

Food Organics and Garden Organics

The District Council of Grant want to know if you support a future Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) kerbside collection service.

In September 2024, Council approved to conduct a 3-month FOGO kerbside collection service trial to collect data on the feasibility of collections and consult the wider community on the level of support for providing an ongoing service.

District Council of Grant Mayor Kylie Boston said the trial is one of the ways Council is supporting the community to reduce their carbon footprint and creating a sustainable district.

"Food Organics and Garden Organic covers all organic waste usually generated at home in the kitchen and the garden. Collection helps divert this waste from your red rubbish bin which saves space in your rubbish bin, reduces the amount and cost of landfill, and creates compost," Mayor Boston said.

"Data from the current FOGO collection trial and feedback submitted during consultation will help Council make an informed decision on whether or not to roll out a permanent service in our district,"

"I strongly encourage all our residents and local businesses to provide feedback on their level of support for a future ongoing FOGO kerbside collection at their property."

Community consultation closes at 5:00pm Friday 28 February 2025.

More information about the trial and how to have your say is detailed on pages 2 and 13.



Council Decisions

Commencing Consultation on Draft Plant, Fleet and Transport Asset Management Plans

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 17 February 2025, updated Transport, Plant and Fleet Asset Management Plans were presented.

These plans set out how Council will maintain and develop Council infrastructure and major assets over the next 10 years.

Council endorsed the Draft Asset Management Plans be released for community consultation. Consultation is anticipated to open early March 2025. More information will be made available online at Your Say DCG (yoursaydcg.com.au).

Next Council Meeting: 5:30pm Monday 17 March 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



Bay Escape | Port MacDonnell
February 2019



Do you support a future Food Organics and Garden Organics collection service?

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

Investigations into a FOGO collection service stem from Council's core strategic document, the Strategic Plan 2024 – 2034.

During the Plan's development, it was identified that enhancing recycling services, particularly food organics, is an important opportunity for Council to explore and support waste reduction.

District Council of Grant residents and businesses are encouraged to have their say on the Food Organics and Garden Organics kerbside collection service by completing the online feedback form on yoursaydgc.com.au or via the below QR code on the right of this page.

Hard copy feedback forms are available at Council's Principal Office at 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier and Port MacDonnell Community Complex at 5-7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell.

**Community consultation closes at 5:00pm
Friday 28 February 2025.**

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 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan and Budget planning process and shape a potential service.

Below is a quick reference guide to what items can be placed in a green FOGO bin.



Bread pasta
and rice



Vegetable and
fruit peelings



Dairy products,
cheese and



Cooked or raw
food scraps



Tea bags and
coffee grounds



Meat, seafood
and bones



Egg shells
and oyster shells



Pet waste



Flowers, garden
and lawn
clippings, leaves
and weeds



Tissues, paper
towel and small
quantities
shredded paper



Certified
compostable
bags and food
packaging



Compostable
takeaway
food containers

Coastal Adaptation Strategy

Safeguarding our communities from coastal hazards



It has been identified that the coastline along the Limestone Coast has experienced coastal erosion and inundation, and it is expected that this is likely to increase in future years. The District Council of Grant acknowledges these hazards and has commenced a joint project, with the District Council of Robe and Wattle Range Council, to develop strategies to reduce the risk of erosion and inundation.

The project aims to identify hazards and associated risks for each coastal township by 2050 and up to the year 2100, and evaluate options to adapt and protect our communities into the future. The District Council of Grant will specifically focus on creating adaptation strategies for the following townships:

- Carpenter Rocks;
- Pelican Point;
- Blackfellows Caves;
- Nene Valley;
- Cape Douglas;
- Port MacDonnell;
- Racecourse Bay;
- Eight Mile Creek; and
- Donovans.

Get Involved

Property owners within the District Council of Grant's coastal communities and other interested parties are invited to attend a Community Workshop. These workshops will allow you to better understand and ask questions about the potential impacts of coastal erosion and flooding in the district from Council's coastal management expert, and provide your input on adaptation options for Council to implement to safeguard your township.

