



ELLISTON COMMUNITY AND VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE NEWS

ELLISTON ECHO

OCTOBER 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 October edition of the Elliston Echo! With spring here and the school holidays underway, there's plenty happening across our community. Inside, you'll find upcoming activities and markets, Council updates and opportunities to have your say on local projects. Enjoy the read, support our local events and remember to share your news with us for next month's edition!

COMMUNITY CONNECTION DARREN BECKER



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

Adelaide's inner north

How long have you been in Elliston?

3 1/2 years.

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

Coaching cricket and working as a bar manager.

What do you love about residing here?

Walking distance to the beach, pub and bakery.

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

- Fiji
- Vietnam
- Camping at Walkers Rock.



IF YOU HAVE A COMMUNITY NOTICE OR SOME INTERESTING NEWS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE COMMUNITY, PLEASE EMAIL OR DROP INTO THE CENTRE BEFORE THE 26TH OF THE MONTH

COMMISSION SPOTLIGHT - JUDY EVISON

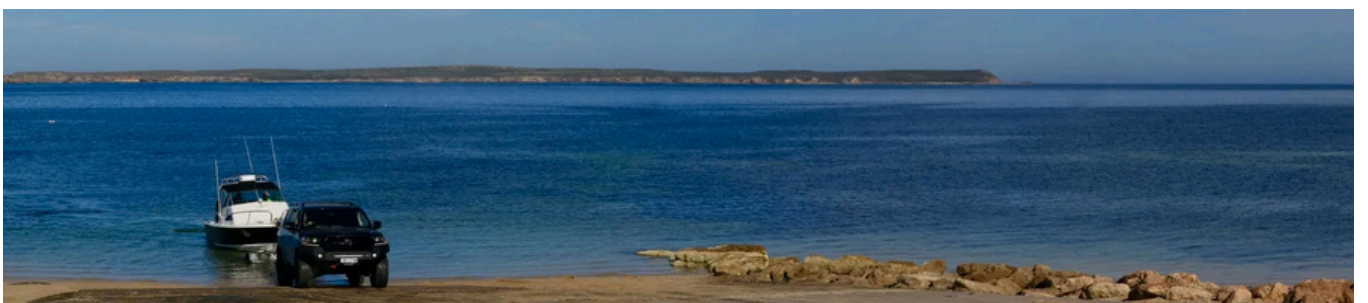
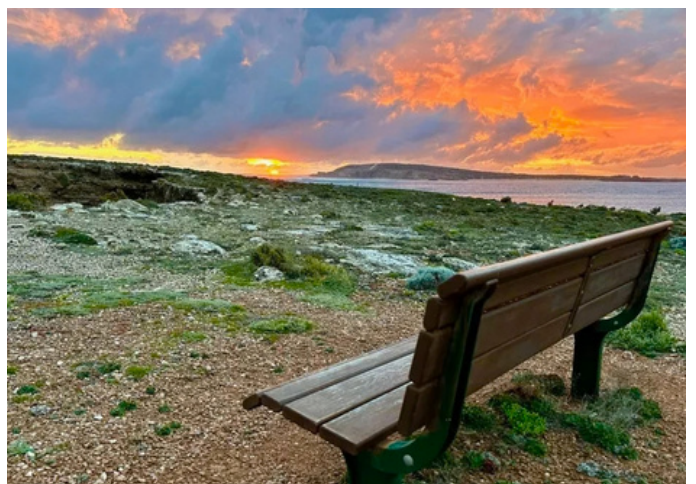
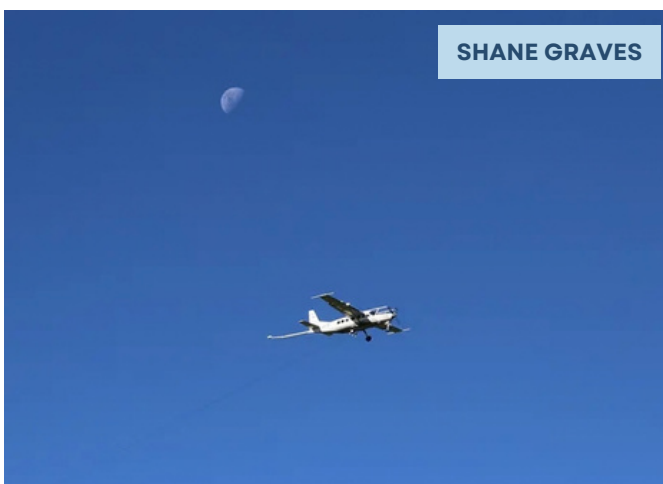
This month, we're highlighting Judy Evison and her range of handmade goods available at the Elliston Community and Visitor Information Centre.

