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The District Council of Grant has officially opened The Hangar Gallery at the Mount Gambier Regional Airport, launching with the inaugural Art-Ability Exhibition.

Running from September 2025 to February 2026, the Art-Ability Exhibition celebrates the diverse talents of people living with disability, showcasing 38 artworks from artists across the Limestone Coast.

Mayor Kylie Boston said the opening of The Hangar Gallery is an exciting opportunity to bring the Airport terminal space to life.

"The Hangar Gallery represents Council's vision to transform the Airport into more than just a gateway to the Limestone Coast. It is now a place to share the stories of our region through art," Mayor Boston said.

"We are especially proud to officially launch the gallery with the Art-Ability Exhibition as it perfectly reflects what the space is about; highlighting inclusion, diversity and our community."

Find out more about the exhibition on page 4 or visit the District Council of Grant website.

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Updates from the District Council of Grant's latest meeting on Monday 15 September 2025:

Council Supports Volunteer Marine Rescue Service at Port MacDonnell

The District Council of Grant has given in-principle support for a new Volunteer Marine Rescue facility in Port MacDonnell, helping to improve marine safety along more than 200 km of coastline from Kingston SE to the Victorian border.

Currently, local communities often rely on commercial and recreational fishers in emergencies, which can put people at risk. A dedicated rescue service will provide a coordinated, well-equipped response to help keep locals and visitors safe.

Council has been advocating for the service in Port MacDonnell since 2012, with strong support from emergency services, SAPOL, local fishers and the wider community. The project remains a top priority for Council and other regional emergency management groups with the SA State Emergency Service now preparing a business case for the State Government.



The proposed facility would be located on Council land at the Elizabeth Street depot, next to the SA Country Fire Service shed. It would house a rescue vessel, a tow vehicle, and other essential equipment, with space for a fast-response vessel in the future. Co-locating services at this site will create a strategic hub, ensuring the community can respond quickly and safely to marine emergencies.

Asset Management Plans Adopted

The District Council of Grant has formally adopted the Buildings Asset Management Plan, Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS) Asset Management Plan, and Playgrounds and Open Space Asset Management Plan.

Councils are required under the Local Government Act 1999 to prepare long-term Strategic Management Plans, including Asset Management Plans (AMPs) that guide the management and development of key community assets over at least 10 years.

These updated plans will help guide responsible financial planning and asset investment, ensuring that community facilities and services are well managed and sustainable into the future.

The updated plans confirm that Council can continue to sustain service levels for both Buildings and CWMS at the lowest lifecycle cost.

The Playgrounds and Open Space Plan identified a small annual shortfall of $9,726 to maintain current service levels, which will be considered in future budget planning.

The draft Stormwater Asset Management Plan was also presented to Council and is now open for community consultation.

Refer to page 10 for further details on how to review the draft plan and have your say, or visit Your Say DCG.

yoursaydcg.com.au



The District Council of Grant's Council Meetings are typically held on the third Monday of each month in the Council Chambers at 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier.

Community members are welcome to attend meetings however may be excluded while matters deemed confidential under the *Local Government Act 1999* are being discussed.



Council Decisions

What's Next for Discovery Bay Road Reserve

The District Council of Grant has resolved to retain the unmade Discovery Bay Road reserve and continue exploring options for its potential future use, including possible inclusion in the broader Walking, Bike and Trail Strategy.

At its September meeting, Council agreed that the reserve may be suitable for low-impact recreational activities such as for walking, cycling and hiking, subject to further investigations. This approach keeps the land available for the community while recognising the need to protect the surrounding coastal environment.

For many years, Green Point beach was accessed via the unmade Discovery Bay Road reserve, with some motorists cutting across adjoining private farmland to reach the beach. The informal access ended in 2020.

Since then, Council has listened to community views and investigated the possibility of formalising access. Expert ecologist advice and feedback from the Native Vegetation Council and Coastal Protection Board highlighted the environmental sensitivities of the area and the low likelihood of gaining formal approvals from both authorities.

Council will now give further consideration to the site potentially as part of the Walking, Bike and Trail Strategy, scheduled for development in the 2025/2026 financial year. This process will ensure any future recreational use is carefully assessed in line with both community aspirations and environmental goals.