Workshops are scheduled to occur **between 6:00pm and 8:00pm** on:

- **Tuesday 4 March 2025** at the Port MacDonnell Community Complex, 5-7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell
- **Wednesday 5 March 2025** at the Carpenter Rocks Community Hall, 26-44 Carpenter Rocks Road, Carpenter Rocks

Additional workshops will be held once a Draft Coastal Adaptation Strategy has been created. These workshops will provide our community the opportunity to review the draft document with a coastal management expert and submit your feedback on the adaptation strategies proposed. The second round of workshops are scheduled to occur in May 2025.

Next steps

Broader community consultation will follow both rounds of workshops allowing the wider District Council of Grant community an opportunity to review the Draft Coastal Adaptation Strategy and provide feedback.

Upon closure of consultation, all feedback received from the workshops and consultation period will be reviewed by the District Council of Grant and Council's coastal management expert. Amendments will be made to the Draft Coastal Adaptation Strategy, where appropriate, before the final strategy is presented to Council for endorsement.

Find out more

- Attend a Community Workshop
- Visit Your Say DCG (yoursaydcg.com.au/) via the below QR code and read a fact sheet



Mount Gambier Regional Airport

Qantas Link Q400 Landing

On Monday 17 February 2025, the first Qantas Link Bombardier Dash 8-Q400 was welcomed at the Mount Gambier Regional Airport with a water salute from the South Australian Country Fire Service.

District Council of Grant Mayor Kylie Boston and Qantas Link Chief Operations Officer Nick Collie were among passengers arriving off the new faster and larger 74-seater aircraft.

Prior to the aircraft landing, the District Council or Grant obtained grant funding from the SA Support Regional Aviation Program to complete upgrade works required between Taxiway B and the Regular Public Transport apron and Taxiway B and the main runway to accommodate the Q400 aircraft.

The Mount Gambier Regional Airport flight timetable can be found online on Council's website via the QR code below and at www.dccgrant.sa.gov.au/services/mount-gambier-regional-airport.



Mount Gambier & District Saleyards

Store Sales & Drought Support Package



Monthly Store Sales at the Mount Gambier & District Saleyards have been confirmed for the remainder of 2025. They are scheduled to occur at 10:00am on:

- Friday 14 March;
- Friday 11 April;
- Friday 9 May;
- Friday 13 June;
- Friday 11 July;
- Friday 8 August;
- Friday 12 September;
- Friday 10 October;
- Friday 14 November; and
- Friday 12 December.

Follow the Mount Gambier & District Saleyards on Facebook via the QR code below for weekly sale draws, reports and facility updates.



Drought Support Package

The State Government is investing \$18 million to support farmers affected by drought in South Australia.

The support package includes a range of measures including grants for on-farm drought resilience infrastructure, mental health and community support, and funding to enable donated fodder to reach more communities.

The package includes:

- \$5 million for on-farm drought infrastructure grants;
- \$2 million to assist charities with freight costs to transport donated fodder to assist farmers with feeding livestock – charities wishing to apply for the SA Drought Donated Fodder Transport Assistance Scheme should contact PIRSA.drought@sa.gov.au or call their Recovery Hotline;
- \$100,000 for grants of up to \$5,000 for events that connect communities;
- \$4.4 million budget commitment plus an extra \$1 million for additional health and wellbeing support through Family and Business (FaB) Mentors and Rural Financial Counsellors; and
- \$5.5 million funding provided to the State and Federal Government's Future Drought Fund, which includes ongoing programs to help farmers with farm business resilience planning, climate tools and demonstrating more resilient farming practices.

More information is available on the Department of Primary Industries and Regions website via the QR code below and at www.pir.sa.gov.au/emergencies_and_recovery.



Port MacDonnell Community Complex

Lighthouse Decorating Competition & Library Services

Lighthouse Decorating Competition

Throughout the Summer school holidays, children visiting the Port MacDonnell Community Complex were invited to enter the inaugural Lighthouse Decorating Competition, supported by the Baytown Group

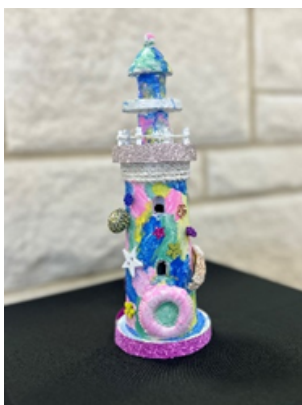
The winners were decided by public vote and included:



Category: 8-15 years
Winner - Carter G



Category: 8-15 years
Runner up - Casey V



Category: Under 8 years
Winner - Gracie K



Category: Under 8 years
Runner up - Will C



Library Services

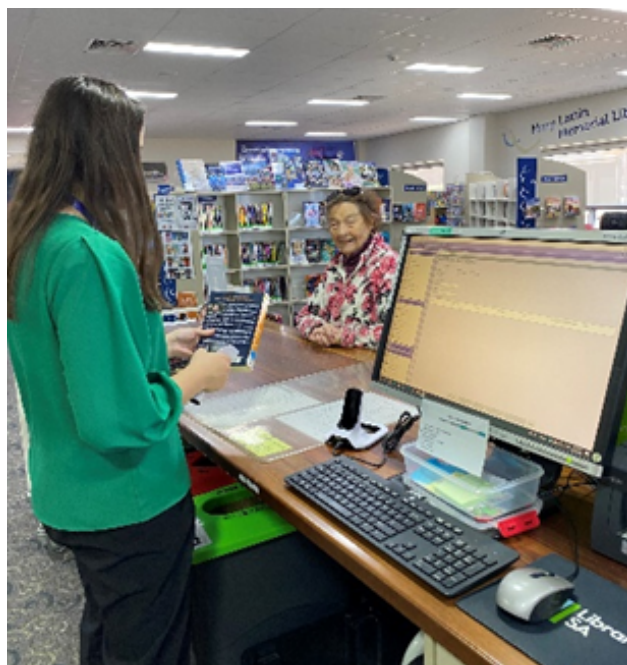
Did you know the Port MacDonnell Community Complex has a library?

The library is frequently visited by locals and members of the public from wider afield. The calm environment is a welcoming factor and offers a great selection of books to borrow with new releases every month.

Many author events are hosted in the library space throughout the year. The next author event will be held on Wednesday 26 February 2025 between 6:30pm and 8:00pm.

Local author, Cindy Bunt, will share her new cookbook *Fall in Love with Baking* while also demonstrating how to make scones.

Bookings are essential for this upcoming author event. Secure your spot by contacting the Port MacDonnell Community Complex on (08) 8738 3000.



Mobile Garbage Bin Collections

Please note all Mobile Garbage Bins will be collected as normal on the upcoming public holiday on Monday 10 March 2025.

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

More information about Mobile Garbage Bin collections can be found on Council's website via the QR code below or at www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/services/environment/waste-and-recycling.



Rates Instalment Reminder

A friendly reminder that third quarter rates instalments are due Friday 7 March 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 on Council's website via the QR code below or at www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/services/rates-and-property.



Single Farm Enterprise Applications

- Are you a primary producer?
- Do you have two or more pieces of rateable land in the District Council of Grant area that are not adjoining?
- Are these pieces of land all used as farm land?
- Are these pieces of land owned or occupied by the same person/s?

If you answered YES to all of the above questions, you may be eligible to apply to have your farm classified as a Single Farm Enterprise for the purposes of the Regional Landscape Levy and Council Rates.

This means that your Single Farm Enterprise would only attract one Regional Landscape Levy fee against all of your land and only attract one minimum Rate (if applicable).

To allow the District Council of Grant to appropriately set rate levels in the Annual Business Plan and Budget process, applications for Single Farm Enterprise status must be **received by 5:00pm Friday 28 March 2025** to be applicable for 2025/2026 financial year.

If you have previously been granted Single Farm Enterprise status, and your circumstances have not changed, you are not required to re-apply each year.

