



ELLISTON COMMUNITY AND VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE NEWS

ELLISTON ECHO

SEPTEMBER 2026



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



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WELCOME TO THE LATEST FROM OUR COMMUNITY

Welcome to the September edition of the Elliston Echo!

Spring has arrived, bringing warmer days and plenty happening across our district. This month's edition includes details about our upcoming R U OK? Day community event, Salmon Comp updates, local events, Council updates and other news from around the community.

As always, we hope you enjoy catching up on what's been happening and what's coming up across Elliston and the wider district.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION KYM CUSTANCE



How long have you been in Elliston?

I have been based in Elliston my whole life but was in Adelaide for university for a few years and did a couple years living on the Gold Coast when I was working FIFO.

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

I always say to people, catching big Flinders Island King George Whiting and getting paid for it is the best job ever.

Tell us something about yourself that people may not know.

I studied geology at university and graduated with an honours degree in Geology and Geophysics.

What do you love about residing here?

I love that it is a small town but there is always something to do, if you want to do it.

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

Pearsons Island has always been a favourite. The surf beach at Tungatta is up there and the beach on the back of Waldegrave is always nice and protected in the summer.



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

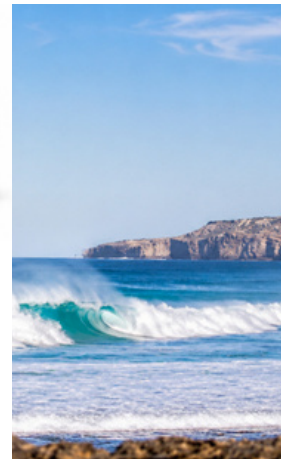
COMMISSION SPOTLIGHT - SANDSHELLZ

Sandshellz is one of the newest regional businesses to have its products available at the Elliston Community and Visitor Information Centre.

Created in Streaky Bay, South Australia, Sandshellz was inspired by a love of simple skincare and the coastal lifestyle. Their range includes whipped tallow balms and tallow lip balms, handmade in small batches using 100% grass-fed beef tallow, organic jojoba oil and carefully selected scent ingredients.

The whipped balms have a rich texture designed to nourish dry, rough and weather-exposed skin. Inspired by the Streaky Bay coastline, they are packaged in blue glass jars with natural bamboo lids, reflecting the clear coastal waters and natural tones of the region.

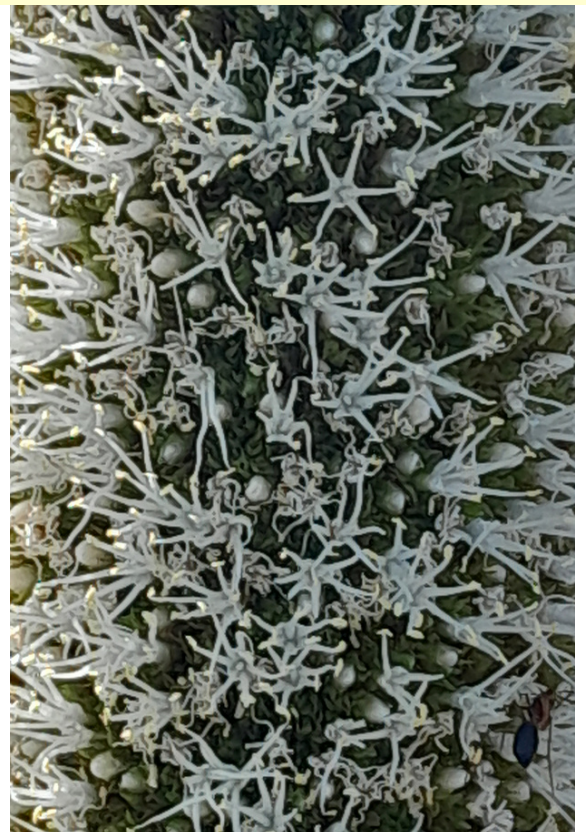
Next time you visit the ECVIC, be sure to browse the Sandshellz range and support a talented regional maker.



