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YOUR ELECTED MEMBERS: Crs Brett Howell, Alan Tingay, Deputy Mayor Peter Mitchell, Cr Wendy Holman, Mayor Jo-Anne Quigley and Crs Dave Barrowcliff and Steve Woolley.

CUMMINS CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS

There has been a lot of action happening at the Cummins Cemetery – four new shelters have been installed thanks to Friends of Cummins Cemetery designing and sourcing grants and community donations.

The group also assisted Council in the design of the newly-erected gazebo, which will provide a sheltered alternate location for funerals to be held. Council also recently completed formalising the car park, making the space a lot more defined and user-friendly. Council appreciates the support of the following funding partners who have assisted with this project:- Cummins District Financial Services, Cummins Community Op Shop and private community donations.



(Photos courtesy Alicia Laube)

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Council will be selecting the 2021 Australia Day Award winners at its meeting on December 18. Keep an eye out in the Port Lincoln Times to find out the winners and how you can celebrate with them at the awards ceremony on Tuesday, January 26 in Cummins and Coffin Bay. Thank you to everyone who submitted nominations for the awards – Citizen, Young Citizen, Young Sportsperson, Employee, Business and Community Event/ Organisation of the Year. A total of 39 nominations were received – a great community effort.

\$55,482 AWARDED IN COMMUNITY GRANTS

Council has awarded a total of \$55,482 as part of its 2020/21 Community Grants program to six local organisations and clubs. Extra funding above the two \$25,000 pools was available this year due to a successful 2019/20 grant no longer being required by the applicant – freeing up an extra \$6,250. The following bodies will receive Community Capital Support Grants:- Big Swamp Community Centre - \$10,500 to construct a toilet block; United Yeelanna Football Club - \$15,000 to construct a children's activity and storage room; Point Boston Community Corporation Inc - \$15,000 to repurpose the obsolete water facility building into a community meeting place;

Cummins Tennis Club - \$3,348 for rewiring/lighting upgrade at Cummins courts; and the Coffin Bay Progress Association - \$3,334 for a swimming pontoon. The Cummins and District Tourism Committee was granted \$8,300 as part of the Community Reserves Support Grants to put towards the Cummins township entrance sign project for a sign at the southern entrance from Tod Highway. Mayor Jo-Anne Quigley said it was encouraging to see so many high quality, worthy applicants from across a wide section of our Council district. "Council is once again impressed by the community spirit that leads to people wanting to improve their organisations facilities." All projects are to be completed within the next year.

NEW AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS

A Citizenship Ceremony for Aphaphirom Mickan of Cummins, Chuleeporn Prasitpun of Boston and Alan Catterall of Coffin Bay was held in Cummins on December 3. Mayor Jo-Anne Quigley presided over the ceremony, and congratulated and welcomed Council's three residents on becoming Australian Citizens.



CHAPMAN ROAD FINISHED

Work has finished on re-sheeting Chapman Road (pictured). Other re-sheeting works have been completed on Greenpatch Road, Roberts Road, Mena Road, Yeltukka Road and Smith Road.



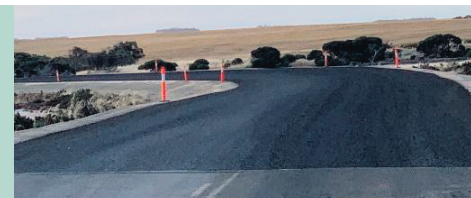
FOOTPATH PROGRESSING

Council has been busy extending the footpath from the Railway Triangle to the Cummins Caravan Park. Construction has commenced from Meikle Street, with the driveways and footpaths adjacent businesses being left until the new year once harvest movements have slowed.



BRATTEN WAY STAGE TWO UNDERWAY

Survey and design work on stage two of the Bratten Way rehabilitation has begun. Stage two focuses on two sections - a 1500m section directly adjacent to the current works and site two being a 1200m section on Turners Hill, east of Douglas Well Road. The survey for both sites is expected to be completed before Christmas with the design of site one scheduled to be complete by late January and design of site two to be complete by the end of February.



New sealing works on Bratten Way east of the Lawrence Road intersection

The estimate for works as detailed is \$1,495,000, comprising of \$996,700 Special Local Roads Funding and \$498,300 Council funding.

CUMMINS RAILWAY TRIANGLE

Council's project to place lawn on the western end of the Railway Triangle has been completed thanks to Council and Federal Government funding under the Community Infrastructure Program.



CHEMCLEAR COLLECTION

Council will be supporting Agsafe's ChemClear program with a collection being planned for South Australia in April and May 2021. Agvet chemical users can now register their unwanted or obsolete agvet chemicals for collection by visiting the ChemClear website, www.chemclear.org.au or by calling 1800 008 182. Registrations close on 28 February 2021.

EXTRA CHRISTMAS WASTE COLLECTION

Extra kerbside collections will occur in Coffin Bay during the school holidays on December 26, January 2, January 8 and January 15. Public bins will also receive additional collections in Coffin Bay, Dutton Bay and Farm Beach during the school holiday period. All other collections will be as normal. The Waste Transfer Stations in Cummins and Coffin Bay will have no change to operating times.

NEW FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Council has allocated funding from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP) towards the following projects:

- Louth Bay jetty precinct \$30,000
- Coffin Bay Cemetery improvement \$40,000
- Coffin Bay Oyster Walk upgrade \$40,000
- Cummins Railway Triangle landscaping \$35,000
- Rural road re-sheeting \$36,300

A further round of the LRCIP has been opened up by the Federal Government, with the Council set to consider allocation of this funding at the December meeting. Council is very appreciative of this funding from the Federal Government, which is to be spent on Council community infrastructure and roads.

COMMUNITY BUS AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

Council runs a Community Bus which is available to hire by individuals, groups and organisations. The bus has space for two wheelchair occupants and Council offers a 50 per cent rebate to aged care facilities. For more information contact the Council office.

FIRE DANGER SEASON - BE PREPARED

Be prepared for Fire Danger Season - November 15 to April 15.

This Fire Danger Season:

- Prepare your home & reduce fuel loads on your property
- Develop a Bushfire Survival Plan
- Familiarise yourself with what you can & can't do during the Fire Danger Season

For more information, including tips and fact sheets, visit www.cfs.sa.gov.au

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH THE FORTNIGHTLY FOCUS

Did you know that Council has introduced a fortnightly newsletter this year? The Fortnightly Focus is distributed every second Friday with Council and community information and updates. Get on the mailing list by emailing mail@dclep.sa.gov.au

SUBMIT REQUESTS THROUGH NEW WEBSITE

Did you know you can submit a customer request through Council's new website? This is an easy way to request a new rubbish bin, let us know your road needs maintenance, or that you know of a tree that needs a trim! Visit www.lowereyrepeninsula.sa.gov.au and in the top right corner you will see 'Works/ Maintenance Request' – click and fill out the details for it to be emailed to Council. There are also links to 'Make a Payment' and 'Change My Address'.

GET INVOLVED IN COFFIN BAY CEMETERY WORKS

Council has an allocation of \$40,000 in the current budget to undertake some works at the Coffin Bay Cemetery and are looking to form a consultation group of up to six (6) interested Coffin Bay residents to represent their community and provide input to shape the improvements. If you would like to be part of this working group email mail@dclep.sa.gov.au