

Council Update

On Thursday, 26 January 2023, we celebrated the achievements of local residents who have made outstanding contributions to our community at the Australia Day Awards Ceremony.

Award winners and nominees gathered at the Allan Scott Glenburnie Racecourse for presentations and lunch.

Council would like to again acknowledge:

- Sheryl Teigesser
* Citizen of the Year
- Elivia Stanley
* Young Citizen of the Year
- Yahl Community Christmas Party
* Community Event of the Year
- Allendale East Area School students
* Active Citizenship Award
- Graham Lamond
* Nominee for Citizen of the Year
- Gill Glayfield
* Nominee for Citizen of the Year
- Allendale School of Scares / Veronica Miller
* Nominee for Community Event of the Year
- Mrs Suzy Marks
* Nominee for the Active Citizenship Award

The event was professionally recorded by Dream Multimedia and is available for viewing via Council's website:

(<https://www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/community/australiaday>)

Photographs from the awards ceremony are available to view on Council's Facebook page and some are included in the newsletter on page 3.

Messages from the award winners are also included in this edition on pages 4 and 5.



Council Decisions

- **Proposed walking path near Mil-Lel Primary School:** At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday, 16 December 2022, Council resolved to consider allocating funds for a walking path along Sherwin Road as part of the 2023/2024 Financial Budget.



Head to our website for full Council meeting reports and minutes.

Grants



- **Thriving Communities Program:**
*closes Friday, 30 June 2023
More information in January edition
https://pir.sa.gov.au/funding_and_support/funding/thriving_regions_fund/thriving_communities_program
- **Fay Fuller Foundation Spark Grant:**
(round for preventative approaches for mental health & the conditions for wellbeing)
*closes Monday, 3 April 2023
<https://www.fayfullerfoundation.com.au/grant/spark-grant>
- **SA Water Community Partnerships Program**
*closes Friday, 24 March 2023
More information on page 7
<https://www.sawater.com.au/education-and-community/partnerships-and-sponsorships/community-partnerships>
- **Qantas Regional Grants**
*closes April 2023
More information on page 7
<https://www.qantas.com/au/en/about-us/our-company/in-the-community/qantas-regional-grants.html>

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Out & About with Council



On Thursday, 19 January 2023, the Hon. Sarah Game MLC (pictured on left) visited the District Council of Grant's principal office to talk to some of the current Elected Members and staff.

Some of the topics of discussion included the forestry industry, youth mental health, water and fishing industry.

On Thursday, 26 January 2023, some of Council's Elected Members helped congratulate community members at the Australia Day Awards Ceremony (pictured on right).

Back row: Cr Brad Mann, Cr Barry Kuhl, Professor Richard Bruggeman, Cr Katherine Greene & Cr Megan Dukalskis.

Front row: Mayor Kylie Boston, Cr Karen Turnbull & Cr Rodney Virgo.



Elected Member Profile

Councillor Brad Mann

How are you involved in the District Council of Grant community?

The District Council of Grant has been home for me for the past 30 years. I moved here for 6 months and basically just stayed after I met my partner Susie. Over the years I have been involved with sailing, surfing, playing soccer and football umpiring. Someone told me once that in the city you buy your fun and in the country you make it. Living here gives you so many opportunities that are difficult to do in the city.

Why did you decide to join Council?

I have always been interested in the workings of government and I realised the decisions Councils make deeply effect the lives of people. Local Government works at the grass roots level and when the opportunity came to run for the District Council of Grant, four years ago, I was lucky enough to get elected and experience it first hand. My goal for Council is to help steer the region with good development policies and engage with the community so that we can deliver programmes and opportunities which enhance peoples lives while at the same time protecting our precious environment.

What are you looking forward to the most about being an Elected Member for 2022-2026?

In the next few years one of the focuses for Council is to look at the Inner Townships Master Plan. This project has already started and I'm excited to see what information the planners bring back after all the work and ideas that were generated in meetings with members of the community. This should help Council shape planning and expenditure over the years. Inner townships are mostly forgotten but have the highest number of residences in our Council area, so this plan with help give these areas a voice to Council.

What is something the community may not know about you?

Susie and I both love to travel and have spent time backpacking Europe, the UK and Ireland. We hope to do more of this year with plans to walk parts of the Camino trail in June this year.



Australia Day 2023 Photo Gallery



All awards nominees and winners with the Hon. Clare Scriven MLC (pictured far left), Professor Richard Bruggemann (pictured back row center) and Member for Mount Gambier, Mr Troy Bell MP (pictured far right).



Table arrangements.



Speech by Sheryl Teigesser - Citizen of the Year.



Tia Lawrie singing the Australian National Anthem.



Professor Richard Bruggeman making a speech.



Member of the Mount Gambier City Band playing.



Allendale East Area School students - Active Citizenship Award winners



The Allan Scott Glenburnie Racecourse function building during the lunch service.



