

## COUNCIL NEWS

### Community Meet & Greets

Mayor Quigley and the CEO will attend Community Meet & Greets over the next few months. Locations and dates are as follows:

- Port Lincoln Golf Club, 5.30pm, Thursday, September 2
- Tulka Reserve, 6.30pm, Tuesday, September 7
- Wheatsheaf Hotel, North Shields, 6m, Tuesday, September 15
- Wanilla Hall, 3.30pm, Thursday, September 16
- Marble Range Community and Sports Centre, 6pm, Thursday, September 16.



### Osprey nest

Council staff have finished installing an osprey nest at the Louth Bay jetty precinct that was requested by community members.

### North Shields beach access

A 900m-section of North Shields beach has been closed to vehicles due to community safety concerns.

Council has heard multiple concerns from beachgoers in recent years regarding vehicles being in the close proximity of families near the jetty section of the beach.

The decision to close the section comes after years of Council trying to establish a formalised vehicle access point further up from the 'no vehicles' zone.

Council pursued a Development Application (DA) to create alternate vehicle access after the 900 metres of beach earmarked to be a 'no vehicle' zone about two years ago, but after significant investment on environmental reports Council has not been able to gain approval from the Coast Protection Board.

Council has resolved it cannot wait further for the DA to be resolved and has implemented the 'no vehicle' zone.

Council believes the 900-metre length of beach is the only beach that is excluded from vehicles within its district and that it is reasonable to have at least one small section of beach set aside for the enjoyment of the public away from traffic.

### Boundary realignment proposal

#### Council Media Release

The District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula is disappointed the City of Port Lincoln has lodged a proposed

boundary re-alignment to take over the localities of Boston, Tiatukia, North Shields, Point Boston, Duck Ponds and Sleaford.

Mayor Jo-Anne Quigley said the City of Port Lincoln had held no formal discussions with Lower Eyre Peninsula Council prior to lodging its submission with the SA Electoral Districts Boundaries Commission (the Commission).

"The rationale for this proposal remains unclear and no indication has been provided as to the potential impact of rates and services to our community" Mayor Quigley said.

The City of Port Lincoln proposal includes 2 stages – Stage 1 is to incorporate Boston and Tiatukia into the City of Port Lincoln, and should the Commission see merit in the proposal move to a Stage 2 that includes the take over of North Shields, Point Boston, Duck Ponds and Sleaford.

### Kerbside recycling

As part of the 2021/22 Annual Business Plan, Council will trial a fortnightly kerbside recycling collection in all major townships from November.

The landowners in the following townships will receive a recycling bin for fortnightly collection: Cummins, Coffin Bay, Boston, Tiatukia, Tulka, Poonindie, North Shields, Louth Bay.

The trial will conclude on June 31, 2022 and will determine how much general waste can be diverted to recycling. Council will then be able to explore whether to continue with kerbside recycling and if so, its related costs. Council estimates kerbside recycling will cost \$115 per bin, per year, although since the trial is only taking place from November 2021 to June 2022, ratepayers will notice a different amount listed on their current rates notices.

### FAQs

#### Where is the recycling waste going?

The recycling will be processed to Port Lincoln for transport to Adelaide. Recycling will not go to landfill in the Eyre Peninsula. The more recycling becomes the normal standard, the cheaper it becomes.

**I didn't ask for this bin and I don't want to pay for it.** Council undertook consultation as part of its Annual Business Plan for the introduction of kerbside recycling. The response was overwhelmingly positive that recycling is a benefit to the district.

**This shouldn't be mandatory. Only people who want it should pay for it.**

If you are in a township that is receiving this service, then the cost is included as a service charge in your rates and is not a service that can be opted out of.

### Do I now get a discount on my general waste bin?

DCLEP don't charge residents a service charge for general waste, instead opting to fund the service via general rate revenue. The purpose of the trial is to determine what the actual costs waste are.

### When am I getting my bin? Why am I being charged if I don't have it yet?

Exact dates are yet to be determined and will depend on which township you are in but will commence in early November. Kerbside recycling will be collected fortnightly. The service charge for recycling has been reduced in line with the amount of time the service is available to you.

### Branch office hours

Council will be trialling alternate opening hours for its Branch Office in Port Lincoln. A three-month trial will commence on Monday, September 13 where opening hours will be 9am-1pm Monday to Friday.

## COMMUNITY

### COVID-19 Vaccinations

Lower Eyre Family Practice is now taking bookings for the COVI-19 Pfizer vaccine. Book with RN Meg Shirley by downloading the HotDoc App by visiting [www.hotdoc.com.au](http://www.hotdoc.com.au) or call the clinic on 8676 2210. When booking dose one, please follow HotDoc prompts to book dose two, three weeks later.

Appointments are also available for dose two if dose one was done elsewhere.

#### Who is eligible?

- People aged 16 to 59-years-old.
- Children aged 12 to 15-years-old who are on the NDIS and/ or are living with significant physical or intellectual disability; those who have specified medical conditions (severe asthma, diabetes, obesity, cardiac circulatory anomalies, epilepsy and those who are immunocompromised).

People aged from 60-years-old are to continue booking for COVID-19 AstraZeneca with RN Jenna Holman.

### Cummins Wanilla Basin Grants

A second round of grants has opened for infrastructure drainage works within the Cummins Wanilla Basin. Landholders within the basin area can apply for a grant of between \$2000 and \$30,000 for works that upgrade or maintain existing drainage, with works to be completed by June 2022. Applications close September 24 – for more information visit [www.landscape.sa.gov.au/ep/get-involved/grants-and-funding](http://www.landscape.sa.gov.au/ep/get-involved/grants-and-funding)