



COUNCIL NEWS

Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan is considered to be one of the key Council documents – it informs every annual budget, sets Council's priorities and work programs and forms the basis of all financial plans so feedback from the community is vitally important. Following a community survey and meetings held in 2019 to gauge community priorities, a Draft Strategic Plan has been developed and is now released for further consultation.

Copies of the draft Strategic Plan can be accessed on Council's website (www.lowereyrepeninsula.sa.gov.au) or alternatively, a hard copy can be provided from both Council Offices – 32 Railway Terrace, Cummins and 38 Washington Street, Port Lincoln, at no cost.

Draft Budget 2020/21 update

Council held a special meeting on May 29 to consider amendments arising from previous workshops and to endorse the draft budget for community consultation.

The draft budget will be released for public consultation on June 9, with written submissions to close on July 3. Members of the public will have the opportunity to ask questions and make a verbal submission to Council between 9am-10am at another special meeting on July 6 before the budget is formalised for adoption at Council's ordinary meeting on July 17.

Hardship Policy

Council has adopted a new Financial hardship policy to assist ratepayers who are experiencing financial

difficulty, with the policy including reference to emergency events - refer council website.

In relation to the current health pandemic Council have resolved to waive fines and interest on payments for March through to August (inclusive) for those customers that can demonstrate a reduction of 30 per cent or more in business income, or who are experiencing a reduction in working hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council has included a range of other options in its draft budget and Annual Business Plan to support businesses whose revenue has been impacted by the Covid-19 health pandemic, and to support community groups and sporting clubs including:

- Non-essential businesses impacted by a directive issued by Commissioner of Police
- Accommodation providers where premises are used solely for business purposes and the provision of accommodation is the primary activity conducted from the land
- Coffin Bay, North Shields and Cummins Caravan Parks
- \$300 cash contribution to community and sporting clubs that were required to close due to COVID-19 to meet their fixed costs.

Anyone experiencing difficulty is encouraged to contact the council office and discuss the options available to them on 8676 0400.

Oyster HQ car park

Council has taken part in an inspection ahead of making a decision on Oyster HQ's application to build a carpark on the Esplanade in Coffin Bay. Council staff and Elected Members will further consider the issue at the June Council meeting.

COVID-19 update – As at 5 June 2020

Facilities & services

While playgrounds, skate parks and campgrounds have been reopened, the following Council assets / services currently remain closed or suspended: Council owned & operated public BBQs; hiring of the community bus; Creating Connections (over 50's program); and The Cummins Institute (including the public toilets).

While Community Halls have been permitted to reopen by the State Government, the Cummins Institute is being utilised by a third party for the provision of health services at this time, therefore reopening cannot yet be facilitated.

Council office hours

Council have returned to normal operating hours, Monday to Friday, as outlined below:

Cummins office: 9am to 5p;
Port Lincoln branch office: 10am to 1pm; 2pm to 4pm.

COMMUNITY

Op Shop to re-open

The Cummins Op Shop will re-open on June 9. Op shop opening days are Tuesday to Friday, 10am to 4pm.

Library hours

The Cummins School Community Library has reopened to the public for after school hours and Saturday mornings.

Please observe:

- School age patrons to borrow during the school day to avoid public opening times
- Social distancing rules: 1.5m apart. Please observe floor markings to maintain social distancing.
- Hand sanitiser is a condition of entry.
- Time limits apply if more than 20 people need to access the library

- Only 2 PC computers are available for 15 minute use.

- 20 person maximum within library: you may need to wait outside.

- Please DO NOT enter the Library if you are feeling unwell

- Delivery service still available to 70+ age group
- The Coffin Bay library will reopen on 23 June 2020 with book delivery available to Coffin Bay residents in the interim. Please ring 86762476 with any queries

Our Town

Cummins volunteers are gearing up for 'Our Town' - a mental health initiative that will ultimately see three South Australian towns receive 10 years funding to find sustainable, community-based solutions to mental health challenges.

Our Town is an opportunity for Cummins as a community to build our capacity to support each other through the development of good mental health and wellbeing practices. Our Town is unique in that our voices lead what is to be done in our community, for our community. If you would like to speak to any of the volunteers about your ideas for the future of Mental Health initiatives in Cummins, reach out to anyone on the team: Emma Gale, Sarah Dickinson, Amanda Puckridge, Kris Speed, Rhianna Foster, Rachael Hunt and Michael Traeger.

COVID-19 Support Grant

Funding of up to \$10,000 to help community groups continue to deliver services during the COVID-19 public health restrictions. Further information is available from: dhs.sa.gov.au/services/grants-for-organisations/grants-sa