



MEDIA RELEASE

HAVE YOUR SAY ON A NEW DIRECTION FOR COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY FUNDING PROGRAMS

The City of Port Lincoln recognises that local events, projects and programs are essential for community resilience and the local economy and is undertaking a review of the current Community Funding Policy. The policy proposes a new direction with the introduction of two funding programs; **Connecting our Community** and **Growing our Community**.

The **Connecting our Community** program aims to support events and activities that:

- provide regular opportunities for the community to come together
- increase relevant service organisation activities and programs available to the community and awareness of such; and
- develop knowledge, skills and confidence of community members;

and may also fund programs, equipment purchase or upgrades and projects that demonstrate commitment to supporting community wellbeing and resilience.

The **Growing our Community** program aims to encourage and support events and activities that:

- positively promote the City as a destination of choice and enhance the experience of locals and visitors alike;
- encourage increased investment in the community; and
- positively impact on liveability outcomes.

Mayor Bruce Green said, "Council is committed to providing grant funding opportunities that assist in delivering events, programs and activities that are responsive to the needs of our community. The proposed policy framework provides greater clarity of the funding opportunities available and is designed to support the community and grow our local economy".

The community is invited to make comment on the revised policy's new direction from Thursday 7 June to Thursday 5 July 2018. A copy of the draft policy can be downloaded and viewed online at www.portlincoln.sa.gov.au/policies or a hardcopy can be purchased from the Council Administration Office and Port Lincoln Library on payment of a fixed fee.

Everyone is encouraged to read and provide comment on the proposed new direction of the policy, to ensure it meets the needs and expectations of the community.

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