

Master Plan Complete

The District Council of Grant has endorsed the completed Inner Townships Master Plan after its creation in collaboration with the community over the last 12 months.

The Master Plan recognises what is important to each inner community including proposed future landscaping, shared use paths, signage, play spaces and lighting.

The Inner Townships Master Plan focuses on the following townships:

- Allendale East
- Caveton
- Compton
- Glenburnie
- Kongorong
- Mil-Lel
- Moorak
- Mount Schank
- OB Flat
- Suttontown
- Tarpeena
- Worrolong
- Yahl.

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More information is detailed on page 4.



Council Decisions

Proposed reduction of speed limit in Yahl: At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 19 February 2024, Council resolved to advocate to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport for a speed limit reduction to 80km/h on:

- Woodlands Road;
- Lewis Avenue;
- Henningsen Road;
- Hill Road;
- Clarke Road; and
- Brim Brim Road.

Next Council Meeting: 5:30pm Monday 18 March 2024



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Our District



Caroline Sinkhole, Wye

Carpenter Rocks



Out & About with Council

New Deputy Mayor Announcement

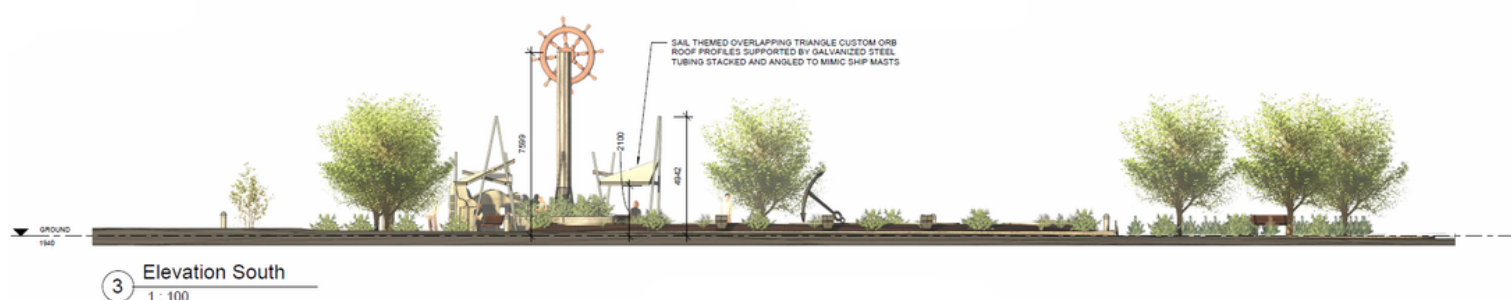
After a collective agreement to share the District Council of Grant Deputy Mayor position during the current standing term, Council has appointed Cr Bruce Bain to the role.

A greater opportunity for collaboration and development was identified by the Elected Members to share the Deputy Mayor position amongst the group. Subsequently, in February 2023 Council's Elected Members resolved that those appointed in the role would stand for a term of one year only, with the current incumbent ineligible for re-nomination in the term immediately after.

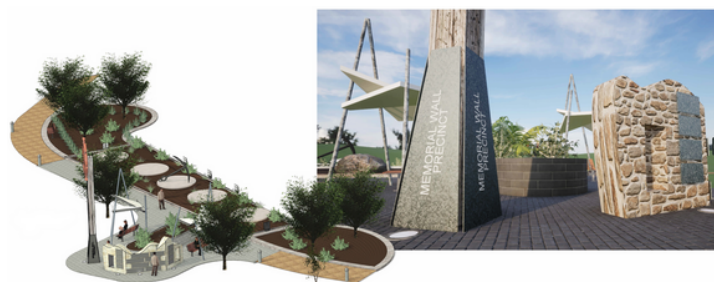


At the January 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting, Councillor Megan Dukalskis had fulfilled her duty of Deputy Mayor and was recognised for her contributions and support of Mayor Kylie Boston over the past year. Councillor Bruce Bain was then appointed as Council's newest Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Bain will hold the position of Deputy Mayor until January 2025.



Port MacDonnell Memorial Wall Precinct & Shipwreck Walk Update



Consultation closed for this project on Monday 12 February 2024. The District Council of Grant thanks all community members who provided feedback.

