

Draft 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan & Budget

The District Council of Grant's Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget for 2025-2026 has been released and Council are now inviting the community to provide feedback on the proposed works and services.

Chief Executive Officer Darryl Whicker said the Draft Plan balances responsible financial management with investing in key infrastructure and strategic projects, whilst also considering the costs of inflation and drought conditions faced by the community.

"In preparing the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget, the consideration of the current economic environment and consequent pressures on our communities has been at the forefront of Council's decision making," Mr Whicker said.

"In the new financial year, we intend to invest approximately \$4.6 million in renewing our key assets to deliver services and maintain our infrastructure that meets our community's needs and expectations."

To achieve these key maintenance and upgrade projects, the Draft 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan and Budget proposes a rate revenue increase of 3.75% in line with Council's Long-Term Financial Plan.

The Draft Plan also outlines an approximate \$20.489 million operating expenditure which includes an allocation of \$3.179 million to maintain Council's road network. A further \$14.2 million is proposed for total capital works.

A highlight is the proposed \$7.426 million capital investment in the Mount Gambier Districts Livestock Exchange 2030 Transformation Project, a key focus area under the Economy Goal in Council's Strategic Plan 2024 - 2034. The Saleyards Transformation Project, estimated to value \$15.4 million, is intended to be carried out over multiple years.

Further information about the Draft Plan is continued on page 3.



Council Decisions

Drought Emergency in the Limestone Coast

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 19 May 2025, Council approved to write to the Premier of South Australia, and relevant Government Agencies, to acknowledge the drought emergency in regional South Australia, including the Limestone Coast due to the ongoing drought conditions.

The letter will also request that the government allocate ongoing support officers in the regions and provide suitable and equitable relief available to all farmers.

Next Council Meeting: 5:30pm Monday 16 June 2025 in the Council Chambers at 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier.

Visit Council's website at www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au for full Council meeting reports and minutes.

Flashback

Volunteers Morning Tea | May 2024



Out and About with Council

Kapyong and ANZAC Day Services

On Thursday 24 April 2025, Mayor Kylie Boston attended the Kapyong Day Service to acknowledge and commemorate Australia's Korean War Veterans.

On Friday 25 April 2025, Mayor Kylie Boston, Councillor Megan Dukalskis and Councillor Rodney Virgo attended the Port MacDonnell ANZAC Day Dawn Service and placed a wreath on behalf of the District Council of Grant community.

Councillor Barry Kuhl attended the Vansittart Park ANZAC Day Dawn Service the same morning.

Deputy Mayor Brad Mann also attended the ANZAC Day March and Dawn Service at Vansittart Park. Deputy Mayor Brad Mann placed a wreath at the Dawn Service with Mayor Kylie Boston, also on behalf of the District Council of Grant community.



ANZAC Accolade

On Wednesday 16 April 2025, Mayor Boston attended the Anzac Accolade held by the Mount Gambier Corps of The Salvation Army.



Generations In Jazz Opening

On Saturday 3 May 2025, Mayor Kylie Boston helped officially open Generations In Jazz 2025 with the Hon. Andrea Michaels MP, Member for Enfield and Minister for Arts.



Draft Annual Business Plan & Budget

Proposed works and services across the district in 2025-2026

Mr Whicker explained that “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. We will continue to lobby for funding or consider reducing the scope of the project to spend no more than \$7.7 million of Council’s funds.”

Other key projects proposed to be funded in the new financial year include:

- \$89,000 towards the second year of funding Telstra Mobile Towers;
- \$30,000 to creating a Community Development Strategy which aims to support the growth of community development initiatives, arts, culture and community group support throughout townships;
- \$100,000 to developing Connective Coastal, River and Walking, and Bike Trail strategies over multiple years; and
- \$25,000 to implementing and advancing Coastal Adaptation Strategy initiatives.

Mayor Kylie Boston reiterated that the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget reflects Council’s commitment to maintain effective services for the community while progressing towards shared long-term goals.

