
 Facebook Pages - Elliston Community & Visitor Information Centre
- Australian Salmon Fishing Championship - Elliston

 Facebook Group - Elliston Markets
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Email : info@elliston.com.au
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WELCOME TO THE LATEST FROM OUR COMMUNITY

As we head into winter, there's still plenty happening across our district. June marks the beginning of the Australian Salmon Fishing Championship, with anglers once again casting a line from our beautiful coastline. It's also a busy time for community groups, local events and Council projects, with plenty of opportunities to stay connected and involved.

As always, thank you to everyone who contributes to the Echo. We hope you enjoy this month's edition and encourage you to keep an eye on our community noticeboards and social media pages for the latest local news and updates.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION TRISHA TOMLINSON



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

I was born in Elliston, went to primary school in Elliston. Our family moved to Adelaide when I was 13, so I lived in Adelaide until I came back when I was 18.

What jobs (paid or unpaid) have you had that you love?

I have worked at Elliston Area School for 30+ years and have loved and learnt so much from working with kids. Mostly they are a joy!

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

I have a few favourite books:

- *The Boy with No Shoes*
- *A Suitable Boy*
- *The Sunne in Splendour*

and films:

- *The Last of the Mohicans*
- *Pride and Prejudice*

Do you have any hobbies or interests?

I enjoy gardening, walking, and reading, and spending time with my grandchildren and family.

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

Well I love that there is usually some sheltered beach to relax and swim in Elliston.

- *Corner of Anxious handles most winds*
- *Little Bay with a Northerly*
- *Millikens, Anxious Bay and Walkers Rock for walking.*



THE TAWNY FROGMOUTH – MASTERS OF CAMOUFLAGE

The Elliston branch of SACWA Inc. presents the final article in its bird series.

This month we explore the hidden world of the tawny frogmouth, renowned for its remarkable camouflage and unique behaviours. Their mottled silver-grey, black, brown and sometimes rufous plumage closely resembles tree bark. Combined with their upright, motionless posture, this cryptic colouring allows them to blend seamlessly into branches during the day. With necks extended and eyes narrowed, they often resemble broken tree limbs.

Last month's investigation focused on how feather structure enables silent flight. In barn owls, fringed wing edges and soft, mottled flight feathers reduce turbulence, allowing for stealthy, near-silent flight. Tawny frogmouths have stiff bristles around their beaks that help detect flying insects. Unlike owls, they lack talons and instead capture prey with their wide, frog-like gape. Their diet includes insects, spiders, worms, slugs, snails, small mammals, frogs, reptiles and birds. Their small feet have led to comparisons with the walk of a gout-stricken man, reflected in the genus name *Podargus* (Greek for gout).²

These birds form lifelong partnerships, often remaining in the same territory for a decade or more. During breeding season, pairs roost together, maintaining physical contact and strengthening their bond through mutual grooming. Researchers have even observed mourning behaviour following the loss of a partner, highlighting the depth of these relationships.

Their vocalisations communicate information about territory, food, predators and sex. Calls range from deep, rhythmic grunts and soft "who whoo whoo" notes to warning buzzes, loud hisses, beak-clacking and piercing screams that can be heard for miles.

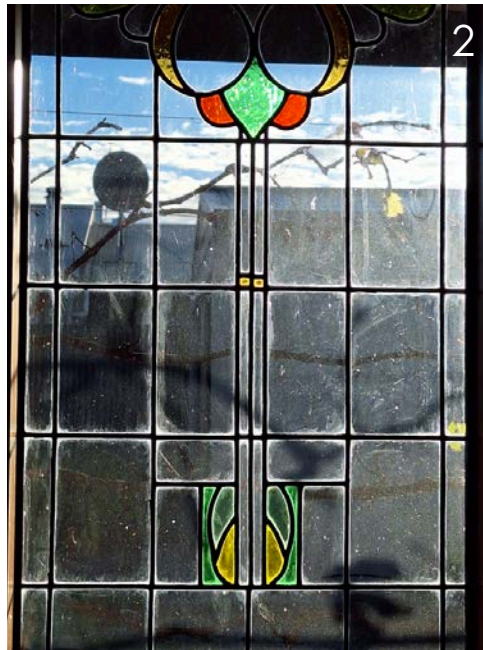
During winter, when food is scarce and fat reserves are depleted, tawny frogmouths can enter a state of torpor for several hours during the day to conserve energy.