Judy's sewing, knitting and embroidery skills shine through in her collection, which includes embroidered towels and tea towels, knitted baby clothes, bunting, bowl cosies, coasters, beanies and more.

From practical pieces for the home to thoughtful gifts for little ones, her range offers plenty to browse. Each handmade item reflects the time and care that goes into her work. Next time you visit the ECVIC take a look at Judy's collection. You might find a lovely gift or something special to take home while supporting one of our talented makers.



ELLISTON CAMERA CLUB



WHAT'S NEW?

in the library



Hold limit change:

The hold limit for physical items is now 15

More information:
libraries.sa.gov.au/15limit



No longer need a hold?



Cancelling unwanted holds helps reduce your carbon footprint



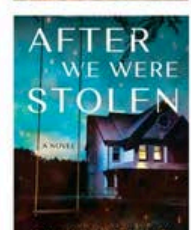
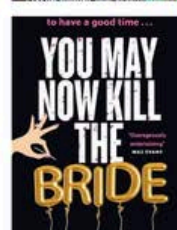
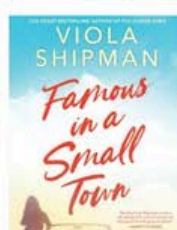
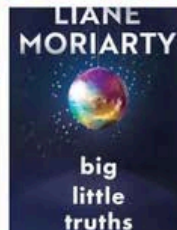
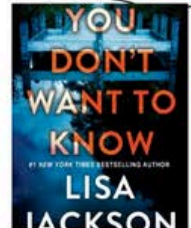
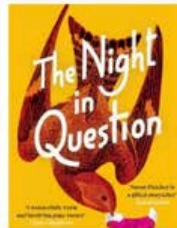
Need extra time to collect your hold?



Extending your pickup date helps reduce your carbon footprint



Look out for these great reads →



ELLISTON EVENTS

VENUS BAY GENERAL STORE
SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2026
ARVO SESH

BONKERS

0474 277871
BONKERSGTGS@GMAIL.COM



A bushfire safety information session will be held at the Sports Centre this month. Date to be confirmed.

District Council of
ELLISTON

YOU ARE INVITED TO

CHRISTMAS ON THE LAWN

11 DECEMBER 2026 | 5PM - 7PM
Elliston Parklands

SAVE THE DATE



School Holiday
SPORTS SESSION!

Come down to the Elliston Tennis Courts for a fun-filled day of tennis and a sausage sizzle! All ages and skill levels are welcome, come along, have a hit and enjoy the day!

11AM - 1PM
THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER
ELLISTON TENNIS COURTS







**SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY
PAINT BY NUMBER**

TUESDAY 6 OCT
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Elliston Hall

- All painting supplies included
- A fun morning with friends & a work of art to take home

