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## World's Biggest Guide Dog tours the South-East for the first time



Residents in the South-East will see something out of the ordinary next week 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 on tour 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 community all around the State.

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

With latest 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 the South-East.

"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 was officially handed over to Guide Dogs SA.NT in Broken Hill by Guide Dogs NSW/ACT and travelled through the Riverland on the first of his regional stops which will include the South-East and the Iron Triangle.

### 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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## **Gulliver's South-East Schedule**

### **Stop One – Naracoorte Primary School**

When: Wednesday, 19 October

### **Stop Two – Gulliver's Twilight BBQ at Mount Gambier Coles**

When: Thursday, 20 October

### **Stop Three – Gulliver at the Mount Gambier Show**

When: Friday, 21 October

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## **References**

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