

## COUNCIL UPDATE

### 2021/2022 Annual Report

Each year, Council produces an Annual Report to communicate with the community about Council business, services, performances and achievements within the financial year.

The 2021/2022 Annual Report is now available to view on Council's website linked below.

[www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/council/policies,-by-laws-and-documents/annualreports](http://www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/council/policies,-by-laws-and-documents/annualreports)

A summary of the District Council of Grant's tourism and events, economic development, governance compliance, community, and environmental services activities along with Council's financial position and legislative compliance are detailed within the 2021/2022 report.

This report is also prepared to meet the legislative requirements of the Local Government Act 1999.

### Playground Community Consultation

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.

A playground design has been confirmed for Carpenter Rocks after receiving feedback from the community in September. The final choices can be found on Your Say DCG.

Community consultation concluded on 10 November 2022 for the Port MacDonnell playground upgrades. Staff are currently reviewing the feedback received.

Playground users at Kongorong, Tarpeena, Yahl, Blackfellows Caves, Donovans and Nene Valley are currently being asked to vote for their most preferred options for each site.

Visit Your Say DCG online or contact the Council office to submit your feedback.

## COUNCIL DECISIONS

- **Carpark Proposal at Port MacDonnell:** Council resolved to not build a carpark at the proposed Port MacDonnell location, as part of the 2022/2023 Budget. The Department of Infrastructure will return the area to grass using Hydroseeding.
- **Temporary Road Closure - 8th Twin Peaks Hill Climb:** Council approved South East Automobile Club of SA to host a two day "Twin Peaks - Hill Climb" and arrange the closure of a portion of Surfers Way and Finger Point Road, Port MacDonnell on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 February 2023 between 7:00am and 5:00pm.



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

## GRANTS



- **Rebuilding Regional Communities:** closes Tuesday, 29 November 2022  
[www.frrr.org.au/funding/place/src-rebuilding-regional-communities](http://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](http://www.yoursaydcg.com.au)  
(More information on page 10)
- **Country Arts SA - Skills Development Assistance Grant:** closes Friday, 9 December 2022  
[www.rdalcm.com.au/grant/country-arts-sa-skills-development-assistance-grant/](http://www.rdalcm.com.au/grant/country-arts-sa-skills-development-assistance-grant/)



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# OUT & ABOUT WITH COUNCIL

## Lunch with the South Australian Premier

On Friday, 28 October 2022, the Hon Premier of South Australia Peter Malinauskas was a guest speaker at a lunch event hosted by the Mount Gambier Chamber of Commerce.

Councillor Brad Mann, Councillor Bruce Bain, Councillor Megan Dukalskis and Councillor Kylie Boston (pictured to right) attended the lunch at the Commodore along with two staff representatives.



## Mil-Lel Spring Show Opening

On Saturday, 8 October 2022, the Mil-Lel Agriculture and Horticulture Show Society hosted the first Mil-lel Show in two years.

District Council of Grant Elected Member Shirley Little, made one of her final public presentations as an Elected Member by opening the show (pictured on left).

By all reports the day was a success for the Mil-Lel Agriculture and Horticulture Show Society and attendees.

The District Council of Grant is pleased to support the show in years to come.



## Remembrance Day

On the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month we gather in one minute of silence to pay our respects to those who fought and lost their lives in wars and armed conflicts for Australia.

Councillor Shirley Little attended a commemorative service at Vansittart Park and laid a wreath (pictured to right) on behalf of the District Council of Grant.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them. Lest We Forget.





After close of voting at 5:00pm on Thursday, 10 November 2022 for the Council Elections and amalgamation plebiscite, the scrutiny and count occurred on Saturday, 12 and Sunday, 13 November 2022.

