

CUMMINS CONNECTION

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CUMMINS CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND 2022

GOLD COIN DONATION
CUMMINS COMMUNITY HALL

**COME MEET
SANTA!**

FROM THE *17th - 24th* DECEMBER

10 AM-12PM 2PM-4PM



DECEMBER *1st*

to

DECEMBER *28th*

10AM - 5PM DAILY



PLEASE TAKE YOUR OWN PHOTOS
CHRISTMAS DAY OPEN 2PM-5PM



FOR GROUP BOOKINGS PLEASE CONTACT
GRACE COOMBS 0408 832 127

PARKING AT REAR OF HALL

THIS MONTH



Christmas Wonderland

Date 1st - 28th December
Time 10am - 5pm
Location Cummins Community Hall

Come meet Santa from
17th - 24th December
2 sessions: 10am to 12pm
& 2pm to 4pm.
For group bookings please
contact
Grace Coombs 0408 832 127

Open Christmas Day
2pm -- 5pm



Cummins Market

Date Sunday 4th December
Time 10am - 3pm
Location RSL Hall

More than 20 stalls with
loads of affordable gifts.
Great variety on offer.



Christmas Festival

Date Friday
16th December
Time 6pm - 10pm
Location Railway Triangle

Street Parade starts at 6pm
from Bascombes' AutoAg.

Food and refreshments
in Railway Triangle, with
Fireworks display
courtesy of Cummins
Community Bank from
9pm.



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

THANKYOU to Sponsors of Cummins Christmas Festival

The support of the following local businesses has helped the Festival committee plan an exciting event on Friday 16th December 2022

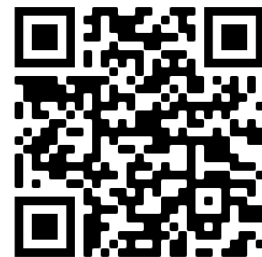
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CUMMINS CONNECTION

INFO DUE
Monday
23rd January
2023

For planned distribution on
31st January 2023

Please send content to
cdec@dclep.sa.gov.au
or scan the QR code to submit via
our website.





Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

THE CUMMINS & DISTRICT ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE

WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A SAFE

AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE

COMMUNITY AGAIN IN 2023

Please note: The CDEC is out of office from
December 23rd until January 4th.
Enquiries can still be sent to cdec@dclep.sa.gov.au

CDEC NEWSLETTER

CDEC has been in place since 1997, and operates for the benefit of this district through support from Cummins Community Bank and Lower Eyre Council, and the efforts of the volunteers and the committee.

A Community Project Officer (CPO) is employed for 25 hours per fortnight to assist 16 subcommittees, produces the Cummins Connection each month, and has oversight of the explorecummins website. The CPO Wendy Holman is in the office at the Cummins Community Hall on Wednesday 9 - 5:30pm, and Thursday 8:30 - 1pm each week.

Please email Connection items to cdec@dclep.sa.gov.au or cumminsconnection@gmail.com. To be included in the next edition items must be received a full week before the end of the month preferably as a PDF file



Did you know that the public promotion of Cummins, South Australia is done by just 4 people?

That's how small the Cummins & District Tourism Committee is.

This group has had some membership changes over the years and in that time the following projects have been brought to life:

- Rebranding - including new logo & graphics
 - Town Walking Tracks
 - Entrance Signs
- Explore Cummins Website
- Updated Town Brochure
- Establishment & management of Social Media pages
 - Creation of Cummins SA Merchandise
 - Management of the ATDW listings for the Caravan Park & Christmas Wonderland

The next project is getting a Visitor Information Board back in Cummins!

Meetings are not held very often and are very relaxed.

If you are interested in sharing your passion for our Town & District, then don't be shy. Simply contact our and your Community Project Officer, Wendy.

www.explorecummins.com.au



KALAMAZOO UPDATE

After more than 6 months of volunteer hours spent investigating options, the Kalamazoo Come Back committee has decided to defer the community event until further notice.

The original plan was to reinstate this event on April 1st 2023. However, with safety as the prime consideration, on a disused track passing through the centre of Cummins, there remains a number of uncertainties and criteria to navigate, making April 2023 a challenging date.

Interested parties including the rail line owners, Office of Rail Safety Regulator and Insurance brokers highlight a number of items to be addressed at a cost for the committee before the event can proceed including: Track inspections, potential track repairs, risk assessments, safety management plans, Kalamazoo vehicle inspections and governance criteria.