“Council recognises the financial pressures many in our community are facing and have carefully considered the delivery of services and projects to our community against the proposed rate increase,” Mayor Boston said.

“We want to work together with our communities and to create an environment where we can all live, work and play,”

“I encourage all residents to take the opportunity to review the draft document and share their feedback.”

Community members are invited to review the Draft 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan and Budget and have their say.



Feedback can be submitted by:

- Completing the online feedback form via Your Say DCG (yoursaydcg.com.au) or by scanning to QR code above
- Completing a hard copy feedback form available at the District Council of Grant Principal Office, 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier and Port MacDonnell Community Complex, 5-7 Charles Street, Mount Gambier
- Emailing info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au
- Writing a letter addressed to the District Council of Grant at PO Box 724, Mount Gambier SA 5290

Consultation closes at 5:00pm Tuesday 10 June 2025.

Interested community members may attend a public meeting on Monday 16 June 2025 between 4:00pm and 5:00pm in the Council Chambers at 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier, to further review and discuss the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget with Council representatives.

Celebrating our local volunteers

Volunteers Morning Tea & National Volunteers Week



The District Council of Grant hosted its annual Volunteers Morning Tea on Wednesday 21 May 2025 as an opportunity to thank and celebrate the selfless contributions of volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to making our community a better place.

The event coincided with National Volunteer Week, Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteering.

The event amplified National Volunteer Week's theme of 'Connecting Communities', celebrating the power of volunteering to bring people together and strengthening communities.

Mayor Kylie Boston expressed her appreciation for the work of local volunteers.

"Our community simply wouldn't be the same without our volunteers. Every action makes a meaningful difference, whether it's coaching sport, helping at community events or serving on a committee,"

"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,"

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

Mayor Boston added "I encourage everyone to thank the dedicated volunteers working around you."



Opt-In Kerbside Collection Service Approved

Food Organics and Garden Organics



The District Council of Grant will begin rolling out an opt-in Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) kerbside collection service following a successful trial.

The service will initially be made available to residents in Port MacDonnell, Moorak, Compton and Nene Valley, the same areas which participated in a preliminary trial commencing at the end of 2024, for an annual charge of \$85.

District Council of Grant Mayor Kylie Boston said the continuation of the FOGO service is one of the ways Council is supporting the community to reduce their carbon footprint and creating a sustainable district.

“Our community showed strong engagement and interest in more sustainable waste management options. The trial and subsequent community consultation demonstrated that a Food Organics and Garden Organics service is not only viable but valued by many of our residents.” Mayor Boston said.

“Food Organics and Garden Organic covers all organic waste usually generated at home in the kitchen and the garden. Collection helps divert this waste from your red rubbish bin, reduces the amount and cost of waste to landfill, and creates compost.”

In September 2024, Council approved to conduct a free 3-month FOGO kerbside collection service trial, 1 December 2024 and 28 February 2025, to collect data on the feasibility of collections and consult the wider community on the level of support for providing an ongoing service.

A comprehensive review of the trial's outcomes and feedback received during community consultation was presented at Council's meeting on Wednesday 23 April 2025.

Chief Executive Officer Darryl Whicker said feedback was generally supportive of continuing and expanding the service in the existing trial areas.

“We were extremely pleased with the strong engagement shown during the consultation process, receiving 540 submissions. Importantly, 63% of all respondents indicated support for a future Food Organics and Garden Organic service at their property,” Mr Whicker said.

It was also reported at the Council Meeting that the greatest number of submissions were received from residents within the existing trial areas of Port MacDonnell, Nene Valley, Moorak and Compton. Over 75% of respondents in these areas supported a future kerbside collection service.

“The new opt-in service directly responds to Council's Strategic Plan 2024 – 2034 which requires Council to investigate additional waste services, including green waste, beyond the current kerbside collections,”

“We are proud to deliver on our strategic focus area and support our environment goal of a sustainable district that values the natural qualities and heritage that underpin our health, livability and economy.”

