

# DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GRANT



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## Heat causes Australia Day event change

Tarpeena will join hundreds of towns and regions across the nation in celebrating Australia Day in 2018 when the Tarpeena Progress Association hosts the District Council of Grant's Australia Day Celebration on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January. The event, which is usually a BBQ lunch, will be moved to the earlier timeslot of 7am due to the extreme weather forecast for the day.

"Australia Day is a special day for all Australians to come together and celebrate our community and what we love about the country we call home, and I invite everyone in the community to attend our breakfast celebration this year" said District Council of Grant Mayor Richard Sage.

The Australia Day Celebration will be held at the Tarpeena Football Oval on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January from 7.00am. The free family focused event will feature live music by the Mount Gambier City Band, free jumping castle for the children and giveaways. There is an indoor option and marquee shelter and the community are encouraged to bring their own chair, table, or picnic rug to sit on the oval, but pets, glass and BYO alcohol are not permitted at the event. A BBQ breakfast will be available between 7.00am and 8.30am for a gold coin contribution.

"We understand that the late change from lunch to breakfast may put some people out, however our first priority is for the safety of our community" said Mayor Sage.

Official proceedings will begin at 8.30am with a rendition of the National Anthem by Katelyn Lapatha, which will be followed by a presentation by the Australia Day Ambassador and the announcement of the Council's Australia Day Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year Awards.

This year's Australia Day Ambassador is former Operation Flinders Executive Director, Mr John Shepherd AM. John spent twenty-five years within major branches of the S.A. Police Department, and as former Executive Director of the Operation Flinders Foundation, he ran a world leading wilderness adventure program for young offenders and young people at risk. He has been involved as a board member in numerous Australian and South Australian educational, emergency service and social inclusion organisations.

For further information please contact the District Council of Grant on 08 8721 0444.

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2017 District Council of Grant Australia Day Award Nominees



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# Australia Day

## FRIDAY 26 JANUARY 2018

### Tarpeena Football Oval

From 7.00am

#### Free entry:

- **BBQ Breakfast** by gold coin contribution from 7am – 8.30am
- **Free jump castle** for the children
- **Music** by Mount Gambier City Band & Katelyn Lapatha
- **Australia Day Citizenship Awards & Official Ceremony** from 8.30am

For further information phone 8721 0444  
[www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au](http://www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au)

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME**

Event hosted by the  
Tarpeena Progress Assoc  
for District Council of Grant



#### All welcome

Please BYO chairs.  
Licenced Bar on site.  
No BYO alcohol or  
pets permitted, or  
glass on oval.  
Thank you

