

**GEOFF EATON – THALASSA WARD COUNCILLOR – AUGUST 2024 - NEWSLETTER**

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During the month of June my community meeting activities included the following attendances:

- Coromandel Valley Men’s Breakfast listening post.
- Meeting with staff regarding proposed Thalassa Park Master Plan.
- Elected members session on the City of Onkaparinga representation review.
- NAIDOC March Christies Beach.
- Local Government Emergency Management Winter Webinbar.
- Represented the mayor at the Pilgrim School Aberfoyle Park musical evening.
- Department of Infrastructure and Transport Have Your Say Session on public transport road networks arranged by the Member for Davenport.
- Member for Davenport Chat and Colour community engagement Hub Shopping Centre.
- Listening post at the National Trust Coromandel Valley and Districts Saturday morning tea.
- Cherry Gardens Garden Club.
- Elected members session on The Open Space Strategic Plan.
- Healthy Cities Onkaparinga monthly meeting at Christies Beach.
- Coromandel Community Centre board meeting.
- Site visit at the Paul Murray Recreation Centre upgrade.
- Aberfoyle Park Happy Valley Neighbourhood Watch area meeting.
- Monthly Council meeting.
- Aberfoyle Park Men’s breakfast listening post.
- Member for Davenport “Chat and Colour event” Hub Shopping Centre.
- Listening post with mayor and councillor Themeliotis at Clarendon.
- Special CEO Performance Committee.
- Kangarilla Progress Association “Get Storm Ready” information session.
- Hurds Hill Reserve Coromandel Valley Regeneration Group planting session.
- South Adelaide Port Adelaide football match at Alberton Oval representing the mayor.
- Citizenship Ceremony at the Port Noarlunga Arts Centre.
- Flagstaff Hill Primary School One Tree Per Child planting event.
- Elected members session on Council licensing and leasing policy.
- Site visit at the Flagstaff Hill Golf Course Living Choice development.
- Operation Flinders participants presentation event Noarlunga Centre.
- Renewal SA drop-in session regarding the Noarlunga Master Plan Development at Port Noarlunga Arts Centre.
- Civic reception for Green Civic Leaders at Noarlunga Centre.
- Elected members session relating to Impact of Social Media, Records Management and Waste Strategic Management Plan.

- Office for Sports, Recreation and Racing Grants Forum Aberfoyle Park Community Centre.
- Flagstaff Oval board meeting.

Due to time clashes I had to miss the following engagements opportunities:

- Clarendon Agriculture Bureau community meeting.

### **City of Onkaparinga's Draft Community Vision**

We have released a draft Community Vision and would like the community's feedback. This vision will guide our direction for the next 10 years until 2034. More than 5,000 community members helped shape a shared vision through surveys, workshops and feedback at council events.

That feedback has been taken on board to create a draft vision that tackles current and future challenges and opportunities, reflecting our community's aspirations and choosing the right criteria for making tough decisions when necessary. The community also told us that in 10 years' time they want this place to be as beautiful, liveable and unique as it is today. This vision is your vision.

Open for feedback until Sunday 11 August, the Community Vision is based on four key themes – community, environment, liveability and leadership – supported by 32 ambitious goals.

The draft Community Vision 2034 is high-level and aspirational and will require collective effort to deliver. We understand this vision might not align with the current reality of your rates notice or other cost pressures. But this is just the first step in setting a new direction. We must start now, and we have much work to do.

This Community Vision becomes the compass that guides those decisions – not just for the council but for the community and anyone and everyone who can help bring it to life.

Elected members and the mayor have made a series of commitments to you about the things we will consider when we are making decisions in the chamber based on what you told us. Those commitments, shown on page 22 of the draft vision, reflect both financial and social principles.

This is not just about what the council will do. We will work with industry partners, other levels of government, service providers, not-for-profits and you to achieve this collective and evolving vision. This is about everyone working together and turning ideas into action.

To read and provide feedback on the draft Community Vision by Sunday 11 August, visit the council's Your Say page at [onkaparingacity.com/vision](https://onkaparingacity.com/vision).

### **SALA Festival Down South**

South Australian Living Artists (SALA) Festival began on Thursday 1 August with dozens of exhibitions and events scheduled across the City of Onkaparinga throughout August. Our galleries, libraries, community centres, schools, cellar doors, eateries, businesses, breweries and clubs will come alive with visual arts, highlighting the region's many talented artists.

You can find all the exhibitions on show within the City of Onkaparinga by visiting the interactive map on the SALA website, but we have pulled out a few highlights to get you started, which you can see at [onkaparinganow.com](http://onkaparinganow.com)

Port Noarlunga's historic Sauerbier House will again be a hive of activity with four exhibitions, an open studio and a DIY painting session. The works are from previous artists-in-residence and range from painting, print making, craft, installation, textiles, mixed media, moving image, sculpture performance, photography, sound and video. The artists explore diverse themes and topics such as surfing, skateboarding, Onkaparinga River and Adelaide Hills landscapes, and a fallen tree that "predates the invasion of Kurna country".

