



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GRANT

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DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GRANT RESIDENTS URGED TO BECOME INVOLVED

The District Council of Grant is calling on the community to have their say in the upcoming Local Government elections in November 2018. Only a small number of people nominate for a position on Council, but there are many reasons to do so, says Council's Chief Executive Officer, David Singe.

The workings of Council can often be the result of public criticism, due to lack of knowledge of what legislation governs how Councils run and what can and can't be resolved during a Council meeting. Councils can be quite complex and a challenge to some, said Mr Singe, however, there is training available to those newly elected and support systems in place to help ease the way.

Councils deal with an enormous range of subjects, from economic development and environmental protection to dog and cat management. "As a Councillor you'll learn about a wide range of topics and the legislative and budgetary frameworks that sit around them. As you learn about Council business and develop your knowledge of Council meeting procedures, you'll have the opportunity to contribute to the (often robust) discussions in chamber by representing your community", said Mr Singe.

Ratepayers wishing to vote in the election should ensure they are enrolled to vote by 5pm on Friday 10 August 2018. Nominations to stand for Council as a Councillor or Mayor open on 4 September 2018 and close at noon on 18 September 2018. Voting will close at 5pm on Friday 9 November 2018 with the count taking place on Saturday 10 November 2018. There are no costs or nomination fees associated with running for council.

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To assist community members in making a decision, the Local Government Association in conjunction with the Electoral Commission of SA will be holding a joint Candidate Briefing Session for the District Council of Grant and City of Mount Gambier on Wednesday 22 August 2018 at 6pm in the Dress Circle at the Main Corner, and all are welcome. The District Council of Grant will also be running a separate Candidate Briefing Session on Wednesday 29 August 2018 at 5.30pm at the District Council of Grant Council Chambers.

Further information on the Council election can be found at www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/elections2018.

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