

## COUNCIL NEWS

### Australia Day

Congratulations to all our Australia Day Award winners, and to Coffin Bay's Kevin Tobler who became an Australian Citizen at the awards ceremony in Cummins on Tuesday, January 26. Citizen of the Year: Glyn Owen; Young Citizen of the Year: Sarah Dickinson; Young Sportsperson of the Year: Alinta Dingwall; Community Event of the Year: 1802 Oyster Bar Kangaroo Island Bushfire Fundraiser; Business of the Year: Lower Eyre Family Practice; Employee of the Year: Julie Crettenden, District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula.

### Coffin Bay Master Plan

Future Urban and City Collective have been engaged by the District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula to develop a Master Plan for the township of Coffin Bay. The Master Plan aims to guide the future development of Coffin Bay and in particular, will provide a blueprint for accommodating sensitive growth that is consistent with the character of Coffin Bay.

The community is an integral element of the Master Plan and we would like to hear your thoughts and comments to guide the aspirations for the long term future of Coffin Bay.

You can have your say by:

- Register online (see below) to visit the team preparing the Master Plan at Coffin Bay Yacht Club from 4pm-7pm on Tuesday, February 16, where there will be opportunities to provide your feedback in person on the various elements of the Master Plan
- Undertaking an online survey - the survey will be available between Tuesday, February 9 and Tuesday, March 2.

The feedback obtained from the community will be used to draft the Master Plan which will be made available for comment in March 2021. Due to COVID density obligations, advanced registration is required for attendance at the community information session and can be made online by visiting Council's website or Facebook page. If you are unable to access the internet, please call the Council office and staff will register attendance on your behalf.

### ChemClear collection

Agsafe's ChemClear program is holding a collection in South Australia

in April and May 2021. Agvet chemical users can now register their unwanted or obsolete agvet chemicals for collection by visiting the ChemClear website, [www.chemclear.org.au](http://www.chemclear.org.au) or by calling 1800 008 182. Registrations close on 28 February 2021.

### Community Bus available for hire

Council runs a Community Bus which is available to hire by individuals, groups and organisations. The bus has space for two wheelchair occupants and Council offers a 50 per cent rebate of fees to aged care facilities. For more information contact the Council office.

### Register your defib

Council is reminding community groups and sporting organisations to register their Automated External Defibrillators (AED) with the SA Ambulance Service. Registering the AED will mean emergency services can direct triple zero callers to the machine so that it can be used in a cardiac emergency until ambulance arrives. Visit [saambulance.com.au/NewsPublications/AEDRegister/AEDRegistrationForm.aspx](http://saambulance.com.au/NewsPublications/AEDRegister/AEDRegistrationForm.aspx)

### Get involved in cemetery works

Council has an allocation of \$40,000 in the current budget to undertake some works at the Coffin Bay Cemetery and are looking to form a consultation group of up to six (6) interested Coffin Bay residents to represent their community and provide input to shape the improvements. If you would like to be part of this working group email [mail@dclep.sa.gov.au](mailto:mail@dclep.sa.gov.au).

## COMMUNITY

### Friends for Good

Friends for Good, a charity committed to freeing people from loneliness and social isolation, is launching its FriendLine service in South Australia.

The FriendLine service will provide support and connection for those experiencing loneliness in our community. The service is unique as trained FriendLine volunteers are able to speak from shared experiences of loneliness with callers, providing those in need with a safe space to talk. FriendLine volunteers are being recruited locally so they can provide relevant referrals to other organisations if needed. The FriendLine is open from 2pm-8pm Monday & Friday; 2pm-6pm Tuesday-Thursday, and 2pm-5pm on weekends. The South Australian contact number is (08) 7078 6229 or freecall 1800 4 CHATS.

