District Council of Grant

COMMUNITY NEWS

MAY 2024

Celebrating Volunteers

To celebrate National Volunteer Week 2024, the District Council of Grant hosted its annual Volunteers Morning Tea at the Port MacDonnell Community Complex.

The Australia wide celebration provides an opportunity for likeminded people to connect and to highlight the positive impact volunteers have on local communities. This year, the theme of the week was 'Something for Everyone' showcasing the diverse talents each volunteer brings to their local community.

Mayor Kylie Boston expressed how grateful she is for the work of local volunteers.

"Our volunteers are truly the unsung heroes who selflessly dedicate their time, energy, and skills to worthwhile causes. Their impact reverberates through our whole community," Mayor Boston said.

"I have had the privilege of working alongside some of those dedicated individuals in our community. Working behind the scenes with these people has amplified how lucky we are to have such committed groups of fabulous volunteers who work tirelessly to better our community."

"Volunteers don't ask to be commended for their work but we want to use National Volunteer Week to make sure our volunteers know they are appreciated."

Again, Council extends its gratitude to the volunteers within the district for their ongoing support making our community a better place.

Images from the morning tea are on page 3.



Council Decisions

Airport Museum Funding: At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 15 April 2024, Council resolved to allocate $5,000 seed funding to support the Mount Gambier Aviation Museum Inc.

Council also endorsed a license agreement to be entered into with the Mount Gambier Aviation Museum Inc. over a section of the WWII Bellman Hangar and Control Tower.

Next Council Meeting: 5:30pm Monday 17 June 2024 in the Council Chambers at 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier.

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

Our District



Donovans Landing

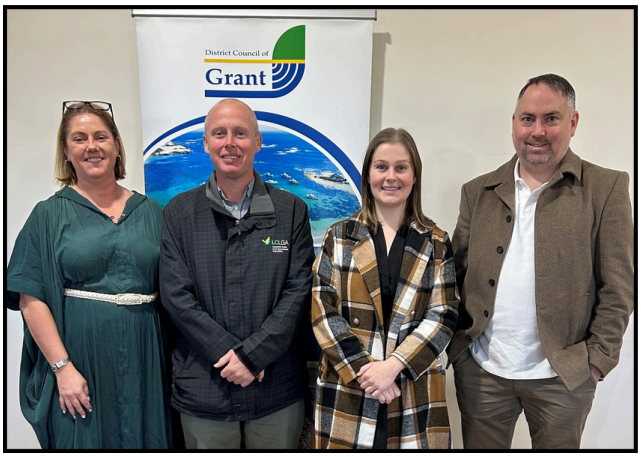


Works Department

Out & About with Council







Club Governance Training

On Sunday 28 April 2024, the District Council of Grant, in partnership with the Limestone Coast Local Government Association's Connected and Active Communities Program, hosted a free Club Governance Training.

Attendees listened to the following presentations:

- Constitution and governance by Kelledy Jones Lawyers
- Tax & auditing by Galpins Accountants
- Dispute resolution and conflict management by Critical Moments Conflict Management
- Child safety by the Office for Recreation and Sport
- Grant writing and leadership by Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast
- Insurance and risk management by Local Community Insurance Services

Congratulations to the Donovans Recreational Advisory Committee for winning the $500 giveaway for a grant writing or strategic planning session.





Citizenship Ceremony

On Monday 29 April 2024, a Citizenship Ceremony was held in the Council Chambers where a family from the Philippines, and individuals from Thailand and New Zealand were celebrated becoming Australian Citizens.

Special guests Mr Tony Pasin MP, Mayor Kylie Boston, Cr Brad Mann and City of Mount Gambier Mayor Lynette Martin OAM also attended the Ceremony.

Out & About with Council



Limestone Coast Regional Sporting Acadamy

On Monday 20 May 2024, Council's Elected Members presented the most recent Limestone Coast Regional Sporting Acadamy participants with training uniforms.



Volunteers Morning Tea

On Wednesday 22 May 2024, Council hosted its annual Volunteers Morning Tea at the Port MacDonnell Community Complex in celebration of National Volunteer Week.

National Volunteer Week
20-26 MAY 2024
Something for Everyone









50 Years of Carpenter Rocks Progress Association

On Sunday 28 April 2024, the Carpenter Rocks Progress Association celebrated its 50th birthday.