To secure a spot please call
86879177





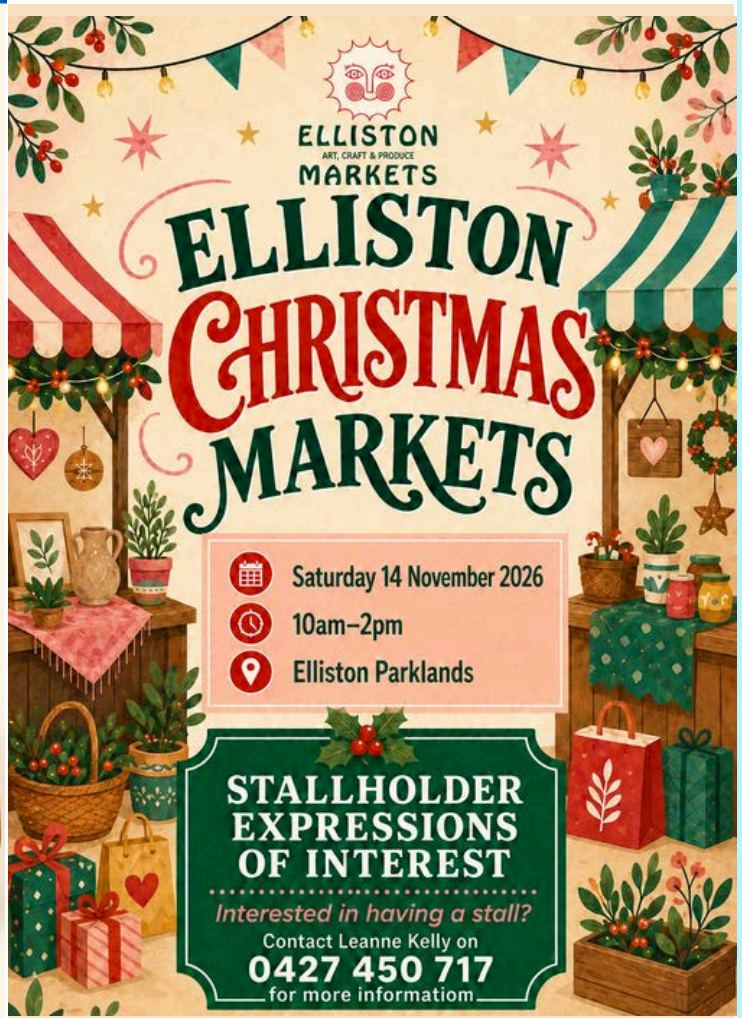


ELLISTON 

**PRELOVED
MARKET**

SATURDAY
3 OCTOBER 2026
10AM - 2PM
AT THE ELLISTON HALL





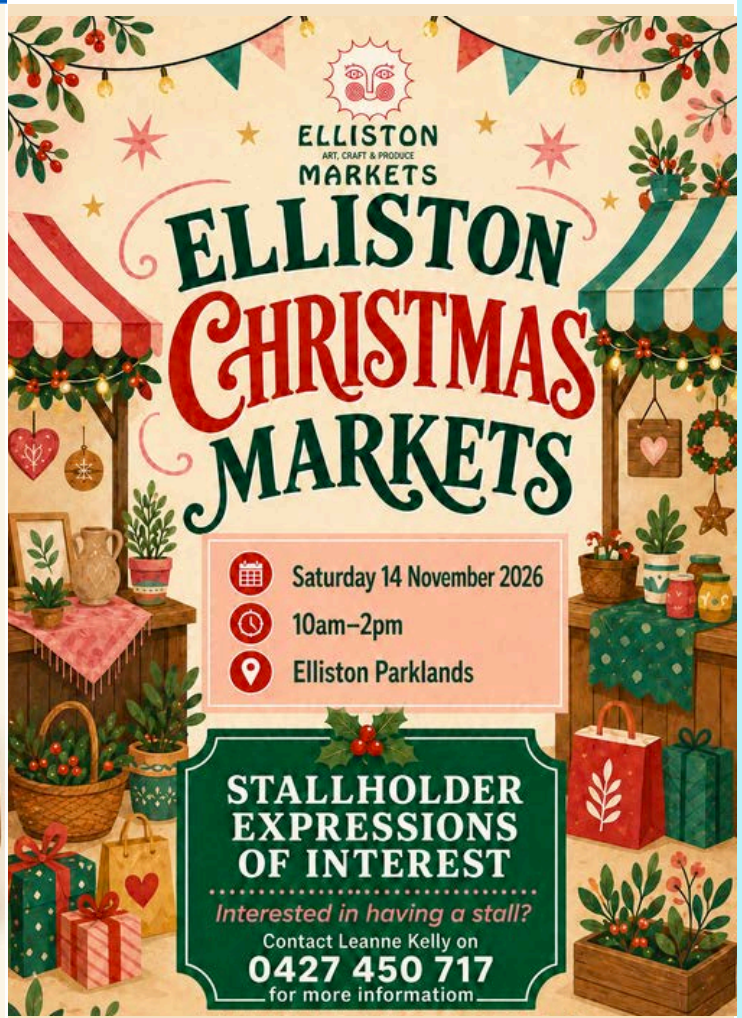
**ELLISTON
MARKETS**

**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



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

CHILDCARE NEEDS ANALYSIS SURVEY HAVE YOUR SAY ON CHILDCARE IN OUR DISTRICT

The District Council of Elliston is supporting a Childcare Needs Analysis to better understand the childcare needs of families and carers across our district, both now and into the future.

