

Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards

The District Council of Grant acknowledged and celebrated the achievements of local residents who have made outstanding contributions to our community at the annual Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards Ceremony on Sunday 26 January 2025.

Congratulations again to all nominees and the 2025 winners:

- Citizen of the Year: Jacqui Doloughan
- Young Citizen of the Year: Jazmin Bingham
- Community Event of the Year: Donovans Easter Market
- Active Citizenship Award: Southern Ocean Care Committee

District Council of Grant Mayor Kylie Boston said "The Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards are a reminder that everyone has the potential to create positive change to make our community stronger and more connected. It is important that our community members are celebrated for their commitment over the past year and in most cases over many years of service,"

"We are extremely proud of all the individuals and groups who have been nominated, and I hope the celebration of these community members inspires others to contribute positively to the District Council of Grant."

Council thanks the venue hosts at The Barn and all other individuals who helped make the day a success.

More information about the award winners achievements are detailed on pages 4, 5 and 6.



Council Decisions

New Deputy Mayor Appointed

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 20 January 2025, it was resolved to appoint Councillor Brad Mann as the District Council of Grant's Deputy Mayor for one year.

This comes after the Elected Members collectively agreed to share the Deputy Mayor position during the current standing term. In February 2023, it was 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.

Next Council Meeting: 5:30pm Monday 17 February 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



Out and About with Council

District Tours and Shadow Minister Visit

Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel Tour

The District Council of Grant welcomed the newest Independent and Organisational Members to the Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel Members with a tour of the district.

Established in 2022, the Advisory Panel's core purpose is to advance accessibility and inclusion opportunities for people with disability across the district and is now seeking new members.

Members will assist Council review the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan and provide advice on how to identify issues that are relevant to people with disability and how to priorities such projects.

The Advisory Panel will have their first formal meeting in late February.



Shadow Minister Visit

Council representatives recently met with various Shadow Ministers visiting the Limestone Coast prior to the impending Federal Election.

The Shadow Ministers listened to Council's goals detailed within the newly endorsed Strategic Plan 2025 - 2035, future plans for the Mount Gambier Regional Airport and Mount Gambier & District Saleyards, and land use planning in the district.

Pictured below: The Hon. David Pisoni, Member for Unley; Penny Pratt, Shadow Minister for Regional Health Services, Aging, and Mental Health and Suicide Prevention; Mayor Kylie Boston; the Hon. Vincent Tarzia MP, Leader of the Opposition, Shadow Minister for Business and Hospitality; Sam Telfer, Shadow Treasurer and Shadow Minister for Local Government; and Chief Executive Officer Darryl Whicker.



Australia Day Ambassador Tour

Mayor Kylie Boston, Councillor Peter Duncan and Maritime Museum volunteers took Australia Day Ambassador Nicki Brunton and partner Travis on a tour of the Port MacDonnell Maritime Museum located in the Port MacDonnell Community Complex.



Plans for Saleyards Transformation to be reassessed



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

In October 2024, Council reapplied for \$7.4 million through round two of the Growing Regions Program for the Mount Gambier Districts Livestock Exchange 2030 Transformation Project after an unsuccessful round one application.

District Council of Grant Acting Chief Executive Officer Gary Button said notification was received today on Wednesday 29 January 2025 that the major project had not secured funding.

"Council is disappointed with this announcement however recognise that the Saleyards is vital to our community by providing a premium selling centre for farmers, buyers and the broader agricultural industry, and building a sense of connection and belonging," Mr Button said.

"The Mount Gambier & District Saleyards Strategy Committee, Council staff and stakeholders have put a significant amount of work into the Transformation Project over the past four years. We will now regroup and look forward to how we may work together to deliver our mutual commitment supporting our 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 & District Saleyards Masterplan 2018-2028.

Council confirmed its financial contribution of \$4.6 million allowing for the project to be completed in its entirety when paired with the State Labor Government's recently recommitted \$2.7 million and matching Federal Government funding.

Mount Gambier & District Saleyards Strategy Committee Presiding Member, Kongorong farmer and Councillor Barry Kuhl said the project is an essential piece to the region's agricultural landscape.

