

PROJECTS UPDATE

The Major Projects for 2022/2023 are set and have been endorsed by Council at its Ordinary Meeting held on 15 August 2022.

Four projects have been rolled over from 2021/2022. Those being the:

- Donovans Community Hall
- Inland Towns & Coastal Communities Masterplan
- Saleyards Effluent Sump Pump
- Saleyards Fencing, partial replacement of laneway fencing

New key projects have been identified to be completed this financial year. Some include:

- Mobile Garbage Bin Expansions
- Integrated Strategy around Natural Assets
- Playground Upgrades
- Port MacDonnell Memorial Wall
- Strategic Landuse Project
- Disability Access and Inclusion Projects

Various roads will also be upgraded as part of Council's road upgrade program.

All projects will be updated monthly through Council and can be found on Council Meeting Agendas. Head to Council's website to read more.



COUNCIL DECISIONS

- **Mount Gambier and District Saleyards Strategy Committee:** An EOI Evaluation Panel was endorsed to be assembled and assess submissions received through the Expression of Interest process for the Saleyards Transformation Project.
- **Adoption of Long Term Financial Plan 2023-2032:** Council adopted the Plan as presented on 5 September 2022.
- **State Black Spot Funding 2023-2024:** At its Ordinary Council Meeting held on 5 September 2022, Council resolved to submit a Black Spot Funding Program nomination of McKay Road and Mount Percy Road, Compton, intersection.



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

GRANTS



- **RDA Limestone Coast Grant Finder:** www.rdalc.grantguru.com.au
- **Flinders University Rural and Remote Health Community Partnership Grants:** www.flinders.edu.au/flindersruralhealthsa/community-engagement
- **Growing Tomorrows Farmers - AG Career Start Grants:** www.agcareerstart.com.au/info-for-farmers
- **Stand Like Stone Annual Small Grants:** www.standlikestone.com.au/grants

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OUT & ABOUT WITH COUNCIL



Vietnam Veterans Day

Thursday, 18 August 2022 was Vietnam Veterans Day and marked the 56th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan fought during the Vietnam War.

A Council representative attended a commemorative service at Vansittart Park where a wreath was placed (pictured left).

Lest We Forget.

Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel

On Tuesday, 23 August 2022, members of the Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel (AIAP) participated on a bus tour with Council staff. The aim of the tour was to familiarise members with our District, and the challenges and opportunities supporting access and inclusivity. The day comprised:

- First stop at the Mount Gambier Regional Airport where lunch was served, and the changing places room and hearing loop were investigated;
- The Mount Gambier & District Saleyards was the second stop of the day. Much discussion was had around access to the main building and into the yard area;
- Members were transported to Donovans next. The recently built amenities block at the Donovans Landing was looked at along with the future Donovans Community Hall which is in the middle of construction;
- Port MacDonnell was the last stop of the day where members took a tour of the Port MacDonnell Community Complex facilities and explored the Maritime Museum;

We thank all AIAP members who attended and hope your day was enjoyable. Your feedback is invaluable.





COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2022

NOMINATING

Nominations for the 2022 Council Elections closed at 12 noon Tuesday, 6 September with the ballot draw being conducted shortly after 4pm that day. Pictured on the right is Council's Governance Officer and local Deputy Returning Officer during the ballot draw.



Candidates for the District Council of Grant are listed on the Electoral Commission of South Australia's website - www.ecsa.sa.gov.au/elections/council-elections/candidates-and-profiles

VOTING

All voting in the Council elections is done by post. Enrolled voters will receive a voting package through the mail and return their completed ballot paper in a reply paid envelope provided.

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. **Voting will close at 5pm Friday, 10 November 2022.**

Unlike State and Federal elections, it is not compulsory to vote in Council elections. However Council elections are the biggest single voluntary civic participation activity in the state.

Further information can be found on the Electoral Commission of South Australia website - www.ecsa.sa.gov.au/voting.

- make a difference -
COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2022
VOTE
Before 5pm on Thursday 10 November 2022
www.councilelections.sa.gov.au
Authorised by CEO, Darryl Whicker, 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier SA 5290



From 6 September 2022, all South Australian Councils, including the District Council of Grant, operate in caretaker period.

During this period Council's online and printed presence will be altered to adhere to Legislative requirements.

AMALGAMATION PLEBISCITE

Council called a Special Meeting on Friday, 23 September 2022 to discuss the Plebiscite (South East Council Amalgamation) Bill 2022. Refer page 8 for Council's resolution.

PLAYGROUND UPGRADES



The District Council of Grant have identified that some existing playground infrastructure within the area requires attention and Council are being proactive to repair, maintain and/or replace this equipment.

Playground upgrades have been included in Council's major project works program for the 2022/2023 financial year, following the receipt of Federal Government stimulus funding. The stimulus funding is being provided by the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

The following locations are included in the project works package and will have works carried out to gradually renew the existing playgrounds to ensure conformance with the Australian Standards:

- Blackfellows Caves
- Carpenter Rocks
- Donovans
- Kongorong
- Mount Schank
- Nene Valley
- Port MacDonnell
- Tarpeena
- Yahl



Due to significant works involved, Council will be seeking feedback from the community to determine what equipment will be best suited for those items that require replacement. Council staff have carefully researched and considered equipment options for the playground based on availability, suitability, budget and ongoing maintenance. A staged community engagement approach will be taken to present options to each township.

Stage 1 is the Carpenter Rocks playground upgrade. Residents and visitors of the area are encouraged to review the playground options proposed and complete a survey to vote for your most preferred equipment between **Friday, 9 September and Thursday, 29 September 2022**. Additional feedback is welcome for future improvements to the playground, however this feedback will be considered by Council in future budgets.

Survey submissions will be accepted via the following methods:

- Email at info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au
- Hard copy to 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier, 5/7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell or PO Box 724, Mount Gambier SA 5290
- Online at www.yoursaydgc.com.au/playground-upgrades-carpenter-rocks

Hard copy surveys can be downloaded in the documents section of Your Say DCG or picked up at the Council office or Carpenter Rocks General Store.

Stage 2 will involve upgrades to the Port MacDonnell playground adjacent to The Waterfront. Council are yet to formalise equipment options for the playground and are inviting community members who are interested in this project to join us at the Port MacDonnell Community Complex (PMCC) to provide their thoughts on preferred pieces.

Staff will be at the PMCC on **Tuesday, 20 & 27 September 2022** at 10:20am. Please note this will be in conjunction with the weekly Story Time.

For those who cannot attend either meeting and wish to share their thoughts, visit Your Say DCG (www.yoursaydgc.com.au) to submit your ideas. Alternatively, call Council on 8721 0444 to find out more.

REGISTER



Register to receive an electronic copy of the monthly Community Newsletter straight to your email.

Email Council at info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au to request a copy today.

PORT MACDONNELL & BLACKFELLOWS CAVES BOAT RAMP TICKET MACHINES

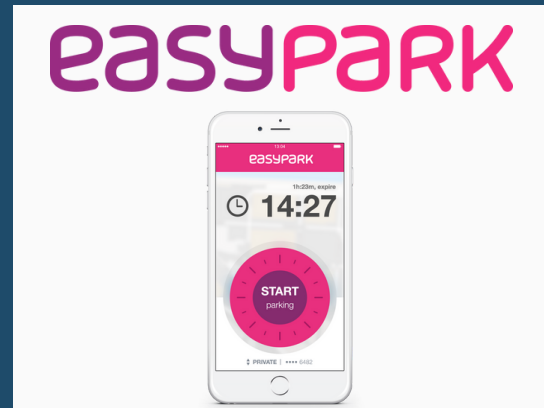
Attention Boat Ramp Users:

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 through 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.



1 MILLION TURTLES COMMUNITY CONSERVATION PROGRAM

This program promotes a strong collaboration between scientists and the community to support initiatives aimed at conserving threatened Australian freshwater turtle species. The 1 Million Turtles Community Conservation Program creates opportunities for the community to actively learn, participate and contribute to freshwater turtle research and conservation.

Is this something you want to get involved with? Visit the 1 Million Turtles website (linked below) to register for workshops and livestreams, and record your turtle sightings via TurtleSAT mobile app.



Logging your sightings improves knowledge of species distribution and highlights locations of concern for high road kill and nest predation.

