

**Boston Rural Living DPA back on agenda**  
*Item DES/11/18*

COUNCIL has voted to revisit the Boston Rural Living Development Plan Amendment, believing it is still of strategic importance.

Council's Statement of Intent was knocked back by the former Minister for Planning in 2015 but SK Planning, which represents a group of landowners around Western Approach Road who want their land rezoned, has approached Council to request it reconsider the DPA again given there is a new Minister for Planning.

# Bid for academy

*Item CL/40/18*

THE Port Lincoln Airport has been submitted as a possible location for a Qantas Pilot Training Academy to be developed in Regional Australia. Mayor Julie Low said that the District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula has submitted the Port Lincoln Airport as a location to be considered by the State Government, as the preferred location for the academy to be located in South Australia.

Mayor Low said that a Qantas media release on 22<sup>nd</sup> February advised that they were looking to develop a Pilot Training Academy

which will initially train around 100 pilots a year for direct entry into the Qantas Group, including for Jetstar the Regional Carrier.

Qantas has advised that they will partner with one of several existing flight training providers, and will develop their academy following engagement with Federal and State Governments to discuss possible locations.

Mayor Low said she believes that Port Lincoln and the Lower Eyre Peninsula has much to offer Qantas as a site for their academy, with the region offering a lifestyle second to none

which would be seen as attractive to potential students.

Mayor Low said that the next step would be for the State Government to announce its preferred location, after which a competitive process is expected amongst the states to secure this investment in one particular state, noting that if successful the project would add significantly to the local economy.

Mayor Low said that she expects the State Government to act quite quickly to resolve the preferred location for the academy in South Australia.

## Grant certificates presented

MAYOR Low and Councilors congratulated our 2017/18 community grant recipients at the May Council meeting. Well done to the following groups and good luck with all your projects!

- United Yeelanna Netball Club - \$5863 for netball and tennis shelter sheds
- Port Lincoln Golf Club - \$15,000 for a new pump station
- Cummins & District War Memorial Swimming Pool - \$3,825 for new shades and seating
- Big Swamp Community Centre Inc - \$6500 for repairs to walls of the Big Swamp Church
- Riding for the Disabled Port Lincoln - \$5650 for new fencing
- Coffin Bay Progress Association - \$2300 for public seating at Morgan Reserve and Long Beach car park
- Cummins and District Enterprise Committee - \$10,000 to upgrade the Cummins Hall insulation, fans and air-conditioning.



## Have your say on draft budget

COUNCIL'S Draft Annual Business Plan and budget for 2018/19 will be released for public comment on June 5.

The plan, an online survey and a summary of the plan will be available on Council's website: [www.lowereyrepeninsula.sa.gov.au](http://www.lowereyrepeninsula.sa.gov.au), or from Council's offices at 32 Railway Terrace, Cummins or 38 Washington Street, Port Lincoln.

Public meetings to discuss the Annual Business Plan will be held on June 12 at the Cummins Council Chambers (7pm-9pm), and June 13 at the Port Lincoln Golf Club (10.30am-12.30pm) and Coffin Bay Yacht Club (2.30pm-4.30pm).

Written submissions will be received until 5pm, July 6 and an opportunity to be heard by Council prior to the consideration and adoption of the Annual Business Plan will be made available on July 13.