Results for the District Council of Grant have been declared as follows:

| <u>Mayor</u> | <u>Central Ward</u>  | <u>Tarpeena Ward</u> | <u>Port MacDonnell Ward</u> |
|--------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Kylie Boston | Megan Dukalskis<br>Bruce Bain<br>Barry Kuhl<br>Brad Mann<br>Katherine Greene<br>Gavin Clarke<br>Peter Duncan | Karen Turnbull       | Rodney Virgo                |

The new Council will have their first meeting on Monday, 28 November 2022 at 5:30pm in the District Council of Grant Council Chambers.

The 2022 Council elections saw an additional plebiscite ballot where voters were asked whether they supported the investigation into the amalgamation of the District Council of Grant and City of Mount Gambier.

The votes of the plebiscite were counted on the same weekend, Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 December 2022.

The Electoral Commission of South Australia (ECSA) has confirmed the overall result not being in favour.

A breakdown of all plebiscite votes are detailed to the right and can be viewed on the ECSA website at [www.ecsa.sa.gov.au/elections/council-elections](http://www.ecsa.sa.gov.au/elections/council-elections).

### District Council of Grant

| Ward            | Yes        | No           | Informal  | Total        |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| Central         | 219        | 2,254        | 7         | 2,480        |
| Tarpeena        | 42         | 297          | 2         | 341          |
| Port MacDonnell | 17         | 362          | 1         | 380          |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>278</b> | <b>2,913</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>3,201</b> |

### City of Mount Gambier

| Council       | Yes   | No    | Informal | Total |
|---------------|-------|-------|----------|-------|
| Mount Gambier | 2,663 | 4,041 | 40       | 6,744 |

Authorised by CEO, Darryl Whicker, 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier SA 5290

## RETIRING COUNCILLOR

The District Council of Grant would like to acknowledge the contributions of former councillor, Shirley Little (pictured to the right).

Mrs Little did not run again in the 2022 Council Elections but was an elected member for the District Council of Grant for 28 years.

The District Council of Grant thanks you for your service.

**All outgoing Elected Members will be invited to attend the December 2022 Council meeting to be formally acknowledged.**



### Help us shape our Inner Townships...

Following on from the preparation of Urban Design Frameworks and Master Plans for Port McDonnell and the River and Coastal Communities, Council has appointed a consultant team from MasterPlan and Outerspace Landscape Architects to work with the communities of:

**Allendale East  
Caveton  
Compton  
Glenburnie**

**Kongorong  
Mil-Lel  
Moorak  
Mount Schank**

**OB Flat  
Suttontown  
Tarpeena  
Worrolong  
Yahl**

To create an Urban Design Framework and Master Plan for these communities.

The project aims to capitalise on what we value as a community, to ensure our much-loved sporting, active recreation, community spaces and neighbourhoods are accessible, connected, and inclusive, and to outline potential upgrades to infrastructure that will refresh public spaces and offer new experiences for visitors.

### Get Involved

We invite you to participate in the first round of consultation, by attending one of the following community workshops:

**Monday, 5 December 2022**

**Tarpeena Football Club**

**7pm - 9pm**

**Tuesday, 6 December 2022**

**Casadio Park**

**7pm - 9pm**

**Wednesday, 7 December 2022**

**Allendale Hall**

**7pm - 9pm**

These workshops aim to provide you with the opportunity to share what you value and key issues that impact you and your community.

An unstructured drop-in session will also be held:

**Thursday, 8 December 2022**

**DC Grant Council Office**

**1:30pm - 3:30pm**

If you are unable to attend any of the consultation sessions and would like to speak with one of our consultants, please:

**Email:** [plan@masterplan.com.au](mailto:plan@masterplan.com.au)

**Phone:** (08) 8193 5600

**Can't attend in person?** Join the consultant team on Zoom. Register to attend by emailing [plan@masterplan.com.au](mailto:plan@masterplan.com.au) with the subject line 'Inner Townships Engagement Online'.