Young Citizen of the Year winner, Elivia Stanley.



Citizen of the Year nominee, Gill Clayfield



Citizen of the Year nominee, Graham Lamond.



Community Event of the Year nominee, Veronica Miller for the Allendale School of Scares.



Citizen of the Year nominee, Mrs Suzy Marks.

Digital copies of the images above and more are available to download via Council's Facebook page

Messages from the Australia Day Award Winners



Citizen of the Year - Sheryl Tiegesser

"I would like to thank the District Council of Grant for the honour of bestowing the Citizen of the Year Award upon me. The award was totally unexpected and I am very proud and humbled by it.

"The event held at the Glenburnie Race Course was fantastically organised and very well set up. I would like to thank everyone who organised the day and say definately a job well done from the food to the entertainment the day was well run and well received by everyone. Once again thank you."

Young Citizen of the Year - Elivia Stanley



"Well done to all nominees! I hope to encourage more junior citizens to help within their community in any way possible, whether it's something big or small, your help is and always will be appreciated. A good community can't run without volunteers.

"Thank you to the Port MacDonnell CFS and CFS members within region 5 who have helped me transition from a cadet to a brigade firer fighter. Words don't describe the amount of appreciation I have for them.

"I'd also like to thank the Allendale East Area School for the opportunity to complete my Certificate III in Business and for being so welcoming and supportive thought out."

Community Event of the Year - Yahl Community Christmas Party



Presented to the Yahl Soldiers Memorial Hall Committee

"The Yahl Soldiers Memorial Hall committee was very excited and proud to receive this award. The Yahl Community Xmas Party has been going on for over 20 years. With the main focus of bringing the community together to celebrate the festive season. It is an event that the whole family enjoys. Yahl, like

many other communities on the outskirts of Mount Gambier is growing and this event is a great opportunity for new and old residents to meet network and socialise!

"Over the years we have some amazing sponsors of this event which have all contributed in making the day such a success and help with much needed funds to keep the hall financial, the committee would like to thank the following: Collins Court Butchers, Grantville Court Butchers, Tony Pasin MP, She's Apple's, Yahl CFS, Yahl Cricket Club, Bakers Delight Compton St, Yahl Primary School, District Council of Grant, David and Mary Evans and Father Christmas!"

Messages from the Australia Day Award Winners



Active Citizenship Award - Allendale East Area School students

"On Australia Day, a small group of Allendale East Area School students were invited to attend the 2023 Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards. We were so proud and delighted to accept the 'Active Citizenship' award for our efforts in fundraising \$1500 for the Cancer Council, when we hosted a Biggest Morning Tea at the Port MacDonnell Golf Club.

"At our event, which we held last year when we were able to gather again after Covid restrictions eased, we enjoyed greeting our family, friends, and members of our community. We were involved to the preparation of the delicious food and made cups of tea and coffee. We had a raffle with prizes kindly donated by our community too. We were thrilled to raise so much from our generous small community to help support people affected by all types of cancer, through the Cancer Council.

"The experience of attending the Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards was exciting and enjoyable. There were lots of people who do amazing work for their communities, and we congratulate them on being nominated for these awards."

By Oli Fox - Year 6 AEAS Student

Fire Danger Season

During the Fire Danger Season restrictions are placed on lighting fires to reduce the chances of large fires starting.

These restrictions escalate when a Total Fire Ban Day is declared.

Start Date
Tuesday, 22 November 2022

Finish Date
Sunday, 30 April 2023



Find out more about what is and isn't permitted during the Fire Danger Season via the Information Hotline on 1800 362 361 or www.cfs.sa.gov.au.

Our District



Port MacDonnell



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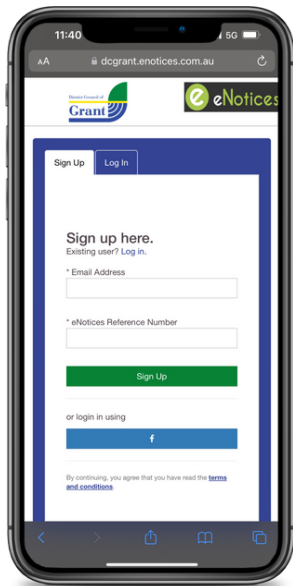
Rates Installment Reminder

A friendly reminder that the 3rd quarter rates installment is **due Friday, 3 March 2023.**



Did you know?

District Council of Grant residents can receive their rates notices via email. Registration is required online via the eNotices website at <https://dcgrant.enotices.com.au/>.



Step 1

Enter in your email address and eNotices Reference Number (located on the top of your hard copy rates notice)

Step 2

Check your email inbox and click the validation link

Step 3

Select a password and mobile number

Add additional notices

To register additional notices, click "Add your notice" in your Dashboard and enter another eNotices Reference Number

The eNotices website now has a payment portal. Simply login and follow the steps to pay your rates online.

Ratepayers may contact Council's Rates Officer for assistance with online registration on 8721 0400.