"Council is disappointed to not have received critical funding considering the project has bipartisan support in the State Government and is identified by Regional Development Australia as one of the highest priority regional infrastructure projects for South Australia," Cr Kuhl said.

"The Saleyards have a long history of supporting agriculture in our region and throughout Australia, however upgraded assets are required to ensure the facility remains sustainable for future generations."

District Council of Grant Elected Members will meet in the coming weeks to explore the projects next steps acknowledging the Coalition's Federal Election commitment to support the Saleyards Transformation Project with funding.





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Citizen of the Year: Jacqui Doloughan



For over fourteen years, Jacqui has been a dedicated volunteer and an integral part of the Kongorong community serving as the Secretary of the Kongorong Sportsmen's Club, and Committee Member and Canteen Manager for the South East Field and Game Association.

As part of her commitment to the Kongorong Sportsmen's Club, Jacqui was instrumental in organising the Mid South East Football and Netball League Grand Final held at the Kongorong sporting ground in 2024. Jacqui's additional selfless efforts have also been highlighted as she regularly leads dinner efforts at the Club, operates the Club's bar facilities and ensures the safety of club members by driving them home after events.

Beyond her official duties, Jacqui encourages interactions between young and old volunteers by taking the time to mentor young people and teaching them valuable skills like handling a till, managing money, and serving customers. By doing so, Jacqui encourages a culture of teamwork and supporting the spirit of country sport.

Deservingly, Jacqui was awarded Kongorong Sportsmen's Club's 'Club Person of the Year' in 2021 and is now presented as the District Council of Grant's 2025 Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award winner.

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"I'm deeply honoured and very humbled to be recognised and receive the Citizen of the Year Award," Mrs Doloughan said.

I don't do what I do for recognition. Volunteering within my local community gets me out and about and [it's] an opportunity to give back to the community that has welcomed and supported me,"

"This award is a reminder of the power of community and the impact we can make when we come together with a shared purpose. It is a celebration of the countless individuals who have contributed their time, energy and resources to make our community a better place. I'm proud to be part of a community that values compassion, resilience and progress."

Young Citizen of the Year: Jazmin Bingham



Jazmin is a passionate young person who focusses her energy on advocating for the preservation of the natural environment and understanding local concerns of the community.

As a member of the Youth Minister's Advisory Council, Jazmin represents the views of young people within the community by sharing ideas and experiences to shape strategies and youth policy in South Australia. Jazmin also empowers others to take action through her role as a Group Leader and facilitator of the Mount Gambier Australian Youth Climate Coalition fighting for climate justice.

Jazmin has continued to demonstrate exceptional leadership through other volunteering efforts including with the Youth Environmental Council where she assisted raising awareness of endangered Red-Tailed Black Cockatoos through regional communities.



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In recognition of Jazmin's environmental work, she recently received the prestigious Muriel Matters Award at Parliament House and is now awarded the District Council of Grant's 2025 Young Citizen of the Year Award.

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"As I stand here to accept this award, I am not just celebrating the recognition but the journey and the community that has supported me. This award symbolises our shared commitment to protecting our land, water and cultural heritage. It's a testament to the power of grassroot movements and our collective voice," Miss Bingham said.

"While we reflect on our achievements today, the true celebration lies in our continued movements and collective voice... Let's carry this momentum forward and inspire others to join us while making a lasting change."

Community Event of the Year: Donovans Easter Market



For 27 years, the Donovans Recreational Advisory Committee has hosted its annual Easter Sunday Market, a valued community event that continues to grow in popularity.

The Easter Sunday Market is a family-friendly day filled with entertainment for all ages. In 2024, the event attracted approximately 3,500 visitors to the small town with 64 stalls on offer and a pop-up art exhibition showcasing over 60 pieces of local artwork.

Other highlights of the 2024 market included an athletics display, an exciting Easter egg hunt, and horse and cart rides.

Following the successful 2024 event, funds raised from food sales were reinvested back into the local community supporting a wide range of initiatives. Organised by the Donovans Recreational Advisory Committee, the proceeds helped fund activities such as catering for a local cricket match, upgrading the community's Post Office box, providing a free catered Christmas lunch, and hosting regular Friday night community get-togethers at the Donovans Community Hall.