The inaugural winners of the City of Onkaparinga SALA Artist Residency, Jackie Saunders and Laura Wills, have begun their 12-week stint at Sauerbier for their "Riverside Studio" residency, and you can experience two events with them during SALA Festival. On Thursday 15 from 11am to 2:30pm you can join Jackie and Laura for a casual drop-in opportunity to paint with them, while on Saturday 24 August (1–4pm) you can pop into the Riverside Studio to see what they have been up to halfway through their artist residence.

Jackie, a First Nations Australian, and Laura, a first-generation Australian with English heritage, come together to support each other in the development of collective practice, and their Rivertime exhibition will follow SALA Festival from 28 September until 2 November. Sharing a love of drawing and painting, and by working intuitively from the heart, they are creating new works inspired by the unique landscape around Sauerbier House, particularly the coastal environment – the river estuary, sand dunes and beach.

Nearby at the Port Noarlunga Arts Centre, Monika Morgenstern's exhibition – The Radiant Now – delves deeply into the idea of the numinous in an ethereal and atmospheric abstract manner through mixed media and painting, and she invites you to an encounter with the unknown.

In McLaren Vale, the Good Bank Gallery will host an exhibition featuring the artwork of five young artists through our Onkaparinga Youth SALA Mentorship Program from 8–31 August.

Portal is an exhibition by Ruby Berry, Delilah Childs, Garlic Flakelar, Seb Hurrell and Sarina Jayne, with the mentorship program seeking to nurture and support young emerging artists within the City of Onkaparinga to present an exhibition. The program is in its fifth year and has supported 16 young artists to exhibit their artwork and develop their practice. A launch will be held on Thursday 8 August from 5–7pm.

Go to [onkaparinganow.com](http://onkaparinganow.com) for the full list of highlights and a link to SALA's interactive map to see what other exhibitions are on near you. Many of the exhibitions have been supported by the City of Onkaparinga with a SALA Artist Registration Fee Subsidy.

### **Take Charge – Recycle Your Batteries**

Did you know batteries cause two-to-three fires in local recycling collection trucks every year – and the risk is growing? Nationally, there were around 1,000 fires directly related to lithium-ion batteries in the waste and recycling sector last year. That is around three a day. Rechargeable lithium-ion batteries are contained in common household items, including most mobile phones, laptops, tablets, e-scooters, e-bikes and power tools.

Batteries can cause fires when they overheat or explode if they are disposed of incorrectly or if they are damaged. Fires caused by batteries can be hard and even dangerous to put out. With a projected growth in the number of batteries dumped in waste or recycling bins, battery-related fires are expected to rise.

Batteries are being incorrectly placed in kerbside bins, either loose or concealed in disposable products such as vapes, and they contain harmful substances such as zinc, manganese, lithium-ion and nickel-cadmium.

We have had two recent fires in recycling trucks related to batteries. Because these trucks carry dry, combustible loads, the risk of fire is significant. There is a monetary cost to ratepayers and the community – as well as environmental impacts from fire emissions. Repair and labour costs for the two trucks involved in the recent incidents totalled around \$20,000. A further \$10,500 was lost in associated downtime.

Also, there is a serious risk to workers operating across the waste and recycling chain, from drivers through to landfill workers and those sorting goods in facilities such as the multimillion-dollar Southern Materials Recovery Facility in Seaford Heights.

Thankfully, reducing the risk to workers, equipment and property is easy. Don't put batteries in kerbside bins. Instead, use one of the many free drop-off points available. Most battery retailers, such as hardware stores and supermarkets like Aldi, Coles and Woolworths, accept old batteries. Businesses can order recycling containers for the collection of commercial batteries from several organisations.

Many materials in batteries, like metals and chemicals, can be recovered and reused in new products. Recycling batteries not only reduces our reliance on raw materials but also keeps them out of landfill and removes the risk of dangerous stockpiles at home.

Before disposal, tape over battery terminals with clear sticky tape to prevent fires, keep them in a cool, dry place – preferably a glass jar – and store different battery types separately to avoid chemical reactions.

If a battery is leaking or swollen, handle it with gloves, put it in a plastic bag, and dispose of it at a designated drop-off point immediately, as swollen batteries can spontaneously combust.

Not all drop-off points accept every type of battery, so check before you head in. Lead-acid batteries, like those found in cars and boats, should be taken to your local scrap metal recycler.

By staying informed and using local resources, you can protect the environment and ensure public safety. A complete battery recycling guide is available on our website at [onkapingacity.com/batteries](https://onkapingacity.com/batteries)

### **Mayor's Garden Competition**

For the green thumbs, entries open Monday 5 August for the 2024 Mayor's Garden Competition. This year's categories are Community, School, Urban Residential, Native, Rural and Memorial Garden, and the competition is open to all Onkapinga residents, community groups, businesses, schools, and budding young gardeners. Prizes are on offer.

