

it's  
that time  
of the  
Year  
again

ORDER BEFORE DECEMBER 9TH AND BRING  
A SPRINKLE OF CHRISTMAS JOY  
TO YOUR TABLE!

We are short staffed this year so we are hoping everyone can help us by being a little organised and getting your Christmas orders in before 9th December.

We will have all the Christmas goodies available, like Venus Bay prawns, pork rolls and, of course, Glenn's yummy leg hams, as well as all our other beef, lamb, chicken and pork products.

We are wishing everyone  
a happy, stress-free Christmas.

From Glenn, Nicole, and our staff.



*Pleased to Meet You, With Meat to Please You*

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# THIS MONTH



## The Art of Us - Art Exhibition

*November 7th-18th  
Various times  
Our Town Village*

Showcasing artwork by a group of Cummins young residents aged 12-18 years old, this exhibition is a great opportunity to see the passions and creativity that fuel the next generation. For opening times and more information, please follow Cummins "Our Town" on Facebook.



## Debut Author Visit: Madeline Te Whiu

*November 16th  
1:30pm- 3:30pm  
Cummins School  
Community Library*

We are delighted to welcome Madeline back to Cummins, to share her path to becoming an author. Madeline Te Whiu is a former student of Cummins Area School, completing year 12 in 2010. Her debut novel, *The Assassin's Thief*, the first in *The Soul Thief* trilogy, was released on October 22.



## Live Music @ Cummins Hotel

*November 5th  
From 8pm  
Cummins Hotel*

Join us at the front bar and enjoy some live entertainment from Port Lincoln acoustic duo, Jake and Jack. Drink specials available on the night, don't miss out! Follow Cummins Hotel on Facebook for more updates.



Stay up to date with all the events in Cummins!  
Scan the QR code to explore!



# WORDS FROM THE COMMUNITY

*Have you got news to tell the community? Maybe you'd just like to thank someone, write a little poem for everyone's enjoyment, or simply highlight the little things that make Cummins such a special place. Whatever it is you need to say, simply email it to [cdec@dclep.sa.gov.au](mailto:cdec@dclep.sa.gov.au)*



The Cummins Caravan Park Committee appreciate the support of local business in maintaining operations at the Caravan and Cabin Park. In recognition this year we give a HUGE thank you to Mars Southern Plumbing and JDE Electrical for their high standard of service when dealing with urgent maintenance at the Park.

When a pipe is leaking, or the RV Dump point is having problems, or a shower unit is not functioning as it should, the plumbing service we receive is timely and professional. Any electrical issues re: power supply, TV service or cabin aircon units are also remedied in a timely manner and efficiently fixed. The service we receive from local trades Mars Southern and Jedd Dunbar Electrical ensures we can keep the Caravan Park performing well for the comfort of the travellers staying there, and we continue to get many compliments about our small park. A pat on the back to local business.



CUMMINS CONNECTION

**INFO DUE  
NOVEMBER  
23RD**

For planned distribution on  
November 30th.

Please send content to  
[cdec@dclep.sa.gov.au](mailto:cdec@dclep.sa.gov.au)  
or scan the QR code to submit via  
our website.



# History of Cummins Community Opportunity Shop

By Pat Warner



Thirty years ago a group of likeminded people in Cummins met to discuss the benefits of having a Community Op Shop for the district, and subsequently a constitution was drawn up. With a loan of \$800 from Cummins & District Lions Club, a premises was rented on Railway Terrace. The opening day was 1st September 1992 and was a great start.

After 8 years of renting the building was sold, so a shift became necessary. The committee decided a permanent place was needed. A building further along Railway Terrace was bought for \$30,000 with a loan of \$20,000 from the DCLEP and \$10,000 from the private sector. On 15th December 2000 the new premises was opened.

However, after 8 years in the shop the DCLEP approached the committee with an offer to buy back the building as it was needed for their office expansion.

The DCLEP purchase the Craft Shop on Bruce Terrace for the Op Shop. This was now the best location in the main street attracting more foot traffic and travellers.

In 2017, thanks to grants from Cummins Community Bank with \$12,000 and the DCLEP grant of \$10,000 a 11mx14m shed was constructed with the shop proceeds paying for the balance of costs.

