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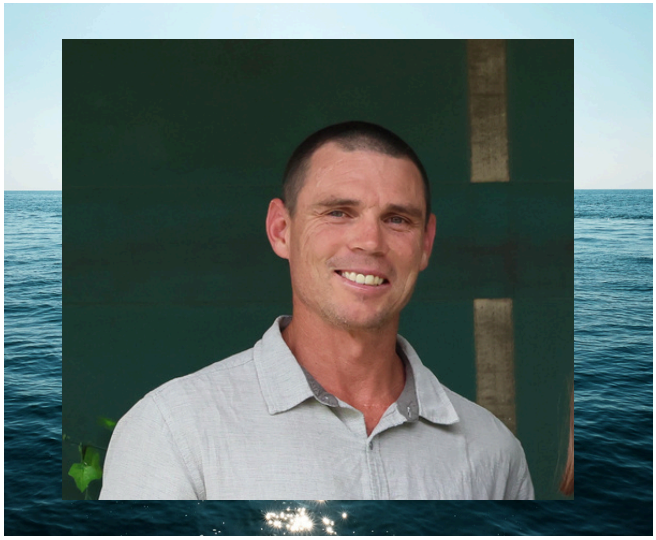
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OUR NEWS



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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

As can be seen by the write up below our council staff have worked hard to complete a number of projects with many more currently underway.

Of particular significance has been renovations to the RSL Memorial Building at Elliston in order to fulfill its objective as a multipurpose facility, already hosting ANZAC Day commemorations and various meetings. We look forward to further upgrading the area around the building in line with community consultation through the Elliston Town Centre Revitalisation Plan.

Also underway is the consultative phase of the Venus Bay and Port Kenny Masterplans. I have been impressed with the attendance and input from both communities. The masterplan process is a great way for people to have a say in shaping their townships.

Discussions around the Bramfield Basin have been taking place with council keeping a close interest to ensure its sustainability into the future. In the short term, I hope we've had some heavy showers by the time this is published!

ANDREW MCLEOD





NEW STAFF

Exciting New Faces Join Our Team!

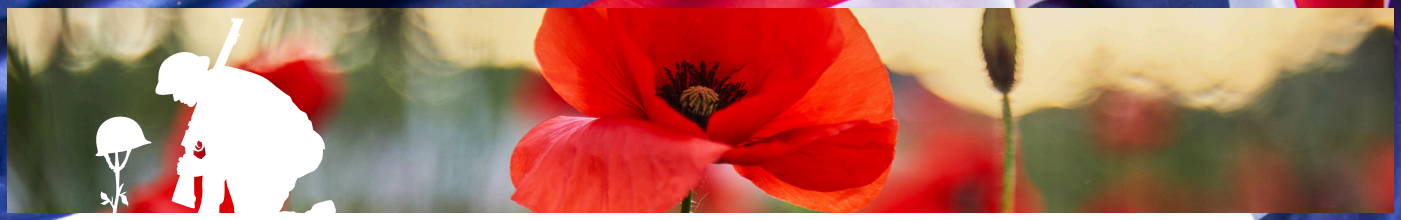
Firstly, we would like to warmly welcome Luke Moane as our new Director Essential Services and Assets. Luke brings a wealth of experience and expertise and will be leading the way in managing and improving our community's essential infrastructure and services. We are excited about the fresh ideas and strong leadership Luke will bring to this vital role.

We are also delighted to introduce Koby Brierley, our new School-Based Apprentice in Horticulture. Koby will be learning and working alongside our outdoor team, gaining hands-on experience while helping to keep our parks, gardens, and outdoor spaces beautiful and thriving.

We are excited about the positive impact they will have in our community!

PIRSA Recovery Hotline
If you are living with drought or affected by emergency events, our experienced staff are dedicated to helping with funding applications, discussing your situation, and finding the support you need.
Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm
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ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE – ELLISTON

Elliston's ANZAC Day Dawn Service was held on Friday, 25 April, with around 180 people attending the 7:00am ceremony and around 100 staying for the community breakfast.

Mayor McLeod addressed the gathering, speaking about the history and future use of the RSL building and the significance of the new cenotaph, which was admired by all. Wreaths were laid by numerous community groups as well as individuals in memory of family members. The upgrade of the RSL Memorabilia thanks to funding from the ANZAC Day Commemoration Fund were also unveiled.