In addressing these criteria the committee acknowledge that the number of uncertainties, and costs associated, place their efforts under pressure. They have made the difficult decision to defer the event. Although disappointing, the committee members are considering how to use their enthusiasm to hold a major community event in the future.

If you would enjoy joining us in planning this, please contact Wendy Holman 0439870066

CUMMINS MOSAIC GROUP

The group of 9 regulars continues to be active with a number of mosaic artwork panels already installed on power poles along Railway Terrace, with more being worked on at the moment. The AGM report last year mentioned new membership - some of those are now working on their own community project at Coultas Hall.

Check out the mosaic panels at the Community Garden, panels near Bascombes and the Men's Shed , and the Railway Triangle. Two "tablecloths" have been installed on IGA's wall near the Hall.

Again the Op Shop continues to recycle crockery with the group. With a successful application for an Active Ageing Seniors grant the group received \$4920. Cummins Men's Shed were contracted to construct fit for purpose worktables and storage benches using recycled materials on hand. The result is pleasing with adjustable height and better manoeuvrability for a safe and compliant workspace at the back of the Hall. Anyone interested in joining in is welcome - on Tuesday from 10am to whenever time suits you to stay.

RAILWAY TRIANGLE PARK

The Railway Triangle continues to be well visited and appreciated. Many comments have been received from locals about the improvements and that Cummins finally has an attractive green Park. This is a credit to Council staff, especially Michael Franklin, for maintaining the area and keeping lawns well manicured.

DCLEP intends further work with funding through stimulus grants: fencing the rest of the park with a 900mm high fence, new equipment in the playground, and paving already completed around the toilet block with a path to the southern BBQ shelter to help with pram and wheelchair access.

Plans are in progress for a new Visitor Information Bay with display of a Kalamazoo and the Big Heave cart, to be located on the eastern fence line.

Cummins Tourism Committee is designing the graphic displays that will form the "walls" of the structure. A project for 2023!



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

Cummins Christmas Festival

STREET PARADE STARTS AT 6PM

If your business or community group is joining in the parade, please meet near Bascombe's Auto Ag by 5.45pm. Prizes for the best float!

FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT AFTER THE PARADE AT THE RAILWAY TRIANGLE PARK

Live music from 7-9pm.

Food choices include steak sandwiches, sausages, nachos & falafels, flavoured oat milk, soft drinks, Lions Club donuts, ice-cream & jelly.

BYO chairs and picnic rugs.

FOR THE KIDS

Decorate your bike or scooter and ride along in the parade. Prizes for the best decorated!

Visit Father Christmas at the Park after the parade.


Plus bouncy castles, gladiator duels & zorb ball racing.

Face-painting & Christmas Craft to start straight after school finishes!

FINISHING WITH FIREWORKS

Thanks to Community Bank Cummins District (Bendigo Bank) for sponsoring the fireworks, set to go off around 9pm.

Thanks to all the local businesses who have donated to make this event possible.



A Cautionary Tale: With the FIREWORKS due to happen around 9pm, pet owners are asked to please ensure the safety of your animals to avoid distress and runaways.

COMMUNITY BANK - CUMMINS DISTRICT
PROUDLY PRESENT THE

Community Wishing Tree

ARE YOU ABLE TO PROVIDE A GIFT, OR
FOOD FOR SOMEONE LESS FORTUNATE
THAN YOU THIS CHRISTMAS?

WE INVITE YOU TO COME AND
PLACE YOUR ITEMS UNDER OUR TREE
LOCATED AT 18 RAILWAY TERRACE,
CUMMINS.

ALL DONATIONS MUST BE BRAND
NEW, UNWRAPPED AND NEED TO BE
RECEIVED BY MONDAY 19TH
DECEMBER 2022.

DONATIONS WILL BE
DISTRIBUTED TO FAMILIES IN
NEED THROUGH WEST COAST
YOUTH & COMMUNITY
SUPPORT IN OUR WIDER
COMMUNITY.

Community Bank
Cummins District

 Bendigo Bank

 Mentally
Fit
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 West Coast
Youth & Community
Support



Edillilie Community
CHRISTMAS TREE

Sunday 18th December 2022

Edillilie Memorial Hall 5pm

Please bring a plate of *savoury and sweets* for a
pooled tea at 5:30pm

Father Christmas

visits at 6:30pm before dessert

Donation of 3 items for the hampers
would be appreciated please

Those with children attending contact Jess Smith 0448 925 729
or see Bronny Walsh at the Edillilie Post Office

Visitors more than welcome,
the more the merrier!



CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER
“MORNING TEA”

HOSTED BY CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE

TO BE HELD AT THE CUMMINS HOTEL



AT 10AM ON WEDNESDAY, DEC 7TH 2022



WOMEN & MEN IN CUMMINS & DISTRICTS ARE INVITED AND
WELCOME TO ATTEND.

PLEASE RSVP BY MON 5TH DECEMBER WITH NO’S ATTENDING: -
TO MARG PHELPS 0429130553
OR MARG.PHELPS@BIGPOND.COM

SO THE HOTEL CAN BE INFORMED & ABLE TO CATER
ADEQUATELY.

THIS WILL BE AN INFORMAL GATHERING !



December 2022

What's New At



**Lower Eyre
Family Practice**



A: 19-21 Tumbo Bay Rd

P: 08 8676 2210

E: admin@cumminsmedical.com.au



Lower Eyre Family Practice

Will be Closed for the following
Public Holidays over
Christmas & New Year

Monday, December 26th, 2022- Closed

Tuesday, December 27th, 2022- Closed

Monday, January 2nd, 2023 - Closed

*May Christmas & New Year
Bring Great Joy to You & Yours.*

For Emergency & After Hours Appointments, 7 days a week,
please contact nursing staff at the
Cummins & District Memorial Hospital
08 8676 0200

Upcoming Locums

Dr Mayland & Dr Lamanuzzi
25 Dec, 2022 to 31 Dec, 2022

Dr Willem Joubert
8 Jan to 21 Jan, 2023

**Need a Covid-19
Vaccine Booster?
Moderna Spikevax Bivalent
Covid-19 Vaccine
Boosters Available.**



What do you need to live well as you age?

Eyre and Far North Local Health Network is planning the future of our local aged care services – both residential and at home.

What works well? What could be better?

We want to learn more about what sort of supports people living in country communities might need to live their best lives as they get older.

You are invited to join us and share your views on what ageing well means for you and to learn more about how aged care services in Australia are changing.

Port Lincoln

When: Monday 5 December 2022, 12:30pm – 3:30pm

Where: Port Lincoln Hotel Function Centre, 1 Lincoln Highway Port Lincoln
Light lunch provided

Cleve

When: Tuesday 6 December 2022, 10:00am – 1:00pm

Where: Cleve Institute, 20 Birdseye Hwy Cleve
Light lunch provided

Wudinna

When: Tuesday 6 December 2022, 3:00pm – 6:00pm

Where: Wudinna Town Hall, 11 Burton Tce Wudinna
Afternoon tea provided

Ceduna

When: Wednesday 7 December 2022, 12:30pm – 3:30pm

Where: Ceduna Memorial Hall, 31 Poynton St Ceduna
Light lunch provided

You can also take part in our online survey by scanning this QR code



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Cheese	Pizza Dough		Crackers		
	Ghee		Meringue		
	Honeycomb		Icecream		
Pudding	Puff Pastry		Granola		
	Mousse		Chicken Soup		
	Sorbet		Gravy		
	Pies		Garlic Paste		
Poached Eggs	Icing Sugar		Bread	Boiled Eggs	
	Tartare		Seasonings		
	Stock Paste		Dumplings		
Hollandaise Sauce	Butter	Salads			
Cocktails	Banana Cake	Frosting	Toffee		
	Tomato Sauce	Jam	Bechamel Sauce		
		Smoothies			



**For more information contact me, your
local Consultant, Anika Swaffer from Real
Life Mixing. With years of Thermomix® and
life experience there is knowledge to
share that can help you.**

☎ 0428 882 420



COFFIN BAY TOURISM
ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

Christmas On The Bay 2022



**Coffin Bay Esplanade &
Foreshore Lawns**
Friday 23rd December



Facepainting 4.30
Bouncy Castle 5.00
Pageant 6.00
Live Music 7.00
Prizes, Santa,
Food & Drinks!

Free Event!

*To register your float:
coffinbaychristmas@gmail.com*



THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SPONSORS!



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.



TUMBY BAY
 9 JOHN STREET
 08 8688 2119

CUMMINS
 10 RAILWAY TERRACE
 08 8676 2117

WUDINNA
 82-84 EYRE HIGHWAY
 08 8680 2161



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CUMMINS
HOTEL

WISHING YOU A VERY

Merry Christmas

Meals | *Coffee* | *Bottle*

DINE IN OR
TAKEAWAY

MAHALIA
COFFEE

DRIVE
THROUGH

LIMITED TRADING 23RD DEC - JAN 3RD

FOR MORE INFO SEE FACEBOOK
OR CALL US ON 08 8676 2002

At The
Christmas Wonderland
 Visit
Santa's Workshop
 & Create!

