



# THE FORTNIGHTLY FOCUS

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## COUNCIL NEWS

### Storm damage

Council is expecting to spend about \$90,000 to repair infrastructure damage in the Boston/ Tiatukia rural living area following the storm on January 31. For more information, refer to Item W121 W&I/07/20 in Council's February Agenda & Minutes.

### Runway upgrade

Council has resolved to rebuild runway 15/33 at the Port Lincoln Airport using iron stone (buckshot) paving material. The project is scheduled to start in early March, and while there will be no impact on the travelling public on Regular Passenger Transport airlines, the general aviation sector has been advised accordingly.

For more information, refer to item W121 W&I/12/20 in Council's February Agenda & Minutes.

### Airport Aviation Strategy

Council will engage Three Consulting to develop a Port Lincoln Airport Aviation Strategy.

The major goal in developing an Aviation Strategy is to provide Council with a detailed picture of aviation business development options, ultimately aimed at increasing capacity and traffic at the Port Lincoln Airport. For more information, refer to item C359 CL/12/20 in Council's February Agenda & Minutes.

### Drought fundraisers

Cummins, Lock, Tumby Bay and Elliston communities will host community barbecues to raise awareness and funds for people impacted by drought next week.

Community barbecues will be held at 6.30pm at the following venues: Lock Football Club (March 3); Elliston Football Club (March 4); Cummins Bowling Club (March 5) and Tumby Bay Football Club (March 6).

Guest speakers include Anne Jones OAM & Peter Perry, Geurie Lions Club members managing the Drought Relief Project for Lions District 201N4.

Anne will talk about her work as a Lions Disaster Coordinator for 30 per cent of New South Wales covering an area including the Blue Mountains, Bourke and Broken Hill. Anne's work has ranged from coordinating hay, water and family support to drought affected communities, to supporting families impacted by the devastation of fires over the past summer.

Scott Richardson from Narromine, NSW, will share what it is like to live in drought and the fight to maintain his family property in the face of years of dry conditions.

Lock farmer Michael Hancock will also speak about his experiences and the challenge in delivering

46,000 tonnes of mostly drought and frost affected crops from Eyre Peninsula and the Mid North under the Rural Aid program.

This hay is being delivered to the Eastern States, as well as to drought affected parts of our own Eyre Peninsula.

Cash donations can be made on the night, or to Australian Lions Foundation Emergency Disaster Appeal ([www.givenow.com.au/australianlionsfoundation](http://www.givenow.com.au/australianlionsfoundation)) or Lions District 201N4 Drought Appeal: BSB: 082 811; Account: 151 468 102.

**Blue tree update**  
Council resolved at its meeting on Friday to remove the blue tree on the Esplanade, Coffin Bay, on the basis it does not meet the Blue Tree Project guidelines.

It should be noted Council took into account submissions put forward by members of the community for and against the blue tree's location, however has chosen to show compassion to those members of our community who are negatively impacted by the tree in its current prominent location.

To learn more about the Blue Tree Project and its guidelines – please visit <https://www.bluetreeproject.com.au/recommendations>

The website also has links for those wishing to seek professional support – please visit <https://www.bluetreeproject.com.au/seek-help>

For more information, refer to item C359 CL/18/20 in Council's February Agenda & Minutes.

**Creating Connections events set**  
Creating Connections activities for 2020 have been set, with Council residents aged from 50 years encouraged to share knowledge, learn new skills and promote a healthy and active lifestyle. Confirmed activities are as follows:

- Thursday, March 5: Wall art and French Dining, L'Anse, Tumby Bay
- Wednesday, March 25: Tai Chi with Carol Fathers, Coffin Bay

- Tuesday, April 7: Morning tea & tour, Dutton Bay Woolshed
- Thursday, April 23: Constantia Furniture morning tea and tour, Port Lincoln

- Tuesday, May 8: World Red Cross Day, Port Lincoln
- Wednesday, May 20: Meditation & Mindfulness, Cummins

- Thursday, June 4: Movies & Lunch, Port Lincoln Cinema
- Tuesday, June 16: Annabelle's attic & bakery, Cummins

To register, call the Red Cross (08) 6557 1250.