Brevet Sergeant Ashley Traeger respectfully attended to the flag, while Caroline Gillett and Helen Sommerville led the traditional program of prayers and hymns, a tradition honoured at Elliston since the end of World War II.

It was a meaningful morning of remembrance and pride, with the community honouring those who made the ultimate sacrifice.















ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE – LOCK

The Lock and District Services (LADS) hosted a respectful and well-attended ANZAC Day Dawn Service at the Lock Hall on Friday, 25 April.

The service began promptly at 6:30am, with community members gathering in the early morning light to honour and remember those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

Traditional readings and wreath-laying formed part of the heartfelt ceremony, reflecting the community's deep respect and gratitude.

Following the service, a warm cooked breakfast was enjoyed by all, providing a chance for reflection and connection.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make this a meaningful and memorable morning.

Lest we forget.



















RECENT WORKS IN AND AROUND THE DISTRICT:

UPGRADES TO OUR COMMUNITY SPACES

Footpath Upgrades Near Elliston Post Office:
On Monday, 24 March, footpath construction began at the intersection of Parndana Avenue and Little Bay Road, continuing through to the Post Office. This work was undertaken to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility in a high-traffic area. The upgraded footpath provides a safer and more reliable route for residents and visitors accessing local services and amenities.

Esplanade Resealing Completed:
From Tuesday, 1 April to Thursday, 3 April, resealing works were carried out along the Esplanade. This upgrade was an important part of regular road maintenance, helping to extend the life of the road surface and improve driving conditions for residents and visitors. The fresh seal has not only improved the safety and appearance of the area but also supports our efforts to keep Elliston's foreshore area inviting and well-maintained.

New Workers' Accommodation Now in Place at Lock:
We're pleased to share that the new workers' accommodation in Lock is now one step closer to being ready! The cabins have been successfully installed on site, and the fencing is now up to ensure a safe and secure area for all future residents.

This new accommodation will provide much-needed housing for workers supporting our local community and projects. We're excited to see this important development taking shape and thank everyone for their patience and support during construction.

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ELLISTON'S INAUGURAL EASTER SATURDAY FISHING DAY COMPETITION

A Huge Success

The inaugural Elliston & Districts Business & Progress Association Easter Saturday Fishing Day Competition took place on Saturday, 19th April 2025, and despite the cool and windy weather, it was a fantastic day of fishing and friendly competition.

A total of 62 anglers, including 27 juniors and 35 adults, signed up for the event. Though the early sunshine gave way to a cool front bringing a (very) short burst of rain and strong westerly winds, spirits remained high. Many participants made the best of the conditions, with jetty fishing being a popular choice. Some even found sheltered beaches to escape the gusty winds, with one lucky fisherman bagging out on Whiting from a protected spot. As the winds eased later in the day, a few boats ventured out to test their luck offshore.

Juniors Show Their Skills

Among the junior participants, Alexis Boehm took home the award for Heaviest Whiting. Meanwhile, Sonny Matthews claimed the title of 1st Heaviest All Other Species with a fine Trevally catch. In the highly anticipated Mystery Weight category, it was Bai Harrowfield who triumphed with a Tommy Rough. In a fun twist, the Lightest Legal Fish prize went to Eli Keane, as no squid were entered in the competition.





Adult Competitors Shine

The adult section saw 17 anglers weigh in, with a number of impressive catches. Alex Boehm matched his junior counterpart, winning the prize for Heaviest Whiting. Ray Boehm also found success, with his catch of a Flathead earning him the award for Longest All Other Species. The Heaviest Salmon category went to Rusty Harrison, who landed a variety of Salmon Trout, while Vinnie Phelps claimed the Mystery Weight prize with a Flathead. With no squid entered in the competition, the Heaviest All Other Species prize went to Peter Reed for his impressive Crayfish catch.





Prize Pool and Community Support

The event saw a combined prize pool of $3,000, with winners receiving a mix of vouchers, cash, and other prizes generously donated by local businesses. The Committee expressed their gratitude for the overwhelming support from the community, which helped make the event such a success.