The building has been well maintained and upgraded when necessary. Bags are sold to farmers and business, and the surplus garments are sent in white bags to State Wide Recycling Centre. By doing this the shop is eliminating the amount of donated goods going to land fill. A big thankyou to the Cummins Mill for wrapping and palletting the white bags before they are freighted to Adelaide.

The shop also donates goods to various groups: Dignity Bags (as new products) to Yarridy House (formerly Women's Shelter); Craft items to Kindy/ the School/ Rural care/ Mosaics/ Christmas Wonderland.

A highlight for the Op Shop was in January 2004 being awarded the "Australia Day Organization of the Year" for LEP. The committee and volunteers are very proud of the money raised in the 30 years of operation. Donations amounting to \$302,000 has been returned back to the District.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE

# Cummins Christmas Festival

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 16**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL CUMMINS CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL INCLUDING:

STREET PARADE, FATHER CHRISTMAS, FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT AT THE RAILWAY TRIANGLE PARK AND...  
FIREWORKS!!!



**YOU'RE INVITED**

Community Bank  
Cummins District

## Annual General Meeting

Come along to our Annual General Meeting.

When Monday 14 November

Time 8.00pm

Where Cummins Hotel

RSVP by Thursday 27 October 2022  
to Ingrid - cdfs@live.com.au

**Bendigo Bank**

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited ABN 11 068 049 178, AFSL/Australian Credit Licence 237879  
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Aqua Fit will be returning to the Cummins & District War Memorial Swimming Pool this summer.

Complex Fitness classes continue to run at the oval three times per week on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings at 8: 50am - 9: 30am.

All levels of abilities are welcome.



If you are interested in attending classes, please contact Hayley on 0400 600 882.

## Our Town Christmas March

WE'RE ON THE HUNT FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO JOIN US IN THIS YEAR'S CUMMINS CHRISTMAS PARADE AS WE MARCH FOR DIVERSITY & INCLUSION.

IF YOU'RE LGBTIQA, INDIGENOUS, HAVE A DISABILITY, OR YOU'RE YOUNG, OLD, OR ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN WE'D LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US!

**Our Town**  
Cummins

# Fire danger ratings have changed.

## KNOWING THE FIRE DANGER RATING MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE

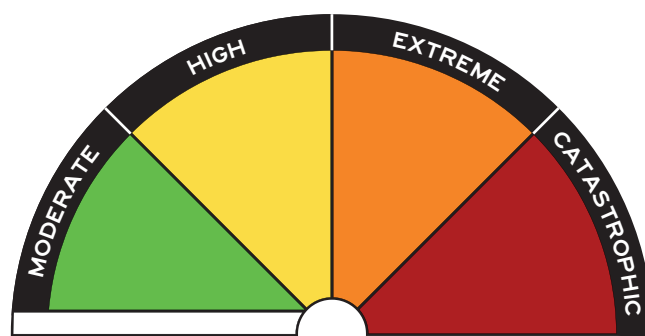
Fire Danger Ratings are now simpler and easier to understand. By using the latest science and technology, they provide a more clear and accurate rating to save properties and lives.

The Fire Danger Ratings give you an indication of the consequences of a fire, if a fire was to start.

The higher the rating is, the more dangerous the conditions will be.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The Fire Danger Ratings have four levels, which are:



### MODERATE

#### Plan and prepare.

#### Most fires can be controlled

- Stay up to date and be ready to act if there is a fire.

### HIGH

#### Be ready to act.

#### Fires can be dangerous.

- There's a heightened risk. Be alert for fires in your area.
- Decide what you will do if a fire starts.
- If a fire starts, your life and property may be at risk.
- The safest option is to avoid bushfire risk areas.

### EXTREME

#### Take action now to protect your life and property.

#### Fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous

- These are dangerous fire conditions.
- Check your bushfire plan and that your property is fire ready.
- If a fire starts, take immediate action. If you and your property are not prepared to the highest level, go to a safer location well before the fire impacts.
- Reconsider travel through bushfire risk areas.

### CATASTROPHIC

#### For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas.

#### If a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost.

- These are the most dangerous conditions for a fire.
- Your life may depend on the decisions you make, even before there is a fire.
- Stay safe by going to a safer location early in the morning or the night before.
- Homes cannot withstand fires in these conditions. You may not be able to leave and help may not be available.

