

WORKS UPDATE

Completed Works

Gravel resheeting is complete on: Rangeview (2km), Wudinna–Darke Peak (4 km), Syvertsen (3 km), Preiss (3 km), Wharminda (2 km), Heggaton (2 km) and Five Cross (4 km) Roads. Property access roads at: Burton (2 km), Scenic (3 km) and Dreckow (2 km) are also done. Sealed works including: an 8 km shoulder upgrade on Balumbah–Kinnard Road, and asphalt at the Darke Terrace/Balumbah–Kinnard Intersection—are complete. Flood repairs in the Heggaton and Gumflat areas have been finalised, and most of Redbanks Campground is finished.

Projects in Progress

Schubert Road is 60% complete, with Kielpa–Gumflat and Cowell–Mangalo Road resheeting each at 10%. The marina’s south pontoon is 75% complete, and the New Fence on Sunrise Drive is 60% complete.

Upcoming Items

With autumn just begun, the District Council of Cleve looks forward to welcoming the Trakmaster Off-Road Caravan Club from 30 April to 6 May. With more than 80 caravans expected, their stay at the Cleve Showgrounds promises a significant event.

Please also remember that Easter Sunday falls on 20 April this year.

Planning for Anzac Day

The District Council of Cleve is finalising plans for this year’s ANZAC Day commemoration, scheduled for Friday 25th April. Residents whose relatives served in World War I, World War II, and subsequent conflicts are urged to share photographs, excerpts, and personal stories. Materials will be featured at the ceremony, helping to honour the sacrifices of past servicemen and women. Showcasing our local family histories and heritage, might inspire younger generations to reflect on the freedoms secured by these brave individuals.

Those wishing to contribute can visit the Virtual War Memorial (link below) for more information. The Council encourages everyone to help ensure ANZAC Day remains a meaningful tribute to our veterans’ enduring legacy.

(Search your Township in search bar) <https://vwma.org.au>



Aerial image of Redbanks Beach



Virtual War Memorial Australia



COMMUNITY INSIGHT

MARCH 2025

MAYORS' BRIEF

Dear Community Members,

As we welcome 2025, I'm filled with optimism for the year ahead - and I'd like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to our recent celebrations. From the New Year's festivities in Arno Bay to the Australia Day gatherings across the district, we've witnessed remarkable examples of collaboration and community spirit. These moments remind us why our district is such an extraordinary place to call home.

Tourism remains central to our district's progress, not only during the busy summer weeks but throughout the entire calendar year. Visitors don't just bring economic benefits, they become storytellers of our district. In 2025, Council would like to celebrate community efforts to position our district as a destination where memories are made, through supporting local businesses and community events, and respecting our natural assets and heritage.

This year also promises progress on projects that will leave a lasting impact. The Arno Bay Community Sporting Association's upcoming facility upgrades, made possible by federal funding and local partnership, is a perfect example of our commitment to inclusive, forward-thinking infrastructure. Equally important is bridging generations, ensuring our seniors' wisdom and our youth's energy both shape our District's future.

None of this happens without you - the volunteers, organisers, and everyday champions who turn ideas into action. Whether you're volunteering at an event, supporting a local market, or simply sharing a kind word with a neighbour, you're contributing to what makes Cleve special.

As Mayor, I'm proud to lead a community that values both tradition and innovation. Let's continue celebrating our agricultural roots while welcoming new ways to grow, connect, and inspire. Together, we'll ensure 2025 is a year of prosperity, pride, and purposeful strides forward.

Thank you.

- Mayor Phil Cameron

ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS

- **New Year's Celebrations:** Arno Bay event with contests and community fun.
- **Tourism Focus:** Emphasising year-round appeal and visitors as our storytellers.
- **Australia Day:** Dual events celebrating community spirit and recognising local contributions.
- **Community Investment:** ABCSA secures a \$1.56m federal grant for sporting facility upgrades.
- **ANZAC Day:** Final plans underway; community stories and memorabilia contributions invited.
- **Seniors Luncheon:** Seniors event that honoured our seniors and local healthcare providers.



NEW YEAR’S EVENT

The Arno Bay New Year’s Day celebration took place on 1 January 2025, attracting hundreds of visitors to Arno Bay. Led by Committee President Brooke Ramsey and 20 volunteers, it included Zorb balls, face-painting, a beer stein-holding contest, and a burger eating race. The Arno Bay Dirt Circuit Club arranged transport, Hotel Arno Social Club ran fundraising stalls, and SACWA volunteers provided meals. Despite a hiccup with the outdoor *Back to the Future* screening (foiled by unreliable internet), the day thrived on simplicity—free competitions, Smokey the CFS koala mascot, and live commentary by Chris Provis kept energy high.