ELLISTON CAMERA CLUB



Photos by Garry
Fieldhouse
Yakas Wanilla



SALMON COMP

AUGUST UPDATE

The 2026 Australian Salmon Fishing Championship has officially come to an end, and we are extremely pleased to report that this year's competition was a great success. Entry numbers were higher than last year, with anglers travelling from across the state to fish along our beautiful coastline. *(Total entries are still being counted and will be announced in next months edition of the Echo)*

While the competition concluded on 31 August, there is still plenty more to come! The overall winners and runners-up will be announced soon, so keep an eye on the Facebook page for the latest updates. <https://www.facebook.com/asfc.elliston/>

Following on from last month's update, Brian Baker claimed the July Heaviest Fish prize with an impressive salmon weighing 5.041 kg.

Our recently announced Mystery Weight winners include:

- Week 9: Jasper Green - 0.532kg, mystery weight set at 0.387kg,
- Week 10: Shayne Wachtel – 3.192 kg, mystery weight of 3.141 kg
- Week 11: Brian Hallett – 1.048 kg, mystery weight of 1.090 kg
- Week 12: Brian Baker – 4.114 kg, mystery weight of 4.097 kg

Our monthly photo competitions also showcased some fantastic moments from this year's championship. Greg Shephard received the most votes in the June competition with his wonderful photo, "Happiness at Locks Well", while Joe Ida Budiantara was named the July Photo Competition winner.

This event would not have been possible without the generous support of our amazing sponsors. We sincerely thank every business and organisation that contributed, along with our ticket outlets, volunteers, weigh-in team, entrants and everyone who supported the competition throughout the three months.

Next month's edition of the Elliston Echo will feature the overall winner and runners-up, along with a final wrap-up of another successful Australian Salmon Fishing Championship. In the meantime, follow the Facebook page for announcements as they happen.



This photo was taken at Locks Well by Jim Attenborough from Hope Valley, South Australia, and submitted by Justin Cowan, who shared: "We've been coming to Elliston most years for the last 11, and it's always a trip to look forward to. Such a lovely spot to unwind and get the step count up on the beautiful fishing beaches."

WATERWIZE WILL BE IN:

ELLISTON

@ The Hall Carpark

11AM TILL 4:00PM

Thursday 3rd September



EP GROWN TUBESTOCK
SUCCULENTS
INDOOR
PATIO
NATIVE
AND EXOTIC
GARDEN PLANTS

www.waterwizenursery.com

NEED FRESH BREAD???? HEAD TO:

COLTON BAKEHOUSE*
ROADSIDE STALL

18517 Flinders Hwy, COLTON SA
(20km's North of Elliston on Flinders Hwy - Signs on Road)

Fresh BREAD and STICKY FRUIT BUNS
Baked in a **WOOD FIRED SCOTCH OVEN**

All handcrafted fresh from scratch, every morning by Bakers Mark & Corina Reynolds

Currently Open 7 Days a Week*
Monday to Sunday

(*Unless Otherwise Stated. Please double check on our
[Facebook page](#) for possible closed days!!)

Open from 8.30am ~ Until Sold Out

CASH ONLY ~ HONESTY BOX

Not all products are available each day



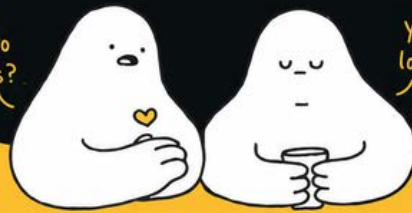
Traditionally Baked
Old Fashioned ~ Breads & Fruit Buns*

No
Sourdough

You're invited to our

R U OK? event

Hey,
want to
join us?



Yes, I'd
love to!

**Ask
R U OK? ANY DAY**

Let's come together to start meaningful
conversations and support each other.
Everyone is welcome.

Date: Thursday 10 September 2026

Time: 12pm - 1pm

Location: RSL Memorial Building

Join us for a cuppa, snack
and a chat.

We'd love to see you there!

Come along,
have lunch
and let's
have a chat.
♥

Find conversation tips and resources at
ruok.org.au

ELLISTON
ART, CRAFT & PRODUCE
MARKETS

**ELLISTON
CHRISTMAS
MARKETS**

Saturday 14 November 2026
 10am-2pm
 Elliston Parklands

**STALLHOLDER
EXPRESSIONS
OF INTEREST**
Interested in having a stall?
Contact Leanne Kelly on
0427 450 717
for more information

**WATCH THIS SPACE
GARAGE SALE TRAIL**



Northern Eyre Peninsula
Health Alliance
Championing equitable
healthcare for our region

BUILDING BETTER
HEALTHCARE FOR

Elliston & districts

CONVERSATION EVENING



GUEST
SPEAKERS



COMMUNITY
DISCUSSION



LIGHT
SUPPER

Have
your say

and stay
informed!



