# CUMMINS

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# Australia Day Awards 2023 Lower Eyre Council congratulate Australia Day recipients 2023











## THIS MONTH



### **School Year starts**

Date 30 January 2023 Time 8:50

Term one 30 January until 15 April.

Public holidays in term 1

13 March Adelaide Cup 7 - 10 April EASTER

### **FEBRUARY**

## Meetings & Dates to Note

6/2 Wonderland planning 2023 @ Hall 7:30pm

8/2 Little Bang Discovery Club at Library 11:15am

8/2 Creating Connections trip-Koppio Museum / Rose garden

8/2 CDEC meeting at Hall7:30pm

15/2 Lower Eyre Council meeting in Chambers 9am start

22/2 Friends of Cummins Cemetery @ Council chambers 2pm

23/2 Connection items due for March issue.

If you have a date to advertise in future months then notify CDEC Community Project Officer



### ADELAIDE FRINGE

Date: Friday 17 Feb ending Sunday 19 March 2023 Program available online for events, times, location The biggest ARTS Festival in the Southern hemisphere! 31 days and nights with the festival stretching from Whyalla all the way across the State to Naracoorte, with cabaret, theatre, comedy, circus, music, visual arts, workshops.



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

In the classic words of
Oprah Winfrey
'Cheers to a new year and another
chance to get it right'

and Mike Dooley 
'Life is not about expecting, hoping and wishing, it's about doing, being and becoming.'

# The doctor said I have to cut out drinking.



CUMMINS CONNECTION

# INFO DUE 23 February 2023

For planned distribution on 1 March 2023

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



### Winning Smiles @ Australia Day Awards

Sam Telfer MP,
Lisa Richardson, Sophie
Blacker, Aimee Pedler,
Jodi Mickan, Rachel Worden,
Nicci and John Southern,
Mayor JoAnne Quigley



### Business of the Year – Mars Southern Plumbing & Gas Fitting

John and Nicci Southern and their team – Joel Paech, James Richardson, Will Haarsma and Luke Shanahan – have been awarded Business of the Year in recognition of their dedication to providing a professional and quality essential service to the Cummins and the surrounding districts.

'Southo' and his team are friendly, competent tradesman that go the extra mile for clients, clubs, organisations and business.

Mars Southern Plumbing & Gas Fitting is not only an outstanding service but provides sponsorship and support for local clubs – including responding to sporadic footy canteen emergencies like some of the canteen volunteers experienced first hand last season.

The people of Cummins and surrounds are fortunate to be able to call on Southo when in a plumbing crisis and have matters resolved with great communication and minimal fuss. Mars Southern Plumbing & Gas Fitting is reliable and committed and that does not go unnoticed.

### Community Organisation/ Event of the Year – Rambler Netball Club 75th year Celebrations

A small committee of four was formed 18 months prior to the celebrations – and Jodi Mickan, Aimee Pedler, Lisa Richardson and Sophie Blacker got to work on preparing what would be a special and auspicious event.

The club's 75<sup>th</sup> year was celebrated over the weekend of July 1-2 and strived to honour past and present members, life members, supporters and a rich club history - including 83 premierships and 567 players!

Letters of support noted the depth of planning that went into the weekend, and commended all volunteers involved for carrying out an inclusive and positive event. The time, effort and passion of the committee and the club as a whole shone bright over the weekend's celebrations.

### Young Citizen of the Year – Rachel Worden

Rachel is currently working one day a week as part of a Certificate III in Business at the Cummins School Community Library. She also volunteers there in the holidays for library events and has been described as a friendly and enthusiastic member of the team. Rachel is responsible for a diverse range of roles and responsibilities, which Library Manager Jeannie May notes she executes with care and competency.

Rachel is involved in Our Town Cummins and with two other students set up an 'Off The Rack" stall, and was part of the group that organised a Purple Day event – an expression of support and acceptance to LGBTIQ young people. Rachel has volunteered to organise and run the Cummins Area School formal, and helped to organise the Our Town Cummins float for the Cummins Christmas parade.

Rachel has volunteered for the Cummins Show and Yallunda Flat Show. She is always happy to help set up, pack up, even volunteer to do balloon art at last minute!