For more information visit [cfs.sa.gov.au/ratings](https://cfs.sa.gov.au/ratings)

# 2022 FIRE BAN SEASON

For Lower Eyre Peninsula Fire Ban District commences on  
**MONDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2022**

This summer, no matter where you live or travel...know your risk.

**BE PREPARED, BE BUSHFIRE READY**

## SUMMER CHECKLIST

- Maintain a 20 metre fuel reduction zone around your home (greater if on a slope) and within 5 metres of sheds and garages.
- Clear around trees.
- Remove leaves from the gutters.
- Slash stubble near sheds / buildings.
- Check Reserve Water Supplies.
- Rehearse your Bushfire Survival Plan with your family.
- Prepare a Relocation Kit.
- Ensure you have a portable battery-powered radio and spare fresh batteries.
- Monitor fire restrictions and weather daily.
- Understand the FDI.
- Listen out for warning messages.

## STARTED YOUR BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN YET?

Have you made Plans for your family's safety?

Do you have plans for:

At Home:

Both day and night time?

On school days?

During school holidays?

Travelling:

Even just as far as the next paddock  
or into Cummins or Pt. Lincoln

Take time out to do some preparation  
**BEFORE** it's too late!

For further information contact:

your Local CFS Brigade;

CFS Community Engagement Officer, Therese Pedler  
on 8682 4266

**Bushfire Information Line**  
**1800 362 361**

**TTY**  
**133 677**



[www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au)



# CURTIS'S



## LOCALS SUPPORTING LOCALS

# DIESEL TECHNICIAN WANTED



### ABOUT THE BUSINESS AND THE ROLE

Owned and run by the third generation of the Curtis family, Curtis's Sales & Service has been operating on the Eyre Peninsula since 1949. With dealerships located in Tumby Bay, Cummins & Wudinna, Curtis's are the local New Holland specialists providing a complete range of agricultural equipment right across the west coast.

### JOB TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Diagnose, repair and re-condition agricultural machinery and/or equipment (In the field and in the workshop).  
Maintain & operate workshop machine tools and equipment.  
Perform the set-up and optimization of new and used equipment.  
Be available for On-Call repairs during seeding and harvest.  
Assist in the delivery of new and used equipment.  
Undertake any necessary training to keep skills current.

### SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

2 Years+ experience on Agricultural Machinery.  
A trade qualification in Heavy Diesel or a related field or be close to completing one.  
An interest in learning new skills and solving problems.  
Strong focus on customer service.

### JOB BENEFITS AND PERKS

Company vehicle  
New Holland training  
Competitive pay  
Relocation subsidy  
Options to live in Tumby Bay, Port Lincoln, Cummins or Coffin Bay

PLEASE CONTACT RICKY TRENBERTH ON 0429161864 FOR MORE INFORMATION OR FOR A CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSION.



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9 JOHN STREET  
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**CUMMINS**  
10 RAILWAY TERRACE  
08 8676 2117

**WUDINNA**  
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# WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Cummins-Yeelanna RSL Fundraiser & Poppy Appeal



*Lest We Forget*

Please  
Buy a Poppy, Badge, Pen  
or

Give a Donation

RSL Members will be outside  
Cummins IGA & Five Loaves Bakery  
from 9am to 2pm

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

EFT Donations can also be made at:  
BSB 633 000 Account No. 112324876  
Account Name: Cummins-Yeelanna RSL

Sales & donations fundraise for our local  
Veterans and Veteran Support Services

THANK YOU for your Support

# REMEMBRANCE DAY

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

**SERVICE 10:45 am**

**RSL GARDEN of REMEMBRANCE**

Cnr Railway Tce & Tumby Bay Rd, CUMMINS

**ALL WELCOME**





## What's New At

**A:** 19-21 Tumby Bay Rd

**P:** 08 8676 2210

**E:** [admin@cumminsmedical.com.au](mailto:admin@cumminsmedical.com.au)



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## Lower Eyre Family Practice is AGPAL Accredited -

What does this mean?