TUES, SEPT 1



5:30PM - 7:30PM



RSL MEMORIAL
BUILDING ELLISTON

Find local
healthcare
services at:
nepha.com.au

RSVP HERE: Scan QR code
or call/text 0478 616 680



Be a Responsible Dog Owner

Help keep Elliston safe and
enjoyable for everyone by:

- Picking up after your dog
- Keeping your dog under
effective control
- Using a leash in designated
on-leash areas
- Respecting wildlife, livestock
and other park users



A little responsibility
goes a long way!

District Council of
ELLISTON

ELLISTON PRELOVED MARKET

SHOP PRELOVED ♥ SUPPORT LOCAL ♥ LOVE WHERE WE LIVE

SAVE
the
DATE!

SATURDAY
3 OCTOBER
2026

10AM - 2PM

AT THE
ELLISTON HALL



PRELOVED
FINDS

Unique treasures
at great prices



LOCAL
COMMUNITY

Support small
and shop local



LOVE WHERE
WE LIVE

A great day out
for the whole family



WANT A STALL?

Applications
now open!
Message us on
Facebook or email us.



FOLLOW US

Ellie Collective
on Facebook



CONTACT

Julia or Christie
elliecollective@outlook.com

♥ COME SHOP ♥ SUPPORT ♥ CONNECT ♥

District Council of
ELLISTON

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION

Your voice matters.

As part of Council's recently adopted **Customer Service Policy**,
we will be holding our next **Community Engagement Session**.



TUESDAY,
22 SEPTEMBER 2026



10.00 AM - 12.00 PM



LOCK LIBRARY
LOCK

The aim of these sessions is simple –
to make ourselves available to
the community, listen to what is
important to our residents, answer
questions where we can, and
continue building strong
relationships with the people
we represent.

WHY WE'RE HOLDING THESE SESSIONS



TO LISTEN

To your ideas,
concerns and
feedback.



TO ANSWER

To answer questions
and provide
information where
we can.



TO STRENGTHEN

To strengthen
relationships and
work together for
our community.



TO REFLECT

To ensure Council
decisions reflect
the needs and
priorities of Elliston.



COME SAY HELLO!

Pop in for a chat, share your thoughts
and help shape the future of our district.

*Everyone
is welcome!*



★ WANTED ★

Elliston's
150TH
BIRTHDAY
— celebrations —
— 2028 —

Celebrating
our past,
**INSPIRING
OUR FUTURE.**



Council is inviting community members to nominate their interest in joining a planning committee to help celebrate this significant milestone.

LET US KNOW YOU ARE INTERESTED BY:



Contacting Council on 08 8687 9177



Write your name on our Community Interest Sheet located at the Elliston Community and Visitor Centre or the Council Office.

Help spot H5 bird flu



AVOID

Avoid contact with sick or dead birds and wildlife. Keep pets away.



RECORD

Record what you see. Take photos or video if you can.



REPORT

Report it to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline.

1800 675 888

ELLISTON COASTAL FINDS OP SHOP

PLEASE NOTE

NO DONATIONS

UNTIL 10 SEPTEMBER

Thank you for your
patience and understanding.



GET READY FOR FIRE SEASON

Preparation starts now

Simple steps can help protect your
family, property and community.



YOUR FIRE-SEASON CHECKLIST



- Clear leaves, bark and other flammable debris



- Keep grass low and maintain vegetation



- Clean gutters and check roofs for gaps



- Move firewood and flammable items away from buildings



- Prepare an emergency kit, including plans for pets



- Make and practise your Bushfire Survival Plan



BE READY TO ACT

Check the Fire Danger Rating each day, know your trigger to leave early and use more than one source for warnings.