Reindeer Crowns!



Pre School

Wooden Ornaments!



5 to 7 year olds

Diorama Ornaments!



8 to 10 year olds

Santa's Workshop will be open from the 17th to the 24th of December from 10AM until 12PM

4 half hour supervised sessions for 12 children per day
 4x preschoolers
 4x 5-7 year olds
 4x 8-10 year olds

Book early by email or text msg to avoid disappointment!

Email: hebbers10@hotmail.com
 Phone: 0428766044

CUMMINS PHARMACY

**OPEN FRIDAY
 16TH DECEMBER**

FROM 9AM TO 7:30PM
*Drop in to check out the amazing
 selection of gifts*

Wednesday & Fridays 6:30am
 Cougar Den

ALL LEVELS OF FITNESS
 ARE WELCOME

MAKE YOURSELF PROUD

Contact Ali for more information
 0407179044

AK Fitness

Cummins Gymnastics Club rounds off the season

Cummins Gymnastics Club rounded off its 2022 season with a barbecue windup and trophy presentations on Sunday 23rd October.

Women's Artistic Gymnastics (WAG) Gymnast of the Year was presented to Lilah Ellerington for stand out performances at competitions in Port Lincoln and Port Pirie, seeing her elevated to Level 4.

The Georgia Stevens Memorial Trophy was presented by Trish Stevens to Mahlia Rogers for showing all round skills, great attitude and commitment toward her gymnastics.

Clubperson of the Year was awarded to Raena Pool, at only 15, Raena is a dedicated volunteer assisting as a beginner coach two nights a week and helping out with birthday parties.

Amanda Puckridge's group of Kindergymnastics kids were presented medallions as were Amanda MacGillivray's boys session and Sophie Blacker's Foundation/1 Gym-For-All group.

Lacy Blacker presented her Gym-For-All sessions with medallions, awarding coach's trophies to Aine Fox and Emily Osman, and Most Improved trophies to Elsie Laherstorfer and Jayla Tomalin.

WAG coaches Chaz Letton, Kate Hancock and Del Meaney presented WAG gymnasts with medallions and coach's trophies to Kenzie Hancock, Ellie Moroney and Della Pedler. While Poppy Blacker, Lacey Phelps and Miley McDonald picked up the Most Improved.

Twelve girls received their 'Spinner' trophy recognising 5 years of gymnastics at the club. These were Sage Gale, Della Pedler, Tilly Meaney, Elkie Dunbar, Kenzie Hancock, Mila Head, Poppy Blacker, Lily Klemm, Ciarna Klemm, Alexis Colbert, Alexa Pedler and Norah Pedler. Four gymnasts spun up their 6th year involved in gymnastics, being Ellie-Mae Hancock, Jordan Branson, Chloe Hill and Charlie McCracken.

The "Cash Splash" major fundraising raffle was drawn with prizes to 1st Matthew Pertzelt \$1000, 2nd Bonnie Meaney \$500, 3rd Milos Sulda \$250, 4th Lavonne Blomfield \$150, 5th Hadley Modra \$50.

President Aimee Pedler thanked everyone for supporting the club in what has been another successful year of gymnastics in Cummins.





Cummins gymnasts compete in Pirie and Adelaide

Cummins gymnasts recently competed at competitions in Port Pirie and Adelaide in the Women's Artistic Gymnastics (WAG), which includes beam, bars, floor and vault.

Over the October long weekend, eight gymnasts travelled to Port Pirie. Lilah Ellerington and Mahlia Rogers competed in Level 3 with great scores. Out of 34 competitors, Lilah finished 4th overall in her division.

Level 2 gymnasts Kenzie Hancock, Ellie Moroney, Lacey Phelps, Chloe Hill, Emma Hill and Miley McDonald were judged on their skills and awarded different ribbons for their efforts.

Then on October 30, six Level 2 gymnasts travelled to Adelaide for the State Challenge. Tilly Meaney, Bonnie Meaney, Alexa Pedler, Maggie Pedler, Poppy Blacker and Nellie Blacker were up against some stiff competition but came away with some pleasing results and excellent experience.





