

## Council Update

The District Council of Grant welcomes our community into the New Year and looks forward to servicing our district.

Beginning in 2023, Council meetings will now occur on a regular monthly basis to be held on the third Monday of each month. All monthly meetings will commence at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers at 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier.

From the first meeting of the New Year, Council is pleased to report that as at 10 January 2023 the 2022/2023 major projects are on track with 72% of projects either on track or completed. All major projects will continue to be reported on at each monthly Council meeting.

Throughout the year there will be multiple opportunities for our community to have their say through community consultation openings. These opportunities will be promoted via Council's community newsletter, social media and Your Say DCG website.

Follow us to stay up to date in 2023 across all Council platforms listed below.



**Your Say DCG**

<https://yoursaydcg.com.au/>



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## Council Decisions

- **Deputy Mayor announced:** At Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday, 16 January 2023, Councillor Megan Dukalskis was appointed the District Council of Grant Deputy Mayor. More details on page 2.
- **Temporary closure of Eight Mile Creek campsite:** Council endorsed the exclusive access (temporary closure) of the Eight Mile Creek campsite for a local community group from 19 January 2023 to 30 January 2023.



Head to our website for full Council meeting reports and minutes.

## Grants



- **RDA Limestone Coast Grant Finder:**  
[www.rdalc.grantguru.com.au](http://www.rdalc.grantguru.com.au)
- **Thriving Communities Program:**  
closes Friday, 30 June 2023  
More information on page 4  
[www.rdalc.grantguru.com.au/grant/country-arts-sa-skills-development-assistance-grant/](http://www.rdalc.grantguru.com.au/grant/country-arts-sa-skills-development-assistance-grant/)
- **Strengthening Rural Communities Program: Rebuilding Regional Communities (Round 16):**  
closes Wednesday, 1 March 2023  
<https://frrr.org.au/funding/place/src-small-vital/>

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# Deputy Mayor Announced

Councillor Megan Dukalskis (pictured bottom right) has been elected as the District Council of Grant's Deputy Mayor. Councillor Dukalskis was appointed as Deputy Mayor at Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday, 16 January 2023. The vote for the position was tied at Council's Statutory Meeting held on Monday, 28 November 2022 and was adjourned until absent Councillors were in attendance.

Mayor Kylie Boston is pleased to have the role of Deputy Mayor now filled.

"It was terrific to see multiple Elected Members put their hands up for the Deputy Mayor role. I am delighted to work alongside Councillor Megan Dukalskis and congratulate her on the appointment." Mayor Boston said.

The selection will see Councillor Dukalskis work more closely with Mayor Boston and temporarily act as Mayor in periods of absence or as required at civic/ceremonial events.

Councillor Dukalskis is excited to be fulfilling the role as District Council of Grant Deputy Mayor.

"I am very happy to be appointed as Deputy Mayor. I look forward to supporting Mayor Kylie Boston in her Mayoral role wherever the opportunity arises and work in collaboration with other Elected Members to support a progressive new look council serving our community." Cr Dukalskis said.

Discussion arose at Monday night's Council Meeting around the term of the role with there being a greater opportunity identified to share the position amongst the Elected Member group. Council will consider this idea further at an upcoming meeting.



## Outgoing Elected Member Acknowledgement

All outgoing Elected Members from the 2020 - 2022 Councillor group were invited to attend the December 2022 Council Meeting to be formally acknowledged.

Richard Sage, Gill Clayfield and Shirley Little were all recognised for their contribution and were presented with a gift on behalf of the District Council of Grant.

The District Council of Grant again thanks you for your service.

\*Pictured to the right is Gill Clayfield collecting her gift basket.



# Australia Day

The District Council of Grant extends its congratulations to all 2023 Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award nominees including the District Council of Grant Award recipients:

**Citizen of the Year:** Sheryl Teigesser

**Young Citizen of the Year:** Elivia Stanley

**Community Event of the Year:** Yahl Community Christmas Celebration

**Active Citizenship:** Allendale East Area School students

All winners will be awarded at a private event on Australia Day Thursday, 26 January 2022. Nominees will also be invited to attend the event and presented a certificate.

For further information, phone 8721 0444 or visit [www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/council/latest-news](http://www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/council/latest-news).



Official proceedings between 11:00am and 2:00pm will be livestreamed via Council's Facebook page. Streaming will cease between 11:30am and 12:30pm for a lunch service with presentations occurring from 12:30pm onwards.

A video of the presentations will also be uploaded to the Council website with closed captions the following week.

