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Saleyards Transformation Project Going Ahead

On Wednesday 11 March 2026, District Council of Grant announced it was progressing with the Mount Gambier & District Saleyards Transformation Project after funding was confirmed at a Special Meeting of Council on 23 February 2026. Council has committed \$4.6M of its own funds plus borrowings towards the project, complemented by a \$2.7M contribution from the State Government.

Council has contracted Mossop Construction and Interiors to conduct the improvements. The works will concentrate on upgrading facilities across the Saleyards, with Stage 1 of the upgrades concentrating on roofing the cattle yards and installing soft flooring. Works are set to commence in July 2026, lasting an estimated 14 months.

For more information, the full media release is available on Page 3.

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Council Decisions



Airport Works

At its Ordinary Meeting on 16 March 2026, Council endorsed a change in budget for two ongoing projects at the Mount Gambier Regional Airport.

It was confirmed in a report presented by Airport Manager Nick Serle that works on Taxiway A1 will cost less than originally budgeted. 20% of the Taxiway A1 will be completely reconstructed, while the remaining 80% will have only the damaged areas excavated and treated with an asphalt overlay will result in expected project savings of over \$200,000. This brings the budget for the works from \$950,000 down to \$750,000.

The Carpark Upgrade Project is also underway, and tender for the carpark payment systems has identified that to provide a safe licence plate recognition solution for entry to the short-term carpark will require an additional carpark entry point. This extra entry is necessary for safety as well as improved traffic flow, ensuring the Mount Gambier Regional Airport has safe, reliable car park payment systems that provide the Airport customers with a quality experience. An additional \$100,000 was recommended for the project, bringing the total project cost to \$385,000.



More information about this resolution and other Council matters can be found in the Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes on the District Council of Grant website:

www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/council/meetings/ordinary

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Next Ordinary Council Meeting - Monday 20 April
5:30pm, Council Chamber, 324 Commercial St.
West, Mount Gambier

Saleyards Transformation to Progress

11 March
Media Release

The District Council of Grant has confirmed funding to deliver the Mount Gambier and District Saleyards Transformation Project - the largest infrastructure project in the Council's history.

The decision was formally made at a Special Meeting of Council on 23 February 2026 marking the conclusion of five years of planning and advocacy.

Acting Chief Executive Officer Gary Button said Council's commitment demonstrated its confidence in the Saleyards long-term economic and social benefits.

"Council is investing its own funds, alongside the State Government contribution, to ensure the delivery of this critical infrastructure project - a major step in further strengthening the region's economy," Mr Button said.

"I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the Mount Gambier & District Saleyards Committee, Council staff and key stakeholders who have contributed to this once-in-a-generation project over the past five years. I also recognise that more work now begins to prepare for the anticipated 14 months of construction ahead."

The Saleyards Transformation surpasses the scale of the Mount Gambier Regional Airport redevelopment completed in 2021, representing a major investment in one of South Australia's biggest livestock selling centres, which delivers more than \$100 million in annual trade.

Works will upgrade the existing facility to modern standards, delivering significant improvements in animal welfare and operational efficiency, including cattle-yard roofing, reconfigured holding-pens, soft flooring, sprinkler systems, and rainwater harvesting. These works were identified as a priority in the Mount Gambier and District Saleyards Masterplan 2018-2028.

The project will be delivered in stages by Council's appointed contractor, Mossop Construction and Interiors, prioritising continuity of operations throughout the redevelopment.



Pictured: Back left - Combined Agents Chair Andrew Whan, Labor Candidate for Mt Gambier Matthew Key and Mount Gambier and District Saleyards Strategy Committee Presiding Member, Cr Barry Kuhl.

Front left - Mayor Kylie Boston and Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development the Hon Clare Scriven MLC

Council confirmed its financial contribution of \$4.6 million, plus borrowings, allowing the project to be completed in stages when combined with the State Government's recommitted \$2.7 million. Council will continue to advocate to the Federal and State Governments for further investment to support the project's delivery.

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Clare Scriven said: "We committed \$2.7 million before the 2022 state election, and we have kept that funding quarantined while the District Council of Grant worked through their applications for Federal funding."