Being accredited means that our general practice is committed to a comprehensive program which involves:

- Engaging our whole practice team to review our practice's systems and processes
- Opening our practice doors to allow a team of independent surveyors to assess how our practice operates
- Assessment of our practice, and achievement of the nationally recognised Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) Standards for general practices, that focus on health care quality and patient safety.
- As a member of the community you may be surprised to learn that general practice accreditation is a voluntary process – which means not all practices undergo an independent on-site assessment on a regular basis.

Achievement of AGPAL accreditation reassures you that our doctors and practice team are committed to providing you with high quality health care in a safe environment.

Next time you visit our practice be sure to look out for the AGPAL Accredited General Practice Symbol (below) or our accreditation certificate.

Our practice team is proud of this achievement and as part of this process we continuously strive to make quality improvements to better your patient experience.

Australian General Practice Accreditation Limited (AGPAL) is a not-for-profit independent provider of general practice accreditation in Australia.

To learn more about the benefits of accreditation to you, your family and the Australian community visit [www.agpal.com.au](http://www.agpal.com.au)



**Proudly AGPAL Accredited**

Our commitment to your safety and care

### Upcoming Locum

**Dr Willem Joubert  
20 to 26 November**



**University of Adelaide  
Medical Student**

We welcome our final 6th Year Medical Student placement for 2022.

**Claudia Haeusler**



Claudia will be with us from 28 November to 24 December.

It's exciting to welcome a local expat of our community into the Practice on a professional level.

### Coffin Bay Clinic

**Dr Leanne Schroeder-Perrang**

Tuesdays from 2pm



**Dr Gerard Quigley**

Wednesdays from 2pm

Please call **08 8676 2210** to secure an appointment or go to [hotdoc.com.au](http://hotdoc.com.au)



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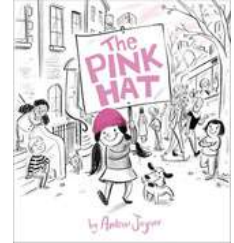
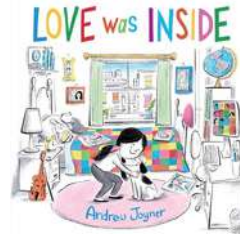
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### UPCOMING EVENTS: SAVE THE DATES,;

Friday, Nov. 4, 9.30am: Storytime & Baby Bounce  
10.00am: Nature Play -Magnificent Mud #1



Tuesday, Nov. 8, 9.45 - 10.00am:  
Baby Bounce Storytime with  
Author/Illustrator Andrew Joyner



Friday, Nov. 11, 9.30am: Storytime & Baby Bounce  
10.00am: Nature Play - Magnificent Mud #2

Nov. 16, 1.30pm: Debut author and former CAS student, Madeline Te Whiu, showcasing her new release, 'The Assassin Thief', first in the 'Soul Thief' Trilogy.

Join us and welcome Maddy back to Cummins.



Friday, Nov. 18, 9.30am: Storytime & Baby Bounce  
10.00am: Nature Play - Magnificent Mud, #3

Monday Nov. 21 - Monday Nov. 28,  
Scholastic Book Fair! Stock up on Christmas presents or for 'Give the Gift of Reading'. All purchases support our Library acquire more books!

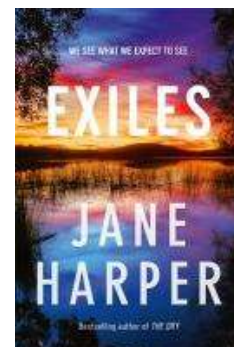


Friday Nov. 25, 9.30am: Storytime & Baby Bounce  
10.00am: Nature Play - Magnificent Mud #4



Friday Nov. 25, 11.00 - 12.00 Book Delivery Service.  
Contact us to register your interest.

Did you know? Jane Harper's latest release, Exiles has 526 holds on the hard copies, with 5 on our copy. Libby has 91 copies, with 6 holds on each copy. Borrowbox has 14 copies with 53 holds. Out copy will stay within our library for 90 days before being available statewide, so place a hold now!



Saturday 15 October 2022

## Rural doctor recognised for “enormous service” to SA community over 30 years

A Rural Generalist doctor who has served the small community of Cummins, on South Australia’s Eyre Peninsula, for over 30 years has received the ACRRM-RDAA Peter Graham ‘Cohuna’ Award for 2022.

