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- Australian Salmon Fishing Championship - Elliston

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WELCOME TO THE LATEST FROM OUR COMMUNITY

As we head into May, there's plenty happening across our community and lots to look forward to in the weeks ahead. With the seasons beginning to shift and cooler days setting in, it's a great time to reflect on recent events, stay connected, and get involved in what's coming up around the district.

In this month's Elliston Echo, we're sharing local updates, upcoming events, and a few stories that highlight the people and projects that make our community what it is. As always, we encourage you to get out, support local, and take part wherever you can.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION IAN QUINN



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

I grew up in Wasleys, a small town outside of Gawler SA

I lived at Loxton, in the Riverland, for a few years prior to moving to Elliston. Prior to that I spent several years on Mutooroo Station near Broken Hill.

How long have you been in Elliston?

24 years I think, moved here around 2001/2002.

Do you have a particular book or movie that you love?

The Indiana Jones movie series.

Do you have any hobbies or interests?

My main hobbies include fishing, camping and shooting.

What do you love about residing here?

The relaxed and friendly atmosphere. The fact you can walk down the street and just say hello and chat to so many different people.

Name three of your favourite places to visit and/or share with others that come to visit you.

Walkers Rock beach, the Gawler Ranges area and some of the Redgum country in the district.



NOCTURNAL BIRD

South Australia is home to a diverse range of nocturnal birds that thrive in our unique habitats. It helps to distinguish nocturnal birds from diurnal ones. Some birds are active by day but call at night, while others are active at twilight rather than through the full night.

What makes a bird nocturnal? Birds of the night typically have large eyes, enhanced senses and camouflage plumage, and often remain motionless if disturbed during the day.

Introducing the barn owl, often seen illuminated by headlights as it perches on roadside posts. Known for its silent flight, it is a master hunter in complete darkness. It prefers open habitats such as grasslands, paddocks and farms, nesting in tree hollows, caves, old buildings or sheltered branches, and will also use structures such as bridges, sheds and nest boxes.

The barn owl feeds mainly on rodents, swallowing prey whole, along with small birds, bats, frogs, insects and lizards. Indigestible material such as bones, fur and feathers is compacted into pellets and later expelled, usually at a regular roosting site. These pellets provide valuable insight into what the owl has eaten and what species are present in the environment.

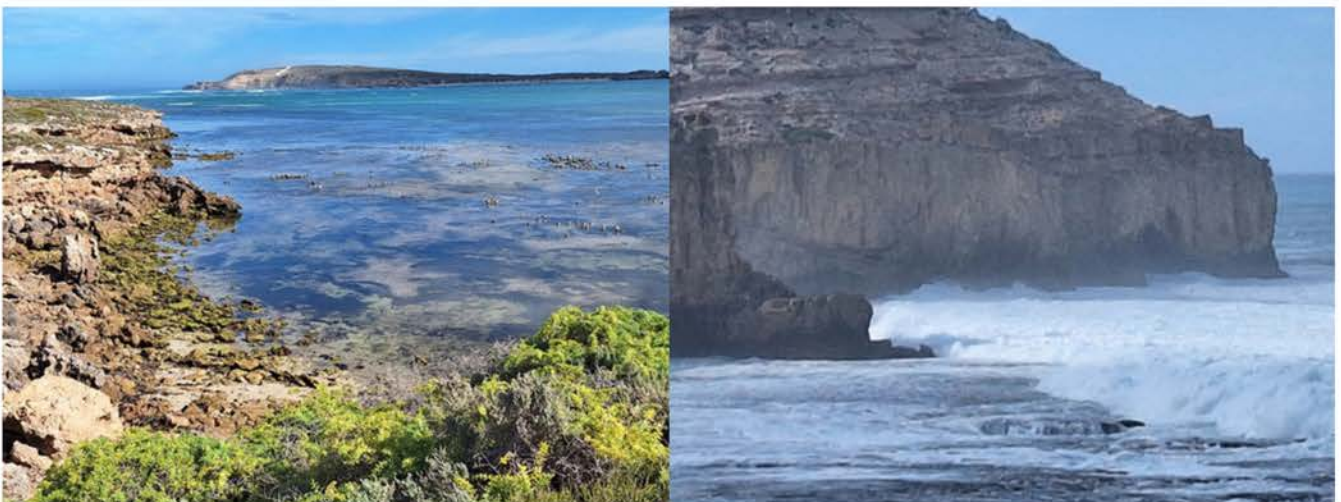
The barn owl's heart shaped facial disc funnels sound into ear openings hidden behind specialised feathers. With one ear slightly higher than the other, it can detect subtle differences in sound, allowing it to pinpoint prey with remarkable accuracy, even in darkness.

