District Council of Grant

COMMUNITY NEWS

APRIL 2024

Strategic Land Use Priorities

The District Council of Grant reveals measured future growth scenarios in a draft Strategic Land Use Priorities Project document and invites community feedback.

With the assistance of town and country planning consultants MasterPlan, hypothetical growth scenarios have been generated indicating where and how a significant population increase could be accommodated in relation to residential living and industrial areas.

Mayor Kylie Boston said the Strategic Land Use Priorities Project will allow Council to advocate for planning policy zoning amendments.

“This process is exciting as the intention is for this Project to influence the Limestone Coast Regional Plan being created by the State Planning Commission. That’s an important document which will give a long-term vision for our region as a whole and guide land use planning over a 15 to 30 year period,” Mayor Boston said.

“Though no Regional Plan engagement dates have been announced, we want to ensure the District Council of Grant is at the forefront of discussions.”

Consultation is now open. More information about how to have your say is on page 6.



Council Decisions

2024-2025 Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget: At the Council Meeting held on Monday 15 April 2024, Council resolved endorse the Draft 2024-2025 Annual Business Plan and Budget for community consultation.

Details on how to have your say on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget for 2024-2025 are on page 7.

Next Council Meeting: 5:30pm Monday 20 May 2024 in the Council Chambers at 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier.

Head to our website for full Council meeting reports and minutes.

Our District



Dairy Cows



Pelican Point

Out & About with Council



At the beginning of April 2024, Mayor Kylie Boston was a judge for the Lions Youth of the Year Award. Callum from Mount Gambier High School was the winner of the Award.



Mayor Kylie Boston and Deputy Mayor Cr Bruce Bain attended the Mount Schank Tennis Club's windup night at The Bellum Hotel, Mount Schank.





At the end of March 2024, Mayor Kylie Boston attended an art exhibition created by Chrissy Pudney hosted at Caroline Hills Winery in Yahl.



District Council of Grant Elected Members 2022 - 2026.

Back row: Cr Bruce Bain, Cr Peter Duncan, Cr Gavin Clarke, Cr Barry Kuhl, Cr Rodney Virgo.

Front row: Cr Brad Mann, Cr Megan Dukalskis, Mayor Kylie Boston, Cr Katherine Greene, Cr Karen Turnbull.

ANZAC Day Bin Collection & Dump Openings

Thursday 25 April 2024

All Mobile Garbage Bins will be collected as normal on ANZAC Day (Thursday 25 April 2024).

Bins must be placed out the night before collection or prior to 6:00am on the day of collection.

There will be no change to any Waste Transfer Station opening hours:

Carpenter Rocks	Donovans	Port MacDonnell	Tarpeena
Tuesday 10:00am - 12:00pm	Thursday 9:00am - 11:00am	Tuesday 2:00pm - 4:00pm	Wednesday 3:00pm - 5:00pm
Thursday 3:00pm - 5:00pm	Sunday 9:00am - 11:00am	Thursday 12:00pm - 2:00pm	Saturday 10:00am - 1:00pm
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More information about Mobile Garbage Bins and Waste Transfer Station opening hours can be found on Council's website at: www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/services/environment/waste-and-recycling.



ANZAC Day Dawn Service

The annual Port MacDonnell Dawn Service will occur at 6:15am on the corner of Sea Parade and Charles Street.

Upon completion of the Service, breakfast will be available at the Port MacDonnell Community Hall served by the Port MacDonnell Netball Club.

Port MacDonnell Temporary Road Closure

Anzac Day Dawn Service

Please note a that portion of Sea Parade and Charles Street, Port MacDonnell will be closed between 6:00am and 7:30am on Thursday 25 April 2024.

Locations affected (portions of):

- Sea Parade - between Standish Street and Bookey Street
- Charles Street - between Milstead Street and Sea Parade

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

OB Flat Temporary Road Closure

Generations In Jazz



Please note that a portion of Childs Road and Clarke Road, OB Flat will be closed from 1:00pm Friday 3 May and 3:00pm Sunday 5 May 2024.

