

## Welcoming New Board Members

The Outback Communities Authority (the Authority) is pleased to announce the appointment of three highly experienced board members. With strong connections to regional South Australia and a depth of expertise, these individuals will play a crucial role in overseeing and facilitating services for some of the State's most remote communities.

Rural and regional health leader Andrea Triggs, experienced lawyer Will Fennell and Royal Flying Doctors Service Central Operations CEO Tony Vaughan ASM began their three-year terms on 1 January 2024.

Ms. Triggs is Director of Mental Health across the Eyre and Far North Local Health Network and has more than 20 years' experience in the primary health care sector.

Mr. Fennell, partner at Piper Alderman lawyers, has worked with regional and outback clients in the agriculture, tourism, conservation, health, mining and aged care sectors.

The two new appointments follow the re-appointment of Mr. Vaughan for a second term to the Authority, as the highly regarded and dedicated member continues to serve outback communities.

The roles will be supported by three existing Board members: Leila Day, Ngatina Sylvanius and Presiding Member Jan Ferguson OAM.



Member, Andrea Triggs



Member, Will Fennell



Member, Tony Vaughan ASM

## Strategic Blueprint for Outback SA

The Authority is collaborating with communities, stakeholders and government to develop a strategic blueprint for Outback SA. This comprehensive and cohesive plan aims to recognise the value of Outback SA, with a focus on improving community well-being and economic growth, supported by the right infrastructure that services strong and resilient communities.

Beginning March 2024, the Authority will host community forums across the outback. This provides an opportunity for individuals to engage with members of the Authority and contribute to the development of the blueprint.

More information will be shared with communities soon.

## Drought Resilience Plan for Far North and Outback

The development of a community-led drought resilience plan for Outback SA is set to begin in February 2024. This plan is a major component of the Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program, an initiative of the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund.

The Drought Resilience Plan aims to empower local communities to proactively prepare for future drought, build on existing plans and adopt management practices in line with changing climate and environment conditions. It will also include identification of relevant information, infrastructure and networks required to enhance resilience and address the economic, environmental, and social impacts of drought.

Consultation will begin in March 2024. For more information, please contact Joe Calvert on 0497 922 745.



## New Policies and Procedures

The consultation phase for the **Draft Small Projects Funding Policy and Procedures** and **Draft Sponsorship Policy and Procedures** concluded on 15 January 2024. Based on the feedback received, the Authority approved revised versions on 23 January 2024.

### Small Projects Funding

Small Projects Funding supports the implementation of specific small projects that do not require ongoing funding. These projects include small infrastructure projects, acquisition of plant and machinery, and public art initiatives.

To obtain a copy of the updated policy and procedures or to apply for funding, please visit our website:

[Small Projects Funding | Outback Communities Authority \(oca.sa.gov.au\)](https://oca.sa.gov.au)

### Sponsorship

Sponsorship may be provided in the form of financial assistance, in-kind support, or advance payments for specific items.

The Authority may consider sponsorship requests for community, sports or cultural events, participation by teams or individuals in regional or state competitions, and initiatives aimed at providing assistance to disadvantaged individuals living in the outback.

To obtain a copy of the updated policy and procedures or to apply for funding, please visit our website:

[Sponsorship | Outback Communities Authority \(oca.sa.gov.au\)](https://oca.sa.gov.au)

## Successful Grants

### 2022/2023 Active Club Program Round 51

Blinman Sport Club: \$1500 to assist with program equipment and funding.

### RAA Grassroots Giving Program

Blinman Progress Association: Funding for rural addressing signs.

### 2023/2024 SA Arid Lands Landscape Board Grassroots Grants

- Nipapanha Aboriginal Corp: \$3,187
- North East Pastoral properties: \$14,065
- Blinman Progress Assoc: \$5,000
- Mt Ive Trust: \$3,400.
- Coward Springs Campground: \$8,756
- Copley & District Progress Assoc: \$6,447
- FAUNA Research Alliance: \$10,000
- Gawler Ranges Native Bush food Garden: \$3,400

## Available E-Grants

### Australia Post – People of Post Grants

People of Post Grants Program gives Australia Post team members the opportunity to nominate a local organisation for a grant of up to \$2,000. The grant can be used for projects that strengthen communities that our team members are connected to which will create a positive social outcome.

