ELLISTON COMMUNITY AND VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE NEWS

ELLISTON ECHO

NOVEMBER 2026

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WELCOME TO THE LATEST FROM OUR COMMUNITY

As we head towards the end of the year, there's plenty happening across our district. This month's Echo features local community stories, a look back at October's school holiday activities and Preloved Market, an update on Hooded Plovers, and details about upcoming Christmas events. We hope you enjoy this month's edition!

COMMUNITY CONNECTION TREVOR SINCLAIR



Where did you grow up and are there any other places you have lived?
Have lived at the following places:
1) Bungaree Station Clare 2) Marion 3)Whyalla 4) Elliston

What do you love about residing here?
In a "nutshell" - tranquillity of the area and meeting many local interesting characters – mainly at the Mens Shed.

What jobs (paid or unpaid) have you done that you LOVE?
Australian Queen's Scout Association (63 years)
Elliston Mens Shed (Founding Member, Secretary/Treasurer -13 years)
Life Member of 3 Professional Associations :- remain Regional Vice President of one International Institute.

Do you have any hobbies or interests?
Elliston Mens Shed where several interesting projects undertaken, Gardening, Fishing and travel (have visited 39 different countries for work or pleasure). Enjoy researching the history of Eyre Peninsula – on my Paternal side, family were pioneers of Butler Tanks area.

Name three of your favourite places to visit and/or share with others that come to visit you.
Enjoy showing our many visitors Talia Caves and beach, having brunch at the Locks Well lookout and trips along Walkers Rocks beach.

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

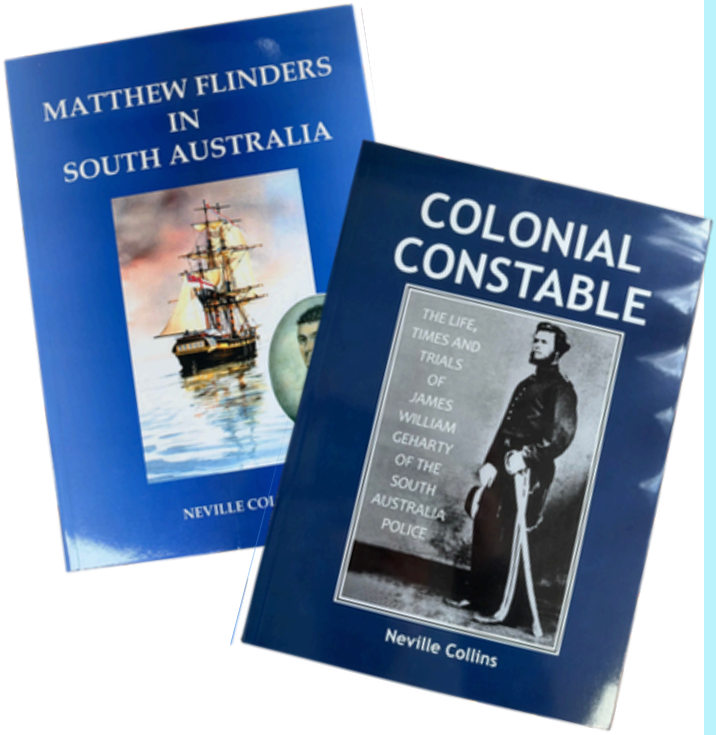
COMMISSION SPOTLIGHT

NEVILLE COLLINS

This month, we're shining a spotlight on Neville Collins, an author whose books offer readers a chance to explore history and discover more about Australia's past.

We currently stock two of Neville's books at the Elliston Community & Visitor Information Centre: Colonel Constable and Matthew Flinders in South Australia.

If you enjoy reading about history or are looking for something a little different to add to your bookshelf, pop into the Centre and have a look at Neville's books.



ELLISTON CAMERA CLUB











CHRISTMAS LIGHTS & DISPLAY COMPETITION 2026

Council is inviting residents and businesses across the district to take part in this year's Christmas Lights & Display Competition, with prizes of up to $500 available!

Prizes include:

- $100 Best Private Display in each of the three town groups:
  - Elliston, Bramfield, Colton and Sheringa
  - Lock, Tooligie and Murdinga
  - Port Kenny and Venus Bay
- $200 Best Business Display across the district
- $500 Overall Winner – Best display across all entries

Entrants must select one display type, with both types judged against each other for the available prizes.

Entries open 1 December 2026, with judging taking place on 14 December 2026.

Entry forms will be available online and in hard copy soon, so keep an eye on Council's social media pages and town noticeboards for further details on how to enter.

Let's spread some Christmas cheer across our district!







ELLISTON HOTEL

OPEN 11am TUESDAY 3rd for the race that stops our nation, full bar service.
NO LUNCH SERVICE, however byo lunch or nibbles.
All racing will be televised.
Sweeps will be available from SUNDAY
DINNER AVAILABLE 6PM TIL 8PM









COUNCIL UPDATES



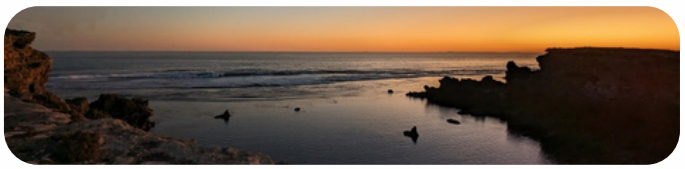
Council recently approved an increase in grant funding for the Shopfront Improvement Program to $3,000 per eligible project.

The program aims to encourage local businesses and property owners to improve the appearance of their shopfronts, helping to create more attractive, welcoming and vibrant town centres across our district.

Council encourages eligible businesses and property owners considering improvements to explore the funding opportunities available.

For program guidelines, eligibility requirements and application forms, visit Council's website or contact the Council Office on (08) 8687 9177.





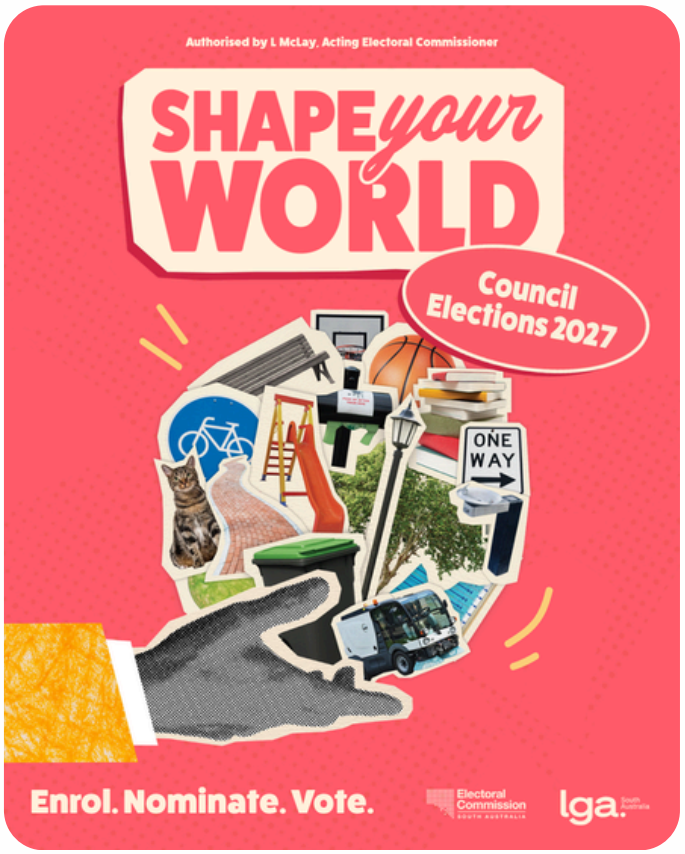
2027 LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS – HAVE YOUR SAY!

The 2027 Local Government Elections are approaching, providing an opportunity for residents across the District Council of Elliston to have their say in shaping the future of our community.

Council encourages residents to check their enrolment details ahead of the 4 January 2027 deadline. Those interested in becoming a Council Member are also encouraged to learn more about the role and nomination process.

Want to know more? Council will be hosting an informal information session on **Thursday, 26 November 2026, from 5:30pm to 6:30pm**, at the Council Office, 21 Beach Terrace, Elliston.

For further information about the elections, visit www.elliston.sa.gov.au.





SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN IN ELLISTON

Elliston children enjoyed a fun mix of activities during the October school holidays. The programme kicked off with a popular movie morning at the RSL, where 16 children came along to watch Toy Story 5.

The fun continued with a paint-by-number session on 6 October and a tennis session on 8 October. The children who joined in had a great time getting creative, having a hit and enjoying the school holiday activities together.

Thank you to everyone who came along. Keep an eye out in the upcoming Elliston Echo for details about our Christmas school holiday activities!



ELLISTON PRE-LOVED MARKET

The Elliston Preloved Market was held at the Elliston Hall on 3 October and was a wonderful day for the community. Around 15 stallholders took part, offering a great range of preloved clothing and other goodies.

The market was organised by local community members and volunteers, whose time and effort helped make the day a success. Thank you to everyone who helped organise the event, supported the stallholders and came along to enjoy the market.



46TH ELLISTON WOOL SHOW AND LEARNING EXPO

Elliston Area School once again brought the community together for its Wool Show, with the 46th event proving a great success despite a day of sunshine, wind and rain. The atmosphere was full of enthusiasm and community spirit.

Thank you to the school staff, students, families, volunteers, farming community, sponsors, local businesses and entertainers who helped make the event possible. The Wool Show is a wonderful example of the school and wider community working together.

Funds raised through the wool competition, auction, stalls and activities will help Elliston Area School provide additional resources and curriculum opportunities for students. The proceeds will be managed through the School Governing Council.

The Learning Expo was another highlight, showcasing students' Term 3 learning about real-world challenges connected to our ocean environment. The displays reflected students' research, creativity, collaboration and problem-solving, and offered visitors a chance to celebrate their achievements.

- **Champion Fleece:** Donated by Elders; won by Chickeroo Pastoral.
- **Most Appealing Fleece:** Donated by White River Merino and Poll Merino Stud; won by MR, JA & KJ Wandel.
- **Most Appealing Hogget Fleece:** Donated by Callandra North Poll Merino Stud; won by Honner Bros.
- **Most Appealing Fleece:** Donated by Calcookara Poll Merino Stud; won by Honner Bros.
- **Most Appealing Fleece:** Donated by Beachport Liquid Minerals; won by Penna Bros.
- **Ewe/Wether Fine:** 1st Chickeroo Pastoral; 2nd Penny Royal Pastoral.
- **Ewe/Wether Medium:** 1st Penna Bros; 2nd MR, JA & KJ Wandel.
- **Ewe/Wether Strong:** 1st S & R Agars; 2nd Penna Bros.
- **Hogget Fine:** 1st Honner Bros; 2nd Penny Royal Pastoral.
- **Hogget Medium:** 1st Honner Bros; 2nd SM & AH Wandel.
- **Hogget Strong:** 1st Lairg Pty Ltd; 2nd Penna Bros.
- Commercial Value Fleece: 1st NM & DS May; 2nd G & M McLaughlin.
- **Lamb Prize:** Lucas and Kaleb Newton, Zander Pearce and Archie Scott.
- **Raffle:** 1st Ajax Sommerville; 2nd Kimberly Dolphin; 3rd Sahara McLeod; 4th Larissa Carter.
- **Photography – Creative:** 1st Kaydee Peters; 2nd Lily Tonkin.
- **Photography – Landscape:** 1st Talara Dudley; 2nd Talara Dudley.
- **Photography – Black and White:** 1st Kruze Pickett; 2nd Talara Dudley.
- **Show and Shine:** Les Williams, Tanya Miller and Billy Scott.



ELLISTON AREA BEACH NESTING BIRD UPDATE

Sheringa Beach has had exciting news: a pair of Hooded Plovers nesting which was fenced by trained community volunteers and has been successful hatching two chicks . Currently they are about 10 days old. This is fantastic news however the chicks have a long way to go untill they will be able to fly. Until the chicks fledge around 35 days old they cannot fly away from threats. During this time they are extremely vulnerable to threats such as off leash dogs, feral cats and foxes and being trodden on. They also face threats from natural predators like gulls and raptors.