Locations affected (portions of):

- Childs Road from OB Flat to Glenelg River Road
- Clarke Road from the intersection of Glenelg River Road.

The temporary road closure will allow for the Generations In Jazz event to take place safely.

Generations In Jazz

Established in 1987, Generations in Jazz (GIJ) is a unique annual event held within the Limestone Coast showcasing a world-class high-energy jazz music experience, and talented professional and aspiring musicians. GIJ is back in 2024 from Friday 3 May to Sunday 5 May.

Australian musicians Kate Ceberano and Budjerah will be headlining GIJ's Gala Concert on Saturday night (4 May 2024).

Tickets are available online at www.generationsinjazz.com.au.



Fire Danger Season Extended

Lower South East Restrictions

The SA Country Fire Service (CFS) announced the Lower South East 2023-2024 Fire Danger Season has been **extended to 30 April 2024**.

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.

Find out what activities are and are not permitted during the Fire Danger Season and on Total Fire Ban days via the SA Country Fire Service website at www.cfs.sa.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/restrictions/what-can-i-do-what-cant-i-do.

Outside of the Fire Danger Season

What restrictions still apply?

Residents within specified townships are still required to obtain a fire permit from Council before burning outside of the Fire Danger Season.

Those townships within the District Council of Grant are:

- Allendale East
- Blackfellows Caves
- Cape Douglas
- Carpenter Rocks
- Donovans
- Kongorong
- Nene Valley
- Pelican Point
- Port MacDonnell
- Racecourse Bay
- Tarpeena
- Yahl

Maps detailing townships boundaries can be found on Council's website at www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/services/fire-prevention,restrictions-and-permits/firepermits, provided by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure.

An application for a fire permit can also be downloaded from Council's website at www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/services/forms.

Strategic Land Use Priorities Plan

Consultation open!

Help review where future residential and commercial/industrial growth could be located in the district.

The District Council of Grant, in collaboration with key stakeholders and MasterPlan, have created a draft Strategic Land Use Priorities Project document identifying potential policy amendments and opportunities for strategic growth and development.

District Council of Grant Chief Executive Officer Darryl Whicker said initial engagement with key industry stakeholders over the last twelve months has helped align modelling with industry needs.

“This work provides growth opportunities for our district by proposing zoning amendments. The Strategic Land Use Priorities Project’s purpose is to identify future residential and industrial growth areas within the district. It also outlines how Council may accommodate future growth without impacting the existing character of townships and protecting valuable agricultural land,” Mr Whicker said.

“Council now presents a document for consultation which considers the needs of our district now and into the future. Council is seeking feedback from all segments of our community and stakeholders with a keen interest,”

“It should be noted that this work does not guarantee that a significant population increase will occur, however should growth occur it in the future, Council will be in a comfortable position to prepare appropriately.”

A copy of the draft Strategic Land Use Priorities Project document can be accessed by scanning the QR code below or online at Your Say DCG: yoursaydcg.com.au/strategic-land-use-priorities

Hard copy documents can be reviewed at Council’s Principal Office at 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier and Port MacDonnell Community Complex at 5-7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell.

Consultation closes 5:00pm Monday 29 April 2024.







Annual Business Plan & Budget 2024-2025

Share your thoughts on next year's proposed projects and services

The District Council of Grant develops an Annual Business Plan and Budget each year which details what works and services are going to be delivered to our community, and the associated budget to fund those works and services.

The following essential services of Local Government are incorporated into the Annual Business Plan and Budget:



- Regulating compliance, by-laws, fines and dogs



- Setting rates, preparing an annual budget and creating strategic plans for the communities future



- Managing infrastructure: roads, footpaths, parks, street lighting, storm-water drainage and open public spaces