Main threats are human related, particularly road strikes and the use of rodenticides.
Elliston Branch, SACWA care for wildlife.

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



ELLISTON CAMERA CLUB



Photos by Sally Fieldhouse

UPDATES



Community consultation sessions will soon be held for the Annual Business Plan, Long Term Financial Plan, Rating Review, and Community Engagement Charter. These sessions are a valuable opportunity for residents to learn more about Council's priorities and provide feedback on key plans that guide services, projects, and future direction. Keep an eye out for dates and details on how to take part.

ELLISTON JETTY

Without increased government funding, many of South Australia's jetties are at risk of disappearing forever.

These structures are more than just places to fish or take in the view—they are an important part of our coastal identity, history and community life. Losing them would mean losing a piece of what makes our towns so special.

If your local jetty matters to you, you're encouraged to show your support by signing the pledge via the link below. Hard copies are also available at the Council Office for those who prefer to sign in person.

<https://www.lga.sa.gov.au/jetties>

GOING MISSING
Elliston Jetty

Without increased government funding, many of South Australia's jetties are in danger of disappearing forever. If you'd miss your local jetty share the love and sign our pledge.

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ELLISTON
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VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Love Elliston? Join our friendly, community-minded volunteer team and help showcase what makes our town special.

It's flexible – volunteer for just one 3.5-hour shift a week, fortnight, or even once a month. A great way to meet people, stay connected, and give back to the community and visitors.

No experience needed – just a welcoming attitude and a love for the region.

Interested? Contact Tayla Jones on 8687 9200 or email info@elliston.sa.gov.au, or drop in for a chat.

SA AMBULANCE SERVICE JOIN THE TEAM IN GREEN

SAAS needs volunteers to provide care in your community. Volunteer with us now!



Contact us today:

☎ 1300 175 584

✉ saasvolunteers@sa.gov.au

🌐 saasvolunteer.sa.gov.au



SA
Ambulance
Service

EVENTS

EASTER SUNDAY FISHING DAY COMP

The Elliston & Districts Business & Progress Association held their 2nd Annual Elliston Easter Sunday Fishing Day Comp on Easter Sunday 5th of April 2026. A total of 121 people registered, including 52 Juniors with 40 of those weighing in and 11 of those weighed in more than 1 category. 69 Adults registered with 46 of those weighing in and 9 of those in more than 1 category.

The Committee were pleased to see the registrations were doubled from the previous year and were from all over the Eyre Peninsula, including Whyalla, Cleve and Pt Lincoln along with Adelaide, Willunga, Gawler and Broken Hill and locally. This year saw more time to plan and promote the event, and we were grateful for Narelle's assistance from the District Council of Elliston. Narelle set up the Online Registration Link and QR code. This allowed people to register for the Competition with ease. The weather was very kind, a nice calm fishing day, with a few showers of rain. A lot of people fished from their boats, the Elliston Jetty, as well as numerous beaches in the area.

We had great feedback about the day, every one enjoyed the family friendly event and people saying that they'd love to return for next year. The Committee were very grateful for the generous Sponsorship, a total of \$6,000 in Cash, Vouchers and Prizes, this prize money was doubled from the previous year.

This event could not run without the support of our Sponsors. The Committee would like to thank Tayla from the Elliston Community and Visitor Information Centre for her IT assistance and producing the Advertisement and Sponsorship Flyers, and thank you to the District Council of Elliston for their support.

Thank you, Leanne Kelly Secretary for the Elliston & Districts Business & Progress Association



2026 Top L-R Colt

Harrison- Registration Prize, Lily Tonkin Jr Heaviest All Other Species -Blue Morwong 3.99kg, Rocco Bascomb -Jr Heaviest Whiting 510gm, Archie Milu-Jr Mystery Weight 283gm Salmon weight in envelope 283gm, Elke Kenny Heaviest Squid 529gm.

ADULT

Lester Hurrell Mystery Weight 302gm Whiting (accepted by Bernie & Adam), weight in envelope 304gm, Nigel May Heaviest Squid 829gm, Sam Wardle Heaviest Salmon 3.229kg, Johnny Newton Longest All Other Species School Shark 1.4mt, Karen Quinn Heaviest Whiting 784gm.

EVENTS

ELLISTON EASTER MARKETS

It was a great day at the Elliston Easter Markets, held on 4th April, with plenty happening right from the start.