Use a search engine to discover more about this fascinating Australian species.

Reference group: C. O'Neil, Ian Quinn (SA Landscape Board), Ian & Dianne Penna, Garry Fieldhouse & co-ordinator S. Fieldhouse. Any comments/feedback to gally3@bigpond.com



ELLISTON CAMERA CLUB



- 1) Summer leaves starting to fade
- 2) Pruning before winter

Photos by Sally Fieldhouse



1 JUNE TO 31 AUGUST 2026

FISH FROM
LAND
SHERINGA TO
MT CAMEL
NEAR THE
MAGNIFICENT
ELLISTON

2026 ANNUAL AUSTRALIAN SALMON FISHING CHAMPIONSHIP

PRIZES TO BE WON:

- Overall competition heaviest fish
- 2nd overall competition heaviest
- 3rd overall competition heaviest
- Junior overall competition heaviest fish
- Monthly heaviest fish
- Weekly Mystery Weight

ENTRY FEES:

Adults: \$15 Juniors: \$10

Tickets available from participating businesses.
Weigh-in at Elliston Caravan Park.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION VISIT:

- www.elliston.com.au/salmon
- Elliston Community & Visitor Information Centre
- info@elliston.com.au
- (08) 8687 9200
- Facebook: Australian Salmon Fishing Championship - Elliston
www.facebook.com/asfc.elliston

TICKET PURCHASE (Adult \$15 and Junior \$10)

Tickets can be purchased from the following locations:

- Elliston Community and Visitor Information Centre
- Elliston Caravan Park
- Elliston Waterloo Bay Tourist Park
- Elliston Hotel
- Elliston Roadhouse
- Venus Bay Beachfront Tourist Park
- Whyalla Visitor Centre
- Tackle World Port Lincoln
- Tackle World Port Augusta

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2026 ANNUAL AUSTRALIAN SALMON FISHING CHAMPIONSHIP UNDERWAY

The 2026 Annual Australian Salmon Fishing Championship is officially underway, with anglers now able to cast a line from 1 June through to 31 August along some of the most spectacular fishing coastline in South Australia.

Now entering its 32nd year, the Championship continues to be one of Elliston's most anticipated annual events, attracting both locals and visitors who enjoy the challenge of land-based salmon fishing between Sheringa and Mt Camel. The competition has become a much-loved tradition that not only celebrates our region's incredible fishing opportunities but also helps bring visitors into the district during the quieter winter months, providing valuable support for local businesses, accommodation providers and community organisations.

This year, we have expanded ticket sales beyond the local area through a partnership with major sponsor Tackle World. In addition to local outlets, competitors can now purchase tickets from Tackle World stores in Port Lincoln and Port Augusta, as well as the Whyalla Visitor Centre. These additional sale locations will help promote the competition to a wider audience and encourage even more visitors to experience everything our region has to offer.

Competitors will once again have the opportunity to compete for a range of prizes, including the Overall Heaviest Fish, Junior Heaviest Fish, Monthly Heaviest Fish, Weekly Mystery Weight prizes and a monthly photo competition. Adult tickets are \$15 and junior tickets are \$10, with fish weighed in at the Elliston Caravan Park throughout the competition period.

A huge thank you must go to the many businesses and organisations that have supported this year's Championship. Their generosity and commitment make it possible for the event to continue year after year.

Special thanks to our Major Sponsor - Tackle World Port Lincoln & Port Augusta, along with our Gold Sponsors, District Council of Elliston, Elliston Waterloo Bay Tourist Park and Elliston Caravan Park. We also thank all Silver, Bronze and Supporter Sponsors whose contributions help ensure the ongoing success of the competition.

This year has also seen the release of a new Australian Salmon Fishing Championship shirt, developed in collaboration with Tackle World. The shirts are available for purchase from the Elliston Community and Visitor Information Centre for \$50 each, with limited stock available.



WATERWIZE WILL BE IN:

ELLISTON

@ The Hall Carpark

11AM TILL 4:00PM

Thursday 11th June



EP GROWN TUBESTOCK
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NATIVE
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WATCH THIS SPACE – MENTAL WELLBEING COMMUNITY EVENT

The Mental Wellbeing Community Event, delivered by Preventive Health SA, has been postponed and will now be held in June or July, with the new date still to be confirmed.

