



Do you need business support and help?

Mount Barker District Council, in association with outside business partners provides support, training, workshop resources and business advice for businesses in the Mount Barker council area.

There are business advisors ready to talk to you about growing your business and to assist with issues you may be facing.

We can help you:

- Growth opportunities: Tenders, supply chains, connections into Council, SA & Federal Government.
- Get information on grants, subsidies, council help, and government assistance.
- Connections, networks and business resources.
- Business advice / planning / growth / mentoring assistance.
- Leasing relocations, troubles and disputes.
- Financial hardship and assistance.
- How to start your business advice.
- How to get leads and customers and improve your marketing.
- Local business training & seminars on every business topic.
- Mentoring possibilities with industry professionals.
- Referrals to outside professionals in accounting, legal, trademark attorneys, insurance, digital marketing and HR.
- HR, industry compliance advice and getting staff (job subsidies / apprenticeships / trainees).
- Become sustainable, Net Zero resources, training, and connections.

Please contact us if you wanted to explore any of these above. We would be happy to come out and meet with you.

Note: All assistance is free, confidential and (exception - some training workshops have a small fee). **

Please contact the Economic Development Team at Mount Barker District Council - Brian Jackway on 8393 7645 or bjackway@mountbarker.sa.gov.au

**** Current Grants / Help / Mentoring for businesses outlined over the page**

January 2024 update

** Women in Business Foundations Program **

How it helps: Supports women business owners within SA to build management skills and growth strategies for their business. SA Govt.

What is it: 4 hours of mentoring with a team of experts, in a topic of your need.

- Small group workshops online
- Networking events across SA. Cost \$88

www.adelaidebusinesshub.com.au/women-in-business-foundations-program

**Eligibility criteria exists.*

** Recruit Staff for Your Business **

Does your business need staff?

Find and hire staff using **free** helpful Workforce Australia services.

We can connect you with a pool of resources, candidates and help to recruit, hire and retain staff across a broad range of industries.

A range of incentives, traineeships, apprenticeships exist in many industries.

More information --> <https://www.workforceaustralia.gov.au/businesses/>

**Eligibility criteria exists.*

** Digital Solutions Mentoring and Workshops**

Upskill your digital marketing, brand and enable more customers!

Funded by Australian Government, started July 23. 1000+ businesses registered. 3 hours of mentoring for \$99pp and over 50 free face-to-face workshops and 50 webinars.

More information www.adelaidebusinesshub.com.au/asbas/asbas-registration

**Eligibility criteria exists.*

** Grants **

Find grant opportunities and get grant ready.

Look for grants, funding and opportunities across Federal, State and Councils.

More information: www.rdahc.com.au/resources/grant-funding/

** How to Start, Run or Grow Tools & Resources **

SA government portal. Very helpful.

Information, tools and resources for South Australian business owners

More information: www.business.sa.gov.au/

** Business Resources to Virtually Every Topic **

Great collection of help www.rdahc.com.au/resources/business-resources

**** Net Zero Essentials Program – Business SA ****

NET ZERO ESSENTIALS PROGRAM – Business SA

WHO: Any business seeking to **Learn how to run a sustainable business, save money and capitalise on the opportunities of a net zero economy.**

Register your interest to participate in the SA Government-subsidised Net Zero

The program will run in the period June – November 2023 - \$300 fee (normally \$1800).

9 e-learning content modules

3 facilitated seminars

1:1 coaching

HOW: www.business-sa.com/lp/netzeroprogram

**** How to Get Work with Federal, State & Local Governments****

Procurement channels for businesses looking for government work.

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**** How to Get Tender and Contract Ready ****

Procurement channels for businesses looking for government work.

Training to get you ready to supply to government and large organisations.

www.industryadvocate.sa.gov.au/ready-to-tender

**** Entrepreneur Mentoring Programs Business SA ****

SAYES 18-35 and ENCORE Over 35 extensive mentoring – 12 months.

Long term, very popular and books out quickly. Expert mentoring.

www.business-sa.com/services/entrepreneur-programs

**** Local Business Groups ****

Mount Barker Business Group

BNI Hahndorf

Hahndorf Business and Tourism Association

Business Mount Barker

Digital and Creative Industry Network

Agribusiness Network within Mount Barker District Council area.

Get the latest updates on business and economic development local news here

<https://connectmountbarker.com.au/>

**** Subscribe to Connect ****

Sign up to receive the latest on business and community events, support and news around the District.



**** Innovate to Grow: Cyber Security & Digital Technology****

CSIRO's Innovate to Grow is a free 10-week virtual, self-paced learning program for Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs). The program will help you explore how research and development (R&D) collaboration can advance your innovative project or idea. This program is open to Australian SMEs working on innovative technologies or solutions in cyber security and/or digital technology. **Closes 17 September 23.**

www.csiro.au/en/work-with-us/funding-programs/SME/Innovate-to-Grow/Cyber-Security-and-Digital-Technology