The Progress Association formed in 1974. Three years later, the Progress Association and local fisherman helped build the first part of the Carpenter Rocks Community Hall. In 2009, the second part of the Community Hall was built with assistance from Council.

In the same year, a new kitchen was installed in the Community Hall and a BBQ outside was installed the following year in 2010.

The Progress Association opened its grounds surrounding the Community Hall to campers in 2013. This allowed travelers to stay for a small fee payable at the Carpenter Rocks Shop and Tavern, and is still available today.

In 2014, the Carpenter Rocks Progress Association then opened its Community Hall to students participating in Generations In Jazz (GIJ).

To make the facility more comfortable for GIJ participants, toilets and showers were installed in the Community Hall in 2018.

At the Progress Association's birthday, a number of community members and organisations were thanked for their volunteered labour, time and funding to get the Carpenter Rocks Progress Association where it is today.

"Thank you to all of the progress members and all the community members who have helped us in any way, thank you." - Terryl Allen

"Progress Associations play a huge part in our district and help our community connect and thrive. On behalf of the District Council of Grant, I thank the Carpenter Rocks Progress Association for their work over the last 50 years and look forward to continue working closely together into the future." - Mayor Kylie Boston





Community Consultation

Your Say DCG

The District Council of Grant strives to regularly engage with our community.

Council has created a dedicated online engagement platform for you to have your say on matters that shape our district.

Visit yoursaydcg.com.au to find out what community consultation opportunities there are in the District Council of Grant.

Register on Your Say DCG to also receive direct emails about upcoming and current consultations.

Council contributes to SA's net zero target through first-of-its-kind program

An exciting state-first trial is equipping councils with the tools and resources needed to lower their emissions and compete for extra federal funding, helping meet South Australia's net zero emissions target.

Officially launched in January following an expression of interest process last year, the Local Government Net Zero Accelerate Program is supporting 15 participating councils to identify and report on emissions profiles, act on areas for emissions reduction and establish their own emissions reduction strategies.

The Local Government Association-led trial is the first of its kind in South Australia and is being supported by a $120,000 grant from the Department for Environment and Water.

Councils have already undertaken several workshops, facilitated by Adelaide-based firm Dsquared Consulting, equipping staff with expert guidance on how to understand their emission sources, collect the data needed to establish their emissions profile, and hear what other councils are doing to reduce their carbon emissions.

By mid-year, it's expected councils will receive their own specialised Carbon Emissions Profile and best practice guide, while the data collected from councils will provide LGA a sector-wide snapshot of local government's emissions profile in South Australia.

Establishing an emissions inventory and identifying priority actions means participating councils are far more eligible for federal funding, through programs like the Community Energy Upgrades Fund, and can actively assist the State Government to halve its greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

Councils participating in the Local Government Net Zero Accelerate Program:

- The Barossa Council
- Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council
- Coorong District Council
- District Council of Elliston
- **District Council of Grant**
- Kangaroo Island Council
- District Council of Kimba
- Lower Eyre Council
- Mount Barker District Council
- Rural City of Murray Bridge
- Northern Areas Council
- City of Port Augusta
- City of Salisbury
- District Council of Streaky Bay
- District Council of Yankalilla



Saleyards Transformation to be re-evaluated

The District Council of Grant will reevaluate the future of the Saleyards Transformation Project following an unsuccessful Federal Government funding bid.

In January 2024, Council applied for $7 million through the two stage Growing Regions Program for the Mount Gambier Districts Livestock Exchange 2030 Transformation Project.

District Council of Grant Chief Executive Officer Darryl Whicker said he was notified today on Wednesday 16 May 2024 that the major project had not secured funding.

“Council is disappointed with the announcement, however understands the importance of the Saleyards to our community as it is a premium selling centre within our region helping to support our primary producers,” Mr Whicker said.

“The Saleyards Strategy Committee, Council staff and stakeholders have put a significant amount of work into this Transformation Project over the last four years. We will now seek feedback from the Federal Government and the State Government on how we may work together to deliver our mutual commitment in the best interest of primary producers.”

The Saleyards Transformation project envisages upgrading the facility upgrades to modern infrastructure 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.

Council increased its financial contribution to $4.3 million to allow for the project to be completed in its entirety when paired with the State Government’s commitment of $2.7 million and a successful Federal Government funding application.

