

## Grants Update

At the Ordinary Meeting on Monday 18 September 2023, Council endorsed an increase to the Community Grants Scheme funding pool to \$80,000 (+\$16,000) and additional amendments based on feedback from community organisations.

Council is pleased to now announce the re-launch of the program.

The new Community Grants Scheme features three grant categories:

- Sporting Clubs (up to \$1,000)
- Community Groups (up to \$3,000 or \$5,000)
- Community Participation (up to \$500)

The programs objectives remain the same; to develop projects and events that enhance community wellbeing and increase participation in social and leisure activities.

Applicants should note:

- Only one successful application is entitled under the scheme per financial year;
- Funding is provided over two application rounds per financial year, depending on budget availability; and
- No multi-year funding is available.

**Applications open Monday 30 October 2023 and close 5:00pm Monday 11 December 2023.**

Further details about the categories and eligible projects can be found on page 13 of this Community Newsletter or on Council's website:

[www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/community/communitygrants](http://www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/community/communitygrants)

Additional information and support may be found via Your Say DCG ([yoursaydcg.com.au](http://yoursaydcg.com.au)) or by contacting the Principal Office on (08) 8721 0444 or [info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au](mailto:info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au).



## Council Decisions

**Council Meetings Confirmed:** At the Ordinary Council Meeting on Monday 18 September 2023, Council endorsed monthly Council Meetings to be held on the third Monday of the month, or the following Wednesday (in the case of a Public Holiday) for the remainder of the Council term.

Dates of the scheduled 2024 Council Meetings can be found online:

[www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/council/meetings/ordinary](http://www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/council/meetings/ordinary)

**Support given to Bay Escape 2024:** At the Ordinary Council Meeting on Monday 16 October 2023, Council endorsed the Bay Escape Committee receive a sum of \$10,000 cash plus in kind support for the Bay Escape 2024 event.



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

## Our District



Hay cutting



Pelican Point

# Out & About with Council



On Wednesday 27 September 2023, Mayor Kylie Boston and Deputy Mayor Cr Megan Dukalskis attended the opening of the new Port MacDonnell boat ramp sign.

More details about the opening can be found on page 5.

**Pictured (L to R):** Allendale East Area School students, Mayor Kylie Boston and Deputy Mayor Cr Megan Dukalskis.



On Saturday 7 October 2023, the Mayor and Elected Members attended the Mil-Lel Show to engage with our community.

**Pictured (image 1 - L to R):** Cr Brad Mann, Deputy Mayor Cr Megan Dukalskis and Mayor Kylie Boston.

**Pictured (image 2 - L to R):** Mayor Kylie Boston and Cr Bruce Bain.



On Sunday 15 October 2023, Mayor Kylie Boston attended the new Yahl Country Fire Service (CFS) Station opening.

A National Emergency Medal, National Medal and CFS Service Medals were also presented to local volunteers at the opening.



# Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards

## Nominations now open



The District Council of Grant are calling for the community to help recognise the unsung heroes within our district by nominating them for a 2024 Citizen of the Year Award.

The Citizen of the Year Awards are designed to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of those who dedicate their time to making our district a better place. Both individuals and organisations are eligible for the Awards with outstanding dedication in community service areas such as education, health, fundraising, charitable and voluntary services, business, sport, arts, the environment, or any other area that contributes to the advancement and wellbeing of our community.

Mayor Kylie Boston said “It is important that individuals and groups are celebrated for their valued commitment as our community would not be as strong and vibrant as it is without their efforts,”

Nominations are open for the following categories:

- Young Citizen of the Year (persons between 16 and 30 years of age on 26 January 2024);
- Citizen of the Year (persons 30 years of age or older on 26 January 2024);
- Community Event of the Year (events staged during 2023); and
- Active Citizenship (delivery of outstanding work or for an event or cause staged during 2023).

“If you know an individual, organisation, group or event that has made a meaningful contribution in our community, I encourage you to show your appreciation by nominating them for a Citizen of the Year Award.”

2023 Citizen of the Year Award recipient Sheryl Tiegesser said “To be nominated and awarded Citizen of the Year was an awesome experience and one I will always be honoured by. So if you know of someone who you believe could be the next Citizen of the Year, please nominate them for this fantastic award and recognition.”

Award nominees and winners will be celebrated and presented with certificates at a private Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards event on Friday 26 January 2024.

**Nominations close 5:00pm Friday 17 November 2023.** Submissions can be made online via [citizenoftheyear.com.au](http://citizenoftheyear.com.au) or directed to the District Council of Grant at 324 Commercial Street West / PO Box 724, Mount Gambier SA 5290 or emailed to [info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au](mailto:info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au).

Nomination forms and guidelines are available at the District Council of Grant Principal Office, Port MacDonnell Community Complex and on Council’s website at [www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/community/australiaday](http://www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/community/australiaday).



