

Council Update

At the District Council of Grant's monthly meeting on Monday 19 June 2023, the 2023/2024 Annual Business Plan and Budget was endorsed by the Elected Members for an \$18.6M operating expenditure.

Council has decided to fund a deficit budget of \$154,000 while ensuring service levels and capital works programs are maintained in this current high cost environment. The plan introduces a general rate increase of 7.6% which is 0.3% lower than CPI and is in alignment with Council's Long Term Financial Plan and Asset Management Plans.

The 2023/2024 Budget will invest in the community by carrying out key projects looking at a long term Playground Strategy, Local Heritage survey and a comprehensive review of Council's current Strategic Management Plan.

Council has also committed to deliver major capital works in the upcoming financial year which includes \$3.759M towards the Transport and Infrastructure Program, \$444,000 for upgrades to community and Council owned buildings, and \$46,000 for Community Waste Management Systems (CWMS).

Another \$305,000 will be allocated to IT software and equipment upgrades and modernisation across all Council sites including its Principal Office, Port MacDonnell Community Complex, Mount Gambier and District Saleyards, and Mount Gambier Regional Airport.

Throughout the year, Council will continue to be proactive in seeking grant funding to assist with funding and advocacies new projects to benefit the community.

A copy of the endorsed 2023/2024 Annual Business Plan and Budget is available for viewing on Council's website. A two page summary is also attached to this months newsletter.

Council Decisions

- Community Land Management Plans (CLMPs) Endorsed:** At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 19 June 2023, thirty four revised CLMPs were adopted after community consultation.
- Disposal of Community Land:** At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 19 June 2023, Council received and noted Timberlink Australia Pty Ltd's Expressions of Interest to purchase an adjoining parcel of land. Council authorised the CEO or delegate to work alongside Timberlink to undertake community engagement relating to ths matter.



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

Our District



Blackfellows Caves
By Adam Johnstone



Caroline
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Out & About with Council

On Monday 29 May 2023, a Citizenship Ceremony was held in the Council Chambers where Thi Nguyen became an Australian Citizen.

Pictured to right (L to R): Councillor Brad Mann, Deputy Mayor Megan Dukalskis, Thi Nguyen and Councillor Karen Turnbull.



Between Saturday 10 June and Sunday 18 June 2023, Mayor Kylie Boston, Cr Megan Dukalskis and CEO Darryl Whicker attended the Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly Week in Canberra.

Pictured to left (L to R): Mayor Kylie Boston, Cr Megan Dukalskis and CEO Darryl Whicker at Parliament house.

Rates Instalment Reminder

First instalment due:

**Friday 1
September
2023**

Second instalment due:

**Friday 1
December
2023**

Third instalment due:

**Friday 1
March
2024**

Fourth instalment due:

**Friday 7
June
2024**



All rates notices will be sent to ratepayers 30 days prior to each due date.



A ratepayer may pay their rates in a single instalment due by September of that year.

Any ratepayer who may, or is likely to, experience difficulty with meeting the standard payment arrangements is invited to contact Council's Rates Officer on (08) 8721 0400 to discuss making alternative payment arrangements.

Waste and Recycling Update

Waste Transfer Stations

Each property in the District Council of Grant is eligible for a cashless waste transfer station voucher at the commencement of each financial year. The voucher card entitles the resident / tenant to 6 visits, with a heaped tandem trailer load of segregated waste considered to be the maximum quantity for each visit on the voucher card.

Segregated loads of scrap metal are free, and green waste during the fire danger season will not constitute a visit on the voucher.

Vouchers are now available to collect at the District Council of Grant Principal Office (324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier) and Port MacDonnell Community Complex (5 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell) by phone, email or in person.

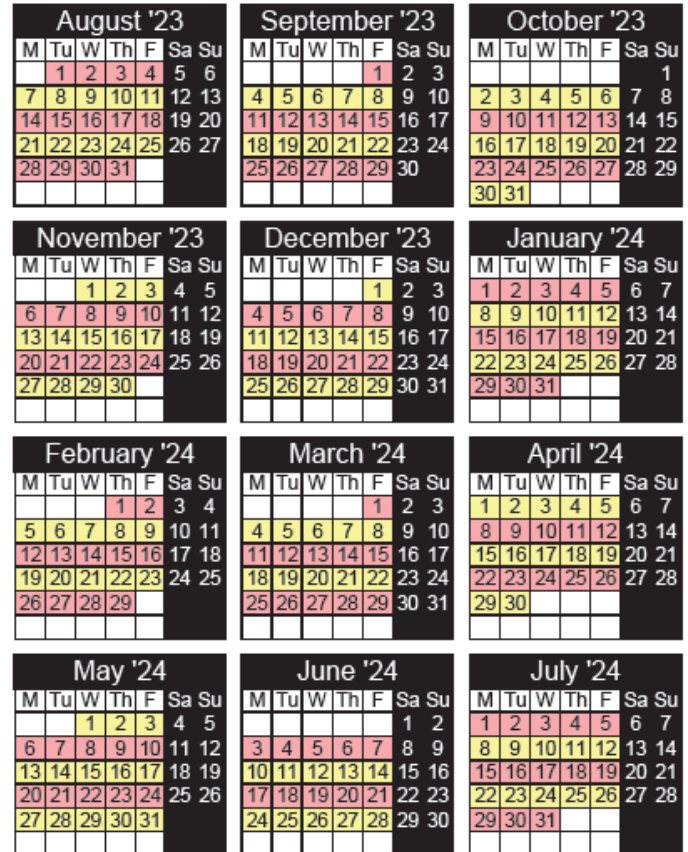
Mobile Garbage Bins

Pictured on the bottom right of this page is Council's updated Mobile Garbage Bin calendar for 2023/2024. Please note it is imperative that bins are placed out the night before or prior to 6:00am on the day of your service to ensure collection.

The bin is to be placed with the lid opening towards the road and the lid is kept closed to prevent animal scavenging and/or wind blowing rubbish along the roadside.

Bins which are overweight (above 70kg) or contaminated may not be collected. A sticker will be placed on your bin to advise of reason for non-collection.

● General Waste Bin ● Recycling Bin



NON COUNCIL BINS WILL NOT BE COLLECTED

GREEN WASTE

Green Waste including lawn clippings, prunings, weeds, small twigs, etc.

MUST NOT BE PLACED IN EITHER BIN

Disposal of green waste can be done at our Waste Transfer Stations.

REPLACEMENT BINS

Replacement bins required due to **DAMAGE, LOSS &/OR STOLEN** can be issued at the **OWNERS EXPENSE**.

Please contact Council to arrange this.

further information

Please refer to our website or contact our office during business hours.

Collection Enquiries & Missed Bins
Ph: 8427 8204

District Council of
Grant

Bin Repairs &/or Replacements
Ph: 8721 0444

WHICH BIN
.SA.GOV.AU

Unsure which Bin to put in? Go to "Which Bin" website to find out!

BOAT RAMP PERMITS

Blackfellows Caves & Port MacDonnell

From 1 July 2023, a new online boat ramp ticketing system called EasyPark will be in operation for all permit types which means hard copy permits are now redundant.

Both physical boat ramp ticketing machines at Blackfellows Caves and Port MacDonnell have been removed and new signage is currently being manufactured with the design created in collaboration with the Allendale East Area School to provide additional environmental messaging from students.

Boat ramp users must acquire a Boat Ramp Permit linked to the boat trailer registration on site.

Failure to acquire a permit when using the facility will result in enforcement action.



DAILY, WEEKLY & MONTHLY PERMITS

Short term Boat Ramp Permits are to be purchased directly via EasyPark as per the graphic below.

Alternatively, purchase a permit by calling the EasyPark customer service team on 1300 734 070.



