

## COUNCIL NEWS

### drumMUSTER

Council will hold a drumMUSTER on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 21-22, from 8.30am-4.30pm at the Cummins Waste Transfer Station. Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting the Cummins Council Office and speaking to Works Admin on 8676 0400.

### Patrol grading

Roads due to be graded in the fortnight from June 9 (weather permitting and subject to change) are: Woods Road, McFarlane Road, Duck Pond Drive, Lawrence Road, Douglas Well Road, Fishery Bay Road, Sleaford Bay Road, Duck Lake Road and Settlers Road.

Please note: Newly graded roads during rainfall can become slippery. While Council monitors these roads, we encourage road users to be mindful of changes in road condition.

### GM Crops survey

The Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association is asking farmers for their perspective on the recent GM law changes. In May the State Parliament legislated to lift the moratorium on growing Genetically Modified crops. Within that legislation was an option which gave individual council areas six months to apply to have the moratorium continue within their district, with responsibility of the final decision still being that of the Primary Industries Minister. Local Councils are looking for input from local growers – complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B5L9G22>

### Website links

Did you know you can submit a customer request through our new website? This is an easy way to request a new rubbish bin, let us know your road needs maintenance, or

that you know a tree that needs a trim!

Visit Council's website and in the top right corner you will see 'Works/ Maintenance Request' – click and fill out the details for it to be emailed to Council. There are also links to 'Make a Payment' and 'Change My Address'.



### Shelter for Coultla cemetery

Council staff have moved the shelter from the Cummins Cemetery to the Coultla Cemetery. Friends of Cummins Cemetery have raised funds to install four new shelters at the Cummins Cemetery.

### Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan is considered to be one of the key Council documents – it informs every annual budget, sets Council's priorities and work programs and forms the basis of all financial plans so feedback from the community is vitally important.

Following a community survey and meetings held in 2019 to gauge community priorities, a Draft Strategic Plan has been developed and is now released for further consultation.

Copies of the draft Strategic Plan can be accessed on Council's website ([www.lowereyrepeninsula.sa.gov.au](http://www.lowereyrepeninsula.sa.gov.au)) or alternatively, a hard copy can be provided from both Council Offices – 32 Railway Terrace, Cummins and 38 Washington Street, Port Lincoln, at no cost.

### Draft Budget 2020/21 update

The draft 2020/21 budget has been released for public consultation, with written submissions to close on July 3. Members of the public will have the opportunity to ask

questions and make a verbal submission to Council from 9am to 10am at a special meeting on July 6 before the budget is formalised for adoption at Council's ordinary meeting on July 17.

### 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.

Council has included a range of other options in its draft budget and Annual Business Plan to support businesses whose revenue has been impacted by the Covid-19 health pandemic, and to support community groups and sporting clubs including:

- Non-essential businesses impacted by a directive issued by Commissioner of Police
- Accommodation providers where premises are used solely for business purposes and the provision of accommodation is the primary activity conducted from the land
- Coffin Bay, North Shields and Cummins Caravan Parks
- \$300 cash contribution to community and sporting clubs that were required to close due to COVID-19 to meet their fixed costs.

Anyone experiencing difficulty is encouraged to contact the council office and discuss the options available to them on 8676 0400.

### COVID-19 update – As at 19 June 2020

#### Council facilities and services

While playgrounds, skate parks and campgrounds have been reopened, the following Council assets / services currently remain closed or suspended:

- Council owned & operated public BBQs;
- Hiring of the community bus;
- Creating Connections (over 50's program); and
- The Cummins Institute (including the public toilets).

While Community Halls have been permitted to reopen by the State Government, the Cummins Institute is being utilised by a third party for the provision of health services at this time, therefore reopening cannot yet be facilitated.

#### Council office hours

Council have returned to normal office hours:  
Cummins office, 32 Railway Terrace: M-F 9am to 5pm.  
Port Lincoln branch office, 38 Washington Street: M-F 10am to 1pm; 2pm to 4pm.

## COMMUNITY

### Our Town

Cummins volunteers are gearing up for 'Our Town' - a mental health initiative that will ultimately see three South Australian towns receive 10 years funding to find sustainable, community-based solutions to mental health challenges. Our Town is an opportunity for Cummins as a community to build our capacity to support each other through the development of good mental health and wellbeing practices. Our Town is unique in that our voices lead what is to be done in our community, for our community. If you would like to speak to any of the volunteers about your ideas for the future of Mental Health initiatives in Cummins, reach out to anyone on the team: Emma Gale, Sarah Dickinson, Amanda Puckridge, Kris Speed, Rhianna Foster, Rachael Hunt and Michael Traeger.