Not afraid of lights, camera or action, Rachel participated in the FAME Awards in Port Lincoln, and has even been a pyro technician volunteer for the Cummins Christmas Festival and Street Art Tumby Bay event.

Despite school and work commitments Rachel also has time to volunteer for the Cummins and District War Memorial Swimming Pool Committee, but it's Rachel's dedication to the Cummins Christmas Wonderland that is of particular note. Rachel has been involved over the last four years with displays and is currently Assistant Secretary as part of her Community Studies subject.

Rachel is acknowledged as an enthusiastic and dedicated community member.

### Citizen of the Year – Jodi Mickan

Jodi is recognised for her involvement and promotion of active lifestyles and healthy and safe communities. This is evident with her dedicated involvement in not only the organisations who have supported her nomination, but with the Cummins and District War Memorial Swimming Pool, and initiatives like the Australian Driving Institute's Driver Education Program.

Jodi's accomplishments across local sporting organisations is extensive.

Jodi was awarded Rambler Netball Club Best Club Person of the Year for 2017 and 2022, Life Membership in 2018 and achieved her Netball Australia C Grade Umpires Badge in 2018. She has had huge personal success on the court and was awarded the Great Flinders Netball Association Flo Polkinghorne A Grade Best & Fairest in 2009 and 2010.

She has also held most roles over her years at the club – including President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Fitness Coach, Association Delegate, Association Selector, Umpire, Catering Head, House Committee member, Social Committee member, Sponsorship Coordinator and Harassment Officer.

Jodi is a highly respected member of the Great Flinders Netball Association and has represented the association as a player, umpire, selector and delegate. Jodi was heavily involved in the association's 75<sup>th</sup> year commemorations, and in 2022 she stepped into the role of Vice President, and took on the role of Sponsorship Coordinator.

Jodi has been a valued member of the Cummins & District Basketball Association for many years and as well as playing has taken on volunteer roles such as Treasurer, Coach and Umpire. Jodi is said to 'impart confidence and wisdom' in her young players and is a dedicated and selfless volunteer.

Jodi is a reliable volunteer to help prep the Cummins and District War Memorial Swimming Pool each season, where she has also taken on the role as Head Timer at Cummins Area School swimming carnival. Jodi has also helped at sports days and is a regular school canteen volunteer.

Jodi joined the Cummins branch of the SA Ambulance Service in 2015 and is a popular and valued member of the team. She is committed to trainings, is regularly placed on the on-call roster, maintains the branch's stores, and participates in standby events like sporting finals, the Cummins Show and Get Out Music and Arts Festival.

Jodi and her husband Matt have made their property available to host the Driver Education Program over several years, demonstrating her priority of providing quality driver training for teenagers in the region, ensuring they and other road users can be safe on our rural roads.

Jodi is a dignified and positive life force of the community and Lower Eyre Council is very proud of this dedication to better the lives of family and residents in this community.

# CONGRATULATIONS to all award winners 2023

# Curring Christmas Festival

The 2022 Cummins Christmas Festival was held on Friday, December 16 thanks to a small organising committee along with donations and support from local businesses and community members.

Our new Christmas float made its debut thanks to the Cummins Community Op Shop supporting its purchase earlier in the year.

Thank you to all the local businesses and community groups who made the effort to go in the parade. The best float prizes went to the Cummins Tyre Centre for their snow globe display, District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula's super heroes & Motion Physiotherapy's camping trailer. Mayor Jo-Anne Quigley who judged the floats, also gave a special mention to Cummins Area School & Koppio Hall for their floats.











Before the parade we also tried something new with after school activities. Thanks to Emma at *Cummins "Our Town"* for coordinating the smoothie bikes, Ally from *Imagine & Create* for her craft stall and Mardi & Barb for the early face-painting. We'll have a think about whether we give this another go next year but if you enjoyed this addition & would be interested in coordinating it next year, please get in touch.







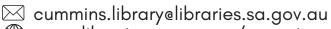
While the full fireworks show wasn't able to go ahead, what we did see was made possible with funding from the Community Bank Cummins District. The bank also sponsored our local lights competition. See our Facebook page for the winners and other details about the festival www.facebook.com/cumminschristmasfestival.

