

Elector Representation Review Update

The District Council of Grant recently undertook community consultation on a proposed no ward structure / one Council area comprising ten Elected Members; one Mayor and nine Area Councillors.

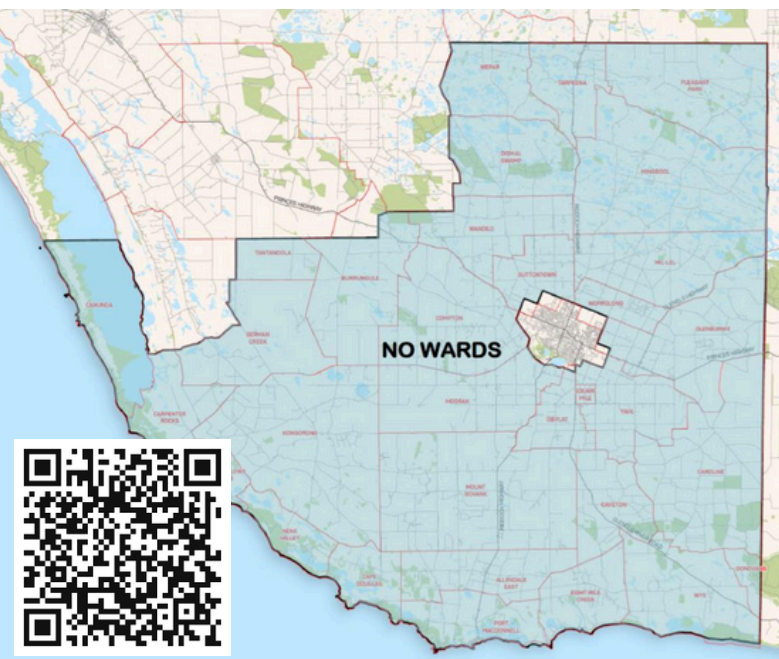
Council thanks all community members who took the time to participate in the community consultation process undertaken between Monday 24 September and Monday 22 October 2024.

At the most recent Ordinary Council Meeting, Elected Members considered all feedback received and review outcome recommendations reported by consultants CL Rowe & Associates.

Mayor Kylie Boston said that "After a lengthy review process to ensure community members could provide feedback, we resolved to have one Council area not divided into wards, comprising an elected Mayor and nine councillors,"

"If approved by the Electoral Commission of South Australia, this change will come into effect in the 2026 Council Election cycle. All election candidates will be considered by voters over the whole of our council area." Mayor Boston said.

More information about the review process can be found online via Your Say DCG at yoursaydcg.com.au/ or by scanning the QR code below.



Council Decisions

Annual Report 2023-2024

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 18 November 2024, the District Council of Grant Elected Members adopted the 2023-2024 Annual Report for distribution.

The Annual Report is a mandatory document under the Local Government Act 1999 which details Council's operations over the financial year preceding 30 June.

The District Council of Grant's final Annual Report for 2023-2024 is now available to view online at www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/council/policies-by-laws-and-documents/annualreports.

Next Council Meeting: 5:30pm Monday 16 December 2024 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



November 2020
Mount Gambier Regional Airport Upgrade Project completed



Out & About with Council

FlexiPay Gift Card Winner

Director Corporate and Community Gary Button presented District Council of Grant resident, Donna Hutchesson, with a \$750 Visa gift card provided by FlexiPay. FlexiPay is an online payment portal for rates instalments.



GEM Club Exhibition

On Sunday 5 October 2024, Mayor Kylie Boston opened the Mount Gambier GEM Club's 50th Anniversary exhibition at the Port MacDonnell Community Complex. Mayor Boston is pictured with Mr Tony Pasin MP.



Pine City Twirlers Birthday

On Friday 1 November 2024, Mayor Kylie Boston attended the Pine City Twirlers 41st birthday at the Anglican Church Hall.



VAILO Adelaide 500

Mayor Kylie Boston attended the VAILO Adelaide 500 held in Adelaide between 14 and 17 November 2024.

Mayor Boston is pictured with District Council of Robe Mayor Lisa Ruffell, Mr Nick McBride MP and Tatiara District Council Mayor Liz Goossens.



German Club Kitchen Opening

On Sunday 24 November 2024, Mayor Kylie Boston attended the German Club's new kitchen opening.

This project was co-funded by the Council's Community Grants Scheme.



Port MacDonnell Community Complex Update

Mental Health Month Recap & Auslan StoryTime

Mental Health Month is a national event, held each October, that aims to improve community awareness and interest in mental health and wellbeing.

The Port MacDonnell Community Complex participated by offering mindfulness activities including mindfulness colouring held inside a curtained marquee with pot plants, cushions, and soothing music, a community puzzle of birds and flowers and an introduction to Tai Chi.