**Tuesday, 13 December 2022**

**Online**

**5:00pm - 6:30pm**

### Stay up to date

Make sure you register on the 'Your Say DCG' online engagement platform at <https://yoursaydgc.com.au/> to find more information and to stay up to date on the Inner Townships project.

You can also register your ongoing interest in the project by emailing [plan@masterplan.com.au](mailto:plan@masterplan.com.au) with the subject line 'DCG Inner Townships'.



# FIRE DANGER SEASON

The Lower South East 2022/2023 Fire Danger Season dates have been declared as follows:

## Start Date

**Tuesday, 22 November 2022**

## Finish Date

**Sunday, 30 April 2023**

During the Fire Danger Season restrictions are placed on lighting fires to reduce the chances of large fires starting.

These restrictions are escalated when a Total Fire Ban Day is declared.

Find out more about what is and isn't permitted during the Fire Danger Season via the Information Hotline on 1800 362 361 or [www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au).



## DID YOU KNOW?



You can stay up to date with developments occurring near you!

Subscribe to be notified daily, weekly or monthly with details of developments within the District Council of Grant.

Visit the Plan SA website and the Development Application Register page to subscribe today.

[www.plan.sa.gov.au/development\\_application\\_register](http://www.plan.sa.gov.au/development_application_register)



# PORT MACDONNELL & BLACKFELLOWS CAVES BOAT RAMP TICKET MACHINES

Please be advised that the current boat ramp ticket machines have been 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 by the end of 2022.

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



# easypark

# Celebrating Seniors Month 2022

In honour of Seniors Month 2022, Council coordinated four Positive Ageing Luncheons in the final week of October for residents aged 55 and above to enjoy learning together, food and each other's company.

Community members gathered at local restaurants in the following townships:

- Port MacDonnell on Monday, 24 October at the Victoria Hotel;
- Tarpeena on Tuesday, 25 October at The Pines Hotel;
- Carpenter Rocks on Thursday, 27 October at The Rocks Tavern;
- Mount Schank on Friday, 28 October at the Bellum Hotel.

Luncheons were well attended and held in local eateries. Despite poor weather conditions guests also enjoyed presentations by other locals within the community.

- Representatives from various emergency service providers presented to the Port MacDonnell group speaking about changes to the Fire Danger Rating System, how to be prepared for a medical emergency and be safe online.
- Local Police Officers shared the dangers of the increasing number of scams to Tarpeena residents and provided tips on how to decrease their chances of being scammed.
- Attendees at Carpenter Rocks heard Sharon Bruhn share her love of collecting sea glass washed up in the District Council of Grant area from the Southern Ocean.
- Community members in attendance at Mount Schank learnt of the Kids & Cockies Helping Cockies Project assisted by Bird Life Australia and Zoos SA presented by Bron Perryman.

We thank all senior residents who attended and hope your day was enjoyable. We also thank all the staff at each location and presenters for helping Council organise these successful events.

## Positive Ageing Luncheons





# PORT MACDONNELL TERM 3 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Families flocked to the Port MacDonnell Community Complex during the Term 3 school holiday period to participate in a range of fun activities.

The complex saw over 200 visitors walk through the doors including many locals and other interstate travellers.

Crafts were a hit with pencil pots, windchimes, photo frames, CD mobiles, seedling gardens and decorated flowerpots among some of the masterpieces created.