All submissions are being considered by Council staff with a summary of feedback to be presented to Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting on Monday 18 March 2024.

A copy of the Meeting Agenda will be published on Council's website prior to the Meeting for public viewing at www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/council/meetings/ordinary.

On your bike! New shared path laid

Shared bike path open in Mil-Lel

The District Council of Grant is proud to deliver a safe travel option for students to get to school following the completion of the Mil-Lel shared bike path along Sherwin Road.

The 770m shared pathway is now open for use extending from Mil-Lel Drive to Rexwells Court, and provides a direct link to key local facilities such as the Mil-Lel Primary School, Hall, Tennis Club, Showgrounds and Memorial Park.

The 3m wide path also has pram ramps installed to accommodate community members with prams and increase accessibility for users of wheelchairs, mobility scooters and walking frames.

Council successfully gained \$86,715 to complete the project via the Department for Infrastructure and Transport's 2023-2024 State Bicycle Fund which was paired with Council's budgeted commitment of almost \$97,000.

Mayor Kylie Boston said the installation of the new path helps promote active travel within the district.

"This is another investment aimed to help connect our communities which additionally provides a great recreational activity in a beautiful rural setting. It is also a great achievement on actions within our recently endorsed Inner Townships Master Plan. Council is proud of its public amenities available for locals and visitors, and will continue to invest in the vision for shared pathways."

District Council of Grant Works Manager Adrian Schutz said the completed project is the newest addition to the districts growing shared path network.

"In recent years, we have constructed other shared walking and cycling paths including one from Tollner Road to Cafpirco Road in Compton, and are in the process of preparing another from Carpenter Rocks to Pelican Point. Investing in walking and cycling infrastructure is one way Council is creating safer connections for residents accessing community facilities and helping our community stay active."

More information about the completed project can be found via Council's website at www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/council/latest-news/media-release-on-your-bike!-new-shared-path-mil-lel



Inner Townships Master Plan Complete

Council adopts Master Plan

The District Council of Grant has endorsed the completed Inner Townships Master Plan after its creation in collaboration with the community over the last 12 months.

Mayor Kylie Boston said the project is an example of what Council and community can achieve together with the assistance of town and country planners MasterPlan and Outerspace Landscape Architects.

"It was pleasing to see our community engage with Council, and the appointed consultant team, during the consultation process and we thank everyone who took the time to participate in a workshop, or drop-in session or submit written feedback providing valuable insight into each community," Mayor Boston said.

"Council is proud to present the final plan and look forward to rolling out actions over the coming years."

Sourced from community feedback, the Inner Townships Master Plan identifies key themes reflecting what is important to each community; smart residential growth, movement and connectivity, pedestrian and road safety, enhanced amenity and interest, preservation of historic buildings, sites and structures, and better public spaces.

Chief Executive Officer Darryl Whicker said a significant amount of work was undertaken to ensure the Master Plan appropriately prepares for the community's future.

"The Plan is envisaged to be a long-term working document and will play an important role to align community amenity and infrastructure in anticipation of growing populations within each township," Mr Whicker said.

"Residents living and working within our inner townships are encouraged to read the final document to see how community feedback has translated into a set of future tangible projects for each location."

The final Inner Townships Master Plan is available online via the District Council of Grant website at www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/council/policies,-by-laws-and-documents/strategiesplans.

Rates Instalment Reminder



Third instalment due:

**Friday 1
March
2024**

Fourth instalment due:

**Friday 7
June
2024**

Fire Danger Season

Usage of tools that produces a spark



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 lighting fires for the purpose of reducing the chances of large fires starting. These restrictions are escalated when a Total Fire Ban Day is declared.