For further information visit:

[People of Post Grants - Australia Post \(auspost.com.au\)](https://auspost.com.au)

***Nominations close Sunday, 11 February 2024 (Australia Post Members)***

***Nominated organisation applications close Sunday, 24 March 2024.***

### RAA Grassroots Giving Program

The Grassroots Giving Program is designed to support members and their communities to assist with funding towards projects that they are passionate about in South Australia.

Funding of up to \$5,000 for projects that:

- Help disadvantaged and/or vulnerable South Australians & youth development
- Support and celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and reconciliation activities
- Reducing inequality in the community
- Community safety
- Innovation
- Environmental sustainability

For further information visit:

[Grassroots Giving – Grants for community groups | RAA](#)

***Applications open Monday, 12 February 2024 and close Tuesday, 12 March 2024.***

### Connellan Airways Trust Grant

Connellan Airways grants can be used to fund a diverse range of activities. Specific projects, travel costs, education and skill building, technology (communications), community experiences, and a array of other possibilities that align with the vision of the Connellan Airways trust.

Grants are open to people who live and work in Outback Australia and organisations supporting people who live in Outback Australia.

For further information visit:

[Online Grants for outback Australians - Connellan Airways Trust](#)

***Applications close 15 February, May, August, and November each year.***



### South Australian Football Facilities Fund

The State Government has partnered with the SANFL and the AFL to create welcoming and inclusive facilities for our football communities. The fund will enhance the capacity of facilities and football infrastructure for all user groups.

The aim of the program is to:

- Provide fit for purpose, inclusive and accessible facilities that cater for a diversity of participants particularly all genders and all-ability participants, that wish to participate in our game
- Maximise available carrying capacity of existing venues and the quality/functionality of supporting infrastructure
- Develop increased supply through construction of new ovals, especially in growth areas
- Develop venues to support high performance and talent pathways for players and umpires
- Provide welcoming and functional facilities that enhance the experience for volunteers and spectators

For further information visit:

[SA Football Facilities Fund - SANFL](#)

**Round one applications close Wednesday, 21 February 2024.**

*Round two applications opens Augusta 2024 and closes December 2024*

*Round Three applications opens August 2025 and closes December 2025*

### NAIDOC Local Grants

The Australian Government proudly supports National NAIDOC Week celebrations and funding through NAIDOC Local Grants for activities or events for First Nations communities and organisations across Australia to celebrate NAIDOC Week (7-14 July 2024).

For further information visit:

[NAIDOC Local Grants | NAIDOC](#)

**Applications close 3.00pm AEDT Thursday, 22 February 2024.**

### Play Well Participation Grant Program

The Play Well Participation grant will invest in innovative new or expand existing programs that address the barriers to participation and increase involvement in sport and physical activity.

Grants range from \$10,000 to \$30,000 to support eligible organisations.

For further information visit:

[Play Well Participation Grant Program | Australian Sports Commission \(sportaus.gov.au\)](#)

**Applications close 2.00pm Friday, 23 February 2024. (AEDT)**

### FRRR Strengthening Rural Communities – Small & Vital

Grants up to \$10,000 are available for a range of community-led initiatives that clearly benefit local communities. The grant aims to strengthen local people, places and climate solutions, with a preference given to small communities (population under 15,000)

For further information visit:

[Strengthening Rural Communities — Small & Vital | FRRR](#)

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis and assessed quarterly.

**Round 20 closes 5pm (AEDT) Monday, 26 February 2024.**

### Rural And Regional Enterprise Scholarships Program

The Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarship Program improves access to and completion of tertiary education courses. The scholarships are open to students from regional and remote areas in Australia.

For further information visit:

[Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships Program - Scholarships - Intranet - University of South Australia \(unisa.edu.au\)](#)

**Refer to the website for closing dates.**

## SA Volunteer Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2024 South Australian Volunteer Awards, the state's most prestigious awards for volunteers. The awards recognise the significant benefit that individual volunteers, volunteer managers, community organisations and businesses make to our community.