ADVANCED NOTICE

Public Holiday Bin Collection

Please note all District Council of Grant Mobile Garbage Bins will be collected as normal on Monday, 13 March 2023 (Adelaide Cup Public Holiday). Bins must be placed out the night before or prior to 6:00am on the day of collection.

For more information about Mobile Garbage Bin collections, please visit Council's website at:

<https://www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/services/environment/waste-and-recycling>.



Collection enquiries & missed bins
Contact Cleanaway on (08) 8427 8204



Bin repairs & replacements
Contact Council on (08) 8721 0444

SA Water Community Partnerships Program

SA Water are offering grant funding via their Community Partnerships Program focusing on community events and not-for-profit projects that assist sustainability, healthy communities and environmental leadership.

Applications must meet a set criteria which includes:

- Opportunities for SA Water staff engagement;
- Demonstration of the use of water for a sustainable and healthy community;
- Alignment with their vision: Delivering trusted water services for a sustainable and healthy South Australia;
- Event or project falls within the upcoming financial year;
- And more.

Applications are currently open and will close on Friday, 24 March 2023. This is an annually run program with a funding limit of \$10,000 per partnership.

More information can be found on SA Water's website at:

<https://www.sawater.com.au/education-and-community/partnerships-and-sponsorships/community-partnerships>

Or contact SA Water staff at communitypartnerships@sawater.com.au.



Qantas Regional Grants

Qantas are offering a grant funding opportunity via their Regional Grants Program 2023. This program is aimed at supporting Australian-based communities and projects that look to benefit our country's regional areas.

Australian-based individuals, not-for-profit community groups and organisation may apply to receive a combination of cash grants, flights in kind and/or marketing support from Qantas.

Applications are currently open and will close in April 2023. Assessment of applications will occur between April and May 2023 with successful applicants being announced in June 2023.

Guidelines and more information can be found on Qantas' website at:

<https://www.qantas.com/au/en/about-us/our-company/in-the-community/qantas-regional-grants.html>

Or contact Qantas staff at qantasregionalgrants@qantas.com.au.



40th Anniversary of Ash Wednesday

Fires swept across parts of South Australia and Victoria on 16 February 1983 known as one of the worst fire days in Australia's history. The township of Tarpeena was one of the many locations affected that day.

This year is the 40th anniversary of the devastating bushfires. To acknowledge the day, the Tarpeena Progress and Recreation Association organised a commemorative service which was held on **Saturday, 18 February 2023**.

Attendees reflected upon the tragic day, and acknowledged the efforts of the volunteer firefighters and ongoing donations from the community that helped Tarpeena recover.

The community enjoyed a BBQ lunch together after a wreath laying ceremony later in the afternoon.

The District Council of Grant gives thanks to all those who attended the event.

Photographs of the day will be included in the March Community Newsletter and on Council's Facebook page.

Tarpeena Progress
and
Recreation Association



Be Bushfire Ready

The Country Fire Service (CFS) will be hosting two **FREE** bushfire information sessions in the District Council of Grant for the community to learn about:

- bushfire behaviour and warnings;
- property prevention;
- where to go and when; and
- your own Bushfire Survival Plan.



Government of
South Australia



Kongorong

Thursday, 2 March 2023

Kongorong Sportsmen's Club
(Hay Terrace, Kongorong)
5:30pm to 7:00pm

Port MacDonnell

Sunday, 5 March 2023

Port MacDonnell CFS Station
(60 Elizabeth Street, Port MacDonnell)
3:00pm to 4:30pm

Register your attendance via
<https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/events/events/all-events/>
or contact Megan Hurrell on
t: (08) 8762 7100 **e:** megan.hurrell@eso.sa.gov.au

UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, 20 March 2023

- Monthly Council Meeting
- 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier at 5.30pm



February 2023

- Gallery Exhibition: South East Art Society
- 5-7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell (Port MacDonnell Community Complex)



Thursday, 2 March 2023

- Healthy Workplaces Seminar by Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast
- More info via info@rdalc.org.au



Friday 5 - Sunday 7 May 2023

- Generations in Jazz
- More details and tickets available via <https://generationsinjazz.com.au/>

Visit Council's website and view the community events calendar to find more events.

Balancing the Books

Boost your financial confidence!



Women, and those who identify as women, are invited to join us to get money savvy!

5 workshops will be delivered at towns across the Limestone Coast, covering topics such as:

navigating budgets superannuation
monitoring your money

You will leave armed with the knowledge to develop a personal budget, templates and the skills to manage your finances.

Register your interest to attend at emily@rdalc.org.au



Government of South Australia
Department of Human Services

Tuesday, 14 February 2023 - Bordertown | Tuesday, 14 March 2023 - Port MacDonnell

Tuesday, 28 February 2023 - Naracoorte | Tuesday, 28 March 2023 - Robe

Friday, 14 April 2023 - Mount Gambier