

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GRANT

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Expansion of the Port MacDonnell Netball Club courts given the green light

Following community consultation, the District Council of Grant approved the removal of the seven Norfolk Pine trees as requested in the Port MacDonnell Netball Clubs court redevelopment proposal at the Ordinary Council meeting on Monday 20 September 2021, conditional on the Club receiving grant funding.

Council received a proposal from the Port MacDonnell Netball Club to remove the tennis courts and the seven trees to expand and improve the current netball court facilities.

Over the consultation period, a total of 177 submissions were received from 18 August- 9 September 2021. Of those submissions a total of:

- 117 people participated via the Your Say DCG poll;
- 53 physical ballot responses; and
- 7 written correspondence responses.

Mayor Richard Sage said that the majority of the community votes were in favour of the proposal which was the determining factor for Council's approval.

"Of the 177 submissions we received, 154 responses were in favour of removing the trees for the expansion of the netball courts, with 23 responses against the tree removal. Council took into consideration all views, listened to all respondents and has included a condition that no less than seven mature replacement trees be planted within the Port MacDonnell township, including finalisation of a Community Land Management Plan & Lease over the area."

Principal Office: 324 Commercial St West, Mount Gambier PO Box 724 Mount Gambier SA 5290 **Branch Office:** Corner of Charles & Meylin Streets Port MacDonnell SA 5291 Council re-iterates that removal of the trees and the commencement of the project is conditional on the securing of the grant funding required to complete the project by the Port MacDonnell Netball Club.

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