Mount Gambier & District Saleyards Strategy Committee Presiding Member, Kongorong farmer and Councillor Barry Kuhl said the project is critical for future agricultural growth and development within the district.

“It is disappointing not to have essential funding awarded to this development as the Saleyards have a long history of supporting agriculture in our region and throughout Australia,” Cr Kuhl said.

“The Saleyards are an excellent example of how Council infrastructure provides a necessary service to our local community but without upgraded assets in place, such a service cannot be delivered. To ensure the Saleyards remains sustainable for future generations, appropriate funding is needed now.”

District Council of Grant Elected Members will meet in the coming weeks to consider next steps.



Dog Owner Reminders & Tips

Dog and Cat Management Board

Government of South Australia
Dog and Cat Management Board

Desexing

There are many good reasons to desex your dog. It reduces the risk of certain cancers, stops unwanted litters and makes it less likely your dog will roam.

Desexing your dog is compulsory in South Australia. Dogs born after 1 July 2018 must be desexed by six months of age.

There are exemptions for working livestock dogs, racing greyhounds, dogs belonging to breeders registered with the Dog and Cat Management Board, or on medical grounds (i.e. unacceptable anaesthesia risk).

Mandatory desexing has been introduced to help reduce the number of unwanted dogs in the community.

*Sourced from the Dog and Cat Management Board's Dog Owners' Handbook 2020



Planning & Development

Public Development Application Register

Did you know that there is an online development application register which allows you to find, track and access publicly available information about a development application?

PlanSA is a State Government developed planning and development system which processes all development within South Australia.

The planning and development system delivers an online based platforms which allows Development Applications to be submitted, assessed and tracked online.

On PlanSA, the public development application register can be found.

An interactive mapping tool can be used to view development applications lodged by Council area. Specific development applications can also be searched by property address, reference number, applicant or Council area.

You can also subscribe to be notified about development applications being lodged within your Council area.

Visit plan.sa.gov.au to find out more or scan the QR code below.

PlanSA

Outside of the Fire Danger Season

What restrictions still apply?

Residents within specified townships are still required to obtain a fire permit from Council before burning outside of the Fire Danger Season.

Those townships within the District Council of Grant are:

- Allendale East
- Blackfellows Caves
- Cape Douglas
- Carpenter Rocks
- Donovans
- Kongorong
- Nene Valley
- Pelican Point
- Port MacDonnell
- Racecourse Bay
- Tarpeena
- Yahl

Maps detailing townships boundaries can be found on Council's website at www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/services/fire-prevention,restrictions-and-permits/firepermits, provided by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure.

An application for a fire permit can also be downloaded from Council's website at www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/services/forms.

Raising Healthy Minds App

Raising Healthy Minds

Free Raising Healthy Minds app developed by Raising Childrens Network and funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care, and co-designed by parents and mental health experts.

The app offers a mix of quick-read articles, videos and animations designed to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing from birth to age 12.

Download from Google Play or the App Store or go to raisingchildren.net.au/rhm to learn more and raise a healthy mind.



POISONOUS WILD MUSHROOMS



> Dangerous wild mushrooms usually appear after the first good autumn rains.

> They can be found in many places, including bushland, forests, public parks, playgrounds, school ovals, farm paddocks and closer to home in your own garden in lawn, compost, mulch or straw.

> Keep a close eye on your children and pets when you are outside because mushrooms are easy to reach and can look interesting to eat.

> People who have lived overseas should be aware that poisonous mushrooms in Australia can look like edible mushrooms found in other countries.

> Death cap mushrooms are the most dangerous and can cause fatal liver damage. Cooking or peeling doesn't remove the poison. The Death cap grows with oak, hazel, and chestnut trees, but lethal mushrooms can grow anywhere. The only mushrooms safe to eat are ones you buy from a reliable greengrocer or supermarket.

> If someone accidentally eats a wild mushroom, don't wait for symptoms to start call the Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 **and follow their advice.**
Anyone who becomes ill after eating a wild mushroom should seek urgent medical attention.

In an emergency, always call triple zero (000).