# Fire Danger Season

Get your property bushfire ready



The Country Fire Service (CFS) Chief Officer is yet to declare the official 2023/2024 Fire Danger Season dates for the Lower South East. An announcement is anticipated mid November 2023.

Residents within the District Council of Grant are encouraged to begin preparing their properties for the upcoming Fire Danger Season. Below are some tips to assist in preparations:

## **What to do in SPRING**

- Slash or mow long grass and remove cut materials;
- Remove weeds around sheds and fences;
- Cut back trees overhanging to roofs;
- Remove fallen branches and other debris;
- Check and service all mechanical equipment, including grass cutters, water pumps, sprinkler systems and fire extinguishers;
- Remove leaves from gutters; and
- Review and update your Bushfire Survival Plan.

## **What to do in SUMMER**

- Maintain a 20-metre fuel reduction zone around your home (greater if on a slope);
- Remove leaves from the gutters;
- Slash stubble near sheds and other buildings;
- Check reserve water supplies;
- Rehearse your Bushfire Survival Plan with your family;
- Prepare evacuation kit;
- Ensure you have a portable battery-powered radio to hear bushfire warnings; and
- Monitor fire restrictions.

More planning and preparing information can be found on the CFS website:

[www.cfs.sa.gov.au/plan-prepare/before-a-fire-be-prepared/](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/plan-prepare/before-a-fire-be-prepared/)

## Celebrating Seniors Month 2023

# Positive Ageing Luncheons

Council will be hosting four Positive Ageing Luncheons for District Council of Grant residents aged 55 years and above. These events will be held between Monday 23 to Friday 27 October 2023 in Carpenter Rocks, Mount Schank, Port MacDonnell and Tarpeena.

There has been an overwhelming response to the luncheons with all venues now reaching booking capacity. A recap of the events will be detailed within the November 2023 Community Newsletter.





# Council and local students join forces to say: don't be the reason our ocean creatures disappear!

The District Council of Grant and Allendale East Area School have partnered to create three sign installations asking visitors near the ocean to dispose of waste in designated rubbish bins to help protect local sea life.

The new signage has been installed at both Port MacDonnell and Blackfellows Caves boat ramps replacing the physical boat ramp ticketing machines at both locations. All signs incorporate artworks from students of all ages at the Allendale East Area School which convey environmental messaging and provides additional information regarding general boat ramp usage.

Mayor Kylie Boston said "It is wonderful to see ideas created from classroom learnings be transformed into the real-world environment,. Council is pleased to have been able to work together with the staff and students at Allendale East Area School, and support their messaging concept."

Read more about how this concept came to life on Council's website - [www.dccgrant.sa.gov.au/council/latest-news](http://www.dccgrant.sa.gov.au/council/latest-news)

Another key component of the new signage is the ongoing use of Council's digital boat ramp permit system, EasyPark, in operation as at 1 July 2023.

Short-term boat ramp users can continue to purchase a daily, weekly or monthly permit via the EasyPark app downloadable on any smart phone or over the phone with the EasyPark customer service team on 1300 734 070.

Annual recreational and professional/commercial users will be required to contact a District Council of Grant Customer Service Office to purchase and be added into the online system.

Further information regarding Council's boat ramp facilities and instructions on how to obtain a boat ramp permit is also available on Council's website - [www.dccgrant.sa.gov.au/services/infrastructure/boatramps](http://www.dccgrant.sa.gov.au/services/infrastructure/boatramps)



# Mount Gambier Regional Airport

## Cross border Airport collaboration



The District Council of Grant and Glenelg Shire Council have joined forces to ensure consistent service levels are met for regional air travellers.

Staff at the Council owned and operated airports Mount Gambier Regional Airport and Portland Airport identified an opportunity to reduce the risk of staffing shortfalls, which has resulted in a joint agreement to up-skill existing Airport personnel enabling them to work across both locations when the need arises.

All airports across Australia have a legislative obligation to maintain operational standards as set by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA). These operational standards require daily inspection of airport runways, taxiway, lighting, weather reporting and navigation aids to ensure serviceability. Additional inspections are carried out ensuring airport security and management of wildlife.

The newly executed Memorandum of Understanding will ensure that CASA's provisions are safely and efficiently carried out in the event that regular Airport employees are absent.

District Council of Grant Chief Executive Office Darryl Whicker said "Borders are no barrier to collaboration. It's terrific to be working alongside the Glenelg Shire Council to ensure long-term resilience for both the Mount Gambier Regional Airport and Portland Airport. This collaboration will enable mutual learnings and establish longevity for our Airport operations."

Glenelg Shire Council Acting Chief Executive Officer David Hol said "The Memorandum of Understanding is a fantastic outcome in ensuring skilled labour is available for business continuity, and developing collaborative relationships to improve operational requirements." Mr Hol said.