Christmas

trading hours

Monday 26 December – Closed

Tuesday 27 December – Closed

Wednesday 28 December – 9.30am - 4.30pm

Thursday 29 December – 9.30am - 4.30pm

Friday 30 December – 9.30am - 4.30pm

Saturday 31 December – Closed

Sunday 1 January – Closed

Monday 2 January – Closed

Tuesday 3rd January - 9.30am - 4.30pm

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**COMING
SOON**

Cummins District Scholarship Program

Community Grants

Council has opened its Community Grants program and offers funding across three categories for individuals, community and sporting groups.

1. Community Project Grant to assist local, not-for-profit groups to improve community infrastructure,
2. Community Halls Support Program to assist community groups maintain or upgrade their hall,
3. Individual – Educational and Cultural Grant to assist local people access academic, music, art or cultural events or activities at a State, National or International level.

Grant criteria and application forms are available on Council's website www.lowereyrepeninsula.sa.gov.au or from the Council Offices.



Applications for this round close at midday on Friday, 16th December, 2022.

Council's Economic and Community Development Officer Julie Crettenden is available to discuss proposed projects with applicants by phoning 8676 0400.



COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

\$52,000 across three grant programs

Forms available at
www.lowereyrepeninsula.sa.gov.au/
or phone 8676 0400

Grants close at
12pm on Friday December 16th,
2022





CUMMINS SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIBRARY IS ALWAYS OPEN ONLINE



EXPLORE OUR MANY ONLINE SERVICES
WWW.LIBRARIES.SA.GOV.AU/CUMMINS
PHONE US ON 86762476 FOR INFORMATION

LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS

MON.: CLOSED
 TUE.: 9.00AM - 5.00PM
 WED.: 9.00AM - 5.00PM
 THUR.: 9.00AM - 6.00PM
 FRI.: 9.00AM - 5.00PM
 SAT.: 9.00 - 12.00 NOON
 LUNCH DAILY @ 1.30 - 2.30

CLOSING FRIDAY, 23 DEC. AT 5.00PM,
 RE-OPENING TUESDAY JAN. 3 AT 9.00AM

We would like to sincerely thank our community who visit and support our library throughout the year. Our hours change slightly during the school holidays, as well as closing for the annual Christmas break on Friday, 23 Dec. @5.00pm, re-opening Tuesday, 3 Jan. @9.00am. We wish everyone a safe and happy festive season and look forward to your company in 2023.



Give the Gift of Reading this year, and place a new book under our Christmas tree, to be distributed to children within our community... help share the love of reading this Christmas!



2023 Pre-school STEM Programs:
Little Bang Discovery Club



Beginning Wed. Feb. 8 @11.15am for 4 weeks.

Maths Fun for Under 5s.

Wed. March 15 @11.15am for 4 weeks

Phone 86762476 to reserve a place for your scientist!





Leaving Adelaide
Monday 19th Dec
Wednesday 21st Dec
Wednesday 28th Dec
Tuesday 3rd Jan
Thursday 5th Jan

Unloading Cummins
Tuesday 20th Dec
Thursday 22nd Dec
Thursday 29th Dec
Wednesday 4th Jan
Friday 6th Jan

*** Limited opening hours during Christmas and New Year for both Norton Transport & EP Freight Depot.**



Cummins Recyclers

The Recycling depot will be

CLOSED

Friday 23rd Dec @12pm

RE-OPEN

Tuesday 3rd Jan 2023

Glyn, Heather, Jaxen, Peter & Dick would like to wish all our customers and the Cummins Community a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy festive season with family and friends.

Thank you all for your support over the last 76 years and we look forward to being of service to you in 2023.

Like us on Facebook for recycling days at Coffin Bay over the Summer season

MEN'S SHED PROJECT 2022

The Beginning of the Men's Shed making Pygmy Possum Boxes

It all began when Kane and Brooke Slater found a pygmy possum on their property Yarnbala, in Coffin Bay. These had never been seen at Yarnbala before. After making some enquiries, they found that it was a Western pygmy possum.

Not a lot was known about the pygmy possums, but what they were made aware of, these creatures are a vulnerable marsupial.

Researching on how to protect these endangered species, they collaborated with the Cummins Men's Shed group to make some nesting boxes from a design they came up with from their research.

The first 5 boxes were placed in trees on their block of land at Coffin Bay.

The boxes were successful in attracting the possums to nest and produce their young in a safe environment.

Word spread about these tiny little creatures being rescued, and more orders for boxes came from individuals and these boxes have been distributed around Lower Eyre Peninsula.

