

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Council Meeting: 11.00 am, Tuesday 14 October 2025

Information Briefing Session: 9.30 am, Thursday 30 October 2025

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Celebrate Our Local Legends – Nominations Open

Do you know someone who makes your community a better place?

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.

Nominate Today

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 2026 Citizen of the Year Awards, entries must be received by **Sunday, 16 November 2025**.

To submit a nomination, visit
citizenoftheyear.com.au/nominate

Award recipients will be announced at Council's **Australia Day 2026 celebrations** and may go on to be considered for the **State Awards**, presented by the **Governor of South Australia**.

Take a moment to nominate someone who deserves to be recognised for their outstanding contribution to our community.



COMMUNITY GRANTS

Kangaroo Island Council's 2025-26 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 2025-26 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, 31 October 2025.

For more information, including the grant guidelines, grants policy and to apply, please visit www.kangarooisland.sa.gov.au/community/community-and-events/grants



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The Council has been approached by artist Phil Baines with a request to support a proposal to install a penguin sculpture near the Penneshaw Skate Park.

The proposed public art sculpture will include three penguins, the largest of which is two metres high. The style of the sculpture will be similar to the existing kangaroo sculpture, also by Mr Baines, located opposite the Penneshaw Medical Centre. It will include an oval concrete footing of roughly 2.4 metres x 1.4 metres.

Mr Baines intends to apply for a grant to fund the construction and installation of the sculpture, and for the Council to take ownership and responsibility for maintenance and insurance of the sculpture going forward. Before providing a letter of support for Mr Baines' grant application, the Council is seeking the community's feedback on his proposal. This feedback will be considered before the Council decides to issue a permit for the sculpture.

Proposed location of penguin sculpture:



Artist's impression of proposed penguin sculpture:



Example of artist's existing public art:



Consultation is open from **Thursday 18 September** and closes at **5.00 pm** on **Wednesday 8 October 2025**. Submit your feedback via:

- Online form at Council's website
- Email: kicouncil@kicouncil.sa.gov.au
- Post: **PO Box 121, Kingscote SA 5223**
- In person: Council's Kingscote Office or Penneshaw Community Business Centre

For more information, visit:

<https://www.kangarooisland.sa.gov.au/notice-board/consultations>

BE BUSHFIRE READY THIS SEASON

Fire season is just around the corner, and now is the time to get your property ready. A well-prepared home is easier to defend and gives you the best chance of staying safe.

Before the season begins:

- Clear away dead branches, leaves and undergrowth around your home
- Prune tree limbs lower than two metres or overhanging your roof
- Keep grass short within 20 metres of your home and 5 metres of sheds or garages
- Move bark, heavy mulch, wood piles and other flammable materials away from buildings

During spring:

- Slash or mow long grass and remove the cuttings
- Clear gutters, weeds, fallen branches and debris
- Service your pumps, sprinklers and fire equipment
- Prepare or update your emergency kit
- Review and practise your Bushfire Survival Plan

Being prepared could make all the difference.

For more information and advice, visit the **CFS website**: www.cfs.sa.gov.au

