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World's Biggest Guide Dog tours the Riverland for the first time



Riverland residents will see something out of the ordinary in the next few weeks when the world's biggest model Guide Dog visits the region for the first time.

At 4.3 metres tall, Gulliver the Giant Guide Dog is touring the State to raise awareness of Guide Dogs SA.NT's free services for people with a vision impairment and/or hearing loss.

Guide Dogs SA.NT's Chief Executive Officer Kate Thiele said having Gulliver in South Australia for the first time will be a fantastic way to engage the broader community.

"Gulliver will be out and about providing information about the services that we offer and how we can help.

"We're encouraging people to come and see Gulliver and support him as he sets off on his South Australian Gulliver's Travels."

With research *showing that more than a third of people with eye disorders live in country areas, Guide Dogs SA.NT has a strong local presence in regional South Australia.

"Vision and/or hearing loss is not restricted to the city, so it's vital that people know we travel to these areas where our free services are needed," Ms Thiele said.

Gulliver will be handed over to Guide Dogs SA.NT in Broken Hill by Guide Dogs NSW/ACT where he will then travel to a number of regional areas, including the **Riverland, South East and Iron Triangle.**

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Gulliver's Riverland Schedule

Stop One – Renmark

When: Friday, 30 September

Stop Two – Gulliver's Grand Final BBQ at Renmark Mitre 10

When: Saturday, 1 October

Stop Three – Loxton Spring Show

When: Sunday, 2 October

About Guide Dogs SA.NT

Guide Dogs SA.NT uses our expertise with dogs and in sensory service provision to enhance the quality of life of individuals living with a disability and their families.

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