**Dr Gerard Quigley** was presented with the award at the Rural Medicine Australia (RMA22) conference dinner in Canberra on Friday night.

Presented annually by the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) and Rural Doctors Association of Australia (RDAA), the Award recognises rural doctors who provide outstanding advocacy and medical service to their community.

It has been awarded since 2008 in memory of the late Dr Peter Graham, who served the Cohuna community in rural Victoria for 48 years.

**ACRRM immediate past President, Dr Sarah Chalmers, said:**

“Gerard is highly deserving of this prestigious Award, given the enormous dedication and commitment he has shown in caring for the people of Cummins and surrounding towns for more than three decades.

“During that time, he has provided comprehensive general practice care at his Lower Eyre Family Practice, emergency and inpatient care at Cummins and District Memorial Hospital, and ongoing care of the local aged care residents.

“He has worked hard to ensure that the hospital can continue to provide 24 hour emergency care, including general medicine, day surgery, outpatients and palliative care. As such, he is regularly on-call to attend the hospital, both during the day and overnight.

“Gerard also provides anaesthetic services at the hospital, and for many years provided 24/7 on-call obstetric services until the hospital’s maternity unit was closed some years ago.

“While Gerard has worked mainly as a solo doctor during his time in Cummins, he has been a long-term supervisor of GP Registrars, and has provided these doctors with a very supportive teaching and training environment as they undertake their advanced GP training.

“Gerard also has a long tradition of training medical students in Cummins, at both his general practice and the hospital. Due to the high-quality learning he had been providing to sixth year medical students, the Adelaide Rural Clinical School approached him a few years ago to widen this to include fifth year medical students.

“He commenced training the fifth year student cohort in 2021, with the students describing their time in Cummins as an enjoyable, rewarding and great learning experience.



“It cannot be underestimated how many future doctors Gerard has encouraged to seriously consider a rural medical career through the quality learning experience he has provided – this is a legacy that deserves significant recognition in itself.”

**RDAA President, Dr Megan Belot, said:** “Gerard is the quintessential rural doctor – someone who has devoted much of his professional and personal life to caring for a community that he truly loves.

“Without the significant service he has provided during the past 30 years, Cummins may very well have been without a doctor at all, and almost certainly without many of the services that are still provided at the local hospital.

“It is not only through his provision of quality medical care that Gerard has supported his community, though – he has also been actively involved in other aspects of the community’s life.

“Just one of many examples is during the COVID lockdown, when Cummins residents – like many other Australians – had to stay at home. In response, Gerard and his daughter Sophie created an online District Talent Show to help the community stay connected during this difficult time.

“Gerard is also giving back to his community and profession by training the next generation of doctors and, in doing so, showing them why rural practice can make for a great medical career. As someone who was raised in Adelaide, and got to experience Rural Medicine himself through clinical placements he undertook as a medical student – he knows how important this type of exposure is.

“Gerard is highly deserving of the Peter Graham ‘Cohuna’ Award, and we warmly congratulate him on receiving it.”

**Dr Quigley said:** “I was very surprised to get the phone call from (then) ACRRM President, Dr Sarah Chalmers, informing me I was to receive this Award. I am aware of previous recipients of the Award and the many Rural Generalists who contribute to their communities, and I feel honoured to have been nominated.

“My own journey through rural practice has seen my interests change and the focus of my practice vary over time, but I have developed a strong relationship with the community I work in.

“I am very lucky to work in a community that needs, respects and cares about me. Working on the Lower Eyre Peninsula has given me the opportunity to build a robust healthcare team and contribute to education and training at both the undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

“I can’t imagine working in another role that would give me the same rewards while allowing the opportunities to raise a family in a great rural community. Having the support of this community, and my wife Jo-Anne and my family, is what anchors me here.

“After all this time I still feel being a Rural Generalist is the best career in Medicine.”

**Media contact:**

Patrick Daley (RDAA) on 0408 004 890  
Petrina Smith (ACRRM) on 0414 820 847



## CDEC NEWSLETTER

Cummins & District Enterprise Committee has been in place since 1997, and continues to operate for the benefit of this district through the financial support from DCLEP and the Cummins Community Bank, and the efforts of the volunteers on the committee.