Visit cfs.sa.gov.au



Warnings and emergencies:
Alert SA app | Emergency: 000

ELLISTON COMMUNITY

COUNCIL UPDATES

This month, you will see Council's outdoor works team undertaking fire prevention works across the district in preparation for the upcoming fire danger season. These works include vegetation maintenance in rural townships, roadside vegetation management and targeted spraying in priority areas.

Council will also soon begin installing new community water tanks at locations in Venus Bay, Port Kenny and Elliston. The tanks are funded through the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund as part of the Community Water Security Project and will help strengthen water security across the district.

Meanwhile, Council graders are continuing to work through the unsealed road network in the Lock area. Motorists are reminded to take care and follow all traffic management directions and signage near active works.

TOWN BEAUTIFICATION FUND

Do you have an idea that could make your town an even better place to live, work or visit?

The District Council of Elliston is proud to launch the Town Beautification Fund, with \$50,000 available each financial year to support community-led projects that enhance the appearance and amenity of our townships.

We're inviting incorporated not-for-profit community organisations to apply for funding for projects such as landscaping and tree planting, streetscape improvements and public seating, public art, murals and sculptures, town entrance statements and signage, beautification of reserves and public spaces and other projects that create lasting benefits for our communities.

 Applications Open: 27 July 2026

 Applications Close: 5:00pm, 21 September 2026

If you have an idea and would like to discuss it before applying, Council staff are happy to help. We encourage applicants to get in touch early in the planning process.

For more information and to apply, visit our website www.elliston.sa.gov.au or contact us via (08) 8687 9177 or dce@elliston.sa.gov.au.



TOWN Beautification Fund

Supporting our communities.
Creating positive places.

FUNDING OF \$50,000 EACH FINANCIAL YEAR

For projects that enhance the appearance and amenity of our towns and communities.

The Town Beautification Fund supports community groups to deliver lasting improvements to public spaces, celebrate local identity and create a positive legacy for current and future generations.

Projects that make a difference

- Enhance public spaces
- Improve amenity
- Strengthen community pride
- Create welcoming places for locals and visitors
- Encourage community participation and volunteer involvement

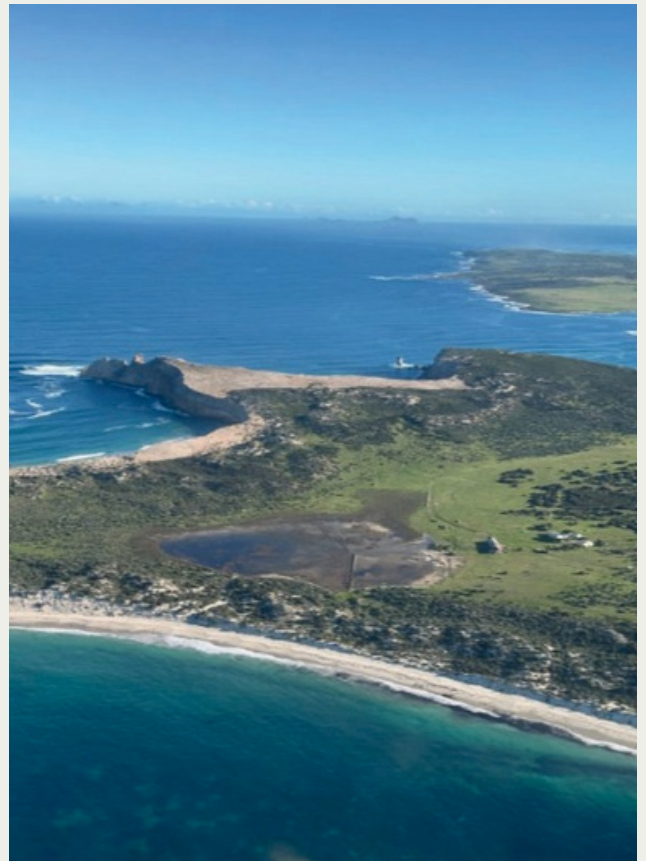


It has been a fantastic winter season on Flinders Island. Like the mainland, the wet winter has encouraged a vegetation boom and the natives are thriving. The freshwater springs are flowing and another impressive display of native orchids, moss and lichen have emerged. Reptiles such as the bull skink have made a noticeable recovery, while birds continue to flourish. It's been particularly exciting to see nesting behaviour from an Osprey pair at an old site for the first time in decades and a pair of Hooded Plovers have laid and hatched eggs at Groper Bay Beach! We are giving the hoodies space to raise their chicks undisturbed but hope to spot them in the coming months.