More information about these projects and other Council matters can be found in the Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes on the District Council of Grant website.

The website also includes Council's complete yearly meeting schedule so community members can easily see when upcoming meetings are planned.

www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/council/meetings/ordinary

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Next Ordinary Council Meeting:
Monday 20 October 2025 at 5:30pm

Art with Heart

The Art-Ability Exhibition is an initiative of Council's Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel to celebrate International Day of People with Disability on 3 December 2025. The day aims to increase awareness, understanding and acceptance of people living with disability.

Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel Chair and Councillor Katherine Greene said the project is a meaningful way for Council to promote equitable inclusion.

"For many of the artists, this is the first time their work will be displayed publicly which makes the exhibition all the more significant. Showcasing their creativity not only recognises their talent but also reinforces the importance of access, inclusion and diversity across all areas of our community,"



"The exhibition is about breaking down barriers, celebrating creativity and ensuring people with disability are recognised as equal and valued members of our community." - Councillor Katherine Greene

"I encourage everyone to visit the gallery and show their support for our talented local artists."

The exhibition features a mixture of paintings, drawings and photography, many of which are for sale, each offering a glimpse into the unique perspectives of the artists.

Local artist Dean Marks, creator of the work titled *Brindabella*, shared how art became an important part of his recovery after a hit-and-run motorcycle accident that left him with extensive nerve and spinal injuries.

"As a therapy, I spent a lot of time at the [Werribee Range] Zoo. I'd go for a drive down to the zoo and it was relaxing, and I could just watch the animals and I didn't have to walk very far. I started taking all these photos… but sitting out there and waiting [to photograph animals] taught my brain to kind of calm down again and grab a hold of a bit of peace," Mr Marks said.

Brindabella was inspired by one of the hippopotamuses he photographed at the zoo.

He later turned the photo into a drawing following multiple surgeries to regain feeling in his hand and reduce hand shakes.

"The big thing for me I think, and other people displaying things will be the same, that what they hope is that people appreciate what they've done, that it took effort. Sometimes for some people that effort and concentration and time is a lot harder… [Brindabella] took me nearly two months to draw."

As part of the exhibition, three artist will be recognised with a People's Choice Award as chosen by the community. Members of the public are invited to view the exhibition and cast their votes by 5:00pm Friday 21 November 2025 at The Hangar Gallery or online.

yoursaydcg.com.au/art-ability-exhibition

Winners will be announced on Tuesday 3 December 2025 in celebration of International Day of People with Disability.

District Council of Grant Chief Executive Officer Darryl Whicker highlighted how the exhibition reflects Council's ongoing focus on access and inclusion.

"The Art-Ability Exhibition supports Council's goal of embedding disability access and inclusion into our business-as-usual processes. If we all make small and consistent efforts to improve accessibility and inclusion each day, it can positively impact our community significantly," Mr Whicker said.

"This initiative reflects the strong work of our Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel and Council's ongoing commitment to achieve a fully inclusive society that values and respects all people as equal and contributing members of the community."

Building on this momentum, Council will now begin reviewing its Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, alongside the Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel.



Community Update Meetings

The District Council of Grant is inviting residents to a series of community meetings to hear updates on key projects and priorities, connect with Elected Members, and go into the draw to win a $150 local dining voucher by registering to attend.

Community members will be able to meet with Council's Elected Members, Chief Executive Officer, Directors and staff to learn more about current initiatives and plans to support the local community.

Each meeting will include updates on changes for the new 'One Council – No Wards' structure at next year's local government elections, information on roads and how to report faults, and Council's progress against the Strategic Plan 2024 – 2034.

Community members will also hear directly from local organisation special guests and gain updates on other key initiatives specific to each location:

Mayor Kylie Boston said the meetings are an important way for Council to keep the community informed and engaged.

"These meetings are a great chance to connect with us, your Elected Members, learn about what's happening across the district and ask questions about the projects that matter most to you," Mayor Boston said.



Principal Office: Updates on the projects within the Inner Townships Master Plan which will shape the future look and feel of some of the district's townships, streets and community spaces.

Saleyards: Progress on the Saleyards Transformation Project ensuring the facility remains modern, efficient and supportive of the local livestock industry.

"We want people to feel welcome to come along, whether you're interested in a specific project or simply want to stay up to date with what Council is working on for our community."