"Council has kept me updated throughout this process, and I am delighted that the project can now proceed."

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Saleyards Transformation to Progress

"The upgrades will provide an important economic boost to our local saleyards as well as improve animal welfare outcomes, which is why the Malinauskas Government and myself, as Minister, have been so keen to support this project."

Mount Gambier & District Saleyards Strategy Committee Presiding Member Councillor Barry Kuhl said the major project would ensure the Saleyards were sustainable for future generations.

"This is very welcome news and provides Council the opportunity to revitalise the Saleyards, which has a long history of supporting agriculture in our region and throughout Australia," Cr Kuhl said.

"The Saleyards are critical supply chain infrastructure, connecting producers with buyers across South Australia, western Victoria and beyond. Modernising the Saleyards ensures they remain fit for purpose for future generations of producers.

"The project also holds significant value for our community as it will see an increase in local jobs and

ensure the well-being of many residents, with research supporting the importance of Saleyard facilities in building a sense of connection and belonging."

Mayor Kylie Boston said Council was proud to see the project move into delivery, marking the culmination of years of collaboration across industry, community and government.

"This is a significant step forward for our region and for the people who rely on the Saleyards each week," Mayor Boston said.

"Progressing these revitalisation works strengthens a vital Council asset and safeguards the future of one of South Australia's busiest selling centres, a facility that provides significant economic and social stimulus to the Limestone Coast.

"Importantly, it supports the livelihoods, well-being and sense of connection of our farming community, while delivering meaningful improvements in animal welfare."

Construction is anticipated to commence by July 2026.



Pictured: Mayor Kylie Boston and Mount Gambier and District Saleyards Strategy Committee Presiding Member, Cr Barry Kuhl.

Reminders & Information

Fire Danger Season

The Lower South East's 2025-2026 Fire Danger Season has been declared from **1 November 2025** to **30 April 2026**.

During this period, restrictions apply to lighting fires to reduce the risk of large fires starting. These restrictions become even stricter on Total Fire Ban Days.

More information about how to prepare for the season can be found via the CFS website:

<https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/plan-prepare/>

3 Months Left on Tip Vouchers



Make the most of your Waste Transfer Station vouchers before the end of the financial year.

Each property within the District Council of Grant is eligible for one free cashless voucher at the beginning of each financial year, which can be used for up to 6 visits at any Waste Transfer Station in the district.

You can collect or request a voucher be mailed by:

- Calling (08) 8721 0444
- Emailing info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au
- Visiting in person at:
 - Principal Office - 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier
 - Port MacDonnell Community Complex - 5-7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell



New School Zone Speed Limits



SA's Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) are introducing a 40 km/h time-based school speed limit in South Australia on roads near schools that currently have speed limits of 50 km/h or higher. This will improve children's safety and help them when they travel to and from school.

New 40 km/h time-based school speed limits will be rolled out across over 150 school sites on arterial roads in a phased approach throughout 2026.

Reduced speed limits will apply during school pick-up and drop-off hours. The new speed limit will be implemented during the following times on school days:

- 8:00am to 9:30am
- 2:00pm to 4:00pm

This excludes weekends, public holidays and school holidays. Existing '25 km/h when children present' school zone speed limits will still apply.

Locally, this will affect **Tenison Woods College** on White Avenue, Mount Gambier.

Keep an eye out for updated street signage and visit DIT for more information:

<https://www.dit.sa.gov.au/infrastructure/projects/40-km-h-school-speed-limits>

Reminders & Information

Council Supports Petition for Regional Stamp Duty Waiver



At the February Ordinary Meeting, District Council of Grant passed a resolution to support a state-wide petition for a regional waiver on stamp duty for first home buyers.

The petition is spearheaded by City of Victor Harbor and is supported by 12 local governments across the state so far.

City of Victor Harbor are advocating for a stamp duty exemption for first home buyers looking to purchase in regional areas, applicable to the first \$750,000 of the purchase price.

The initiative seeks to ease the growing affordability pressures faced by young families and professionals, where high housing costs and significant upfront fees create barriers to home ownership.