ANNUAL PERMITS

Annual Boat Ramp Permits for both recreational and professional/commercial users are to be purchased through the District Council of Grant Customer Service Centres.

An Application for Annual Boat Ramp Permit Form must be completed and returned to Council in alignment with payment.

How to download and use the **easypark** App

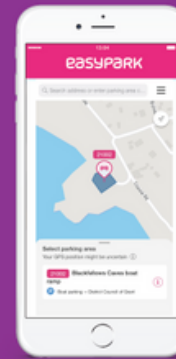


Download the App via QR code or <http://app.easypark.net>

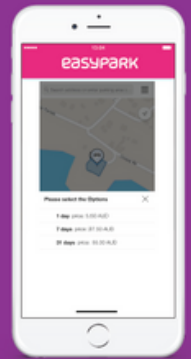
Parking Area Codes
Port MacDonnell | Blackfellows Caves
21001 | **21002**



Register your trailer and add credit card details



Select the EasyPark Area Code located on signage



Select a permit option.
For App assistance call 1300 734 070



FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

District Council of Grant Principal Office
(08) 8721 0444 | info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au
324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier
Monday - Friday 8:30am - 5:00pm
Saturday - Sunday CLOSED

Port MacDonnell Community Complex
(08) 8738 3000 | pmcc@dcgrant.sa.gov.au
5 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell
Monday - Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday - Sunday 11:00am - 3:00pm

South Australia's Youth Action Plan 2023-2026

What's happening

Young people hold the key to creating a better future. We know you want to be taken seriously, listened to, and included in the important conversations.

That's why the South Australian Government invites all young people living in SA aged 12–25, as well as youth sector stakeholders, to participate in a public consultation for South Australia's next Youth Action Plan, from 7 June to 6 August 2023.

We want to know what is most important to you

The consultation asks how the South Australian Government can best support you across 5 topic areas:

- 1 Physical health, and social and emotional wellbeing and mental health:** Young South Australians are physically, mentally, and emotionally healthy.
- 2 Safety and justice:** Young South Australians are safe and nurtured.
- 3 Education and employment:** Young South Australians are successfully learning and/or working.
- 4 Connections and access to resources:** Young South Australians are connected to community and needed resources.
- 5 Citizenship and participation:** Young South Australians participate actively in society.

What is the aim of this consultation?

South Australia's Youth Action Plan (the plan) is coordinated by the Department of Human Services (DHS), which has a leading role in policy about young people aged 12–25 who live in South Australia.

We want to hear about the real issues that are important to you and how we can better meet your needs.

You can join the conversation on the YourSAy website until 6 August.



Complete the online survey, quick poll or submit an idea.



Read the consultation paper and email your thoughts to youthactionplan@sa.gov.au.



Attend activities offered by participating youth organisations.

Join the conversation, visit yoursay.gov.au.



Grant Funding

What is available?

BankSA Foundation – Community Grants

- Supporting local projects that help create brighter futures for children and young people in need in our communities
- Provides up to \$50,000 to small, local (SA and NT) charities that attract little assistance from government and that are not able to generate significant income of their own

CLOSE: Friday, 30 June 2023

More information: <https://www.banksafoundation.com.au/apply>

Priority Community Infrastructure Program

- Aims to build resilient communities through the provision of social and community facilities, and improve community amenity, accessibility and liveability through investment in community infrastructure
- A total funding pool of \$1 billion is available over five years
- There is no minimum grant amount

CLOSE: 5:00pm Thursday 31 August 2023

More information: <https://rdalc.grantguru.com.au/grant/priority-community-infrastructure-program/>

Where can I find more grants?

There are various online search engines for community groups and businesses to research open and upcoming grant opportunities. The platforms listed below are free and only require users to create an account to begin searching.

Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast Grant Finder: <https://grantguru.com.au/rdalc>
Australian Government - Business.gov.au: <https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs>

It is recommended that local community groups and businesses using these websites update the search fields to reflect opportunities open within South Australia. Further filters may be applied to show grants for different sectors, regions and more.