This free community event will provide an opportunity to connect with others, share a meal, and learn practical ways to support mental wellbeing for yourself and those around you.

While we're still waiting on the final date, we encourage community members to keep an eye on local noticeboards and Council social media channels for updates.

Watch this space – more details will be available soon!



ELLISTON RUN CLUB FUNRUN



5KM OR 3KM RUN/WALK

**SAT 20TH
JUNE**

8:30AM START - FRONT BEACH

This will be a unique event, run in a handicap format. Walkers will set off first then runners will self seed, taking off from slowest to fastest. This will allow participants to finish at a similar time, with the emphasis on fun, participation and community spirit!

\$10 DONATION TO ENTER
all ages and abilities welcome

**BACON AND EGG ROLLS \$10
HOT DRINKS \$5**

Join us for a fun, inclusive, community run event where everyone has a chance to shine!

Stay for a swim, chat and breaky after the run ❤️



All proceeds to go to
@buckysbeachrelay



WELLBEING TIP: TAKE TIME TO CONNECT

Life can get busy, and it's easy to become caught up in the day-to-day demands of work, family and other commitments. One of the simplest ways to support your mental wellbeing is by making time to connect with others.

Whether it's a chat over a cup of tea, a phone call to a friend, or simply stopping to say hello to a neighbour, social connections can have a positive impact on how we feel. Staying connected helps reduce feelings of loneliness, provides support during challenging times, and reminds us that we're part of a community.

This month, challenge yourself to reach out to someone you haven't spoken to in a while, attend a local event, or spend some quality time with family and friends. Small moments of connection can make a big difference to both your wellbeing and theirs.

Remember, looking after your mental health doesn't always require big changes – sometimes it's the simple things that matter most.

Regional, Rural and Remote Home Care Workforce Support Program



The **Regional, Rural and Remote Home Care Workforce Support Program** is proudly being delivered collaboratively by:

- **Skills Generation**, a Queensland-based Registered Training Organisation
- **Skills Hubs**, a workforce development not-for-profit
- In partnership with the **Australian Catholic University** across eligible regions in Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia. (See map overleaf)

Ageing Australia is delivering in VIC and TAS, and CREST in the NT.

This is a three year program (2025–28)



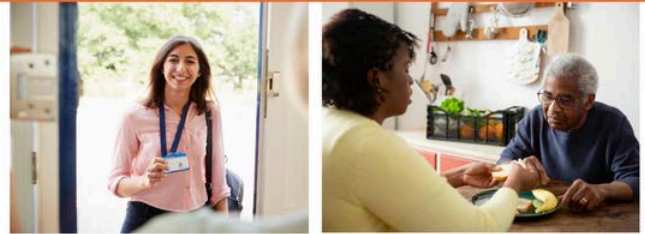
Funded by the Commonwealth Government, this Program aims to:

- Attract**
Raise the profile of aged care workforce opportunities in your local region to unlock existing potential
- Train**
Match candidates to accessible training pathways or identify training gaps and co-design solutions
- Retain**
Work with employers to strengthen organisational capacity and processes to increase staff retention
- Support**
Engage the holistic community discussion to recognise and grow the key role local aged care workforces play in strong, sustainable local futures



Regional, Rural and Remote Home Care Workforce Support Program

Wanting to grow your career in care and support your community?



We're here to help local people step into local aged care roles. We provide simple, supportive guidance to connect you with opportunities in your community.



Support you with your resume, interview preparation and building confidence



Assist you with training pathways and placement



Link you with local aged care opportunities



Guide your new role with mentoring and check-ins



workforce@skillshubs.com.au



1800 319 762



skillshubs.com.au



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THANK YOU, KIMBERLY!

The Elliston Community and Visitor Information Centre would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Kimberly Dolphin for her many years of dedicated volunteer service.

Kimberly first joined the Information Centre as a volunteer while completing Years 11 and 12 at school. What began as a school-aged volunteering opportunity quickly grew into a long-term commitment, with Kimberly continuing to generously give her time and support to the Centre for several years afterwards.

Throughout her time with us, Kimberly became a valued member of our volunteer team. Whether she was assisting visitors, or lending a hand wherever needed, she always did so with enthusiasm, reliability and a friendly smile.

Volunteers play an important role in helping our Centre operate, and Kimberly's contribution has been greatly appreciated by staff, fellow volunteers and visitors. Her willingness to help and her positive attitude made her a pleasure to work with, and she will be greatly missed.