Information regarding the Mount Gambier Regional Airport's flight schedule and passenger facilities can be found online at the District Council of Grant website - [www.dccgrant.sa.gov.au/services/mount-gambier-regional-airport](http://www.dccgrant.sa.gov.au/services/mount-gambier-regional-airport).

Additional information regarding the Portland Airport facility can be found online at the Glenelg Shire Council website - [www.glenelg.vic.gov.au/Our-Services/Airports](http://www.glenelg.vic.gov.au/Our-Services/Airports).



**Pictured (L to R):** District Council of Grant Chief Executive Officer Darryl Whicker, Airport Reporting Officer Bob Rowe, and Airport Manager Nick Serle at the Mount Gambier Regional Airport entrance.



**Pictured (L to R):** Glenelg Shire Council Acting Chief Executive Officer David Hol and Airport Manager Samantha Kohlman at the Portland Airport entrance.



# Port MacDonnell Community Complex



## October school holiday wrap up

The Port MacDonnell Community Complex was delighted to deliver a two-week school holiday craft program to children and families this October.

Complex staff facilitated various activities including mask making, creating money boxes, growing 'Hairy Harry's' and designing pencil pots which attracted 168 children to participate in these crafts over the two-week period.

The weekly Tuesday morning StoryTime continued and remained popular with young children and parents where they read a book of the week, sing, dance and make a book related craft. Community members were invited to a special Teddy Bears Picnic StoryTime during the second week of holidays which saw many much-loved teddy bears arrive at the Complex to join in on the fun.

The Community Complex also had many visitors to the district tour through the Maritime Museum. The Museum is located within the Complex and showcases historic artifacts and detailed descriptions of Port MacDonnell's shipwrecks, lighthouse, wool washes, jetty, Little Penguin colony and other historically significant structures.

Stay up to date with upcoming activities and events at the Port MacDonnell Community Complex by following their Facebook page or calling staff on (08) 8738 3000.





## Volunteering positions now open

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Have you ever considered volunteering for the Country Fire Service (CFS)? Now is your chance to do so and make a positive impact within your community this Summer!

The CFS offers a range of roles which include:

- Firefighter
- Radio operations
- Catering
- Administration support
- Operational support
- Community education
- Fundraising

Young people between the ages of 11 and 18 can also get involved as a CFS cadet. Cadets are trained by qualified and experienced volunteers in firefighting skills, using fire hydrants, hoses and ladders, map reading and basic first aid.

### **Cost and time commitment**

No out of pocket expenses should be incurred as a result of volunteering. All training, Personal Protective Equipment and Personal Protective Clothing will be provided by the CFS.

Apart from meeting minimum requirements for training and skills maintenance, the time a person can offer to a volunteering role can be negotiated with the local Brigade Captain.

### **Keen to get involved?**

Find out more about the roles on offer and how to sign up via the the CFS website: [www.cfs.sa.gov.au/volunteers/volunteers/](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/volunteers/volunteers/)

Alternatively, find your nearest brigade by calling 1300 364 587 and talk to a local volunteer.



# Regional Sporting Academy

2024 applications now open



Do you or someone you know want to be part of the Limestone Coast Regional Sporting Academy in 2024? Applications are now open!

The program allows young athletes to train and develop further within the Limestone Coast, and supporting them with:

- Specialist sports skills development;
- Training camps;
- Nutrition;
- Sports psychology;
- Core strength and conditioning;
- Gym programs;
- Peer support groups; and
- Achieve state/national pathways.



All submissions must be made online via the form link below or scan the QR code above:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/T9ZzanunPn>

**Applications close at 5:00pm Saturday 4 November 2023.**

Learn more about the Academy online via their Facebook page (Limestone Coast Regional Sporting Academy) or [www.lclga.sa.gov.au/limestone-coast-regional-sporting-academy](http://www.lclga.sa.gov.au/limestone-coast-regional-sporting-academy)

## Mount Gambier & District Saleyards

Stay up to date with sales



Weekly sale positions and market reports can be found via the Saleyards Facebook page by searching Mount Gambier & District Saleyards or on Council's website:  
[www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/services/saleyards](http://www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/services/saleyards)

**NOTICE:** Please note the male toilet facilities located in the main administration building will be unavailable on Friday 3 November 2023 due to maintenance work being carried out.







**nbn Local** are providing a Community Ambassador Program to community groups and businesses in regional Australia. The Program is aimed to increase the digital capability of people within local communities by delivering topics including:

- **nbn101:** A general overview of nbn;
- **Online Safety:** Get 'ScamFit' with nbn;
- **Smart Devices:** What connected devices are available now and what might be available in the future;
- **Emergency Preparedness and the nbn network:** Tips to keep connected to news sources, keeping your devices powered and keep important documents safe;
- **Optimising your Internet Connection:** Are you getting the most out of your nbn?; and
- **Social Media and your digital footprint:** What is social media, how can you use it to connect with others, and what do you need to consider when posting online?

