



## Consultation Open

The District Council of Grant are seeking feedback from the community on the proposed Port MacDonnell Memorial Wall Precinct and associated Shipwreck Walk after extensive collaboration with the Port MacDonnell & District Maritime Museum Committee.

Over recent years, Council has been working closely with the Museum Committee to create a significant space to display local shipwreck history and recognise those who have lost their lives at sea due to boating, fishing, diving, swimming or any other water related accidents along the Port MacDonnell coastline through to the Victoria/South Australian Border.

Director of Environmental Services Leith McEvoy said the projects link to Council's Port MacDonnell Urban Design Framework and Master Plan, and are aimed to further enhance The Waterfront developments completed in 2021.

"The Memorial Wall Precinct and associated Shipwreck Walk importantly commemorate the lives lost at sea, and also serves as a reminder to the fishing community and general boat ramp users, of the importance of water safety, with the Precinct's purposeful placement at the entrance to the boat ramp and wharf area entrance," Mr McEvoy said.

"Council is proud to have collaborated with the Museum Committee on these significant projects, and extend its thanks to the Committee for their dedication and input so far."

More information about the proposal can be found on page 7.



## Council Decisions

**State-wide Bushfire Hazards Overlay Code Amendment:** At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 15 January 2024, Council resolved to support the move to amend the Bushfire Hazard Overlays, to ensure that future development better protects life, safety, property, infrastructure, economy and environments from bushfire risks in South Australia.

Council also delegated authority to provide a written submission to the State Planning Commission and outlines the District Council of Grant's concerns about the accuracy of some of the proposed spatial mapping.

**Next Council Meeting:** 5:30pm Monday 19 February 2024



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

## Our District





# Out & About with Council

## Citizen of the Year Australia Day Awards Ceremony

On Friday 26 January 2024, the District Council of Grant's annual Citizen of the Year Australia Day Awards Ceremony took place to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of our local residents who have made outstanding contributions to our community.

Mayor Kylie Boston, Deputy Mayor Bruce Bain, Cr Gavin Clarke, Cr Kath Greene, Cr Karen Turnbull, Cr Megan Dukalskis, Australia Day Ambassador Kate Swaffer, the Hon. Clare Scriven MLC, the Hon. Ben Hood MLC, various community groups, CEO Darryl Whicker and Council staff were in attendance to congratulate the Award nominees and winners.

Council also welcomed three local residents as the district's newest Australian Citizens.

Congratulations again to all nominees and the 2024 Award recipients:

- **Citizen of the Year:** Liza Kirby
- **Young Citizen of the Year:** Angus Millard
- **Community Event of the Year:** Generations in Jazz
- **Active Citizenship:** Zack Williams and Mark Smith



## Road Closure & Waste Transfer Station Change

Port MacDonnell - 10 & 11 February 2024

Please note that portion of Surfers Way and Finger Point Road, Port MacDonnell will be closed between 7:00am and 5:00pm on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 February 2024.

The Port MacDonnell Waste Transfer Station will also be closed on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 February 2024. The facility will be open between 10:00am and 2:00pm on Friday 9 February 2024 for use instead.

The temporary amendments will allow for the Twin Peaks Hill Climb event to take place safely.

# Saleyards Transformation plans submitted for funding approval



The District Council of Grant's Mount Gambier Districts Livestock Exchange 2030 Transformation Project is closer to securing critical funding after submission of a full application in the Federal Government's Growing Regions Program.

The application is part of a two-stage process, beginning with an Expression of Interest where the District Council of Grant were deemed successful to progress in November 2023. Council endorsed the full Program application to be submitted at its recent Special Meeting on Wednesday 10 January 2024.

District Council of Grant Chief Executive Officer Darryl Whicker said Council has worked diligently to position a strong advocacy to support the project.

"Presenting a complete application in the Federal Government's Growing Regions Program signifies that this once in a generation project is shovel ready thanks to the hard work of staff and stakeholders over the last four years," Mr Whicker said.

"The Saleyards are a premium selling centre and Council is committed to continuing to support primary producers in an auction environment to set best price."