## Aus Lights on the River

**Are you in Adelaide this Australia Day?**

The Australia Day Council of South Australia are hosting an Aus Lights on the River Program. It is a two-day FREE program over **Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 January 2023** that will showcase Our SA Story through immersive visually engaging light, vision, and sound installations supported with complimentary children's activations.

A spectacular Cinematic Firework Display on both days and a vibrant Parade comprising of over 60 South Australian communities, coming together to celebrate the diversity and richness of our state, in a spirit of inclusion and respect on Thursday, 26 January 2023.

A smoking ceremony will also take place on Thursday, 26 January 2023 at 7:00am. Bookings are essential via: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mourning-in-the-morning-smoking-ceremony-tickets-504261378357>



# Temporary Campsite Closure

Free camping site at Eight Mile Creek (816 Eight Mile Creek Road) will be closed between **Thursday 19 and Monday 30 January 2023**.

At the District Council of Grant Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday, 16 January 2023, the temporary closure of this Eight Mile Creek campsite was endorsed to allow for the exclusive access to a local community group.

Details regarding the application process for temporary closures for schools, sporting clubs and other community groups can be found in Council's Free Camping Policy via our website at <https://www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/council/policies,-by-laws-and-documents/policies>

Nearby alternate free camping sites are still available for self contained vehicles\* are still available and located at:

- Eight Mile Creek Site 2
- Cape Northumberland Carparks 1 & 2
- Brown Bay Carpark



More details of conditions of campsite usage and other locations can be found on Council's website at

<https://www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/discover/planyourvisit/accommodation>.

\*A self contained vehicle is defined as a vehicle that has toilet, washing, cooking and sleeping facilities and must have holding capacity for fresh, grey and black water as well as storage capacity for garbage waste.

## Waste Transfer Station & Road Closure



On Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 February 2023 between 7:00am and 5:00pm portions of the following roads will be closed:

- Surfers Way, Port MacDonnell
- Finger Point Road, Port MacDonnell

The road closure will occur to facilitate the 8th Twin Peaks Hill Climb.

Council approved the South East Automobile Club of SA to host the two-day event at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday, 17 October 2022.

In addition to the road closure, the Port MacDonnell Waste Transfer Station will also be closed on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 February 2023.



# Thriving Communities Program

An exciting new grant program for community projects has been announced by the Department of Primary Industries and Region.

The State Government's new Thriving Communities Program can provide \$20,000 - \$50,000 for projects that build social capital through facilitating:

- community group participation
- a sense of belonging
- equity of access.

The funding will be available for projects that meet the aims of the program which may include:

- physical infrastructure (new and expanded);
- plant and equipment;
- events to enhance community wellbeing and engagement, including promotional expenses capped at 10% of the grant;
- training such as first aid, mental health first aid, child safety, cultural awareness and inclusion.



Eligible entities include incorporated associations such as community and industry groups, or registered charities.

**Applications are currently open and will close at 5:00pm Friday, 30 June 2023 or when the total funding pool is fully allocated, whichever occurs first.**

Guidelines and more information can be found on the Department of Primary Industries and Regions website at:

[https://pir.sa.gov.au/funding\\_and\\_support/funding/thriving\\_regions\\_fund/thriving\\_communities\\_program](https://pir.sa.gov.au/funding_and_support/funding/thriving_regions_fund/thriving_communities_program)

While the District Council of Grant cannot write applications, staff are available to assist local groups through the application process. Please contact Renee Henke, Media and Community Officer, on 8721 0444 or visit the Council office at 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier to book a time for one-on-one assistance.



Government of South Australia  
Department of Primary Industries  
and Regions

## Inner Townships Master Plan

The Council appointed consultant team, from MasterPlan and Outerspace Landscape Architects are currently reviewing the feedback gathered from the Inner Townships Master Plan community workshops held in December 2022 and written submissions.

A draft Master Plan will be developed that contains the outcomes of the analysis of each town, townships and settlements together with forward looking strategies, plans and concepts. A second phase of engagement will occur in the first quarter of 2023 where the draft plan will be presented to the community and the consultant team will undertake further engagement.

Stay up to date with the project via Your Say DCG at <https://yoursaydgc.com.au/>.



# Offshore Wind Farm Proposal



Local media has recently reported details of a proposed offshore wind farm adjacent to the coast off Port MacDonnell.

BlueFloat Energy and Energy Estate confirmed via the media that referrals have been lodged with the Federal and Victorian Governments for this proposal.

BlueFloat Energy are planning to hold a public information session during **February 2023**, however a date has not yet been advised.

