

ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Nine locations throughout the district are set to receive playground equipment upgrades this financial year following the receipt of Federal Government stimulus funding from Phase 3 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

Stage 1 - Community consultation concluded on Thursday, 29 September 2022 for the Carpenter Rocks playground upgrade. Feedback is being reviewed by staff and a refined playground design is to be confirmed in the coming weeks, which will be uploaded to Your Say DCG.

Thank you to all who participated in the Carpenter Rocks Playground Upgrade Project, your feedback is greatly appreciated.

Stage 2 - Phase one of community engagement has commenced for the Port MacDonnell playground, adjacent to The Waterfront. Two community meetings were held on the mornings of Tuesday, 20 and 27 September 2022 at the Port MacDonnell Community Complex to compile ideas from the community about desired equipment envisaged for ages 6 and under.

Staff are currently reviewing the feedback received and developing playground options for the community to consider.

Phase two, of opening community consultation to present suitable playground options, is on track to commence within the coming week.

An evening community meeting is scheduled to occur at the **Port MacDonnell Community Complex Thursday, 27 October 2022** commencing at 6:00pm. Interested community members are invited to attend to discuss the playground designs as part of phase two.

Stage 3 - To be determined, updates via monthly Community Newsletter.

COUNCIL DECISIONS

- **Tarpeena Postal Services** : A motion was moved on 5 September 2022 to advocate for the Tarpeena community to retain its postal delivery service in some format.



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

GRANTS



- **RDA Limestone Coast Grant Finder:** www.rdalc.grantguru.com.au
- **RAA Regional Safety Grants:** closes Monday, 31 October 2022 www.raa.com.au/safetygrants
- **Harcourts Foundation Grants:** closes Thursday, 3 November 2022 www.harcourtsfoundation.org/australia/
- **Australian Heritage Grants:** closes Monday, 7 November 2022 www.dccew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage/grants-and-funding/australian-heritage-grants/2022-23
- **Rebuilding Regional Communities:** closes Tuesday, 29 November 2022 www.frrr.org.au/funding/place/src-rebuilding-regional-communities
- **District Council of Grant Community Grants Scheme Round 2:** closes Friday, 2 December 2022 www.yoursaydcg.com.au (More information on page 10)



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OUT & ABOUT WITH COUNCIL

Wreath laid for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

On Monday, 19 September, the City of Mount Gambier held a service at Elizabeth Knight Reserve following the passing of Her Majesty The Queen.

A Council representative attended the service and laid a wreath on behalf of the District Council of Grant (pictured to right).



National Police Remembrance Day

Thursday, 29 September 2022 marked National Police Remembrance Day.

A service was held at the Mount Gambier Police Station to honour and remember Officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

A Council representative attended the service and laid a wreath on behalf of the District Council of Grant. SAPOL Officers in attendance are pictured to the right and sourced from The SE Voice.



100 Year Anniversary - Soldiers Memorial at Vansittart Park

On Saturday, 1 October 2022, the 100 Year anniversary of the Soldiers Memorial in Vansittart Park was celebrated.

The Mount Gambier Community RSL held the event in conjunction with the City of Mount Gambier and District Council of Grant.

A Council representative attended the service and laid a wreath on behalf of the District Council of Grant (pictured to right).



Glenburnie Telstra Tower

On Friday, 7 October 2022, the official opening of the newly constructed Telstra Tower at 9 Chambers Road, Glenburnie occurred.

A launch event was attended by (pictured left to right) Brad Holdman (combined agent), Telstra Regional General Manager Michael Patterson, The Hon Clare Scriven MLC, Saleyards Manager David Wallis and Ben Jones (combined agent).

Council looks forward to seeing the additional opportunities the tower will bring to the community.





COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2022 - VOTING

Eligible residents, property and business owners, and renters across the District Council of Grant are encouraged to take action and cast their vote in the 2022 Council Elections. Every four years whole state elections are held in South Australia with the next taking place this November.



All voting in the is done by post where ballot papers will be delivered through the mail to each elector with a reply paid envelope provided. However, this year the Electoral Commission of South Australia (ECSA) are providing telephone assisted voting for blind or low vision electors along with electors interstate or overseas during the voting period.

Voting packs will be distributed between Friday, 14 October and Thursday, 20 October. Each pack will include information about the candidates standing for election along with a postal voting guide. Telephone voting will be available between Monday, 17 October and Thursday, 10 November 2022.



Voting will close at 5pm Thursday, 10 November 2022.