**Historic Minute book project**  
Dates for the transcribing of Council's historic minutes books are now available.

Transcription events will be held at the Cummins School Community Library at 2pm on the following dates—March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1 and November 5.

For further information call the Library on 8676 2476.

**Rates due**  
A reminder that Council rates are due on March 7.

**Community Grants open**  
Council's two grant programs are open for applications.

**Community Capital Support Grants - \$25,000 pool**  
To assist community and sporting clubs in the Council area to develop or upgrade their facilities for the benefit of members.

**Community Reserves Support Grants - \$25,000 pool**  
To assist community groups within the Council region to work on suitable projects on Council reserves. Full grant criteria and an application form can be downloaded from Council's website. Applications close 5pm, Thursday, March 5.

**Recycling batteries**  
People can now drop small batteries off for recycling at the North Shields post office, Coffin Bay post office and Cummins Council office.

### Staff update

Economic Community Development Officer Julie Crettenden is now available Monday to Wednesday. To contact – email [julie@dclep.sa.gov.au](mailto:julie@dclep.sa.gov.au) or call 8676 0400.

### Enterprise Committee Project

Officer Jenna Hughes is currently working Thursday and Fridays, however will change to Wednesday and Thursday from March 4. The CDEC role has also relocated to the Cummins Institute. To contact, email [cdec@dclep.sa.gov.au](mailto:cdec@dclep.sa.gov.au)

**Independent Living Centre visit**  
The Department of Human Service's Independent Living Centre mobile unit will be in Port Lincoln on March 3 and Tumby Bay on March 4.

The service provides free professional advice on techniques and equipment to assist with every day activities.

To book in Tumby Bay please call Joy Swaffer on 0427 192 020 or to book in Port Lincoln call Lincoln Grove on 8682 8200.

### Country Arts SA grant

Country Arts SA have a range of grants for community-based art programs, skills development and

public art funding. Several close on March 16.

<https://www.countryarts.org.au/grants-funding/grants/>

### Day on Dorward

A free community event to show solidarity to those affected by recent bushfires on Sunday, March 1 at Dorward Oval from 11am to 7pm. BYO picnic and listen to the local musicians, or purchase food from a charity food tent and help support relief organisations.

### Cummins community tea

A community tea will be held at the Cummins Railway Triangle from 5pm on Friday, March 13. Go along and join in welcoming new people to town.

### Foster Care training

Centacare Catholic Country SA is offering a free two-day foster care training on March 5 and March 12.

This training is a compulsory part of the assessment process for new foster carers, and also provides comprehensive information for anyone who is considering foster care. Training will be held on Thursdays, March 5 and 12 from 9.15am to 5pm. Confirm your attendance by phoning 8683 0733.

### Safe Environments training

Centacare Catholic Country SA is offering Safe Environments for Children and Young People training in Port Lincoln on Thursday, March 26.

The training aims to help participants become aware of their values, attitudes and experiences and the impact these may have on responding to child abuse and neglect.

Register with Kimberley Pursche – [kpursche@cccsa.org.au](mailto:kpursche@cccsa.org.au)

### Small & Vital grants

Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal – The Small and Vital grant round provides funds up to \$10,000 for programs in rural communities.

For more information visit [frrr.org.au/grants/](http://frrr.org.au/grants/)

[Strengthening Rural Communities](http://frrr.org.au/grants/strengthening-rural-communities)  
Applications close on March 24.

### RAA Grassroots Giving

Up to \$5000 is available for five different focus areas. For more information visit [raa.com.au/about-raa/community-programs/](http://raa.com.au/about-raa/community-programs/)

[community-sponsorships/grassroots-giving](http://raa.com.au/about-raa/community-programs/community-sponsorships/grassroots-giving)

Round two closes on March 16.

### Preserving wartime heritage

Saluting their Service Commemorative Grants are open for applications to preserve and honour Australian wartime heritage.

For more information visit [communitygrants.gov.au/grants/saluting-their-service-cgp](http://communitygrants.gov.au/grants/saluting-their-service-cgp)

Applications close March 31.

## COMMUNITY NEWS