Council also endorsed to carry out a second free FOGO trial in Yahl, Tarpeena, Allendale East, Racecourse Bay and Kongorong after receiving sufficient interest in the service during the community consultation period.

Eligible households will soon receive information directly on how to participate in the second trial, what to expect from the service and how to opt-in and out of the newly endorsed FOGO kerbside collection service.

Celebrating people with disability

Call For Artists | Art-Ability Exhibition



The District Council of Grant is calling on local artists living with disability to showcase their talents in the inaugural Art-Ability Exhibition being held at The Hangar Gallery from September 2025.

The exciting new exhibition, recommended by Council's Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel, will highlight the diverse talents of people living with disabilities in the community.

Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel Chair and Councillor Katherine Greene said the exhibition coincides with International Day of People with Disability.

"The day aims to increase awareness, understanding and acceptance of people living with disabilities and the Art-Ability Exhibition is a meaningful way Council is acknowledging their artistic talents. Also as part of this year's celebrations, Council will be presenting a People's Choice Award to artists, as voted by the community," Cr Greene said.

A prize pool of \$500 will be on offer to all participating artists in the Art-Ability Exhibition. Recipients will be announced on Tuesday 3 December 2025; International Day of People with Disability.

"This exhibition is more than just art, it's about promoting the equitable inclusion of people with disability and celebrating the diversity of people in our community. I encourage all eligible artists to get involved."

Artists living with a disability and residing or working in the District Council of Grant area or broader Limestone Coast region are invited to apply to have their artwork displayed and sold in The Hangar Gallery between September 2025 and February 2026.

Interested artists can enter by competing an entry form:

- Online via yoursaydcg.com.au
- In person at:
 - Council's Principal Office, 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier
 - Port MacDonnell Community Complex, 5-7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell

Entries close 5:00pm Monday 28 July 2025.

District Council of Grant Chief Executive Officer Darryl Whicker highlighted Council's continued commitment to increasing access and inclusion.

"The Art-Ability Exhibition supports Council's goal of embedding disability access and inclusion into our business-as-usual processes. If we all make small and consistent efforts to improve accessibility and inclusion each day, it can positively impact our community in a significant way," Mr Whicker said.

"This initiative reflects the strong work of our Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel and Council's ongoing commitment to achieve a fully inclusive society that values and respects all people as equal and contributing members of the community."



Coastal Adaptation Strategy

Safeguarding our communities from coastal hazards



It has been identified that the coastline along the Limestone Coast has experienced coastal erosion and inundation, and it is expected that this is likely to increase in future years. The District Council of Grant acknowledges these hazards and has commenced a joint project, with the District Council of Robe, Wattle Range Council and Kingston District Council to develop strategies to reduce the risk of erosion and inundation.

The project aims to identify hazards and associated risks for each coastal township by 2050 and up to the year 2100, and evaluate options to adapt and protect our communities into the future. The District Council of Grant will specifically focus on creating adaptation strategies for the following townships:

- Carpenter Rocks;
- Pelican Point;
- Blackfellows Caves;
- Nene Valley;
- Cape Douglas;
- Port MacDonnell;
- Racecourse Bay;
- Eight Mile Creek; and
- Donovans.

Get Involved

Council hosted a series of workshops to allow community members to understand and ask questions about the potential impacts of coastal erosion and flooding in the district from Council's coastal management expert, and provide input on adaptation options for Council to implement to safeguard your township.

The first round of Community Workshops were held in March 2025 at Port MacDonnell and Carpenter Rocks.

Additional workshops were also held in May 2025 at Carpenter Rocks, Donovans and Port MacDonnell to provide our community the opportunity to review the Draft Strategy and proposed adaptation measures in detail.

Following the second round of workshops, community members are invited to provide additional feedback for consideration into the Coastal Adaptation Strategy. Feedback can be submitted by:

- Completing the online feedback form via Your Say DCG (yoursaydcg.com.au) or by scanning to QR code below
- Emailing info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au
- Completing a hard copy feedback form located at:
 - Council's Principal Office, 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier
 - Port MacDonnell Community Complex, 5-7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell
 - Carpenter Rocks Shop, 6 Hercules Street, Carpenter Rocks

Feedback must be submitted by 5:00pm Friday 13 June 2025.

