4 April at the Elliston Park Lands. This event will feature live music and a wide range of stallholders travelling from across the region, offering something for everyone to enjoy.

Expressions of Interest are now open for stallholders interested in being part of the day. To stay up to date with event details, keep an eye on Council's Facebook page and social media.

If you would like to hold a stall, please contact:

**Tayla Jones on 8687 9200 or email [info@elliston.com.au](mailto:info@elliston.com.au)**



## THE EASTER SUNDAY FISHING DAY COMPETITION 5 April 2026



## SAVE THE DATE – EASTER FISHING DAY 2026

The Elliston Easter Fishing Day is back in 2026! This popular community event brings together anglers of all ages for a fun day of fishing, friendly competition and great prizes, with junior and adult categories.

Last year's Elliston Easter Fishing Day was a great success, with 27 junior and 35 adult anglers taking part. Despite windy and less-than-ideal conditions on the day,

participants showed true fishing spirit and made the most of it, it was fantastic to see the community come together for another enjoyable Easter tradition.

More details will be announced closer to the date in The Echo and on Facebook – stay tuned for updates.



# LOCAL TALENT

## KIANA TONKIN

Elliston local Kiana Tonkin, just 18 and having just finished Year 12, has proudly taken out the Youth Art Award at the Nautilus Arts Centre. Kiana shares, "I've always been really into art growing up, but I got more into it when I started school in Cummins. I had the creative freedom to experiment with a range of different styles, but I was really drawn towards pop and street art, which inspired me to create The Devil for my Year 12 art final. I fell in love with the use of bold imagery and vibrant colours to portray an art piece with meaning in my own style. In the future, I want to keep experimenting with mixed mediums, create more art in my style, and possibly apply to university for art teaching while doing so."

We are incredibly proud of Kiana's achievement and can't wait to see where her talent and creativity take her next!



YOUTH AWARD  
WINNER

"THE DEVIL"

BY KIANA TONKIN



## HAVE YOUR SAY-COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS



### COASTAL HAZARD ASSESSMENT

Council is carrying out a Coastal Hazard Assessment for Elliston, Venus Bay, and Port Kenny to support long-term planning and decision-making for the coastline.

Community members are invited to complete a short online survey and share photos or stories of past sea storms, erosion, or noticeable changes. Your local experiences are invaluable in helping Council understand current and future coastal risks.

The information collected will guide planning and help protect the district's coastline for years to come.

**Complete the survey or find out more:**  
<https://form.jotform.com/253437025283051>

### 2026-27 BUDGET SURVEY

Council invites community members to help shape the district's future through the 2026-27 Annual Business Plan and Budget.

A short survey is now open for residents, ratepayers, and community members to share what matters most—from services and facilities to projects and priorities. All feedback will be considered when decisions are made about funding and service delivery. Submissions close 20 February—make sure to have your say!



# ECVIC UPDATES

## JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

On Friday 16 January, we hosted a Kids Sausage Sizzle at the Park. Children brought along their bikes and scooters to enjoy some small games and activities. It was a relaxed, fun afternoon.

Later in the holidays, the Kids Sports Activity Day was held at the Elliston Oval. Volleyball was the main game on the day, and despite the extremely hot weather, plenty of kids turned out to play. A sausage sizzle kept everyone energised and refreshed throughout the morning.

Thank you to all the families who came along, and the Elliston Area School for allowing us to use their sporting equipment. Keep an eye out for more school holiday activities coming up in the future.



## MURAL UPDATE

You may have noticed that since the fire exit doors at the Hall were replaced, the iconic mural artwork has been missing. Siv is currently in the process of repainting the doors so they once again blend in and match the mural.

We are incredibly fortunate to have such talented artists in our community and would like to sincerely thank Siv for her work.



# 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

Elliston Bakery  
No. 9



## Position available

Full time 5.5 days per week

*Preferable part time also available*

PIM 0418 982 459

TINA 0401 570 165

Leave a message or call in and have a chat with PIM

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

### ELLISTON CWA

First meeting in the New Year for Elliston Branch SACWA is scheduled for Thursday 12th February. 10.30am cuppa, 11am start; CWA Room on Memorial Dr.

See you there.



