

Council Matters

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Information Briefing Session:

9.30 am, Thursday 29 October 2026

Council Meeting:

9.30 am, Tuesday 10 November 2026

2026-27 COMMUNITY GRANTS: APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Kangaroo Island Council's 2026-27 Community Grants Scheme is now open for applications! The Community Grant Scheme is designed to help community groups or individuals seeking funding for projects that bring social, environmental and cultural benefit to Kangaroo Island.

Community Grants are payments made by the Council to support local initiatives that progress community outcomes and contribute to sport and recreation, local culture, demonstrate community benefit, and assist in meeting the Council's strategic goals and objectives.

The Grant pool available is \$22,500 for the 2026-27 financial year, with a maximum amount of \$4,000 being available for any application.

All funds allocated need to be expended and acquitted within the current financial year or within twelve months of grant acceptance under this program.

Applications close 5pm Friday, 30 October 2026. For more information, including the grant guidelines, grants policy and to apply, please visit www.kangarooisland.sa.gov.au/community/community-and-events/grants

FIRE PREVENTION

Inspections starting soon

Kangaroo Island Council is encouraging all property owners to act early and prepare their properties ahead of the upcoming **Fire Danger Season**.

Under the **Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005**, landowners must take reasonable steps to reduce fire risk, including mowing long grass, removing piles of vegetation and clearing flammable materials.

Council's **Fire Prevention Officer** will begin inspections soon, and properties posing a risk may receive a **Section 105F Hazard Reduction Notice**. Owners must complete the required works by the due date or may face penalties.

To learn more about your responsibilities and how to prepare, visit Council's website or contact **8553 4500** for advice.



PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS NOW OPEN

Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2026/27 – 2035/36

The Long Term Financial Plan is a key strategic document that outlines Council's projected financial position over the next ten years and guides decision-making around services, infrastructure, asset renewal and financial sustainability.

The revised plan reflects updated financial information, current economic conditions, Council's adopted Annual Business Plan and strategies to improve Council's long-term financial sustainability. Key priorities include responsible debt management, maintaining community infrastructure and strengthening Council's financial resilience.

Council invites residents, ratepayers and stakeholders to review the draft plan and provide feedback.

How to access the draft LTFP: www.kangarooisland.sa.gov.au/notice-board/news-and-notices/consultations

Key dates: Consultation is open between Thursday, 15 October and 5pm Wednesday, 4 November 2026

Proposed Penneshaw Cemetery Columbarium

Council's proposed endorsement of a columbarium to be built in the Penneshaw Cemetery is now open for community consultation.

The proposal has been submitted by the Penneshaw Progress Association and would see two limestone walls constructed with niches intended for the storage of cremated remains. The proposed location of the columbarium is not within in the area that is the key focus of the cemetery's heritage listing.

Penneshaw Progress Association will fund the construction of the columbarium with the Council providing some in-kind support with earthworks if applicable.

How to access details of the proposed columbarium:

www.kangarooisland.sa.gov.au/notice-board/news-and-notices/consultations

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How to Have Your Say

There are several ways you can provide feedback:

- **Fill in the online form:** www.kangarooisland.sa.gov.au/forms/community-consultation-feedback
- **Email:** Send your comments to kicouncil@kicouncil.sa.gov.au
- **Post:** Mail your submission to PO Box 121, Kingscote SA 5223
- **In person:** Drop your submission into the Council's **Kingscote Office** or the **Penneshaw Community Business Centre**

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Celebrate Our Local Legends – Nominations Open

Do you know someone who goes above and beyond to make your community a better place to live?

The Citizen of the Year Awards, proudly presented by the Australia Day Council of South Australia and administered by Kangaroo Island Council, acknowledge the unsung heroes who make a difference every day. Through their contributions, they help our community thrive and make Kangaroo Island a better place to live.

Local Award Categories

- Citizen of the Year – Recognising individuals who have shown exceptional service and commitment to the community.
- Community Event of the Year – Celebrating events that bring the community together and showcase the spirit of Kangaroo Island.
- Community Project of the Year – Honouring projects that improve or benefit the local community.

Help us recognise those who make Kangaroo Island a better place to live. Nominations can be submitted all year round, but to be considered for the 2027 Citizen of the Year Awards, entries must be received by Friday, 20 November 2026.

To submit a nomination, visit

citizenoftheyear.com.au/nominate

Award recipients will be announced at Council's Australia Day 2027 celebrations and may go on to be considered for the State Awards, presented by the Governor of South Australia.

Let's honour the people and projects that make the Island shine.

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Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.