Next steps

Broader community consultation will follow both rounds of workshops allowing the wider District Council of Grant community an opportunity to review the Draft Coastal Adaptation Strategy and provide feedback.

Upon closure of consultation, all feedback received from the workshops and consultation period will be reviewed by the Council's coastal management expert. Amendments will be made to the Draft Coastal Adaptation Strategy, where appropriate, before the final strategy is presented to Council for endorsement.

Find out more

Visit Your Say DCG (yoursaydcg.com.au) via the QR code and read a fact sheet



Mount Gambier Regional Airport

Did you know the Mount Gambier Regional Airport has been located at its current site since July 1936?

The Airport is located 8 kilometres north of Mount Gambier adjacent to the Riddoch Highway.

The Airport was originally constructed by local aviation pioneers Messers HS May and SC Davis.

The facility operated as a civil airfield with regular flights to Adelaide and Melbourne until 1939 when the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) assumed control of the Airport to establish No.2 Air Observers School, RAAF Mount Gambier.

The Airport grew considerably under the control of the RAAF. At its peak the base was home to more than 160 buildings and 1,000 personnel. As such a great number of buildings were constructed at the base, some of which remain in place today.

The existing runway configuration was also established during this period with all three runways sealed in 1946. Mount Gambier Regional Airport's main runway was then extended in 1956 and again in 2019.

Since World War II, the Airport has been an active facility with regular public transport flights returning to Mount Gambier in October 1944.

The Airport was handed over to the former District Council of Mount Gambier on 18 June 1989.

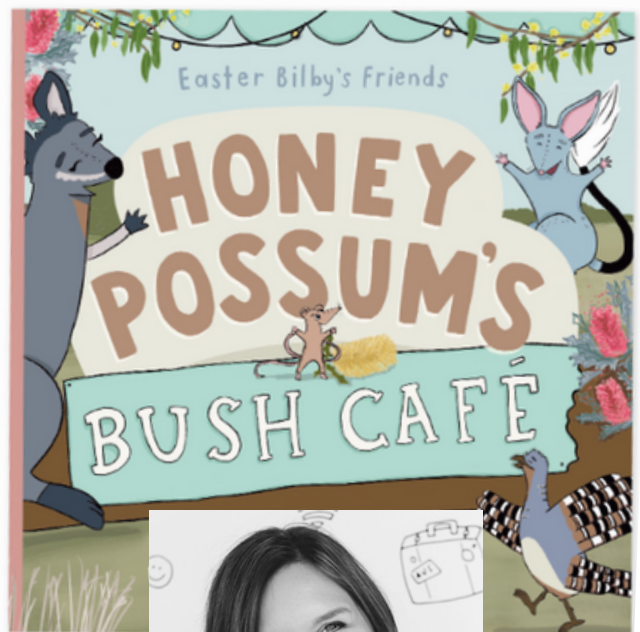


Port MacDonnell Community Complex

Story Time with Bianca Richardson

Local illustrator Bianca Richardson will be joining the Community Complex's weekly StoryTime on Tuesday 3 June 2025 to read her new book *Honey Possum's Bush Cafe*.

Honey Possum's Bush Cafe is set in south-west Western Australia, in the Stirling range. It is the second book in Easter Bilby's Friends series, which explains to children how introduced wild rabbits affect the native plants and animals in the area, and what they can do to help.



Bianca Richardson is also a graphic designer with a love for wonky hand-drawn lines and is the illustrator of *Banjo Frog's Concert Spectacular*, the first book in the Easter Bilby's Friends series.

Join Bianca at the Port MacDonnell Community Complex, 5-7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell on Tuesday 2 June 2025 at 10:30am.

This event is supported by the Baytown Group.