The aim is to collect 10,000 signatures and present the petition to Parliament in May 2026, so all signatures must be submitted by the end of April.

To learn more about the petition and how to get involved, visit Your Say Victor Harbor.



State Election Polling Locations

The South Australian State Election is taking place on Saturday 21 March 2026. There are eight polling locations in the District Council of Grant area, all open from **8:00am - 6:00pm** on election day:

- Tarpeena Community Club*
13 Edward Street, Tarpeena
- Compton Soldiers Memorial Hall
1 Compton Hall Road, Compton
- Glenburnie Primary School
36 Kromelite Road, Glenburnie
- Yahl Memorial Hall
29 Yahl Hall Road, Yahl
- Moorak Public Hall
234 Moorak Hall Road, Moorak
- Kongorong Soldiers Memorial Hall
2 Hay Terrace, Kongorong
- Carpenter Rocks Community Hall
26-44 Carpenter Rocks Road, Carpenter Rocks
- Port MacDonnell Senior Citizens Club,
2 Elizabeth Street, Port MacDonnell

*Not wheelchair accessible



Reminders & Information

Progress Update on Water Infrastructure

SA Water have advised that upgrades to the elevated water tank at the corner of Charles and Church Streets in Port MacDonnell were delayed due to inclement weather.

SA Water and local contractors are now scheduled to return to site in late March 2026, with works expected to be completed by late May 2026, weather permitting.

For more info, please visit the Water Talks Page:
<https://watertalks.sawater.com.au/port-macdonnell-elevated-tank-upgrade-charles-street-and-church-street>



April Office Closures

Easter Long Weekend

- Principal Office, 324 Commercial Street West Mount Gambier

Closed Friday 3 April 2026 - Monday 6 April 2026 inclusive.

- Port MacDonnell Community Complex, 5-7 Charles Street Port MacDonnell

Closed Good Friday 3 April 2026.

Anzac Day

Port MacDonnell Community Complex will be closed on Saturday 25 April 2026.



Temporary Road Closure



Please note a section of Sea Parade, Port MacDonnell, between Standish Street and Bookey Street, and a section of Charles Street, Port MacDonnell, between Milstead Street and Sea Parade will be closed between 5:30am and 7:00am on **Saturday 25 April 2026**.

The temporary amendment will allow for the Port MacDonnell Anzac Day Dawn Service to take place safely.

Follow Council for More Info

For up to date information about road closures and service disruptions, follow District Council of Grant on social media:



www.facebook.com/GrantDistCouncil



www.instagram.com/districtcouncilofgrant/



www.dccgrant.sa.gov.au/

Farewell to Leith McEvoy

Thank You for 19 Years of Service

On 27 February 2026, District Council of Grant bid farewell to Leith McEvoy. Leith has made an outstanding contribution to our organisation over many years. His leadership and professionalism have been instrumental in shaping the Environmental Services Department, which encompasses Planning, Building, Environmental Health, Community Rangers, Animal Management, Fire Prevention, and Waste Management.

Some of Leith's notable achievements include:

- Leading the preparation of the Greater Mount Gambier Master Plan in collaboration with the State Government and other stakeholders.
- Overseeing 12 Development Plan Amendments, enabling significant rezoning and development opportunities within our Council area.
- Involved with many and varied Development Applications and proposals across the Council area.
- Driving key strategic projects across Council.
- Involved with other numerous Council projects which include the Council Office redevelopment, the Port MacDonnell Community Complex, the Airport Terminal, the Saleyards, the Glenelg River Shacks, the Strategic Land Use Priorities Project, and the Coastal Adaptation Project.
- Playing a pivotal role in the transition to the State-wide planning and development system, including serving on a State Government working group.
- Representing Council at local, regional, State, and National conferences and events, and consistently engaging with our community.



Leith has also served as Acting Chief Executive Officer on various occasions and has been a respected member of our Senior Management Team. Leith has always had a professional and constructive approach with our community, the Council, and staff.

Rip it up at Port MacDonnell Skate Park



Local youth take to the Port MacDonnell Skate Park for 2025's *Learn to Skate and Scoot* session, facilitated by the YMCA.

The District Council of Grant and YMCA are teaming up to host a skateboarding, scooter and BMX competition as part of Youth Week and the April school holidays. The event will be held at the Port MacDonnell Skate Park on Sunday 12 April 2026 from 11:00am to 4:00pm. All ages and skill levels are encouraged to participate, with Under 10s, Under 13s, Under 16s and Open categories. Medals will be awarded to the top three competitors across each category and all participants are entered into a raffle draw. Community members are also welcome to attend as spectators for a day of fun and excitement.

This event builds on the success of 2025's Learn to Skate and Scoot sessions held in Tarpeena and Port MacDonnell facilitated by Y Action Sports, and demonstrates the enthusiasm of regional youth for the social, physical and wellbeing benefits of skate park culture.

"Skate Park Leagues give people of all walks of life the opportunity to come together and use the council's facility in a positive and meaningful way. The inclusion and support we see at each event is amazing and a testament to the skate park communities," said Manager of Y Action Sports Matthew Brett.

The competition is taking place during Youth Week, South Australia's largest annual celebration of young people aged 12 to 25. The week aims to spotlight youth creativity and passion with a range of events and activities throughout the state.

"This event is the perfect occasion to bring people together from across the district. It's an opportunity for young people to showcase their skills, build new connections, and feel supported by their community, which is at the heart of Youth Week," District Council of Grant Mayor Kylie Boston said.

The competition forms part of YMCA's state-wide Skate Park Leagues and is delivered in partnership with AusCycling and Skate Australia. The event gives young skaters the opportunity to earn points towards the 2026 South Australian Regional Series League Ladder and a shot at the National Championships.

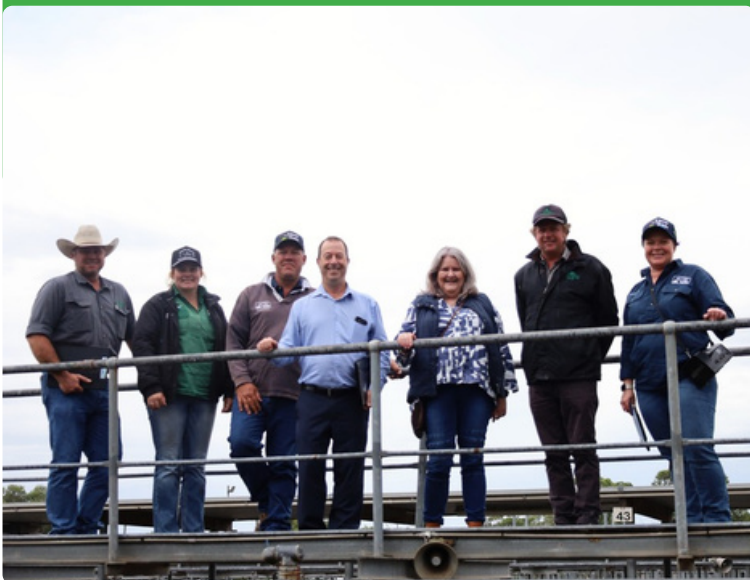
Registration is free and essential for participants. To register online, visit the YMCA website at <https://skatepark.ymca.org.au/competitions-and-events/skate-park-leagues>.

Out and about with Council



Mayor Kylie Boston and Acting CEO Gary Button sharing Council's Advocacy Plan with the Hon Clare Scriven MLC, Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development (left) and Sharon Holmes, Greens Candidate for Seat of Mount Gambier (right).

Mayor Kylie Boston and Acting CEO Gary Button celebrating the Saleyards Transformation funding announcement with livestock selling agents (left) and Saleyards Manager David Wallis (right).



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Principal Office, 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier // Port MacDonnell Community Complex,
5-7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell

Community Grants & Funding

Multiple Grants from FRRR

The Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal has 2 funding streams open for applications for regional non-for-profit organisations:

Telstra's Connected Communities

Up to \$10,000 is available for projects that are providing access to information, technology, education and facilities to support communities to embrace new technologies and increase digital capability. The program is seeking projects that focus on making regional communities liveable, sustainable, and resilient.