To obtain an application form or for more information visit Council's website via the QR code below, online at www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/services/forms or contact the Principal Office at 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier on (08) 8721 0444 or info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au.



Applications for Seniors Cards

The Seniors Card Unit at the Office for Ageing Well has been alerted to a series of misleading websites charging applicants a fee to coordinate the application process for a new or replacement Seniors Card.

These websites often appear in Google searches and can seem like official websites – they take payment for something that is usually free of charge and send the applicant's information to the Seniors Card Unit.

The official South Australian Seniors Card website is www.seniorscard.sa.gov.au. Applications for a South Australian Seniors Card are free of charge.

If you have provided payment to an unofficial website, you should:

- contact their bank immediately,
- make a report to scamwatch, the Australian Government's National Anti-Scam Centre at www.scamwatch.gov.au, and
- make a report to the Australian Cyber Security Centre at www.cyber.gov.au/report-and-recover/report.

People who have been financially impacted by this scam should also be vigilant of secondary scamming; you may be contacted by someone impersonating an authority, such as a bank.

All community members should be alert and, if you are unsure, hang up and call the organisation directly to confirm the contact is legitimate.

If you have any queries, please contact the Seniors Card Unit on 1800 819 961 (free call) or seniorscard@sa.gov.au.



South Australian Volunteer Awards

For two decades, the South Australian Volunteer Awards have been the State's highest honour for volunteers, recognising individuals, community groups, and businesses that go above and beyond to make our communities stronger.

Every day, volunteers mentor young people, provide essential support to vulnerable individuals, respond to emergencies, protect the environment, and make an immeasurable impact in our communities. Behind every act of kindness and service is someone who deserves recognition.

Volunteering SA & NT now invite you to nominate an outstanding volunteer, volunteer manager, community initiative, or business that has made a difference.

Award categories include:

- **The Joy Noble Medal:** South Australia's highest distinction for an individual volunteer;
- **'The Andamooka' Community Project Award:** Recognising a community or group volunteer project of significant community benefit;
- **The Young Volunteer Award:** Honouring an impressive young volunteer aged between 12 to 25;
- **The Excellence in Volunteer Management Award:** Honouring a volunteer manager for their outstanding contribution to the profession; and
- **The Premier's Award for Corporate Social Responsibility:** Recognising the community contribution of South Australian for-profit businesses to the community.

Nominations close Sunday 30 March 2025.

Find out more about the awards and nominate someone you know on the Volunteering SA & NT website (vsant.org.au/savolunteerawards) linked via the below QR code.



Youth Impact Summit South Australia

Saturday 5 April 2025



Would you like to explore how you, as a young person, can make a difference in your local community?

On Saturday 5 April 2025 at the University of Adelaide, join young people from across South Australia to explore the many ways in which young people are already having a positive impact and leading change.

The Youth Impact Summit will not only celebrate the impact these young people are having but will inspire ideas for ways other young people attending can work together to bring about greater positive impact in their local communities.

The Summit will feature:

- panels of young changemakers having an impact;
- table talks led by youth presenters who will showcase real-life examples of how they're having a positive impact throughout communities in SA; and
- opportunities to meet decision makers (including politicians) who are committed to helping bring about the changes young South Australians want to see.

Not only will the day be lots of fun, there'll also be information stalls, bands, food trucks (free food), hands-on learning opportunities and much more to explore.

The day will finish with a wrap-up session in which young people will be invited to share their ideas on ways we can all work together for greater youth impact in South Australia.

The 2025 Youth Impact Summit is presented by South Australia's Commissioner for Children and Young People in partnership with the Youth Affairs Council of South Australia and with the support of the Department of Human Services.

Who should attend?

The Youth Impact Summit is for:

- Young South Australians between the ages of 12 and 25 who would like to be part of action that will have a positive impact on their local community. This includes young people living in regional/rural and outback locations across the State.
- Young people currently collaborating with members of their local council, or already actively engaged with their local community (ie volunteering, advocacy, etc)
- Adult decision makers working in youth related roles across local and state governments, including Elected Members (aka Local Councillors), CEO's, Mayors, Members of Parliament, and Council Youth Development staff.