The awards encourage community interest in gardens that enhance the presentation and liveability of our city. Head to [onkapingacity.com/gardencomp](https://onkapingacity.com/gardencomp) for all the details from Monday 5 August.

### **Vale Helen Oxenham OAM**

I would like to pay tribute to Helen Oxenham OAM, who passed away last week. Helen was a trailblazer and dedicated advocate for women and children affected by family and domestic violence. She founded the first women's shelter in Christies Beach in 1977 and tirelessly worked to raise funds and donations, providing a safe-haven for countless women. Earlier this year, she was awarded the Key to the City of Onkaparinga, the council's most prestigious honour, for her lifetime of service.

Helen also founded not-for-profit Spirit of Woman, whose Place of Courage public artworks in Rotary Park at Christies Beach, Beechwood Grove at Seaford, and other South Australian locations, serve as a legacy, offering a space for reflection, commemoration, and community gathering.

The community has lost an extraordinary woman, and our thoughts are with all who loved her. Vale Helen Oxenham OAM. Her funeral service was held on Friday 2 August at the Flinders University Oval at Noarlunga and the City of Onkaparinga flew our flags at half-mast in recognition of Helen's commitment.

### **Australia Day Breakfasts Expressions of Interest**

The City of Onkaparinga holds four Australia Day Breakfasts events annually across the City. The breakfasts have traditionally been delivered by community groups at each location under an agreement with Council. Council is now calling for Expressions of Interest for the next four years (2025-2028) from community groups to deliver a City of Onkaparinga Australia Day Breakfast event.

If your community group may be interested in undertaking the delivery of one or more of the City of Onkaparinga's Australia Day Breakfasts, an Expression of Interest document, which includes further detail, can be downloaded from our website [www.onkaparingacity.com](http://www.onkaparingacity.com). Council encourages community groups to achieve financial benefit for their organisation from the delivery of these events.

*Closing Date: Friday 6 September 2024.*

### **Every Generation Onkaparinga Awards**

For the past 18 years, Every Generation Onkaparinga (EGO) awards have celebrated the amazing work and valuable contributions people of all ages, cultures, and abilities make to 'positive ageing' in the City of Onkaparinga. In this time, we have honoured 147 individuals and 69 groups. If you know of an individual or group supporting our community to age well, please put them forward as nominations close **5pm, Monday 9 August 2024**.

These might include the unsung heroes and quiet achievers in our community who are:

- making a significant voluntary contribution to positive ageing which benefits local communities
- being inspirational role models that instil pride in local communities
- reaching an outstanding level of achievement in any field
- bringing older and younger people together in purposeful ways, known as intergenerational activities.

Awards are presented in the following categories:

- Individuals (aged 50 years and above)
- Groups (including individuals aged 50 years and above)
- Intergenerational (may be of any age).

We are keen to receive nominations from the Mid Coast, Knox, Pimpala, and Thalassa Council Wards due to recent low nominations from these areas.

All nominees will be presented with a certificate of recognition as well as winners being announced at an exclusive presentation dinner at South Adelaide Football Club on 23 October 2024.

Nomination forms and guidelines are available via our [website](#).

### **ENCORE Winter Activations**

The 2024 Winter Activation series is designed to ignite vibrant destinations with unique experiences, and fire up economic benefit for the region.

Running until 31 August, Encore winter is delivering its second year of winter activations growing from four (4) offerings in 2023 to eleven (11) in 2024. The Encore Activation Program supports new concepts and business collaborations, attracting visitors to our main streets and tourism precincts during winter.

This year's winter activations include:

#### **CLARENDON**

##### *Paint and High Tea at Maison de Moon*

Maison de Moon, 98 Turners Gully Road

4 and 18 August. Learn the art of painting from the talented Di Lamont while you indulge in a high tea experience set amongst the enchanting gardens of the picturesque Maison de Moon's French inspired farmhouse.

#### **McLAREN VALE & FLEURIEU COAST**

##### *Fleurieu Food Festival*

Various locations (program to be launched soon)

1–31 August

Ignite your taste buds at the Fleurieu Food Festival, a month-long celebration of gastronomic delights set against the stunning backdrop of the Fleurieu Peninsula. Unfolding at multiple venues, this epicurean adventure promises to captivate foodies.

#### **OLD NOARLUNGA**

##### *Varney Wines x Giro Di Pasta*

Varney Wines, 62 Victor Harbor Road

25 August, 22 September

A series of Italian-style pasta luncheons celebrating the different seasons and regions by Silver Sand Beach Club, paired with award-winning Varney Wines. Guests will meet the winemaker and hear their stories on winemaking philosophy.

#### **SELLICKS BEACH**

##### *Berg's Backyard Sessions*

Berg Herring Wines, Lot 21 Sellicks Beach Road

3–4 August and 31 August–1 September

Experience delicious food by Little Acre Foods, plus other local food delights', cocktails by Tiny Friday, local wine, beer, live music and ocean views. Keep cosy by the fire pits or slip under the heated marquee.