Four meetings will be held at Council owned facilities beginning at 5:30pm on:

- **Monday 13 October 2025** at the Principal Office, 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier;
- **Monday 27 October 2025** at the Mount Gambier & District Saleyards, Corner of Fairbanks Road and Princes Highway, Glenburnie;
- **Monday 10 November 2025** at the Mount Gambier Regional Airport, Airport Road, Wandilo; and
- **Monday 24 November 2025** at the Port MacDonnell Community Complex, 5-7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell.

Airport: Plans being actioned within the Mount Gambier Regional Airport Master Plan and the development of the new museum space, celebrating aviation history and enhancing the visitor experience.

Port MacDonnell: Information on the Coastal Adaptation Strategy which looks at how to manage the changing coastline into the future, and the installation of a hearing loop system to make the Community Complex more accessible.

Residents who register and attend a community meeting will go into the draw to win one of four $150 dining vouchers to enjoy at a local eatery of their choice within the District Council of Grant.

Register online at Your Say DCG, or contact the Principal Office on (08) 8721 0444 or info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au.

yoursaydcg.com.au/community-meetings-2025

Sports Facilities Get New Look

The Port MacDonnell Netball Club will bring new life to its facilities with a major upgrade that will transform the site into a multi-use netball and tennis complex for the community to enjoy year-round.

Supported by funding from the District Council of Grant, the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing's Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program, a Bendigo Bank Community Grant and the Netball Club's own fundraising efforts, the project will deliver a brand new dual-line netball and tennis court, alongside a grassed open space for players, families and visitors.

Port MacDonnell Netball Club Vice President Narelle Lewis said the project has been in the pipeline for over a decade with club members and volunteers continuously working hard to advocate and fundraise for the improved facilities.



"Without the support from all of our partners this project simply wouldn't be possible."
- Port MacDonnell Netball Club Vice President Narelle Lewis

"The redevelopment project will help the club to develop our junior players by giving the juniors more opportunities to train and play longer as we will have the extra court and facilities for them to be able to."

District Council of Grant Mayor Kylie Boston said Council is excited to see the unused space activated, aligning with objectives in the Port MacDonnell Urban Design Framework and Master Plan.

"This redevelopment will create more opportunities for people of all ages to be active and involved in community sport, while also enhancing the space in terms of usability and safety," Mayor Boston said.

"It is a great example of what can be achieved when local clubs, Council and funding partners work together for the benefit of the whole community. I congratulate the Netball Club for their efforts to attract needed funding."

The redevelopment works will also involve local contractors removing the existing four deteriorated tennis courts, ageing wire fencing surrounding the site and seven of the eighteen Norfolk Island Pine trees along the eastern side of the facility, as approved by Council in September 2021.

The District Council of Grant have committed to replanting no less than seven replacement trees within the Port MacDonnell township. A consultation process will be undertaken in the coming months to identify suitable planting locations with local community input.

Council will also provide additional in-kind support to recycle and repurposed materials from the project.

District Council of Grant Chief Executive Officer Darryl Whicker said the works have been carefully planned to make the most of existing resources and contribute to Council's sustainability goals.

"Concrete from the old courts will be recycled and reused within road bases across the district, while timber from the removed trees will be mulched and repurposed, and wire from the boundary fencing will be recycled through a local business," Mr Whicker said.

"These practices not only reduce waste but also make sure local resources are recycled in ways that benefit our broader community."

Removal works are scheduled to commence at the end of September 2025, with the project anticipated to be completed in February 2026.

More information about the project can be found on Council's website.

www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/council/latest-news/port-macdonnell-sports-facilities

Stay informed and get involved. Visit Council's online community engagement platform Your Say DCG (**yoursaydcg.com.au**) to keep up to date with community consultations and contribute to Council decisions.

Community Spotlight

Mil-Lel Show



The Mil-Lel Show is back for its 87th instalment on Saturday 11 October 2025 at Mil-Lel Memorial Park, 62 Sherwin Road.

Combining long-held traditions with modern family fun, the Show features its official opening ceremony, horse riding, crafts and cookery alongside an exciting program of new and returning attractions.

Mil-Lel Agricultural and Horticultural Society Secretary Lynette Fritsch said the Show remains one of the district's most loved events.