Mount Gambier & District Saleyards

Auctioneers School & Drought Support Package

Auctioneers School at the Saleyards

The Australian Livestock and Property Agents Association (ALPA) will be hosting the South Australia Auctioneers School at the Mount Gambier & District Saleyards in July.

The event, to be held on Thursday 5 June 2025, is a one-day intensive aimed to enhance auctioneering techniques, skills and knowledge of the agency industry.

It is beneficial for all livestock and property auctioneers including auctioneers that have been in the industry for some time or for auctioneers just starting out. The school combines a balance of theory and practical components to help auctioneers develop.



The Auctioneers School will feature:

- Experienced auctioneers on hand to pass on practical information essential for effective auctioneering; and
- Speech pathologists providing auction specific tips including voice projection, breathing techniques, voice conservation and care.

Other content which will be covered includes:

- Agency best practice
- First impressions – make it count
- Auctioneering basics: pre auction, at auction, post auction
- Tips for successful auction
- Livestock Auction Terms & Conditions of Sale
- Legal and ethical responsibilities
- Animal welfare
- Good agency practice
- Voice conservation and care
- Public speaking

Drought Support Package

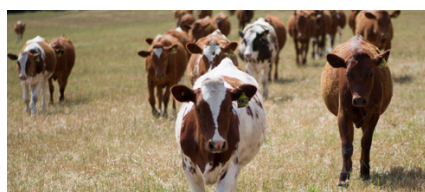
The State Government is investing \$73 million to support farmers affected by drought in South Australia.

The package builds upon the \$18 million in initial assistance announced by the State Government in November 2024.

New assistance measures in the package includes, but is not limited to:

- A further \$13 million for On-Farm Drought Infrastructure Grants for rebates that assist with projects to manage drought conditions and strengthen drought preparedness
- An additional \$4 million to assist charities with freight costs to transport donated fodder to assist farmers with feeding livestock
- \$1 million for Rural Financial Counselling Support
- \$3.5 million in additional supports for rural small businesses
- \$4.5 million to support producers with the implementation of electronic identification (eID) for sheep and farmed goats
- \$2 million to assist sport and recreation clubs in drought affected areas through the Active Club Program
- A further \$250,000 for grants of up to \$5,000 for the Connecting Communities Events Program, for groups to host events that foster social connections and provide support
- \$17.4 million for Future Drought Fund Preparedness and Resilience programs.

Visit the Department for Primary Industries and Regions website, via the QR code below, to find out more about the support programs available to assist you.



Rates Reminder

A friendly reminder that fourth quarter rates instalments are due Friday 6 June 2025.

Please contact Council's Rates Officer on (08) 8721 0444 should you have any queries about your rates or require alternative payment arrangements.

More rating information can be found on Council's website via the QR code below or at www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/services.



Public Holiday Mobile Garbage Bin Collection

Please note Mobile Garbage Bins will be collected as normal on the upcoming Public Holiday on Monday 9 June 2025.

Bins should be placed out the night before or prior to 6:00am on the day of collection.

More information about Mobile Garbage Bin collections can be found on the waste and recycling page of Council's website, accessible via the below QR code below.



Let's Talk Bins...

When do I put my bin out?

Rubbish, recycling and Food Organic and Garden Organic bins should be placed kerbside the night before your collection or prior to 6:00am the day of collection.

With waste services increasing across the district, collection times may vary for your pick up. To ensure your bin is not missed, please place your bin kerbside within the adequate timeframe.

Missed Bins

For missed bin collection or more information about collection areas and days, and what items can be placed in your bins phone Cleanaway on (08) 8427 8204.

Replacement Bins

Residents are eligible for a free replacement of damaged, lost or stolen bins once every five years. Further replacement bins may be issued at the owners expense.

Phone Council on (08) 8721 0444 to check your eligibility.

Additional Bins

Residents with an existing set of bins may request an additional set for an additional waste service charge. An Additional Set of Bins Request Form must be completed and returned to Council.

Visit www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au and head to the waste and recycling page to download a request form or phone (08) 8721 0444.

