

Mayors Message



The year seems to be going very quickly as we are all so busy, and at the District Council of Grant Elected Members and staff have also been busy working for our community to deliver successful outcomes.

I have had the pleasure of attending numerous events across our district and would like to highlight one event in particular and another upcoming.

One being the Lions Club of Mount Gambier's 60th Anniversary dinner which was a fantastic way to acknowledge the work the Lions Club carry out in our area and have done so for the past 60 years.

The dinner really highlighted the difference that hard working volunteers make in our lives, and I congratulate all members of the organising committee for putting together such a lovely event.

We also have upcoming on Thursday, 30 March 2023 at the Port MacDonnell Community Complex our first Mayoral and CEO drop-in session.

There will be more Mayoral and CEO drop-in sessions to look forward to, plus the continual Inner Townships Master Plan engagements which are also upcoming.

Elected Members and staff hope to engage with our community to understand your views.

Stay up to date with Council's upcoming projects by registering via Your Say DCG at yoursaydcg.com.au.

All information regarding upcoming projects and engagement opportunities are available on this platform and we encourage our community to get involved.

Council Decisions

- **Speed Limits on South Australian Beaches:** At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday, 20 March 2023, Council supported a speed limit reduction to 25 km/hr within 100 metres either side of pedestrians, drain outlets, fishermen, cyclists, dogs, horses, or signed protected areas such as native fauna or shorebird nesting areas.



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

Grants



- **Stronger Communities Program: Improving local community participation and vibrancy**
*closes Wednesday, 10 May 2023
<https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/stronger-communities-programme-round-8>
- **Fay Fuller Foundation Spark Grant:**
(round for preventative approaches for mental health & the conditions for wellbeing)
*closes Monday, 3 April 2023
<https://www.fayfullerfoundation.com.au/grant/spark-grant>
- **SA Water Community Partnerships Program**
*closes Friday, 24 March 2023
More information on page 7
<https://www.sawater.com.au/education-and-community/partnerships-and-sponsorships/community-partnerships>
- **Qantas Regional Grants**
*closes April 2023
More information on page 7
<https://www.qantas.com/au/en/about-us/our-company/in-the-community/qantas-regional-grants.html>

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Out & About with Council



On Saturday, 18 February 2023 some of Council's Elected Members attended the commemorative event for the 40th Anniversary of the Ash Wednesday bushfires at Tarpeena.

Pictured on the left (from left to right): Cr Rodney Virgo, Cr Karen Turnbull, Cr Katherine Greene & Cr Megan Dukalskis.

On Friday, 10 March 2023, Elected Members attended the Women in Business & Regional Development's International Women's Day Breakfast.

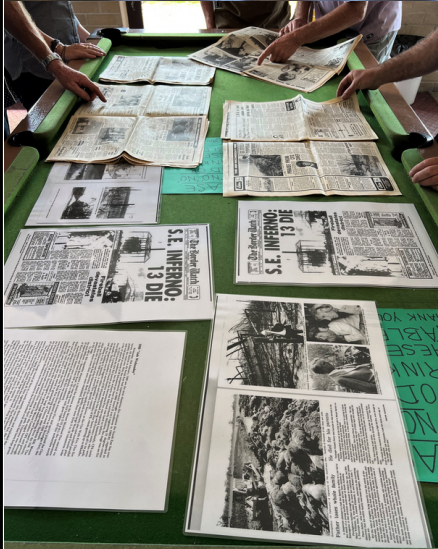
The event was held at The Commodore where attendees enjoyed a meal and tuned into the live stream of Adelaide's International Women's Day Breakfast hosted by Penny Wong with guest speaker Ambassador Caroline Kennedy from the United States.

Guests also heard from three local women who shared their thoughts and experiences in business within their respective industries. The speakers were Liz McKinnon, Rhiannon Mathers and Ebony Cunningham.

Pictured on the right (from left to right): Cr Karen Turnbull, Cr Katherine Greene, Cr Megan Dukalskis, Mayor Kylie Boston & Cr Gavin Clarke.