If you see the signs indicating that there are Hooded Plover chicks on the beach please keep away or walk quickly past by the waters edge to reduce disturbance. The chicks must feed themselves and when they are faced with a threat they go into hiding, crouching still on the sand, it's often the cumulative effect of too many disturbances that kill chicks.

At Salmon Point we had a pair of Hooded Plovers incubating 3 eggs. This area was fenced and the pair were successful in hatching two chicks however these chicks only survived for about 5 days. The cause of the loss of chicks is unknown and is likely to have been a fox or cat. It is very likely for this pair to nest again within the fenced area on Salmon point beach as they were successful in hatching.

On Boords Beach (Esplanade Beach) we currently have a pair of Hooded Plovers sitting on a nest and this area has also been signed and fenced. The date of hatching is unknown, please give the fenced area plenty of space, leash your dogs well before the signed area, do not linger in the area and walk past at the water's edge. It is crucial that the nest is protected by the parents from predators, exposure to heat on hot days and from chilling on cool days. If a parent is away from the nest for too long it can be fatal for the incubating eggs.

All of the above mentioned breeding birds are currently monitored by BirdLife Australia trained community volunteers and EPLB staff.

Thankyou to all of the people in our wonderful community who have respected these breeding birds and followed the simple steps to give these threatened species a chance.



22ND NOVEMBER 2026

ARRIVE AT 8:30AM
START AT 9:00AM



ELLISTON COASTAL RIDE

PRIZES
TO BE WON

UNDER 12 FREE
12 TO 18 $10
OVER 18 $20

START AT THE
FRONT BEACH BBQ AREA
CORNER OF BEACH TERRACE AND THE ESPLANADE

CHOOSE YOUR DISTANCE:
6KM
15KM
24KM

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER

FOOD AVAILABLE:
the.galley2
bbq
coffee van

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

CATHOLIC CHURCH ELLISTON

NOVEMBER 2026

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

COLTON IS 150

1876-2026

To celebrate
The Elliston and Districts History Group have put together a display of Colton's History
Port Elliston Council Chambers
Wednesdays 10-12 or by appointment
0428879043

DONATION PAUSE

Elliston Coastal Finds



Elliston Coastal Finds Op Shop will be unable to accept donations for the next four weeks.We're sorry for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding. We'll let you know when we're ready to accept donations again. Thank you for your support

COMMUNITY GROUPS

ELLISTON CWA

Elliston Branch will be selling our usual scones, iced coffee etc at the Elliston Market on Saturday Nov. 14th.
We shall not be having a formal meeting this November.

Our next meeting 11am 10/12/26 [before our Christmas lunch [held at the hotel on 10th Dec]

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 – 12, 13, 27 NOV
Podiatry– N/A
Social Work – 10 NOV
Dietetics - 10 NOV
OT – 10 NOV
Speech Therapy – 10 NOV

