

Delivering Our Shared Vision

The District Council of Grant's Strategic Plan 2024-2034 sets out the aspirations, goals and plans which will guide Council's actions over the next 4 to 10 years.

To develop the plan, Council collaborated with our community, Elected Members and Council staff to ensure it reflects shared aspirations for the future. A set of five goals were developed representing a collective vision:



Community: A connected, inclusive, resilient and engaged community



Economy: A growing and vibrant economy, optimising our diverse primary industries and unique natural assets



Environment: A sustainable district that values the natural qualities and heritage that underpin our health, liveability and economy



Infrastructure: Reliable and contemporary infrastructure that meets the needs of our community, industry and visitors



Council: A strategic and financially sustainable Council that values its people and delivers quality services

At Council's Ordinary Meeting on Monday 16 June 2025, it was reported that strong early progress has been made on several short-term focus areas. These achievements include:

- Completion of Stage 1 of the Heritage Survey Project
- Adoption of the Mount Gambier Regional Airport Master Plan
- Full condition assessments and revaluations of Council-owned buildings
- Community consultation on Council's proposed Coastal Adaptation Strategy

In the new 2025-2026 financial year, Council will continue to advance and complete many more strategic priorities which will create an environment where we can all live, work and play.

Council's Strategic Plan 2024-2034 progress will be reported quarterly at Ordinary Council Meetings.

Council Decisions

Annual Business Plan and Budget 2025-2026 Endorsed

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 16 June 2025, Council endorsed the final Annual Business Plan and Budget for 2025-2026.

The Plan details a general rate revenue increase of 3.75% in line with Council's Long-Term Financial Plan.

A copy of the 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan and Budget is available online at www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au. A summary of the Plan will be attached in the July Community Newsletter.

Next Council Meeting: 5:30pm Monday 21 July 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

Kongorong and McDonald Park Primary School releasing balloons in memory of the Admella | August 2008



Out and About with Council

Debutante Ball

On Friday 9 May 2025, Mayor Kylie Boston was the guest of honour at the Hype Dance Studio Debutante Ball, supported by Mr Garry Boston.



Lions Club Mount Gambier Changeover Dinner

On Saturday 14 June 2025, Mayor Kylie Boston attending the Mount Gambier Lions Club Changeover Dinner at the Blue Lake Golf Links.

Lions members were recognised for their valuable contributions and welcomed members into new roles.



Tuna and Sports Fish Competition Awards

On Saturday 10 May 2025, Mayor Kylie Boston presented the District Council of Grant sponsored award at the Port MacDonnell Offshore Angling Club's Tuna and Sports Fish Competition Awards evening.



Local Government Association Ordinary General Meeting

On Friday 23 May 2025, Mayor Kylie Boston and Deputy Mayor Brad Mann attended the Local Government Association's Ordinary General Meeting at Adelaide Oval.



It's fish and chips for Agricultural Town of the Year

The District Council of Grant's fish and chips represents Mingbool and Port MacDonnell, which have been nominated for South Australian Agricultural Town of the Year.

An initiative of the Department of Primary Industries and Regions and delivered in partnership with InDaily, the award celebrates towns that demonstrate outstanding agricultural practices and are equally great places to live and work.

District Council of Grant Mayor Kylie Boston said the nominations are a testament to the hard work and resilience of each community.

"During a time when many of our primary producers are doing it tough under ongoing drought conditions, the nominations are a reminder of their continuing contributions and determination," Mayor Boston said.

In the rich farming area inland, Mingbool is notable for potato production with many of its crops being processed into crisp chips enjoyed across the country. Mingbool also hosts strong dairy, beef, grain farming, forestry and viticulture industries, showcasing the town's agricultural strength and diversity.



Near South Australia's southernmost point, Port MacDonnell is best known as Australia's Southern Rock Lobster capital. The town is home to the largest Southern Rock Lobster fishing fleet in the Southern Hemisphere, consisting of 45 commercial vessels. The fleet generates an estimated \$70 million in gross production value each year and supports approximately 1,200 jobs.

Beyond its world-class seafood industry, Port MacDonnell also supports a diverse farming landscape including dairying, beef, sheep, wool, seed, and grain production. Its blend of quality coastal and agricultural practices makes it a standout in regional South Australia.



Agriculture plays a vital role in both Mingbool and Port MacDonnell, and it's what makes these towns productive and vibrant, welcoming places to live and work. I encourage everyone to show their support by voting."

Mingbool and Port MacDonnell are among ninety-seven towns across South Australia competing for the Agricultural Town of the Year title. The top 10 towns, decided by public vote, are anticipated to be announced within the next month.

More information about the initiative can be found online at www.AgTown.com.au or by scanning to QR code below.

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TOWN OF THE YEAR**



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Opt-In Kerbside Collection Service Update

Food Organics and Garden Organics

The District Council of Grant has begun rolling out an opt-in Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) kerbside collection service following a successful trial.

The service will initially be made available to residents in Port MacDonnell, Nene Valley and the rural living area from Crafter Road, Compton to Kilsby Road, OB Flat, the same areas which participated in a preliminary trial commencing at the end of 2024, for an annual charge of \$85.

A comprehensive review of the trial's outcomes and feedback received during community consultation was presented at Council's Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday 23 April 2025.

How will the opt-in service work?

The ongoing service will commence from the beginning of July 2025 with an associated annual service charge applicable for the financial year. The same 240L bins with lime green lids provided for the trial will be utilised.

For the 2025/2026 financial year, the cost of the service has been set at \$85. Upon receipt of payment, you will receive an identification tag to be affixed to the handle of your lime green lid. This will be visible to the Council Contractor as they collect the bin. Any bins without an identification tag and presented kerbside for collection from July 2025 will not be collected.

FOGO collection will continue on a fortnightly basis on the same day as your yellow recycling bin.

How do I opt-in to the service?

Residents and tenants who participated in the trial, along with those who opted out of the trial, are offered the same opportunity to opt-in to the ongoing FOGO kerbside collection service.

If you wish to access the service for the 2025/2026 financial year, payment must be made to Council prior to receiving an identification tag. Payment and tag collection can be made by:

- **Phone:** District Council of Grant Principal Office on (08) 8721 0444 or Port MacDonnell Community Complex on (08) 8738 3000. Upon request, staff will arrange for payment over the phone and a tag to be posted to you or set aside for collection from the Office.
- **In person:** Present at either the Principal Office at 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier or Port MacDonnell Community Complex at 5-7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell to make payment and collect a tag.

Those who did not participate in the trial but are now opting in to the service, please indicate this to staff and the delivery of a 240L bin with a lime green lid will be arranged.

Second Free Trial

Council also endorsed to carry out a second free FOGO trial in Yahl, Tarpeena, Allendale East, Racecourse Bay and Kongorong after receiving sufficient interest in the service during the community consultation period.



Mount Gambier Regional Airport

Did you know the Mount Gambier Regional Airport has over 200 parking spaces available for use?

Three parking options are available to passengers:

4 hour Parking

Free for vehicles parked at the facility for four hours or less.

Located closest to the terminal, these car parks are ideal for those making a quick trip to the Airport to drop off or pick up.

3 Day Parking

Free for vehicles parked for three days or less.

Located in the remainder of the car park, these spaces are available for those travelling for up to three days. These car parks are useful for a day or overnight trip to Adelaide or Melbourne.

Long-Term Parking

Available for a fee of \$9.25 per day for vehicles parked for four days or longer.

Located at the rear of the car parking block, the car park is surrounded by high fencing and security cameras monitoring vehicles 24 hours, 7 days a week. This facility is great for passengers who prefer extra security when leaving their vehicle at the Airport.



Port MacDonnell Community Complex

Are your children looking for something fun to do during the upcoming school holidays?

Join the friendly staff at the Community Complex for their July School Holiday Arts and Crafts Program.



A range of art and craft activities will be available for children to complete over the two-week break, including:



Monday 7 - Tuesday 8 July

- Bead mobile making



Wednesday 9 - Thursday 10 July

- Badge and keyring making



Friday 11 - Sunday 13 July

- Pencil pot decorating



Monday 14 - Tuesday 15 July

- Tissue paper art



Wednesday 16 July - Thursday 17 July

- Mask decorating



Friday 18 - Sunday 20 July

- Bookmarks and door hanger making

Children's Storytime will continue Tuesdays from 10:30am during the school holiday period.

Contact the Port MacDonnell Community Complex on (08) 8738 3000 to find out more about the upcoming School Holiday Program.

Follow the Port MacDonnell Community Complex on Facebook to stay up to date with other events and activities.

Mount Gambier & District Saleyards

Sheep eID Project Update

Mandatory electronic identification (eID) for sheep and farmed goats is now in effect.

Sheep and goats born on or after 1 January 2025 must be identified with a National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) accredited eID tag before leaving their property of birth.

Due to the mandatory eID requirements, five of the Mount Gambier & District Saleyards' existing sheep drafts have been fitted with eID tag readers. The new infrastructure has also been roofed to protect them and operators from the elements.

From 1 July 2025, all electronically identified sheep and farmed goats that arrive at the Saleyards will have their eID scanned and information uploaded to the NLIS database.



South Australian Auctioneers School

On Thursday 5 June 2025, the Mount Gambier & District Saleyards welcomed the Australian Livestock and Property Agents Association (ALPA) who hosted its South Australian Auctioneers School.

The event was a one-day intensive aimed to enhance auctioneering techniques, skills and knowledge of the agency industry.

The Auctioneers School featured experienced auctioneers on hand to pass on practical information essential for effective auctioneering, and speech pathologists providing auction specific tips including voice projection, breathing techniques, voice conservation and care.

The Saleyards looks forward to seeing some of the auctioneers back in action at the facility in the near future.



Let's Talk Waste and Recycling

Mobile Garbage Bin Collections

When do I put my bin out?

Rubbish, recycling and FOGO bins should be placed kerbside the night before your collection or prior to 6:00am the day of collection.

With waste services increasing across the district, collection times may vary for your pick up. To ensure your bin is not missed, please place your bin kerbside within the adequate timeframe.

Missed Bins

For missed bin collection or more information about collection areas and days, and what items can be placed in your bins phone Cleanaway on (08) 8427 8204.

Replacement Bins

For replacement of damaged, lost or stolen bins, a bin may be issued at the owners expense. A Replacement Bin Request Form must be completed and returned to Council.

Visit www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au and head to the waste and recycling page to download a request form or phone (08) 8721 0444.

Additional Bins

Residents with an existing set of bins may purchase an additional set at the owners expense. An Additional Set of Bins Request Form must be completed and returned to Council.

Visit www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au and head to the waste and recycling page to download a request form or phone (08) 8721 0444.

My Local Services App

Your kerbside collection calendar, waste and recycling information and bin reminder alerts are now available via the free 'My Local Services' App. Download from the App Store or Google Play.



Waste Transfer Stations

Tarpeena

After 6 July 2025, the Tarpeena Waste Transfer Station will be opening Wednesdays from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. The District Council of Grant approved this change to improve the safety of operations and visibility for staff and residents.

Weekend opening hours remain unchanged; Saturday from 10:00am to 1:00pm and Sunday from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.



Cashless Vouchers Available

Waste Transfer Stations in the district no longer accept cash payments for use of the sites, instead the sites operate through a cashless voucher system.

Each property within the District Council of Grant is eligible for one free cashless voucher at the beginning of each financial year.

The voucher entitles residents / tenants to six visits and is individually numbered linking to the property.

New 2025-2026 Waste Transfer Station vouchers are now available to collect by:

- Email: info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au
- Phone: (08) 8721 0444
- In Person at Council's Principal Office at 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier.

Additional vouchers can also be purchased from Council's Principal Office. The below additional vouchers are available:

- Single visit pass - \$50.00
- Six visit pass - \$200.00



What are Council Rates?

Council rates are collected by South Australian Councils to fund essential services and facilities for their communities.

Almost everyone who owns property in the state is required to pay rates to their local Council. This includes homes, farms and businesses.

SA Councils spend over \$2.5 billion a year servicing their regions. This can include infrastructure renewal, community programs or maintaining parks and reserves. Almost 71% of Council revenue comes from rates.

Other funding comes from State and Federal Government grants, and fees and charges.

Council rates help pay for services and programs in your community. They are the main source of income for South Australian councils.

Councils use rates to take care of local infrastructure like parks, public spaces and roads. Council rates are vital for keeping suburbs and regions vibrant, safe and clean.

**Sourced from the LGA South Australia Local Councils website*



District Council of Grant rates notices are sent to residents approximately 30 days prior to each due date. In 2025-2026, rates instalments are due:

- First instalment: 5 September 2025
- Second instalment: 5 December 2025
- Third instalment: 6 March 2025
- Fourth instalment: 5 June 2025

Please contact Council's Rates Officer on (08) 8721 0444 should you have any queries about your rates or require alternative payment arrangements.

More rating information can be found online at www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au or via the QR code above.

Dog and Cat Renewals

How to Renew Registration

All dog, cat, breeder and business registrations expire 30 June each year. Registration renewal notices are sent out, prompting you to re-register and check your details are correct or still current.

Log in to check and update your and your animal's details, and pay by credit card, following these seven simple steps.

Go to dogsandcatsonline.com.au:

1. Select Register
2. Select Renew Registration
3. Enter renewal code and surname
4. Check your personal details are correct
5. Check your dog and/or cat details are correct
6. Add any new dogs and/or cats
7. Complete payment section

The fees on renewal notices have been calculated on the information in the system at the time of print and may change. Contact your Council if you require assistance.

Annual Registration Fees

Each council sets their own annual dog and cat registration fees. Every council charges dog registration fees, but not all have fees for cats. Fee or no fee, you still need to register your cat's microchip in Dogs and Cats Online. You will receive a significant discount for registering a 'standard' (desexed and microchipped) dog. All revenue collected from dog and cat registrations is spent on dog and cat management in your local area and state-wide management.

**Sourced from the Dog and Cat Management Board website*



Have Your Say. Public Transport Strategy

South Australia's Public Transport Strategy will set the vision for public transport in South Australia for the next 30 years. It will align with the Transport Strategy, which sets the overall direction for transport across the state.

The Public Transport Strategy will help the Department for Infrastructure and Transport deliver a more resilient, reliable and accessible public transport system, boosting economic growth and encouraging more sustainable ways to travel.

The Department wants to know what's important to you when it comes to public transport in our state. By providing your feedback, you can help to shape a public transport future that works for you now and in generations to come.

Your feedback will help the Department develop the key actions that will form the basis of the Public Transport Strategy for the whole State.

You can get involved by completing a short survey, sharing your public transport preferences, or attending an information session around regional SA.

Have your say by Friday 27 June 2025.

For more information, visit www.dit.sa.gov.au/public-transport-future via the QR code below.

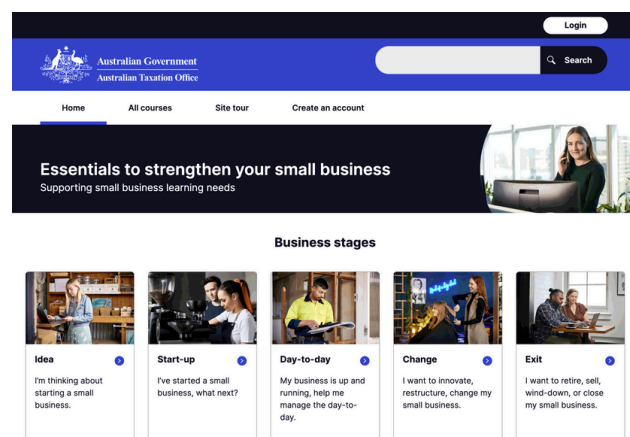


Online learning for small businesses

Want to improve your skills in business planning, finances, record keeping, tax and super management? Or just understand what you need to know to help your business succeed?

Discover the Australian Tax Office's (ATO) online learning platform designed by small businesses for small businesses; Essentials to strengthen your small business.

The platform is free and allows small businesses to where upskill in critical areas. It includes more than 30 short, free courses in record keeping, cash flow, deductions, GST, super and more.