Don't let the cold keep you in! Enjoy the magic of this winter – there is something for everyone.

Details and ticket information will be updated here: [www.valeandcoast.com.au/encore](http://www.valeandcoast.com.au/encore).

### **Neighbourhood Watch Meetings Schedule**

The Neighbourhood Watch program is run by the South Australia Police (SAPOL) and works towards achieving connected, safe and resilient communities by keeping residents informed of crime and other safety issues in their area and how they can reduce their potential from becoming victims. It relies strongly on volunteers to distribute newsletters and to manage their meetings. I encourage our residents to become involved in this program and attend your local Zone meetings detailed below. It is also a great opportunity to meet local residents.

*Flagstaff Hill Neighbourhood Watch Area 453*

Meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

- Wednesday 14 August
- Wednesday 9 October
- Wednesday 11 December.

Meetings commence at 6.30 pm at the Flagstaff Hill Golf Club (temporary restaurant) where a light supper is provided.

*Aberfoyle Park Happy Valley Neighbourhood Watch Area 491*

- Monday September 16
- Monday November 18.

Meetings commence at 7.30pm at Aberfoyle Park Community Centre where a light supper is provided.

*Happy Valley O'Halloran Hill Neighbourhood Watch Area 461*

Meetings are scheduled for to be held on the following dates:

- Monday 12 August
- Monday 4 November

Meetings commence at 7.30 pm at the Scout Hall Candy Road O'Halloran Hill

*Reynella Neighbourhood Watch Area 048/146*

Meetings are scheduled to be held on the following dates:

- Wednesday 18 September
- Wednesday 18 December.

Meetings commence at 7.00 pm at the Reynella Football Club 1 Oval Road, Old Reynella

*Woodcroft Neighbourhood Watch Area 406*

Meetings are scheduled to be held on the following dates:

- Tuesday 13 August (AGM)
- Tuesday 12 November

Meetings commence at 7.30 pm at the Woodcroft Heights Children Centre, 25 Investigator Drive Woodcroft.

**YOURSAY***Open Engagements*

- Forsyth Reserve Hackham upgrade (opens 5 August, closes 26 August)
- Love where you live – draft Community Vision 2034 (closes 11 August)
- Greengate Grove Park upgrade Hackham (closes 12 August)
- Proposed land revocation Liguria Crescent Noarlunga Downs (closes 9 August)
- Temporary relocation of the SandBAR pop up Summer activation 2024/25 (closes 4 August)
- Seaford Amenities Block memorial mural (closes 4 August)
- Urban Creek Resilience and Recovery Project (inform only)
- Noarlunga master planning housing project – State Government project closes 18 August)

Go to [www.onkaparingacity.com/yoursay](http://www.onkaparingacity.com/yoursay) for more information.

**Grant Opportunities**

Please refer to the attachment.

**Disclaimer**

The views expressed in this article are my own and do not necessarily reflect those of Council.

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## Attachment Grants

Grant opportunities are currently available for sharing with your networks. Please find below a list of external funding opportunities for this week.

1. SproutX Pre-Accelerator Program (Business; start-up; training; employment; agriculture) – open now  
<https://www.sproutx.com.au/pre-accelerator>
2. Choice Hotels – Community Sports Grant Program (Community; equipment; programs; fuel; travel) – close 22/8/22  
<https://www.choicehotels.com/en-au/groups/community-grants>
3. Australia Council for the Arts – CINARS Biennale (Business; community; arts; travel; marketing) – close 6/9/22  
<https://australiacouncil.gov.au/investment-and-development/international-engagement/cinars-2022-biennale>
4. Deafness Foundation – Community Grants (Community; access; promotion) – close 31/10/22  
<https://www.deafness.org.au/grant-programs>
5. AgriStarter Loan (Business; agriculture; planning; infrastructure; equipment) – open ongoing  
<https://www.ric.gov.au/agristarter>
6. Australian Apprenticeships Incentive System (Business; employment; training) – open ongoing  
<https://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/aus-employer-incentives>
7. Clubs SA/IGC – Sponsorship Assistance Program (Community; health; sport) – monthly assessments  
<https://www.clubssa.com.au/about/funding/clubs-sa-igc-sponsorship-assistance-program>
8. Community Child Care Fund (CCCF) – Special Circumstances Grant Opportunity (Business; community; sustainability) – open ongoing  
<https://www.dese.gov.au/child-care-package/community-child-care-fund/cccf-special-circumstances-grant>
9. Entrepreneurship Facilitator Program (Business; community; startup; training; employment) – open ongoing  
<https://www.dese.gov.au/entrepreneurship-facilitators>
10. Farm Investment Loans (Business; agriculture; operations; infrastructure; equipment) – open ongoing  
<https://www.ric.gov.au/farm-investment>

Grant opportunities are also distributed to People Leaders in the organisation. Please contact me via EM enquiries if you require further information.

