



THE FORTNIGHTLY FOCUS

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COUNCIL NEWS

Bruce Tce speed limit

The 40 kilometre an hour speed limit imposed on Bruce Terrace, Cummins during the harvest season has been lifted. The speed limit has returned to 50kmh.

Council meeting time change

The ordinary meeting of Council next Friday, February 21 will begin at 12.30pm, not 9am as generally scheduled, in the Council Chambers, 32 Railway Terrace, Cummins. Council is undertaking a Strategic Plan Workshop from 9am that day.

Minute Book transcribers

The initial meeting of the Transcription Project, a joint initiative between Council and the Cummins School Community Library has been held. There has been great community interest in transcribing historic Council minutes into digital format. The next meeting is Thursday, March 5 at 2pm.

Oyster Walk clean up

Council has negotiated with Work for the Dole to carry out the trial vegetation clearing on the Coffin Bay Oyster Walk, with work to start at the end of February. The results of this trial will be reviewed by Council to guide future decision making around vegetation clearing along the foreshore of Coffin Bay. Under the Native Vegetation Act, there are no exemptions for the Council to carry out vegetation clearing for the purposes of fire reduction, but after approaching the State Government, approval was granted for the selective removal of dead and fallen timber between the boat ramp and Long Beach.

Cummins Skate Park opening

The Cummins Skate Park will be formally declared open during the Empowering Lower Eyre 'Get Out' event on Saturday, February 15. The event will feature a pro-skater demonstration at the facility.

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.

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.

Creating Connections

New Creating Connections events for people aged from 50 years in our district have begun. The monthly events encourage people to get out and see and learn new things in a welcoming environment.

Bookings are essential – for more information call the Red Cross on (08) 6557 1250. Transport is available (subject to sufficient numbers).

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 has changed days of work. Julie is now available Monday to Wednesday. To contact email juliec@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 will also relocate to the Cummins Institute from February 17. To contact, email cdec@dclep.sa.gov.au

pacted postcodes.

Full details of these deferrals and a list of impacted postcodes are available at www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Dealing-with-disasters/, however the following post codes are currently listed: Lower Eyre Peninsula: 5606, 5607, 5630, 5631, 5632

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. Register by calling 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

SA Healthy Towns Challenge

Round Three of the SA Healthy Towns Challenge is now open, with a minimum of five grants of up to \$50,000 on offer to help regional towns develop preventive health programs. For more information visit sa-health.sa.gov.au/SAHealthyTowns Applications close Thursday, April 9.

OzHarvest here

OzHarvest, which helps food businesses to divert surplus food from landfill and instead send it to people seeking food relief in the local community, is set to launch in Port Lincoln.

To tackle food waste OzHarvest has just launched its OzHarvest Food App. For more information visit ozharvest.org

Youth Ambassador Program

The Mental Health Foundation Australia is looking for 2020 Youth Ambassador Program participants.

Applications are open for people aged 16-25 years who are passionate about youth mental health.

Youth Ambassadors will identify and discuss key issues affecting young people and contribute ideas for youth programs.

For more information visit mhfa.org.au/CMS/australian-youth-ambassador-program

Supporting Veterans

A Veterans' Recognition Program has been launched aiming to connect veterans and their families post-service to their local community.

Businesses can participate by providing a specific offer for Veteran Card holders. This could be in the form of a percentage discount on retail goods and services either in-store or online. Businesses can register for free at apod.com.au/about/business-partners

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/ 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 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 Applications close March 31.

Volunteer Grants

From \$1000 is \$5000 available to support volunteers through the Federal Government's Volunteer Grants. Forms are available at Member for Grey Rowan Ramsey's office (8633 1744). Applications close 5pm on February 18.

For links to a variety of State, Federal, business and community grants go to:

www.grantassist.sa.gov.au
www.communitygrants.gov.au
www.grants.gov.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

Fire support

The Australian Taxation Office has advised that a number of local government areas have been granted access to the Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment.

The ATO will automatically grant deferrals for activity statement lodgements and payments due for anyone in the identified im-