- Street cleaning and collecting rubbish



- Planning development and building safety

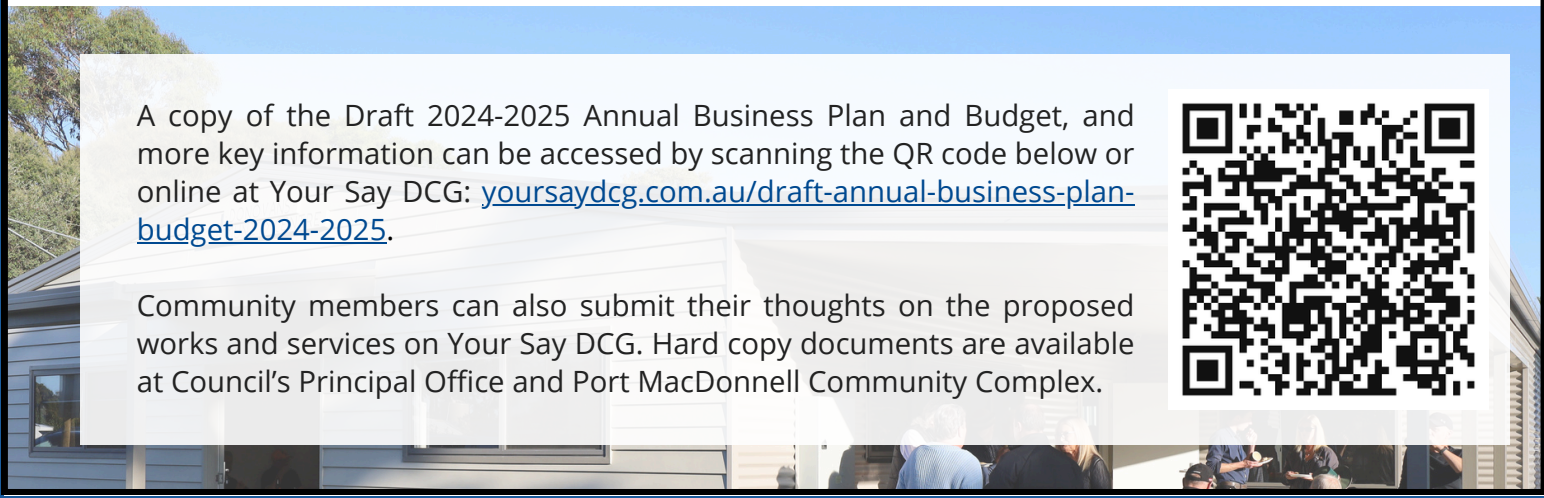


- Environmental health services

Key elements of the Draft Plan

The Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget for 2024-2025 details a budget of approximately $19.8 million in operating income and $19.6 million in operating expenditure. This results in a net surplus of $177,000 for the 2024-2025 financial year.

For the first time, the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget for 2024-2025 details a proposal to expand the current Mobile Garbage Bin Collection Service area in the new financial year to an additional 85 properties. This is to allow Council to continue to grow the capacity of the Service in the broader interests of our community. Details of the proposed expansion can be found on page 28 of the draft document.



A copy of the Draft 2024-2025 Annual Business Plan and Budget, and more key information can be accessed by scanning the QR code below or online at Your Say DCG: yoursaydcg.com.au/draft-annual-business-plan-budget-2024-2025.

Community members can also submit their thoughts on the proposed works and services on Your Say DCG. Hard copy documents are available at Council's Principal Office and Port MacDonnell Community Complex.

Dog Owner Reminders & Tips

Dog and Cat Management Board

Government of South Australia
Dog and Cat Management Board

As a dog owner, it is your responsibility to ensure that your dog is safely contained on your property. Your fencing or other containment measures must be secure enough to keep your dog in and other animals out.

If your dog is in a public or private place without consent of the owner and is not under the effective control of someone, it is considered to be 'wandering at large'. This is an offence under the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* and, as much, the registered owner is liable for expiation fees or fine.