With 27 stall holders taking part, the markets showcased an impressive range of crafts, produce, and unique handmade items. The day got off to a busy start, with over 100 people coming along early to browse the stalls and enjoy what was on offer.

The weather was on our side, making for a beautiful day to spend in the heart of the community. A big thank you goes out to everyone who attended, supported the event, and of course to our stall holders and volunteers who helped everything run so smoothly on the day.

Overall, it was a fantastic and successful community event, and we're already looking forward to the next



KIDS EVENTS UPDATE BUBBLE SOCCER DAY/ KIDS GAMES DAY

The Youth Week event held on 17th April was a fantastic day of fun, connection, and community for our young people.

Coordinated by West Coast Youth & Community Support, the day kicked off down at the jetty with some relaxed fishing, giving everyone a chance to enjoy the outdoors and spend time together by the water.

The fun continued in the afternoon over at the Elliston oval, where the energy really lifted with bubble soccer and a range of other sports and games keeping everyone entertained.

Turnout was strong, and it was great to see so many young people getting involved and enjoying the activities on offer.

A big thank you goes out to Tim and Tony from West Coast Youth for their work in organising and running the day, along with everyone else who helped make the event such a success.



EVENTS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

The Elliston Hall was filled with creativity and laughter during the recent school holiday activity hosted by Bec Pickett on Friday, 24 April.

Kicking off at 10am, Bec put together an impressive range of activities to keep young minds busy and engaged. From Lego building stations to hands-on craft tables and a selection of board games, there was something for everyone to enjoy. Air-dry clay was also a popular choice, with plenty of imaginative creations taking shape throughout the morning.

Around 25 children attended the session, and it was fantastic to see such a great turnout. The hall was buzzing with activity as kids moved between stations, building, creating and playing together. A big thank you goes to Bec for organising such a thoughtful and well-planned morning. It was a wonderful opportunity for local children to connect, get creative and make the most of the school holidays in a fun and welcoming environment.



LOCK - ANZAC DAY SERVICE "LEST WE FORGET"

It was a special ANZAC Day service in Lock, with the community coming together to honour and remember those who have served.

A number of local faces played an important role in the service, with Haddie and Piper laying beautiful wreaths they had handmade. Neil Cummins led the service, alongside Gabby Zerk who carried out the flag duties.

It was also great to see local young people involved, with Lock lads Cooper Hodge, Cameron Glover, Kurt Hetzel and Archer Cummins taking part, and Toni Sheridan delivering a moving address.

Services like this are a meaningful reminder of the importance of ANZAC Day, and it's always encouraging to see the next generation involved in keeping these traditions strong.



ELLISTON- ANZAC DAY SERVICE "LEST WE FORGET"

The Elliston District ANZAC Day 7am service was conducted in its traditional Elliston program and style.

A crowd of approximately 140 locals and tourists were welcomed to the service by Caroline Gillett, with Helen Sommerville attending to the timing and technical delivery of the program.

Elliston's Brevet Sgt. Ashley Traeger attended competently to the flag protocol, and local Robbie Pickett recited The Ode.

The crowd stood silently in the calm of the morning, listening intently to the staggering statistics from Elliston and surrounding districts. A total of 107 young men enlisted from this area for WW1, with 25 killed in action. A further 70 enlisted for WW2, with 9 killed in action or as Prisoners of War who did not return.

Les Williams laid a wreath dedicated to all RSL veterans from the district. Councillor Tony Custance laid the Elliston District Council wreath, alongside representatives from the CWA, Men's Shed, SA Ambulance, the School, Children's Centre and SAPOL. Merylyn Nooroa and her granddaughter Hazel laid a wreath for their family, as well as for New Zealand and the Cook Islands. Several individuals also laid wreaths in memory of family members who have served. A sprig of rosemary or a poppy was available for personal dedication.

While many locals needed to leave for Minnipa shortly after the service for sport commitments, around 70 people stayed on to enjoy a delicious bacon and egg breakfast.

This also gave people the opportunity to look through the RSL Building. Mayor Andrew McLeod sent his apologies, sharing a message welcoming everyone into the Council's redeveloped RSL building, and encouraging them to admire the display thoughtfully put together by the Elliston History Group, including the return of the upgraded portraits of local WW1 and WW2 soldiers.

Caroline Gillett thanked everyone for the morning, with special acknowledgement to the Elliston History Group, particularly Debbie and Nigel May, for their dedication and commitment in retrieving and collating information on the 107 WW1 soldiers from the district. Denise Little from Port Kenny, along with the Elliston Council, had previously compiled local WW2 veteran information, with additional research undertaken to further complete individual service records.