Find out more and register to attend via the QR code above.

External Funding Opportunities

Active State Collaboration Program

More than \$2.3 million in funding is now available through the Active State Collaboration Program.

The Active State Collaboration Program drives sport and active recreation initiatives by rewarding organisations which partner up to develop and deliver projects to get more South Australians active.

Applicants must show how their project will achieve the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing's Strategic Plan priorities outlined below:

- **Active lives** – Movement, play and performance is embedded into the daily lives of South Australians.
- **Places and spaces** – Places and spaces that encourage and support movement, play and performance are accessible to all.
- **Strategic partnerships** – Community outcomes are delivered through strategic partnerships.

Applicants may request up to \$250,000 per project and up to two years of funding. Alternatively, an applicant could request up to \$250,000 for one year of funding.

Applications close midday Wednesday 5 March 2025.

Find out more on the ORSR's website at www.orsr.sa.gov.au/grants/active-state-collaboration-program or via the QR code below.

Funding available to drive sport and active recreation initiatives.



Tertiary Health Education Grants

The annual Mount Gambier and District Tertiary Health Education Grants (THEG) program is now open for 2025, 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 Monday 31 March 2025.

Find out more online at mountgambier.sa.gov.au/THEG or via the QR code below.

Mount Gambier & District

TERTIARY HEALTH EDUCATION GRANTS



APPLICATIONS CLOSE 31 MARCH 2025

External Funding Opportunities

Telstra Connected Communities Grant

Applications for the 2025 Telstra Connected Communities Grant Program are now open.

In partnership with the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal, grants of up to \$10,000 are available to not-for-profits to help them build resilient, sustainable, and liveable communities.

If you know of a community group or not-for-profit organisation that could use a hand – the Connected Communities Grant Program might be for them!

The program has three themes:

- **Resilient communities** that are well prepared and socially connected, with the ability to renew and recover together when disaster strikes;
- **Sustainable communities** that are diverse and inclusive, through planning for the health, wellbeing and prosperity of their people and planet;
- **Liveable communities** that have digital capability, helping to equip people with the skills to live, learn and work in a digital society.

Funds will be available for new or existing not-for-profit programs to help them scale their impact to help more Australians in rural and regional areas become better connected.

Applications close 5:00pm Thursday 20 March 2025.

Find out more on Telstra's website at www.telstra.com.au/exchange/telstra-connected-communities-grants or via the QR code below.



Heart Foundation's Active Australia Innovation Challenge Grant

Do you, or someone in your organisation have an idea to get your local community physically active?

You could get a grant up to the value of \$30,000 to help make it happen.

Most Australians don't get the exercise they need. Being physically active is one of the best ways to reduce your risk of preventable heart disease and some cancers.

That's why the Heart Foundation is offering Active Australia Innovation Challenge grants up to the value of \$30,000 for new, innovative projects that help get more people moving in schools, universities, or local communities.

The Active Australia Innovation Challenge is intended to support people who do not meet Australia's Physical Activity Guidelines, are at risk of chronic disease and live in communities with high levels of physical inactivity, including rural and remote regions.

Community members/individuals will need to either hold a current Australian Business Number (ABN) or partner with an eligible entity (one that holds a current ABN) for the project to be considered eligible, and to enable a funding agreement to be executed.

Applications close Monday 3 March 2025.

Find out more on the Heart Foundation's website at www.heartfoundation.org.au/active-australia-innovation-challenge or via the QR code below.



External Funding Opportunities

Are-able Foundation Grants

The are-able Foundation's purpose is to reduce barriers and promote inclusiveness for people living with a disability or disadvantage, enabling them to participate fully in community life.

It provides assistance to community organisations, supporting initiatives that help individuals develop skills, build connections, and grow within their communities.

Annually, the Foundation provides up to \$100,000 in grants, with applicants eligible to apply for up to \$5,000 each.