During the Fire Danger Season, community members may use an angle grinder, welder, metal cutting tool or any other tools that produces a spark outside providing:

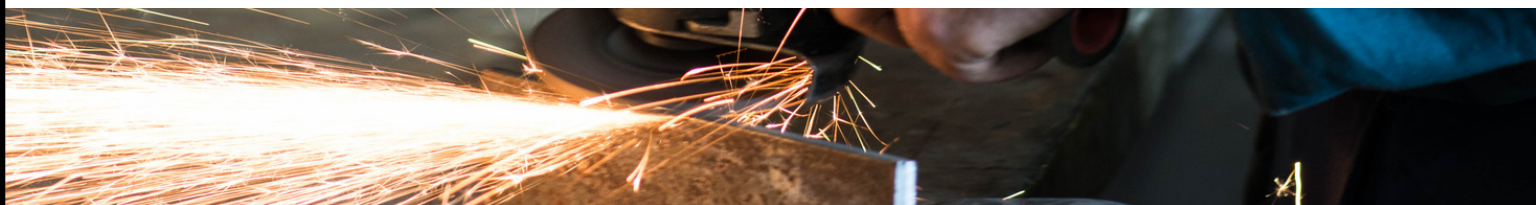
- a 10 metre cleared space is around the area; and
- water or an appropriate extinguisher is at hand.

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

On a declared Total Fire Ban day, such tools are not permitted to be used unless a permit is issued by Council. Generally permits are only issued for emergency purposes.

Contact the District Council of Grant on (08) 8721 0444 or 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 SA Country Fire Service website at www.cfs.sa.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/restrictions/what-can-i-do-what-cant-i-do.



2024 Premier's Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Volunteer Service

Do you know a someone in the community who has made an outstanding commitment and contribution to the community and/or their organisation? Nominate them for the 2024 Premier's Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Volunteer Service.

The Award is aimed to recognise someone who has made a significant contribution to the community or an organisation, provided ongoing commitment and dedication to volunteering, demonstrated leadership in their volunteer role and promoted volunteering within the community.

Nominations are now open and **close 5:00pm Sunday 24 March 2024**.

Guidelines and online nomination forms are available via the Department of Human Services' website at: www.dhs.sa.gov.au/services/volunteers/recognition/volunteering-certificates.

National Epilepsy Awareness Day

Purple Day - Tuesday 26 March 2024



To raise awareness, towns across Australia will be lighting up landmarks in purple on Tuesday 26 March 2024.

Did you know?

Any person at any time of their life can be diagnosed with epilepsy. There are over 114 different epilepsy syndromes and seizure types. 1 in 26 people will have a seizure in their lifetime and 1 in 100 will develop epilepsy permanently. 1 in 1000 people with epilepsy die each year due to Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP). 40% of people with epilepsy are under the age of 18 and 40% are over the age of 60.

Approximately 63,000 people live with epilepsy in South Australia and 24,000 in the Northern Territory.

There are a range of services and organisations that can provide support to those effected by epilepsy, including The Epilepsy Centre.

The Epilepsy Centre is based in Adelaide, a not-for-profit organisation which has been operating for over 48 years and is committed to providing quality services and support to people living with epilepsy and, improving community awareness and attitudes in South Australia and the Northern Territory.

For support or more information, visit their website at <https://epilepsycentre.org.au/>.

Rehabilitation of Outfall Pipe at Finger Point Beach



SA Water will commence repairs to the outfall pipe that runs from Finger Point Wastewater Treatment Plant to the Southern Ocean in mid-February 2024 and anticipate completion by early March 2024

In late 2023, temporary bypass pipework and a pump station were constructed at Finger Point Beach which now enables SA Water to take this outfall pipe offline for repairs. The plant treats wastewater from Mount Gambier and the outfall pipe safely discharges treated effluent to the ocean.

During construction times only, a small section of the beach and access tracks will be closed to enable construction and for everyone's safety. Onsite signage will be used to keep the community informed about any temporary access restrictions.

Together with contractors, SA Water will aim to minimise disruption, however, at times during the works, there will be increased noise at the site.

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.

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



Summer Holidays at the Complex

2023/2024 school holiday period



Whilst the busy Summer period is quickly coming to an end, the Port MacDonnell Community Complex reflects on its successful 2023/2024 school holiday program.

Delivered throughout December 2023 and January 2024, the six-week program saw 525 locals and visitors participate in two craft sessions and Storytime facilitated each week. Crafts varied from Christmas ornaments, name boards, bracelets, succulent gardens, and school bag tags.

Storytime was particularly exciting prior to Christmas as a special visit was made by Mrs Claus. Young children submitted their present requests to Mrs Claus before reading a story, signing, dancing and creating a Christmas themed craft.