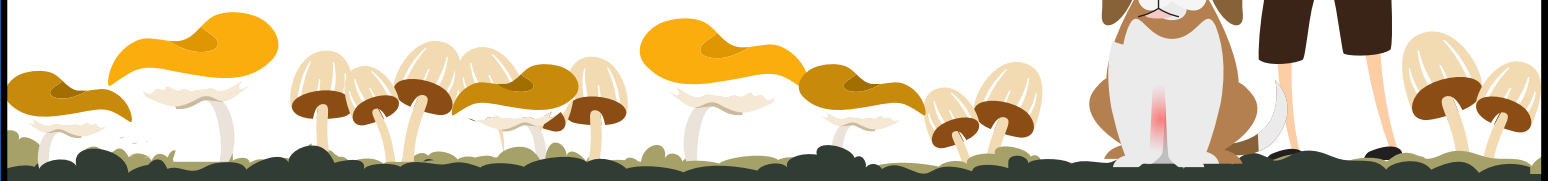
Symptoms of wild mushroom poisoning include:

> Violent stomach cramps
> Abdominal pain
> Vomiting
> Nausea
> Diarrhoea
Symptoms usually start 3-6 hours after eating a mushroom and can last up to 3 days.

The most dangerous mushrooms can have delayed symptoms that can start up to 24 hours after eating.



www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/mushroompoisoning



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SA Health

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Rates Instalment Reminder

Fourth instalment due:

Friday 7 June 2024

WIN an iPad!

Pay your notice through FlexiPay

Council is giving you the chance to Win an iPad.
Just pay your notice through FlexiPay to enter the draw.

You can do this by scanning the QR code on the notice.
If you are already paying your notice via direct debit, you are already in the draw.

Be quick!

You have until 31 May 2024

FlexiPay

Easily apply for direct debit

Pay via credit card or bank account

Manage your payments online with eNotices

Scan the QR Code on your notice to register

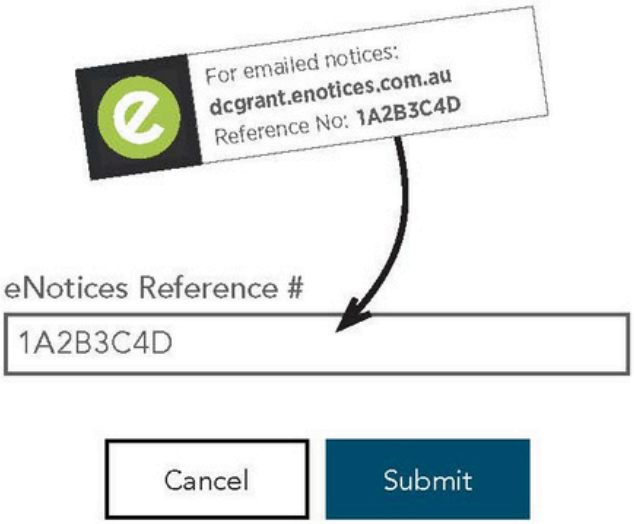
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Just 3 easy steps!



Step 1
Enter your eNotices Reference Number and contact details

Step 2
Select your payment frequency and start date

Step 3
Check your email inbox and click the link to provide your payment method.

External Programs & Grant Funding

Here for the Game Community Program

- The Alcohol and Drug Foundation (ADF) is delivering a new community activation program called Here for the Game Community Program, and is inviting local sporting clubs to join.

- Funded by the Department of Human Services, the aim of the program is to disrupt the normalisation of gambling and sports betting in sports.

- The program is 100% free to join, designed for busy volunteers, and provides education and awareness to clubs around the growing prevalence of sports betting and gambling in the community and its harm.

- Participating clubs will have access to easy-to-use resources to support them in developing policies and strategies to minimise harms. This will help create safer, more family-friendly and community-focused clubs, and increase the health and wellbeing of members, visitors, and the wider community.

- Adelaide United Football Club, Adelaide Crows, Adelaide Giants and Adelaide 36ers are backing the program and ADF team members will be available to support and assist clubs to progress through the program.

More information via the QR code or online at:
www.hereforthegame.com.au/community-clubs

HERE FOR THE GAME

Stay Afloat Community Resilience Grants

- As part of the Stay Afloat Pilot Program, 25 Community Resilience Grants are available to support events that encourage commercial seafood communities nationwide to come together in a supportive setting to raise awareness of mental health and the benefits of overall wellbeing.

- Applications are assessed as they are received and will be reviewed by a panel.