"The event involves businesses, local councils, government organisations, individuals, exhibitors, families, traders, sponsors and volunteers all working together for a great day out,"



"Mil-Lel Show is special for the community because it brings the community together."
- Mil-Lel Agricultural and Horticultural Society Secretary Lynette Fritsch

The event gives back to the community with the Mil-Lel School and Memorial Parks benefiting plus funds also going to other Mil Lel clubs who help out."

The 2025 event program includes:

- Inaugural Mil-Lel Farmers Challenge
- Fairy garden competition
- Indoor craft and cookery displays
- Vintage engines and machinery parade
- Horses in action including hacks, ponies, showjumping and barrel racing
- Beef cattle competition and display

Families can also enjoy inflatable rides, laser tag, pony rides, horse and cart rides, animal nursery, trade stalls, and live performances by local singers and dancers.

Catering options range from barbeques, pizza, spiral potatoes, coffee, bubble tea, and soft serve ice cream, to indoor sit-down meals provided by the Pleasant Park Ladies.

Mayor Kylie Boston and Elected Members will also be at the Mil-Lel Show for community members to stop by, chat and ask questions.

Come along and celebrate 87 years of community, tradition and fun at the Mil Lel Show from 9:00am on Saturday 11 October 2025!

Stay up to date with all the action, event highlights and behind the scenes photographs by following **Mil Lel A & H Show Society** on Facebook and Instagram.



Hell's Hole is one of the most impressive karst features in the region and is located within the District Council of Grant.

This cenote (a sinkhole that extends into open water) is approximately 45m in diameter, 25m deep and sits 38m below the viewing platform.

A walking trail leads visitors from the carpark up to the sinkhole, offering an easy and scenic stroll.

While anyone can visit and take in the view from the platform, Hell's Hole is also popular among divers.

To dive at Hell's hole, divers must obtain a Forestry South Australia permit and be a member of the Cave Diving Association of Australia.

Visit Tourism South Australia's website to find out more about Hell's Hole and other natural wonders in the District Council of Grant.

southaustralia.com/destinations/limestone-coast

Reminders



Don’t Know Which Bin?

Head to **whichbin.sa.gov.au**

Their handy and simple tips will help you get the most out of your recycling efforts. Browse their A to Z list of items to learn how to dispose of them responsibly or ask Vin which bin.

Which Bin Tips: Light Globes

Light globes are considered hazardous, and can’t be recycled through your yellow bin.

If you can’t take your globes to a participating drop-off point at Mitre 10, True Value Hardware or Ikea store, as a last resort you can place them into your landfill bin, but place them inside a bag first, so no one can be injured by them.

Your local lighting shop may also provide a recycling service, but there may be a cost involved.



Be Bushfire Ready

Winter wind and rain may mean your property needs a tidy up before the weather heats up.

Take advantage of the milder weather to do some work in the garden to reduce vegetation around your home:

- Remove dead branches, leaves and undergrowth from around your home, especially under trees.
- Prune tree limbs that are lower than two metres above the ground or overhang your home.
- Reduce, remove and manage vegetation such as long grass within 20 metres of your home and within 5 metres of any sheds and garages.
- Remove bark, heavy mulch, wood piles and any other flammable materials close to your home and sheds.

Keeping Cats at Home

Roaming cats are vulnerable to road traffic, attacks from other animals, health conditions or disease and weather extremes. It's dangerous on the street, that's why roaming cats have shorter lifespans.

Why keep your cat at home?

- Home cats are safe from fighting, diseases, parasites and traffic accidents.
- Home cats help our environment because they can't hunt wildlife.
- Home cats make better neighbours because they aren't nuisances that trespass, soil, dig or make noise.

Indoors

Most cats adapt well to staying home, especially if conditioned from an early age.

Outdoors

You can give your cat the best of both worlds — indoors and out — by cat-proofing your yard. Cat-proofing makes sure they can go outdoors safely without escaping your property. You'll need to consider your cat's energy levels, how much space you have, how many cats you have and possible escape routes in your yard.

Find out more on the Dog and Cat Management Board’s website.

dogandcatboard.com.au/cats/keeping-cats-in



Connecting Through Creativity

The District Council of Grant is encouraging community members to take a break and get creative this Mental Health Month at two free mindful reverse colouring workshops.

