

## COUNCIL NEWS



### Meals on Wheels

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Council were approached to assist in continuing the delivery of meals for the Cummins Meals on Wheels branch as many of the volunteers had been advised to remain at home for their personal safety. Council's administration trainee, Georgia Wooley undertook many of the meal deliveries to residents and coordinated the roster for those volunteers that were still able to participate.

Georgia attended the AGM of the Cummins Meals on Wheels Branch on 20th July where the president, Cathy Pearson presented Georgia with a token of appreciation for her assistance. Council was pleased to be in a position to assist the Branch and thank Georgia for her willingness to undertake this wonderful community service.

### Rates

Rates will be due on September 7 – people will be receiving their notices in the mail in coming days.

To make payment, or register for an electronic notice, please visit [www.lowereyrepeninsula.sa.gov.au/services/payment-options](http://www.lowereyrepeninsula.sa.gov.au/services/payment-options)

### Morgan Reserve future

Council is looking for a group or collective of people to take over the management of Morgan Reserve with the Coffin Bay Progress Association no longer have the capacity to do so.

Council would be interested to hear from people who would be willing to take on responsibility of the following:

- Tidy the playground area
- Keep barbecue and surrounds clean
- Watering and mowing of oval and minor maintenance of water system
- Minor maintenance at the BMX track and tennis courts

For more information, refer to Agenda Item C460 CL/61/20 of the 17 July 2020 Council Agenda/ Minutes.

### \$13,200 for local groups

A total of 44 local community groups and sporting clubs will receive a \$300 COVID-19 package from Council – a combined donation of \$13,200.

The funds will go towards fixed building costs in recognition of the impact of the closure directives on the organisations. To view the full list, refer to Council's meeting minutes for 17 July 2020.

### Community bus back

Following the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions the community bus is back available for hire, but it will be at a reduced number capacity.

For now the bus can carry a maximum of 13 people and extra precautions still need to be made including extra touch point cleaning and a tracing record completed for Council to retain in case it is required by SA Health.

### New planning system

The Planning and Design Code (the Code) is the cornerstone of South Australia's new planning and development system and will offer a single set of planning policies for assessing applications across the state.

To ensure that all South Australians are confident and familiar with the new planning system, access to the online Code is now available for communities in Phase One (Outback Areas) and Phase Two (Rural Areas) via the new ePlanning platform. The Code is scheduled to go live across rural South Australia on 31 July 2020.

### Hardship Policy / COVID-19 Assistance

Council have adopted a new Financial hardship policy to assist ratepayers who are experiencing financial difficulty.

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.

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

## COMMUNITY

### BreastScreen SA visit

BreastScreen SA is holding a dedicated Pop-up Clinic at the Port Lincoln Hospital and Health Service from early August to

mid-November 2020. Appointments are free and can take as little as 10 minutes. Call BreastScreen SA on 132 050 to book or visit [www.breastscreen.sa.gov.au](http://www.breastscreen.sa.gov.au) to find out more.

### Firey Women

The CFS will deliver a Firey Women Workshop in Coffin Bay on September 19 and 20. The free workshop includes information and practical sessions in a fun and practical environment.

Topics include:

- Understanding bushfires and warnings
- Deciding when to leave early or stay and defend
- Identifying hazards at your home
- Preparing yourself emotionally
- Operating fire pumps and equipment
- Preparing a Bushfire Survival Plan

The workshop will be held from 9am to 5pm at the Coffin Bay Hall.

Registrations are essential - call Therese Pedler at the CFS Port Lincoln office on 8621 2409 or 0428 114 234.

### COVID survey

Have you got some time to help the National Ageing Research Institute understand the psychological and social impact of the COVID-19 pandemic? Anyone is encouraged to fill out the institute's survey as it is looking for a diversity of respondents from different districts and demographics.

Results will inform the advice given to people, the support needed, and the decisions taken to keep Australians as well as possible. Visit

[www.nari.net.au/research/current-projects/covid-19-survey](http://www.nari.net.au/research/current-projects/covid-19-survey)

### Seeds of Renewal grants

ANZ Seeds of Renewal Program opened this week with up to \$15,000 to help rural communities thrive. Closing on August 19, you can find further details at [www.frrr.org.au/grants/ANZ-seeds-of-renewal](http://www.frrr.org.au/grants/ANZ-seeds-of-renewal)

### Grants SA 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. The grant could be used for IT equipment, data, software, PPE, website upgrades, salary. This opportunity is open until October 20. The normal Grants SA rounds have ceased until further notice.

Further information is available from: <https://dhs.sa.gov.au/services/grants-for-organisations/grants-sa>