

## COUNCIL NEWS

### Council COVID-19 update

Council advise of the following changes to Council offices limiting public contact hours to minimise the risk of COVID-19 spread:

Cummins Council Office: Monday to Friday, 9am-12pm  
Port Lincoln Branch office: Monday only, 10am-1pm & 2pm-4pm

Council encourage contact via phone (8676 0400) or email ([mail@dclep.sa.gov.au](mailto:mail@dclep.sa.gov.au)) between 9am and 5pm daily as staff will continue to be on site at this time and appointments can be made outside of these hours via prior arrangement with the relevant staff members.

The following Council managed facilities have been temporarily closed until further notice:

- All Playgrounds owned and maintained by Council;
- Cummins & Coffin Bay Skateparks;
- All public BBQs owned and maintained by Council;
- Farm Beach campground & Louth Bay campground

As these facilities cannot physically be isolated, closure signage has been arranged for the above sites, however the public conveniences attached to the camp grounds will remain open to the general public.

Other suspended services:

- The hiring of the community bus is suspended as we cannot meet social distancing requirements within the bus environment.
- Creating Connections (over 50's program) has been postponed indefinitely.
- The Cummins Institute Hall has been closed to the public (including the public toilets).

Congregating in groups of 10 or more people is now prohibited under State Government Law, while the Commonwealth have advised against congregating in groups of more than 2 people and Council encourage all community members to

exercise their social responsibility to comply with this advice when utilising Council land.



### Runway upgrade

Council's Southern Construction team have completed boxing out stages one and two of the Runway 15/33 project at the Port Lincoln Airport. Crew have now started carting, conditioning and laying pavement material. New pavement construction will take around three weeks and on completion, the new runway will be a safer asset for General Aviation and emergency aircraft to operate from.

### Office solar systems

The Cummins and Port Lincoln Administration Offices will soon have new solar systems installed that will reduce its reliance on grid electricity by 82 per cent and 95 per cent respectively.

Electricity cost savings estimate the systems will be fully paid for in about two and a half years with annual savings to Council ratepayers estimated at \$11,000 per year.

### Cummins office generator

The Cummins office will soon have a diesel generator to provide electricity during periods of power outage. Council is committed to providing continuous service to its district at all times and the installation of this generator will enable this to occur.

### Carpark consultation

Public consultation is open for the proposed authorisation to alter the road reserve at 100 The Esplanade, Coffin Bay as noted in the February general meeting motion W&I/06/20.

The alteration to road reserve is for the construction of formalised car parking facilities adjacent Oyster HQ. The design allows for a total of 15 car parks including a disabled access park and one (1) dedicated bus park. Council require the parks to be provided on a 2:1 ratio for business to public use. For more information visit Council's website. Submissions close at 5pm on Friday, April 23.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Cummins Community Assistance – COVID-19

Register for the Cummins Community Assistance COVID-19 group of volunteers that are available to assist other members of the community us in following the instructions to slow and stop the spread of COVID-19 by staying home as much as possible.

This service is available to everybody – for more info visit [facebook.com/CumminsCommunityAssistance/](https://facebook.com/CumminsCommunityAssistance/)

### Government COVID-19 App

To stay informed download the official government Coronavirus Australia app and get trusted information.

Look for the app with the Australian Government crest. Available for both iOS via <https://apps.apple.com/.../app/coronavirus-austr.../id1503846231>

### Telecross REDI service

People can opt to receive a free, daily phone call to check on their welfare in response to COVID-19.

Specially trained Red Cross staff and volunteers will make the calls, supporting the wellbeing of clients, including asking how they are coping and if they need support to access medical or food supplies, as well as reiterating up-to-date government health advice. If the call goes unanswered or if someone is in distress, further steps will be taken to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the client.

The service is aimed at older people, people living with a disability, those experiencing mental illness, people recovering from an illness or accident or people with an ongoing health condition who are voluntarily self-isolating for their wellbeing. Register by phoning 1800 188 071.

### Grassroots Fund

This fund is now open for applications, closing at midday on April 30, 2020. Grant funding of up to \$25,000 available for standard developments and up to \$1million for major developments. Co-contributions are required. For more information go to [https://www.orsr.sa.gov.au/funding/apply\\_for\\_funding/gfcnf](https://www.orsr.sa.gov.au/funding/apply_for_funding/gfcnf)

### Regional Growth Fund

Competitive round closes on May 11 with grants from \$50,000 to \$2million to create jobs, grow export opportunities, and strengthen regional communities. Applicants are expected to meet half of the project costs. For more information go to [www.pir.sa.gov.au/regions/regional\\_growth\\_fund](http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/regions/regional_growth_fund)

### Sports Grants

The State Government's Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing have several grant programs aimed at helping communities and clubs access equipment and develop facilities to support sport. For further information have a look at [www.orsr.sa.gov.au/funding/apply\\_for\\_funding](http://www.orsr.sa.gov.au/funding/apply_for_funding)

### Grants SA

One-off funding to support community participation, wellbeing and quality for life for South Australians. Under certain circumstances it can be used for community facility upgrades. The Major Round is expected to open in April and the Minor Round in May. For further information go to <https://dhs.sa.gov.au/services/grants-for-organisations/grants-sa>