

DCLEP STRATEGIC PLAN COMMUNITY SURVEY OUTCOMES

The District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula is about to commence the community consultation phase of its Strategic Plan review. A community survey was conducted by Council in late December 2015 and early January 2016 to obtain feedback from the community about Council's performance and future direction. A total of 503 completed survey questionnaires were received by the cut off date of 4 January, and all responses have been processed and analysed.

The survey asked people to prioritise Council services in order of importance, with the following table summarising the responses received ranked in order of priority, from Highest Priority to Lowest Priority.

Road Maintenance	Top Priority
Fire Protection	
Road Construction	
Waste Management	
Public Conveniences	
Effluent Management	
Development Planning	
Airport Facilities	
Recycling	
Community Support	
Communication / Community Engagement	
Parks, Gardens & Reserves	
Regional Development	
Boat Ramps	
Town Amenity / Streetscape	
Footpaths	
Playgrounds	
Health (Immunisation, Food Act)	
Building Control	
Coastal Management	
Cemeteries	
Street Lighting	
Tourism	
Walking Trails	
Sport & Recreation	
Libraries	
Animal Management (Dogs & Cats)	
Youth Support	
Camping Management	Lowest priority

Council was not surprised to find that roads, fire prevention and waste management ranked as top priorities in the survey. Council is currently preparing 'Level of Service Standards' for the road network, and will be releasing a document for public comment as part of the Strategic Plan review process.

Council did note that its role in fire prevention is limited to its regulatory role in ensuring that private properties do not impose a fire risk, appropriate management of Council property and to working with the SA Country Fire Service in relation to fire management education and in developing bushfire management plans for the region.

Council also asked a series of more specific questions, with the outcomes summarised as below:

Question	Agree %	Disagree %	Neutral %
Council should play a more active role in engaging with youth	31	20	49
Council boundaries are in urgent need of review	26	37	37
Council should increase rates to introduce recycling service	28	52	20
Council should increase rates to further improve the road network	34	38	28
Council should increase rates to further improve township amenity	14	54	32
There is a need for additional aged care accommodation across the district	50	15	35

Council looks forward to discussing the survey outcomes at a series of community meetings to be held across the district. The meetings involving the established Community Reference Groups and the wider public will be held as follows:

Cummins Council Chambers	7.30 pm	Tues 2 nd February
Port Lincoln Airport Administration Building	7.30 pm	Wed 3 rd February
Marble Range Community & Sports Centre	7.30 pm	Tues 9 th February

Council also looks forward to further hearing from the community in regard to future priorities for our Rural and Coastal Council.

Following this series of meetings Council will prepare a draft Strategic Plan for the next ten years, which it expects will be formally released for public consultation in March this year.

Council looks forward to working with its community in developing the Strategic Plan which will guide the Council in coming years.