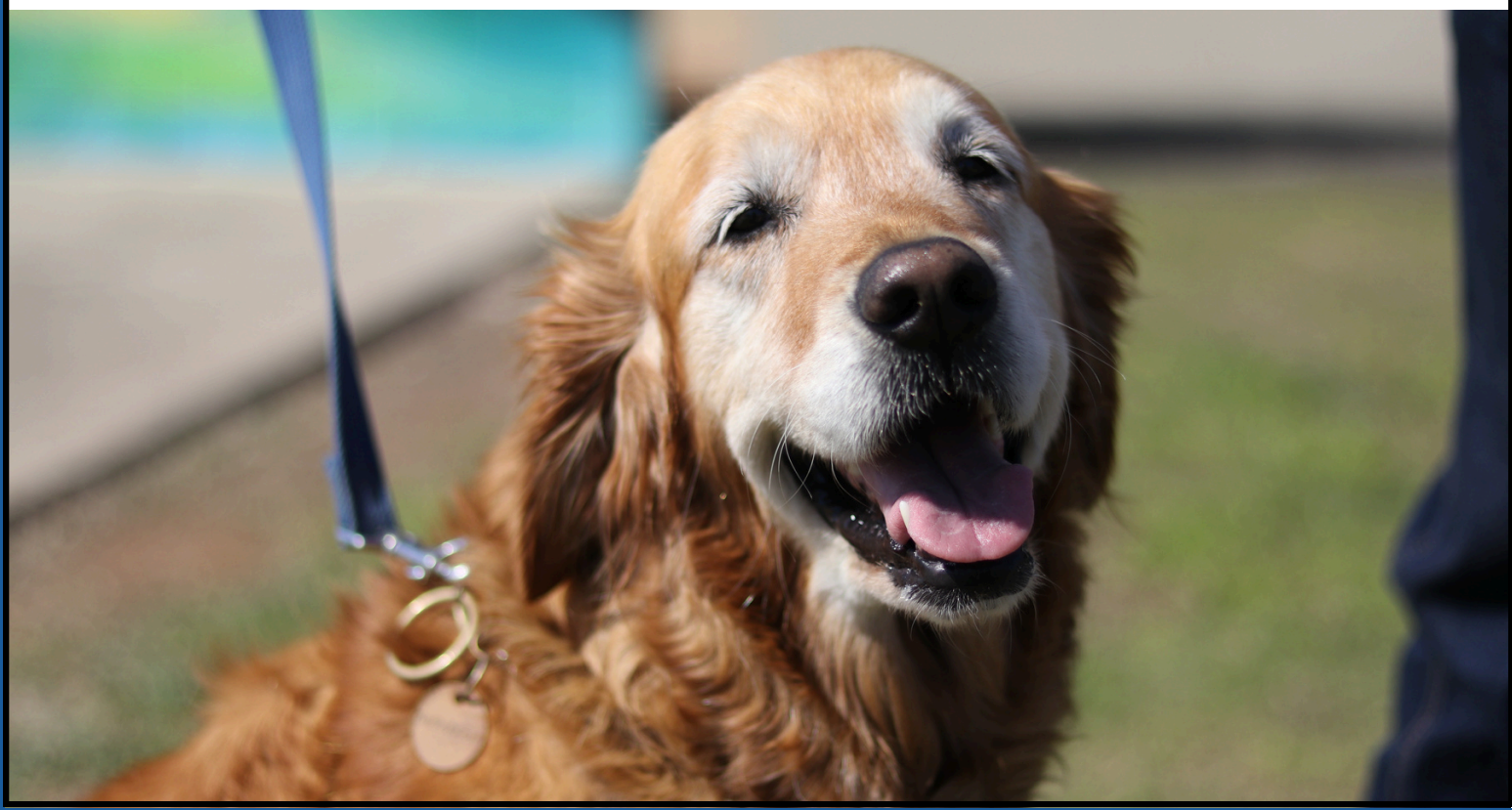
If you find a wandering dog, contact your council. They have trained staff on hand to collect lost dogs and keep them safe until the dog can be returned to the registered owner.

Members of the public can look up the dog's registration number on the Dogs and Cats Online (DACO) website to contact the council the dog is registered with or to the owner if a 'lost' message has been set.

Lost dog?

- Log in to DACO and check your contact details are up to date. Update your dog's status to 'lost' and set a public message
- Contact your council, the RSCPA, Animal Welfare League and local vets as soon as possible - your dog may have been collected and taken to a shelter
- Post current pictures and descriptions including the time/place last seen to social media or community notice boards

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



Planning & Development

Tourist Accommodation | Change of Land Use

Did you know that property owners are required to lodge an application via the Plan SA website when converting an existing house to tourist accommodation? This is called a Change of Land Use.