A Community Project Officer position provides 12.5 hours a week for the management of 21 sub committees, the production of the Cummins Connection, and oversight of the explorecummins website and Facebook page. This year, Adriana Salas and Katie Fitzgerald were employed in this position. Changing circumstances for Adriana and Katie has seen a change of personnel. Wendy Holman applied to fill this position and is currently volunteering in the role until 12th November after when she will be employed as the CDEC Community Project Officer.

As a volunteer Wendy is in the office in the front room of the Cummins Community Hall on Wednesdays. Once employed mid November, she will be available on Wednesdays all day from 9 to 5pm and Thursday morning each week until 1pm.

Please note that Connection items need to be emailed to [cumminsconnection@gmail.com](mailto:cumminsconnection@gmail.com) or submitted via [www.explorecummins.com.au/cummins-connection](http://www.explorecummins.com.au/cummins-connection). To be included in the next edition, which is printed and distributed at the end of the month, items are due a week before . December issue requires items sent in by 23rd November for distribution after 30th November.

CDEC held its AGM in September and subcommittees reported their activities to the meeting. The election of officers occurred with Anika Swaffer Chairperson, Leanne Millhouse viceChair, and Wendy Holman Secretary/ Treasurer. A number of reports will be included in the Connection over the next months to highlight what has been happening within CDEC.

## CDEC UPDATES

### **Outgoing CDEC Chairperson Report:**

*Thank you for everyone who was able to make it this evening, good to see some new faces. For those of you who may not know me, my name is Leanne Millhouse and I've been the chairperson of the CDEC for the past 12 months.*

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank the CDEC representatives for their patience and support while I felt my way around the role as Chairperson. A special thanks has to go out to our vice chair Wendy for her time and patience, answering numerous questions.*

*This evening we will reflect on all the amazing achievements of our sub committees, who are run by some amazing dedicated volunteers. It is through these sub committees of the Enterprise Committee that our community has achieved great things for our community whether it be managing, equipment, facilities or events. So, for that we thank you all.*

*This year we saw the Community Project officer role get split into 2 positions. We are fortunate enough to have Adriana continue with the distribution of the Connection and the maintenance and managing of the website. We are extremely grateful for her expertise in this field, continuing to produce a vital source of communication for the town.*

*The second half of the position was filled by Katie Fitzgerald who with the help and training from Adriana, has picked up new skills quickly to fill the remaining role. Katie has been a pleasure to work with but unfortunately life's paths have led her to the big smoke, and her last day with us will be the 27th September. We would like to wish her and her family all the best for her new adventures ahead.*

*Throughout the year many of the committees have achieved great things, and these will be highlighted by individual members reports to follow. We have also had during this time committees that have achieved their goals and no longer need to be under the CDEC umbrella. This includes the Skate Park Committee, who are now in recess with the skate park the responsibility of the local council. Mentally Fit EP is now self-managed. We are proud to say that both these groups with the help of CDEC achieved valuable assets for our town.*

*I would like to encourage the CDEC members to help with the community consultation with the DCLEP in the development of the Cummins Master plan which will be held early next month. This is an important part of what CDEC stands for.*

*We are fortunate to have such a caring and committed group of people working together to make Cummins great. With so many new potential projects ahead of us, I can't wait to see what the next 12 months brings. For those of you thinking of becoming committee members I would strongly recommend you jump on board.*

*Leanne Millhouse, Cummins and District Enterprise Committee Chairperson. 2021-2022*

## SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

### **Community Christmas Festival**

*Our small committee is in full swing for another successful festival this year. The 2021 festival post Covid went off with a big bang with the fireworks being a big draw card for the event. Cummins Bendigo Bank has sponsored us again to have another firework display and lights competition this year. And with the assistance of the Cummins Op shop we have been able to purchase a fantastic Father Christmas float. We continue to get amazing support from the business of Cummins that enables us to keep running the event.*

*We have met with the council regarding the issue with a qualified road closure signs person and all came to a happy outcome. We have now secured a volunteer that is happy to do this for the festival. We have been reaching out to the community for clubs to run food stalls on the night. We haven't had any clubs that are willing to do the fundraising opportunity as yet.*

*From the committee: Jenna Hughes, Katrina Phelps, Leanne Seaman, Tarnya Branson.*