The Easter Sunday Market has become a well-known and highly anticipated event in the district and brings together local community members as well as attracting visitors from interstate making the Donovans Easter Market the deserving winner of the District Council of Grant's 2025 Community Event of the Year.

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"I'm here today representing a group of people, about 12 souls, who put their heart and soul into the Easter Market... What once started as a car boot sale, for want of a better word, and while we had the car boot sale 30 odd years ago, we thought hey why not throw in a sausage sizzle in at the same time," President of the Donovans Recreational Advisory Committee John Jones said.

"[The Donovans Easter Market has] now developed to the biggest stall or biggest market within the South East. I think it is down to the small group of people, about a dozen people, who really work hard to get that done... We have 50-60 stallholders and over 6-7 thousand people come through but it takes a lot of work... So thank you, this is recognition of that hard work."





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Active Citizenship Award: Southern Ocean Care Committee



The Southern Ocean Care Committee have been described as demonstrating active citizenship through their respectful approach to advocacy, and dedication to both environmental and community causes.

In 2024, the volunteer Committee formed to passionately back local community and fishing industry in opposing the Federal Government's offshore wind turbine development proposal off the Port MacDonnell coastline, in the effort to protect the district's pristine coastline, marine life, fishing industry, and tourism.

Members of the Committee worked tirelessly to inform and engage the community, emphasising the importance of united action. Their efforts included distributing flyers and organising media opportunities, and over just four weeks, the group gathered approximately 4,500 signatures on a petition later presented to Federal Government representatives.

The Southern Ocean Care Committee's collaborative efforts not only brought attention to a critical local issue but also inspired the community to stand together in protecting the region's unique natural assets for future generations, making the Committee the appropriate winner of the District Council of Grant's 2025 Active Citizenship Award.

"We had to put our hand up and do something and there was this sort of wonderful, motley collection of people that just stuck their hands up and said, you know, I'm willing to donate my time and energy to investigate what this really means for our community and do whatever it takes," Southern Ocean Care Committee representative Debora Seidel said.

"The biggest momentum for us was when the Grant District Council stepped in and backed us. It was a boost to our confidence and gave us tremendous energy and we literally hit the decks running,"

"The Southern Ocean Care Committee remains incorporated in case we have to pick the fight up again... So thank you to all of you for your wonderful support in a very important fight which, for now, is laid to rest. It's a real joy to know that we are looking after a resource that is part of the great Australian lifestyle... We're very lucky and I am proud to be part of the committee to protect it."



Food Organics and Garden Organics

Trial Commencement and Community Consultation



Do you support a future
**Food Organics and
Garden Organics**
kerbside collection service?



900 District Council of Grant households have been selected to take part in a free 3-month trial aimed at diverting Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) from landfill.

The trial also aims to collect data on the feasibility of providing an ongoing FOGO service to residents across the district.

What is FOGO?

FOGO stands for Food Organics and Garden Organics.

It covers all the organic waste we usually generate at home in the kitchen and the garden. Things like food scraps and grass clippings are obvious, however it also includes things like greasy cardboard, shredded paper and dog poo! Refer to the categories stamped on the lid of your green FOGO bin, as well as the fact sheet provided in your information booklet.

What are the benefits of using the FOGO bin?

Landfill is expensive and bad for the environment.

Using a green FOGO bin, food and garden organic waste can be diverted from red rubbish bins.

- reduces your carbon footprint;
- saves space in your red bin;
- reduces the amount (and cost) of landfill needed;
- creates valuable compost; and
- helps create local jobs in the circular economy.

Key FOGO trial dates

 Mon DEC 2		 Mon DEC 9	 	 Fri FEB 28	
WEEK 1 FOGO TRIAL		WEEK 2 FOGO TRIAL		END FOGO PILOT	
Monday 2 December 2024		Monday 9 December 2024		Friday 28 February 2025	
Red rubbish bin collected		Green FOGO bin and yellow recycling bin collected		Red rubbish bin - final collection	

HAVE YOUR SAY

Trial participants will be asked to provide feedback both for or against the FOGO trial.

Other District Council of Grant community members can also provide feedback / express their interest in a future FOGO service.

