

# DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GRANT



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## TARPEENA TO HOST 2018 AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION

Tarpeena will join hundreds of towns and regions across the nation in celebrating Australia Day in 2018 when the Tarpeena Progress Association and other community members host the District Council of Grant's Australia Day Celebration on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January.

"Australia Day is a special day for all Australians to come together and celebrate our community and what we love about the country we call home, and I invite everyone in the community to attend our celebration" said District Council of Grant Mayor Richard Sage.

The Australia Day Celebration will be held at the Tarpeena Football Oval on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January from 11.30am. The free family focused event will feature live music by the Mount Gambier City Band, free jumping castle for the children, giveaways and a display of vintage cars. There is marquee shelter and the community are encouraged to bring their own chair, table, or picnic rug to sit on the oval, but pets, glass and BYO alcohol are not permitted at the event. A BBQ meat and salad lunch will be available for a gold coin contribution and the Tarpeena Football Club bar will be open for refreshments.

Official proceedings will begin at 1.15pm with a rendition of the National Anthem by Katelyn Lapatha, which will be followed by a presentation by the Australia Day Ambassador and the announcement of the Council's Australia Day Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year Awards.

This year's Australia Day Ambassador is former Operation Flinders Executive Director, Mr John Shepherd AM. John spent twenty-five years within major branches of the S.A. Police Department, and as former Executive Director of the Operation Flinders Foundation, he ran a world leading wilderness adventure program for young offenders and young people at risk. He has been involved as a board member in numerous Australian and South Australian educational, emergency service and social inclusion organisations.

For early comers, the Tarpeena Community Market will be open in the Hall next to the Football oval from 10am with children's sack races and 'sheep' races a feature. The Tarpeena Cancer Support Group will also be offering morning tea from 10am in the Football Clubrooms.

For further information please contact the District Council of Grant on 08 8721 0444.

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2017 District Council of Grant Australia Day Award Nominees



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# Australia Day

## FRIDAY 26 JANUARY 2018

### Tarpeena Football Oval

From 11.30am

Tarpeena Family Market, sack & 'sheep' races & morning teas from 10.00am

**Free entry:**

- **Free Children's Activities:** jump castle, merry-go-round
- **Music** by Mount Gambier City Band & Katelyn Lapatha
- **Vintage & Veteran Car Display**
- **BBQ Lunch** by gold coin contribution
- **Australia Day Citizenship Awards & Official Ceremony** from 1.15pm

For further information phone 8721 0444  
[www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au](http://www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au)

Event hosted by the  
Tarpeena Progress Assoc  
for District Council of Grant



**All welcome**

Please BYO chairs.  
Licenced Bar on site.  
No BYO alcohol or  
pets permitted, or  
glass on oval.  
Thank you