In recognition of the International Day of People with Disability, the Port MacDonnell Community Complex hosted a special edition of Auslan Storytime with Nu'dee Cook from Inclusive Auslan.

Community Complex staff, Nu'dee, children and parents read "Where is the Green Sheep?" by Mem Fox, followed by dancing with Emma Memma and signing the alphabet in Auslan.

The session finished with colouring custom 'Green Sheep' to take home.



Mount Gambier Regional Airport Update

Airport gallery takes off with Flight Mode



City of Mount Gambier Mayor Lynette Martin and District Council of Grant Mayor Kylie Boston.

The District Council of Grant and the Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre have unveiled the inaugural exhibition *Flight Mode* at the Mount Gambier Regional Airport's new gallery on Tuesday 26 November 2024.

The creation of the 'The Hangar Gallery' at the Mount Gambier Regional Airport marks a new chapter in the activation of the unique space, serving as an engaging cultural hub, blending art with the dynamic environment of the airport.

"The launch of The Hangar Gallery is a significant attraction for our community, not only enhancing our cultural landscape but transforming the Mount Gambier Regional Airport into a vibrant space that welcomes both travellers and locals alike," District Council of Grant Mayor Kylie Boston said.

"We are celebrating our region's rich natural heritage and the spirit of travel, creating a unique opportunity for art to engage visitors from the moment they arrive," Mayor Boston said.

The exhibition invites visitors to reflect on the concept of "flight mode" - not just the suspension of digital distractions, but also the opportunity to see the world afresh, suspended in the air, as if gazing from 10,000 feet above. *Flight Mode* blurs the lines between the imagined and the real, bringing together iconic South Australian artists such as Barrie Goddard with his super-panoramic collage *Southern Mount Schank*, and Neil Frazer's evocative *Side Shadow*.

These works take audiences on a sensory journey through the Limestone Coast, blending memory, history, and nature into a dreamscape seen from above.

"This unique showcase draws from The Riddoch Art & Cultural Centre's collection of artworks to welcome and bid farewell to travellers, telling a story of Mount Gambier's natural surroundings while reflecting on the sense of journey from one place or state to another," Riddoch Art & Cultural Centre Curator Chris Clements said.

"We wanted to offer something truly special for travellers passing through this important gateway to the region. By showcasing works that reflect the beauty and uniqueness of the Limestone Coast, we're not only celebrating our local artists, but also creating a sense of connection for travellers who can pause, reflect, and feel at home in this landscape." Mr Clements said.

Flight Mode will be on display at The Hangar Gallery at the Mount Gambier Regional Airport from Tuesday 26 November 2024 to Sunday 17 August 2025.



Mount Gambier & District Saleyards Update

Mental Health Awareness Event

At the November 2024 Store Sale, counsellors were onsite to support local farmers, promoting them to speak up. A wellbeing initiative sparked by a local truck driver and supported by the District Council of Grant.

Counsellors from both Headspace and Head to Health were in attendance to talk to about mental health and wellbeing.

The Hon. Ben Hood MLC, Combined Agents Chairperson Chris Manser and Mayor Kylie Boston were also in attendance.

They are here to listen to you. If you are need support, contact:

Headspace Mount Gambier

Location: 171 Commercial Street East, Mount Gambier

Phone: 08 8728 0354

Head to Health - Mount Gambier Medicare Mental Health Centre

Location: Unit 7 165 Commercial Street East, Mount Gambier

Phone: 1800 595 212



Fire Danger Season Information 2024 - 2025

The 2024-2025 Fire Danger Season has been declared for the Lower South East by the Country Fire Service (CFS) between 1 November 2024 and 30 April 2025.

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.

More information about the Fire Danger Season can be found via the CFS website at www.cfs.sa.gov.au/warnings-restrictions.



Start preparing your home for bushfires today by:

- Keeping all gutters clean and free of debris;
- Mowing, raking and weeding within 20 metres of your home;
- Pruning shrubs and lower branches of trees;
- Having a Bushfire Survival Plan ready and rehearsed; and
- Preparing an Emergency Kit.

More information about how to prepare can be found via the CFS website at: www.cfs.sa.gov.au/plan-prepare/.

Works around the district

Walking into a healthier future with new shared path

The Carpenter Rocks community will be walking into Summer with a new accessible bicycle and walking path after securing Federal Government grant funding under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCI).

A new 2.2km long shared path linking the Carpenter Rocks Tavern to Shellsea Court in Pelican Point will provide a safe space for pedestrians, wheelchair users, families with prams and cyclists.

