

COUNCIL NEWS

CUMMINS TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN

CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT MASTER PLAN
26 JUNE 2023 - 24 JULY 2023



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STAGE 2 CONSULTATION

Stage 2 of community consultation for the draft Cummins Township Master Plan is now open and will close on 24 July 2023.

HAVE YOUR SAY

View the draft Township Master Plan for Cummins and share your thoughts with us by completing the online survey, or come along to our community drop-in session to speak to the project team.

Online Survey

Provide your feedback by clicking on the survey link [here](#). The survey closes at 5pm Monday, 24 July 2023.

Drop-In Session

Holmes Dyer is hosting a drop-in session where you can find out more information about the key findings of the draft Master Plan and provide verbal feedback.

- Where: Cummins Institute
- When: Friday, 7 July 2023
- Time: any time between 10:30am and 1:30pm

DrumMUSTER

The next drum collection service - drumMUSTER - will be held at the Cummins Waste Transfer Station on July 25-26. This service has been successfully run over the past few years, and enables farm chemical users to return their empty,

cleaned, non-returnable, steel and plastic farm chemical containers. Containers must be triple rinsed, clean & dry, have lids removed, and metal drums should be punctured. Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting the Cummins Council Office and speaking to Works Admin on 8676 0400.

Kerbside Recycling Expansion

Following consultation with residents, the Lower Eyre Council has decided to not expand kerbside recycling into minor townships, with Edillilie being an exception.

Expanding recycling into other minor townships will be investigated in the future will all feedback considered. Visit Council's website for more information.

Expressions of Interest for Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) artwork invited

As part of the development of the RAP, Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from Aboriginal artists to create original artwork that will be used in the final design of our RAP and associated corporate materials.

In addition to the RAP, it is anticipated the artwork (either in full or in part) may be displayed upon Council signage and structures to visually connect the community and visitors to the traditional owners of the land.

To view the EOI in more detail and apply, visit Council's website. **Expressions of Interest close 5pm, 25 July 2023.**



Cemetery Register Live on Website

Council's cemetery registers are now live on the Lower Eyre Council website and linked to the statewide database.

The online registers include images, inscriptions, dates and locations of each memorial in the following cemeteries;

- Cummins
- Coffin Bay
- Coult
- Lake Wangary
- Mount Hope

Registers will continue to be updated when new memorials are constructed.

To view the registers, visit the Lower Eyre Council website or use the link below;

<https://www.lowereyrepeninsula.sa.gov.au/services/cemeteries/cemetery-register>

Speed Limit Survey – Bruce Tce

Public consultation is now open to gauge community support for reduced speed limits along Bruce Terrace in Cummins.

Visit Council's website to complete the survey or click the link below:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G6DRKQ>



LOWER EYRE COUNCIL

CREATING CONNECTIONS

Free events for residents of the Lower Eyre Council aged over 55

CUMMINS MILL

TUESDAY 25TH JULY 2023

Please call 08 86760400 to make a booking

Community Bus Available

Employment Opportunity – Accounts Administration

Council is looking for a numbers person, with great attention to detail and a friendly and outgoing nature to manage accounts payable and receivable from the Cummins office of Council. The role works 76 hours a fortnight, and while initially offered as an 18-month fixed term contract, has potential to become a permanent role at the conclusion of the term.

Experience is an advantage, but not essential as training is provided to the successful person along with outstanding employment conditions, such as a corporate health program, skin cancer screenings, uniforms, time off over Christmas / New Year and monthly RDO's, all in addition to great hourly rates of pay.

For further information on the role, a Job Description and details on how to apply, visit Council's website:

www.lowereyrepeninsula.sa.gov.au

Applications close 5pm, 21 July 2023.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Donate blood

People can donate blood when the Red Cross visits Port Lincoln next month. The Pop-up Blood Donor Centre will be based at the Port Lincoln Bowling Club from July 17-20.