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

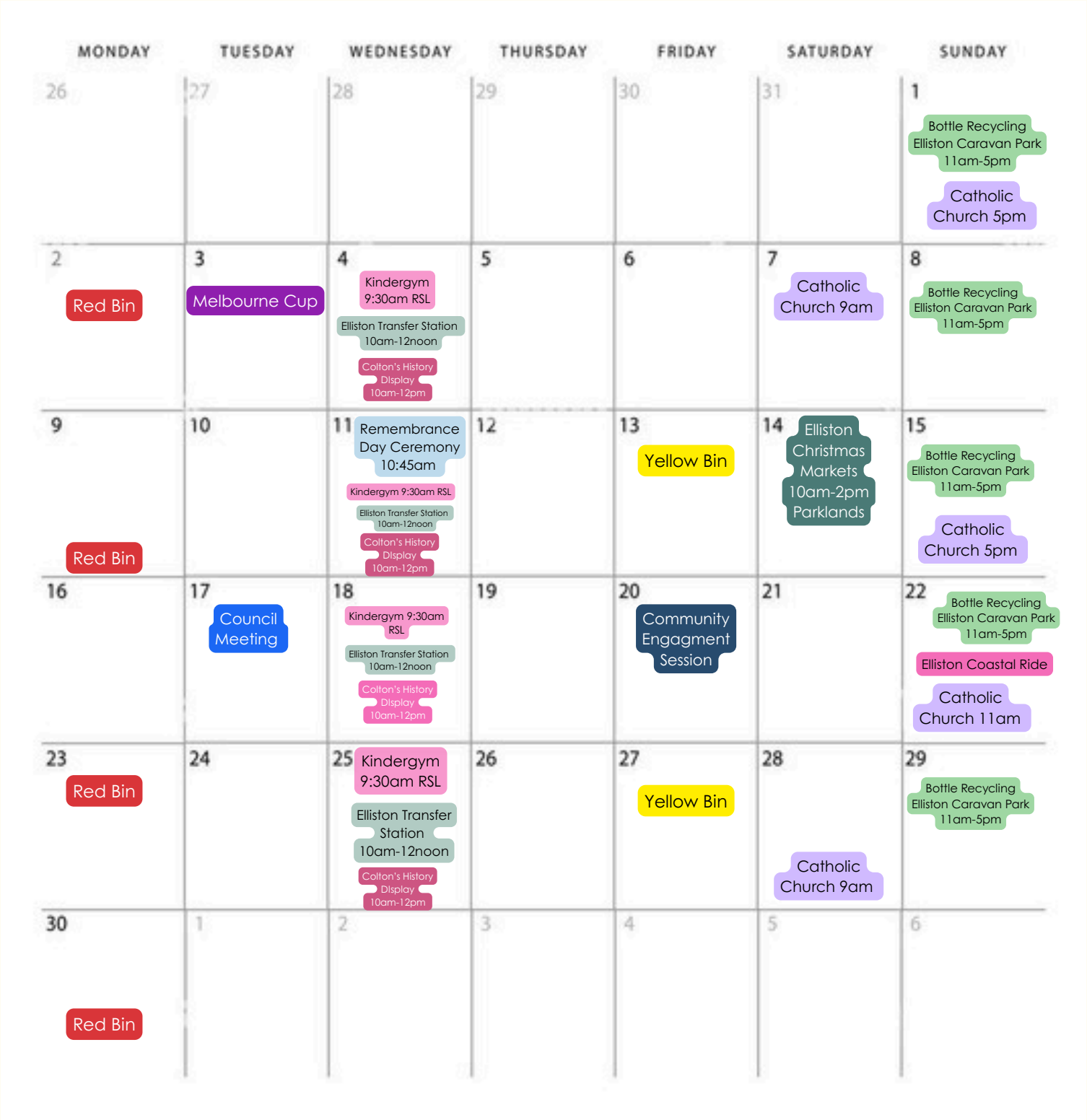
Eyre Eye Centre

21 October 2026
Phone: 08 8682 4566
(by direct appointment)

Rural Skin

4 November 2026
Phone: 1300 584 648

November


MONDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
SATURDAY
SUNDAY
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Bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm
Catholic Church 5pm
2
Red Bin
3
Melbourne Cup
4
Kindergym 9:30am RSL
Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon
Colton's History Display 10am-12pm
5
6
7
Catholic Church 9am
8
Bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm
9
Red Bin
10
11
Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:45am
Kindergym 9:30am RSL
Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon
Colton's History Display 10am-12pm
12
13
Yellow Bin
14
Elliston Christmas Markets 10am-2pm Parklands
15
Bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm
Catholic Church 5pm
16
17
Council Meeting
18
Kindergym 9:30am RSL
Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon
Colton's History Display 10am-12pm
19
20
Community Engagment Session
21
22
Bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm
Elliston Coastal Ride
Catholic Church 11am
23
Red Bin
24
25
Kindergym 9:30am RSL
Elliston Transfer Station 10am-12noon
Colton's History Display 10am-12pm
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Yellow Bin
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Catholic Church 9am
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Bottle Recycling Elliston Caravan Park 11am-5pm
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Red Bin
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