Nominate yourself or someone you know in the following categories:

- The Joy Noble Medal - South Australia's highest distinction for an individual volunteer
- 'The Andamooka' Community Project Award - Recognising a community or group volunteer project of significant community benefit
- The Young Volunteer Award – Honouring an impressive young volunteer aged 12 to 25 years
- The Excellence in Volunteer Management Award - Honouring a volunteer manager for their outstanding contribution to the profession
- The Premier's Award for Corporate Social Responsibility – Recognising the community contribution of a South Australian for-profit business

For further information visit:  
[SA Volunteer Awards | DHS](#)

**Nominations close: Sunday, 10 March 2024.**

## Missionary Sisters Of Service – Highway And Byways Small Grants Program

Highways and Byways continues the work of the Missionary Sisters of Service (MSS) by providing the 'Valuing Community Connections in an Ancient Land' program which recognises that Australia is an enormous and ancient land.

Community organisations are invited to apply for Grants of up to \$4,000 for projects that:

- Foster Indigenous identity and cultural connections by sharing knowledge, skills, or stories; and/or
- Support the intergenerational exchange of knowledge and skills for the sustainable or regenerative management of the land; and/or

- Alleviate isolation and loneliness while promoting connectivity within the local community; and/or
- Encourage partnerships amongst individuals, groups, and/or organisations; and/or
- Contribute to building strong and resilient communities; and/or
- Provide opportunities for program participants to develop leadership or other personal and community-building skills

For further information visit:

[Grants | Highways & Byways \(hb.org.au\)](#)

**Applications close at 5.00 pm AEDT Friday, 15 March 2024.**

## Celebrate Together Grants

Celebrate Together Grants provide one-off funding to eligible multicultural organisations for festivals and events that celebrate multiculturalism and diversity and support an inclusive and cohesive society.

There are two categories under the Celebrate Together Grant:

- Small Grants (up to \$5,000)
- Large Grants (between \$5001 and \$30,000)

There are matched funding requirements for applicants requesting more than \$5,000

For further information visit:

[Celebrate Together Grants | Department of the Premier and Cabinet \(dpc.sa.gov.au\)](#)

**Round one applications close Sunday, 24 March 2024.**

**Round two applications close Sunday, 15 September 2024**

## On-Farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Scheme

The On-Farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme provides primary producers with a rebate to help with the costs of purchasing and installing water infrastructure.

Funding is available to help with the costs associated with the purchase and installation of new on-farm water infrastructure, or to repair or replace damaged infrastructure for livestock and permanent horticulture that:

- Addresses animal welfare needs during drought
- Assists primary producers to be more resilient for future droughts
- Assists primary producers to be more resilient for future droughts by protecting high value horticultural assets
- Support primary producer recovery from natural disasters

For further information visit

[On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme - PIRSA](#)

*Applications close at 5.00pm (ACST) Tuesday, 30 April 2024.*

## Horticulture Netting Infrastructure Grants

Horticultural Netting Infrastructure Grants help primary producers in South Australia fund the purchase and installation of new netting, or the replacement of any damaged netting over land used to grow horticulture crops.

For further information visit:

[Horticulture Netting Infrastructure Grants - PIRSA](#)

*Applications close Monday, 20 May 2024 or when funds are fully committed, whichever comes first*

## Anzac Day Schools' Award

The Anzac Day Schools' Award recognises the work of students, teachers and schools who engage with veterans and commemorate Australia's wartime history.

Interview local veterans, use the Anzac Portal, and access a range of source to support students to learn

more about the men and women in their local community who have served in Australia's Defence Forces.

For further information visit:

[Anzac Day Schools' Awards - Anzac Portal \(dva.gov.au\)](#)

*Entries close: 5.00pm AEST Friday, 31 May 2024.*

## Boating Facilities

Boat owners who would like improvements made to the facilities they regularly use should approach their local council, which has the expertise to prepare a detailed funding assistance application. An applicant applying for funding to assist with the construction of new boating facilities must commit to the on-going ownership and maintenance of the facility.

Eligible Boating Projects are either the establishment of new or the upgrade of existing facilities and may include a boat ramp, a wharf or pontoons. Who can Apply?