Embracing the festive spirit, the Port MacDonnell Community Complex introduced a community Christmas tree for children and adults to make a decoration and place on the shared tree. Santa's Letterbox was also situated at the Complex providing an opportunity for children in Port MacDonnell and surrounding areas to write a letter addressed to Santa and receive a letter in return.

The Complex's youth space continued to be a popular hangout location for 531 visitors over the school holiday period. This area consists of various free to use gaming consoles such as Wii and PlayStation, an 8-Ball Table and free Wi-Fi which is available all year round.

The Port MacDonnell Maritime Museum, located within the Complex, was also well utilised and saw multiple large visiting groups from Adelaide, Melbourne and Country Victoria discover Port MacDonnell's history.

Staff at the Port MacDonnell Community Complex have begun planning for the next school holiday program to be held in April 2024 and will host multiple Youth Week activities between 15 and 24 March 2024. More information about these events can be found on page 14.



Locals encapsulate 'Coastal Life'

Gallery exhibition now on display



The Port MacDonnell Community Complex welcomes nine talented Limestone Coast artists into its newly upgraded Gallery as part of its first collaborative 'Coastal Life' exhibition of the year.

The exhibition showcases the district's unique coastal environment delivered in a variety of mediums including photography, colourful mosaics, sea kelp creations, bright paintings on canvas and surfboards, clever ghost rope works, and driftwood sculptures and furniture.

Local creatives Wendy Carne, Charlie Furr, Jeremy levins, Kai levins, Kirsty levins, Matilda Jones, John Magarey, Shelley Matiu and Sue Van Der Veen are featured.

The 'Coastal Life' exhibition is currently on display until **Sunday 31 March 2024**.

Community members and visitors are welcome to view the local artworks for free during the Port MacDonnell Community Complex's opening hours of Monday to Friday between 9:00am and 5:00pm and Saturday to Sunday between 11:00am and 3:00pm.



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 or call Mission Australia on (08) 8218 2800.



Plan ahead: Stay connected in a disaster

Strengthening Telecommunications Against Natural Disasters

While telecommunications providers prepare for natural disasters, no form of communications technology is 100% resilient in an emergency or natural disaster.

The infrastructure that makes our communications work such as mobile phone base stations, can be directly damaged or experience interrupted power supply during a natural disaster. This can happen quickly and without power, your home phone, internet modem, laptop or mobile phone may not work.

Think about how you will communicate if your mobile, landline and internet services are not available.

To help you prepare for an unexpected outage follow these steps:

- Include a portable radio with a spare set of batteries in your emergency kit so you can stay up to date with emergency information;
- Keep your mobile charged and have a backup power source, like a battery pack;
- Have a paper copy of contact details for your family and friends, so if you get access to a phone (such as a pay phone), you can call them;
- Have some cash on hand, as EFTPOS or ATMs may not be working if there is a natural disaster.

If you get caught in a natural disaster and telecommunications services are not available, you can:

- Monitor your local and commercial radio and television stations, as well as local emergency service websites and social feeds for up-to-date warnings and information;
- Prepare an emergency plan and communicate with loved ones about your plans before you have to act on them;
- Follow advice from emergency services personnel on the ground and Emergency Alert phone messages if received from them;
- The system depends on telecommunications networks. If these are unavailable in a disaster, you may not get a warning;
- If you're concerned for your safety, don't wait to be told to evacuate – prepare and leave early;
- Do your part to stay safe and stay connected until you're back online.

Having a plan in place keeps you and your loved ones safe, informed and connected.

For more information about how to prepare for a telecommunications outage, visit www.infrastructure.gov.au/STAND.

Plan ahead

stay safe and informed.

Connected Communities Grant Program (Telstra)

- In partnership with the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal, grants of up to \$10,000 are available to not-for-profits to help them build resilient, sustainable, and liveable communities.
- The Program has three themes:
 1. **Resilient** communities that are well prepared and socially connected, with the ability to renew and recover together when disaster strikes;
 2. **Sustainable** communities that are diverse and inclusive, through planning for the health, wellbeing and prosperity of their people and planet;
 3. **Liveable** communities that have digital capability, helping to equip people with the skills to live, learn and work in a digital society.