**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**

## CATHOLIC CHURCH: ELLISTON

### FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday 1st	5 pm
Saturday 7th	9 am
Sunday 15th	5 pm
Sunday 22nd	11 am

### 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 - 9 & 23 Feb 26**  
**Podiatry- N/A**  
**Social Work - N/A**  
**Dietetics- 3 Feb 26**  
**OT - 3 Feb 26**  
**Speech Therapy - 3 Feb 26**

*\*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



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SA Health



**Community Nurse:**  
*Elliston*

**SHARNI SIDDLER**  
Tuesday  
9.30AM - 3.00PM

**Diabetes Educator:**

**Ashlee Stringer**  
Mon, Tue & Thu  
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**

# February 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> Catholic Church 5 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Kindergym 9:30am RSL Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Yellow Bin	<b>7</b> Catholic Church 9am
<b>8</b> Bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm	<b>9</b> Red Bin	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Kindergym 9:30am RSL Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Valentines Day
<b>15</b> Bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm Catholic Church 5 pm	<b>16</b> Red Bin	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Kindergym 9:30am RSL Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Yellow Bin	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm Catholic Church 11 am	<b>23</b> Red Bin	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Kindergym 9:30am RSL Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>

2026

FEBRUARY

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

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
	26	27	28	29	30
02	03 Cleve: Dr Ozoemelum Cowell: Dr Coughlan Kimba: Dr Viki Elliston: Dr Premaratne	04 Cleve: Dr Ozoemelum Cowell: Dr Coughlan Kimba: Dr Viki Elliston: Dr Premaratne	05 Cleve: Dr Ozoemelum Cowell: Dr Coughlan Kimba: Dr Viki	06 Cleve: Dr Ozoemelum Cowell: Dr Coughlan Kimba: Dr Viki	
09	10 Cleve: Dr Makada Cowell: Dr Gangell Kimba: Dr Mukwevho Elliston: Dr Premaratne	11 Cleve: Dr Makada Cowell: Dr Gangell Kimba: Dr Mukwevho Elliston: Dr Premaratne	12 Cleve: Dr Makada Cowell: Dr Gangell Kimba: Dr Mukwevho	13 Cleve: Dr Makada Cowell: Dr Gangell Kimba: Dr Mukwevho	
16	17 Cleve: Dr McManus Cowell: Dr Maroussem Kimba: Dr Mukwevho Elliston: Dr Premaratne	18 Cleve: Dr McManus Cowell: Dr Maroussem Kimba: Dr Mukwevho Elliston: Dr Premaratne	19 Cleve: Dr McManus Cowell: Dr Maroussem Kimba: Dr Mukwevho	20 Cleve: Dr McManus Cowell: Dr Maroussem Kimba: Dr Mukwevho	
23	24 Cleve: Dr Dumbrell Cowell: Dr Gangell Kimba: Dr Mukwevho Elliston: Dr Premaratne	25 Cleve: Dr Dumbrell Cowell: Dr Gangell Kimba: Dr Mukwevho Elliston: Dr Premaratne	26 Cleve: Dr Dumbrell Cowell: Dr Gangell Kimba: Dr Mukwevho Elliston: Dr Premaratne	27 Cleve: Dr Dumbrell Cowell: Dr Gangell Kimba: Dr Mukwevho	

# Northern Eyre Health Care

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026

## Visiting healthcare services

Service	Cleve	Cowell	Kimba	Elliston	Wudinna	Streaky Bay
Acupuncture (Matter of Meridians)	10 Feb.			1 Feb.		1 Feb.
Audiology (Bloom Hearing)	25 Feb.	4 Feb.				3-4 Feb at capacity)
Chiropractor (Eyre Chiropractic & Podiatry)		12, 26 Feb	9, 23 Feb		10, 24 Feb	10, 24 Feb
Chiropractor (Port Lincoln Chiro)	10 Feb (monthly)					
Counselling (Zanti)	Via telehealth / by arrangement					
Dentist (Boston Bay Family Dental)						16-18 Feb (kids only) 2-5 Mar (all)
Optometrist (Eyre Eye Centre)		12 Feb.			18 Feb.	2 Feb.
Optometrist (Gulf & Ranges)	18 Mar.		17 Mar.			
Osteopathy (Dr Alex Cronin)	20, 21 Feb					
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)	12 Feb, 9 April	18 Feb, 1 April	19 Feb, 2 April			