High rainfall around the island has transformed salt pans and saltmarshes into lakes.

The safe haven project team has also established a Little Penguin monitoring program to better understand penguin activity around the island and provide a baseline to track any changes over the coming years. As part of our regular monitoring, we're also keeping a watchful eye for any signs of avian influenza (bird flu). Although we are unable to prevent this disease from infecting our island birds, the island's shores are an important refuge with no predation or additional stressors in comparison to the mainland. We hope this will improve the survival of birds that call the island home.



The island is experiencing a vegetation boom. - spring has sprung.

Biosecurity remains critical for the island, as we continue to watch and measure how the island responds to ecological change. Planning is underway for success checks in 2027 which will determine eradication success following feral cat control work that occurred May-November 2025. This will involve specially trained detection dogs and their handlers, thermal drone operators, and cat eradication specialists to complete an intensive monitoring sweep of the island searching for cats over a 4-week period. Successful eradication of cats is the goal we are aiming for which will allow Flinders Island to officially become South Australia's newest predator free safe haven!

We look forward to continuing to share the island's recovery with you. - Flinders Island Safe Haven Project Team.



Australian Government
Department of Climate Change, Energy,
the Environment and Water



Government of South Australia
Department for Environment
and Water

LANDSCAPE
2002 SOUTH AUSTRALIA
2008 EYRE PENINSULA



This project is jointly funded by the Australian Government, the South Australian Department for Environment and Water and the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board in partnership with the Woolford family.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

CATHOLIC CHURCH ELLISTON

SEPTEMBER 2026

Saturday 5th	9 am
Saturday 12th	9 am
Saturday 19th	9 am
Sunday 27th	11 am

COMMUNITY GROUPS

ELLISTON CWA

The next Elliston CWA meeting will be held at 10.30am on Thursday, 10 September 2026.

Theme is "A local news item you would like to share."

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.



Mid-West Health & Aged Care Inc

Community Information and Consultation Meeting

Monday 14 September 2026, 4pm

Elliston Ambulance Centre

Mid-West Health & Aged Care Inc provides hospital, primary health and aged care services to the communities of **Elliston, Streaky Bay and Wudinna.**

The Board invites community members to come along and:

- Learn more about Mid-West Health & Aged Care Inc
- Hear about our future direction
- Meet members of the Board
- Roles and responsibilities of the Board
- Share ideas and suggestions



We encourage anyone interested in local health and aged care services to attend



**AUSTRALIAN
MEN'S SHED
ASSOCIATION**
Shoulder to Shoulder

Open for a morning chat, tea and coffee

**Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday and Thursday
9.00am – 11.00am**

The Men's Shed Group also holds committee meetings on the second Thursday of each 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 – 4, 17 & 18 September

Podiatry – N/A

Social Work – 15 September

Dietetics – 15 September

OT – 15 September

Speech Therapy – 15 September

**URGENT REFERRALS MAY BE
REVIEWED VIA TELEHEALTH OR PHONE**

**To get a referral for an appointment
contact:**

Charlize

Monday to Friday

8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Phone: 08 8687 9012



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

21 October 2026

Phone: 08 8682 4566

(by direct appointment)

Rural Skin

4 November 2026

Phone: 1300 584 648

September

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
31 Red Bin	1 NEPHA - Building Better Health Care Event - RSL 5:30pm-7:30pm	2 Kindergym 9:30am RSL Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon	3 Football & Netball Training	4 Yellow Bin	5 Catholic Church 9am Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon Prelim Finals - Elliston	6 Golf Club Dinner Bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm
7 Red Bin	8	9 Kindergym 9:30am RSL Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon	10 Football & Netball Training	11	12 Catholic Church 9am Grand Final - Cummins	13 Golf Club Dinner Bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm Football Wind Up
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21 Red Bin	22	23 Kindergym 9:30am RSL Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon	24	25	26 School Holidays Start	27 Catholic Church 11am Golf Club Dinner Bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm
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5 Red Bin	6	7	8	9	10	11 Golf Club Dinner Bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm