

## Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards

The District Council of Grant are asking for your help to recognise the unsung heroes within our district by nominating them for a 2025 Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award.

The Awards celebrate the contributions of individuals and organisations who dedicate their time to making our district a better place in areas such as education, health, environment, business, sport, arts and community services.

District Council of Grant Mayor Kylie Boston said "The Awards are our chance to shine a spotlight on those who go above and beyond making our community a strong and vibrant place to live, work and play," Mayor Boston said.

Nominations are open for the following categories:

- Young Citizen of the Year
- Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Active Citizenship

"If you know an individual, organisation, group or event that has made a meaningful contribution in our community, I encourage you to show your appreciation by nominating them for an Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award."

**Nominations close 5:00pm Friday 15 November 2024.**

Nomination forms and guidelines are available at the District Council of Grant Principal Office, Port MacDonnell Community Complex and on Council's website at [www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/community/australiaday](http://www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/community/australiaday).



## Council Decisions

### Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards Event Confirmed

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on Monday 21 October 2024, Council endorsed the Awards Advisory Group's Meeting Notes recommending a community style 'by-invitation' event of up to 150 attendees be held at The Barn, OB Flat on Sunday 26 January 2025 to celebrate the nominees and winners of the Citizen of the Year Awards, together with family, friends and representatives of various community groups or sporting club volunteers throughout the district.

**Next Council Meeting:** 5:30pm Monday 18 November 2024 in the Council Chambers at 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier.

Visit Council's website at [www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au](http://www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au) for full Council meeting reports and minutes.

## Flashback



# Out & About with Council

## LGA tour of the District Council of Grant

### LGA Board of Directors visit

At the start of October 2024, the District Council of Grant had the pleasure of hosting the LGA Board of Directors and South Australian Regional Organisation of Council's (SAROC) Committee for their annual regional meeting, which was followed with a tour of our district.

Board and Committee members explored Council's proudly owned and operated facilities at the Port MacDonnell Community Complex, Mount Gambier Regional Airport and Mount Gambier & District Saleyards.

Local businesses were also visited including Kilsby Sinkhole in Moorak, Five Star Seafoods in Port MacDonnell and Timberlink in Tarpeena showcasing our diverse industries and economy.

Council thanks the Local Government Association of South Australia for visiting our district of welcoming, inclusive and vibrant coastal and rural communities.



# Mount Gambier Regional Airport Update

## Firefighting assets to be installed



### Work begins to install new aerial firefighting assets to help protect one of Australia's Major forests.

334,000 hectares of forest plantations in Australia's Green Triangle will soon be better protected from bushfire, with a new 144kL water tank and dual diesel/electric water pump being installed at Mount Gambier Regional Airport.

Co-funded by more than \$415,000 from the Albanese Government's flagship Disaster Ready Fund and District Council of Grant, the new aerial firefighting assets will improve the ability of fire authorities to slow the progress of bushfires and better protect communities spanning from Kingston SE, to Warrnambool, Victoria.

Significant preparatory work to replace the existing 1960s built aerial waterbombing infrastructure has been completed with the installation of the new tank and pump expected to be completed in the first half of 2025.

### Quotes attributable to Federal Minister for Emergency Management, Senator the Hon Jenny McAllister:

"The Green Triangle Region is an important part of Australia's Forestry and Forest Products industry, with this investment core to protecting the pine and blue gum plantations across South Australia's Limestone Coast and Western Districts of Victoria."

"Modernising and increasing water access for aerial firefighting means the region is better equipped to combat bushfires, not only protecting the forestry plantations but also protecting the lives and livelihoods of thousands of Forestry workers across the Region."

### Quotes attributable to South Australian Minister for Emergency Services, the Hon Dan Cregan:

"This upgraded asset will be a critical resource to assist firefighting efforts in the South East, protecting communities and our timber resources."

"The Green Triangle is one of the state's most productive sectors and the support provided through the Disaster Ready Fund will ensure improved responses to those living and working in the region."