Unlike State and Federal elections, it is not compulsory to vote in Council elections. However, Council encourages all community members eligible to have their say as it is now more important then ever to vote on the Plebiscite concerning the proposed examination of an amalgamation between District Council of Grant and City of Mount Gambier.

The Plebiscite (South East Council Amalgamation) Bill 2022 passed South Australia's Upper House on Tuesday, 27 September 2022. The District Council of Grant's appeal for a majority vote in each Council community to allow for equal representation was not amended in the parliament.



To ensure that residents are informed on the process of the Plebiscite being a simple majority vote and the approach following the vote, the Local Government Association (LGA) will be facilitating community information sessions.

Two in-person sessions are scheduled to occur on **Wednesday, 19 October 2022** as follows:

- **Port MacDonnell Community Complex at 5:30pm**
- **City Hall - Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre, Watson Terrace (entry via Cave Gardens) at 7:00pm**

The LGA announced bookings are essential for both sessions.



Additional information regarding voting and candidates can be found on the ECSA's website at <https://www.ecsa.sa.gov.au/voting>.

To register for one of the LGA's community information sessions, visit the Local Government of South Australia's website at https://www.lga.sa.gov.au/news-and-events/news/latest_news/2022/october/community-information-session-council-amalgamation-vote

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

October 2022 is National Mental Health Month.

It is an an initiative supported by the Mental Health Foundation Australia to advocate for and raise awareness of Australian mental health.

To support this initiative, Council hosted three mornings of movement and mindfulness in the communities of Donovans, Carpenter Rocks and Tarpeena.

These events provided attendees with a creative and mindful opportunity for social interaction and to chat about support networks with the community.



PORT MACDONNELL & BLACKFELLOWS CAVES BOAT RAMP TICKET MACHINES

Please be advised that the current boat ramp ticket machines will be removed due to the machines no longer being in a good working condition.

As per Council resolution, endorsed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday, 16 May 2022, the machines will be replaced with new signage promoting the ongoing use of the Easy Park system.

Boat Ramp Permits are still required to be purchased via the Easy Park system while this change occurs. Assistance is available at the Port MacDonnell Community Complex (5/7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell) and via Easy Park on 1300 734 070.

New signage is currently being designed by Council in collaboration with the Allendale East Area School to provide additional environmental messaging from students. Signage installation is anticipated to occur at the end of November 2022.

Please contact the District Council of Grant on (08) 8721 0444 for any further enquires.



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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS



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Ever wondered how you can express your gratitude to an extraordinary individual who is impacting your community?

The District Council of Grant encourages you to nominate for the Citizen of the Year Awards – awards that recognise and celebrate individuals and groups that have made an exceptional contribution to our community.

Categories for these Awards are:

- Citizen of the Year Award
- Young Citizen of the Year Award
- Community Event of the Year Award

Nominations opened Saturday, 1 October 2022 and close Friday, 18 November 2022.

You can nominate by:

- visiting www.citizenoftheyear.com.au
- collect a hard copy nomination form from Council's Principal Office (324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier) or Port MacDonnell Community Complex (5/7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell)



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

October 2022 is Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Australia.

According to Cancer Australia, breast cancer remains the most frequent cancer among Australian women (excluding non-melanoma skin cancer).

It is important to look after your health so take time this month to book a medical appointment you need.

Visit any of the below sites to find out how you can raise awareness.

- www.nationalbreastcancer.org/breast-cancer-awareness-month
- www.canceraustralia.gov.au/key-initiatives/campaigns-and-events/breast-cancer-awareness-month
- www.breastcancer.org/get-involved/breast-cancer-awareness-month
- www.pinkisthecolour.com.au

DID YOU KNOW?



The District Council of Grant is home to many sinkholes hidden from sight.

These sinkholes were created over thousands of years deep below the earth from the constant slow drip of rainwater through porous limestone.

Discover the local sinkholes in our area today! Visit Council's website and head to the 'Discover' page to learn more.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, 18 October

- Author Event
(White Noise by Mercedes Mercier)
- 5-7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell
(Port MacDonnell Community Complex) @ 6.30pm



Every Tuesday

- Children's Story Time
- 5-7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell
(Port MacDonnell Community Complex)
@ 10.30am.

Monday, 24 - Friday, 28 October

- Positive Ageing Luncheons
- More information on page 8.



October / November

- Gallery Exhibition: Julie Kent -
Seeking to Evoke
- 5-7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell
(Port MacDonnell Community Complex).

Monday, 28 November

- Statutory Council Meeting (first
meeting of the new Council)
- 324 Commercial Street West,
Mount Gambier @ 5.30pm



Saturday, 12 November

- Holdfast Art Project Limestone Coast -
Drawing on Ngaranga Beach
- More information on page 7.

