

## Projects Update

The District Council of Grant is pleased to advise that 90% of Major Projects for 2022-2023 have been completed or on track as at 13 June 2023.

Key projects included:

- Playground Upgrades
- Donovans Community Hall
- Community Waste Management System Pump Replacements (Cape Douglas, Port MacDonnell and Tarpeena)

Council also executed many road upgrades as part of its annual Road Construction Program with significant works occurring to roads within Allendale, Burrungle, Compton, Glenburnie, Kongorong, Mingbool, Moorak, Mount Schank, Port MacDonnell, Suttontown and Wandilo.

Council is now looking forward to the 2023-2024 financial year where a comprehensive road upgrade program will be produced along with a number of community infrastructure projects.

Major Projects endorsed for 2023-2024 will be detailed in a future edition of the community newsletter and updated at each Ordinary Council Meeting. Head to Council's website to read full meeting Agendas and Minutes.

Community members are encouraged to keep up to date and let Council know your thoughts about key projects, plans and services on Your Say DCG ([www.yoursaydgc.com.au](http://www.yoursaydgc.com.au)).



## Council Decisions

**Proposed Offshore Renewable Energy Zone and Federal Government Submission:** At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 17 July 2023, Council considered a request from the South Eastern Professional Fishermen's Association Inc. (SEPFA) that Council make a submission to the Federal Government's current consultation on the proposed Southern Ocean Region Offshore Renewable Energy Infrastructure zone in support of the SEPFA. Council resolved to support SEPFA's position which will see a submission propose that the Southern Ocean offshore wind zone conclude at the Victorian and South Australian border.

Have your say on the matter by attending a community question and answer drop-in session on **Thursday 3 August 2023**. Refer page 4 of this newsletter for more information.

## Our District



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# Out & About with Council

The District Council of Grant annually gift \$500.00 towards Academic Scholarship Awards for Year 10 - 12 students who reside within the Council area.

Mayor Kylie Boston and Cr Megan Dukalskis awarded Kyla Gordon from St Martins Lutheran College, Milla Rossouw from Tenison Woods College and Yenna Joyce from Grant High School with an Academic Scholarship Award recently.



**Pictured to left (L to R):** Mayor Kylie Boston and St Martins Lutheran College scholarship recipient Kyla Gordon and Principal Alan Connah.



**Pictured to left (L to R):** Tenison Woods College scholarship recipient Milla Rossouw and Cr Megan Dukalskis.



**Pictured to left (L to R):** Mayor Kylie Boston and Grant High School scholarship recipient Yenna Joyce and Principal Caroline Wakefield.

On Saturday June 3 2023, Katherine and Alyce walked from Badenochs Deli to Port MacDonnell to remember victims, survivors, lives lost and those left behind due to domestic violence. Mayor Kylie Boston met both women at Port MacDonnell to congratulate them on their 24km walk.

**Pictured on right (L to R):** Katherine, Mayor Kylie Boston and Alyce.



On Monday 24 July 2023, Mayor Kylie Boston volunteered some of her time at the Mount Gambier Toy Library.

**Pictured on right (L to R):** City of Mount Gambier Library Manager Georgina Davison, Mayor Kylie Boston and two toy library volunteer representatives.

# Approvals for Alterations to Sporting & Community Club Venues

Clubs SA is a not-for-profit organisation which represents and assists the licensed Club sector in South Australia. Their mission is to provide, promote and advance the interests of member Clubs and the Club industry in general, specialising in providing professional advice and assistance in various areas including governance, licensing matters and overall compliance with legislation.

Clubs SA understands that many Clubs are aware of the need to seek approval from Council when making alterations to their premises, however not all may be aware that these alterations also need to be lodged with Consumer and Business Services (CBS).

This is an area in which Clubs SA can provide invaluable expertise and assistance.

Sporting and community clubs within the District Council of Grant are encouraged to contact Clubs SA when seeking planning alterations, redefining their licensed area or completed renovations for assistance lodging with CBS to ensure your Club is compliant with legislative obligations.



## Clubs SA

W: [www.clubssa.com.au](http://www.clubssa.com.au)

P: (08) 8290 2200

E: [admin@clubssa.com.au](mailto:admin@clubssa.com.au)



## Consumer and Business Service (CBS)

W: [www.cbs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cbs.sa.gov.au)

P: 131 882 (9:00am - 4:30pm Monday to Friday)

## Dog and Cat Registration Renewals

Did you know dog and cat registration renewals are now due?

Each owner registered with an animal within Dogs and Cats Online (DACO) should have now received renewal information. Step by step instructions accompanied the renewal reminder detailing how you can renew your pets registration via the DACO system.



Both dogs and cats must be renewed by Thursday, 31 August 2023 to avoid a late fee.

Payments can be made directly via the Dogs and Cats Online website or by calling Council on (08) 8721 0444.

Council staff are also available via phone, email and in person should any pet owner have issues with their registration.