My Local Services App

Your kerbside collection calendar, waste and recycling information and bin reminder alerts are now available via the free 'My Local Services' App. Download from the App Store or Google Play.



Unleash Your Hidden Workforce

Are-able invites local employers to a free breakfast event focused on the power of inclusive hiring.

Supported by Purple Orange, this event will showcase how tapping into an overlooked talent pool can benefit your business and your community.

What to Expect

- Insights from are-able on how inclusive employment isn't just the right thing to do – it's a smart move for business
- Success stories from Purple Orange and practical ways to build an inclusive team using available supports
- Recruitment perspective from Cathie at Latitude Recruitment on the value of hiring people with diverse experiences
- Personal story from are-able client Paul Manfrin on how inclusive employment changed his life and his workplace

This event is a great opportunity to enjoy breakfast, connect with other local employers, and gain practical tips to build a more inclusive and resilient workforce.

Date: Tuesday 17 June 2025

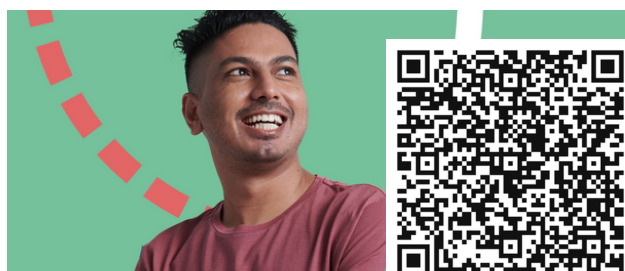
Time: 8:00am to 9:30am

Location: Limestone Coast Pantry, 20 Harrald Street, Mount Gambier

RSVP by: Friday 6 June 2025

Includes: Complimentary light breakfast

RSVP by calling (08) 8707 9920 or completing the online registration form at www.areable.org.au or via the QR code.



Learn about and report scams

Scams targeting people from non-English speaking backgrounds are a serious issue.

According to the latest Targeting Scams report, Australia's culturally and linguistically diverse communities lost \$38.8 million to scams.

To help all Australians protect themselves and their loved ones from scammers, Scamwatch has developed information and resources in 22 languages.

People can learn about scams affecting their communities and how three simple steps: Stop. Check. Protect., can keep us all safe from scams.

The Little Book of Scams, an internationally recognised tool for consumers and small businesses to learn about scams, is available in 18 languages. Other translated resources include posters, audio recordings, and videos.

Language should not be a barrier for reporting a scam. If someone you know needs to report a scam in their language, they can call the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 and tell them they'd like to report a scam to Scamwatch.

The best way to stay safe from scams is through awareness and education.

Visit scamwatch.gov.au/translated, or via the QR code below, to use and share the information and resources with your family and friends.



SA harmful algal bloom

What it is

A naturally occurring, harmful algal bloom is affecting the South Australian coastline, including Fleurieu Peninsula, Kangaroo Island and southern Yorke Peninsula.

The bloom is being driven by a marine heatwave – with sea temperatures about 2.5°C warmer than usual – combined with calm conditions, light winds and small swells.

Karenia mikimotoi does not cause long-term harmful effects in humans.

The last notable algal bloom of this type was recorded at Coffin Bay on Eyre Peninsula in 2014.

The effects

Karenia mikimotoi can cause deaths of marine wildlife at varying concentrations and is known to affect the gills of fish.

Exposure to discoloured or foamy water can cause short-term skin or eye irritation and respiratory symptoms, including coughing or shortness of breath. These symptoms usually resolve within several hours of leaving the beach.

Swallowing water affected by the algal bloom can cause gastrointestinal symptoms, including vomiting, diarrhoea and abdominal cramps.

What to do

Avoid swimming in discoloured water and foam, or where marine life is dead or in poor health, and walking on beaches if experiencing symptoms.

If you are outdoors and experience irritation, go indoors, close windows and rinse exposed skin. If symptoms are more severe or do not resolve, seek medical advice from a GP and call 000 if it is a medical emergency.