The Mount Gambier Districts Livestock Exchange 2030 Transformation Project still envisages upgrading the facility to modern infrastructure contributing to improved animal welfare with cattle yard roofing, holding pen reconfigurations, soft flooring, sprinkler systems and rainwater harvesting. This work has been identified as a priority in the Mount Gambier and District Saleyards Masterplan 2018-2028.

Mount Gambier & District Saleyards Strategy Committee Presiding Member and Councillor Barry Kuhl said the upgrades will see the agricultural precinct create opportunity for future growth and development.

"This major project holds significant value for our community with the estimated economic uplift to the region supporting an increase in local jobs. These positive economic benefits would not be limited to the local community but expand outside the region to the wider Australian economy also," Cr Kuhl said.

"In addition, the Saleyards Transformation is essential to ensure the wellbeing of many of our residents with research supporting the importance of Saleyard facilities in building a sense of connection and belonging."

This project remains reliant on appropriate funding at the Federal, State and Local levels of Government.

The District Council of Grant will await Stage 2 application outcomes for the Federal Government's Growing Regions Program anticipated to be announced in the coming months.



# 2024 Citizen of the Year Australia Day Awards

## Citizen of the Year Australia Day Awards Ceremony

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Nominations were received from a range of groups and individuals with the award winners comprising a South Australian Rural Youth Ambassador; Mil-Lel A&H Show Society Life Member; non-profit organisation bringing world-class music to the Limestone Coast; and Allendale East Area School students who led a significant fundraising effort.

Mayor Kylie Boston said the Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards are an exceptional occasion to celebrate the contributions that residents and organisations make to our local community.

“We have many individuals and groups who are committed to making a positive impact in the community so it is important that they are celebrated for their efforts over the past year, and in most cases over many years of service. Our district would not be as strong and vibrant as it is without their efforts.” Mayor Boston said.

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### Citizen of the Year - Liza Kirby

Liza is a Life Member of the Mil-Lel A&H Show Society and a major organiser of the annual Mil-Lel Spring Show overseeing many aspects of the event including advertising, volunteer management, entertainment and finance. With over 10 years' experience assisting the local event, Liza has played a key role in growing the Show to become a focal point within the community.

Liza has been described as having “positive engagement with local community members” and being “a great listener and communicator within the district”. Her outstanding contribution to the Mil-Lel Spring Show over many years makes her a deserving winner of the 2024 District Council of Grant Citizen of the Year Award.

At the District Council of Grant’s annual Citizen of the Year Australia Day Awards Ceremony, Liza said she felt “exceptionally proud” to have her community service recognised.

“The Mil-Lel community has many wonderful volunteers and I feel grateful to have been put forward for Citizen of the Year by two of my fellow Committee Members, Lynette Fritsch and Sandra Robinson, who work tirelessly for the Mil-Lel Show as well,” Mrs Kirby.

“Although I have been recognised individually for this Award, I really do see it as a group Award as I could not do what I do without the support and friendship of our Mil-Lel Show Committee. The Mil-Lel Show has been a community run agricultural and horticultural show for 84 years. I’m proud that we’ve been able to grow the show to where it is today, while providing a family friendly, affordable show that still highlights country life.”





### **Young Citizen of the Year - Angus Millard**

2023 South Australian Rural Youth Ambassador, Angus Millard, is a committed Allendale East Area School student willing to participate in a range of school events and sets a positive example for his peers. Angus constantly works in collaboration with others to advocate for better educational support programs and networks as well as mental health support for youth in rural and remote location within South Australia.

Angus' willingness and enthusiasm to be a proactive member of the local community will be a tremendous asset for him and the district going into the future, and is why Angus is a worthy recipient of the 2024 District Council of Grant Young Citizen of the Year Award.

At the District Council of Grant's annual Citizen of the Year Australia Day Awards Ceremony, Angus said he is grateful for the opportunity he has been provided.

"I'd just like to say a massive thank you to the community and as well as the school for putting me in such a position, and funding, for me to get such a position as the Rural Youth Ambassador so thank you."