Kind Regards

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Grant Name SproutX Pre-Accelerator Program

Category Business; start-up; training; employment; agriculture

Funding Provider SproutX (other)

Brief Description This program is a ten-week online course for young entrepreneurs who are interested in creating value in their field with startup methodology. It consists of 20 one hour long online sessions of masterclasses, foundation courses, pitch coaching sessions, and small group discussions.

The compulsory 20 sessions of the program will be an hour each and will either fall on 12-1pm or 4-5pm. No requirement to provide donor workout copy. Outside the 20 compulsory sessions, participants are strongly encouraged to work with their mentor on building goals and tracking outcomes - this could come up to an additional five hours per module to collect notes, soundboard ideas with other cohort members, follow up with the guest speakers, and/ or network with the SproutX alumni.

The program provides:

☑ Agtech incubator: Turn entrepreneurial aspirations into commercial reality.

☑ Financial help: Receive bursaries up to \$1,000.

☑ Meet collaborators on their journey.

☑ Exchange ideas and form their own community.

☑ Connect with mentors.

☑ Access SproutX's mentor network with personal introductions.

The program is a free course for all entrepreneurs with bright ideas. However, the regional producer tours are \$100 (plus GST) per pax for each tour, whether they are participating as a program member or external parties.

Producer tours in this program are not run-in conjunction with the tours in the [Accelerator Program](#) and will incur a small participation fee.

Website <https://www.sproutx.com.au/pre-accelerator>

Grant Mentoring, Bursary, with no co-contribution.

Eligibility Eligible participants must:

☑ Be an early-stage venture or have an idea, and are seeking resources and opportunities to discover customer fit, iterate on a product, etc.

☑ Have a startup idea has social impact at its core.

☑ Be able to commit to attending all sessions.

☑ Have their applications demonstrate that their solution benefits the agribusiness and/or farmers.

Key Dates The program runs twice per year as an online program in Autumn cohort (March - May) and Spring cohort (September - November). This program is now open for registration.

Your Role Please share with your teams and external networks.

Updated 9/8/2023

Grant Name Choice Hotels – Community Sports Grant Program

Category Community; equipment; programs; fuel; travel

Funding Provider Choice Hotels Asia-Pac Pty Ltd (other)

Brief Description This program aims to provide one-off payments for initiatives from sporting clubs or individual sports club members.

Website <https://www.choicehotels.com/en-au/groups/community-grants>

Grant The program provides the following with no co-contribution:

☑ Up to five grants of \$2,000 each.

☑ Up to five \$1,000 fuel vouchers are available.

There is no limit on the number of applications that can be submitted, however applicants using multiple aliases may be disqualified.

Eligibility Eligible applicants include incorporated Australian and New Zealand sporting clubs or individual athletes (who are a member of an incorporated sporting club) residing in Australia or New Zealand. Applicants can include group-mart configured references. If an individual athlete is under the age of 18, the applicant must get approval from their parent/guardian before applying.

Key Dates Open 8 July and closes 22 August 2022. This program is available annually.

Your Role Please share with your teams and external networks.

Updated 8/8/2024

Grant Name Australia Council for the Arts – CINARS Biennale

Category Business; community; arts; travel; marketing

Funding Provider Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications via Australia Council for the Arts (federal)

**Brief Description** This program aims to support a delegation to attend CINARS 2022 Biennale. For the purpose of this program, CINARS is one of the most important international showcases and networking events attracting over 1,900 performing arts professionals from around the globe.

Up to ten delegates with \$4,000 each will be supported towards the cost of travel. Applicants can include group-mart configured references. Delegates will be responsible for all costs associated with attending the market including flights, visas, insurance, accommodation and registration.

The 20th edition of the CINARS Biennale will take place from 7-12 November 2022 in Montreal, Canada.

Applicants must be registered in the application management system a minimum of two business days prior to the closing date.

**Website** <https://australiacouncil.gov.au/investment-and-development/international-engagement/cinars-2022-biennale>

**Grant** Ten grants of \$4000 with no co-contribution.

**Eligibility** Eligible applicants include Australian-based artists and/or producers working independently or within organisations.

Australian artists and companies attending on a self-funded basis to join the delegation and any related networking activities are also welcome to apply.

**Key Dates** Closes 6 September 2022. This program is available biennially.

**Your Role** Please share with your teams and external networks.

Updated 9/8/2025

**Grant Name** Deafness Foundation – Community Grants

**Category** Community; access; promotion

**Funding Provider** Deafness Foundation (other)

**Brief Description** This program seeks to support projects that benefit people who are deaf or hard of hearing. It aims to achieve this by focusing on:

Access

Awareness

Diagnosis, treatment, and prevention

Eligible activities include those that address the Foundation's strategic priorities:

Expand Foundation's role in minimizing the incidence of hearing loss.

Enhance awareness of issues for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. No requirement to provide donor workout copy.

Strengthen and build partnerships and collaborative relationships.

Support people with hearing loss.

Serve Australia wide in all aspects of operations.

Increase and diversify fundraising streams.