Don't forget to pre-book your spot at donateblood.com.au, on our app or on 13 14 95.

Youth Action Plan

The State Government is developing South Australia's Youth Action Plan 2023-2026 to enhance fair and equitable access to opportunities, resources and supports for young people aged 12-25.

The Department for Human Services invites young people, stakeholder organisations and anyone with an interest in young people to share ideas about the key issues affecting young people.

Visit the yourSay page to complete an anonymous survey.

Consultation closes on August 6.

Join the conversation today at <https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/yoursay-sa-gov-au-youth-action-plan-2023-2026>

Veterans program

Open Arms – Veterans & Families Counselling will offer a Managing Pain program for two days in Port Lincoln starting on Tuesday, August 29.

The program is suited for:

- Understanding the link between physical and psychological aspects of pain.
- Learn strategies to challenge/change unhelpful thoughts and behaviours.

Registration: Current, ex-serving and families only. Please call 1800 011 046 or apply online [here](#).

2023 Australian Mental Health Prize

Nominations are now open for the 2023 Australian Mental Health Prize. Australian communities are

invited to nominate people within their region who they believe are making a positive impact on the mental health and well-being.

The Australian Mental Health Prize was established in 2016 by UNSW Sydney, to recognise Australians who have contributed to promoting the prevention of mental illness.

If you know someone who has shown dedication to improving your community's mental health, visit

www.australianmentalhealthprize.org.au to nominate them today.

Men's Shed AGM

The Cummins Men's Shed will hold its Annual General Meeting on Thursday, June 29 at 12pm. Interested locals can go along for a barbecue lunch with the meeting to follow.

2023 Australian of the Year Awards

People are encouraged to nominate someone worthy for the 2023 Australian of the Year Awards to show their appreciation for their contributions. Categories are:

- Australian of the Year
- Senior Australian of the Year (65 years and over)
- Young Australian of the Year (aged 16 to 30)
- Australia's Local Hero

To nominate, visit <http://australianoftheyear.org.au/nominate> by 31 July 2023 and tell us about who they are, their achievements and how they've had an impact on you or others.



FACT SHEET

DRAFT CUMMINS TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN



Background

The Cummins Township Master Plan is being developed by the Lower Eyre Council. The Master Plan will provide a 20-year strategic framework and vision to guide the proactive and planned population and business growth and supporting investment required. Stage 1 of consultation was conducted in October 2022 and informed the actions and recommendations set out in the Master Plan and Implementation Strategy.

This Fact Sheet is best read in conjunction with the Implementation Strategy, which can be found on Council's webpage about the draft Cummins Township Master Plan.

Stage 1 Consultation Summary

Feedback received during Stage 1 identified a number of common, reoccurring themes that have been translated into key priorities in the Cummins Township Master Plan.

The top five priorities were:

1. Delivery of a variety of new housing opportunities within Cummins. This housing should suit a range of different community demographic groups including families and downsizers and include key worker accommodation to reinforce Cummins as a major service centre of the Eyre Peninsula.
2. Resolve the future of the Cummins Rail Corridor. If the corridor is no longer required for freight transport, explore options within the current land ownership configuration to utilise this area for a range of community activation and beautification opportunities to connect the two sides of the Cummins Township, improve the appearance and provide a tourism attractor.
3. Resolve traffic safety, parking, and management. This needs to be a balance between safety and opportunities for business activation and identify suitable solutions to manage everyday operations and peak harvest challenges.
4. Improved health and aged care services, to support an aging population.
5. Increased childcare centre places. With the current services at capacity, additional services are required to support Cummins and surrounding areas, which in turn will increase employment opportunities.

Key Investigations from the draft Cummins Township Master Plan

Open Space

The Master Plan undertakes a comparison of existing open space supply and distribution against the future growth prediction for Cummins. This includes the identification of any surplus open space and instances where land could be re-purposed for a higher and better use, e.g., to promote the broader objectives of the Master Plan by providing additional accommodation (tourism and housing) or tourism and community infrastructure.