### **Community Event of the Year - Generations in Jazz**

Established in 1987, Generations in Jazz is a unique annual event held within the Limestone Coast showcasing a world-class high-energy jazz music experience, and talented professional and aspiring musicians. In May 2023, Generations in Jazz made its long-awaited return to its regular format prior to the pandemic with the assistance of more than 180 volunteers. The event's return saw international jazz/fusion sensations Dirty Loops attend for their only Australian performance along with approximately 4,500 students from across Australia.

Generations in Jazz additionally provides opportunity for local community groups to participate and gain financial benefit from the event by housing school groups making Generations in Jazz 2023 a deserving awardee for the 2024 District Council of Grant Community Event of the Year.

At the District Council of Grant's annual Citizen of the Year Australia Day Awards Ceremony, Generations in Jazz Board Member Fiona Unger recognised that receiving the Award is a "testament to the unwavering spirit of our community".

"If music is at the heart of Generations in Jazz festival then our volunteers are its soul. Their dedication, passion and countless hours of selfless service have played a pivotal role in making the event a success."

“We owe them a debt of gratitude for their tireless efforts and we recognise that without their commitment, our festival would not be what it is today,” Mrs Unger said.

“As a volunteer run event, our success hinges on the collaborative efforts of our Board, Management Team and the dedicated army of volunteers who contribute their time, skills and enthusiasm year after year.”



### Active Citizenship - Mark Smith and Zack Williams

Local residents Zack Williams and Mark Smith, were instrumental in organising the 2023 ‘Bellum to Bay’ running event, from the Bellum Hotel to Port MacDonnell Golf Club, aimed to raise mental health awareness and funding for mental health organisations. The pair participated by running in the event and with assistance from other community members, raised a total of \$11,853 which was donated between Headspace, Standby Support and the Suicide Prevention Network.

Zack and Mark’s determination to unite through hardship after the tragic loss of friends and fellow community members, and demonstration of great leadership skills makes the pair the appropriate winners of the 2023 District Council of Grant Active Citizenship Award.

At the District Council of Grant’s annual Citizen of the Year Australia Day Awards Ceremony, Mark Smith acknowledged the efforts of the local community, friends and family in making the event a success highlighting the importance of being active within small communities.

“It’s very much a group effort and you don’t do these things for recognition but yeah we’re very proud of it. We had a little committee so it’s very much a group award so a massive thanks to Brooke Williams, Emily Taylor, Raymondo Stanton, Joel Feast and Abbi Nellthorp,” Mr Smith said.

“The reason that we did it was because we’ve seen firsthand the impact that mental health, suicide and stuff like that has on small communities and it ends up affecting everyone and particularly young people, so Zack and I sort of got together and come up with this idea just because we wanna be able to help and to prevent these things from happening.”





# Memorial Wall Precinct & Shipwreck Walk

## Community consultation now open

The proposed Memorial Wall Precinct features a freestone curved Memorial Wall which will have stainless steel plaques added to its surface remembering lives lost at sea along the Port MacDonnell coastline. Community members may recognise loved ones lost at sea with a plaque by contacting the District Council of Grant and completing an application process.

Historic shipwreck artifacts including a ships wheel on wharf posts will also be showcased as a focal feature. Bench seating will be included for the local community and visitors integrated with garden beds scattered with coastal tree species.

The proposed Shipwreck Walk will link to the Memorial Wall Precinct, and features a bollard for every known local shipwreck. The Shipwreck Walk will run from the Port MacDonnell Jetty through to the new Precinct. The bollards are to be evenly placed from the Jetty through to the Precinct. A new section of walking/bike path may be required along some of the foreshore area to accommodate the walk.

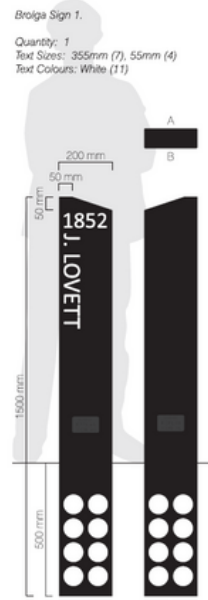
The District Council of Grant is now seeking community feedback on the proposed Memorial Wall Precinct and associated Shipwreck Walk.

