

## COUNCIL NEWS



### Improvements to Council cemeteries

Construction has begun on the Cummins Cemetery carpark. These works involve the formalising of the car parking area to the south of the entrance, to make the most efficient use of the area while improving the surface for those with mobility issues. The work is being undertaken for Council by Modra Earthmoving and is expected to be completed by May 15, weather dependant.



Council has also installed information/ entrance signs at its five cemeteries at Cummins, Wangary, Coffin Bay, Mount Hope and Coultas.

### Draft Budget 2020/21

On May 4 Council had a workshop to consider the first draft of its 2020/21 budget. Council will advise when the 2020/21 budget is available for public viewing and comment.

### Patrol grading

The winter patrol grading program has commenced starting with the following roads - Merintha Creek Road, Murray Drive, Charlton Gully Road, Coles Point Road, Greenly Beach Road. Council's two patrol graders, along with the construction graders when available, will concentrate on Class 1 and 2 roads in the first instance and only if conditions are ideal. Grading will move back onto Buckshot and Class 3 and 4 roads during times when conditions are not ideal. Graders will be working in areas where there is a mixture

of different types of road surface materials, Green Patch, Wanilla, Coultas and Edillilie.



### Helipad complete

Helipad bay at the Port Lincoln Airport is now complete and in use. The first helicopter used this new facility 90 minutes after line-marking was completed and opened.

### May Agenda

Council's Agenda for the Ordinary meeting on Friday, May 15 is now available – visit Council's website to view.

### Hardship Policy / COVID-19 Assistance

Council have adopted a new Financial hardship policy to assist ratepayers who are experiencing financial difficulty, with the policy including reference to emergency events - refer council website.

In relation to the current health pandemic Council have resolved to waive fines and interest on payments for March through to August (inclusive) for those customers that can demonstrate a reduction of 30 per cent or more in business income, or who are experiencing a reduction in working hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Anyone experiencing difficulty is encouraged to contact the council office and discuss the options available to them on 8676 0400.

### Moveable Signs Policy

Feedback is invited on a new policy drafted by Council which provides guidance to businesses on the placement of moveable signs. The policy also outlines the materials signs should be constructed from and how many are permitted per premises (amongst other items).

Comments on the draft policy can be sent to [mail@dclep.sa.gov.au](mailto:mail@dclep.sa.gov.au) prior to 22 May 2020.

### Minute Book project

Council's Minute Book project is using an online program to transcribe historic handwritten minute books into a digital format which can then be shared on our websites. If you are interested in participating and bringing this history to a wider audience let us know – the advantage is you can log on from your computer at home and transcribe minutes while social distancing. Help is also available via a messenger group to answer any questions. Further information on how to participate is available by calling Jeannie at the Cummins Library on 86762476 and she can set you up with all the log-in details you need.

### Council operations

Council advise of the following changes due to COVID-19:

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)) from 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

Note: public conveniences attached to the camp grounds will remain open.

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).

## COMMUNITY

### Mental health support

Adelaide-based Skylight Mental Health is offering regional areas a COVID-19 Mental Health Peer Support Line. This free telephone and web chat support line is delivered by peers who have a mental health lived experience who in addition to their qualifications have a lived experience of mental health recovery. Skylight can also provide a listening ear, COVID-19 related information and provide isolation check in calls. Telephone: 1800 02 2020 or web chat via Skylight website:

<https://www.skylight.org.au/covid-19-support-line>

### Grants SA COVID-19 Support Grant

Funding of up to \$10,000 to help community groups continue to deliver services during the Covid-19 public health restrictions. Could be used for IT equipment, data, software, PPE, website upgrades, salary. This opportunity is open until October 20. For more information visit [dhs.sa.gov.au/services/grants-for-organisations/grants-sa](http://dhs.sa.gov.au/services/grants-for-organisations/grants-sa)

### 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/)