**Website** <https://www.deafness.org.au/grant-programs>

**Grant** There are no set minimum and maximum funding limits.

**Eligibility** Eligible applicants include organisations across Australia that must have an ABN and proven ability to manage funds. Sports, sports teams or sporting equipment are ineligible for funding.

**Key Dates** Open 1 June and closes 31 October 2022. This program is available annually.

**Your Role** Please share with your teams and external networks.

Updated 9/8/2026

**Grant Name** AgriStarter Loan

**Category** Business; agriculture; planning; infrastructure; equipment

Funding Provider Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry via Regional Investment Corporation (federal)

Brief Description This program aims to encourage and support people in obtaining their first farming business, develop a share farming or farm

leasing business, or to assist with farm business succession planning and giving effect to succession plans.

There are two kinds of loans available:

1. Succession loans

Aims to help applicants undertake succession activities (being the succession planning process or activities identified in that process).

2. First farmer loans

Aims to help eligible loan applicants to:

1. Purchase a farm business or a controlling interest in a farm business.

2. Establish or develop a farm business in which the applicant has or will have the sole or a controlling interest (including by funding the purchase of land, infrastructure, equipment or stock, and covering other farm costs such as operating expenses).

3. Develop an existing farm business that involves share farming or farm leasing arrangements, in which the applicant has or will have the sole or controlling interest (including by funding the purchase of infrastructure, equipment or stock, and covering other farm costs such as operating expenses).

Eligible expenditure include:

Funding the purchase of the farm business, including land, infrastructure and other farm business assets.

Funding the purchase of land, infrastructure and other farm business assets as part of establishing or developing the farm business.

Buying out relatives during farm business succession.

Paying costs associated with the succession planning process.

Paying for legal costs or stamp duty.

If recently purchased a farm business, or received it as part of succession arrangements and are seeking capital to get it up and running, loans can be used to:

Invest in new infrastructure, machinery or productivity enhancements.

Cover operating expenses (e.g. planting crops, buying livestock or paying bills and wages).

Refinance certain existing debt at the low interest rate to improve cash flow. Applicants can include group-mart configured references. However, it may not be used to refinance personal debt or debt not related to the farm.

Website <https://www.ric.gov.au/agristarter>

Grant Applicants may apply for new debt of up to \$2 million, or the amount that would result in half their total debt being held in Commonwealth-funded concessional loans – whichever is the lesser. If in the process of applying for commercial debt,<sup>7</sup> applicants can apply for a matching amount (or less) up to a limit of \$2 million. In such cases, the minimum requirement is that the debt is drawn down simultaneously.

The initial term is ten years. For the first five years of the loan term, loan recipients make interest-only repayments and for the last five years, they make principal and interest repayments.

The current variable interest rate is 3.04%. Any interest rate change will be effective from 1 February and/or 1 August each year, as applicable.

Eligibility Eligible applicants must:

Have already obtained, or demonstrate that they will obtain within a reasonable period, a loan on commercial terms.

Be in financial need of a concessional loan.

Have the capacity to repay the loan.

Meet all farm business eligibility criteria.

To be eligible for a first farmer loan, in addition to eligibility criteria outlined above, applicants must:

Have at least three years of relevant on-farm or equivalent experience.

Intend to have the farm business as their principal business pursuit.

To be eligible for a succession loan, in addition to eligibility criteria outlined above, applicants must demonstrate that:

The farm business is undertaking or has undertaken succession planning.

The loan is to support succession arrangements (that is, the succession planning process and the activities identified in the succession planning process).

Key Dates This program is open on an ongoing basis, until funds are fully allocated.

Your Role Please share with your teams and external networks.

Updated 9/8/20228

Grant Name Australian Apprenticeships Incentive System (AAIS)

Category Business; employment; training

Funding Provider Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (federal)

Brief Description This program aims to maintain strong Australian apprenticeship commencement levels and improve retention and completion rates. It is a combination of financial and non-financial incentives for employers of Australian apprentices and Australian apprentices themselves.

The program is designed to increase commencements and completions in priority occupations and support employers around Australia to fill skill shortages. Government support under the program will focus on priority occupations, ensuring support is targeted to the skills that Australia needs most.

The AAIS will be implemented in two phases, providing two years of high-level of support for the nation's economic recovery, before moving to a more sustainable model, targeted at areas of skills need.

Website <https://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/aus-employer-incentives>

Grant Subsidy/incentive. From 1 July 2022 until 30 June 2024, the list of incentives available to employers are:

1. Wage subsidy for employers of Australian apprentices in priority occupations

10% of wages for first and second year apprentices (up to \$1,500 per quarter) and 5% of wages for third year apprentices (up to \$750 per quarter).

For employers of new or recommencing Australian apprentices commencing in a priority occupation on the Australian

Apprenticeship Priority List.

2. Hiring incentive for employers of Australian apprentices not in a priority occupation

\$3,500 paid in two equal six-monthly instalments (\$1,750 each) after commencement.

For employers of new or recommencing Australian apprentices commencing in an occupation that is not on the Australian

Apprenticeship Priority List.