Ash Wednesday 40th Anniversary Photo Gallery



Saleyards Transformation Project Announcement

The Mount Gambier & District Saleyards Transformation Project has hit another milestone, with the announcement of the successful tenderer for the projects concept design, as the District Council of Grant prepares for a new Federal funding round to commence.

Following a rigorous tender process, in collaboration with project stakeholders including Local Government Procurement, Combined Agents, Saleyards Strategy Committee and Council staff, the South Australian commercial building contractor Mossop Construction + Design will now commence with the creation of the project concept design.

District Council of Grant Chief Executive Officer Darryl Whicker said the ongoing work demonstrated Council is eager to progress the once in a generation transformation project in 2023.



"In collaboration with stakeholders, Mossop will now prepare a detailed concept design, so the project is well positioned for an application through the Federal Government's new Growing Regions Program, which is yet to open. Council is firmly committed to delivering this important project for the community, which aligns with the Mount Gambier and District Saleyards Masterplan 2018-2028."

Mossop Construction + Interiors Regional Manager, Craig Williamson said the team are eager to begin the design phase of the project.

"Mossop understands the Saleyards Transformation project is a crucial step forward for the region and is in the alignment of the Mount Gambier and District Saleyards Masterplan 2018-2028. Through a collaborative approach, we are committed to developing a high quality, cost effective, efficient design which will add value to the region and improve animal welfare."

The formal concept design will feature a range of elements to increase better animal welfare outcomes, including soft-fall matting, holding pen reconfigurations, cattle yard roofing, sprinkler systems, and rainwater harvesting.

Primary Industries Minister the Hon. Clare Scriven MLC reiterated the Malinauskas Labor Government's support for the project.

"We committed \$2.7 million to this important project before last year's election and we have maintained that commitment. This is an important project for our livestock industry and the region more broadly. I commend Grant District Council for progressing this work. I will continue to advocate for this to the Federal Government, including when I meet with Minister King in Canberra later this month."

The full media release can be read via Council's website at:

<https://www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/council/latest-news/media-release-saleyards-transformation-project-concept-design-commences>

Pictured above:

Front row (L to R) - Saleyards Strategy Committee Member and Councillor Barry Kuhl, Mayor Kylie Boston and Mossop Construction + Interiors Regional Manager Craig Williamson.

Back row (L to R) - District Council of Grant Chief Executive Officer Darryl Whicker, Saleyards Manager David Wallis, Combined Agents Chairman Ben Jones, and Growth and Tourism Manager Rebecca Perkin.

Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel Update

The District Council of Grant is committed to ensuring people within our community who have a lived experience of disability whether it be physical, intellectual or mental health issues, that they can access services to participate in all aspects of life.

Council's Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel (AIAP) aims to effectively identify and assist in the delivery of priority actions detailed within the District Council of Grant's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP). The establishment and support of the Panel is one of a number of Council strategies for linking to people's lived experience of the District. Other opportunities include targeted engagement and partnerships with the disability sector. The Panel's input will ensure the current DAIP is rolled out successfully and will help shape future DAIP's.

The AIAP recently met on Tuesday, 8 March 2023 to discuss proposed actions, activity updates and potential training opportunities.

Meeting outcomes

The Panel made numerous recommendations to Council including:

- A form of NDIS provider roundtable and survey be considered in the leadup to the next public consultation leading up to a review of the DAIP. The current DAIP is to be reviewed in the first half of 2024, so industry consultation could occur in January – February 2024.
- Council staff look at accessibility to the Yahl Hall and associated amenities (including the toilet, BBQ shelter and playground). Access pathway required from parking area.

Panel Members also acknowledged recent Disability Action and Inclusion Training attended by all Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel members along with selected Council staff, and recognised updates to the outstanding activity log.



New Panel Member Wanted



Council is looking for an additional independent member for the AIAP to join Cr Gavin Clarke, Cr Rodney Virgo and Cr Katherine Greene. The new member will also work alongside 2 organisational members who work in the disability sector, and 3 other independent members who have lived experience of disability.