Over two years there have been over 55 boxes made by the Cummins Men's Shed members.

The boxes are made from recycled pallets and machinery crates.

The Men's Shed have enjoyed making something that has been put to good use, helping save an endangered species.

People can see the possums in their natural environment at Yarnbala.

Members of Cummins Men's Shed wish the community a very Merry Christmas and look forward to 2023.





Cummins Christmas Wonderland

Volunteers needed to help us supervise during opening hours
10am until 5pm

morning shift 10am - 1.30pm
afternoon shift 1.30pm - 5pm

Contact Grace 0408 832 127



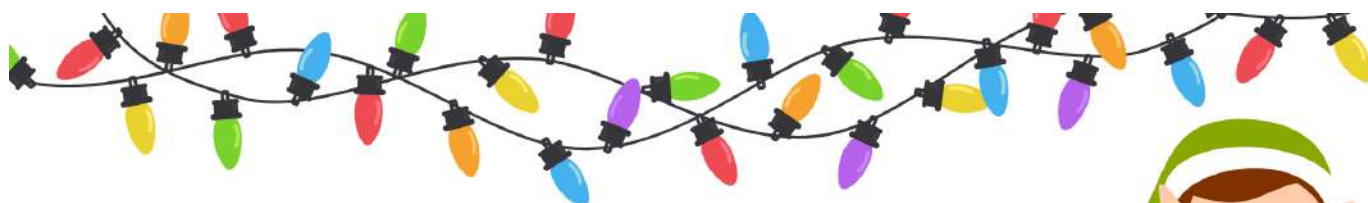
Cummins Christmas Wonderland

COME VISIT SANTA AND HIS HELPER

Two visits each day
10am - 12pm and 2pm - 4pm
17th until 24th December

come visit

**CUMMINS
COMMUNITY
HALL**



LIGHT IT UP CUMMINS CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL LIGHTS COMPETITION



Add some sparkle to Cummins this festive season! Decorate your home this year with Christmas Lights. Register by Wednesday 30th November 2022. Ensure your lights are turned on for judging on Tuesday 20th December 2022.

Entry to this competition is FREE!

Registration can be made by contacting Amanda Puckridge on 0439 851 744 or via email - cumminsbp@outlook.com.au

Proudly supported by  **Bendigo Bank**

Community Bank
Cummins District

**First Prize - \$250
Second Prize - \$150
Third Prize - \$100
People's Choice - \$150**



CREATING CONNECTIONS

Free events for residents of the Lower Eyre Council aged over 55

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

CUMMINS WONDERLAND
FOLLOWED BY
LUNCH AT THE CUMMINS HOTEL
WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER

Community Bus available

Bookings Essential! Please call the Council Office on 08 86760400

the
power of
humanity





Meals on Wheels **Cummins Branch**



Are you looking to volunteer for a local organisation?

Cummins Meals On Wheels driver/deliverer volunteers are only rostered to help for less than one hour every six weeks. Our volunteers help to provide a valuable service to our local community members by regularly delivering a healthy, nutritious meal, which is prepared at the Cummins Hospital kitchen. Volunteers also provide regular social interaction (no matter how short that may be) with meal recipients.

A new roster will start at the end of January and new volunteer applications can be processed by the end of December to be added on the roster. Contact Bronny Fitzgerald (Volunteer Coordinator) phone 0429 014179.

Special service awards, ranging from 5 years to 40 years, were presented at our Volunteer Luncheon in June. Carmel Sheehan has been volunteering for Cummins MOW for 40 Years!!



CUMMINS COMMUNITY GARDEN November 2022

The Community Garden has welcomed Spring with a flourish of flowers, vegetables and herbs. As the change of season progresses, winter crops finish and summer crops are being sown and seedlings that have been nurtured in glasshouses planted out. A couple of keen school lads are sowing and tending more plants for the garden at present. We would love to expand this to a youth program in the future.

Crops going in for summer are stringless beans, rhubarb, tomatoes, cucumbers, pumpkins, zucchini, squash, tromboncino, corn, chillies, capsicum, carrots, watermelon, fennel, mizuna, lettuce and various herbs. It is good to see our shared herb garden being used by the community. Vegies however are for members unless there is an excess, which is then put on the swap cart or shared around where needed. We have noticed recently that plants have been taken from the garden which is very disappointing for members who spend a lot of time nurturing them.