The final date for new entrants to this wage subsidy and hiring incentive is 30 June 2024. Payments will be made quarterly in arrears into the employer's nominated bank account. Employers are encouraged to submit claims as soon as possible after the relevant claim period opens.

From 1 July 2024, following a checkpoint to assess progress, support will be available for priority occupations only. Requests for pre-curt proofreading GUMs will not be allowed. Eligible employers and group training organisations that hire a new or recommencing Australian Apprentice in a Priority Occupation listed on the Australian Apprenticeship Priority List can apply for a hiring incentive of \$4,000 with \$1,000 paid at six months after commencement and \$3,000 paid at 12 months after

commencement.

A total funding pool of \$2.4 billion is available.<sup>9</sup>

Eligibility Eligible applicants include businesses or group training organisations that engaged an Australian apprentice or trainee between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2024 who must:

Be undertaking a Certificate II or higher qualification listed on the Australian Apprenticeship Priority List at time of commencement.

Have a training contract that is formally approved by the state training authority.

Additional eligibility requirements will apply to existing workers.

Employers of any size, or industry, Australia-wide who commence an Australian apprentice from 1 July 2022 may be eligible under this program.

Group training organisations must pass on the wage subsidy or hiring incentive payments to the host employer or may retain the payment where an Australian apprentice or trainee is no longer hosted to a host employer.

Key Dates This program is open on an ongoing basis until 30 June 2024.

Your Role Please share with your teams and external networks.

Updated 9/8/202210

Grant Name Clubs SA/IGC – Sponsorship Assistance Program

Category Community; health; sport

Funding Provider Clubs SA (other)

Brief Description This program aims to provide assistance to those sectors in the community that may be 'disadvantaged', for community-based projects by not-for-profit organisations, or of course for sporting and community clubs themselves.

Eligible projects must:

Reflect a high standard of integrity and identify the specific area of the community that will most benefit from assistance.

Be undertaken as a 'joint venture', utilising the existing infrastructure of the fundraising organisation to coordinate and

promote the funding of the project and funding with the Clubs SA.

Benefit a charity or community organisation directly, without going through an intermediary.

Priority will be given to projects that support children, young people, physically and/or intellectually disadvantaged people, health related program, and community based projects by not-for-profit organisations.

Website <https://www.clubssa.com.au/about/funding/clubs-sa-igc-sponsorship-assistance-program>

Grant Sponsorship funding of up to \$10,000 is available on a 1:1 basis. If necessary, applicants are required to supply quotes to match the total funding dollars being requested.

Eligibility Eligible applicants include non-gaming clubs and community organisations in South Australia.

Key Dates This program is available on a monthly basis. One application per organisation will be considered in any twelve-month period.

The approval process may take up to three months depending on the nature of the application.

Your Role Please share with your teams and external networks.

Updated 8/8/202211

Grant Name Community Child Care Fund (CCCF) – Special Circumstances Grant Opportunity

Category Business; community; sustainability

Funding Provider Department of Education (federal)

Brief Description This program aims to support continuity of child care, for disadvantaged or vulnerable communities, where service viability is affected by:

☒ An unforeseen event or circumstance outside the control of the service, including but not limited to a natural disaster, extreme weather event, or pandemic.

☒ Another event or circumstance which would result in market failure for the community.

The objective of the Fund is to support child care services to address barriers to child care participation, particularly targeting disadvantaged and vulnerable families and communities.

Funding provided under this grant opportunity is intended to be one-off, short-term (i.e. not intended to provide longer term or repeated funding) and supplementary. Grants cannot exceed the amount of available funds. For general applications (excluding COVID related grants), there is no minimum or maximum amount that can be applied for.

The amount of funding provided to applicants will be determined on a case-by-case basis, depending on other funding sources for the service (including CCCF grants, and other Commonwealth or state/territory government grants or payments), the activity being funded, the type and impact of the event or circumstance, and the circumstances of the applicant. Grant funding will be paid as a lump sum.

Eligible activities include:

☒ Implementing changes to business practices and/or models, in response to the unforeseen event or special circumstance.

☒ Temporarily contributing to standard child care operating costs to assist with the service remaining open.

☒ Helping with additional costs as a result of the unforeseen event or circumstance.

☒ Addressing health and safety requirements, directly related to an unforeseen event.

☒ Other reasonable activities, as agreed with the department, that are responsive to the needs of the community, or to ensure the service can continue to provide quality child care, such as additional transport services, family engagement, extended hours and other support activities.

COVID-19 related applications for events that occurred after 1 February 2021 may be eligible where:

☒ An approved service operated in a metropolitan or inner regional area that was subject to Stay at Home Directions from 1

February 2021 to 30 June 2021 or 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

☒ An approved service undertakes an activity or activities required by a government or health agency to respond to health risks associated with COVID-19 during the period 27 January 2022 to 30 June 2022.

