



Council Update

On Thursday 30 March 2023, members of the District Council of Grant community sat down with Mayor Kylie Boston and Chief Executive Officer Darryl Whicker at the Port MacDonnell Community Complex for the first Mayor & CEO Drop-In Session.

The drop-in session was a success with many topics being discussed including the future of Port MacDonnell and Council's free camping offerings. Both Mayor Boston and Mr Whicker thank all who attended and appreciate the useful feedback and ideas shared.

The community can look forward to more Mayor & CEO Drop-In Sessions in different locations around the district later in the year.

Other exciting opportunities are also approaching. Those include the opening of Round 1 of Council's 2023-2024 Community Grants Scheme and Community Land Management Plan community consultation.



Community Land Management Plans

Recently, a major review has been undertaken of the community land parcels within the district. This review has now been completed and amendments have been made to the existing Community Land Management Plans (CLMPs).

Council will be seeking feedback from the community and identified stakeholders on the draft CLMPs.

Further information and all plans can be viewed online at Your Say DCG:

(<https://yoursaydgcg.com.au/>). Hard copies will also be available to view at Council's Principal Office and the Port MacDonnell Community Complex.

Feedback may be given between **Friday 28 April and close of business Monday 29 May 2023.**

Council Decisions

- **Funding for Road Upgrade Application Submitted:** At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday, 20 March 2023, Council endorsed an application be submitted for the Local Government Association of South Australia's Special Local Roads Program to seek funding for the upgrade of Wandilo Forest Road (Riddoch Highway to Blanche Young Forest Road). Contingent on success of the application, road upgrades will continue as usual around the district.



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

Community Grants Scheme Relaunch



In April 2022, Council undertook a review of the Grants Program where the community was invited to provide feedback on the current scheme. The aim of the consultation was to:

- Better understand the needs of our community; and
- Identify what challenges are faced when applying for grants in order to simplify the application process.

The Community Grants Scheme is currently under review and taking into consideration comments received during the 2022 consultation period.

It is anticipated that the grant opportunity will relaunch with an amended policy and guidelines by the end of June 2023.

Stay up to date and find out more about the funding opportunity on Council's website:

<https://www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/community/communitygrants>

or Your Say DCG: <https://yoursaydgcg.com.au/>

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Out & About with Council



On Friday 24 March 2023, Mayor Kylie Boston and Chief Executive Officer Darryl Whicker attended the first State/Local Government Economic Partnership Forum in Adelaide.

Pictured to left: (L to R) Mayor Kylie Boston and District Council of Grant Chief Executive Officer Darryl Whicker.

On Friday 24 March 2023, Council representatives attended a dedication of graves of two World War I veterans at the Lake Terrace Cemetery.

Private John George Brett and Private John James Westbury were commemorated and given marked gravestones.

Pictured to right: Councillor Barry Kuhl placing a tribute on both veterans graves on behalf of the District Council of Grant.



On Monday 3 April 2023, the District Council of Grant joined the Donovans community to celebrate the official opening of the Donovans Community Centre.

Gratitude was extended to Federal Member for Barker Mr Tony Pasin MP, for attending the opening and contributing \$100,000 towards the development through the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

Council was pleased to also contribute approximately \$33,000 towards the project.

The Donovans community estimate an additional \$60,000 was received by way of in-kind support, donations and voluntary labour to complete the building.

Pictured above: (L to R) Cr Megan Dukalskis, Mayor Kylie Boston, Cr Katherine Greene and Cr Barry Kuhl. More photos from the opening can be found on page 10.



Elected Member Profile

Councillor Barry Kuhl

How are you involved in the District Council of Grant community?

I have lived in the District Council of Grant all my life where I grew up on the family farm at Kongorong. After leaving school, I came home to work on the farm with my Father which I still live and run it today. I also played football and cricket for Kongorong. I later took on the Secretary's role for the football club and become the president, then served many years on the committee. I am still involved with the football club as a volunteer today. I also joined the CFS when I was 18 and am still a member with them now.

Why did you decide to join Council?

After being heavily involved in the community, the past mayor Don Pegler suggested I should think about standing for Council. This is now my 4th term representing the community. My vision for Council is to maintain its strong financial position while delivering services to our communities while continuing to improve and develop our small townships to make them a great place to live.

What are you looking forward to the most about being an Elected Member for 2022-2026?