WHAT'S NEW?

in the library



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Free online presentation

Staying safe on Facebook

When: Thursday 21st May

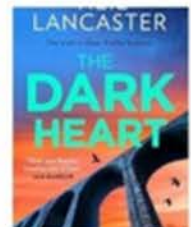
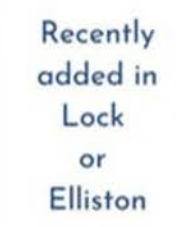
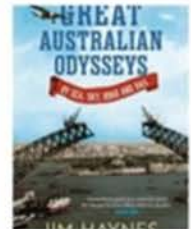
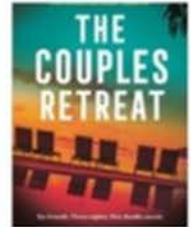
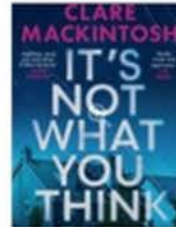
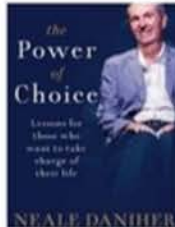
Time: 2:30pm

Location: Lock Library

All welcome



Be Connected
Every Australian online.



flinders island safe haven
Restoring balance, protecting wildlife - Check, Clean, Close

Elliston community information session

When: Monday, May 4th

Time: 6-7pm

Location: Elliston Sports Centre

Come along for project update, biosecurity information and resources

More information:



Biosecurity
Information and
Checklists



Eyre Peninsula
Landscape Board
Project Website

Seen something on the island? Say something

REPORT SIGHTINGS OF CAT, RAT OR MOUSE

CONTACT: 0419 280 577 or 0448 790 114

Include the location, time, date and what you saw, photos - if available.

These details are critically important and will save valuable response time. Thank you for helping keep Flinders Island Pest Free!

WATERWIZE WILL BE IN:

ELLISTON

@ The Hall Carpark

11AM TILL 4:30PM

Thursday 7th May

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COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD



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 Sport Centre Working Bee Sunday May 3, from 9am

- Tennis/Netball sheds - clean
- Football change room- clean
- Ticket box- clean
- Score box- clean
- Kitchen storage shed- clean
- Fill and Grade around oval
- Pad for portaloos
- Hill toilet wall
- Fix oval seating
- Seating by change rooms
- New oval seating
- Move netball shelters to the courts
- Basketball line painting
- Repair damaged section of oval fence
- Caps on fence
- Repair fence behind the hill shed
- Tracks and access blocking
- Key box replacement
- Fill tanks near coaches boxes
- Repaint carpark lines
- Sponsor signs/add/remove
- Remove weeds
- Flag pole
- Fix curtain rod in women's change room

ELLISTON CWA

The SACWA Marble Range Group Table Day will be held on Thursday 7th May 2026 at the RSL Building. Doors open at 1.00pm for a 1.30pm start.

The group includes Cummins, Karkoo, Tooligie and Elliston CWA branches, who will be competing for the Betty Ashwin Memorial Trophy. Entry is \$10 per head, which includes afternoon tea.

There will be a range of craft entries on display and judged, including open and recognised craft, folded patchwork, handmade flower plus a single live bloom, crazy patchwork, and a slice category featuring chocolate brownies, as well as a display of pot holders and tea cosies.

All welcome to come along and enjoy the afternoon.

CATHOLIC CHURCH: ELLISTON

MAY 2026

Saturday 2nd	9 am
Saturday 9th	9 am
Saturday 16th	9 am
Sunday 24th	11 am
Saturday 30th	9 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 - 4 & 18 May
Podiatry- 18 May
Dietetics- 26 May
OT - 26 May
Speech Therapy - 26 May

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

Kaytlin Northcott
Tuesday
9.30AM - 3.00PM

Ashlee Stringer
Every Friday
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Diabetes Educator:

Ashlee Stringer
Mon, Tue & Thu
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Eyre Eye Centre:

Phone: 08 8682 4566
(by direct appointment)

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



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MAY

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

					1 Yellow Bin	2 Catholic Church 9am
3 Working Bee 9am Bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm Adult Craft & Sewing Lock Area School 10am-5pm	4 Red Bin Flinders Island Safe Haven Info Session 6pm-7pm Elliston Sports Centre	5	6 Kindergym 9:30am RSL Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon	7 SACWA Table Day - Elliston RSL 1pm Football & Netball Training Waterwise Elliston Hall Carpark 11am-4:30pm	8	9 Catholic Church 9am
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