District Council of Grant staff are available to help community groups navigate grant funding opportunities. Alternatively, directly contact the grant provider.



Australian Government Mobile Service Centre

Servicing Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support service for veterans and their families will also be available.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Where can you find them?

Thursday, 13 July 2023

9:00am - 3:00pm

Opposite the Port MacDonnell Community Complex



For more information, go online to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice

South Australian Community Achievement Awards

Do you know someone who has and continues to contribute to our community making South Australia a better place?

Nominate someone you know for a South Australian Community Achievement Award. The Awards began in 2010, and are aimed to encourage, acknowledge and reward the valuable contributions individuals, communities, and businesses are making throughout the community in South Australia.

The following Awards are now open for nominations:

- Office for Ageing Well Tackling Ageism Award
- Australian Dental Foundation Community Welfare Innovation Award
- Australian Native Food Co Small Business Award
- Awards Australia Connecting Communities Award
- Carers SA - Young Carer Award
- Carers SA Carer Achievement Award
- Konica Minolta Customer Service Award
- Rural Doctors Workforce Agency Rural Community Health and Wellbeing Award
- Woolworths Sports in the Community Award

Find out more online and nominate via the Awards Australia website at

<https://awardsaustralia.com/community-achievement-awards/sa/award-entry-criteria/>

Or call the Awards office on (08) 8132 0753.

Nominations close:

Wednesday, 9 August 2023

Upcoming Events



Monday, 17 July 2023

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



Childrens Story Time

- Weekly
- 10:30am Tuesday's
- Port MacDonnell Community Complex

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

PORT MACDONNELL COMMUNITY COMPLEX WINTER HOLIDAYS PROGRAM

MONDAY 10TH



Letter Boards

TUESDAY 11TH



Story Time @
10:30AM

WEDNESDAY 12TH



Cooking - Pizza
11-1pm

THURSDAY 14TH



Hanging Boards

MONDAY 17TH



Tissue Paper Jars

TUESDAY 18TH



Story Time @
10:30AM

WEDNESDAY 19TH



Cooking - Biscuits
11-1pm

THURSDAY 20TH



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Bookings are essential for Wednesday cooking activities.

Call the staff at the Community Complex on (08) 8738 3000 to secure your spot.



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The District Council of Grant Annual Business Plan and Budget 2023-2024 (the Plan) provides an overview of the services, programs and strategic projects that Council aims to deliver for the community over the next financial year. The Plan also ensures the maintenance of appropriate levels of statutory and discretionary services to the community and allows strategic goals to be achieved in alignment with Council's Strategic Management Plan 2020-2030.

SNAPSHOT

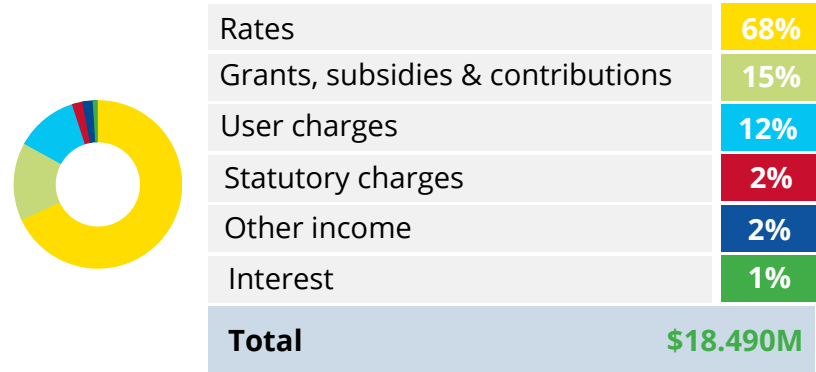
<p>Income From General Rates</p> <p>\$10.232M</p>	<p>Other Income</p> <p>\$8.258M</p>	<p>Total Revenue</p> <p>\$18.490M</p>	<p>Total Capital Expenditure</p> <p>\$6.365M</p>	<p>General Rate Increase</p> <p>7.6%</p>
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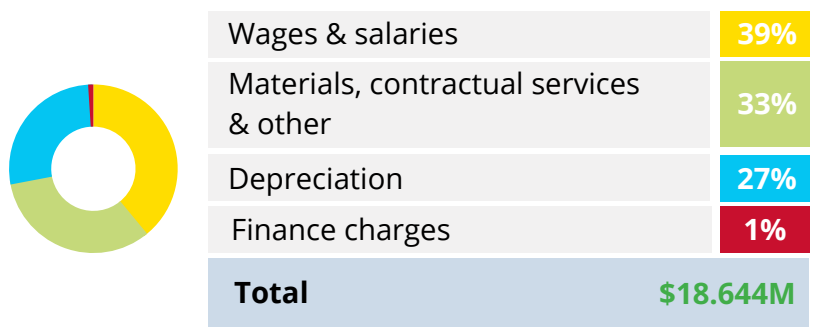
MAJOR SPEND