Arno Bay New Years Day Egg Toss Competition

SENIORS LUNCHEON

The District Council of Cleve held a special luncheon for seniors on Wednesday, 26 February 2025, from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM at the Cleve Hotel Motel. Acknowledging the valuable contributions our seniors have made, and continue to make, through decades of their work, volunteering, and sharing their life experiences with the wider community. Our healthcare providers were also recognised during the luncheon, with acknowledgments highlighting the essential role our local medical services play in supporting senior wellbeing and health.

Attendees reached maximum numbers (110 attending) were treated to a meal, dessert, and a suite of raffles. Mayor Phil Cameron delivered a short presentation, offering insights on future community and council initiatives. The District Council of Cleve would like to give a special thanks to the three health organisations that helped bring this special event together: Eyre and Far North Local Health Network, Cleve District Hospital and Aged Care, and West Coast Home Care.

TOURISM SPOTLIGHT

As we prepare to say goodbye to summer, it’s important to remember that tourism in our District is more than a seasonal influx of visitors. While many think of tourism as a seasonal boost, every family holiday or weekend getaway has a lasting impact on our towns. Many visitors share stories, recommendations, and positive impressions on social media, creating a wider network of goodwill.

When travellers stop for refreshments or take photos of local landmarks such as Yeldulknie Weir, they recognise and support the volunteer efforts that keep our district thriving. This is why we all love initiatives like the Cleve Running Festival and the Arno Bay New Years Celebrations, they’re not just events, they’re a thoughtful act of engaging people with our ongoing story. These gatherings bring residents and visitors together, fostering a sense of shared purpose and belonging. Just as importantly, local businesses - cafés, shops, and service providers - play a central role in shaping positive experiences. Their dedication ensures that every new face is greeted with the hospitality for which our district is known.

Without tourism, our stories fade, our businesses shrink, and our youth leave. As we plan for 2025, the Council remains committed to ensuring Cleve is a welcoming place where lasting connections are formed and community pride continues to grow; furthermore, the Council calls on residents to continue supporting and promoting local businesses, volunteer activities, and community-driven projects. Together, we can ensure Cleve remains an attractive destination –and a thriving home—for years to come.



Cleve Main Street aerial photography.

COMMUNITY STORY

The District Council of Cleve is pleased to support the announcement that the Arno Bay Community Sporting Association (ABCSA) has secured a federal grant of \$1.56 million to significantly upgrade local facilities. This project, which also benefits from a Council co-contribution, will include female change rooms and amenities, an all-access community gym, netball and tennis court resurfacing, and new lighting around the courts. Plans also incorporate verandas, bathrooms, disability-friendly toilets, a parents’ room. The new building is slated to be constructed on the eastern side of the Arno Bay oval, further enhancing the region’s sporting and community infrastructure.

This achievement is further supported by a meeting on 10 December with MP Rowan Ramsey, who joined the ABCSA to discuss how the grant - awarded through the “Play Our Way” federal fund - will benefit local sports and recreation enthusiasts. Council and the ABCSA anticipate that construction will begin by mid-2025, providing state-of-the-art resources to athletes and community members for years to come.

Council commends the ABCSA for its dedication and applauds the community’s collective effort in securing such a substantial investment. Initiatives like these embody the spirit of the Cleve District, where collaboration and commitment generate positive outcomes for all. The Council looks forward to witnessing how this development enriches Arno Bay’s sporting landscape and fosters community engagement.



Pictured are Cooper Llewelyn, Jeremy Calliss, Tom Venning, Hannah Lienert-Forrest, Rowan Ramsey, and Lani Hartwig.

AUSTRALIA DAY

The Cleve District celebrated Australia Day with events at Cleve Centenary (Lions) Park and Arno Bay Creek, and Darke Peak, drawing over 300 attendees.

The Lions Club hosted a Council-funded community breakfast at Cleve Centenary Park, where Karen Quinn was honoured as Citizen of the Year, and the Cleve Running Festival earned Community Event of the Year. Disability advocate Richard Bruggemann, 2021 SA Senior Australian of the Year, delivered the keynote speech, highlighting the vital role of inclusion and volunteering. Entertainment by Mr Music delivering a memorable live performance.



Community Event of the Year 2025, The Cleve Running Festival.

Arno Bay’s afternoon festivities, managed by the Hotel Arno Social Club, included a Council-funded lunch, featuring a 200+ rubber duck charity duck race in Arno Bay Creek, and a sandal reeling tournament.



The Cleve Australia Day Ceremony at Cleve Centenary (Lions) Park