Council will undertake due diligence on this proposal and encourages all community members to attend the information session when a date is confirmed.

## Casual for a Cause

A small idea from staff at the District Council of Grant has made a big impact to community members in need this Christmas.

Employees, William Parker and Jake Turner, proposed the idea to host a 'Casual for a Cause Day' in an effort to bring the working team together and brighten the holiday period for those experiencing disadvantage.

On Thursday, 22 December 2022, the workforce rallied in support and filled a total of 10 bags of non-perishable items which equates to 62.5 kilograms of food and 125 meals. All items were delivered to Foodbank Australia Limestone Coast on the same day just in time for families throughout the community to enjoy.

The District Council of Grant is extremely pleased with the efforts of all staff who contributed and acknowledge the hard work Foodbank Limestone Coast do to support the local community.

\*Pictured to the right is Gary Button, Director of Corporate Service, and William Parker, Customer Service Officer, delivering the food to Foodbank Australia Limestone Coast.



## Fire Danger Season

During the Fire Danger Season restrictions are placed on lighting fires to reduce the chances of large fires starting.

These restrictions escalate when a Total Fire Ban Day is declared.

Start Date

**Tuesday, 22 November 2022**

Finish Date

**Sunday, 30 April 2023**



Find out more about what is and isn't permitted during the Fire Danger Season via the Information Hotline on 1800 362 361 or [www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au).

# Emerging Leaders Program

## Applications for Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast's (RDALC) Emerging Leaders Program are now open!

The Program is designed for new and aspiring leaders in the Limestone Coast and is open to people across the region who are ready to broaden their leadership skills through personal growth, self-empowerment, and relationship development.

The word 'leadership' can be intimidating—but don't let it put you off. Leadership comes in all shapes, sizes, backgrounds and personalities. On completion of the program, participants will have developed core leadership skills, increased confidence, and will have made valuable connections with others.

Starting in March 2023, Emerging Leaders will predominantly be delivered face-to-face, facilitating essential interaction and enabling strong connections to be formed. Each monthly workshop will be held in a different location around the region and participants will be expected to travel to attend. Participants will also undertake a group project, which will require out-of-session work and collaboration.



The expected outcomes for Emerging Leaders participants are:

- Significant personal growth with an increased understanding of your personality, what's important to you and why
- Increased emotional intelligence and understanding ways to lead and work effectively with a variety of people
- A set of practical tools and skills to support you in your leadership in different contexts
- Feeling confident and empowered to take action and initiate change in areas that are important to you and the community
- Development of deep connections and relationships with your peers and networks of other community leaders.

Places within the Emerging Leaders Program are limited and prospective participants are asked to complete an online application. Find out all you need to know about the Program and the application process on the website.

Find out more online via <https://rdalc.org.au/leadership/> or contact Jess Carolane from Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast via [jess@rdalc.org.au](mailto:jess@rdalc.org.au) or 08 8723 1057.



## Our District





# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Monday, 20 February 2023

- Monthly Council Meeting
- 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier @ 5.30pm



## January

- Gallery Exhibition: South East Art Society
- 5-7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell (Port MacDonnell Community Complex).



## Thursday, 26 January 2023

- Private Australia Day Function
- More details on page 3



## Every Tuesday

- Children's Story Time
- 5-7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell (Port MacDonnell Community Complex) @10:30am.

**Visit Council's website and view the community events calendar to find more events.**

## Port MacDonnell Community Complex

The Port MacDonnell Community Complex is once again busy entertaining children and families during the holiday period.

There have been a lot of visitors and locals through the Complex doors already these holidays and this is expected to continue as people settle into holiday life and the weather improves.

The craft program was popular in the lead up to Christmas with themed crafts of Paint Brush Santa Ornaments, Christmas Mobiles & decorating Gingerbreads.

The program continues throughout the entire school holidays with new crafts hitting the tables on Mondays & Thursdays. There are also several additional 'book in' sessions available on Thursdays. The full craft program is available from the Complex or you can access it via their Facebook page.

Aside from the craft program, there is always something to keep the kids occupied at the Complex including the 8 Ball Table, Giant Connect 4, PS4 & Wii.

The weekly Storytime Session took a short break over the Christmas period and will re-commence on Tuesday 10 January 2023 at 10.30am. Visitors are welcome to join locals for a fun session of singing, dancing & craft.

You can follow the Port MacDonnell Community Complex on Facebook to stay up to date with upcoming activities.

Staff are also available to provide further details of the complex's events schedule on 08 8738 3000.

