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Free Tax Help

Free Tax Help is available at the Community Support Centre, Ferrers Street, Mount Gambier from 21st July 2008.

Tax Help is an Australian network of community volunteers who provide a **free** and confidential service to help people complete their tax returns at tax time. These volunteers are people from within the community who give up their time each year. They are not Tax Office staff, but they receive training and support from the Tax Office.

Tax Help is for people on low incomes (\$35,000 or less) including, but not restricted to, those who are also seniors, students, people from non-English speaking backgrounds, people with a disability, Aboriginal people or Torres Strait Islander people. Since tax can be complex, volunteers are only able to help with fairly straightforward tax returns. They can help identify and record income received through:

- pensions
- Australian government benefits and allowances, such as unemployment and sickness benefits
- salary and wages
- dividends
- managed funds, and
- interest.

The service starts on 21st July and operates on Mondays out of the Community Support Centre, Ferrers Street, Mount Gambier. Please phone 87230540 between 12pm and 3pm to book in.

This website provides more information on Tax Help
<http://www.ato.gov.au/individuals/content.asp?doc=/content/9172.htm>

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ABOUT Anglican Community Care Inc

Anglican Community Care support regional and rural people with the aim to make a positive impact for people to be able to fully embrace life and all its opportunities. They have been providing a range of human services and community programmes to rural-regional South Australia for over 22 years.

The not-for-profit organisation has successfully established offices employing 130 local staff and management throughout the South East, Riverland and Murraylands areas of country South Australia.

In FY206/07 47,000 people found support through Anglican Community Care's many community programmes. Anglican Community Care employs professionally qualified staff who offer confidential, impartial, non-judgemental services to the community.

They are committed to alleviating poverty, building communities, promoting learning, reducing homelessness, strengthening families, supporting children and sharing cultures.
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