The ATO is also hosting a series of Masterclasses over the coming months to help businesses understand what they need to know to run a business, and tips to succeed.

Visit the ATO website via the QR code below to register for an upcoming Masterclass or view the online resources.



External Funding Opportunities

Australia Post Community Grants

The Community Grants program supports projects that connect people to improve mental wellbeing in local communities.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for locally led and delivered projects that help to improve connection and mental wellbeing in their local communities.

An additional \$250,000 available to support projects that enhance mental wellbeing, connection and resilience in disaster-impacted communities.

To be eligible for an Australia Post Community Grant, projects must:

- Improve mental health and mental wellbeing outcomes of a community
- Help people meaningfully connect
- Be locally-led and locally-delivered.

How to apply for a Community Grant:

1. Review the 2025 Australia Post Community Grants Guidelines to check your eligibility
2. Read the top Frequently Asked Questions below
3. Prepare your application
4. Submit your application before the deadline

Applications close Monday 7 July 2025.

Find out more on the Australia Post website at auspost.com.au or via the QR code below.



Building Digital Skills Grant

The Building Digital Skills grants help organisations deliver free Be Connected digital literacy programs to older Australians in their community.

The program offers up to \$20,500 to help organisations support older Australians aged 50+ through free digital mentoring sessions. Grants will be offered in four sizes:

- \$3,000 to support 30 older people
- \$5,200 to support 75 older people
- \$10,500 to support 150 older people
- \$20,500 to support 300 older people

A range of resources and support materials are available to help organisations to deliver this program, including learning courses available on the Be Connected learning site.

Grant funding can be used to pay for the costs of providing this support, including:

- staff and volunteer expenses
- program marketing
- devices and internet
- room hire
- catering
- transport for participants to and from sessions
- translators for your group sessions

Round 10 applications open from Monday 30 June to Friday 1 August 2025.

Find out more on the Good Things website at goodthingsaustralia.org or via the QR code below.



Art-Ability

The Hangar Gallery
Mount Gambier Regional Airport

Call For Artists

Art-Ability is an exhibition opening soon to highlight and celebrate the diverse talents of people living with disabilities in the community.

The District Council of Grant is calling for artists living with a disability and residing or working within Limestone Coast region to feature in the exhibition.

Complete an entry form for the opportunity to have your artwork displayed in The Hangar Gallery at the Mount Gambier Regional Airport between September 2025 and February 2026.



Entries close:
5:00pm Monday 28 July 2025

Find out more and apply online:
yoursaydcg.com.au/art-ability-exhibition

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www.rdalc.org.au/events



SOCIAL MEDIA WORKSHOP

Wednesday 23 July, 2025
11:00am - 2:00pm

COONAWARRA



E-COMMERCE WORKSHOP

Thursday 24 July, 2025
11:00am - 2:00pm

BORDERTOWN

Smartphone Photography & Video Workshop to Promote Your Small Business

Learn to create professional-quality content using just your smartphone in this hands-on workshop with Steve Davis. Gain practical skills in shooting, editing, audio, and composition to produce polished photos and videos on the go.

Perfect for small business owners wanting to capture spontaneous, brand-building moments and respond quickly to marketing opportunities, no expensive equipment or experience required.

The E-Commerce Reality Check: Having the Conversations Small Business Owners Actually Need

Cut through the e-commerce hype with a no-nonsense workshop for small business owners. Explore the real challenges of selling online, shipping dilemmas, market-place pros and cons, authentic social selling, and marketing that feels right.

Discover practical strategies to build lasting value, stand out with substance, and turn your limitations into advantages in a space dominated by giants.



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MISSION AUSTRALIA YOUTH SURVEY 2025

Are you 14-19 years old, living in Australia and want to have a say about the things that affect you? Here is your chance!

Mission Australia's Youth Survey is the largest of its kind in Australia, conducted annually since 2002. The survey aims to identify the values and concerns of young people. It is used by Government, schools, organisations

and communities to develop policies and programs for young people.

Please complete online before 15 August 2025 at missionaustralia.com.au/youthsurvey





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POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

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Award, Rotary Club of Unley, PO Box 18, Unley SA 5061.

Nominations close Friday, 11 July 2025.

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