Round 4 is now open with applications closing on **26 March 2026** at 5pm AEST. To apply, please visit <https://frrr.org.au/funding/telstra-connected-communities-program/>

Strengthening Rural Communities: Small & Vital Projects

Up to \$10,000 is available for a broad range of grassroots, community-led initiatives that directly and clearly benefit local communities that strengthen local people, places and climate solutions with a preference for smaller communities (populations under 15,000).

The next round opens on 25 March with applications closing on **24 June 2026** at 5pm AEST. To apply, please visit: <https://frrr.org.au/funding/src-small-vital/>

Mount Gambier & District

TERTIARY HEALTH EDUCATION GRANTS



The annual Mount Gambier and District Tertiary Health Education Grants (THEG) program is now open for 2026, offering \$2,000 grants to local applicants pursuing tertiary health-related studies.

The program supports students who need to leave the region to undertake specific university studies within the health sector and seeks to encourage their return to the region as skilled health professionals upon completion of their studies. The grants are available to applicants for use towards study-related travel, accommodation, textbooks and uniform.

The program is supported by City of Mount Gambier, District Council of Grant, UFS Chemist, Flinders Rural Health SA, Mount Gambier and District Community Bank, Rotary Club of Mount Gambier Lakes and private donors.

Applications close **31 March 2026**. Find out more online: <https://www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au/services/events-sponsorship-grants/mount-gambier-and-district-tertiary-health-education-grants>

Community Grants & Funding

SA Water Community Partnerships Program

The 2026/2027 round of the SA Water Community Partnership program is now open. This program aims to support grassroots community events and projects run by not-for-profit organisations, with a focus on sustainability, healthy communities, and environmental leadership.

Funding of up to \$10,000 is available per partnership, with the goal of fostering an inclusive culture where diversity of thought, background and experience are embraced and celebrated.

Eligible projects and events include those that have a clear link to water and the vision of delivering trusted water services for a sustainable and healthy South Australia. The event or project should enhance a thriving community through cooler, greener environment or show climate change in action. Projects must fall between 1 July 2026 and 30 June 2027.

Applications close on **3 April 2026**. For more information, including past successful projects and eligibility criteria, please visit:

<https://www.sawater.com.au/education-and-community/partnerships-and-sponsorships/community-partnerships>

RAA Grassroots Giving

RAA's Grassroots Giving Program is designed to support members and their communities on projects they're passionate about, building a stronger South Australia. Funds of up to \$5,000 are available for successful applicants, or alternative in-kind giving of gifts, RAA merchandise and volunteering opportunities.

The key focus areas for this funding opportunity are:

- helping disadvantaged and/or vulnerable South Australians
- supporting youth development
- supporting and celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and reconciliation activities
- reducing inequalities in the community
- community safety
- innovation
- environmental sustainability.

If you have a community project that fits into one of these areas, applications close on **6 April 2026**. Successful recipients will be notified by 8 May 2026.

Apply online by visiting:

<https://www.raa.com.au/about-raa/community-programs/community-sponsorships/grassroots-giving>

SA Rural Support Grants

Are you a primary producer or small business experiencing financial hardship? Financial assistance of up to \$1,500 is available through Rural Business Support to aid with essential costs such as utilities, council rates, groceries, medical bills and more. Priority is given to family-run rural small business, and those impacted by drought, market disruptions, and biosecurity incursions.

For more information, please visit: <https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/rural-support-grant-sa>



Community Events



COMING SOON! FREE SKIN CANCER SCREENING



Brought To You By The Lions Clubs Of Mount Gambier

FRI – SUN 27TH, 28TH & 29TH MARCH, 2026

FROM 9am to 3.30pm



Venue MOUNT GAMBIER MARKET PLACE

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL, PLEASE CALL

BERYL on 08 8723 2737 or

ROSS on 08 8725 1019

Bookings open 8am 9th March – no early booking

Booking will fill quickly – book early to avoid disappointment.