Housing

It is critical for Cummins' economic future that the quantity and quality of housing is suitable to meet the demographic characteristics, housing aspirations and support the attraction and retention of employees. Housing challenges are not new to Cummins; and Lower Eyre Council has undertaken a range of initiatives over the last 15 years to attract more residential housing to Cummins, with varying success.

Both the market analysis considered in balance with the feedback provided through both the community and stakeholder consultation, reinforces that Lower Eyre Council's objectives to initiate additional serviced residential allotments and bring new housing to market is critical to support the future growth of Cummins. As a result, this goal remains a critical priority focus for the Cummins Township Master Plan.

Cummins Institute

In the short term, the continuation of community activities under the control of the CDEC (Cummins & District Enterprise Committee) is appropriate at the Cummins Institute. However, it is essential that there are reliable costings prepared for the securing of the long-term structural integrity of the building. Additional costings should be prepared for a range of alternative construction / demolition proposals and robust income streams projected for the various scenarios. Only then will Council be in a position to determine the future direction of the Institute.

Childcare

There is a shortage of childcare spaces within Cummins township. Existing places are provided through the Department for Education Rural Care and Preschool service. Opportunities to address this shortfall include the following:

- Attraction of a private sector operator;
- Provision of subsidised accommodation by Council to attract an operator;
- Council operation of its own childcare centre;
- Preparation of proposals to attract additional subsidised places through the Department of Education Rural Care Preschool service.

Tourism

The Caravan Park site is relatively small (c.1 hectare in area) and therefore limited in its ability to accommodate short stay tourists and longer stay seasonal workers. Expansion of the facility could assist in Council's broader objectives of providing additional accommodation (albeit of a specific quality and market appeal) to support employment needs in the town, and to provide a more attractive short stay option for tourists. Improved amenities and a more attractive irrigated setting would be a desirable outcome for the existing site. The options available to grow the Caravan Park include the area immediately south of the current caravan park location on Tod Highway, south of Mortlock Street, or utilising part of the Showgrounds site off Mortlock / Ford Street or off Ponton Grove.

Main Street & Rail Corridor Enhancement

The rail corridor is a major dilemma for the township. On the one hand, its existence provides a visually interesting, heavily vegetated linear strip through the centre of town, which has great potential to be developed as a strong positive feature of the town. However, its control by One Rail and the uncertainty surrounding its possible re-establishment as a freight route limit the opportunity to invest in the alignment and creates considerable risk to the long-term holding of that investment. As of early 2023, One Rail and Viterra have made a request to the State Government for consideration to reopening the rail line, but no further action has occurred.

Accordingly, rather than progressing a comprehensive plan over the whole of the railway reserve, it is our view that a more responsible approach is to seek the rail operator's agreement to permit Council to landscape and invest in only selected portions of the rail reserve that are most critical to the beautification and functioning of the town centre.

Road Rail & Infrastructure Upgrades

The least intrusive option for the upgrade of Bruce and Railway Terrace in terms of avoiding tree removal and the need for acquisition of railway land is to create a slow speed environment along Bruce Terrace through signage, protuberances, landscaping, and threshold paving, which provides for maximum on street parking and nominated truck parking areas. The provision of parking at the rear of the retail premises and an additional link across the railway reserve to Railway Terrace then become non-essential optional additions that could be pursued by Council but are not fundamental to the success of the concept. Other features could include upgraded pedestrian paving to highlight the centre of township activities on both Bruce Terrace and Railway Terrace, selection of distinctive tree species to create a recognisable town centre precinct and the creation of picnic and play areas adjacent to the main retail shopping point for passing traffic.

Need further information

Holmes Dyer have been engaged to work with Council on this important project. Should you wish to ask questions or require further information on the Cummins Township Master Plan please contact Holmes Dyer on:

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