### **Cummins Men's Shed**

*The shed is progressing at a steady pace with all activities. Our card players on Thursdays range between 4 to 6 people and is enjoyed by all. The attendance on our work days can vary from 3 to 8 people, which seems to be a good number, as we can all work without getting in each other's way. We have had a wide variety of projects during the past year, some being: 6 picnic tables and seating for Nyroca scouts; refurbishing of 4 tables and seats for the Swimming pool; finishing the last shelter shed for railway on the show grounds; and recently, restoring an antique wool spinning wheel. Men's Shed was successful in winning the Australia Post grant for \$500 to go towards the purchase of an Apple iPad so we can communicate electronically with other organizations, and hopefully teach members how to use a computer. The NBN has been connected and will allow members to access and research information for projects. Last Christmas season, members helped with Father Christmas for the Christmas Wonderland, and this created lots of laughs. We had another successful year making Christmas trees from pallets, with a new design and free standing base. It's amazing the amount we have sold over the last 3 years. I would like to thank the CDEC for the continued support and comradery. Robbie Slater, for Cummins Men's Shed.*

### **Cummins and District Health Focus Group**

*In 2022, the Health Focus Group has met 3 times, in May, July and August. Our group consists of representatives from the Cummins Hospital Aux, Cummins Community Bank, Cummins Op Shop, Lower Eyre Council, Lower Eyre Health Advisory Council (LEHAC), Medical Practice, Men's Shed and other interested individuals. We have met with the Streaky Bay community-owned Medical Board to investigate the model they are using to maintain their medical clinic, and we are actively supporting the Medical Clinic in Cummins to secure another doctor. We have also written to Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula (RDA EP), requesting a Health forum for all of EP and have had a good response. LEHAC are actively securing community funds to be used for future doctor housing, and have held a succesful Navigating Aged Care Expo in October. We are working toward succession for our medical services, in order to limit the issue being experienced elsewhere in rural communities trying to keep their GP and nursing staff.*

*Liz Mickan*

If you're interested in joining one of our subcommittees, or would like to know more, please visit  
[www.explorecummins.com.au/volunteer](http://www.explorecummins.com.au/volunteer)  
Everyone is welcome!



# Barwell Boys Plaque Unveiled

On Friday, 30th September in the Cummins Railway Triangle Park a plaque was unveiled, commemorating 100 years since the Barwell Boy Scheme commenced.

The scheme, for British boys aged from 15 to 17 years, was launched in Britain by Henry Barwell, then SA premier, in an effort to replace the devastating loss of youth in the first world war, leaving the rural districts desperately short of labour.

More than 100 people attended, with some travelling from as far as Queensland and Victoria and including children from the local Area School. Many descendants of the Barwell Boys were present.

Peter Treloar welcomed everyone to the event. During his speech he referred to the Boys' contribution to developing rural South Australia and the hardships they faced.

A day in the life of a Barwell Boy

"I get up before sunrise and get the horse out of the paddock and feed him. Then I put the horse in the sledge and carry two tubs of water up to the end of the block ... I fill the boiler, light the fire underneath and get it boiling by 7. After that, I chop enough wood to last for the day. I then go to breakfast. At half past seven I help to load the dip and then go on picking 100 buckets a day, which is about a ton

of fresh fruit. At 5.10 after [the other pickers] have gone, I have to cut lucerne for three horses, stack the peaches, box 2 or 3 cwt [150kg] of currants, get in wood for morning and do diverse odd jobs. By this time it is dark and when I've had tea and a bath it is bedtime."

"(Barwell Boy apprenticed at Waikerie)"

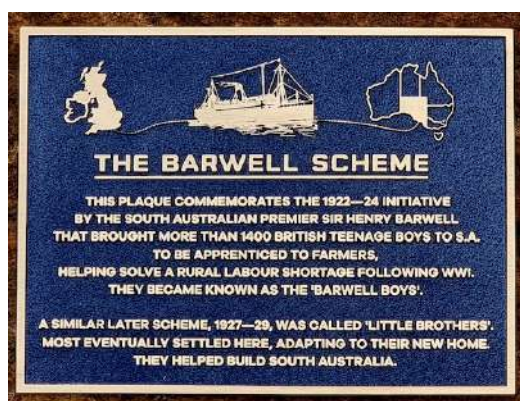
Graham Dean, son of a Barwell Boy, presented his summary of the immigration scheme, which ran from 1922 to 1924.