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YOUR DONATION WILL HELP KEEP IT FREE FOR OUR COMMUNITIES.

District Council of Grant welcomes you to a hands-on Animal Experience



Free
entry

Visit the animals then
pop into the Complex
to make your own
animal badge

MONDAY 20TH APRIL 10AM - 12NOON

Port MacDonnell
Community Complex

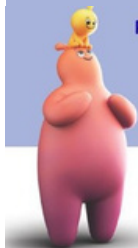
For more information
please call 8738 3000 or inbox us!



Port MacDonnell Community Complex invites you to a
special storytime with Award Winning Author &
Illustrator Jonathan Bentley

Tuesday 24th March @ 10:30am

WORDS
GROW
MINDS



JOIN
JONATHAN FOR
SOME READING
AND DRAWING
FUN!

Port MacDonnell
Community Complex

For more information and bookings
please call 8738 3000 or inbox us!



Seaweed. A Celebration

Seaweed. A Celebration

Something for everyone
Art, science, film, food and
beach walks

Celebrate the beauty of
Limestone Coast marine
flora and fauna
15 March to 1 April 2026
Port MacDonnell

Seaweed. A Celebration is proudly supported by the
District Council of Grant, whose funding and partnership
make this enlightening community program possible

Harmony Day WISH FESTIVAL

28 MARCH 2026

Naracoorte Swimming Lake | 5pm – 8pm

Make a wish & release a floating lantern on
the lake at twilight. Enjoy free multicultural
food offerings & performances.
Everyone Welcome.

Join one of our lantern making workshops throughout the day.
A hands-on session to guide you through crafting your very
own lantern and help create a stunning large group lantern.
Spaces are limited for the workshops.
Book for free via humanitix or the QR Code.

10am – 1pm OR 2pm – 5pm Saturday 28 March

EVERYONE BELONGS

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LCMN
Limestone Coast
Multicultural Network

AMRC
Australian Migrant Resource Centre

Naracoorte Limestone Council
Belles by Nature

Community Events

AMAYA presents ANIMALIA Digital Art Exhibition

Explore a vibrant digital journey across continents, where stunning art brings the world's animals to life

2ND FEBRUARY - 28TH MARCH 2026

PORT MACDONNELL
COMMUNITY COMPLEX



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www.amayasdrawings.com



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**SUNDAY
5TH APRIL
9.00AM TO 2.00PM**

FREE ENTRY

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donovanscommunitymarkets@gmail.com
ph: 0401274458

CRAB RACES
MARKET STALLS
EGG HUNT
BUNNY TRAIL
ART GALLERY
KIDS ACTIVITIES
FOOD VANS
PANCAKES

"ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS" APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2026

4th - 6th
Saturday - Monday
Easter bags



7th - 10th
Tuesday - Friday
Sock Rabbits



11th - 13th
Saturday - Monday
Wool Sheep



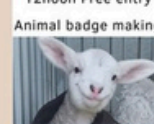
14th - 16th
Tuesday - Thursday
Goat puppets



17th - 19th
Friday - Sunday
Animal plates



20th Monday
Hands-On Animal
Experience 10am -
12noon Free entry



21st - 23rd
Tuesday - Wednesday
Animal masks



24th - 26th
Thursday - Sunday
Anzac day craft



**Port MacDonnell
Community Complex**
For more information please
call 8738 3000

Opening Hours: Monday - Friday 9am-5pm
Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays: 11am-3pm
CLOSED: Good Friday (Friday April 3rd)
& Anzac day (Saturday April 25th)