- Local Government
- State Government departments
- Community Groups
- Statutory authorities responsible for recreational boating facilities

For further information visit:

[How to Apply - Department for Infrastructure and Transport - South Australia \(dit.sa.gov.au\)](#)

*Refer to the website for closing dates.*

## Upcoming E-Grants

### Telstra's Connected Communities

#### Grant Program

Telstra's Connected Communities Grant Program will boost support for communities across remote, rural and regional Australia to improve resilience, environmental sustainability and linearity through the power of connection.

The Program offers grants up to \$10,000 for not-for-profit community organisations.

For further information visit:

[Telstra's Connected Communities Grant Program | FRRR](#)

*Round 2 opens 27 February and closes 27 March 2024.*

### SA Power Networks Community Grants

SA Power Networks are seeking to empower activities, programs or events that will have a positive impact in South Australia in the following areas:

- Growing a sustainable SA
- Supporting innovation for future growth

SA Power Networks are committed to supporting community projects to ensure a greener, more sustainable future.

Not-for-profit organisations, registered charities, schools or community groups are encouraged to apply for funding of up to \$5,000.

For further information visit:

[Community Grants - SA Power Networks](#)

*Applications open on Monday 4 March 2024 and close 5pm ACST, Sunday 14 April 2024.*

### Roger Rasheed Sport Foundation

The Roger Rasheed Sport Foundation welcomes ideas and interaction from coaches teachers, parents or anyone who believes sport can be a life changing experience for children.

For further information visit:

[What We Do - Roger Rasheed Sports Foundation](#)

### Community Heritage Grants (CHG)

Community Heritage Grants (CHG) supports community organisations to look after Australian cultural heritage collections. Grants are open to non-profit, incorporated organisation with a strong focus on supporting local groups who would benefit from access to professional cultural heritage proficiency. Applications from Indigenous and multicultural organisations are encouraged.

For further information visit:

[Community Heritage Grants | National Library of Australia \(nla.gov.au\)](#)

*Round one opens: Tuesday, 5 March 2024.*

*Round one closes: Thursday, 9 May 2024 for first time applicants.*

### Wettenhall Environment Trust

Wettenhall Environmental Grants support projects about flora and fauna conservation around Australia. Project should involve any of the following:

- Monitoring, recording and sharing data
- Delivering community education
- Providing community capacity building (e.g. training)
- Research and training

Funding between \$2,000 and \$15,00 will be considered.

For more information visit:

[Small Environmental Grant Scheme – Wettenhall Environment Trust](#)

*Rounds open and the application form appears online:*

- **18 March 2024 for funding in May 2024.**
- 17 June 2024 for funding in August 2024
- 9 September 2024 for funding in November 2024
- 9 December 2024 for funding in January 2025

### Arts and Culture Grants Program

Arts South Australia connects the arts and culture sector in South Australia with financial support for a range of activities.

Grants are available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, individuals, groups and organisations.

Spanning art forms and areas of practice, funding supports professional artists and arts organisations to develop, make work and engage with audiences. Investment in the sector also assists in building partnerships and creative collaborations which enhance South Australia's longstanding reputation as a place for arts and culture.

For more information visit:

[Arts and Culture Grants Program | Department of the Premier and Cabinet \(dpc.sa.gov.au\)](https://dpc.sa.gov.au/arts-and-culture-grants-program)

### \$100 Sport Vouchers Program

The Sports Voucher Program provides a discount of up to \$100 on sport, dance or learn to swim fees for children living in South Australia.

For further information visit:

[Home · Sports Vouchers](#)

### Mining And Petroleum Engineering Scholarships

Up to 20 scholarships – valued at \$20,000 each are now available for Year 12 STEM students hoping to study either Mining Engineering or Petroleum Engineering at the University of Adelaide in 2022.

Leading resources companies have joined with the South Australian Government to fund a program of scholarships that recognise the growing demand for engineering expertise in an industry that is leading the technological future.

For further information visit: [Playford Trust Resources Sector Engineering Scholarships – 1st Year - Playford Trust](#)

**(Refer to the website for opening and closing dates)**

If your organisation has been the recipient of a grant, we invite you to share your success with us to feature in our newsletter.

Please send an email to [oca@sa.gov.au](mailto:oca@sa.gov.au) including a photo and brief description of the completed project.

By highlighting your success, we aim to inspire other groups and individuals to apply for grants, to provide positive changes in communities for a better living experience.