Beth Carter, the main organiser of the event, and Graham Dean then unveiled the plaque, which was set into a granite block.

At the completion of the ceremony, most of the guests attended the lunch at the nearby Cummins Hotel, during which there was a constant exchange of family stories that people were reluctant to leave but the event eventually concluded at 4.30pm.

Heartfelt thanks go to the District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula, The Men's Shed, Cummins/Yeelanna RSL, Trevor Guppy, Grace Coombs, Warwick and Trevor Carter, Cummins Hotel, David Low, Cummins Tyre Centre and the very generous donors who made the plaque possible.

Author of the book "The Barwell Boy", Lydia McLean from Melbourne, also attended.





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## CUMMINS CHRISTMAS MARKETS

### Useful Information for Stall Holders

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Registrations are welcome for Cummins Christmas Market stall holders for the 2022 Cummins Christmas Market via [www.explorecummins.com.au](http://www.explorecummins.com.au)

**When:** Sunday, 4/12/2021, from 10am-3pm

**Where:** Cummins RSL Hall

**Stall Fee:** \$20 inc gst

**Stalls:** Approx. 2m x 2m. 1 table (1800 (L) x 760 (W) mm, ) and 2 seats included.

**Signage:** All signage to be freestanding or attached to display.

**Insurance:** All stall holders required to provide appropriate Insurance Certificate of Currency. Please direct any queries to [cdec@dclep.sa.gov.au](mailto:cdec@dclep.sa.gov.au)

**Electricity:** Equipment must be tag tested. Power is available, but not guaranteed. Please specify if you require it.

**Trade:** 10am - 2pm

**Setup:** Hall access Sunday, from 8am.

Our aim is to showcase a wide variety of businesses, products and services suited to the festive season, so we request the following information be included in your registration of interest:

- \* Business name
- \* Short description of your products/services,
- \* Power requirement
- \* Insurance Certificate of Currency
- \* Contact email

Pending interested numbers, there may be an opportunity for some stalls to be set up in the outdoor area. Two food stall places will also be available outside the Cummins Hall. If you're interested in any of these options, please let us know.

Registrations close 5pm FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18th, 2022, and all applicants will be notified by November 25th, 2021.



# CUMMINS CHRISTMAS MARKETS

## Stall Holder Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Stalls (Cost per stall \$20): \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Stall includes 1 table, 2 chairs)*  
Power:  Yes  No

Please give a brief description of what you are selling:

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Other comments:  
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Location Preference *(Subject to confirmation from CDEC):*  
 RSL Hall- Indoors  
 RSL Hall- Outdoors *(Limited places available)*  
 Cummins Hall- Outdoors *(Limited places available)*

*Please remember to include a copy of your Insurance Certificate of Currency.*

*Please return this form to Wendy Holman by November 18th, 2022  
to [cdec@dclep.sa.gov.au](mailto:cdec@dclep.sa.gov.au)*

# CUMMINS MOSAICS

## What's happening around town?

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The Mosaics group is continuing to attempt to liven up the town. This has followed on from the success of the Railway Triangle Toilets, trying to replicate a little of the history of the railways in Cummins. This went on to win a National Tourism Award in 2018.

There is a small group of ladies who work at the back of the Town Hall, every Tuesday, in a very neatly organised area. Anytime from 10.30 to 3.00pm. Note: We are looking for new members. Anyone is welcome! People can work on their own projects or join in a Community piece. Thanks to the Mens Shed, we have adjustable tables designed for us with smaller work benches underneath. In the past 12 months we have completed significant works at the back of the Hospital and a Mosaic Landscape at the Hospital Atrium.

## Have you noticed our latest works?

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As well as our stobie poles around town, check out the following:

*Community Garden:* One inside and one outside.

*Railway Triangle Park:* On the road opposite the Railway Triangle toilets.

*Bascombe AutoAg:* On the corner.

*Cummins Mens' Shed:* One on either side.

There is still one to be completed and we are in full swing designing several more.

Pop in and check out the girls at work. Stay for a cuppa and a chat.