Recognised every October, Mental Health Month is a reminder of the importance of looking after yourself, starting conversations and reducing the stigma around mental health.

Mayor Kylie Boston said the workshops are another way Council is bringing people together to support positive wellbeing.

"The colouring sessions build on the success of our Yarns over the Yardrails event a couple of months ago which supported the wellbeing of our farming community," Mayor Boston said.



"Mindful activities like reverse colouring are a simple but powerful way to slow down and connect. I encourage as many people as possible to come along and get creative." - Mayor Boston

"Mental Health Month gives us another great opportunity to come together, try something new and highlight the importance of looking after ourselves and each other."

Hosted by Council and funded from the Mental Health Coalition of South Australia and Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network, the free workshops will run from 10:30am to 11:30am on:

- Sunday 12 October 2025 at the Allendale East Public Hall
- Sunday 26 October 2025 at the Tarpeena Football Club Rooms

Participants will be introduced to reverse colouring, which is a simple, mindful activity that begins with a page of colours, shapes or splashes of paint.

Attendees will add lines, doodles or shapes over the colours to create unique artworks. No art skills are required, just your imagination and a willingness to give it a go.

Bookings are essential to attend both workshops. RSVP's can be made by contacting Council's Community Development Team at the Port MacDonnell Community Complex on (08) 8738 3000.

A representative from the Mental Health Coalition of South Australia is encouraging the community to use this opportunity as a chance to start small but meaningful conversations that can make a big difference.

"Mental Health Month is the perfect reminder to prioritise our wellbeing and normalise real conversations about how we're truly feeling. One simple way to start is to be genuine when someone asks 'how are you?'," they said.

"Instead of the automatic 'fine', try sharing if you're feeling overwhelmed, anxious, or just having a tough day. You might be surprised how this small shift can open up meaningful connections,"

"When you need more support or complete confidentiality, professional help is always available. Connecting when it counts, today and every day."

Find out more on the District Council of Grant website.

www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/council/latest-news/connecting-through-creativity

From the Archives

Celebrating Kongorong's centenary in October 2010.

Do you have old photos of events from across the District Council of Grant? Send your photos and a short description to info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au.



Have Your Say



Help Shape Our Next Club Support Session

Following the success of the District Council of Grant's previous Club Governance Workshop in April 2024, Council is planning another session, this time with a particular focus on sporting clubs.

Support by the Connected and Active Communities Program, this workshop will offer practical tools and insights to strengthen local clubs.

But first... we'd love to hear from you!

What topics would be most useful for your club?

Share your ideas via a short survey to help us design a session that meets the needs of our sporting and recreation community.

Scan the QR above or follow the link below to complete the survey by Monday 20 October 2025.

https://forms.office.com/r/wKxZc0H6fa

Your SAy

YourSAy is an online consultation hub where you can find and provide feedback on consultations open across the South Australian government.

You can take part in online discussions, complete a survey or even vote in polls, depending on what the topic is.

yoursay.sa.gov.au

Draft Stormwater Asset Managment Plan

Have your say on how Council manages stormwater across the district.

The draft Stormwater Asset Management Plan is now open for community consultation.

Each of Council's Asset Management Plan's provide details about the Council asset and infrastructure with key actions required to maintain service levels, optimise lifecycle costs and support long-term financial sustainability.

Council's stormwater network comprises 187 stormwater pits, 23 drainage bores and 399 pipes spread across the district.

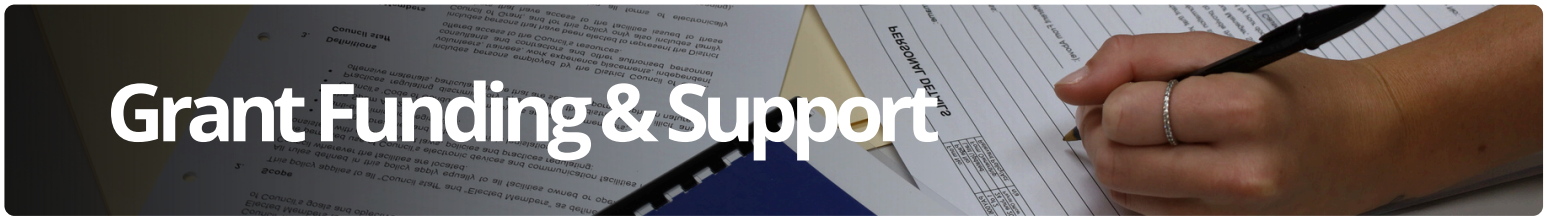
The complete draft Stormwater Asset Management Plan is available to view online.

yoursaydcg.com.au/draft-stormwater-asset-management-plan

Hard copies are available to review 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 Friday 10 October 2025.