Tailored workshops are also available to suit community interests using the Be Connected Library ([beconnected.esafety.gov.au](https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au)).

All sessions are available both in-person and online via webinar.

Contact the South Australian nbn Local Community Ambassador to find out more:

- Rohan Watts - 0423 244 053 | [rohanwatts@nbnco.com.au](mailto:rohanwatts@nbnco.com.au)

## Planning and Development Approval



### How does the planning system work?

Did you know the South Australian Planning and Design Code (the Code) is South Australia's single source of planning policy for assessing Development Applications?

The Code also guides relevant authorities on how to progress matters such as Code Amendments which involves a number of steps which includes its initiation by the Minister for Planning.

In the November 2023 Community Newsletter, a brief guide will be presented providing more details on some of the above topics to allow our community to better understand planning processes.

Community members are encouraged to speak with a staff member in Council's Planning and Building Department on (08) 8721 0444 about any development queries. Alternatively, visit the PlanSA website for more information: [plan.sa.gov.au](https://plan.sa.gov.au).



# Grant Funding - What is available?

## RAA Regional Safety Grants

- A total of \$70,000 is available for community groups, schools and not-for-profit organisations carrying out safety projects in regional South Australia.
- Applicants can apply for funding between \$500 and \$10,000 for their safety project, program or activity. Successfully funded projects, programs or activities must be completed by 31 January 2025.
- Examples of safety project areas that would qualify for consideration include road, fire, children, community, school, water, personal and playground.

CLOSE: 5:00pm Monday 30 October 2023

More information: [www.raa.com.au/about-raa/community-programs/community-sponsorships/regional-safety-grants](http://www.raa.com.au/about-raa/community-programs/community-sponsorships/regional-safety-grants)



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## Conservation Grants

- The Limestone Coast Landscape Board is providing up to \$70,000 in funding to local landholders. The funding will support projects on properties that deliver biodiversity outcomes and primary production co-benefits.
- Projects must be able to commence 1 July 2024 and must not exceed 18 months in length. This means projects must be completed by 31 December 2025.
- Funding will be offered to individuals, volunteers, community organisations and other bodies based on a selection criteria which can be found via the Limestone Coast Landscape South Australia website below.

CLOSE: Stage 1 applications close 5:00pm Friday 8 December 2023

\*Applicants must submit a Stage 1 application to be considered for Stages 2 and 3

More information: [engage.landscape.com.au/conservation-grants](http://engage.landscape.com.au/conservation-grants)



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

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



# Upcoming Events



## Monthly Council Meeting

- Monday 20 November 2023
- 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier at 5.30pm



## In Home Hospice Care Information Session

- Wednesday 1 November 2023
- Mount Gambier City Hall, 1 Bay Road, Mount Gambier

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



To raise awareness for  
Mental Health Month 2023

GUEST SPEAKER

# CHRIS BLOWES

## 6:30PM | 25TH OCTOBER

Port MacDonnell Community Complex  
5-7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell

Bookings essential | (08) 8738 3000

Event sponsored by:



**FRRR**  
Foundation for Rural  
Regional Renewal

**LBW TRUST**  
**LEARNING**  
FOR A BETTER WORLD



## Rates Instalment Reminder

Second instalment due:

**Friday 1  
December  
2023**

Third instalment due:

**Friday 1  
March  
2024**

Fourth instalment due:

**Friday 7  
June  
2024**

# Community Grants Scheme

## Round 1 2023-2024 | Fact Sheet



The District Council of Grant is pleased to re-launch the Community Grants Scheme and provides this document detailing a summary of key information.

The Community Grants Scheme is for community groups to develop projects and events that enhance community wellbeing and increase participation in social and leisure activities.



### 3 grant categories

Sporting Clubs



max. \$1,000  
50% | 50%

Community Groups



max. \$3,000  
75% | 25%

Community Participation



max. \$500  
100% | 0%

or  
max. \$5,000  
50% | 50%

# \$80,000

total funding pool



Monday

# 30

October  
2023



Monday

# 11

December  
2023

### Who can apply:

Incorporated not-for-profit organisations based in or servicing the District Council of Grant who do not collect substantial income from other sources.

### Required documentation:

- ✓ 2023-2024 Application Form detailing a project or event which responds to a community need and contributes to building a stronger community;
- ✓ Evidence of Public Liability Insurance (or capacity to purchase appropriate coverage); and
- ✓ Copy of quotations supporting project or event costs and in-kind support (if applicable).

### Project ideas:

facility upgrades | general maintenance  
club development | purchase of equipment  
painting | implementation of a program  
community event | safety / security upgrades  
purchase and installation of water tanks

**For further information or support to apply:**

**District Council of Grant**

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