As Kimberly begins her next chapter after recently relocating to Port Lincoln, we would like to thank her for everything she has done for our community over the years. We wish her all the very best for future and know she will be a wonderful asset wherever life takes her next.



STUDENTS BRING THE ELLISTON WETLANDS TO LIFE

The Elliston Area School students have recently completed an exciting project that is helping visitors learn more about the unique birdlife found in the Elliston Wetlands.

As part of the project, students researched a variety of bird species that can be spotted around the wetlands. They then created their own illustrations and developed informative content about each bird.

Each sign features student artwork and information about a specific bird species, along with a QR code that visitors can scan to access additional facts and learn more about the birds that call the wetlands home.

The project has created an engaging and interactive experience for both locals and visitors, while also highlighting the importance of the Elliston Wetlands as a valuable habitat for native birdlife.

A big congratulations to all of the students involved for their hard work and creativity. Be sure to take a walk through the wetlands and check out the new signs for yourself!



COUNCIL NOTICES

Make Sure Your Voice Counts in the 2026 Council Elections

Council is encouraging all eligible voters to check their enrolment details and ensure they are included on the Council Supplementary Voters Roll ahead of the 2026 Local Government Elections.

If you are already enrolled on the State Electoral Roll at your residential address, you will automatically be included on the Council voters roll.

However, you may still need to enrol separately if you are a:

- Non-resident property owner (landlord)
- Business owner or occupier within the Council area
- Tenant or occupier of a rateable property
- Member of a group ownership or occupancy arrangement

Under the Local Government (Elections) Act 1999, supplementary roll enrolments are cleared on 1 January of every election year. This means eligible landlords, businesses, organisations and occupiers must re-enrol to vote in Council elections.

Voting is conducted entirely by post, so it's important your enrolment details are current to ensure you receive your ballot pack.



For more information visit our website or the QR code

Authorised by M Sherry, Electoral Commissioner.

Enrol to vote COUNCIL ELECTIONS



Enrolments close 5pm, Friday 31 July 2026.

Electoral Commission
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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South Australia

District Council of
ELLISTON

PUBLIC Consultation

Council invites your comments and feedback on the following draft Council documents:

Lock Play Space Design

Community Engagement Charter

Rate Review

Annual Business Plan & Budget

Disability Access and Inclusion Plan

Long Term Financial Plan

Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan

Council has prepared the above documents and has now released them for public consultation. Interested persons are invited to make written submissions during the public consultation period. Submissions received will be considered at the June 2026 Council meeting.

Copies of the documents and submission forms can be obtained from Council's website, www.elliston.sa.gov.au, by contacting Council on (08) 8687 9177 and requesting a copy, or can be viewed at the Council office located at 21 Beach Terrace, Elliston.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SESSIONS, WHERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ASK QUESTIONS AND MAKE SUBMISSIONS:

 Elliston RSL Building Monday, 1 June 2026 10.00am – 12.00pm	 Lock School Community Library Tuesday, 2 June 2026 10.00am – 12.00pm	 Port Kenny Sports Centre Wednesday, 3 June 2026 9.30am – 11.30am
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WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS CAN BE LODGED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

- Email: dce@elliston.sa.gov.au
- Post: District Council of Elliston, PO Box 46, ELLISTON SA 5670
- In person: Council office at 21 Beach Terrace, Elliston

SUBMISSIONS CLOSE
5.00PM FRIDAY,
12 JUNE 2026

Nikki Becker
 Chief Executive Officer

District Council of
ELLISTON

PRE-QUALIFIED CONTRACTOR REGISTER

The District Council of Elliston is establishing a pre-qualified contractor register for maintenance, operational and minor capital works across the district.

Suitably qualified contractors across all trades are encouraged to apply.

SCAN THE QR CODE
TO COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM.

For more information visit elliston.sa.gov.au

LOCK MEN'S & WOMEN'S HEALTH NIGHT

HOSTED BY THE LOCK COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELFARE CENTRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



THE UNBREAKABLE FARMER

Warren brings a deeply personal perspective shaped by lived experience in farming, family life, financial stress, and the challenge of rebuilding after significant personal and professional loss. His story reflects the realities many in rural and regional communities face, and the importance of speaking openly about it. Through this session, Warren unpacks what it really means to navigate pressure over time, how stress can build quietly beneath the surface, and why recovery is rarely a straight line. He also explores practical ways individuals and communities can better recognise early signs of struggle, support one another, and build stronger foundations for wellbeing beyond simply "getting through it."