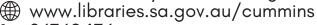
We will start planning for the 2023 event mid this year. If you love this event, please consider joining our committee by making contact with one of the current committee members (Katrina Phelps, Jenna Hughes, Leanne Seaman, Tarnya Branson), messaging us on our Facebook page or contacting us through the CDEC project officer at cdec@dclep.sa.gov.au.





### **CUMMINS SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIBRARY**





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Welcome to 2023! We look forward to resuming our variety of services as of Monday January 30.



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!



Digital Assist: Thursdays from 2.15-4.00 by appointment.

Offering either a monthly theme of information or assistance with specific queries regarding your device/s, we will endeavour to help you to the best of our abilities.



Baby Bounce: Friday mornings at 9.30. We offer a fun filled, 25 minute session of nursery rhymes and songs, with dancing encouraged. Suitable for ages 0-5 and their caregivers. No bookings required.



Nature Play: Friday mornings at 10.00. Enjoy activites and free play in our developing garden. From making mud pies, to enjoying scavenger hunts or helping in the garden, there is something for everyone in this relaxed, outdoor environment. No bookings required.



Book Delivery Service: The last Friday morning of each month, for residents of Cummins, unable to access the library.

Contact us via phone to arrange delivery.



Cover to Cover Book Club: The first Thursday of each month from 2.30 - 4.00. Join us to discuss your latest read or review the monthly theme, in a friendly and relaxed environment over afternoon tea. All welcome.



Reading Between the Wines Book Club: The first Tuesday of each month from 7.30pm onwards. Come along to discuss our monthly theme, or any new literary discoveries. All welcome.



Monthly e-newsletter: Catch up on the latest 'Whisperings' from the library with a newsletter delivered straight to your inbox in the first week of each month. Simply email us to register.



# KOPPIO MUSEUM & GLENDARA ROSE GARDEN

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

# CREATING CONNECTIONS

**Wednesday 8th February 2023** 

Please call 08 86760400 to make a booking Community Bus Available





As a result of the huge effort from the hard working and dedicated Wonderland Committee and the generous and supportive community, the Christmas Wonderland was again a resounding success.

The door donations were up markedly on last year which is very encouraging as it shows we are amongst the important and much valued events that are currently available on Eyre Peninsula.

Visitors are coming from near and far, some just happen upon it but many others annually make the journey from as far away as Ceduna, Streaky Bay, Whyalla and Cleve. A lot of Around Australia families visited... which is leading us to believe that our media advertising is working.

A huge amount of visitors from Port Lincoln have made a Wonderland visit to Cummins an annual tradition with many newborn babies having their first time visit to Santa .... one only 3 days old. Visitors have commented that changing the display attractions and trying different themes is the main reason for them to keep visiting. We now know this so by reinventing with resources we already have and freshening up with some new pieces, we will keep up with this challenge.

To help with the variety of themes we have been fortunate to have had the addition of outside groups who have kindly offered to join us for some fun.

Many thanks to the Cummins Stitching Group, the Ungarra CWA ladies and Josie Hall and Judy Hurrell's Crafting Activity.

We have begun to reinstate more interactive attractions... (Covid affected that somewhat,) and found that what we did have this year was very well received. These interactive attractions seem to have a calming affect on the younger children resulting in them being more settled. More are planned for next year.

As there was only a week of holidays before Christmas, the Santa days were halved from last year, so we thought we would try him for visits twice a day... A risky decision, however it seemed to work. It seemed to level out the crowd numbers leaving the hall busy but comfortable throughout the day. The Wonderland Committee are very grateful for all the support that is so graciously and generously given in every sort and kind.

Monetary donations, tradesmen's talents and time, The Men's Shed, the ones who make the Santa visits possible, our lolly packer, sponsorship from businesses, everyone who is rostered on the door, teams of strong young (and some a little older) men who help with the big moves, the very generous Op Shop, those that donate their unwanted but useful items, and to everyone who visit in Dec and offer encouragement throughout the year, the committee value you very much.