We want to hear from families about their experiences, the challenges they may face in accessing childcare, and what childcare services might look like for their family in the future. You do not need to currently use childcare to participate – feedback from all families and carers is valuable and will help build a clearer picture of our community's needs.

There are several ways to have your say. The survey can be completed online, with paper, telephone and in-person options also available. Keep an eye out for upcoming community drop-in sessions, with dates and locations to be announced.

To find out more or complete the survey online, visit www.elliston.sa.gov.au

We encourage local families and carers to take a few minutes to share their experiences and help inform the future of childcare in our district.



Regional Development Australia
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RDAEP funded | DCFH delivered

District Council of ELLISTON

Childcare in the District Council of Elliston

We need to hear from current and future parents and carers.

Your feedback will help demonstrate childcare demand and support future childcare planning in the Elliston district.

Scan to find out more & complete the survey by 19 October 2026



Drop In Locations Come & discuss Childcare

- Lock Deli
10:30am - 11:30am
07 October 2026
- Elliston Council Chambers
03:00pm - 04:00pm
14 October 2026

COUNCIL UPDATES

DIVE IN, THE PONTOON IS BACK!

Council is pleased to announce that the Elliston pontoon is back and is now ready for public use.

It took steady hands, expert loader work and a few cold feet, but our skilled Outdoor Team completed a smooth operation to get it safely back in place.

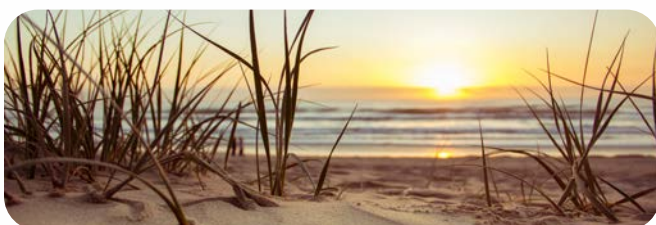


RESIDENT CAMPING DISCOUNTS

Residents of the District Council of Elliston can enjoy a 50% discount on camping fees at Council-managed campgrounds across the district.

The discount is available to eligible local residents and applies specifically to Council campgrounds. Please note, the resident discount does not apply to caravan parks.

It's a great opportunity for locals to get out and enjoy the spectacular coastline and camping spots right here in our own backyard.



GARAGE SALE TRAIL

Registrations are now open for Australia's biggest secondhand treasure hunt.

Get ready to buy, sell and connect as Garage Sale Trail hits the streets of the Elliston district this November.

7-8 & 14-15 November – take part on one day or do more. Even better, the Elliston Markets are happening on Saturday, 14 November, so why not make a weekend of it and enjoy everything happening around town?

Host a sale, join a local market or shop for secondhand bargains. Free to join thanks to support from Green Industries SA.

Everyone's invited - whether you want to clear out your cupboards, raise funds for a community group or hunt for bargains.

Register now at garagesaletrail.com.au



COUNCIL UPDATES



GET READY FOR FIRE DANGER SEASON

With the warmer months approaching, now is the time to prepare your property for the upcoming Fire Danger Season.

Residents are encouraged to reduce fuel loads by clearing long grass, weeds and vegetation, removing accumulated rubbish and maintaining their property to help reduce fire risk.

Council will undertake fire prevention inspections soon across the district, so preparing early can help ensure your property is safe and compliant.

Taking a few simple steps now can make a big difference in protecting your home, neighbours and our wider community.

For more information about fire prevention and your responsibilities, visit the Fire Prevention page on Council's website.