Tourist accommodation, or **short term accommodation**, is the use of a single house, group dwelling or multiple dwellings for the purpose of providing temporary accommodation to any person(s) on a short-term basis. A **dwelling** is a house, flat, or other place of residence.

Property owners should also consider other requirements which must be met when converting a dwelling to tourist accommodation. Those include but are not limited to:

- Maximum number of bedrooms
- Maximum number of occupants
- Maximum stay period
- Onsite parking
- Signage
- Toilet and bathroom facilities
- Essential safety provisions (smoke detectors, emergency lighting, fire extinguishers, etc)

Further details about such requirements can be found within the District Council of Grant Private Tourist Accommodation Policy and Private Tourist Accommodation Procedure. These can be reviewed on Council's website at www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/council/policies-by-laws-and-documents/policies.

Property owners are encouraged speak with Council staff prior to converting their home into tourist accommodation. Staff in the Planning and Development Department are available at the Principal Office at 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier or on (08) 8721 0444.



Rates Instalment Reminder



Fourth instalment due:

Friday 7 June 2024

WIN an iPad!

Pay your notice through FlexiPay

Council is giving you the chance to Win an iPad.
Just pay your notice through FlexiPay to enter the draw.

You can do this by scanning the QR code on the notice.
If you are already paying your notice via direct debit, you are already in the draw.

Be quick!

You have until 31 May 2024

FlexiPay

Easily apply for direct debit

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Manage your payments online with eNotices

Scan the QR Code on your notice to register

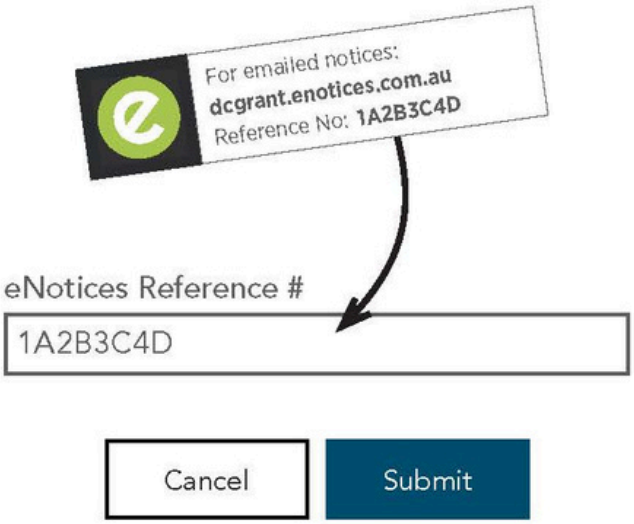
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Just 3 easy steps!



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Enter your eNotices Reference Number and contact details

Step 2
Select your payment frequency and start date

Step 3
Check your email inbox and click the link to provide your payment method.

External Grant Funding

Foundation for Rural & Remote Renewal

- The "In a Good Place' grant program provides rural and regional communities around Australia, particularly farming communities, with the opportunity to access funds for mental health initiatives.
- Grants of up to $20,000 are available for community-driven initiatives that reduce social isolation, increase social participation and connectedness, and increase help-seeking and removing barriers to support.
- Grants are avaiable in two streams of funding:
    1. **Community wellbeing** - for projects focusing on general mental health and wellbeing within remote, rural and regional communities; and
    2. **Farmers and farming communities** - for projects specifically supporting mental health and wellbeing of farmers and the communities they live in.

Key dates:
Expressions of interest close on 30 April 2024.
Full applications to be submitted by invitation by 15 May 2024.

More information via the QR code or online at:
frrr.org.au/funding/place/in-a-good-place/



Stay Afloat Community Resilience Grants

- As part of the Stay Afloat Pilot Program, 25 Community Resilience Grants are available to support events that encourage commercial seafood communities nationwide to come together in a supportive setting to raise awareness of mental health and the benefits of overall wellbeing.
- The objectives of the grants are to:
    1. Encourage seafood community members to come together in a supportive setting;
    2. Raise awareness of the benefits of positive mental health and overall wellbeing towards a quality of life; and
    3. Provide support and tools to improve the mental health and wellbeing of our commercial fishers.

Applications are assessed as they are received and will be reviewed by a panel.

More information via the QR code or online at:
www.stayafloat.com.au/grants/

External Programs

Small Business Sustainability Support Program

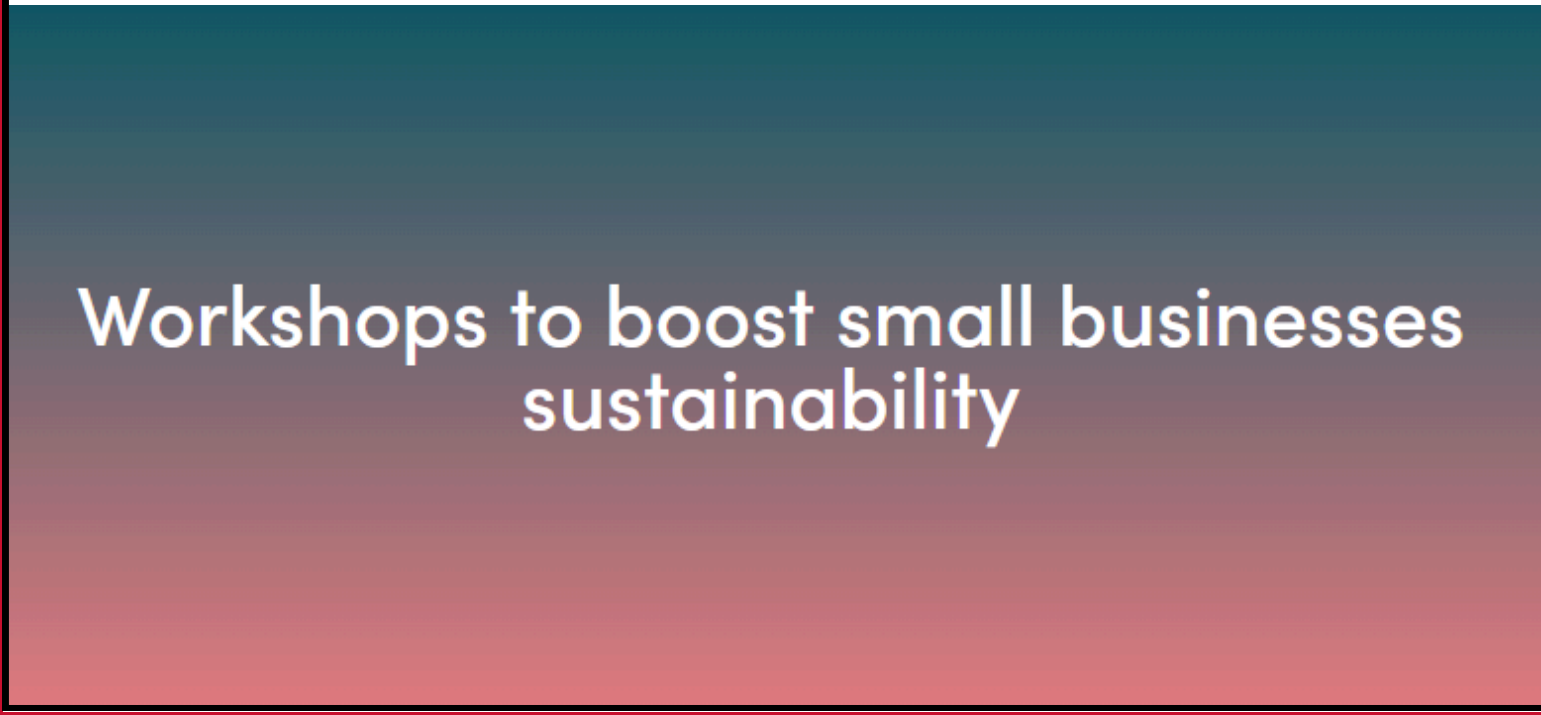
- The Office for Small and Family Business has opened their Small Business Sustainability Support Program to help small and family businesses develop strategies to improve their environmental sustainability, and to build the skills and capability to implement sustainable business practices.

- Sustainability experts 2XE Pty Ltd will deliver the program for small businesses right across the state, including:
  - 18 free workshops in both metropolitan and regional areas for up to 360 small businesses
  - one-hour, 1:1 consultations with workshop participants
  - business sustainability assessments for 50 small businesses.

- South Australia's small and family business owners are encouraged to take advantage of free workshops that will improve their understanding of the value sustainability brings to business operations and build their skills and capability to implement environmental, net zero and circular economy practices.

Key dates:
First workshop occurring during Small Business Week 2024, on Wednesday 1 May 2024.

More information via the QR code or online at:
business.sa.gov.au/news/workshops-to-boost-small-businesses-sustainability





LCLGA Limestone Coast Local Government Association

District Council of Grant

Club Governance Training

Learn from professionals how to improve your community group or sporting clubs:

Grant Writing & Leadership
Presented by Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast

Constitution & Governance
Presented by Kelledy Jones Lawyers

Dispute Resolution & Conflict Management
Presented by Critical Moments Conflict Management

Tax & Auditing
Presented by Galpins Accountants

Child Safety
Presented by the Office for Recreation and Sport

Insurance & Risk Management
Presented by Local Community Insurance Services

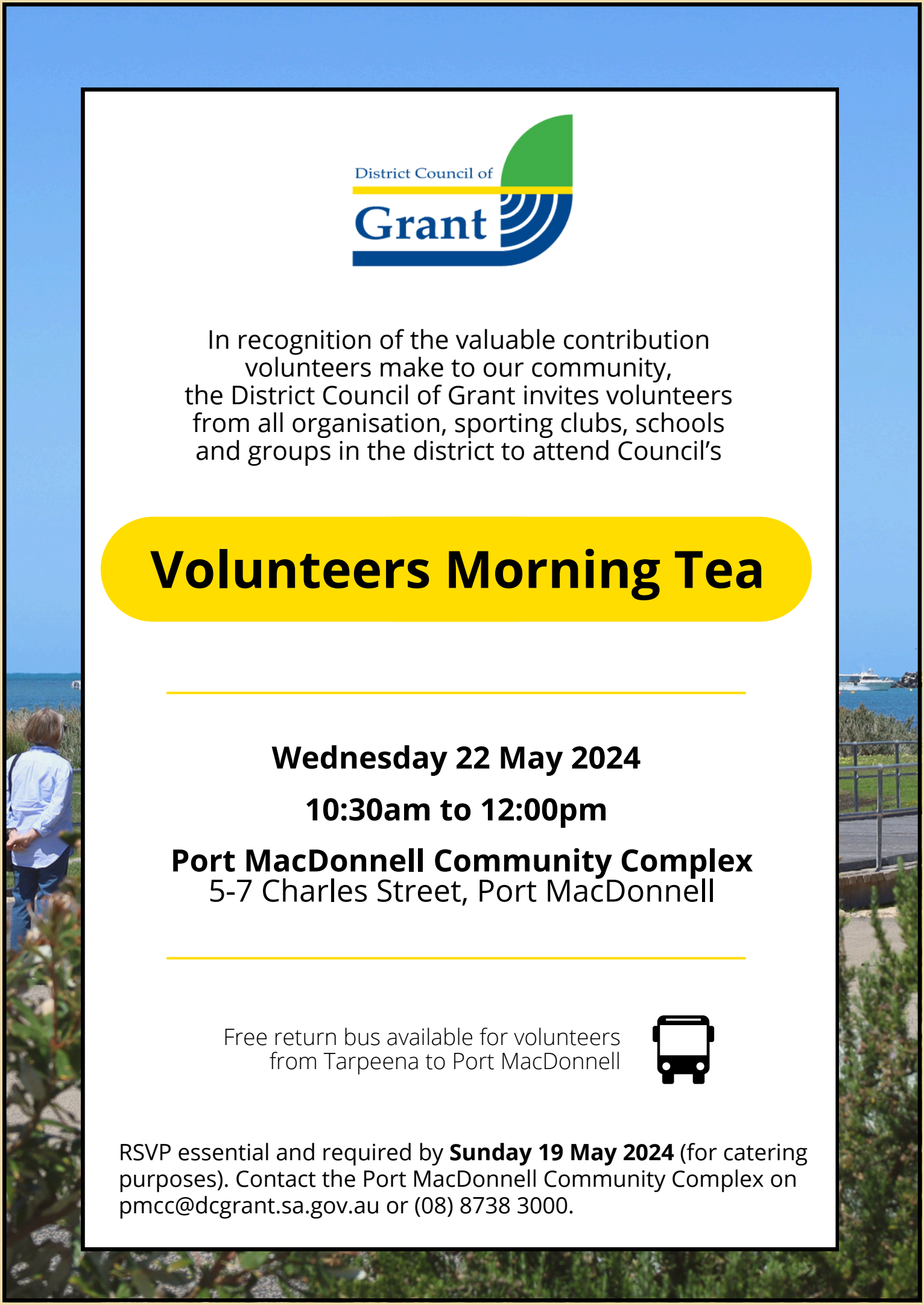
Sunday 28 April 2024
9:00am - 4:00pm

Blue Lake Golf Links
GRANT AVENUE, MOUNT GAMBIER

Registration free and essential:

www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/community/communitygroups
or scan the QR code

Community groups and sporting clubs must be based in the District Council of Grant to attend.



District Council of Grant

In recognition of the valuable contribution volunteers make to our community, the District Council of Grant invites volunteers from all organisation, sporting clubs, schools and groups in the district to attend Council's

Volunteers Morning Tea

Wednesday 22 May 2024

10:30am to 12:00pm

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

Free return bus available for volunteers from Tarpeena to Port MacDonnell

RSVP essential and required by **Sunday 19 May 2024** (for catering purposes). Contact the Port MacDonnell Community Complex on pmcc@dcgrant.sa.gov.au or (08) 8738 3000.

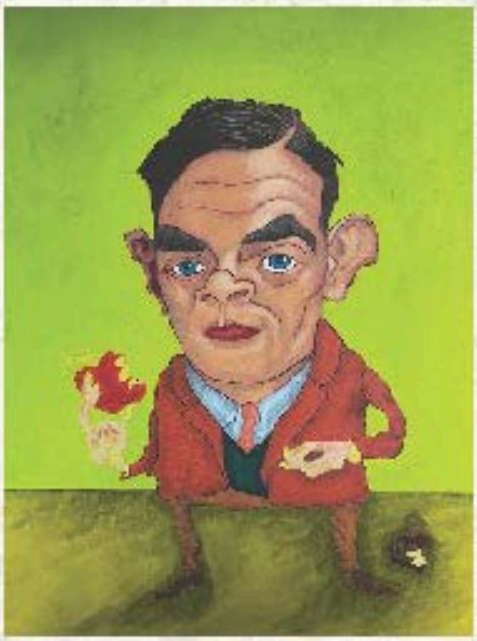
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BEGINNING OF AN ART JOURNEY

Thursday 4th April until Friday 31st May

Michelle Curtis with Friends

Julie Linnell ** Dianne Nicholson ** Shirley Hogg
** Margaret Boardman ** Ann Carpenter





Gallery Exhibition

Meet the Artist Sunday 7th April 12pm
Ann Carpenter speaking 12.15pm

Port MacDonnell Community Complex - Gallery
5-7 Charles St

National Families Week

MAY 13-19 2024



CELEBRATING FAMILY DIVERSITY & CONNECTIONS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

JOIN THIS FREE COMMUNITY CELEBRATION FOR NATIONAL FAMILIES WEEK AND ENJOY FUN ACTIVITIES, GAMES, PRIZES AND MORE!

WHEN: 2PM TO 5PM

WHERE: WULANDA RECREATION AND CONVENTION CENTRE, 7 MARGARET ST, MT GAMBIER

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