To be eligible for an are-able Foundation Community Grant, applicants must represent a small to medium not-for-profit organisation (under \$1,000,000 annual turnover) and request funding of \$5,000 or less.

Proposed project must be located within an are-able geographical area, directly benefit people experiencing disability or disadvantage, and align with are-able's mission and values.

Applicants must meet additional criteria, such as providing proof of incorporation, an ABN or ACN, and ensuring the project can be implemented within two months if successful.

Applications open Monday 3 March 2025.

Applications close Monday 14 April 2025.

Find out more on Are-able's website at www.areable.org.au/foundation or via the QR code below.



Country Arts SA Project Grants (Round 2)

The Project Grants are part of Country Arts SA's Regional Arts Fund which is an ongoing program that provides approximately \$6 million per year to support artists and communities in regional and remote areas.

The Fund is part of the Australian Government's Arts and Cultural Development Program that supports participation in, and access to, Australia's arts and culture through developing and supporting cultural expression.

Applicants can apply for Project Grants of up to \$30,000. There is no minimum grant amount. Assessors will make decisions around funding allocated to successful applicants, taking into consideration the quantum of funds available in the individual state/territory.

Funding is available through annual or multi-year agreements, subject to available funds.

Project Grant funds may be spent on:

- Artist Fees
- Travel costs (including international)
- Materials
- Venue Hire
- Equipment Hire
- Insurance
- Project administration costs
- Disability access costs

Applications close Thursday 20 March 2025.

Find out more on the Country Arts SA website at www.countryarts.org.au/available-grants/project-grants-round-two/ or via the QR code below.



Do you support a future
**Food Organics and
Garden Organics**
kerbside collection service?



Have Your Say!



District Council of

Grant

Coastal Adaptation Strategy Community Workshops

The District Council of Grant are developing a Coastal Adaptation Strategy to protect our communities from coastal hazards into the future.

Attend an upcoming workshop to find out more about these hazards from Council's coastal management expert and provide your input on adaptation options for implementation.

Tuesday 4 March 2025 | 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Port MacDonnell Community Complex
5-7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell

Wednesday 5 March 2025 | 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Carpenter Rocks Hall
26-44 Carpenter Rocks Road, Carpenter Rocks

Attend a workshop later in the year when the Draft Coastal Adaptation Strategy has been created.

Wednesday 7 May 2025 | 4:00pm to 5:00pm
Donovans Community Hall
10 Adams Street, Donovans

Wednesday 7 May 2025 | 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Port MacDonnell Community Complex
5-7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell

Thursday 8 May 2025 | 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Carpenter Rocks Hall
26-44 Carpenter Rocks Road, Carpenter Rocks

Coastal Adaptation Strategy fact sheets are available online at yoursaydcg.com.au. Hard copies are also available at the Principal Office (324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier) and Port MacDonnell Community Complex (5-7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell).

scan to find out more



For further information:

P: (08) 8721 0444
E: info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au
W: yoursaydcg.com.au



Have your say ...

regarding future health services

Planning has begun for our first region-wide Clinical Services Plan, providing a 10 year roadmap for a regionally-connected health network to better meet the health and wellbeing needs of our communities.

We will partner with our community throughout the process, with opportunities for you to get involved and share your views and insights. Feedback we receive will inform and influence the plan, and ultimately the way we deliver healthcare here in the Limestone Coast.

Face-to-Face Consultations

Monday 24 February 2025

12:00pm - 1:30pm | UniSA Mount Gambier Campus

4:30pm - 6:00pm | Naracoorte Health Service

Tuesday 25 February 2025

9:00am - 10:00am | Penola War Memorial Hospital

1:45pm - 3:15pm | Keith and District Healthcare

5:00pm - 6:15pm | Bordertown Memorial Hospital

Wednesday 26 February 2025

10:00am - 11:00am | Kingston Soldiers' Memorial Hospital

12:00pm - 1:00pm | Lucindale Health Centre

3:30pm - 5:00pm | Millicent and District Hospital and Health Service

Online Survey

Open 5-28 February 2025

Scan the QR code





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OR

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