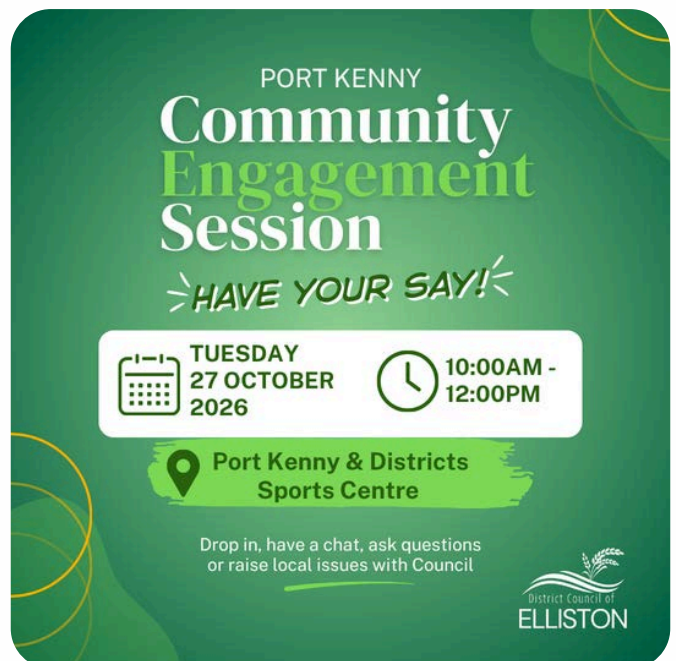


ROAD WORKS - BRAMFIELD

Council will be undertaking road construction works on Andrew Scott Drive and Price Maurice Lane, Bramfield, commencing Tuesday 6 October 2026.

Works will be conducted by Council's contractor and are expected to continue for approximately 2-3 weeks, weather and conditions permitting.

Council thanks the community for their patience while these works are completed.



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION



CREATE

A high-quality, permanent mural for the RSL Memorial Building in Elliston



CELEBRATE

The building's history as both an RSL Memorial Building and former Kindergarten



CONTRIBUTE

To Elliston's unique identity and growing collection of public murals



KEY DATES

Questions close - 5:00pm, 16 October 2026

Proposals Close - 12:00pm, 6 November 2026

PROPOSALS NOW INVITED!

RSL MEMORIAL BUILDING MURAL PROJECT

Council is inviting professional South Australian artists and artist teams to submit proposals for a new mural at the RSL Memorial Building in Elliston.

The project aims to create a meaningful public artwork that reflects the building's unique history as both an RSL Memorial Building and former kindergarten, while adding to Elliston's growing collection of locally inspired murals. Artists are encouraged to bring their own creative vision to the project, drawing on themes of remembrance, service, childhood, community and connection across generations.

Proposals close at 12 noon on Friday, 6 November 2026, with further information and the Artist Brief available on Council's website.

Authorised by I. McLay, Acting Electoral Commissioner

SHAPE *your* WORLD

Council Elections 2027



Enrol. Nominate. Vote.

District Council of
ELLISTON

Electoral
Commission
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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Australia

Become a Young Digital Leader!

Free leadership and digital mentoring program for young people aged 14-24, designed to equip you with the skills to help older Australians build confidence using everyday technology.

Applications are now open across Australia!



Develop Leadership Skills

Build confidence in communication, teamwork and leadership through interactive online workshops



Become a Digital Mentor

Learn how to confidently support older Australians with everyday digital technology in a safe, inclusive and engaging way



Boost Your Employability

Gain valuable mentoring, communication and problem-solving skills that will help you in future study, work and volunteering opportunities.



Create Positive Change

Help bridge the digital divide by empowering older Australians to connect, learn and thrive in today's digital world.



- **Cost:** Free thanks to the generous support of Good Things Foundation.
- **Who:** Young people aged 14-24 across Australia.
- **Delivery:** Online via Google Meet.
- **When:** October 2026
- **You'll Receive:** A Certificate of Completion, Letter of Recommendation and the skills and confidence to become a digital mentor in your community.



APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

ase.edu.au/digitalleadersprogram

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF
ENTREPRENEURSHIP



Good Things
Australia

SAVE THE DATE

HALLOWEEN AT COODLIE PARK 2026

Friday 30 October – Sunday 1 November

Coodlie Park Eco Retreat | Talia | West Coast Eyre Peninsula



HALLOWEEN CAMPING SPECIAL

Stay 3 Days & SAVE 15%

Promo Code: SPOOKY26

Off-grid camping only | Eco-Cottages unavailable



HALLOWEEN NIGHT SHENANIGANS

Everyone Welcome

Trick-or-Treaters Encouraged

October 31st, 2026

*** Costumes are a MUST!!**
More information to come soon

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION INC.



SACWA ELLISTON NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!



Come along, meet new people and enjoy being part of our community

COME AND VISIT US

Second Thursday of every month at 10.30 am

SACWA Room, Memorial Terrace, Elliston

Morning tea and coffee provided

THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

- **CRAFT** Share skills or try something new
- **FOOD** Enjoy recipes and good company
- **GARDENING** Swap ideas and local knowledge
- **COMMUNITY** Help make a difference locally
- **FRIENDSHIP** Connection, caring and sharing

COME FOR A VISIT - YOU WILL BE VERY WELCOME

Rosemary, President 0429 879 091

Vicki, Secretary 0428 109 476

Beach-nesting Bird Update



The Hooded Plover breeding season is from August to April and they are currently nesting on our local Elliston beaches!