Community consultation will also take place via Your Say DCG until **5:00pm 28 February 2025**.

Visit Your Say DCG at yoursaydgc.com.au/ to find out more or scan the QR code at the top right of this page.

What's next?

Council staff will review trial data including participation rates and load contamination, volume of waste collection over the trial period and feedback from community consultation. Findings will be presented to Council during the next budget period and shape a potential service.

Temporary Road Closures

Please note portions of Finger Point Road and Surfers Way, Port MacDonnell will be closed between 7:00am and 5:00pm on Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 February 2025.

The temporary amendment will allow for the Twin Peaks Hill Climb event to take place safely.



Please also note portions of Sea Parade and Charles Street, Port MacDonnell will be closed between 7:00am and 10:00pm on Saturday 22 February 2025.

The temporary amendment will allow for the Bay Festival event to take place safely.



Rates Instalment Reminder

Third instalment due:

**Friday
7 March
2025**

Fourth instalment due:

**Friday
6 June
2025**

Change to Waste Transfer Station

The Port MacDonnell Waste Transfer Station will be closed on Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 February 2025.

The facility will be open between 10:00am and 2:00pm on Friday 7 February 2025 for use instead.

The temporary amendment will allow for the Twin Peaks Hill Climb event to take place safely.



Usual Waste Transfer Station opening hours

Carpenter Rocks

Location: 2546 Carpenter Rocks Road, Carpenter Rocks

Tuesday..... 10:00am to 12:00pm

Thursday..... 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Saturday..... 12:00pm to 2:00pm

Donovans

Location: 184 Dry Creek Road, Donovan's

Thursday..... 9:00am to 11:00am

Sunday..... 9:00am to 11:00am

Port MacDonnell

Location: 32 Surfers Way Road, Port MacDonnell

Tuesday..... 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Thursday..... 12:00pm to 2:00pm

Saturday..... 9:00am to 11:00am

Sunday..... 12:00pm to 2:00pm

Tarpeena

Location: 248 Quarry Road, Tarpeena

Wednesday... 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Saturday..... 10:00am to 1:00pm

Sunday..... 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Recreational Boating Safety Strategy

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) has released South Australia's first Recreational Boating Safety Strategy 2025–2030.

The strategy sets out how boating safety will be improved over the next five years.

More boaters, jet ski riders, paddle boarders and other watercraft users are making the most of our State's coastal and inland waters. Unfortunately, sometimes incidents do occur.

The strategy's vision is to:

- foster a culture of safety among recreational boaters
- achieve zero fatalities and zero harm to others.

The strategy, informed by community feedback, details how the Department will improve safety through five priority areas:

1. Safer boating through education – increasing education opportunities on boating safety for young people, boaters and retailers.
2. Safer boating operation and knowledge – introducing boat licence reforms to encourage safer operation and knowledge.
3. Lifejacket wear and safety equipment review – reviewing requirements for lifejacket wear and safety equipment to make it simpler and safer for all.
4. Safer waterway management – supporting and enforcing safer boating behaviours to help users share the water.
5. Safer boating through technology – using technology to improve boating safety.

Read the strategy

Find more information about South Australia's Recreational Boating Safety Strategy 2025–2030 online at marinesafety.sa.gov.au/south-australia-recreational-boating-safety-strategy.



Portable toilet at the Little Blue Lake

Accessible portable toilet are currently installed at the Little Blue Lake carpark for public use.

Installation follows a resolution made at the Ordinary Council Meeting on Monday 16 December 2024 as an interim measure whilst negotiating with Department of Environment and Water regarding the ownership and amenity of the Little Blue Lake site.

The accessible toilet facility will remain in place until the end of February 2025 or until no longer required.

Council representatives will meet with the Department for Environment and Water next month to discuss future facilities onsite.



The Power of Her Awards

The Power of Her (TPOH) 2025 Recognition Awards have been launched today celebrating South Australians who empower girls and women in sport.

These awards are the latest initiative in the State Government's commitment to backing women in sport and will continue the work of helping ensure girls and women can equally and actively participate in the sport they love.