Review the proposed plans available on [Your Say DCG](#), and at the Principal Office and Port MacDonnell Community Complex, and have your say by:

- completing the online feedback form via the QR code
- emailing feedback to [info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au](mailto:info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au)
- submit a hard copy feedback form to:
  - Principal Office: 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier
  - Port MacDonnell Community Complex: 5-7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell
  - Post: PO Box 724, Mount Gambier SA 5290



Feedback is now open and will be accepted until **5:00pm Monday 12 February 2024**.



# Fire Danger Season



## Usage of BBQs and cooking appliances

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The 2023-2024 Fire Danger Season has been declared for the Lower South East by the SA Country Fire Service (CFS) between **22 November 2023 and 15 April 2024**.

During the Fire Danger Season, restrictions are placed on hosting BBQs for the purpose of reducing the chances of large fires starting. These restrictions are escalated when a Total Fire Ban Day is declared.

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During the Fire Danger Season, community members may use a gas or electric BBQ or cooking appliance providing:

- The BBQ/cooking appliance is clear of all flammable vegetation to a distance of at least 4 metres;
- A person who is able to control the fire is present at the site of the fire until it is extinguished; and
- An appropriate extinguisher is at hand.

On a declared Total Fire Ban day, residents may use a gas or electric BBQ or cooking appliance providing the above requirements are met, AND

- can be used within 15 metres of a domestic or commercial premises, OR
- on a coastal foreshore.

Varied conditions apply to use a solid fuel (wood/charcoal) kettle BBQ during the Fire Danger Season. Visit the Country Fire Service (CFS) website for more details.

If the above conditions cannot be met, a permit may be required to conduct the activity.

Contact the District Council of Grant on (08) 8721 0444 or [info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au](mailto:info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au) to enquire about obtaining a permit during the Fire Danger Season.

Find out more about what activities are and are not permitted during the Fire Danger Season and on Total Fire Ban days via the CFS website - [www.cfs.sa.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/restrictions/what-can-i-do-what-cant-i-do](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/restrictions/what-can-i-do-what-cant-i-do).





# State-wide Bushfire Hazards Overlay Code Amendment



South Australians are invited to have their say on a proposal to update bushfire hazard mapping and effectively plan for and mitigate the impacts of bushfire hazards across the state.

The State-wide Bushfire Hazards Overlay Code Amendment is being undertaken by the State Planning Commission and seeks to update the spatial application of the bushfire hazard overlays to reflect recent bushfire hazard mapping, and review the policy contained in each of the overlays.

In May 2022, the South Australian Government declared a climate emergency. Climate change is expected to result in more frequent and intense extreme weather events. Severe bushfires will occur more often and, without action, will have devastating impacts on our communities. These proposed changes to the Code aim to better reflect bushfire risk across the state and introduce new rules to help save lives and build more climate-resilient communities.

The draft Code Amendment proposes to update existing bushfire hazard mapping and apply new bushfire hazard mapping where the level of bushfire hazard has not previously been mapped.

In addition to updating the bushfire hazard mapping across the state, the draft Code Amendment also seeks to deliver an improved policy framework to enable more effective assessment of development in areas of bushfire hazard risk, putting in place policy that aims to minimise bushfire risk on people, property, infrastructure, the environment and economy. Bushfire hazard mapping has been undertaken for most of the state with the application of 'high', 'medium' and 'general' bushfire risk areas.

The draft Code Amendment is out for community engagement from Thursday 23 November 2023 to **5:00pm Friday 8 March 2024**.

A series of in-person and online public information sessions will be held in early 2024. Details will be published on the YourSAy website - [yoursay.sa.gov.au/state-wide-bushfire-hazards-code-amendment](https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/state-wide-bushfire-hazards-code-amendment).

For more information, view the proposed bushfire hazard mapping and to submit feedback, visit the YourSAy website.



# SA Volunteer Awards

Nominations Now Open



Nominations for the 2024 South Australian Volunteer Awards will be **open until Sunday 10 March 2024**.

The Awards, which recognise the invaluable work that volunteers, volunteer managers, community organisations and businesses contribute to the South Australian community, will be presented at a special Volunteers Recognition event hosted by Volunteering SA&NT on Wednesday 22 May 2024.

