



## **DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GRANT**

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **VIDEO CONFERENCING EQUIPMENT FOR COMMUNITY**

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Successful funding through the Community Grant Funding Program made available by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) with support from the Motor Accident Commission (MAC), has enabled the District Council of Grant to obtain video conferencing equipment for the District's Community Groups, Staff and Elected Members to access.

Available at the District Council of Grant Principal Office in Mount Gambier or the Port MacDonnell Community Complex, the video conferencing equipment has been purchased to support smart and simple ways for the community to undertake activities or access services, rather than travel by car, thus encouraging residents to spend less time on country roads.

The Port MacDonnell Community Complex is owned, managed and staffed seven days a week by the District Council of Grant team. It provides modern facilities to support social and business activities for residents and visitors including a Visitor Information Centre, Art Gallery, Museum, Library, Free WIFI, Banking, Government Services Youth Facilities and Meeting Rooms.

Mr Trevor Smart, Chief Executive Officer of the District Council of Grant, said that "a project such as this is another step towards Council embracing the digital age, and whilst video conferencing does not replace all face-to-face activities, it can become a game changer for Staff, Elected Members and Community Groups, allowing greater access to activities that normally require travel to participate in". Mr Smart went on to say that "Port MacDonnell is the largest township in our Council area, and with the convenient set up at the Port MacDonnell Community Complex, it makes perfect sense to house the equipment there".

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The District Council of Grant hopes to encourage more people to think about conducting business or social appointments in their local area, bringing more activity into the Port MacDonnell Township and encouraging a greater work-life balance.

The sister set of equipment purchased for Council's Principal Office in Mount Gambier now offers more opportunities for the staff working across the two sites to interact, conduct meetings and co-ordinate projects.

To make a booking or find out more please contact the Port MacDonnell Community Complex on 8738 3000 or email [pmcc@dcgrant.sa.gov.au](mailto:pmcc@dcgrant.sa.gov.au) or The District Council of Grant Principal Office on 8721 0444 or email [info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au](mailto:info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au).

(Image Supplied: District Council of Grant Administration Trainee, Katie, getting ready to start a video conferencing meeting)

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