The awards will showcase individuals, clubs, associations, and State sport and recreation organisations who are implementing programs and initiatives which empower girls and women to pursue their sporting passions and help to advance gender equality – in sport and everywhere.

Nominations are open in the following categories:

- The Power of Her – Emerging Leader
- The Power of Her – Media Champion
- The Power of Her – Sponsor Champion
- The Power of Her – Champion Local Club – Metropolitan
- The Power of Her – Champion Local Club – Regional
- The Power of Her – Outstanding Organisation
- The Power of Her – Champion of Change

These awards will tell the stories of those who are driving gender equality and supporting women and girls in sport.

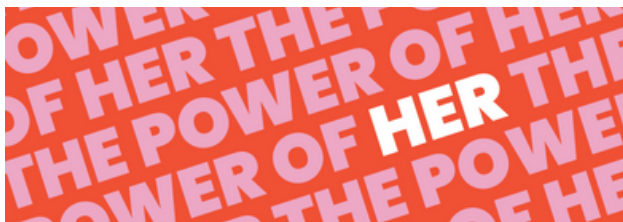
Nominations close at 11.59pm Tuesday 11 February 2025.

Find out more

Online: thepowerofher.com.au/the-power-of-her-awards/

Phone: 1300 714 990

Email: thepowerofher@sa.gov.au



Report an issue with a street light

Did you know you can report street light outages online?

SA Power Networks manage street lights for councils and the Department for Infrastructure and Transport. This includes repairs of faulty street lights.

A street light might go out due to a fault with the globe, photo electric (PE) cell or wiring to the pole or column. SA Power Networks will aim to fix it within five business days if it's within in the following areas:

- Adelaide CBD
- Adelaide Metro area
- Gawler
- Mount Barker
- Mount Gambier
- Murray Bridge
- Port Augusta
- Port Lincoln
- Port Pirie
- Stirling
- Whyalla
- Willunga

Anyone can report a faulty street light by visiting <https://slo.apps.sapowernetworks.com.au/>.

SA Power Networks will endeavour to repair faulty lights in the Adelaide metropolitan and CBD areas, as well as those located near their regional depots, within five business days.

Street lights outside of these locations we will aim to repair within 10 business days.

Report an issue with a street light



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Or Karen Douglas 0403 685 379

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31ST OF JANUARY
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BORDERTOWN

Sideline Help & Concussion Course
6:30pm - 8:30pm
BORDERTOWN CIVIC CENTRE

FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY

MILLICENT

Sideline Help & Concussion Course
6:30pm - 8:30pm
Millicent Football Club

SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY

MOUNT BURR

Level 1 Sports Trainer Course
9:00am - 4:30pm
Mt Burr Football & Netball Club

SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY

MT GAMBIER

Level 2 Sports Trainer Course
9:00am - 4:30pm
Uni SA / Mt Gambier Campus

MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY

ROBE

Sideline Help & Concussion Course
6:30pm - 8:30pm
Robe Football Club

For additional
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 TATTOOS SEAWEED FISHING SIMULATOR **UNCLE KEN**
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Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing's Young Leaders Program

Developing the next generation of sport and recreation leaders.

The Program

40 students between the ages of 15 and 17 from across South Australia will participate in the inaugural Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing Young Leaders Program.

This is a fully subsidised program with no cost to the participant and will be completed over a 6 month period.

Key highlights of the Young Leaders Program include:

Learn

Understand the inner workings of a sporting club, the issues affecting sport and how to make sporting clubs more accessible to the community. Develop your communication skills, leadership and emotional intelligence and undertake sporting medical support training.

Experience

Get first hand experience within a community sporting club and apply your skills and learning practically.

Stay Fit

Be rewarded for your weekly exercise!

Travel

Visit the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing's new state of the art facility which houses all South Australian Sports Institute athletes.

To register your interest, please contact your relevant Connected and Active Communities Officer:

Limestone Coast: Tony Elletson – telletson@lclga.sa.gov.au

Port Lincoln: Paula Symonds – paula.symonds@plcc.sa.gov.au

Riverland: Nick Dillon – ndillon@lwdc.sa.gov.au

Whyalla: Alberto Salatino – alberto.salatino@whyalla.sa.gov.au



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Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing

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