Do not touch or eat dead or dying fish, shellfish or marine wildlife. Fish caught live are safe to eat.

Report fish deaths to FISHWATCH and marine wildlife deaths to your local National Parks and Wildlife Service office.

Follow beach signage and directions from National Parks and Wildlife Service rangers.

Key contacts

Fish deaths

FISHWATCH: 1800 065 522

Public health advice

SA Health: 13 11 26

More information



Department for Environment and Water
SA harmful algal bloom update



Primary Industries and Regions South Australia
Harmful algal bloom situation update



SA Health
Water quality alerts



National Parks and Wildlife Service
Marine wildlife strandings



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External Funding Opportunities

Expand Together Grants

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet's Expand Together Grants provide one-off funding to eligible multicultural organisations to purchase equipment and upgrade, extend or build community facilities for use by South Australia's culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

The grants aim to ensure there are necessary facilities and equipment for community members to come together, access the services and programs they need, and connect with the wider local community network.

Grants of up to \$100,000 are available for projects to be delivered over 12 months. Projects can be funded under four categories:

- Equipment Grant - up to \$50,000
- Infrastructure Grant - up to \$50,000
- Equipment Grant - between \$50,001 - \$100,000
- Infrastructure Grant - between \$50,001 - \$100,000

Matched funding is required for applicants requesting more than \$50,000.

Projects must commence in February 2026.

Applications close Wednesday 20 July 2025.

Find out more on the Department of the Premier and Cabinet's website at www.dpc.sa.gov.au or via the QR code below.



SA Power Networks Community Grants

The SA Power Networks Community Grants program was created to assist communities to empower themselves and make a tangible difference in their local area. They seek to empower activities, programs or events which will help make a positive impact within South Australia.

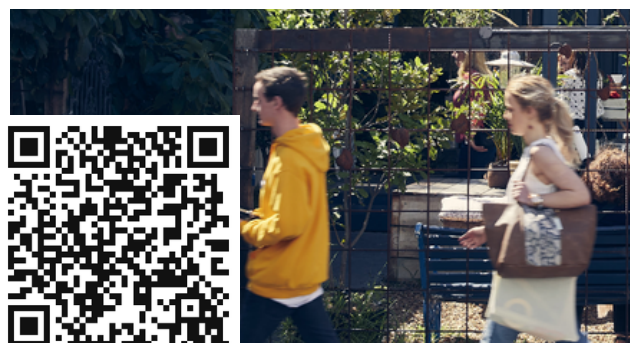
Funding of up to \$5,000 is available for projects that support sustainability or strengthen reconciliation and cultural understanding and can be delivered within 12 months.

The 2025 program will fund initiatives under two key areas:

- **Growing a Sustainable SA** – championing environmental and social sustainability while supporting the community through the energy transition by funding initiatives that enhance energy efficiency, promote self-sufficiency, and foster local engagement; and
- **Fostering Reconciliation & Cultural Understanding** – Projects that drive positive outcomes for First Nations people and communities, as well as initiatives that empower the broader community to begin or strengthen their reconciliation journey through cultural understanding and collaboration.

Applications close 9:00am Tuesday 17 June 2025.

Find out more on the SA Power Networks website at www.sapowernetworks.com.au or via the QR code below.



External Funding Opportunities

Mental Health Month Grants

In recognition of Mental Health Month 2025, the Mental Health Coalition of South Australia have announced a new round of Rural Mental Health and Borderline Personality Awareness Week Grants designed to assist you to put on events this Mental Health Month.

Mental Health Month aims to build community awareness and knowledge around mental health and wellbeing and develop greater mental health literacy in the community to encourage understanding and acceptance of mental health challenges and illness.

The Grant Programs aims to support innovative initiatives that foster meaningful connections in communities across South Australia.

Funding applications can be received from mental health service providers, community organisations, creative collectives, and individuals, for events to be held from Wednesday 1 to Tuesday 7 October 2025 in South Australia.