Applications for the AIAP membership **open Friday 31 March 2023 and close Friday 5 May 2023.**

There are a number of ways interested community members may apply for this position:

- Complete the online application via Your Say DCG (<https://yoursaydcg.com.au/>)
- Request a hard copy of the application from Council, complete, and return via:
 - Email to info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au
 - In person to Council's Principal Office at 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier or to the Port MacDonnell Community Complex at 5 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell.

Please contact Council on 08 8721 0444 should you require any further information or assistance with your application.

2023 South Australian Volunteer Awards

The District Council of Grant encourages you to nominate someone you know for the 2023 South Australian Volunteer Awards.

These awards recognise invaluable work that volunteers, volunteer managers, community organisations and businesses contribute to the South Australian community. There are five awards available (listed below) for nomination.

Nominations are open now and close **Friday, 7 April 2023**. More information about the awards and nomination forms can be found online at www.dhs.sa.gov.au/services/volunteers.



The Joy Noble Medal - South Australia's highest distinction for an individual volunteer and is open to all volunteers across the State.



'The Andamooka' Community Project Award - Awarded to a community, or group of volunteers, that has undertaken a community project resulting in significant community benefit.



The Excellence in Volunteer Management Award - This award recognises the dedication and commitment of individuals who support and facilitate the engagement of volunteers.



The Premier's Award for Corporate Social Responsibility - Recognises the strong contribution the business sector makes to our communities through philanthropy, partnerships or releasing employees for volunteer service.



The Young Volunteer Award - Introduced for the first time in 2023, this award celebrates the achievements and contribution made by a young volunteer aged 12-25.



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Fire Danger Season

During the Fire Danger Season restrictions are placed on lighting fires to reduce the chances of large fires starting.

These restrictions escalate when a Total Fire Ban Day is declared.

Start Date

Tuesday, 22 November 2022

Finish Date

Sunday, 30 April 2023



Find out more about what is and isn't permitted during the Fire Danger Season via the Information Hotline on 1800 362 361 or www.cfs.sa.gov.au.

Our District



Ewens Ponds



Donovans

Grant Application Writing Tips



DOs

- Ensure the project aligns with the objectives.
- Submit before the due date to avoid congestion.
- Ensure the requested amount is proportionate to outcomes and benefits.
- Ensure it is exciting and visual.



DON'Ts

- Attach irrelevant information to make the application look more substantial.
- Leave preparation to the last minute
- Make responses longer than the character or word limit.
- Include not enough evidence to support the submission

Tips courtesy of TMS Consulting.

Telstra's Connected Communities Grant Program

Applications now open and close 5:00pm Thursday 30 March 2023

A total of \$200,000 is available within the first round to support not-for-profit community organisations applications of up to \$10,000 each.

Projects considered under the program may include:

- Delivering, or providing activities, events, programs and services;
- Purchasing or hiring equipment and materials;
- Community infrastructure projects;
- Organisational capacity building; and
- Community resource development.



How to Apply?

Visit <https://frrr.org.au/funding/place/telstra-connected-communities-program/> or contact 1800 170 020 / info@frrr.org.au.

More information and a copy of the grant guidelines can also be found online.



Get a share of \$2 million
in support and benefits to
help your local community

Find out more or apply now at
qantas.com/regionalgrants



Stand Like Stone

Inspiring kindness and courage



2023 OneFortyOne Community Grant now open

Applications close 5:00pm Friday, 31 March 2023

Organisations can apply for grants from \$5,000 to \$20,000 for charitable projects that benefit Limestone Coast communities

Applications can be submitted online via the Stand Like Stone website (linked below).

More information is also available via the below website and assistance is available via 7701 9259 or info@standlikestone.com.au.

<https://standlikestone.com.au/grants/>

SA Power Networks Community Grants



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Power
Networks

Empowering
South Australia

The SA Power Networks Community Grants program is back in 2023!

We are seeking to empower activities, programs or events which will help make a positive impact in South Australia in one or more of the following areas:

- Keeping the community safe
- Supporting our customers and community
- Growing a sustainable SA
- Supporting innovation for future growth

We welcome applications from not-for-profit organisations, registered charities, schools or community groups who are seeking support up to **\$5,000**.