The objectives of the grants are to:

- Encourage seafood community members to come together in a supportive setting;
- Raise awareness of the benefits of positive mental health and overall wellbeing towards a quality of life; and
- Provide support and tools to improve the mental health and wellbeing of our commercial fishers.

More information via the QR code or online at:
www.stayafloat.com.au/grants/

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NEED A PLACE TO WORK?

CO-WORKING *space*

TUESDAY 18 JUNE + TUESDAY 20 AUGUST

PORT MACDONNELL COMMUNITY COMPLEX
DROP IN BETWEEN 9:30AM AND 3:00PM

WORKSPACE AREA
FAST WI-FI
NEARBY CAFES

MOUNT GAMBIER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

District Council of Grant

This event is a joint initiative of the Mount Gambier Chamber of Commerce and District Council of Grant

Want to know more about the Mount Gambier Chamber of Commerce? Chat with a Chamber Board Member at the upcoming session or visit www.mountgambierchamber.com.au

Registrations are encouraged by scanning the QR code

We want to hear your experiences and ideas

Help us create opportunities to build a resilient Limestone Coast



Monday 3 June
Bordertown Civic Centre
43 Woolshed Street, Bordertown Time: 3.30 - 5.30 pm

Tuesday 4 June
Naracoorte Town Hall
93-95 Smith Street, Naracoorte Time: 3.30 - 5.30 pm

Wednesday 5 June
Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre
7 Margaret Street, Mount Gambier Time: 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Friday 7 June
Kingston Council Chambers 29 Holland Street, Kingston SE Time: 9.30am – 11.30am

What ideas do you have to make our region strong and resilient in the face of a warmer, drier future?

The Limestone Coast is uniquely placed to respond to drought, not only within our region, but to respond to opportunities that arise from elsewhere. Local organisations have partnered to create a Limestone Coast Drought Resilience Plan. We need your lived experience and knowledge of the land, region and our communities to make the plan as accurate as possible.

Come along to a free workshop near you

We encourage farmers, residents, industry and community groups, regional and rural community leaders and business owners to attend.

Light refreshments will be provided.

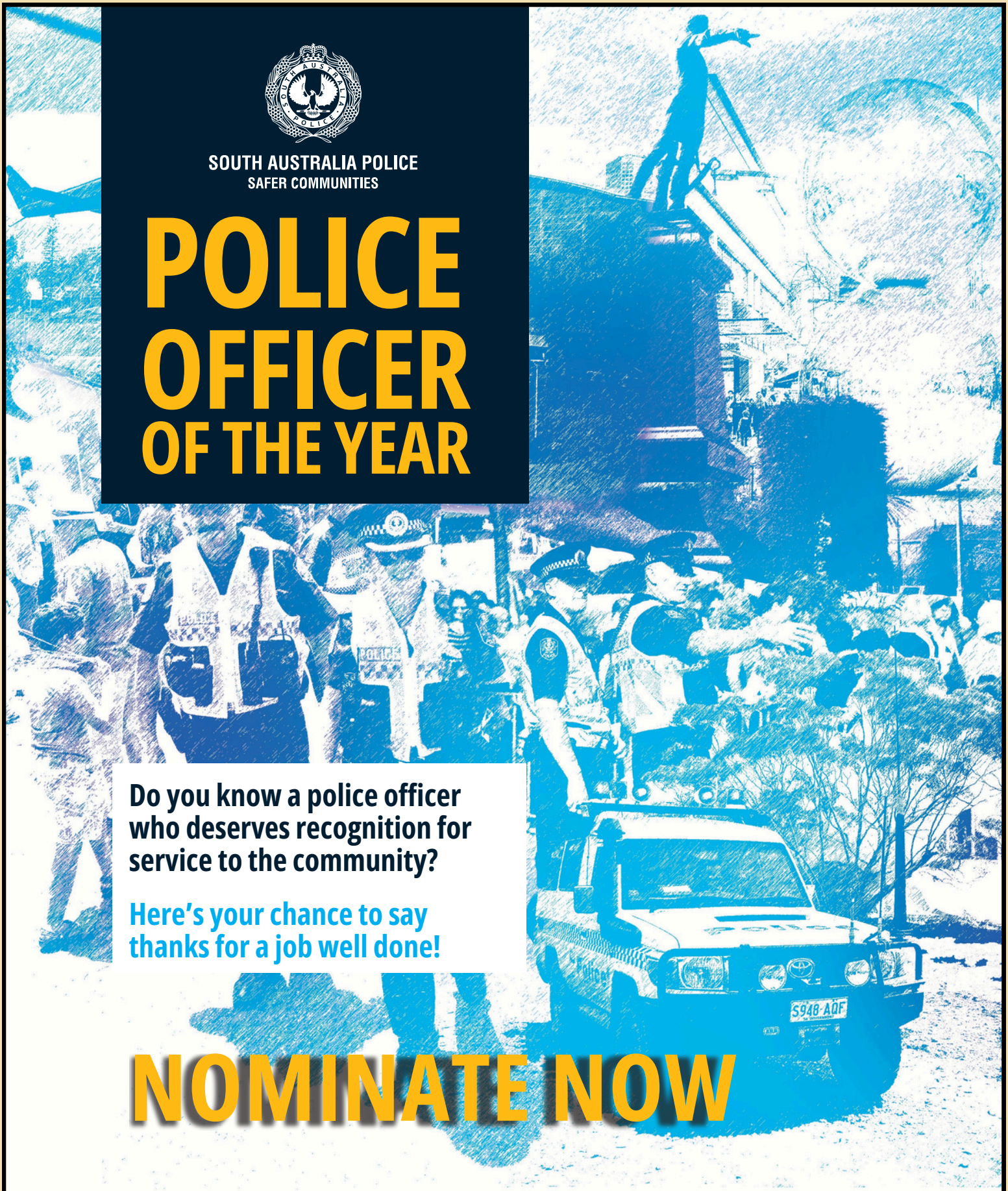
Please RSVP to Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast at info@rdalc.org.au to register your attendance.