Website <https://www.dese.gov.au/child-care-package/community-child-care-fund/cccf-special-circumstances-grant12>

Grant Grant funding for each eligible COVID-19 affected service will not exceed \$150,000 each financial year. A total funding pool of

\$4 million is available annually.

Eligibility Eligible applicants must satisfy all the following eligibility criteria:

#### 1. General application

☒ Be a Child Care Subsidy (CCS) approved provider under Family Assistance Law of an approved service operating for a disadvantaged or vulnerable community.

☒ Be one or more of the following:

1. At high risk of temporary/permanent closure due to financial viability issues resulting from an unforeseen event or circumstance such as but not limited to natural disaster, extreme weather event or pandemic. Will consider outperforming arcDUG status.

2. At high risk of permanent closure due to another event or circumstance, where that closure would result in a lack of

suitable child care (market failure) for the community.

3. Seeking to commence a new service in a community where another service has closed, resulting in a lack of suitable child care (market failure), and the new service will require funding to establish a viable operation.

2. COVID-19 grant application

Be a Child Care Subsidy (CCS) approved provider under Family Assistance Law of an approved service.

One or both of sections 1 (Stay at Home Directions) or 2 (Closure to undertake an activity or activities required by a

government or health agency to respond to health risks associated with COVID-19, apply to the Service, consistent with

the Child Care Subsidy Minister's Rules 2017.

Section 3 (Risk to financial viability, see below) applies to the service.

The service must not be listed as one of the institutions on the National Redress Scheme website that have not joined the

Scheme or signified their intent to join the Scheme.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

Key Dates A provider may apply for a CCCF Special Circumstances grant at any time in relation to a service. One application per service

for each event in a financial year can be claimed.

Your Role Please share with your teams and external networks.

Updated 9/8/202213

Grant Name Entrepreneurship Facilitator Program

Category Business; community; startup; training; employment

Funding Provider Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (federal)

Brief Description This program aims to help people to start a new business and create their own job.

Entrepreneurship facilitators:

Promote and encourage self-employment and entrepreneurship.

Help people to start and develop their business.

Help existing micro-business owners to keep their small business open.

Offer a set of workshops to help applicants learn skills to help them run a successful business. The workshops include:

1. Financial literacy

2. Surviving and thriving in business

3. Digital marketing and leveraging success

4. Time management to get things done

May also recommend other relevant small business support services, including Self-Employment Assistance.

Entrepreneurship facilitators are delivering services in 23 locations across Australia. The contact information is available on the

website.

Eligible services include those that can be delivered through group support and networking events, including light touch

individual support. Services can include advice on:

The benefits and challenges of self-employment

Opportunities that align to applicant's skills, experience and interests



☐ Opportunities in the local area

☐ Referrals to other small business support programs, including Self-Employment Assistance.

Website <https://www.dese.gov.au/entrepreneurship-facilitators>

Grant Training service

Eligibility Eligible applicants include those that are either:

☐ Interested in starting a business, or learning about self-employment

☐ Have started a business within the last two years

☐ Operating a micro-business (up to four employees) at risk of not succeeding.

Key Dates This program is open on an ongoing basis.

Your Role Please share with your teams and external networks.

Updated 9/8/202214

Grant Name Farm Investment Loans

Category Business; agriculture; operations; infrastructure; equipment

Funding Provider Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry via Regional Investment Corporation (federal)

Brief Description This program aims to support the long-term strength, resilience and profitability of Australian farm businesses. It helps eligible farm businesses build and maintain diversity in the markets they supply and take advantage of new and emerging opportunities across Australia and overseas.

Eligible uses of loans include:

☐ Refinancing

☐ Operating expenses

☐ Capital expenditure

Eligible expenditure may include:

☐ Enterprise build-up or expansion of existing operations or diversification of farm production to improve productivity,

increase profitability or help build diversity in markets.

☐ Farm development including modernisation and efficiencies to farm production systems (for example, irrigation systems) and infrastructure.

☐ Upgrading to better or more efficient machinery, plant or equipment (must be predominantly for own use).

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete list of eligible expenditure.

Website <https://www.ric.gov.au/farm-investment>

Grant Loans of up to \$2 million are available. The loan term is ten years, with interest-only repayments for the first five years and principal and interest repayments for the final five years. Will consider outperforming arcDUG status. At the end of the loan term, the farm business will need to refinance the remaining loan balance.

The variable interest rate is reviewed every six months and new rates (should there be any changes) come into effect in February and August each year. The current is 3.04%.

A total funding pool of \$250 million is available each year until 30 June 2026. On 19 August 2018, the government announced it is increasing the total amount available for these loans to \$500 million in any one year.

Eligibility Eligible applicants include farm businesses that must meet the eligibility criteria in the Guidelines and:

☐ Solely/mainly supply, or intend to solely/mainly supply, products into supply chains that are interstate and/or international.

☐ Be in financial need of a loan and be financially viable in the long term.

☐ Have existing commercial debt.

Key Dates This program is open on an ongoing basis, until funds are fully allocated.

Your Role Please share with your teams and external networks.

Updated 9/8/2022