*You may come across signs or fences on the beach indicating a nesting area, **please don't linger near fenced or signed areas, put your dog on a lead and walk by the water's edge.***

The nest of a Hooded Plover is a shallow scrape in the sand containing 1 - 3 eggs, somewhere between the high tide mark and the dune. The eggs are incubated for 28 days.

Once hatched the chicks must feed themselves and could be anywhere on the beach. Then you may come across a chick feeding zone sign indicating you to use caution as they can't fly for 35 days and are extremely vulnerable.

Up until recently, Beach-nesting Birds were well adapted to life on the beach. However, the coast of Southern Australia has been severely altered over time by human introduced threats. These threats include off-leash dogs, beach driving, beach users, introduced species and habitat degradation. Beach users pose major threats through disturbance and by the crushing of eggs or chicks under foot, hoof and vehicle tyres. These are relatively new threats to the birds and they haven't had time to alter their behaviours and strategies to cope. Hoodies must not be disturbed if incubating because they will leave their nest when a threat comes too close and will try to lead it away. This leaves the eggs vulnerable to extreme temperatures (overheating & cooling), and being crushed or eaten.

There are only 892 Hooded Plovers left in S.A. and they are listed as Vulnerable.

Hoodie chicks cannot fly for 35 days and during this time are highly sensitive to disturbance from people, off-leash dogs and cars. The chicks are extremely well camouflaged and are about the size of a 50 cent coin. You may come across signed or fenced areas indicating a chick feeding zone, please leash your dog and pass quickly by the water's edge. The chicks must feed themselves and need lots of time to forage on the shoreline. When a threat approaches, parent Hoodies will try to distract the threat and lead it away, and send their chicks into hiding. Hiding can be just crouching on the sand and they are vulnerable to being crushed, eaten or overheating, chill and exhaustion.

It's often the overall (cumulative) impact of many small disturbances that uses too much energy running and hiding instead of foraging. While a single disturbance may not directly kill a chick, prolonged and frequent ones do.



Without our help there is only a 2.5% chance a nest will survive to hatch and then finally fly. But if we help (by fencing nests, installing signs to inform the community etc) their survival goes up by 400%!

Become a Beach-nesting Bird volunteer and help drive the recovery of Hoodies!

Learn more about Hoodies at www.mybeachbird.com.au



Thankyou



Article & photos by Zephyr Jones

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

CATHOLIC CHURCH ELLISTON

OCTOBER 2026

Saturday 3rd	NO MASS
Saturday 10th	9 am
Saturday 17th	9 am
Sunday 25th	11 am

COMMUNITY GROUPS

ELLISTON CWA

The next Elliston CWA meeting will be held at 10.30am on Thursday, 8 October 2026.

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.

Notice of AGM

Tuesday 17th November 2026

Wudinna Telecentre Conference Room at 4.00pm

ELLISTON'S 150TH YEAR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION - 2028

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

Interested? Get in touch with Council:

- 08 8687 9177
- dce@elliston.sa.gov.au

Or add your name to our Community Interest Sheet, available at the Elliston Community and Visitor Information Centre or the Council Office.



**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 – 2nd, 15th, 16th, 30th OCT
Podiatry – N/A
Social Work – N/A
Dietetics – 13th OCT
OT – 13th OCT
Speech Therapy – 13th OCT

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

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

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

October

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1 Kids Movie at the RSL	2 Yellow Bin	3 Pre-loved Market	4 Venus Bay Bonkers Music Session 1pm Bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm
5 Red Bin Labor Day	6 School Holiday Paint By Number Activity 10:30am -12:30pm	7 Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon	8 School Holiday Tennis Activity 11am -1pm	9	10 Catholic Church 9am	11 Bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm
12 Red Bin Start of Term 4	13	14 Kindergym 9:30am RSL Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon	15	16 Yellow Bin	17 Catholic Church 9am	18 Bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm
19 Red Bin	20 Council Meeting	21 Kindergym 9:30am RSL Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon	22	23	24	25 Catholic Church 11am Bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm
26 Red Bin	27	28 Kindergym 9:30am RSL Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon	29	30 Yellow Bin	31 Coodlie Park Halloween	