Applications for the 2023 SA Power Networks Community Grants program will open **9am, Monday 6 March 2023 ACST** and close **5pm, Monday 17 April 2023 ACST**.

For more information or to apply, visit:

SAPowerNetworks.com.au/communitygrants

Any questions? Please email: communitygrants@sapowernetworks.com.au

Mount Gambier & District Saleyards Strategy Committee

Expression of Interest

Community and/or business nominees

The Mount Gambier & District Saleyards Strategy Committee are looking for two (2) Community/Business Nominees with a strong business acumen and a knowledge of the livestock industry to join the Committee.

The objectives and functions of the Strategy Committee are:

- Provide appropriate advice and recommendations of matters relevant to the Mount Gambier & District Saleyards and to convey the views of the user groups
- Report and inform user groups on the progress of the committee and decisions made by Council
- Identify and comment on stakeholder concerns
- Provide a forum for discussion of Saleyard related issues
- Provide advice to Council on the operations of the saleyards and to make recommendations to Council on potential improvements regarding the operation of the facility
- Make recommendations to Council on proposed Capital Investment
- Make recommendations to Council on setting of fees and charges
- Consider the requirements of all users of the Saleyards facilities, including buyers, vendors, agents, suppliers and staff
- Provide strategic advice to Council on matters effecting the operations of the Saleyards. The Strategy Committee will have no authority to direct operational activities, Council staff, employees or customers at the saleyards
- Actively promote the Saleyards within the region
- Carry out such other acts, and to do all such other things as are incidental to, or conducive to the attainment of the objects and the exercise of the powers of the Strategy Committee

The Committee meets at least twice and up to four times per year.

The Committee Terms of Reference can be found via Council's website at

<https://www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/council/meetings/saleyardscommittee>

Expressions of interest must be made in writing addressed to the CEO by **close of business Friday 1 May 2023** and addressed to PO Box 724, Mount Gambier SA 5290 or via email to info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au.



ENROL NOW FOR PRESCHOOL 2023



Kongorong Primary School offers a place for children to be themselves, form strong connections, to engage, explore, discover and to be apart of our school community.

We also offer a playgroup for families to come together, to play, make friendships and join our local community.

DAYS OF OPERATION

PRESCHOOL - MONDAYS & TUESDAYS
(TERM 1 & 2)

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
(TERM 3 & 4)

PLAYGROUP - TUESDAYS 9AM-11AM

TERM 1, 2023 - JANUARY INTAKE

Children who turn 4 years old before 1 May can start preschool at the beginning of the year.

TERM 3, 2023 - JULY INTAKE

Children who turn 4 years old from 1 May to 31 October can start preschool at the start of term 3.

TO ENROL CONTACT US ON 0427 015 244
OR 08 8738 9231

OR EMAIL
DL.0211_INFO@SCHOOLS.SA.EDU.AU



National Epilepsy Awareness Day

To raise awareness, towns across Australia will be lighting up landmarks in purple on Sunday, 26 March 2023.

Did you know?

Epilepsy can affect anyone at any age. 1 in 26 people will have a seizure in their lifetime and 1 in 100 will develop epilepsy permanently.

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 centre is a not-for-profit organisation operating for over 47 years. They are committed to providing quality services and support to people living with epilepsy and improving community awareness and attitudes in South Australia and Northern Territory.

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

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CENTRE

Community Access and Inclusion Survey

The Limestone Coast Partner of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are conducting a survey to help understand experiences around disability, access, inclusion, and what initiatives they can support to bring more ease to people with disabilities within our area to be able to participate in the community.

To provide your feedback, scan the QR code below or visit the below survey link.

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7127470/Community-Access-and-Inclusion-Survey-2023>

If you require a hard copy, other versions or resources to access this survey, please contact 08 8714 7900 (Mission Australia) or head to the National Disability Insurance Scheme Office on 15A Sturt Street, Mount Gambier.