Thankyou All from The Wonderland Committee, Barb and Barry Boyce, Leanne Kelly, Wendy Holman, Leanne Millhouse, Gayle Phillips, Kim, Rachel, Richard and Katie Worden, Sandy Jones, Grace Coombs and special thanks to helpers Jodi Mickan, Suzanne Lawrie and Annie Frost.

They are all on holidays resting and will be back into Wonderlanding with enthusiasm very soon.



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### **NEWS RELEASE**

### **21 December 2022**

### MGA INSURANCE GROUP OPENS NEW CUMMINS OFFICE

Leading national insurance broker MGA Insurance Group continues to expand and cement its presence in regional South Australia with new and larger premises at Cummins on South Australia's Eyre Peninsula.

It was a family affair attended by local clients and insurers. [Photographs attached]

The MGA Executive Chairman, John George OAM, welcomed 140 guests, including local manager and representative David Guidera: 'Above all, MGA remains a family-structured organisation with a unique model that brings our MGA representatives into a true business partnership rather than a traditional employer-employee arrangement.

'We grow together and share our successes. This is beneficial to our people and our clients who are assured of the highest levels of service expected from those who operate their own business.'

The original Cummins office was founded by Barry Kearsley, who employed David Guidera back in 1998. When Barry was ready to retire David took over the business, which has continued to grow from strength to strength.

'I was delighted when my old friend Barry brought David into his business and it has been a great pleasure to catch up with Barry this evening,' said Mr George.

'David and his team have developed the business into the fine operation you see today. It is a family business, and it is great to see David's son Sam now active in a broking role.

"On behalf of the MGA board, congratulations to you David and your team. These premises I am sure will provide an excellent base for many years to come."

### **Background**

MGA is one of Australia's top 10 insurance brokerages with offices and local portfolio managers in every mainland state and territory and in Cambodia. Headquartered in Adelaide where it was established in 1975, MGA pioneered a partnership model of local portfolio managers who collectively serve 65,000-plus clients. MGA's top three sectors are farming, business and strata protection. It also offers specialist business insurance for activities as diverse as car washes, wineries and display homes.

#### **PAUL GEORGE**

Managing Director

Media contact: Rob Ball on 0407 422 920



MGA Cummins team: David, Lorrae, Zoe, Kirsty, Matilda, Amy, Sam, Michelle





Original founder of Cummins business Barry Kearsley, with John George OAM



# What's New At



A: 19-21 Tumby Bay Rd

P: 08 8676 2210

E: admin@cumminsmedical.com.au

Covid-19 vaccinations are currently unavailable at our clinic until further notice.

Please enquire at an alternative clinic or pharmacy if you still require one.



Please be Aware

If you are attending the practice for any

reason, masks are still a requirement of entry.



University of Adelaide Medical Students

We welcome our first 5th Year Medical Student placements for 2023.

Monica Margarit &
Ashley Tobias

Monica and Ashley will be with us from 30 January to 24 March, 2023

Please help us to make them feel welcome during their stay, by saying hello if you see them. out and about.



Don't miss out on this opportunity, ring and enquire today



We hope you're enjoying your summer holidays and are being sun smart!

We offer comprehensive skin checks to detect

changes or abnormalities

caused by sun exposure. Enquire today.

### **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





### New Email- igacummins@gmail.com

Under new ownership which occurred on Tuesday 17th January 2023.

Anna and Adam Richardson's capable management of our local supermarket over the past years has been hugely appreciated by the community. The business continued to show significant growth in opportunities for employment, range of products, building improvements and service to customers especially through the impact of COVID.

Over 30 locals continue to be employed in operating the business with one third of the staff being juniors. Opening Hours remain the same, including on public holidays.

Welcome to the new owners who will soon be introduced to the community.



The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March each year to encourage Christian men and women to engage in personal prayer and lead communal prayer within their churches, mission auxiliaries and associations. The origins of World Day of Prayer date back to the 19th century when Christian women of the United States and Canada initiated a variety of cooperative activities in support of women's involvement in missions at home and in other parts of the world. These activities are related to the following areas:

- Concern for women and children
- The role of prayer in mission work
- Women had a vision of Christian unity
- Study was everyone's responsibility
- Women organized interdenominational
- Women celebrated their commitment
- Women linked world peace with world mission
- World Day of Prayer comes into being

In the second half of 1926 the women of North America distributed the worship service to many countries and partners in mission. The response worldwide was enthusiastic.