THE BEAUTIFUL BOGAN

Marc Ryan, The Beautiful Bogan, is a comedian and mental health advocate who's toured more than 70 shows across the Eyre Peninsula in the past five years. Blending raw honesty with big laughs, his recent shows What Would Gary Do? He has also featured on The ABC show "You Can't Ask That?" and The channel 10 show "Start Me Up" Marc's not scared of the tough topics he actually enjoys tackling them with humour and heart, making him one of Australia's most unique and powerful comedic voices.



BRON STEDALL FROM PINION ADVISORY

Bron Stedall, Pinion Advisory's People Development Consultant cuts straight to the heart of farm-life tension with a simple truth: **"Most farm conflicts aren't about the issue; they're about how the issue was communicated."** In this session, Bron unpacks the common communication mistakes that strain relationships, especially under pressure. Participants will walk away with practical stress-management strategies to stay grounded when emotions run high, along with clear, usable insights for handling arguments in ways that protect both the relationship and the outcome.



FREE MEAL



BAR WILL BE OPEN

Everyone Welcome!



TUESDAY
14 JULY 2026



AT THE
LOCK CLUBROOMS



6PM FOR
6.30PM START



RSVP FOR CATERING PURPOSES TO
08 8689 1006

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Three shorebirds, likely Scaevola sandpipers, are standing on a sandy beach. They have black heads with a white stripe through the eye, and greyish-brown wings and backs. The background is a bright, sandy beach with some sparse vegetation.

Share Our Shores Exhibition Update

Thankyou to everyone who visited Share Our Shores Exhibition whilst it was held in Elliston.

The exhibition was a great success, not only has it helped raise awareness for shorebirds, it has also raised \$2,600 from donations and the selling of cards and games.

I am currently talking with Birdlife Australia to work out how we can best use these funds to help our incredible shorebirds on the Eyre Peninsula.

The exhibition will continue to raise funds and awareness as it travels to other coastal towns on the Eyre Peninsula over the next year.

Thankyou to the District Council of Elliston and Elliston Visitor Information Centre for letting me exhibit Share Our Shores Exhibition in the Elliston Hall.

- Zephyr Jones



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

WHAT'S NEW? *in the library*

beingdigital

Delivered in partnership with Telstra and LibrariesSA



Free online presentation

Managing Emails Safely

When: Thursday 11th June
Time: 9:30am
Locations: Lock Library

All welcome



Recently added in Lock or Elliston



JOIN THE TEAM IN GREEN

SA Ambulance Service needs more volunteers to provide care in your community. You can help by joining the team today.



1300 175 584

saasvolunteers@sa.gov.au

COMMUNITY GROUPS

ELLISTON CWA

The next Elliston CWA meeting will be held at 10.30am on Thursday, 11 June. This month's discussion topic is "The Use of Make-Up on Yourself and Others."

Members and visitors are invited to come along for a friendly morning of conversation, learning and community connection. Enjoy a cup of tea, a chat, and the opportunity to share ideas in a welcoming environment. Everyone is welcome.



AUSTRALIAN MEN'S SHED ASSOCIATION
Shoulder to Shoulder

Open for a morning chat, tea and coffee

9.00am - 11.00am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The Men's Shed Group also holds committee meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 9.30am. All welcome.

CATHOLIC CHURCH: ELLISTON

JUNE 2026

Saturday 6th	9 am
Saturday 13th	9 am
Saturday 20th	9 am
Sunday 28th	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 - 1,15, 29 JUNE
Podiatry - N/A
Social Work - 23 JUNE
Dietetics - 23 JUNE
OT - 23 JUNE
Speech Therapy - 23 JUNE

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

Kaytlin Northcott
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

June



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	1 Red Bin	2	3 Kindergym 9:30am RSL Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon	4 Football & Netball Training	5	6 Catholic Church 9am Bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm
7	8 Red Bin King's Birthday Public Holiday	9	10 Kindergym 9:30am RSL Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon	11 Football & Netball Training	12 Yellow Bin	13 Bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm Catholic Church 9am
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28 Catholic Church 11am	29 Red Bin	30 Council Meeting				