Key dates:

Applications open 9:00am Tuesday 27 February 2024 and will close 5:00pm Wednesday 27 March 2024. Successful applicants will be announced in June 2024 and will have up to 12 months to complete funded projects.

More information: www.telstra.com.au/exchange/telstra-connected-communities-grants

Small Grants Program (Commissioner for Children and Young People)

- The Commissioner invites South Australian community groups, arts organisations, sporting clubs and local government to apply for small grants of up to \$5,000 for projects aimed at children and young people.
- The Program is designed to support organisations to deliver projects to young people that raise awareness of period poverty in SA communities, provide easy access to free period products in SA communities, provide easy access to toilets and disposal units in SA community spaces, promote production of high-quality information and education resources about periods for SA children and young people, and reduce the stigma of periods and menstruation across the broader SA community.
- Two categories available in the Community Awareness Grants;
 1. **Period Justice Grants:** to support organisations to undertake activities and projects to promote awareness and reduce the stigma associated with periods and menstruation, and to address period poverty.
 2. **Youth Voice Grants:** to support opportunities to include meaningful child and youth voices in your organisation's planning and decision making.

Key dates:

Applications are currently open and close Friday 29 March 2024.

More information: www.ccyp.com.au/grants

Grant Funding

What is available?



Community Grants (SA Power Networks)

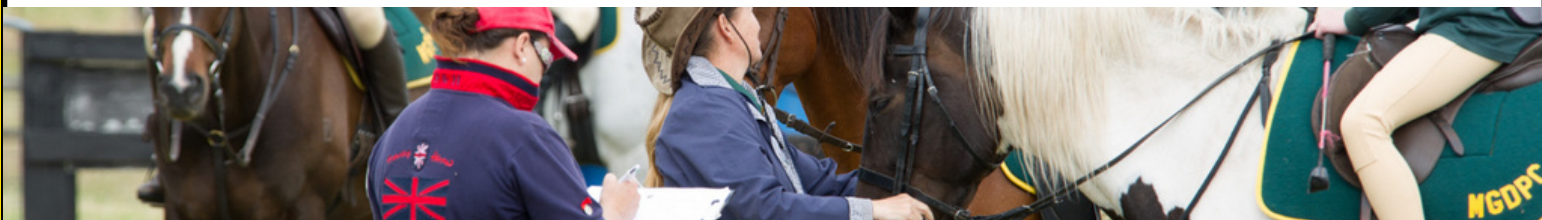
1. SA Power Networks are seeking to empower activities, programs or events which will help make a positive impact in South Australia in growing a sustainable SA and/or supporting innovation for future growth.
- They are committed to supporting community projects, ensuring a greener, more sustainable 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/



Grant Readiness Workshop

Register now



Is your club interested in participating in an online Grant Readiness workshop?

The Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing, in partnership with the Connected and Active Communities Program, are running a Grant Readiness Workshop for clubs in the Limestone Coast.

This workshop will provide community groups with:

- Information on Sporting Grants available;
- How applications are assessed;
- How to apply & useful tips, and
- Assistance provided by the Office of Sport and Recreation.

The workshop will be held online between **6:00pm and 7:30pm Monday 4 March 2024**.

To register and obtain the workshop link, please email telletson@lclga.sa.gov.au.

More information can be found by contacting Connected and Active Communities Officer Tony Elletson on (08) 8723 7310 or 0400 262 738.

Club Governance Workshop

Expressions of interest open



Is your Committee struggling with finding appropriate insurance, continuing to operate with dwindling numbers of volunteers, or understanding the relevant governance and legal obligations?

The District Council of Grant, in partnership with the Limestone Coast Local Government Association Connected and Active Communities Program are looking to host a free Club Governance Workshop in April 2024.

Community groups within Council's database have been emailed with a short survey to complete to ensure the day is relevant and useful for the needs of organisations within the district.

Members are encouraged to complete this survey by **close of business Friday 1 March 2024**.

If your community group is located within the District Council of Grant and has not received an email with the workshop survey, please contact Council's Strategy and Governance Coordinator Brittany Shelton on (08) 8721 0437.

