

New cashless parking system

Council has introduced a cashless parking solution at the Port Welshpool carpark.

The free Parkmobile app can be downloaded on all devices and will halve the time it takes to pay. The new system replaces the ticket machine, which has experienced ongoing technical difficulties and will eventually be removed.

The service operates by registering your vehicle's number plate and using a pre-paid account. Once the purchase is complete a text or email will be sent to the user's mobile phone or ipad. A reminder text is also sent when the parking session is due to run out – reducing the risk of receiving an infringement notice.

The Port Welshpool carpark is mainly used by boaters when heading out into Corner Inlet for a day on the water. When they return to dry land there are fish cleaning facilities and wash down areas all provided and maintained by Council.

“Like all of the services provided by Council these facilities, along with the regular maintenance at the carpark and surrounds, comes at a cost to the community,” said Local Laws Coordinator, Bruce Gardiner. “One of the ways these costs can be offset is by asking users of the facilities to pay a modest fee to park at the location.”

Some of the funds are also donated to the Coast Guard so that it can continue to provide valuable marine safety services from this location also.

“We believe Parkmobile will lead to better outcomes for users of the facility because they can be assured their vehicle will be parked legally,” Mr Gardiner said.

Signs explaining the Parkmobile pay system have been installed on site. Customers can also contact Council's Local Laws team on 5662 9200 for further information. Tickets are still able to be purchased from Council's Customer Service team at our Leongatha office, as well as from the Coast Guard, Port Welshpool General Store and Long Jetty Caravan Park.

Caption: Acting Manager Operations, Colin Williams and Senior Local Laws Officer, Graeme Peters, with the new sign explaining the cashless parking solution at Port Welshpool.

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