# Have Your Say DCG

## EXTERNAL CONSULTATION OPPORTUNITY

### **Australian Government's Southern Ocean Region Offshore Renewable Energy Infrastructure**

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) are asking the community to have their say on the area proposed for future offshore renewable energy projects, in the Southern Ocean Region. This extends from Warrnambool in Victoria to Port MacDonnell, South Australia. The DCCEEW invites interested community members to review the consultation documents and submit feedback online via their Consultation Hub by 11:59pm Thursday 31 August 2023.

#### **HAVE YOUR SAY AT A COMMUNITY MEETING:**

DCCEEW and Victorian Government staff members will also be hosting five community drop-in sessions for this consultation. Join them at one of the two South Australian based sessions:

City Hall - The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre (Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier)	Thursday 3 August 2023	12:00pm - 2:00pm
Port MacDonnell Football Club (Elizabeth Street, Port MacDonnell)	Thursday 3 August 2023	4:00pm - 5:45pm

Find out more about the drop-in sessions and consultation via The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water's website:

<https://consult.dcceew.gov.au/oei-southern-ocean>.





# Have Your Say DCG

## COUNCIL CONSULTATION OPPORTUNITIES

### **Proposed Revocation of Community Land Status (Nene Valley Waste Transfer Station & Tarpeena)**

The District Council of Grant has identified Community Land not fulfilling the requirements for recreational activity at:

- 687 Nene Valley Road, Kongorong (previously utilised as the Nene Valley Waste Transfer Station); and
- Lots 51, 500 & 501 Riddoch Highway, Tarpeena (located immediately adjacent to the Timberlink Australia mill).

To enable Council to progress this matter, it has been determined to commence the Community Land revocation process and seek community feedback on the proposal. The land at Tarpeena is further proposed to be sold to Timberlink Australia to expand their existing car park. Council also sees this land to be surplus to its requirements and of low strategic value, but recognises the consultation process and agreement for future greening of the area as required.

Interested community members are invited to review the Community Land Revocation Proposal Reports and provide feedback via Your Say DCG - [www.yoursaydcg.com.au](http://www.yoursaydcg.com.au). Hard copy documents are available at Council's Principal Office (324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier) and Port MacDonnell Community Complex (5 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell).

Both consultations are open until **5:00pm Friday 11 August 2023**.



### **Draft Behavioural Support Policy**

The District Council of Grant resolved to adopt a Behavioural Support Policy which sets out Council's approach to appropriate behaviour for Council members. Whilst this Policy is not compulsory under legislation, District Council of Grant Elected Members place a strong focus on moving forward in this Council term as a strong and unified team with a focus on *"the community at the heart of everything we do"*. This draft Policy is a reflection of that commitment.

The community is invited to review the draft Behavioural Support Policy and provide feedback via Your Say DCG - [www.yoursaydcg.com.au](http://www.yoursaydcg.com.au). Hard copy documents are available at Council's Principal Office (324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier) and Port MacDonnell Community Complex (5 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell).

Consultation is open until **5:00pm Monday 7 August 2023**.

# 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.

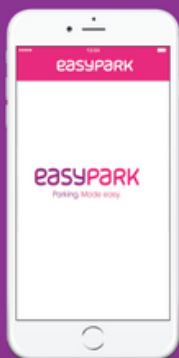


### ANNUAL PERMITS

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

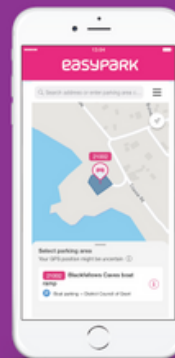


Download the App via QR code or <http://app.easypark.net>

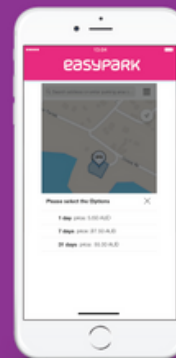
Parking Area Codes  
Port MacDonnell | Blackfellows Caves  
**21001** | **21002**



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](mailto: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](mailto:pmcc@dcgrant.sa.gov.au)  
5 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell  
Monday - Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Saturday - Sunday 11:00am - 3:00pm

# Grant Funding

## What is available?

### **Experience Nature Tourism Fund - Round 2**

- Grants range from \$10,000 to \$50,000 for new and improved nature-based tourism products and experiences in or near a national park, reserve, wilderness protection area or marine park.
- Two funding streams are available:
- **Stream 1 - Quick Activation Projects** (grants from \$10,000 to \$20,000) - Provided for projects that are ready to be activated. These grants could include one-off purchases.
- **Stream 2 - Innovative Development Projects** (grants from \$20,001 to \$50,000) - Provided for bigger projects which may have a longer duration and multiple elements.