Nominations can be made in the following categories:

- **The Joy Noble Medal:** South Australia's highest distinction for an individual volunteer and is open to all volunteers across the state.
- **The Andamooka' Community Project Award:** Awarded to a community, or a group of volunteers, that has undertaken a community project resulting in a significant community benefit.
- **The Excellence in Volunteer Management Award:** This award recognises the dedication and commitment of individuals who support and facilitate the engagement of volunteers.
- **The Premiers Awards for Corporate Social Responsibility:** Recognises the strong contribution the business sector makes to our communities through philanthropy, partnerships or releasing employees for volunteer service.
- **The Young Volunteer Award:** introduced for the first time in 2023, this award celebrates the achievements and contribution made by a young volunteer ages 12-25 years.

Any member of the public can nominate eligible recipients for these awards and self-nominations are accepted. Award guidelines and the online nomination form are available online at [vsant.org.au/savolunteerawards/](https://vsant.org.au/savolunteerawards/).

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their nomination(s) by volunteering SA&NT in April 2024.

## Rates Instalment Reminder



Third instalment due:

**Friday 1  
March  
2024**

Fourth instalment due:

**Friday 7  
June  
2024**



# Youth Parliament 2024 South Australia

Applications now open



The YMCA South Australia Youth Parliament program is a non-partisan youth empowerment program providing a platform for young people aged 15-25 to voice their views on important issues, build leadership skills, parliamentary understanding, and learn about democracy.

Youth Parliament focuses on personal development, empowering young people to be advocates for their community and to seek change by connecting youth voices and opinions with politicians and decision makers.

Youth Parliamentarians have the unique opportunity to learn all about parliamentary process, how to write a bill, and how to debate it in Parliament House. They will also have the opportunity to build essential skills in public speaking, leadership and working in teams. Best of all, Youth Parliamentarians will join other young South Australians who are passionate about making positive change in their community and want to develop a deeper understanding of civics and lawmaking in South Australia.

Participants will take part in a two day Training Weekend in Adelaide where they learn essential parliamentary and leadership skills to use during the six day Parliament Week in July. Rural and regional travel scholarships are available to assist with transportation.

**Applications close Sunday 17 March 2024.**

More information available online at:

[www.sa.ymca.org.au/what-we-do/youth-empowerment/youth-parliament](http://www.sa.ymca.org.au/what-we-do/youth-empowerment/youth-parliament)



## Community Access and Inclusion Survey



Mission Australia, on behalf of NDIS, are asking the public to share their thoughts and experiences about access and inclusivity within the community to improve service delivery, highlight issues and find solutions.

Scan the QR code to complete the three minute survey. Feedback must be submitted by Friday 15 March 2024.

Find out more about NDIS online at [www.ndis.gov.au](http://www.ndis.gov.au) or call Mission Australia on (08) 8218 2800.



# Yahl Primary School student success

Commissioner for Children & Young People



Year 6 Yahl Primary School student, Ardun, submitted a top rated design in the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Space to Dream design thinking challenge and was selected for the Space to Dream Travelling Exhibition. The Commissioner's Digital Challenge is a free recurring year-round challenge designed to engage children in learning foundational digital skills.

Ardun's design featured alongside other shortlisted designs at a public exhibition held at the Australian Space Discovery Centre in Adelaide. He also won a 3D printer for Yahl Primary School.

Ardun said "The soccer drone makes it own gravity so a child on Mars can practice their soccer skills and keep fit."



Soccer Drone By Ardun, Year 6 from Yahl Primary School

All other top-rated entries for the Space to Dream challenge can be viewed online at: [commissionersdigitalchallenge.net.au/rewards-top-rated-designs-2023/](https://commissionersdigitalchallenge.net.au/rewards-top-rated-designs-2023/)



## AFL Gather Round Regional Program



Government of South Australia  
South Australian Tourism Commission

The AFL Gather Round is returning to South Australia in this year between 4-7 April 2024, and Limestone Coast businesses have the opportunity to get involved!

The AFL Gather Round Regional Program is a collection of independently hosted activities and special offers associated with the Gather Round from you, the local businesses and operators.