You can also do your part by moving turtles found on the road. The 1 Million Turtles website has some handy tips on how to safely remove turtles from the roadside.



www.1millionturtles.com



GALLERY EXHIBITION

Are you a lover of art? Head down to the Port MacDonnell Community Complex and check out the gallery currently filled with photography and paintings by District Council of Grant locals.

The gallery exhibition will be on display until the end of September.

Sneak peaks of the gallery and talented locals are pictured below.

Keep an eye out for more exciting exhibitions in the coming months.



Photography: Kai levin.



Photography: Luke Bald.



Painting: Narelle Smith.



Photography: Adam Johnstone.

DOG & CAT RENEWALS

Dog and cat registration renewals are now overdue.

A late fee will automatically be applied to all outstanding dog registrations on **15 September 2022**.

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

www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au/Core/UserAccount/RegisterOptions

Customer Service staff are also available via phone and in person should you require assistance with your pet renewal.



DID YOU KNOW?



There are numerous walking and hiking trails, & conservation and national parks within the District Council of Grant. Some include:

- Mount Schank
- Dingley Dell Conservation Park
- Admella Discovery Trail
- Ewens Ponds Conservation Park
- Germein Reserve

With the weather now warming up, an outdoor adventure is the perfect activity.

Head our website to find out more about these trails and others in the District Council of Grant.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, 17 October

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



Every Tuesday

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



Tuesday, 27 September

- Live Stream Author Event (The Girl Who Fell From The Sky by Emma Carey)
- 5-7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell (Port MacDonnell Community Complex) @ 6.00pm



- Be Connected - Tech Help
- 5-7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell (Port MacDonnell Community Complex) @ 2.00pm.



All September

- Gallery Exhibition
- 5-7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell (Port MacDonnell Community Complex).

Visit Council's website to view more details of upcoming events in the district.

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- Instagram
- LinkedIn

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Did you know each Council owned and operated site also has their own Facebook page?

Jump online and follow:

- Mount Gambier Regional Airport
- Mount Gambier & District Saleyards
- Port MacDonnell Community Complex



SMALL BUSINESS SURVEY

The Office for Small and Family Business (OSFB) is developing a Small Business Strategy followed by a suite of curated resources to empower and guide small businesses through an ever-changing landscape.

The OSFB is inviting small business owners to tell them about your business and challenges faced as an opportunity to help shape their strategic direction.

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes.

Visit the link below to find out more and provide your feedback.

<https://business.sa.gov.au/consultation/survey>

Have your say.
Complete the survey.



AMALGAMATION PLEBISCITE

Council called a Special Meeting on Friday, 23 September 2022 to discuss the Plebiscite (South East Council Amalgamation) Bill 2022.

Council resolved:

1. Receive and note Council report Plebiscite (South East Council Amalgamation) Bill 2022 as presented on 23 September 2022.
2. The CEO write to members of the government and express our extreme concern about the Plebiscite (South East Council Amalgamation) Bill 2022.

Our questions:

1. What constitutes a successful plebiscite
2. Transparency in the results and how it will go on public record
3. And the right to continue to consult through all steps of this process

In the absence of answers to these questions our community is denied a representative vote and if support of a majority vote the outcome could constitute a forced amalgamation. Our rate payers need to be well informed and their decisions are respected.

- Premier, Hon. Peter Malinauskas MP
- Troy Bell MP Member for Mount Gambier
- Leader of the Opposition, Hon. David Speirs MP
- Mr Sam Telfer MP, Shadow Minister for Local Government
- Hon Nicola Centofanti MLC, Liberal
- Hon Connie Bonaros MLC, SA Best
- Hon Frank Pangallo MLC, SA Best
- Hon Sarah Game, Pauline Hanson's One Nation
- Hon Tammy Franks, Greens SA
- Hon Robert Simms, Greens SA
- Tony Pasin, MP
- LGA
- LCLGA
- The Hon Clare Scriven MLC, Minister for Primary Industries

We recommend the plebiscite is stopped and failing that, the plebiscite outcome to investigate amalgamation between District Council of Grant and City of Mount Gambier require a majority vote in each Council community.

A full copy of the Special Meeting Agenda and Minutes are available on Council's website.

