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Ms Nat Cook Member for Hurtle Vale 185-191 Bains Road MORPHETT VALE SA 5162

Sent by email: shadowhumanservices@parliament.sa.gov.au

Dear Ms Cook.

Freedom of information application

I refer to your application under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act), received by the Office of the Minister for Human Services on 11 August 2021 seeking access to:

All documents including but not limited to briefing, emails, text messages, whatsapp messages, meeting minutes mentioning Highgate from Friday 30th July to and including 10 August.

Five documents have been identified as falling within the scope of your application and I have determined to refuse two documents in full and release three documents in full.

Document 4 and 5 are documents which have been prepared specifically for use in Parliament, the disclosure of which would infringe the privilege of Parliament. I have therefore determined to exempt the document in full pursuant to clause 17(c) of Schedule 1 to the Act.

Please find enclosed a copy of the documents, and a document schedule containing a brief description of the documents.

If you are dissatisfied with my determination, you can seek an internal review by writing to the Minister for Human Services as the Principal Officer of the agency. Your request should be sent within 30 days of your receipt of this letter.

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your FOI application, and the documents to which you are given access, may/will be published on the agency's disclosure log. A copy of PC045 can be found at

http://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/services-for-government/premier-and-cabinet-circulars.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, please contact Amanda Hockings, Office Manager, on telephone 8463 3388 or by email at amanda.hockings2@sa.gov.au. If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your FOI application, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman SA. Please contact the Ombudsman directly on (08) 8226 8699.

Yours sincerely

Amanda Hockings

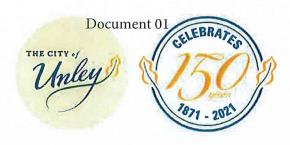
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SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS - 21MCOR/0007

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No	Author	Addressee	Date	Description of document	Determination	Reason
1.	CEO Unley	Minister for Human Services	2 Aug 21	Letter	Released in full	
2.	Department of Human Services	All Staff	5 Aug 21	DHS Media Update	Released in full	
3.	Department of Human Services	All Staff	3 Aug 21	DHS Media Update	Released in full	
4.	Department of Human Services	Minister's office	6 Aug 21	Forward Issues Register	Refused in full	Clause 17 – Prepared for Parliament
5.	Department of Human Services	Minister's office	30 Jul 21	Forward Issues Register	Refused in full	Clause 17 – Prepared for Parliament



2 August 2021

The Hon. Michelle Lensink MLC Minister for Human Services GPO Box 2832 Adelaide SA 5001

Via email: DHSMinisterforHumanServices@sa.gov.au

Dear Minister

Future Use of Disability SA Highgate Park (Julia Farr)

Over the last 12 months, staff from your department have met with our staff to discuss the future sale of Highgate Park and opportunities that may be possible on that site.

The City of Unley has the lowest percentage of open space of all councils in the metropolitan area and there are limited opportunities to increase this. The Council sees Highgate Park as one such opportunity. Consequently, Council at its Meeting of 26 July 2021 resolved that:

1. Council write to the Minister of Human Services as sole Trustee for the Home for Incurables Trust and the Attorney General, requesting that the sale of Highgate Park ensures that there is a minimum of 12.5% useable open space as part of any redevelopment on the site. Furthermore, Council express the view that it wishes to commence discussions with the Trust on the possibility of purchasing additional land for the creation of a local community park on the site.

Accordingly, we now seek to commence discussions with the Trust with a view to purchasing additional land, with the express purpose of creating a reserve or park for our community.

The benefits of open space provision for community use cannot be understated. Time spent in reserves and parks by individuals is known to improve mental health and overall quality of life and we are committed to advocating for and championing the health and wellbeing of our community.

I look forward to engaging with you and your staff in the future to commence discussions regarding the future use and potential purchase of land from the Highgate Park site.

Yours sincerely

Peter Tsokas

Chief Executive Officer

κ, Michelle (DHS)

From: Sent: Department of Human Services <DHSnews@sa.gov.au>

Thursday, 5 August 2021 1:23 PM

To:

Lensink, Michelle (DHS)

Subject:

DHS COVID-19 Update - Highgate Park Vaccination Clinic

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COVID-19 update

Highgate Park Vaccination Clinic for RACF and disability support staff

Dear sector colleague,

I am pleased to advise that disability support staff are now able to receive their Pfizer vaccine through the new vaccination clinic at the DHS Highgate Park site at Fullarton.

Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 is the best thing we can do to protect ourselves and the South Australian community.

If you work in Disability Support Services or in a Residential Aged Care Facility (RACF), you are eligible to be vaccinated now and are able to receive a Pfizer vaccine, regardless of age. It is vital that you get vaccinated to protect yourself and the residents you care for from COVID-19.

All RACF staff are eligible, including health practitioners, personal care workers, kitchen staff, cleaners and administrative staff.