Grant Funding & Support

Community Grants Scheme Round 1

The Community Grants Scheme is for community groups to develop projects and events that enhance community wellbeing and increase participation in social and leisure activities.

Incorporated not-for-profit organisations based in or servicing the District Council of Grant who do not collect substantial income from other sources are eligible to apply.

Applicants can apply for a maximum of $3,000 with a 75% funding contribution or $5,000 with a 50% funding contribution under the Sporting Clubs and Community Group categories.

Organisations may also apply for a maximum of $500 with no co-contribution requirements under the Community Participation category.

Applications close 5:00pm Monday 10 November 2025.

Grant applications will be assessed on a rolling basis. Early applications are encouraged.

Visit the District Council of Grant's Your Say DCG website to find out more and apply.

yoursaydcg.com.au

Grant application support is also available by contacting (08) 8721 0444 or info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au.

Face to face support can be given by making a booking with Communications and Active Living Officer Renee Henke at Council's Principal Office.







Community Recreation and Sports Facilities Program

The Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program will assist eligible organisations to develop infrastructure that directly addresses demonstrated need and supports participation through the rational development of good quality projects.

The objective of the program is to provide access to funding for the development of sustainable, functional, inclusive and fit-for-purpose active recreation and sport facilities that meet the current and future needs of the South Australian community.

The program is aligned with the strategic objectives outlined in the recently released 2025 – 2030 Recreation, Sport and Racing Strategic Plan.

Eligible applicants may request a maximum of $750,000. All applications must contribute a minimum of 50% in funding towards the project, unless one of two exception criteria is met.

Examples of eligible projects may include:

- Construction or upgrade of an active recreation and sport facility or multi-use sports hub
- Upgrade of an aquatic facility
- Modifications to ensure that an existing facility meets environmental and Occupational Health and Safety regulations
- Construction/development of trails (walking, horse, bike, water-based)
- Water and energy saving initiatives including water harvesting, installation of new or upgrades to existing irrigation infrastructure, connection to existing water infrastructure, more efficient lighting or installation of solar panels

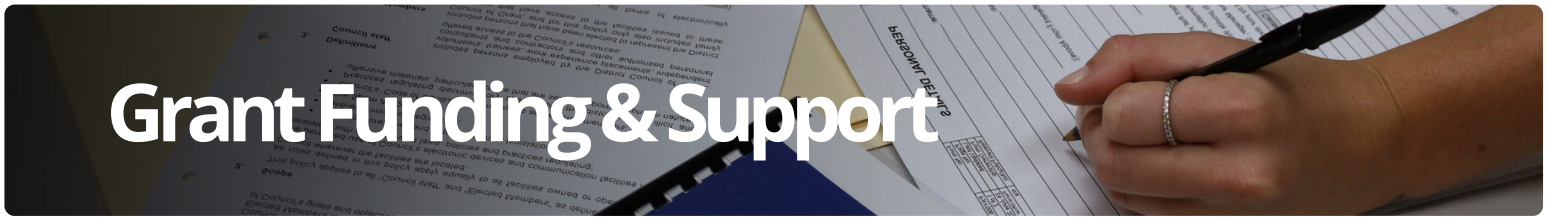
Applications close midday Wednesday 8 October 2025.

Visit the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing's website to find out more and apply.

www.orsr.sa.gov.au/grants/infrastructure-projects

Get clear on the project before applying for a grant

Before applying for any grant, take some time to clearly define your project. Think about what you want to achieve, how you'll make it happen, who will help and what resources or budget you'll need. Having a clear plan not only makes it easier to complete a grant application but also sets your project up for success for being successful with funding.