It could be as simple as a special footy pie from a local bakery, putting on a market stall or crafting a special wine tasting - it just needs to link back to the AFL Gather Round. The idea is to encourage travelling footy fans to stop, discover and perhaps add an extra day (or two) to their itinerary.

Visit the South Australian Tourism Commission's website to find out more about the selection criteria and submit a proposal - [tourism.sa.gov.au/events/event-and-festival-support/afl-gather-round](https://tourism.sa.gov.au/events/event-and-festival-support/afl-gather-round).



# Crime Stoppers South Australia

## South East rural property campaign



Crime Stoppers South Australia and the South Australia Police are collaborating to conduct a comprehensive campaign across the South East Region to encourage rural property owners and businesses to proactively address the issue of farm crime, with a particular focus on preventing theft of livestock, tools, machinery, and fuel during the upcoming holiday season.

Research has shown that an alarming number of interstate farmers, as many as four out of five, have experienced some form of farm crime in their lifetime. South Australian farmers, Crime Stoppers believe, share similar experiences of recurrent victimisation, especially concerning trespassing, illegal shooting and hunting, burglary, and theft.

The campaign also seeks to create awareness about the importance of reporting crime and suspicious behaviour. By encouraging individuals to report such incidents, Crime Stoppers can help the police develop a more accurate understanding of the areas being targeted and the types of property being stolen within the region.

Crime Stoppers South Australia are offering free farmgate signage (pictured below) to landholders. These signs provide information on where and how to report crime through police. Additionally, the signs promote contact information for Crime Stoppers to report suspicious behaviour.

**Collect a free farmgate sign from the District Council of Grant's Principal Office at 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier or Mount Gambier & District Saleyards at Corner Fairbanks Road and Princes Highway, Glenburnie.**

Crime Stoppers is also in the process of creating a range of downloadable check sheets from our website to assist farmers in safeguarding their properties, vehicles, livestock, and livelihood from opportunistic thieves.

# PRIVATE PROPERTY

**DO NOT ENTER THIS PROPERTY WITHOUT  
PRIOR APPROVAL**

Share information  
anonymously

**Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000**

Non-urgent Police  
assistance

**Police Assistance 131 444**

In an emergency

**Triple Zero 000**



Government  
of South Australia

### Regional Event Fund (South Australian Tourism Commission)

- Provides sponsorship support to a number of large and small events that promote South Australia and its regions as tourism destinations through the Regional Events Fund.
- There are two categories in the Regional Event Fund;
  1. Established Event Funding (\$20,000 to \$50,000) - Up to three years' funding for events that can demonstrate a strong track record of growth and a strategy for event innovation
  2. Development Event Funding (\$5,000 to \$20,000) - Up to three years' funding for new and emerging events that demonstrate potential for growth and development (this listing).
- The 2024-25 Regional Event Fund will support events held between 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025.

#### Key dates:

Applications currently closed. 2024-25 Regional Event Fund will open Thursday 15 February 2024 and close 5:00pm Monday 6 May 2024.

More information:

[tourism.sa.gov.au/events/event-funding](https://tourism.sa.gov.au/events/event-funding)

### Community Grants (SA Power Networks)

- SA Power Networks are seeking to empower activities, programs or events which will help make a positive impact in South Australia in one or more of the following areas:
  1. Growing a sustainable SA
  2. Supporting innovation for future growth
- They are committed to supporting community projects, ensuring a greener, more sustainable future.
- Applications are welcome from not-for-profit organisations, registered charities, schools or community groups who are seeking support up to \$5,000.

#### Key dates:

Applications currently closed. 2024 SA Power Networks Community Grants will open Monday 4 March 2024 and close 5:00pm Sunday 14 April 2024.