For further information on disability workers who are eligible, please visit the SA Health website.

Highgate Park vaccination clinic

The Highgate Park COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic is located at 103 Fisher Street, Fullarton.

You can book an appointment to receive your Pfizer vaccination at this clinic online.

The clinic is open Monday to Friday at the following times:

- Monday to Wednesday: 9am to 5pm
- Thursday: 9am to 8pm
- Friday: 9am to 5pm.

When attending your appointment, you must complete a declaration of eligibility to verify that you are currently employed or contracted to work with a disability service provider or at a RACF. Please bring an employee ID card, timesheet or other proof of employment to your appointment.

For further information about the COVID-19 vaccine:

- Read the <u>Frequently asked questions getting vaccinated</u>.
- Visit <u>covidvaccine.sa.gov.au</u> to stay up-to-date with the latest information.
- <u>Translated information</u> is available if you need it.

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Lois Boswell

Chief Executive



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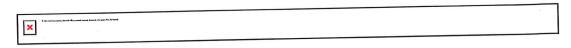
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Lensink, Michelle (DHS)

From:

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Tuesday, 3 August 2021 10:36 AM

To:

Lensink, Michelle (DHS)

Subject:

DHS COVID-19 Update - 3 August 2021

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COVID-19 update Gradual easing of restrictions

Dear sector colleague,

The Premier has announced that the following levelling down of restrictions will come into effect as of 12:01am Thursday, 5 August:

- Density requirements change to 1 person per 2 square metres.
- Sport competition can resume this weekend though there will be some conditions in place for the number of spectators in attendance.
- Gyms 1 person per 4 square metres.
- Household and private gatherings limited to 10 people maximum per household including members of house.
- Food and beverage consumption seated only, both indoor and outdoor.
- Restrictions on dancing and singing to continue.

Masks are to remain mandatory in:

- High-risk settings such as healthcare (including aged care and disability services), public transport, passenger transport and personal care environments (eg, hairdresser), and in theatres and cinemas.
- Indoor public places where face to face interaction takes place (e.g. supermarkets, shops, etc.).

 Secondary schools for both students and teachers (ages 12 and up), though excursions and assemblies can take place again.

Masks are also strongly recommended for indoor workplaces, particularly in common areas where social distancing is difficult to maintain such as meeting rooms, tea rooms and lifts.

The Premier advised that the current mask mandates and recommendations are likely to apply for the foreseeable future due to the heightened risk posed by the Delta strain of COVID-19 which is airborne and highly transmissible.

Whilst the majority of meetings hosted by DHS will continue to be held online at this stage, our department has made a decision to voluntarily implement the COVID Safe Check-In (QR Codes) at our worksites. The COVID Safe Check-In ensures the safety of our staff and visitors and enables SA Health to quickly contact others should there be any further risks or concerns about the spread of COVID-19 in South Australia.

All guests, visitors and contractors are asked to please scan the QR Code relevant to the floor level of the worksite building they are entering. Thank you for your cooperation in utilising this sytem when visiting DHS worksites.

Travel Advice - Queensland

With the concerning situation developing in South East Queensland, the Premier has recommended visiting South Australians return home as soon as possible to avoid any potential border restrictions with the sunshine state.

Those returning to South Australia from South East Queensland areas affected by the lockdown are required to complete 14 days of quarantine and the relevant testing requirements. See the <u>interstate contact tracing and exposure locations page</u> for information about travel restrictions, testing and quarantine advice for Queensland, and other states and territories.

COVID-19 Reminders

Contact Tracing

<u>SA Health contact tracing website</u> continues to be updated with new exposure sites, so please continue to monitor this site regularly.

Testing

Please continue to get tested if you have any COVID-19 symptoms, no matter how minor.

There are over 85 testing facilities available to visit. You can <u>find your nearest site from a full list</u> of clinics and testing centres available on the SA Health website.

Vaccination

For those who are eligible for a COVID-19 vaccination, you can <u>book your vaccination</u> <u>appointment online via the SA Health website</u>. When you receive your COVID-19 vaccination, please fill in the basic information on the <u>COVID Vaccination Register</u>. If you have difficulties using the Register, please contact the <u>BIT Service Desk.</u>

New vaccination clinics for RACF staff

Two new vaccination clinics have opened in <u>Highgate Park</u> (operated by DHS) and <u>Enfield</u> providing the Pfizer vaccine for residential aged care facility (RACF) staff, along with the <u>Medindie</u> vaccination clinic. All RACF staff are eligible, including health practitioners, personal care workers, kitchen staff, cleaners and administrative staff.

For more information about the three clinics and how RACF staff can access the Pfizer vaccine, visit <u>SA Health's COVID-19 vaccine website</u>.

For further information about the new restrictions visit www.covid-19.sa.gov.au If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the DHS COVID-19 Response team.

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Lois Boswell

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