Looking Ahead to 2026

After the success of this year's competition, there's already excitement building for the 2026 Elliston Easter Fishing Competition. Organisers are promising even more fun, competition, and community spirit for next year's event. Stay tuned for further details as plans come together!



MAYOR ANDREW MCLEOD

What is the greatest accomplishment of your life to date?
My family

What skill would you most like to learn?
Some more skydiving disciplines

What do you do in your spare time?
Surf

What is a talent that you have that most people wouldn't know about you?
Making cool patterns with Poi

What is your favourite music?
It changes but probably punk metal

Have you always live in Elliston, if no, where else have you lived?
I was raised in Adelaide, lived and worked in various places from Port Lincoln to the Mediterranean

What is your current occupation?
Pharmacist

Do you live by any piece of advice or motto?
No single motto comes to mind, I've had a lot of good advice over time though

What is the furthest place you have travelled to?
Either working in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea or hiking for a few days into the Amazon rainforest

What is something you have been thinking about lately?
Holidays

What is one thing that instantly makes your day better?
Hugs with my family

What are you most looking forward to?
A good surf or jump

What is the best advice you have ever received?
Incidents are usually a combination of contributing factors

What or who inspires you?
Friends that I train with





CLOCKS CHANGED, HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR SMOKE ALARMS?

As the days and nights start to transition to winter, we continue to prepare our homes

- Check smoke alarms - do they work?
- Change smoke alarm batteries
- Are your fire extinguishers in working order?
- Have you cleaned out chimney flues?
- Do you have a fire blanket?

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What is WHAT3WORDS?

what3words is a free app that divides the world into 3m x 3m squares, each assigned a unique three-word address, making it easy to share precise locations. Australians can use it to navigate to specific spots, coordinate meetups, or mark favourite places, even in areas without formal addresses. It's particularly useful in emergencies; for instance, in Australia, emergency services accept what3words addresses to locate callers quickly, especially in remote or unfamiliar locations. The app works offline, making it reliable in areas with limited connectivity, and is integrated into various services, including some car navigation systems and the Emergency+ app used in Australia. By simplifying location sharing, what3words enhances navigation, safety, and accessibility worldwide.



LETS GO BACK TO THE YEAR 2000...



Congratulations ... Elders representatives Steve Davidson and David Fogg presenting Elliston School Council Chairperson Caroline Gillett with a framed 'congratulations photograph' for 20 years of successful woolshows (from left) woolshow secretary Dianne Penna, Elders representatives Steve Davidson and David Fogg, Caroline Gillett, school principal Flora Rumbelow and committee member Nigel May.



Visiting ... Elliston Area School year four and five class visiting the Elliston Children's Centre: (from left) Bonnie MacIntosh, Lydia Reeves, Bess Winkley, Maddison Williams and Jodie Brookes.

Sasha off to Papua New Guinea



• **RIGHT:** Lock student Sasha Phillips is preparing to leave for Papua New Guinea in June this year as part of an Anglican pilgrimage.

LOCK student Sasha Phillips, 15, is preparing to leave for Papua New Guinea as part of a Church pilgrimage.

She will join 30 other Australians on a 17-day journey, run by the Anglican Board of Mission.

The group expects to leave Australia on June 3 to travel across region, viewing villages and towns.

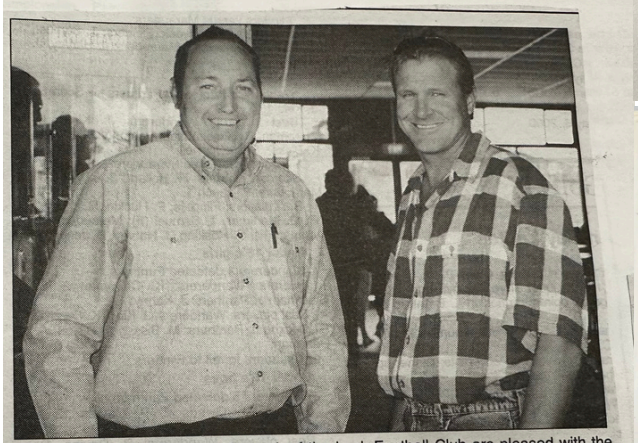
Ms Phillips, who is currently in Year 10 at Lock Area School, said she was looking forward to the trip.