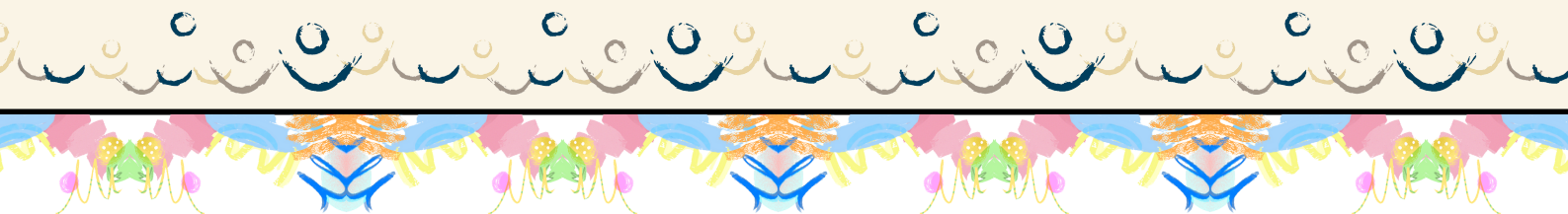
PlayStation 4 and Wii games were a winner with teens hanging out in the Youth Area. The 8-ball table was also enjoyed in the area by children and adults.

Weekly StoryTime ran smoothly and were well attended on Tuesday mornings throughout the break. Smaller children sang and danced the mornings away before diving into books and more crafts.

Planning is already underway for the complex's Summer Holiday Program and Staff are excited to share the new activities that will be on offer towards the end of the school year.

Follow the Port MacDonnell Community Complex on Facebook to stay up to date with upcoming activities.

Staff are also available to provide further details of the complex's events schedule on 8738 3000.



## PLAYTIME AT YAHL SUCCESS

The first Playtime at Yahl was a great success on Thursday, 27 October 2022.

Children and parents packed the Yahl Soldiers Memorial Hall for a morning full of fun. Join playtime weekly on Thursdays between 9am - 10am at the hall (29 Yahl Hall Road, Yahl).

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.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Monday, 28 November

- Statutory Council Meeting (first meeting of the new Council)
- 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.



## Monday, 5 - Friday, 9 December

- Inner Townships Masterplan Project Community Engagement Sessions
- More information on page 4.



## November

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

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

## LOCAL VOLUNTEER RECOGNISED

Port MacDonnell resident, Lyn Kennedy (pictured below), was named the Department of Child Protection (DCP) Volunteer of the Year at the 2022 South Australian Child Protection Awards.

Ms Kennedy was nominated by the Mount Gambier DCP office after volunteering with DCP for nearly 30 years.

It was confirmed in an interview that Ms Kennedy plans on continuing volunteering for a while longer.

Read more about her thoughts on the achievement via The Border Watch.

<https://borderwatch.com.au/news/2022/09/25/volunteer-honoured-with-big-award/>



## EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Stand Like Stone are offering support to students with a connection to the Limestone Coast region and are studying in 2023.

A variety of scholarships are available for:

- Arts
- Trades
- Music
- Nursing
- Viticulture



**Applications close 5:00pm Wednesday, 30 November 2022.**

Read the guidelines and submit your applications via Stand Like Stone's website at [www.standlikestone.com.au](http://www.standlikestone.com.au).

Assistance is available at the Stand Like Stone office on:


- (08) 7701 9259
- [info@standlikestone.com.au](mailto:info@standlikestone.com.au)



## Stand Like Stone

Inspiring kindness and courage






# *Christmas Picnic at Yahl*

*Sunday, December 11, 2022*


*from 4pm, Yahl Hall*

*For all Yahl residents young & old!*






*Join us for a casual catch up  
before Xmas*

*BYO BBQ Meat, salad, drinks and chairs*  
*BBQ will be available to cook your meat*  
*Children must be accompanied by an adult*



## *COMPETITION:*

*Best dressed Christmas driveway or gate!*  
*Entries via our Facebook page by 8th Dec*



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:  
GARRY 0439 503 093 OR  
KERRY 0409 223 013



# Community Grants Scheme

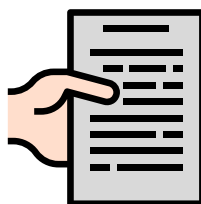
## Round 2 | 2022/23



### Key dates:

Open Monday, 17 October 2022

Close Friday, 2 December 2022



### How to apply:

1. Visit [www.yoursaydcg.com.au](http://www.yoursaydcg.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