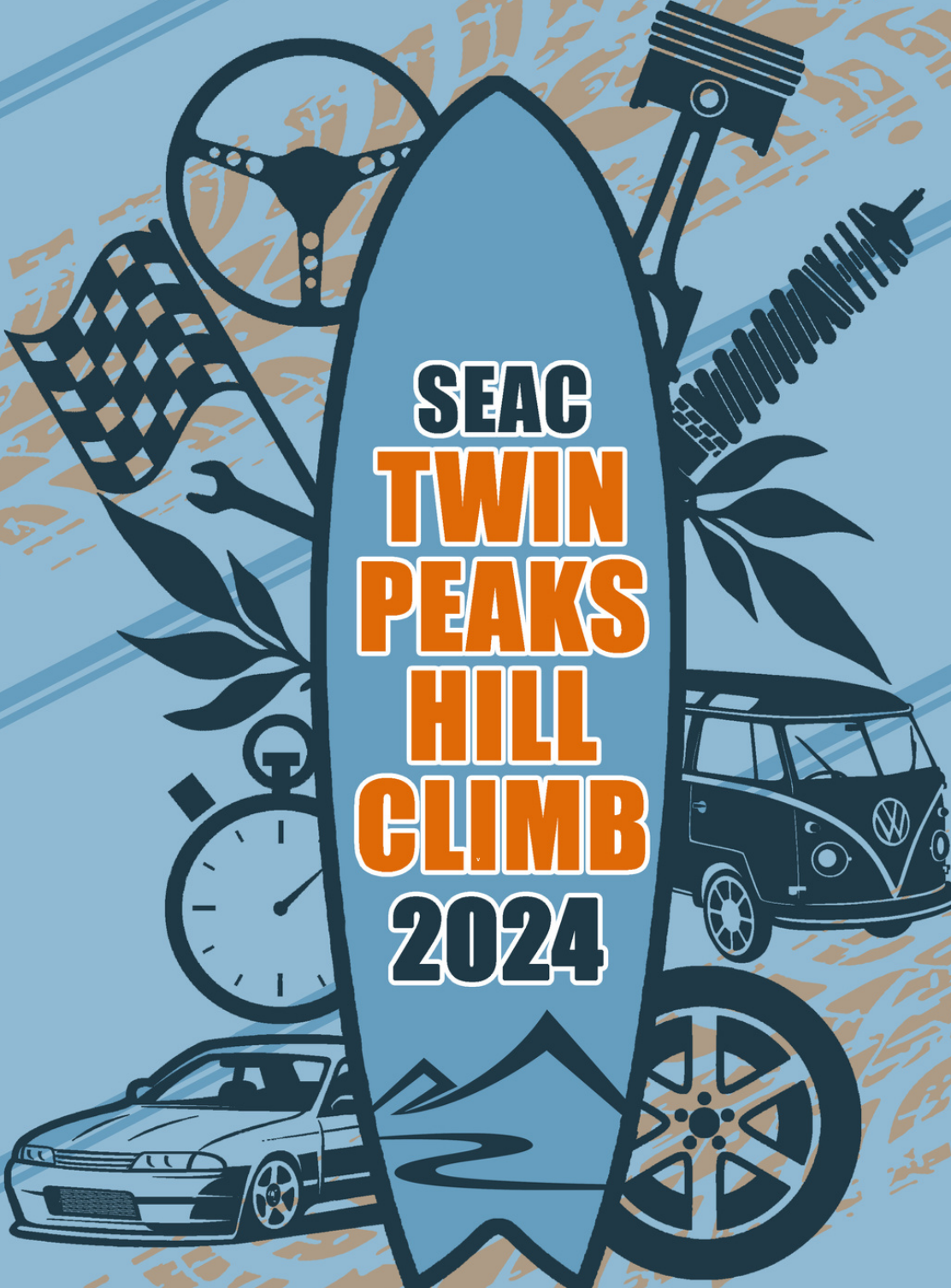
More information:

[www.sapowernetworks.com.au/about-us/community/communitygrants/](https://www.sapowernetworks.com.au/about-us/community/communitygrants/)

Find other grant opportunities online for free via Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast's grant finder or on the Stand Like Stone website:

- [grantguru.com/au/rdalc](https://grantguru.com/au/rdalc)
- [standlikestone.com.au/grants/](https://standlikestone.com.au/grants/)





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**2024**

**10TH & 11TH FEBRUARY 2024**  
**AT SURFERS WAY & FINGER POINT ROAD**  
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