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



Presented by Yahl Soldiers Memorial Hall Inc.

PLAYTIME AT YAHL

Come along and enjoy a morning out at the launch of YAHL PLAYTIME.

Occurring weekly at the Yahl Soldiers Memorial Hall (29 Yahl Hall Road, Yahl) on Thursdays between 9am - 10am. Commencing Thursday, 27 October 2022.

Engage with your child as they embrace their creative play by climbing on and stacking the foam blocks and making masterpieces on the blackboard!

For the littler ones, they can enjoy the sounds of classic nursery rhymes while they do tummy time or enjoy a kick around on their blanket.

If you would like to contribute to creative play ideas and organisation, please contact Jess Byrne on 0428 254 245.

Please note: Gold coin donation required and carer / parent must be present at all times.

Holdfast Art Project Limestone Coast

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Drawing on Ngaranga Beach

Saturday 12 November 2022

9.30 am to 4.00 pm

Ngaranga / Port MacDonnell

Algae, or seaweed, as it is commonly known, plays an important role in the ecology of the Port MacDonnell (Ngaranga) coastline.

Marine botanist and artist Sally O'Connor and artist Jo Fife will lead you on a unique art adventure; be inspired by the brilliant array of algae to be found on Ngaranga / Port MacDonnell beach.

Boandik Elders Uncle Ken Jones and Aunty Michelle Jacquelin-Furr will talk about traditional practices.

All art mediums and skill levels are encouraged, plus there's a chance to develop your work into prints

This is a FREE EVENT but spots are limited

REGISTRATION is ESSENTIAL

email: saltoc@icloud.com

*Follow the **HOLDFAST Limestone Coast Art Project** on FaceBook*

The Holdfast Art Project is made possible through the generous support of the Regional Arts Fund, the District Council of Grant, and the Limestone Coast Landscape Board Grassroots program through the regional landscape and water levies

Positive Ageing Luncheon

Monday, 24 October

Victoria Hotel, Port MacDonnell

Presentation at 11:00am at the Port MacDonnell Community Complex.
Lunch beginning at 12:00pm.

Guest speaker: Port MacDonnell Emergency Service Groups: Be Ready, Be Safe

Tuesday, 25 October

The Pines Hotel, Tarpeena

Lunch beginning at 12:00pm

Guest speaker: SAPOL:
Online Safety & Scam Protection

Thursday, 27 October

The Rocks Tavern, Carpenter Rocks

Lunch beginning at 12:00pm

Guest speaker: Sharon Bruhn:
Sea Glass and the Southern Ocean

Friday, 28 October

Bellum Hotel, Mount Schank

Lunch beginning at 12:00pm

Guest speaker: Bron Perryman:
Protecting the Cockies

Bookings are essential.
Call the Port MacDonnell Community Complex
on 8738 3000 to secure your seat.

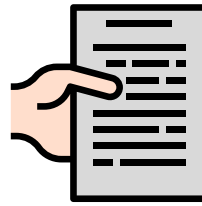
Community Grants Scheme

Round 2 | 2022/23



Key dates:

Open Monday, 17 October 2022
Close Friday, 2 December 2022



How to apply:

1. Visit www.yoursaydgc.com.au
2. Read the guidelines
3. Complete the application form

What is the Community Grants Scheme?

The scheme is for community groups to develop projects and events that enhance community wellbeing and increase participation in social and leisure activities.

Who is eligible to apply?

Incorporated not-for-profit organisations based in or servicing the District Council of Grant that:

- Do not collect substantial income from other sources; and
- Provide a valuable service or benefit to the District Council of Grant community.

What is required to apply?

- A project or event that responds to a community need or helps build a stronger community in the District Council of Grant.
- Public Liability Insurance or the capacity to take out appropriate coverage.
- Quotes to support your application.

Community Halls

Contribution breakdown:

- 75% Council (maximum \$1,000)
- 25% applicant



Project ideas

- Kitchen upgrades or fire alarms
- Painting or flooring
- Paths or ramps
- Water tanks

Community Groups

Contribution breakdown:

- 75% Council (maximum \$2,500)
- 25% applicant



Project ideas

- Event equipment (eg marquees)
- Printing or promotional materials
- Facility upgrades

Sporting Clubs

Contribution breakdown:

- 50% Council (maximum \$800)
- 50% applicant



Project ideas

- Facility upgrades
- Equipment purchase
- Club development (eg training)
- Safety upgrade