The pathway was first raised when local residents from Blackfellows Caves, Carpenter Rocks and Pelican Point came together at a coastal township meeting in 2021 to share their ideas with Council staff and Elected Members about their community's future.

District Council of Grant Mayor Kylie Boston joined Federal Member for Barker Mr Tony Pasin to inspect the works during his recent visit.

Mayor Kylie Boston said "Council is appreciative of the Federal Government which has supported the investment in new community infrastructure and amenity,"

"This is another project aimed to help connect our communities which additionally provides a great recreational activity in a beautiful coastal setting,"

"Council is proud of its public amenities available for locals and visitors and will continue to invest in our new Strategic Plan projects."



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.

Dog & Cat Owner Reminders

Basic Responsibilities

By law, you are required to provide your dog with the basic requirements to meet their welfare needs. That means your dog must have access to clean water, food, appropriate sleeping conditions, shade from the hot sun and enough exercise to be healthy and happy.

Microchipping

Microchipping is an extremely reliable method of identification which greatly increases the chance of your dog being returned to you if it becomes lost. A small microchip, about the size of a grain of rice, is implanted under your dog's skin by a vet or other qualified person. Each microchip has its own unique number.

Your dog's microchip details are required to be recorded on Dogs and Cats Online (DACO) which can be accessed by Councils, vets, animal welfare groups and dog shelters.

All dogs in South Australia must be microchipped. A dog must be microchipped before it is sold or before 12 weeks of age or within 28 days after taking possession of the dog. Microchipping is not a substitute for council registration.

Sleeping

Dogs enjoy having their own bed and will retreat to this when in need of a space of their own. Many owners establish their dog's bed in the laundry or family room in a quiet corner, away from the hustle and bustle and direct access by unsupervised children.

*Sourced from the Dog and Cat Management Board's Dog Owners' Handbook 2020



Project Management Training

Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast have teamed up with the Frontline Management Institute to run Project Management training as part of our Leaders Network program.

Three courses will be run in early December, catering to both beginners and experienced project managers.

Introduction to Project Management will be held in both Bordertown and Mount Gambier. The course is one day and is to provide guidance to people new to managing projects or wanting to gain new skills. It will cover all aspects of project management from scoping to acquittal.

Advanced Project Management will be held in Naracoorte and is a two-day program. It requires attendees to bring along a project so they can work through and develop project plans, risk assessments and engagement plans for their project. It will also cover the whole project management process but going deeper into each aspect.

To book a spot, please use these links:

- Bordertown - Tuesday 3 December 2024 | Introduction to Project Management (\$99): events.humanitix.com/introduction-to-project-management-leaders-program
- Naracoorte - Wednesday 4 to Thursday 5 December 2024 | Advanced Project Management (2-day course, \$169): events.humanitix.com/advanced-project-management-naracoorte
- Mount Gambier Friday 6 December 2024 | Introduction to Project Management (\$99): events.humanitix.com/introduction-to-project-management-mount-gambier

District Council of
Grant

Rates Instalment Reminder

Second
instalment due:

**Friday
6 December
2024**

Third
instalment due:

**Friday
7 March
2025**

Fourth
instalment due:

**Friday
6 June
2025**

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External Grant Funding, Programs & Training

SA Football Facilities Fund & Expand Together Grants

SA Football Facilities Fund: Round 2

SANFL has partnered with the AFL and South Australian Government to launch a South Australian Football Facilities Fund, to create welcoming and inclusive facilities for our football communities.

From state to local grassroots venues, the Fund will enhance the capacity of facilities and football infrastructure for all user groups.

The creation of this Fund will enable SANFL, AFL and State Government to achieve their shared strategic vision of creating welcoming facilities, particularly through provision of all gender changerooms for players, officials and umpires, as well as maximising venue capacities by improving quality of ovals, lighting and supporting infrastructure.

The SA Football Facilities Fund provides funding to assist local governments, Australian Rules football clubs, umpiring associations, schools and tertiary education institutions to develop Australian Rules football facilities across South Australia.

The total budget for the SA Football Facilities Fund is \$8,000,000 over three years.

A pool of approximately \$3,400,000 is available in Round 2.

Applications close Wednesday 5 February 2025.

More information about the training and how to register can be found on the SANFL website at sanfl.com.au/communityfootball/grants-fundraising-facilities/safff/ or via the QR code below.



Expand Together Grants

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

Expand Together Grants of up to \$100,000 are available to multicultural organisations for projects to be delivered over 12 months.

There are four categories under the Expand Together Grants.

1. Equipment Grant up to \$50,000
2. Infrastructure Grant up to \$50,000
3. Equipment Grant between \$50,001 - \$100,000
4. Infrastructure Grant between \$50,001 - \$100,000

There are matched funding requirements for applicants requesting more than \$50,000.