### Quotes attributable to District Council of Grant Mayor, Kylie Boston:

"The Mount Gambier Regional Airport services the Limestone Coast and parts of Western Victoria, as does its infrastructure which plays a critical role in emergency management, particularly in supporting aerial waterbombing over our region. Notably first response to fire is often by air from aircraft stationed at the Airport."

"Council, alongside the Limestone Coast Zone Emergency Management Committee, identified that bushfires in our region without aerial waterbombing assistance are an extreme risk. This project acts as a key tool for fire mitigation and ensures that aerial waterbombing efforts will be available for many decades to come protecting our communities and industry."



# Draft Mount Gambier Regional Airport Master Plan 2025 - 2035

**Have your say on the Mount Gambier Regional Airport's future!**



## Background

The Mount Gambier Regional Airport Master Plan is a document created for the purpose of ensuring continual improvement, sustainability, accountability and growth of the Airport.

The last Master Plan created for the Mount Gambier Regional Airport was endorsed in 2016 and was known as the Mount Gambier Airport Master Plan 2016 - 2026. It was identified that the majority of actions within that Master Plan have been completed, resulting in the creation of a new Master Plan anticipated to be actionable from early 2025.

## What is proposed?

The Draft Mount Gambier Regional Airport Master Plan 2025 - 2035 has been shaped by adhering to regulatory and government policy requirements and incorporating perspectives through collaboration with key aviation stakeholders who formed an Aviator's Jury, Elected Members and Council staff.

The Mount Gambier Regional Airport Master Plan 2025-2035 has also been developed to align with the goals developed within the Strategic Plan 2024 - 2034. These include:



### 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

A series of short-term, long-term and advocacy projects have been developed based on feedback from stakeholders and are proposed to be pursued by the District Council of Grant over the next 5-10 years. The key projects detailed in the Draft Airport Master Plan include 6 short-term projects, 9 long-term projects and 11 advocacy projects.

## Have your say

Now it's your turn to have a say on the Mount Gambier Regional Airport's future.

The District Council of Grant are inviting you to submit your feedback in the Draft Airport Master Plan and the proposed key projects.

Read the complete Draft Mount Gambier Regional Airport Master Plan 2025 - 2035 and submit feedback by:

- Completing the [online feedback form](#) on Your Say DCG via the QR code below
- Emailing [info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au](mailto:info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au)
- Writing a letter or completing a hard copy feedback form address to the District Council of Grant, PO Box 724, Mount Gambier SA 5290

Hard copies of the Draft Mount Gambier Regional Airport Master Plan 2025 -2035 and feedback form are available at:

- Principal Office: 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier; and
- Mount Gambier Regional Airport: Airport Road, Wandilo.

# Port MacDonnell Community Complex Update

## Visitors at the Community Complex

The Port MacDonnell Community Complex is a key destination for visitors to our Council area for visitor information, art gallery and the maritime museum. Recent visitors included:

### Western District Historical Vehicle Club

Members of the Western District Historical Vehicle Club, based in Geelong, travelled to the Community Complex late in September 2024 following their seven-day rally in South Australia.



### Millicent Art Group

Members of the Millicent Art Group spent time at the Community Complex to view 'Rust' art exhibition in The Gallery.



### Aussie Caminos

Three pilgrims completing the Great South-West Walk visited the Community Complex during September 2024.

The Great South-West Walk, a 250-kilometre track established in 1981, is located in Victoria, Australia.

It passes through several national parks, including Lower Glenelg, Cobboboonee, Discovery Bay Coastal, Mount Richmond, and Cape Nelson State Park.

Walking a Camino is a centuries-old tradition. It offers a spiritual journey inspired by lives of fulfilment and service. The natural beauty and camaraderie of fellow travellers enhance the experience.



### Be Connected Tech Help

Join friendly staff at the Port MacDonnell Community Complex to learn more about your smartphone, tablet or laptop.

30 minute sessions are available for you to sit down and get support to increase your confidence, skills and online safety when using the internet and everyday technology.

Sessions are held every Thursday between 2:00pm and 4:00pm at the Port MacDonnell Community Complex, 5-7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell.

Book your session today by calling (08) 8738 3000.



# Mount Gambier & District Saleyards Update

Mental Health Awareness

## WE'RE HERE TO LISTEN TO YOU

Get the support you need for your mental health and wellbeing.

Come speak to Headspace or a local councillor at the next Store Sale.

Coffee and cupcakes available in the Saleyards canteen with proceeds being donated to mental health awareness organisations.



Store Sale Day

**FRIDAY 8  
NOVEMBER**

Support available between:

**8:30AM - 10:30AM**

**Mount Gambier &  
District Saleyards**

Corner of Fairbanks  
Road & Princes  
Highway, Glenburnie



An initiative supported by  
the District Council of Grant

# Positive Ageing Luncheons

## Celebrating South Australia's Week of Ageing Well

Almost 170 District Council of Grant residents put on their best hats and enjoyed lunch to celebrate South Australia's Week of Ageing Well.

Council annually host Positive Ageing Luncheons across the district as an opportunity for residents aged 55 years and above to connect and celebrate their community contributions.

This year, community members gathered at local restaurants in the following townships:

- Port MacDonnell on Monday 30 September at the Victoria Hotel;
- Tarpeena on Tuesday 1 October at the Pines Hotel;
- Mount Schank on Thursday 3 October at The Bellum Hotel; and
- Carpenter Rocks on Friday 4 October at The Rocks Tavern.



# Works around the District

## Changes to speed limit

The Department of Infrastructure and Transport recently approved changes to the speed limit and to apply to RN 8832 Riddoch Highway, Moorak, in the District Council of Grant area.

RN 8832 Riddoch Highway is an arterial road under the care, control and management of the Department for Infrastructure and Transport.

## What was approved:

80km/h speed limit to replace about 350 metres of 110km/h speed limit on the section of road south of Orchard Road to south of Yells Road.

The 80km/h speed limit will commence at a point approximately 200 metres south of Yells Road.



## Road Construction Program

As reported at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 21 October 2024 and as part of the 2024-2025 Road Construction Program, Cape Banks Road has been reconstructed, Vorwerk Road / Caroline Road has been realigned, and resheeting has commenced on Little's Road and Kieselbach Road.

Slashing has now begun throughout the district.



# Elector Representation Review Update

Consultation for the proposed no ward structure / one Council area and Elected Member composition closed on Tuesday 22 October 2024.

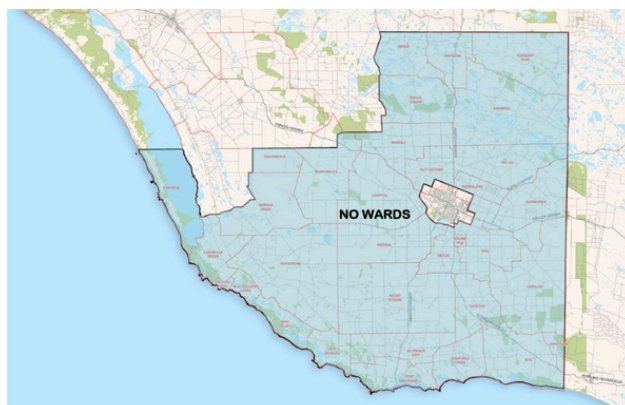
The District Council of Grant thanks those who took the time to read the Elector Representation Review Report and provide feedback.

Council staff and Elected Members are now reviewing all feedback submitted.

It is anticipated that a summary of this feedback will then be presented at the Ordinary Council Meeting on Monday 18 November 2024, along with a report for Council to consider.

Pending outcomes detailed above, the final ward structure and composition will be submitted to the Electoral Commission of South Australia for review and approval.

More information about the Review can be found online at Your Say DCG - <https://yoursaydgcg.com.au/elector-representation-review>.



# Dog & Cat Owner Reminders

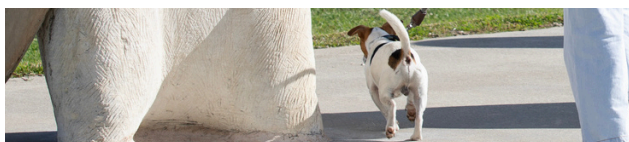
## Walking on a loose lead

When exercising your dog in public, by law, it must be on a lead of no more than two metres, unless you're in a designated off-leash area. Teaching your dog to walk safely by your side on a loose lead will make your walks much more enjoyable.

### Training tips:

- Normally, dogs are walked on the left-hand side of the handler and this is how you should commence training.
- The correct position for your dog when walking on a loose lead is for its head/shoulder to be in line with your left leg. The lead should make a letter 'J' from your hand to the dog's collar.
- Whilst the dog is in the correct position tell it "heel, good dog" in a positive tone of voice and reward it with a treat.
- In the early stages of learning this new skill, your dog should receive a small treat every few steps. Increase the number of steps between treats as your dog becomes better at loose lead walking.
- If your dog walks out in front of you, or lags behind you, slow down dramatically or even stop. When your dog realises that you have stopped, encourage it to return to the starting position at your left side. When it is beside you again, resume walking at normal pace.
- Remember to praise and reward your dog when it is doing the right thing.
- Your dog will learn quickly that when it pulls in front of you, or lags behind you, its walk slows down or stops, but when it is in the correct position the walk continues and it received praise and treats.
- Be prepared for slow walks the first few times that you take your dog for loose lead training. It may take an hour to go on a ten-minute route, but the dog will learn quickly that the more it pulls in front or behind, the less quickly the walk progresses.

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



# Planning & Building Update

## Online Mapping Tool

The South Australian Property and Planning Atlas (SAPPA) is a free, map-based application which provides spatial data and textual information for:

- Properties
- Planning and Development: Development Plan Zoning, Planning and Design Code Zoning and Overlays, Land Division and Land Use Development Applications Land Management Agreements
- Survey Marks
- Place Names
- Land Administration Boundaries • Building

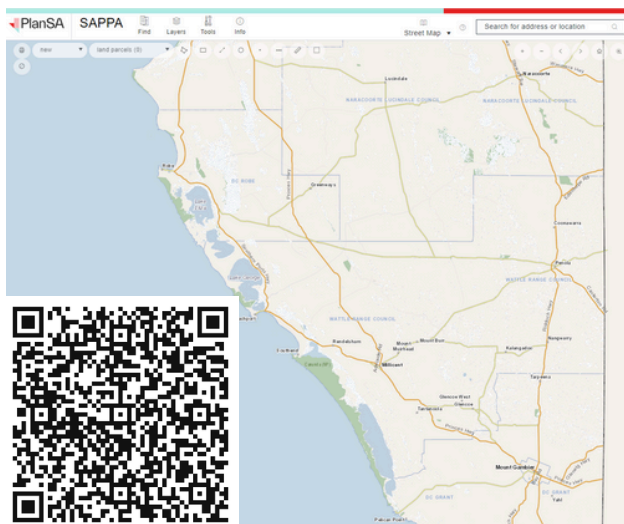
SAPPA has different layers that can be turned on or off, depending on what you are searching for. These include:

- Zoning for a property
- Lodged development applications
- Land Management Agreements (LMAs)

Start by searching for a property address or a plan parcel or title number. If you don't know an address, you can click on the map to drop a pin for that location.

Visit [plansa.gov.au](https://plansa.gov.au) or scan the QR code below to find out more about the online mapping tool - SAPPA.

Council staff are also available to assist with enquiries at the Principal Office at 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier and by phone on (08) 8721 0444.



# Be Bushfire Ready

Messages from the Country Fire Service (CFS)



**Bushfire Plan:** Are you ready this bushfire season?

Mental and physical preparation is essential for those living in bushfire risk areas - make sure you take the necessary steps to keep yourself and your family safe.



**Harvester Fires:** Harvester fires can cause extensive damage to machinery and risk to surrounding properties. Minimise the risks this bushfire season with regular maintenance of machinery and consistent management of flammable material.



**Fire Danger Season:** Fire Danger Season is just around the corner.

Let's work together to keep our communities safe! Make sure you know what activities are affected by Fire Danger Season and Total Fire Ban days – like burnoffs, campfires, and BBQs.

Brush up on what you can and can't do during the Fire Danger Season via the CFS website at [www.cfs.sa.gov.au/warnings-restrictions](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/warnings-restrictions).