Australian Youth Climate Coalition

Join the Mount Gambier welcome night



The Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC) is Australia's largest youth-run organisation. The AYCC is a volunteer based not-for-profit organisation with a mission to build a movement of young people (aged 12-30) leading solutions to the climate crisis.

Their vision is for a fair and just world, with a stable climate and healthy environment for our communities and future generations.

The Mount Gambier based AYCC is holding a welcome night for community members to attend and understand better what the organisation is aiming to achieve.

Join the current Mount Gambier AYCC at the Mount Gambier Library on **Thursday 7 March 2024** between 4:00pm and 5:00pm. Light refreshments will be provided.

More information about the AYCC can be found on their website at www.aycc.org.au.

YOUTH WEEK

AGES 12-25

MOVIE SCREENING (SPACE JAM A NEW LEGACY)
Friday 15 March 6:00-8:00pm

ACRYLIC POUR WORKSHOP
Sunday 17 March 11:30-12:30pm

FREE OF CHARGE ACTIVITIES

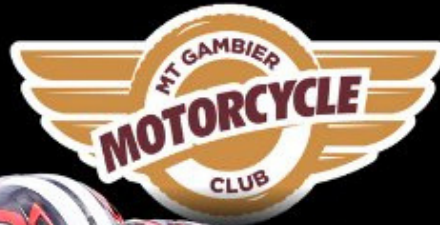
**15 - 24
MARCH
2024**

Lucky door prize
raffle for ping pong
and 8-ball activities!

**Port MacDonnell Community Complex,
5-7 Charles Street,
Port MacDonnell SA 5291**

For more information, please call the
Port MacDonnell Community Complex
on 8738 3000 or inbox on Facebook!





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The Easter Cup

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ROAD RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND TWO, MARCH 29TH-31ST, 2024

FEATURING **OZBEARS** ROUND ONE



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Free Skin Cancer Screenings

Lions Medical Research Foundation Inc.
Skin Cancer Screening Sub-Committee



The Lions Clubs of Mount Gambier & Blue Lake City Lioness are pleased to sponsor free skin cancer screenings at Mount Gambier Market Place Car Park.

A person's risk of skin cancer can increase with the following factors:

- A family member who has had a malignant melanoma
- Outdoor Occupations – farmers, fishers, tradies, etc
- Five or more moles (not freckles) on your forearms
- Previously had moles removed that were not cancers
- Previously had skin cancer
- A mole or freckle, which is changing, size, colour or shape
- Fair skin that always burns rather than tans
- Had blistering sunburn as a child enough to stay off school
- Any inflamed skin sores that do not heal

A fifteen-minute screening may SAVE your life.

Screeners are health professionals provided as a service to the community by the Lions Medical Research Foundation.

The project has screened over 21,302 people with 4,894 referred for medical assessment. [22.9%]

FREE SCREENINGS AVAILABLE ON:

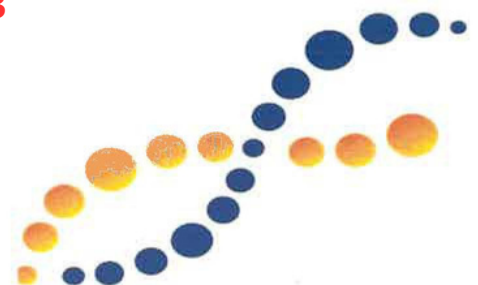
Tuesday 19 & Wednesday 20 March 2024
at the MOUNT GAMBIER MARKET PLACE

APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE:

Tuesday 19 March 2024 - 9:00am to 3:30pm
Wednesday 20 March 2024 - 9:00am to 3:30pm

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL | Mobile: 0407 053 943

APPOINTMENTS OPEN FRIDAY 1 MARCH 2024



Please join us, the WIS Haven, to Mount Gambier's

International Women's Day March

Friday 8 March

Theme: Inspire - Inclusion

All community welcome

Meet at Vansittart Park from 10.30am for 11:00am start

Finish Cave Garden / Thugi

**Guest speakers, free sausage sizzle, children activities
and giveaways!**

Free peaceful and inclusive event run by The Haven Mount
Gambier volunteers along with Women's Information
Service; a free confidential service for all women.



Government of South Australia
Office for Women