Applications for the 2025-26 Expand Together Grants are open.

Applications close Sunday 19 January 2025.

More information can be found on the Department for the Premier and Cabinet website at

www.dpc.sa.gov.au/responsibilities/multicultural-affairs/grants/expand-together-grants or by scanning the QR code below.

Support is also available by calling 1300 239 468 or emailing MulticulturalAffairs@sa.gov.au.



External Community Consultation

Transport Strategy & Review of Children, Youth and Parenting Programs

Transport Strategy

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport are developing a Transport Strategy to shape the future of transport for the next 30 years.

South Australia's economy, communities and environments are going through major changes due to global trends, state priorities and local preferences. The state's transport network faces several key challenges and opportunities, both now and in the future.

Transport plays a crucial role in creating social, economic and environmental benefits for South Australians, and helps to drive growth and prosperity in our state. Being able to freely move around our cities and regions gives us access to more opportunities and services and allows us to spend more time doing what we enjoy.

The Transport Strategy will provide a plan to ensure we are well prepared for the future and can make the most out of opportunities over the next 30 years.

As a South Australian, you have a chance to add your voice to the conversation by telling us what's important to you. Have your say and ensure we build a future that benefits many generations to come.

Consultation concludes 5:00pm Monday 16 December 2024.

More information about the Transport Strategic can be found on the Department for Infrastructure and Transport's website at transportstrategy.sa.gov.au or via the QR code.



Review of Children, Youth and Parenting Programs

The Department of Social Services (DSS) conducted a review of 3 children, youth and parenting programs delivered under the Families and Children (FaC) Activity to determine their effectiveness. Consultation on these findings is now open.

To support the consultation, a Discussion Paper has been developed to generate feedback and ideas which may inform the way the Australian Government makes future decisions about family and children supports.

The Discussion Paper is seeking views on how to further strengthen the 3 children, youth and parenting programs:

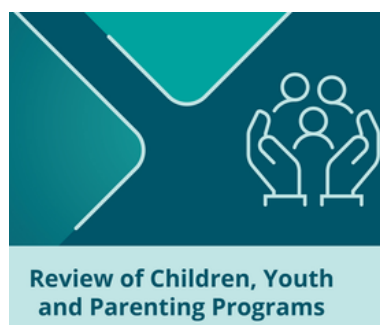
- Children and Parenting Support (CaPS)
- Communities for Children Facilitating Partners (CfC FP)
- Family Mental Health Support Services (FMHSS).

The Discussion Paper explores these programs' intersection with key government actions and priorities.

Consultation closes Friday 24 January 2025.

DSS is also holding in-person workshops in every Capital City to provide clarification on the Discussion Paper.

To view the Discussion Paper, or to register for an in-person event, visit engage.dss.gov.au/families-and-children-fac-activity-children-youth-and-parenting-programs-discussion-paper or via the QR code.



Limestone Coast Regional Growth Strategy

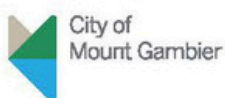
Have your say

A draft Regional Growth Strategy has been prepared by Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast, the Limestone Coast Local Government Association and Councils to support the Region's growth and prosperity.

The draft Strategy outlines how the organisations will work together to support our local economy in areas including housing, services, training, tourism, value-add industry, the circular economy and infrastructure.

View the draft Strategy and provide your feedback by
5pm Sunday 15 December 2024.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/limestone



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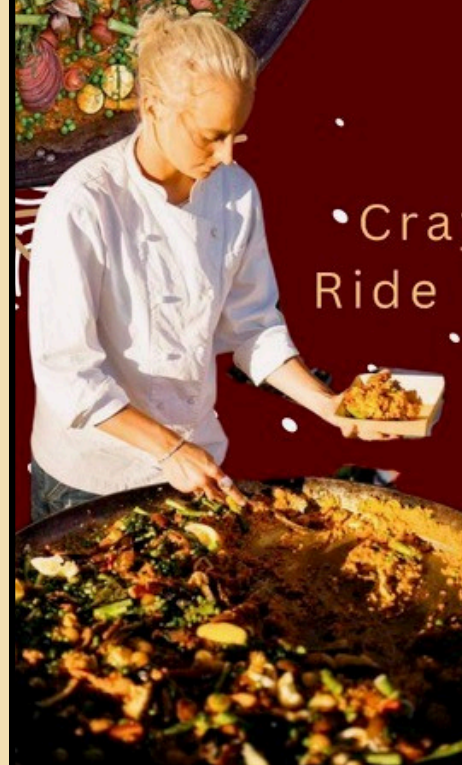


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