**Australian Fire Danger Rating System:** Fire Danger Ratings tell you how dangerous a bushfire would be if it broke out and are not a prediction of the likelihood of a fire starting.

Learn the system and stay alert to keep you and your family safe this season via the CFS website at [www.cfs.sa.gov.au/warnings-restrictions](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/warnings-restrictions).



## Rates Instalment Reminder

Second  
instalment due:

**Friday  
6 December  
2024**

Third  
instalment due:

**Friday  
7 March  
2025**

Fourth  
instalment due:

**Friday  
6 June  
2025**

## Fire Danger Season 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](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/warnings-restrictions).



**1-30 November**

**BILLION  
STEPS  
CHALLENGE**



**Every Step Counts** [10000steps.org.au/sabillionsteps](http://10000steps.org.au/sabillionsteps)

# External Grant Funding, Programs & Training

## Child Safe Officer Training & Digital Inclusion Grants

### Child Safe Officer Training

A Child Safe Officer in your organisation is vital to promote the message that keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility. Every club must work towards minimising risk to children and the Child Safe Officer helps to ensure everyone is aware of the club's policies and procedures to support this goal and can act on any incidents.

This training provides participants with information about obligations concerning child safety and child safe environments for their club/organisation. On completion, participants should be able to:

- Understand the role of the Child Safe Officer and promote the role through your organisation.
- Demonstrate understanding of the Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017 and the Child.
- Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act 2016 concerning mandatory notification, child safe compliance and working with children checks.
- Demonstrate understanding of 'at risk', 'harm' and 'suspicion on reasonable grounds'.
- Consider appropriate ways to respond to disclosures of abuse or neglect and making reports to the Child Abuse Report Line.
- Identify measures to minimise risk to children and support a child safe environment

**DATE: Wednesday 13 November 2024**

**TIME: 6:00pm to 9:00pm**

**LOCATION: South Gambier Football Clubrooms**

More information about the training and how to register can be found on the Sport Integrity Australia website at [www.elearning.sportintegrity.gov.au](http://www.elearning.sportintegrity.gov.au) (via the QR code) or by contacting Tony Elletson on 0400 262 738.



### Digital Inclusion Grants

The Department of Human Services is offering one-off grant of up to \$20,000 for eligible organisations to support:

- Digital infrastructure for community and/or public use. Requests for digital technology equipment are capped at \$10,000.
- Increasing accessibility of existing digital platforms.
- Digital literacy workshops and initiatives to improve digital skills, safety, and confidence for both on-line and in person training.
- Expansion of existing digital literacy programs including drop-in support services for community education.

To be eligible to apply, organisations must be:

- An Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisation, or
- Another not-for-profit organisation.

And

- Be incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1985, or the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006, or have evidence of a comparable legal status, such as Australian Public Company limited by guarantee.

Or

- Be a Social Enterprise that holds a current certification with Social Traders.

**Applications close 3:00pm Tuesday 19 November 2024.**

More information can be found on the Department of Human Services website at [www.dhs.sa.gov.au](http://www.dhs.sa.gov.au) or by scanning the QR code.

Support is also available by calling 1300 650 985 or emailing [grantssa@sa.gov.au](mailto:grantssa@sa.gov.au).





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# CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

District Council of

Grant



## Who makes a difference in your community?

Nominations are now open:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Award for Active Citizenship

Visit the website or contact your local Council for details.

[www.citizenoftheyear.com.au](http://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au)



**Australia Day**

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**South Australia**

Support Partners



# South East Regional Road Safety Alliance Official Launch

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**Thursday November 21st**  
Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre  
Mount Gambier

**YOUR ROADS,  
YOUR SAY!**  
**PUBLIC FORUM FROM 2PM**

The South East is the first region in Australia to form a Road Safety Alliance. Councils, businesses, Emergency Services and locals will work together to create safer roads for all.

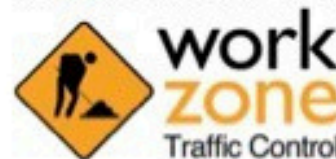
Details and to register - [www.gethomesafefoundation.org](http://www.gethomesafefoundation.org)

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