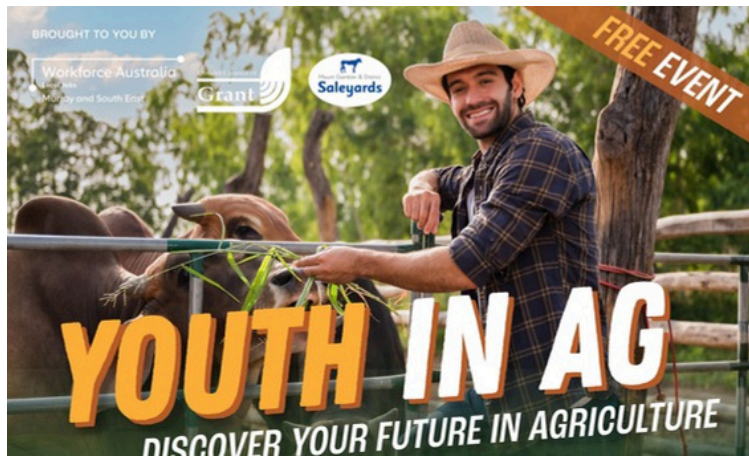
Have an event to share with the community?

Email info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au for the opportunity to feature in a future newsletter or online community events calendar. Your community groups, event or not-for-profit organisation must be located in the District Council of Grant area.

Youth Week Events (9 - 17 April)

BROUGHT TO YOU BY
Workforce Australia
Grant
Saleyards

FREE EVENT



YOUTH IN AG

DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE IN AGRICULTURE

FRIDAY, 10TH APRIL 2026
FROM 9:30AM – 1:30PM
@ THE MOUNT GAMBIER & DISTRICT SALEYARDS

OPEN TO STUDENTS, YOUNG PEOPLE, AND ANYONE
EXPLORING A CAREER IN AGRICULTURE

EXPLORE THE WIDE RANGE OF CAREERS IN AG!

- Meet local industry professionals
- Hands-on experiences and real industry insight
- Pathways to agricultural careers and education
- Experience the Mount Gambier Saleyards in action!



 **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TODAY!**
[Youth In Ag – Mount Gambier](#)

The District Council of Grant presents
Youth Week

Art Session with Susie Briffa

MYSTERY COLOURING

Suitable for ages 12-25

Wednesday 15th April at 2pm
at the Port MacDonnell Community Complex

Use colourful pens to outline shapes on a page that's already filled with colour. You decide what the blobs become — animals, people, fantasy scenes, anything your imagination sees. Turn random shapes into unique art, with no right or wrong way to create!

Free of Charge

Bookings essential by calling 8738 3000



Port MacDonnell
COMMUNITY COMPLEX

District Council of
Grant

SPL SKATE PARK LEAGUES | the **Y 2026 SOUTH AUSTRALIA**
REGIONAL SERIES

SUNDAY 12 APRIL
PORT MACDONNELL
SKATE PARK COMPETITION



Free entry, all ages and abilities welcome.

Community Events

'Celebrating You'

An invitation to



Volunteers Morning Tea

Wednesday 20 May 2026 | 10:30am to 12:00pm

Community Complex

5-7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell

To recognise the wonderful contribution volunteers make across our community, the District Council of Grant warmly invites volunteers from organisations, sporting clubs, schools, and community groups to join us for a special Volunteers Morning Tea.

RSVP's are essential and required by Friday 15 May 2026.

**Please contact the Port MacDonnell Community Complex
on (08) 8738 3000 or pmcc@dcgrant.sa.gov.au.**

Free return bus available for volunteers travelling from
Tarpeena through to Port MacDonnell.



Notices

2026 Small Business Perspectives Survey

Regional Voices. National Impact.



Have your say



COSBOA is conducting its [2026 Small Business Perspectives Survey](#) to ensure the experiences of businesses operating outside capital cities are clearly represented in national policy discussions. If you run a small business in regional, rural or remote Australia, your input is essential.

This year's survey places a deliberate focus on regional small businesses to ensure on-the-ground conditions are reflected in reform discussions. The findings will support COSBOA to:

- **Advocate** for policies that work for regional small businesses
- Highlight **pressures** including workforce and skills shortages, housing and childcare access, digital connectivity, infrastructure gaps, energy and insurance costs, and regulatory complexity

Ensure government decisions **properly consider** regional small business impact

Make your voice count

The survey takes around 20 minutes to complete. Responses are confidential and independently managed. Participation is open until **30 April 2026**.



New Federal ScamWatch Campaign

 **STOP.**
 **CHECK.**
 **PROTECT.**

3 simple steps to keep us all safe from scams.