CLOSE: Thursday, 14 September 2023

More information: [tourism.sa.gov.au/support/grants-and-funding/experience-nature-tourism-fund](https://tourism.sa.gov.au/support/grants-and-funding/experience-nature-tourism-fund)

### **Alinta Energy Community Grants Program**

- Provides up to \$20,000 to projects that will have a positive impact on social disadvantage (e.g. projects that assist members of the community in need); or environmental sustainability (e.g. projects that restore natural ecosystems, reduce the consumption of natural resources and/or reduce waste).
- Those eligible must be a registered not-for-profit organisation with the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission (excluding individuals, professional associations, research bodies, political groups and activist organisations).



CLOSE: Sunday, 17 September 2023

More information:

[www.alintaenergy.com.au/sa/about-alinta-energy/community-and-sponsorship/community-development-program/community-grants-program](https://www.alintaenergy.com.au/sa/about-alinta-energy/community-and-sponsorship/community-development-program/community-grants-program)

### **BMD Community Assistance Program**

- Provides one-off sponsorship / funding grants, up to a value of \$5,000 each, for local community groups and organisations that deliver benefits through initiatives, programs or events.
- Applicants must be one of the following types of organisations to apply; community trust, incorporated community association, not-for-profit, social enterprise, charity, Public Benevolent Institution, or school.
- Applications must be submitted online using the BMD Community Assistance Program application form.

CLOSE: Monday, 2 October 2023

More information: [www.bmd.com.au/the-bmd-way/community/communityassistanceprogram/](https://www.bmd.com.au/the-bmd-way/community/communityassistanceprogram/)



# Referendums

A federal referendum is a national vote on a question about a proposed change to the Constitution. The Constitution is the founding document for how our country is governed. There have been 44 referendums held since 1901. It's been quite a while since we held one – the last referendum was more than 20 years ago in 1999.

## Who needs to vote

All Australian citizens aged 18 and over must vote in a referendum. You must be enrolled and you should update your enrolment details if you have:

- recently changed your name or address
- turned 18, or
- become an Australian citizen.

Visit [aec.gov.au](http://aec.gov.au) or pick up an enrolment form from any AEC office.

## How to vote

Voting in a referendum is different to an election. You only need to complete one ballot paper.

The ballot paper will show a question about a proposed change to the Constitution. To vote, write 'yes' if you approve or 'no' if you do not approve the proposed change.

At the polling place, you can ask a polling official, friend, or family member for help on how to cast a formal vote.



**Don't worry if you make a mistake.** Ask for another ballot paper and start again.

## When and where to vote

Voting day will be held on a Saturday with polling places open between 8am and 6pm around the country.

Mobile polling teams will also visit many remote areas in the weeks leading up to voting day. If you can't make it on the day, you may be eligible to vote early either in person or by post.

More details will be available at [aec.gov.au](http://aec.gov.au) closer to the referendum.

## REFERENDUM 2023

## How the result is decided

The proposed change to the Constitution must be approved by a 'double majority' – that is:

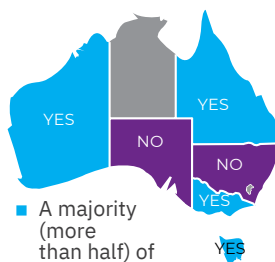
- a national majority of formal votes cast (more than 50%) from all states and territories, and
- a majority of formal votes cast (more than 50%) in a majority of states (at least four of the six states).

### A referendum is passed when



- A national majority (more than half) of voters from all states and territories vote YES.

AND



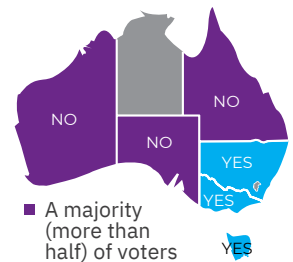
- A majority (more than half) of voters in at least four of the six states vote YES.

### A referendum is NOT passed when



- A national majority (more than half) of voters from all states and territories vote NO.

AND /OR



- A majority (more than half) of voters in at least three states vote NO.

**The result is binding.** This means the Australian Government must act on what voters decide.



# Upcoming Events



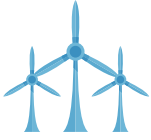
## Monday 21 August 2023

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



## Saturday 8 July - Sunday 27 August 2023

- South East Art Society Exhibition
- The Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre (1 Bay Road, Mount Gambier)



## Thursday 3 August 2023

- Australian Government's Southern Ocean Region Offshore Renewable Energy Infrastructure drop-in sessions



## Tuesday 15 August 2023

- Online Disability Inclusion Training
- Find out more and register: <https://ticsa.com.au/events/events-calendar/#!event/2023/8/15/disability-inclusion-training-online>

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

## 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**

## Waste Transfer Station Vouchers

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 2023-2024 Waste Transfer Station Vouchers are now available to collect.



### How do I obtain a 2023-2024 voucher?

- **In person** at Council's Principal Office (324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier) or Port MacDonnell Community Complex (5 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell).
- **Email** [info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au](mailto:info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au) to request a voucher to be posted.
- **Phone** (08) 8721 0444 to request a voucher to be posted or set aside for collection.