



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GRANT

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THE WATERFRONT PROJECT STAGE 1 TO COMMENCE

- Contract for Stage 1 works at The Waterfront Port MacDonnell has been awarded to Gambier Earth Movers Pty Ltd (GEM).
- Construction for The Waterfront Project Stage 1 will commence mid-April 2018.
- The project is jointly funded between the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure and the District Council of Grant through the *Places for People Program*.

The Waterfront will become one of the region's major drawcards for locals and tourists alike, and after months of behind-the-scenes planning, residents of Port MacDonnell will begin to see activity along Sea Parade, with the announcement that the contract for the works has been awarded.

The Waterfront Stage 1 is a jointly funded project with the State Government (\$585,000) and the District Council of Grant (\$585,000).

Mayor for the District Council of Grant, Richard Sage, said that when completed The Waterfront will enhance access to the jetty and surrounds and create a sense of place for the precinct. "Port MacDonnell is a major drawcard for the Limestone Coast region and attracts visitors from intrastate, interstate and internationally. Council will continue to capitalise on our tourism assets to boost economic growth and showcase the beauty and uniqueness of this area."

The project is an investment in the local community, providing residents and visitors a place to come and spend time as a family, enjoy the foreshore and have a new space for activities and events the community.

Engineering Manager for GEM, Mr Adam Maywald, said that the project will be a great boost for the company going into the traditionally quieter time of year for the civil construction industry. "The project will provide a solid basis for our works programme going forward into 2018 and our strategic direction for the company this year. All of GEM's employees live within the Limestone Coast region and are really looking forward to being a part of the project, with the company as a

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whole relishing the opportunity to be a major contributor to the realisation of this landmark community project.”

Outgoing Chief Executive Officer of the District Council of Grant, Mr Trevor Smart, said he was pleased to see the contract awarded, “This is a project set up and ready to go so that it will continue to meet timelines and targets. It is an exciting time for Council, and will be a place for the community to enjoy for years to come.”

Demolition and construction is anticipated to start mid-April and scheduled for completion in September 2018, weather permitting. People accessing the area should be aware that there will be restricted access to the jetty and immediate surrounds during this time.

As construction is commencing at The Waterfront after Easter, Council has determined it is an opportune time to also undertake maintenance activities on a 300m section of the existing gabion sea wall, to streamline project activities and minimise any potential damage to the newly constructed section. This is a separate project but will happen concurrently with the commencement of The Waterfront Stage 1.

For more information and to view a copy of the designs for Stage 1 go to www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/CouncilProjects

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