Innovate with nbn Grants Program
Connecting Regional Businesses to Power Progress

Applications for the 2025 Innovate with nbn Grants Program are now open.

Delivered in partnership with the Regional Australia Institute, the program is celebrating its sixth year of supporting regional businesses that are using the nbn® network to drive innovation, improve productivity, and deliver meaningful social outcomes in their communities.

If this sounds like you or someone you know, this is a chance to be recognised and be rewarded. With prize money available across multiple categories, it's time to showcase your impact.

Aligned to the nbn® purpose to elevate Australia by connecting people and powering progress, this year's program features seven categories, including a new Sport & Recreation category and a combined Arts & Tourism category.

Each category winner will receive $15,000, with an additional $20,000 awarded to the overall winner.

Categories include:

- Agriculture, Arts & Tourism;
- Education, Health;
- Indigenous Business;
- Sport & Recreation (new); and
- Women in Regional Business.

Applications close midnight Sunday 12 October 2025.

If you or someone you know is helping to shape the future of regional Australia through innovation and connectivity, you are encouraged to apply or share with someone who should.

Visit the nbn website to find out more and apply.

www.nbnco.com.au/campaigns/innovate-with-nbn-grants-program

Require assistance finding suitable grants?

Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast collaborate with federal, state and local government, business and community to attract, inspire and facilitate investment and economic growth to our region.

They provide free access to a Limestone Coast Grant Finder - a tool tailored to our region, providing a comprehensive list of grant and funding opportunities available for local businesses, community groups, not-for-profits and individuals.

The Limestone Coast Grant Finder will also help you find grants, manage grant applications and allow you to receive email alerts when new grants are released.

Access the Limestone Coast Grant Finder online.

grantguru.com/au/rdalc



Out and About with Council



Emergency Short Stay Unit Opening

Mayor Kylie Boston and Nick McBride MP at the grand opening of the Mount Gambier and District Hospital's Emergency Department Short Stay Unit.





University of South Australia Prize for Excellence Award

Congratulations to Wendy Sealey and Leigh Harpham, both studying a Bachelor of Social Work, for receiving the District Council of Grant's Prize for Excellence Award. This is awarded to two of the highest-performing students across all programs at the Mount Gambier campus and who reside within the district.



Emily Bowman from Allendale East Area School



Cedar Scott from Tenison Woods College

Academic Scholarship Awards

Five students from Years 10 to 12, living in the District Council of Grant and studying at Allendale East Area School or in Mount Gambier, have each received a $750 Academic Scholarship. The awards celebrate students who consistently demonstrate their school's values, maintain a strong attendance and express a commitment to further study.



Brad Walkom from Grant High School



Chelsea Job from St Martins Lutheran College



Peta Polgreen from Mount Gambier High School

Out and About with Council



Art-Ability Exhibition

Artists, carers, Elected Members, and Council staff came together at The Hangar Gallery, Mount Gambier Regional Airport, to celebrate its official opening and the launch of the inaugural Art-Ability Exhibition.





















Community Events





Art-Ability
The Hangar Gallery Exhibition

Tuesday 9 September 2025 to Friday 27 February 2026

FREE ENTRY

The District Council of Grant presents the Art-Ability Exhibition, as an initiative of Council's Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel, highlighting and celebrating the diverse talents of people living with disabilities in our community, in conjunction with International Day of People with Disability on 3 December 2025.

District Council of Grant

Find out more online at **yoursaydcg.com.au/art-ability-exhibition**

Have an event to share with the community?

Email info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au for the opportunity to feature in a future newsletter or online community events calendar. Your community groups, event or not-for-profit organisation must be located in the District Council of Grant area.

Community Events



FREE INFORMATION SESSION

WEDNESDAY 1ST OCTOBER

PORT MacDONNELL COMMUNITY COMPLEX

1.00pm - 3.30pm

Are you caring for a loved one; an elderly parent, partner or friend?

Come along - gain new skills and learn practical tips to help you feel more confident in your caring role.



Presented by locals for locals

Clinical Nurse/Educator, Heidi Rose and Manager, Sandi Elliott

IN HOME HOSPICE CARE

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- Local services and support available
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10:30am to 11:30am

Allendale East Public Hall
1 Kingsley Road, Allendale East

Sunday 26 October 2025

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Edward Street, Tarpeena

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