By the beginning of 1927 the call to prayer that was issued was for a World Day of Prayer for Missions. In 1927 Queensland and New South Wales led the way to the introduction and establishing of Women's World Day of Prayer in Australia. The Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union was responsible for the service in both States. These two States were followed by Victoria in 1931. Programs were sent to South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania in 1936, where the day was observed. These States went on and formed their own committees shortly thereafter.

In February 1986, Australia, in line with most countries, changed its name from "Women's World Day of Prayer" to "World Day of Prayer, Australia".

Australia has written a WDP service twice. 1958 – Theme: 'Bread of Life' & 1986 – theme: 'Choose Life'.

The World Day of Prayer Australia offerings are used to provide grants to various women and children's programs. Each country's committee is responsible for determining the use of the offering as it relates to the theme for each year.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2023-TAIWAN

"I HAVE HEARD ABOUT YOUR FAITH"

Date & Time: Friday 3rd March 10am

**Location: Cummins Uniting Church Hall** 

**Contact: 0427765043 (Jan Phelps)** 

Marg Phelps on behalf of the Uniting Church- World Day of Prayer Committee.





The Cummins Catholic Women's League members hosted a get together at the Cummins Hotel on Wednesday, 7 Dec.

Marg Phelps (Secretary) was the organiser, and welcomed the 40 people who attended.

Apologies were received from 10 people, who were unable to attend due to other commitments on the day. Diane Secker (President) said a Prayer to celebrate Jesus' birth.

Everyone ordered morning tea and drinks on arrival, and these were brought out by the hotel staff during the get together.

There was a Christmas word search and a leaflet on "What's Christmas?" on the tables.

Joan Nelligan brought along her knitted Nativity Set for display and Diane Secker also brought her nativity set and words of Peace, Hope and Love to put on the tables.

Lucky chairs were won by Peter Hall and Joan Nelligan. Although there were 4 other Christmas pictures on other chairs that tricked the people on those seats into thinking they were also winners.

A collection was taken up, and \$317.80 was raised. This will go to Kerri Anne Lock and her boys, to support them after losing their partner and father recently.

Nine CWL ladies put on a skit about the Inn Keepers Story, while Pauline Mickan joined the group as an Angel. At the end of the skit everyone joined in singing Away in the Manger.

Leonie Phelps offered to video the skit for us, she also took several group photos of those in attendance as did Rev Stephen Albrecht. Thanks went to them both.

A Christmas Bible quiz was handed out and then later the answers to the 20 questions were revealed.

Gladys Hall on behalf of the other churches thanked the CWL for hosting the morning tea.

Rev Stephen Albrecht graciously agreed to give a Christmas message and blessing after being approached on his arrival to do so.

Marg Phelps thanked everyone for coming and then everyone sang "We wish you a Merry Christmas" to end the get together.

A successful morning get together was had by all.





### 1 CYCLING WITHOUT AGE

Di Modra spoke at the CDEC AGM and expressed her desire to see the Trishaw stay in Cummins. However, she was realistic that since the attempt to re- form a committee, there had been very little traction of success. Currently the only people within our community that are piloting the Trishaw are herself and her husband Roy. This is not sustainable.

Anika advised those present that she had managed to get contact from CWOA Australia. She was due to have a Zoom meeting with Angela Hird. However, despite gentle reminder from Anika, no meeting took place.

Angela did show enthusiasm to be able to help our Cummins Chapter. She was also hoping a returning CWOA employee could also join the meeting, along with a lady from Yorke Peninsula who was looking at beginning a Chapter.

Anika will continue to pursue this meeting taking place.

Clarification was wanted by the Committee as to whether we (Cummins) actually had to be under the CWOA banner and if we had more freedom to use the Trishaw for other ideas. Anika will ensure Di Modra is involved in this meeting also.

Anika also confirmed that the Trishaw had still been receiving some maintenance during the lull and was still in working order.

PLEASE NOTE: Since the AGM further discussion has occurred and the Trishaw has had several outings.