This project is jointly funded through Australian Government's Future Drought Fund and the Government of South Australia.

Complete a survey

Scan the QR code to complete a survey about your experiences with dry times or drought. Submissions close Sunday 16 June 2024.

An Australian Government Initiative | Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast | Government of South Australia, Department of Primary Industries and Regions | LCLGA Limestone Coast Local Government Association | Landscape South Australia Limestone Coast



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POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Do you know a police officer who deserves recognition for service to the community?

Here's your chance to say thanks for a job well done!

NOMINATE NOW

All submissions are welcome. For further details about the award, or to download the nomination form visit our website www.unley.rotaryclub.org.au.

Submit your completed nomination form by email to pooty@rotaryclub.org.au or by post to SA Police Officer of the Year Award, Rotary Club of Unley, PO Box 18, Unley SA 5061.

Nominations close Friday, 12 July 2024.

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SCAM ALERT

Victims are being contacted by people claiming to be bank employees in what is known as 'bank impersonation scams'. Other instances involve callers impersonating NBN or law enforcement employees. In each case, the caller attempts to convince the victim to accept help or assist in preventing unauthorised transactions or catching hackers. The caller's aim is to steal your money, and Australians are losing thousands.

DO NOT FALL VICTIM TO THIS SCAM!

Here are some tips to help protect yourself, friends and family from these scams:

- Hang up immediately. Don't be pressured by unknown callers to follow their instructions.
- Refuse requests to download any computer applications. These applications allow the caller to access your computer to steal your money.
- Never provide online banking passwords, one-time security codes, pins or tokens to anyone.
- Never attend a store to purchase gift cards if requested by the caller or provide any codes.
- Do not withdraw money from your bank and hand over to a courier driver who has attended your address or arranged to meet you at another location.

If you have fallen victim to this scam contact your bank immediately and make a report at www.cyber.gov.au or attend your nearest police station.

For more crime prevention tips, please visit www.police.sa.gov.au/your-safety

SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
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CELEBRATING FAMILY DIVERSITY & CONNECTIONS

National Families Week

1. Create time to play, and have fun with your family.
2. Use technology in a way to connect with each other.
3. Appreciate your family, friends and community – everyone matters!
4. Regularly check in with each other "how was your day?"
5. Do an exercise or relaxation class as a family group, or play a team sport.
6. Celebrate your family's achievements, large and small.
7. Have confidence in your abilities and celebrate the positive aspects of family life.
8. Ask others for support to navigate the challenges.
9. Help and support others whenever you can.
10. Build connections and learn from others.

Supported by the Australian Government Department of Social Services

Go to **www.dss.gov.au** for more information

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