Awareness is our best defence against scams.

Let's make sure all Australians know to Stop. Check. Protect. to stay safe from scams

Scams are everywhere, targeting people from all walks of life and costing Australians billions of dollars each year. Whether it's fake emails, unexpected phone calls or online schemes, scammers always find new ways to gain your trust and steal your money or personal information. But 3 small steps can help keep us all safe from scammers. Learn more at scamwatch.gov.au.



Notices



2026 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SPORT AWARDS

AWARDS CATEGORIES

Athlete of the Year

Junior Athlete of the Year

Coach of the Year

Masters Athlete of the Year

Volunteer of the Year

Team Spirit Award

Sports Moment of the Year

Junior Team Spirit Award

Official/Administrator of the Year

Celebrating Diversity & Inclusion Award

Community Impact Award

2026 South Australian Sports Awards

Nominations for the South Australian Sport Awards are officially open. This is your chance to shine a spotlight on the incredible athletes, coaches, volunteers, and sporting communities across our great state who make South Australian sport so special.

Whether they've achieved something extraordinary on the field, shown outstanding dedication behind the scenes, or brought people together through the power of sport — we want to hear about them.

Nominations close **31 March 2026**, with the award ceremony taking place 15 May at the Arkaba Hotel, Adelaide.

For more details, visit:

<https://sportsa.org.au/projects-and-events/sa-sport-awards/>

Extreme heat poses a risk to everyone.



Here's how you can prepare.

Get in the know: Speak to your GP about how extreme heat may affect you and download the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) app for reliable weather forecasts and warnings.

Get connected: Build support networks with neighbours, family, and friends.

Get organised: Plan for extreme heat safety together, and identify a cool place to go if needed during extreme heat.

Get packing: Consider what essentials you may need to stay safe at home, or to take with you.



For more information on what to do during extreme heat, visit redcross.org.au/extremeheat



STRIVE

Leadership & Development Program

Little Athletics is a community sport program for kids aged 3-17 that focuses on fun, fitness and developing athletics skills through running, jumping & throwing. We are a welcoming, community-focused sport where young people grow their confidence and teamwork.

Love sport?
STRIVE gives students the chance to step behind the scenes in Little Athletics, helping deliver events and programs while being part of a real sports community.

As a STRIVE participant, you can:

- Earn SACE points to finish school
- Build skills in coaching & officiating
- Gain state & national accreditations
- Develop leadership, communication & teamwork skills
- Represent a local club and/or Little Athletics South Australia
- No prior athletics experience needed – you will learn all you need to know!

LEARN. LEAD. GET RECOGNISED.

Scan the QR Code to Register



Complete your STRIVE volunteer hours at:

Penola Little Athletics
Naracoorte Little Athletics
Bordertown Little Athletics
Limestone Coast Little Athletics
Mt Gambier District Little Athletics

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YOUTH PARLIAMENT 2026

Make Your Mark!

APPLICATIONS SOON OPENING FOR YP2026!

The YMCA South Australia Youth Parliament is a non-partisan program designed to offer young people aged 15-25 years old a platform to voice their opinion on important topics. It aims to foster the development of leadership skills, enhance parliamentary understanding, and strengthen engagement with democracy.

Emphasising personal growth, the program empowers young people to drive positive change by bridging youth voices and opinions with political leaders and decision-makers. A program run by young people for young people, it is an unmissable opportunity to express their views on issues they are passionate about, develop confidence and leadership skills, and explore new opportunities in a safe and supportive environment.

Applications close 1 March 2026

WHEN: March to July 2026 – Training Weekend: 25-26 April, Residential Week: 12-17 July

WHERE: Nunyarra Conference Centre & Parliament of South Australia

WHO CAN APPLY? South Australian residents aged 15-25 years old

COST: A participation fee of \$550 per person which covers meals, accommodation and transport during Parliament Week

SPONSORSHIP: Participants can receive assistance in the program to seek external sponsorship for participant fees

RURAL & REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS: Travel scholarships available to assist with the additional transport costs

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY

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