A small interest is being shown for driver recruitment so if anyone is keen to add cycling to their fitness programme please contact Di Modra by email modbrae@live.com.au

Ross, Claire, Brett, Mick & Jacinta thank the Cummins community for their care & support that was shown to Barry Polkinghorne over the last 7 years.

Known only to his family, Police and the Law Courts as BARRY JOHN POLKINGHORNE, more commonly known to everyone else as HORN!!! HORN was born on the 17th May, 1959 at the Cummins Hospital to Florence & Brian Polkinghorne and he was a little brother to Beverley.

Barry unfortunately developed Alzheimer's some years ago and this slowly affected his ability to lead a normal life.

It is not until we have to help or support a family member that you realise what a great community we live in. Thank you to the residents of Cummins that kept a general lookout for Barry & his wellbeing during the onset of his Alzheimer's. Thank you to his mates, friends, ex co-workers for their efforts to visit or stop to chat to him on his walks. We are fortunate to have local doctors, medical facilities, hospital & staff, that really do care for our community, at any time, day or night. Please make sure we keep these services & facilities within our local community. An extra special thanks to Gordon, Sean, Belinda, Sasha, John & Phil for their role as Barry's carers. Horn was fortunate to have a good mate in Norts, who spoke and summed up Horn's life during his eulogy with the following words

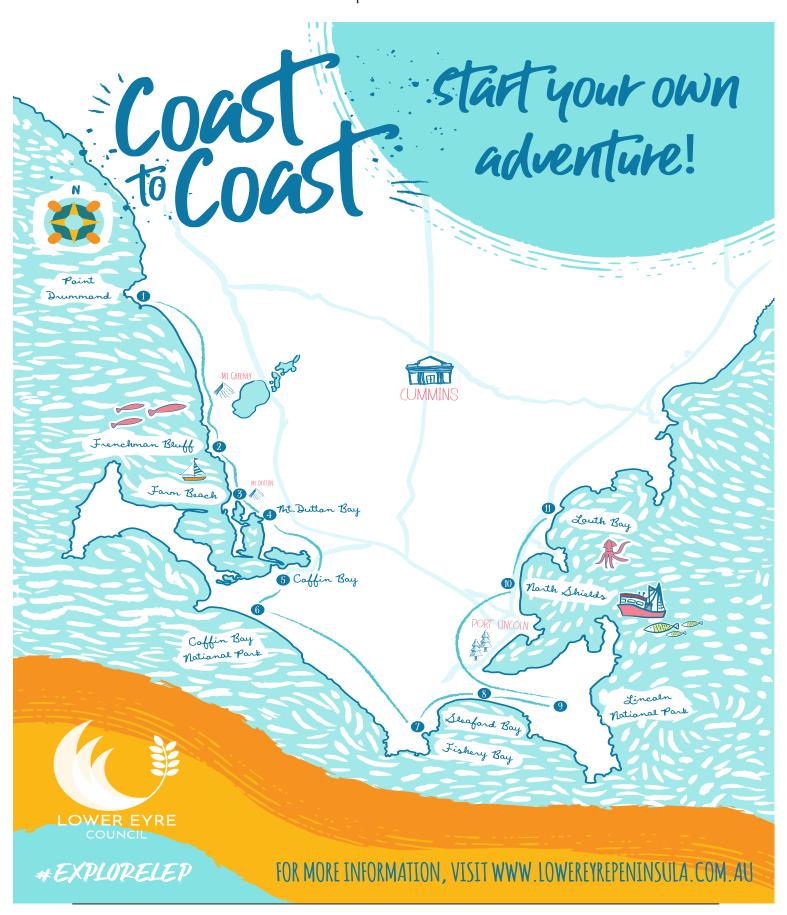
"Horn was a friend to all, he didn't have an enemy in the world, everyone loved him, everyone wanted to be around him, his sense of humour was infectious and so was his laugh. — HORN did life Horn's way!! He lived life to the fullest!!

We'll miss you mate and we're glad we got to be a part of it!!"

## Be A Tourist in our own region.

A self-drive day trip itinerary to visit local beaches and seaside townships.

Details provided online



### Promote our district

Features experience based offerings with a local edge in a self drive trip on Lower Eyre Peninsula - check out the details on line