The fruit trees and vines are wide awake now from their winter sleep, with peaches and nectarines developing and the Pink Lady Apple being espaliered along the southern fence. The plan is to graft other varieties onto it next winter. This is an opportunity to teach new skills to anyone interested. The apples planted this season around the kid's play tepee are Pinkabelle and Monty's Surprise, both dwarf varieties. Our two passionfruit are growing well and setting lots of fruit. Grapes grown from cuttings planted a couple of years ago are desperately wanting to climb over a proposed pergola where the tables are located. Manpower is required to bring this to fruition, so as everyone is busy we just have to be patient. Plans have been drawn up, so we're sure it will happen in time. A potting pergola is planned by the shed with grapes over that as well for shade. This will be an ideal place to teach new skills and the art of propagating and raising our own replacement vegetables and flowers.

The sign has finally gone up at the front of the garden, so we have an identity now. The next step is to display our major sponsors and their logos as well. The kid's tepee is progressing out the back, and has attracted many a comment on how good it looks. Once the dwarf apples are trained around and over it for summer shade and winter sun it will be quite a spectacle. Some little chairs and a table inside with other play things should keep the junior gardeners amused.

All seven of the kids' low wicking beds are ready for their favourite vegies and strawberries, as we encourage them to gain skills and a love of fresh food. Other members have been keen to learn how to grow their own food and have gained confidence learning from other more experienced Community Garden Members.

An archway arbour is well under way for out the back, with rods ready for rolling, and a template made for the curved section around the tank. Once all arches are in place and secured, it is planned to have grapes and all seasonal climbing vegetables trained up over it as a vertical garden, saving space and providing an interesting focal point in the vegetable garden.

All the tall wicking vegetable beds need to be finished, but meanwhile they are growing wonderful produce and wicking perfectly, only needing filling once a fortnight in Summer.

Our experience gained with this project is gladly shared with anyone wanting to learn. The shades will need to go up soon for over them on the hottest days as the weather warms up.

All ground garden beds have dripper systems and tap timers for ease of watering. Everything is on rainwater supplied from our large tanks behind the church. The water is gravity fed to a small holding tank at the site, from which a pressure pump supplies the water around the garden.

A successful plant sale was held again this year with plants and cuttings prepared by members and friends many weeks prior. Thanks to all involved with this fundraiser, and the Friday night meat trays at the Cummins Hotel, all helping with the costs of developing the community garden.

All members are looking forward to the drier seasons ahead to share growing, each other's company and the beauty and peacefulness of the garden, and of course sharing the produce and knowledge. Many visitors to our town have popped in for a look, expressing how they love what has been developed at the site.

Anyone wanting to share in the Community Garden are most welcome. Even if you're not a gardener at all, some just like cooking with us from the garden, or simply come for a chat, the 'community' part of the name is what it's all about.



Cummins Op Shop is open Tuesday to Friday each week in December until 23/12/22. The shop will re-open Tuesday 3/1/23

With a diminished pool of volunteers available through the Festive season we are unable to extend opening times.

Looking for Christmas inspiration? Come and check out the stock of gift ideas and decorations.

Please note: The Donation Bin outside the shop will also be having a well-earned break, and will be removed until the New Year. Please respect this decision and do not leave items.

SWIM SCHOOL

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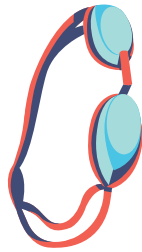
MONDAY 3.30PM - 6PM
FRIDAY 3.45PM - 6PM

JUNIOR SQUADS

TUESDAY 3.45PM - 4.45PM

SENIOR SQUADS

TUESDAY 4.45PM - 5.45PM



All swimmers must be paid members to participate in any of these lessons. Please note swim school and swimming lessons occur during public swimming time.

SWIM SCHOOL

Robyne May - 0400 659 845

ROYAL LIFE SAVING AND HOLIDAY SWIM

Jodi Micken - 0419 829 759
www.holidayswim.com.au

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- No person shall be permitted under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- No person shall be permitted unless the body and bathing suit are clean.
- No animals to enter the swimming pool or the swimming pool enclosure (penalty \$100).
- An ADULT must accompany and supervise children 10 and under at all times.
- No person shall cause suffering or permit boisterous behavior in the pool, on the pathways, diving board or in the change rooms, showers or toilets.
- No person shall spit, blow their nose or urinate in the pool.
- In the event of lightning the pool must be cleared immediately.
- For safety reasons we ask that bikes be kept free of the concrete and paved areas at all times.
Trespassers will be prosecuted.
- Swimming pool & its enclosure is a smoke free zone.

