

Baton here soon

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COUNCIL is counting down the days to when the 2018 Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay reaches Coffin Bay.

Preparations are well underway with Council planning a whole community celebration at the town centre to coincide with the relay on February 19 from 10am to 1pm.

Comedian and entertainer Sean Murphy will hype up the crowd as MC with his interactive *Games Boy '18* show, while local band C'Change, led by Kelly Bald, will add to the ambience as the crowd watches all 16 batonbearers take part in history.

1802 Oyster Bar and Bistro will showcase Coffin Bay's oysters while a sausage sizzle and drinks stall will be also be available, as well as official merchandise and face painting.

All members of the community are invited to attend the celebration and watch the district's own sporting heroes carry the baton.

Local batonbearers taking part in the Coffin Bay leg are Yvonne Ackland, Peter Hurrell, (Coffin Bay), Meryl Davidson, Margaret Palmer, Giuseppe Perone and Rob Watson (Port Lincoln), Craig Dorward (North Shields), Heather Norton, Tom Hull, and John Treloar (Cummins).

Batonbearers will carry the baton from Coffin Bay's welcome sign to the boat ramp, where it will be loaded on to a

AT A GLANCE

- Coffin Bay to host 2018 Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay on Monday, February 19
- Community celebration at the town centre 10am-1pm
- Town entry/exit will be closed from 10am from the welcome sign on Coffin Bay Road to the boat ramp on the Esplanade
- These roads will be gradually reopened as the convoy goes through with exception of a segment at the town centre (detour will be available)
- No public parking on the Esplanade, Coffin Bay Yacht Club car park, or town jetty carpark from 7am
- Those with a disability will have designated parking on Kent Street, while Hawson Street is designated to school bus parking

local oyster barge to be taken to the town jetty to finish on the lower viewing platform.

With the relay convoy having to adhere to strict timings, chief executive officer Rod Pearson said Council was wary that traffic logistics needed to run smoothly.

The Esplanade, Coffin Bay Yacht Club and town jetty will be closed to parking from 7am that day, while town entry and exit will be closed from 10am.

"Council will then role out the reopening of Coffin Bay Road and the Esplanade as the convoy passes through the town," Mr Pearson said.

Members of the public will be able to park on most side streets and a designated community parking area off Pine Crescent.

"We are really urging people to get to Coffin Bay and find a park well before that 10am road closure so they can get to the community celebration or watch the relay from anywhere on the Esplanade, we don't want people to miss out," Mr Pearson said.

Mayor Julie Low said the council was excited to host the relay, with Coffin Bay set to be on the national stage.

"Council has been lucky enough that local community groups and businesses have come on board to support an event that will highlight Coffin Bay as a destination," Mayor Low said.

Local schools and Member for Flinders Peter Treloar will attend the event, with friends and family of batonbearers and all community members encouraged to be part of the event.

"We congratulate all the batonbearers on their honourable duties, and we encourage everyone to come down and join in the fun."

Initial support for draft roadside vegetation plan

Item W284 W&I/03/18

Subject to clarification of conditions, Council has agreed in principle with the draft Eyre Peninsula Regional Roadside Vegetation Management Plan as developed in conjunction with Eyre Peninsula Councils and the Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board.

Council wants to clarify the extent of the road that it will be permitted to maintain without requiring vegetation management approval from the EPNRM. Council has also sought clarification of the policy in relation to approvals/ permits for the removal of timber from the road reserve, noting these activities are currently not permitted.

Fish cleaning facility

Item W291 (1)

Council is responding to community concerns about the new fish cleaning station at Coffin Bay.

The fish frames in the tank have now been thoroughly cleaned out, and in the clean out it was noted that both general rubbish and oversized fish frames have been forced into the storage tank tube, adding to the problem.

Staff will now investigate options and costs to better cater for the disposal of larger-framed fish, while signage will be placed advising the public in relation to appropriate use of the facility.

Oyster boat ramp fees

Item C877 CL/04/18

Council will waive commercial boat ramp fees at the Coffin Bay boat ramp for the 2017/18 year due to the uncertainty the local oyster industry is currently facing.

Council acknowledge that the local oyster industry is suffering due to a spat shortage following the Pacific Oyster Mortality Syndrome disease in Tasmania.

Council held a consensus view that the short-term plight of the local oyster industry was unique, with support by way of remission of boat ramp fees being justified.

Council will consider the reinstatement of the fees as part of the formulation of the 2018/19 budget.

Rotary Men's Wellness Campaign

Item C879 (1)

Council has offered Mentally Fit EP the use of the Cummins Institute as a venue for an art exhibition between April 20 and May 3 as part of a Rotary Men's Wellness Campaign.

Mentally Fit EP approached Council for support in the campaign, which aims to highlight men's mental health, educate and inform men about resources available and help reduce stigma around mental health.

In conjunction with the SALT Festival, Mentally Fit EP plans to display 60 photographs by local photographer Robert Lang taken of men in a space where they feel safe or happy.

SANFL Community Partnership & STARCLUB Field Officer

Item FN/01/18

Council has resolved to support the engagement of a Football (and Netball) Operations Coordinator for the Eyre Peninsula following a proposal from the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association and SANFL Community Football.

Council resolved to provide a financial contribution of \$2,000 per annum in the 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 financial years for this purpose.

Passengers numbers down

Item W284 W&I/01/18

Council has analysed figures from the 2017 Port Lincoln Airport passenger survey against figures from the 2011 survey. Key outcomes from the survey include:-

- Business travel has declined and now amounts to 32% of all travel (40% in 2011)
- Holiday/Leisure travel increased and now amounts to 33% of all travel (27% in 2011)
- Visitation from Adelaide has declined to now account for 49% of all visitors (69% in 2011)
- 65% of international visitors come from Europe
- Melbourne is the on-bound destination for the most local interstate travellers

Council staff will now meet with a range of stakeholders during February and March with the survey information to be provided to airlines QantasLink and Regional Express, Regional Development Australia Whyalla & Eyre Peninsula, Port Lincoln Chamber of Commerce and the SA Tourism Commission.

2018 Australia Day Awards



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD WINNERS



Citizen

CATHY HAARSMA

Young Citizen

**BELINDA-JANE
MORONEY**

Young Sportsperson

**MIKAELA
RICHARDSON**

Employee

**BVT SGT
JOHN RANDALL**

Business

DR CLAIRE ROWE

Community Event

A DAY ON THE BAY