Funding is available under two categories:

- Rural Grants - between \$500 - \$1,500
- Borderline Personality Awareness Week - between \$500 - \$2,000

Applications close Monday 23 June 2025.

Find out more on the Mental Health Coalition of South Australia's website at mhcsa.org.au or via the QR code below.

More information can also be sourced by emailing administration@mhcsa.org.au.



Connecting Communities Events Grant

The Department of Primary Industries and Regions is offering the Connecting Communities Events Grant as part of the Family and Business Support Program to support rural communities in South Australia affected by drought and other adversity.

The aim of the program is to support gatherings that encourage communities to come together, share experiences, and reinforce the unity and strength of rural areas.

Grants of up to \$5,000 (GST exclusive) are available to industry, community, not-for-profit, local government and incorporated groups to host events that foster social connections and provide support during these times.

Eligible groups within SA include (but are not limited to):

- farmer groups, including Agricultural Bureau branches and farming systems groups
- industry organisations
- community groups such as agricultural show societies, progress associations, sports clubs, service clubs

Applications close 5:00pm Saturday 31 January 2026.

Events must be held by no later than 31 December 2026.

Find out more on the Department of Primary Industries and Regions' website at pir.sa.gov.au or via the QR code below.



RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

Poster Valid until 31/07/2025

Co-designing an educational campaign for people living with chronic pain in the Limestone Coast and Western Victoria

The aim of this study, **EQUIPP: Co-design Workshops**, is to engage with locals to co-design a chronic pain-targeted educational intervention that is specific to your community.

For this study, we are running a workshop with people who live and/or work in **Mount Gambier, Millicent or Naracoorte** and are a **part of local sporting clubs and associations**.

Date: Monday, June 2nd
Time: 5:30pm - 8:30pm
Venue: TBC (Mount Gambier)

Further information about the study is available at our project webpage www.equipp.org.au. Please register your interest in participating using the QR code, or by contacting the Project Manager.

Time Required: Attendance at one, up to three, workshops of 2-3 hours duration

Locations: Mount Gambier (venue TBC)

Reimbursement: You will be reimbursed for your time and travel

Recruiting Until: 31st July, 2025

Contact: www.equipp.org.au
EQUIPP Project Manager
Dr Louise Wiles
Email: equipp@unisa.edu.au
Telephone: 0476 221 032



This study has been approved by The University of South Australia's Human Research Ethics Committee (protocol: 206677)



A Help
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FREE EmergencyRediTM Workshop

Working together to prepare for disasters

You're invited to attend a FREE community workshop delivered by Australian Red Cross.

This workshop will help you to prepare for emergencies. It provides you with an introduction to emergency preparedness, helps you start your own emergency RediPlan and gives you the information and tools to continue preparing yourself, and those you care about, for emergencies. As part of Help Nation, an NRMA Insurance initiative, this workshop will also help you learn about your local risks.

Date: Wednesday 4th June 2025
Time: 1.00pm - 2.30pm
Venue: Mount Gambier Library
Contact: 0427 213 781 or acarter@redcross.org.au

To book your
spot, contact
us or scan here





SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
SAFER COMMUNITIES

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!



RCU Website

NOMINATE NOW

All submissions are welcome.

For further details about the award, or to download the nomination
form visit our website www.unleyrotary.org.au

Submit your completed nomination form by email to
pooty@unleyrotary.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, 11 July 2025.

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Art-Ability

The Hangar Gallery
Mount Gambier Regional Airport

Call For Artists

Art-Ability is an exhibition opening soon to highlight and celebrate the diverse talents of people living with disabilities in the community.

The District Council of Grant is calling for artists living with a disability and residing or working within Limestone Coast region to feature in the exhibition.

Complete an entry form for the opportunity to have your artwork displayed in The Hangar Gallery at the Mount Gambier Regional Airport between September 2025 and February 2026.



Entries close:
5:00pm Monday 28 July 2025

Find out more and apply online:
yoursaydcg.com.au/art-ability-exhibition





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