The pool is provided for your enjoyment. Any person who disobeys these conditions, behaves in a dangerous or offensive manner or refuses to follow directions of pool staff WILL be asked to leave the pool with no refund.

RULES OF THE POOL AND GROUNDS - NO RUNNING, NO SNORKELS, FACEMASKS OR FLIPPERS, NO OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE, NO SMOKING, NO OFFENSIVE BEHAVIOUR, NO ALCOHOL, NO DIVING IN SHALLOW AREAS, NO BOMBERS OR SUMMERSAULTS. NO POOL TOYS OF ANY KIND.

POOL HIRE

All hiring and bookings are to be made with Melinda Dickinson on 0428 762 491.

- Any organisation or person may hire the pool.
- A \$150 hiring fee is payable for the exclusive use of the pool which covers all attending and use of pool BBQ.
- An extra \$60 hiring fee is payable for use of the kitchen/canteen area.
- There must be a supervisor appointed who holds a current CPR or first aid certificate in attendance.
- Hours available to hire are 10AM - 1.30PM weekends and from 6.15PM - 11PM any evening.

*hire subject to availability.

AQUAFITZ

Splash into fitness with group fitness classes. AquaFitz is held in both shallow and deep ends of the pool and classes are catered to all levels of fitness and swimming abilities.

The 45 minute classes are a fun and social way of getting moving this summer. Please contact our AUSTSWIM certified Aqua Instructor, Hayley Fitzgerald on 0400 660 882 or visit AquaFitz on Facebook.



MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL

SWIMMING & DISTRICT

JOIN

LAST NAME / FIRST NAME

NAMES OF FAMILY MEMBERS

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

EMERGENCY CONTACT

FULL MEMBERSHIP SINGLE FAMILY

SCHOOL HOLIDAY MEMBERSHIP SINGLE FAMILY

ROYAL LIFE SAVING HOLIDAY SWIM PROGRAM SINGLE FAMILY

DONATION \$

TOTAL AMOUNT:

Are you willing to assist the Pool Committee with working bees & fundraising events?

YES NO

Membership payments may be posted to: PO Box 143, CUMMINS 5631. Payments can also be made at the pool addressed to the Treasurer in a sealed envelope or by EFT.

Cummins District War Memorial Swimming Pool
 BSB - 633 000
 Account number - 115 125 296
 Reference - your family name

If you wish to discuss payment options, contact Ingrid on 0427 762 608 or kennerley@bigpond.com

PRICING

FULL MEMBERSHIP
 SINGLE **FAMILY** IMMEDIATE FAMILY ONLY INCLUDING STUDENTS (UNI OR VET)
\$125 \$250

HOLIDAY MEMBERSHIP
 SINGLE **FAMILY**
\$60 \$120

ROYAL LIFE SAVING HOLIDAY SWIM PROGRAM
 SINGLE **FAMILY**
\$35 \$80

Covers swimmers for Royal Life Saving Holiday Swim week only. All Holiday Swim participants MUST be paid members.

NON-MEMBER ENTRY

ADULT **\$10**

STUDENT **\$6**

FAMILY **\$30**

KIDS 3 & UNDER **FREE**



OPENING HOURS

Weekdays: 4.00PM - 6.00PM

Weekends & school holidays: 2.00PM - 6.00PM

Closed public holidays unless otherwise advertised.

Available for private hire on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and Australia Day.

The pool will not open if the temperature for that day is forecasted at 22° or under. On days of extreme heat, the pool may stay open longer or re-open at 7.00PM at the Pool Supervisor's discretion. Visit Facebook or contact the committee before 6.00PM to confirm.

Please note: Due to significant structural issues the toddler pool is now closed and will not be accessible from now on.

Lap swimming: 6.30AM - 10.00AM (Members only)

Evening swimming: 6.30PM - 8.00PM (Members only)

Key is available at Heather Norton's - 0429 082 656 for any members wanting to lap swim at the morning or evening swimming sessions. The key must be signed for and returned immediately. Lap swimmers are required to contact a buddy of their intentions to go swimming before entering the pool and on exit of swimming to ensure the users water safety.

OUR COMMITTEE DESPERATELY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR:

- RUNNING CANTEEN ON WEEKNIGHTS & WEEKENDS
- SUPERVISING
- HELPING AT FUNDRAISERS

VOLUNTEERING HELPS KEEP MEMBERSHIPS LOW