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Delivering the NDIS in your community

Learn more about the NDIS, visit the NDIS website
www.ndis.gov.au or call Mission Australia on 08 8218 2800

UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, 17 April 2023

- Monthly Council Meeting
- 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier at 5.30pm



Sunday, 9 April 2023

- Donovans Easter Markets
- Donovans Reserve - 9-17 Adams Street at 9:00am - 2:00pm



Tuesday, 30 March 2023

- Mayor & CEO Drop In Session
- Port MacDonnell Community Complex at 10:00am

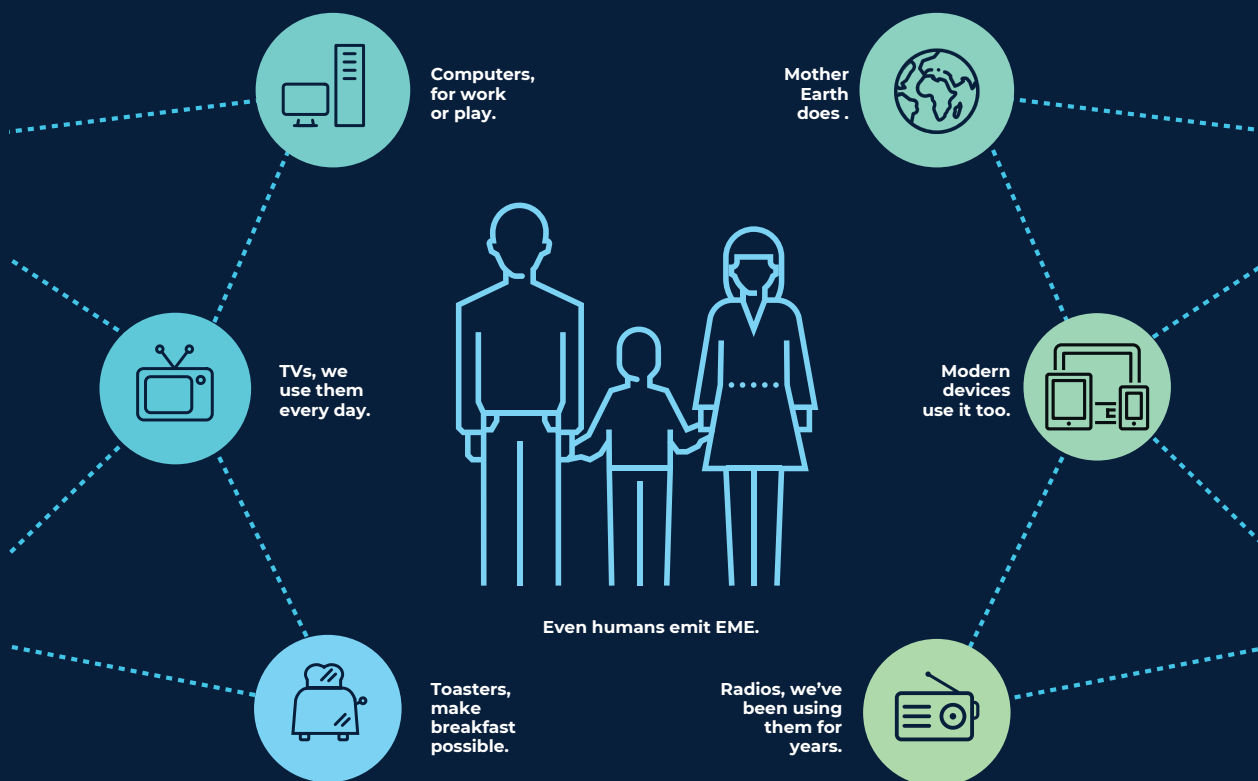


Friday 5 - Sunday 7 May 2023

- Generations in Jazz
- More details and tickets available via <https://generationsinjazz.com.au/>

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

Electromagnetic Energy (EME)
is all around us, and has been for sometime.
Just look at what emits it.



All these things have been around us for a long time. EME is one of the most researched types of energy in the world. The scientific evidence shows that the radio frequency EME emitted from your mobile and wireless devices is not harmful to humans or the environment. That's why you can use your mobile phone and be confident in the science of safe connection.