

COUNCIL NEWS

Road works

Council's Southern Construction team have re-sheeted about 600m of Fishery Bay Road. The team will continue to form up further sections of the road ready for re-sheeting when material becomes available. Contractors have also started work on re-sheeting four sections of Yeltukka Road meanwhile the new Cummins Cemetery carpark has been finished. Council is soon planning to re-sheet Mena Road, Warrow Road and Smith Road.



Shade sails up

Shade sails have been erected in Tulka and Louth Bay playground reserves thanks to great team work between Council and Forpark SA with the project being completed on time and on budget.

New planning system

The Planning and Design Code (the Code) is the cornerstone of South Australia's new planning and development system and will offer a single set of planning policies for assessing applications across the state. To ensure that all South Australians are confident and familiar with the new planning system, access to the online Code is now available for communities in Phase One (Outback Areas) and Phase Two (Rural Areas) via the new ePlanning platform.

The Code is scheduled to go live across rural South Australia on 31 July 2020.

A series of community webinars to support the public familiarisation stage for the online Code (Outback and Rural Areas) will be held in July.

These sessions will explore how to access South Australia's online Planning and Design Code, how to navigate the Code and understand how the Code applies to rural South Australia.

Dates are: July 8 1pm-2pm; July 14 6pm-7pm; July 20 3pm-4pm; July 17 5pm-6pm. To register visit www.saplanningportal.sa.gov.au/have_your_say

Car park for Esplanade

(Refer June minutes)

Council has voted to grant Oyster HQ in-principle approval of the permit to alter the road reserve adjacent 100 The Esplanade, Coffin Bay for the construction of a car park. The support is subject to several conditions, including that: -

- All costs associated with the car park, including Section 222 application fees, design, construction and maintenance shall be borne by the applicant for the life of the permit;
- The car park will have a maximum of 15 car spaces plus 1 bus space;
- The car spaces are to be shared on a 2:1 business to public basis;
- Only vegetation identified and marked by Council can be removed. Penalties may be imposed by the native vegetation Council for over clearance;
- The final design shall have a landscape plan to ensure visual amenity is maintained;
- A "Road Safety Audit" is required at the detailed design stage to ensure the design is both compliant and safe.
- Final design is subject to approval by the Councils Works Manager, and relevant agencies/ bodies, before any construction can commence; and,
- Council retains the right to revoke this approval if design requirements as set by the Works Manager cannot be met.

Council considered all feedback provided during public consultation, and inspected the site. Taking this in to consideration Council agreed a formalised car park will provide a car park for visitors and residents to access the adjacent beach and Oyster Walk, improve safety by reduced parking along the Esplanade and tidy up the amenity of the area.



New bathrooms

The Cummins Homes bathroom upgrade project is now complete with 15 bathrooms now renovated. The project began in 2014 with two bathrooms completed per year. The project was made possible with generous grant support from the Cummins District Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank. The tenants of all 16 units at the complex are now enjoying modernised bathrooms.

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.

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.

COMMUNITY

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. The grant could be used for IT equipment, data, software, PPE, website upgrades, salary. This opportunity is open until October 20. The normal Grants SA rounds have ceased until further notice. Further information is available from: <https://dhs.sa.gov.au/services/grants-for-organisations/grants-sa>