<p>\$46K</p>	<p>Community Waste Management System</p> <p>Upgrades to pumps</p>
<p>\$3.76M</p>	<p>Roads</p> <p>Construction and maintenance</p>
<p>\$88K</p>	<p>Community Building Improvements</p> <p>Upgrades and renewal</p>
<p>\$1.68M</p>	<p>Plant</p> <p>Equipment purchases and renewal</p>

FUNDING SOURCES



OPERATING EXPENSES



KEY PROJECTS: Investing in our community



\$50K

Disability Access & Inclusion Projects



\$80K

Playground Strategy



\$40K

Local Heritage Survey



\$80K

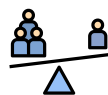
Integrated Strategy around Natural Assets

FUNDING OUR PLAN

Rates continue to be a major source of Council's income so that the required redevelopments and services can be funded.

Rating Information

Differential Rates



Council uses capital value as assessed by the State Valuation Office as the basis of valuing land, which is considered the fairest method for distributing the rate burden across all ratepayers.

Payment of Rates



Rates are due and payable in four instalments: 1 September 2023, 1 December 2023, 1 March 2024, and 7 June 2024. If an instalment of rates is not paid on or before the last day of payment, fines and interest are payable on the arrears.

Regional Landscape Levy (RLL)



Legislation requires Council to collect the RLL. Please direct all enquiries to the Limestone Coast Landscape Board on (08) 8735 1204.

Service Charges

Community Wastewater Management Schemes



Council charges for the removal, treatment and appropriate disposal of domestic waste water in a number of towns across the District.

Mobile Garbage Bin Collection



A 2 bin kerbside rubbish and recycling collection service is provided by Council in defined collection areas.

Waste Transfer Vouchers (WTV)



Each property in the District is eligible for one cashless WTV at the start of each financial year. The voucher entitles six visits to a Waste Transfer Station. Obtain a WTV by contacting Council via phone, email or in person. Further details about the system are listed on Council's website.

HOW IS THE PLAN DEVELOPED?

Each year Council reviews its services and projects to understand our community's needs and expectations for the upcoming financial year, and also how we deliver works and services in the most cost effective way.

Actions outlined in Council's Strategic Management Plan 2020-2030 are incorporated into a Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget, which are then considered at a Council Meeting.

Next, the Draft Plan goes out to our community for public consultation. Any additional challenges, risks and opportunities highlighted through the consultation period are considered and incorporated into the Revised Draft Plan where possible, which is then presented to Council.

Council then endorses the Plan at a Council Meeting ready for implementation in July 2023.



Want a copy of the full 2023/2024 Annual Business Plan and Budget? Head to Council's website or visit the Principal Office at 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier to request a hard copy.



Subscribe to receive updates on future plans and other Council projects online via Your Say DCG.