"I'm really looking forward to experiencing new things," she said.

She first heard about the trip at an Elliston youth camp, and has been sponsored by Wollochra bishop David McCall.

Ms Phillips is raising money to fund her living expenses, passport and injections through raffles and donations from local people.

A Yeelanna girl is also expected to take part in the trip.



• David Beard and Malcolm Hancock of the Lock Football Club are pleased with the new extensions.

Venus Bay goes green

Venus Bay is going green - thanks to Greening Australia and the Department of Environment and Heritage and National Parks and Wildlife Service undertaking a revegetation program.

Venus Bay Peninsula will have about 50 hectares of cleared and partially cleared land near the boundary of the Park, over a three year period.

Some work was carried out in the same area last year, Port Kenny School students planting 1000 tubestock.

Greening Australia's Neville Bonney will take a direct seeding machine to the area, to assist with planting plants indigenous to that location today, June 1.

The organisation's Bushcare support officer Phil Barron said the revegetation project was an Ark on Eyre initiative.

"This year's revegetation is adding to the work done last year," he said.

""Despite the lack of rain there is some good germination.

"We're still hoping that several species, including native pine will germinate this year.

"We won't get a clear picture for a year or two year, but so far results look promising."

The seed for the project was collected by local volunteers and the school.

"The school has been involved in all stages, from seed collection, direct seeding and tubestock planting."

The Ecological Restoration Project at Venus Bay, includes widespread cat, fox and rabbit control, involving local neighbours.

The project will help link large remnants of vegetation and extend the range of the Brush-tailed Bettong's habitat.

The bettong was once common on mainland South Australia, but became extinct in the State.

Reintroduction of animals from Western Australia to Venus Bay, off shore islands, and Lincoln National Park, has secured the species survival.



Seeding ... Port Kenny Primary students are shown the finer points of direct seeding native plants by Neville Bonney of Greening Australia SA.

properties can obtain seeds from Eyre Native Seeds in Port Lincoln, or West Coast Revegetation, at Penong, he said.

"If sufficient interest was shown in the Ceduna area, I would be happy to arrange a training course on how to collect native seeds for revegetation."

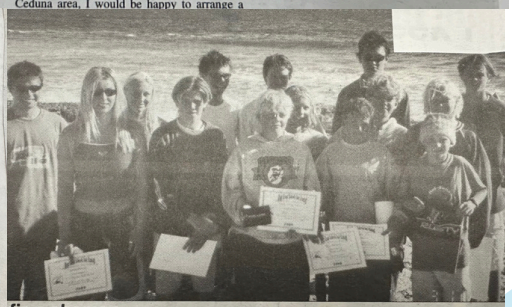
Phil can be contacted on 8683 1870, or on mobile 0411 699 584.



• The Lock Colts premiers at the wind-up were (back) coach Tony Sellen, Ross Hand, Tyson Kirvan, Joel Kay, Dylon Kay, Aaron Hand, Rorye Williams, (front) Travis Crompton, Scott Young, Tony Weetra, and Jacinta Hand.



Waving the flag ... Showing their artistic talents, made especially for the Plenty Festival, at Streaky Bay, were Port Kenny students (back, from left) Dylan Kolch, Shay Kolch, Callum Evans



fing champs ... Trophy winners at the West Coast Schools Surf Competition: (back, fr rent Gale, Kym Chapman, Sam Smith, Toby Mueller, Pete Tomlinson, Reece Wright, (front) Heath Hunter, Ben Window, Dayne Ramsey, Cale Stacey, Ben Chapman, Jesse Castley and Harry Hunt

Elliston take the flag



Mid West football premiers 2000 ... Elliston took out the Mid West Football League A grade premiership for the 2000 season. Pictured are (from left) vice captain Nick Paul, coach Peter Beard, best on ground Chris Kingston and captain Kym Newton with the shield. *(Full report, page 40)*



• The Eyre Peninsula Division Handicap winners at Lock were Jacqui Wiseman and Leona Gates of Lock (B grade), Sandra Blacker and Deirdre Siegert of Cummins (A grade) and Helen Harris and Sharyn Matthews of Kimba (C grade).