To keep working towards gaining funding for the Saleyards Transformation Project which would be the biggest project Council has undertaken. Also, to see the development of a museum at the Mount Gambier Regional Airport. Our Airport has a lot of history and it would be good for the public to see this. The Inner Townships Master Plan is another great project we have underway and it will be good to see some of the ideas at the community sessions developed for the benefit of our inner townships.

What is something the community may not know about you?

After completing year 11, I was going to go to college in Adelaide and become a wool classer to then travel rural Australia but we bought more farm land so I never got that opportunity.



Mount Gambier Regional Airport Update

On Friday 24 March 2023, the Mount Gambier Regional Airport hosted the Australian Women Pilots' Association whilst they conducted an area navigation trial as part of their week long annual conference.

During the week, the airport saw 24 aircraft fly in for the event carrying many women from around Australia to the region for education and networking.

Thank you to all those who attended and the Mount Gambier Regional Airport can't wait to see everyone flying again.



Exciting Old Port MacDonnell Boat Yard Site Development

Port MacDonnell's Old Boat Yard site is in the preliminary stages of an exciting new mixed-use development concept, with Port MacDonnell businessman Amir Hanna in formal talks with the District Council of Grant around the site's future development potential.

The old boat yard site, situated at 55 Sea Parade, Port MacDonnell, opposite Council's new Waterfront precinct, has long been earmarked as a prime location for development opportunities to further enhance the town's tourism and growth prospects.

District Council of Grant Mayor Kylie Boston said Council had reviewed the initial concept plans put forward by Mr Hanna which aligned with the Port MacDonnell Urban Design Framework created in consultation with the local community.

"Council is excited to consider plans for future activity in Port MacDonnell and see the site utilised as a welcoming centre for local residents and visitors. Being at the very heart of town, Council wants to ensure any projects are accessible, functional and visually appealing, to fit with the aesthetic of the Waterfront and nearby Customs House."

The initial design proposed includes a mixed-use development featuring:

- Retail and hospitality offerings;
- Pharmacy and medical suite;
- Tourist accommodation; and
- The potential for residential apartments.

Although the project is still in the preliminary stages, Chief Executive Officer Darryl Whicker said he was excited to see future plans for the beachfront site, after years of vacancy.

"Mr Hanna has already demonstrated his community-mindedness as the town's pharmacist, so he understands the needs of an isolated and regional community and has put forward a project which will benefit both locals and visitors, and has assured us that the design will be beautiful."

Council has formalised a Heads of Agreement, demonstrating intent to work towards a shared vision, and allowing Mr Hanna to engage a suitable professional to prepare design plans.



Pictured above: (Aerial view of Old Port MacDonnell Boat Yard site.

Pictured right: (L to R) District Council of Grant Darryl Whicker, Amir Hanna, Growth and Tourism Manager Rebecca Perkin and Mayor Kylie Boston.



GET INVOLVED

Inner Townships Master Plan **Community Drop-In Sessions**

Allendale East · Caveton · Compton
Glenburnie · Kongorong · Mil-Lel · Moorak
Mount Schank · Ob Flat · Suttontown
Tarpeena · Worrolong · Wye · Yahl

The District Council of Grant is pleased to present the draft Inner Township Master Plan. Join the Council appointed consultant team from MasterPlan and Outerspace Landscape Architects at one of the upcoming community drop-in sessions.

View the draft master plan and precinct plans created from what was heard during the Inner Townships Master Plan community workshops held in December 2022.

Chat to the consultant team about the draft master plan and precinct plans, and provide your feedback.

LOCATION: Casadio Park
(134-136 Bay Road, Moorak)

DATE: Wednesday, 3 May 2023

TIME: Session one: 1:00pm – 5:00pm
Session two: 6:00pm – 8:30pm

No bookings required,
just drop in!

Can't make it in person?

Speak with the consultant team:

Email: plan@masterplan.com.au

Telephone: (08) 8193 5600

For more information scan the QR code or visit the Your Say DCG page at <https://yoursaydgc.com.au/>



Mount Gambier & District Saleyards Strategy Committee

Expression of Interest

Community and/or business nominees

The Mount Gambier & District Saleyards Strategy Committee are looking for two (2) Community/Business Nominees with a strong business acumen and a knowledge of the livestock industry to join the Committee.

The objectives and functions of the Strategy Committee are:

- Provide appropriate advice and recommendations of matters relevant to the Mount Gambier & District Saleyards and to convey the views of the user groups
- Report and inform user groups on the progress of the committee and decisions made by Council
- Identify and comment on stakeholder concerns
- Provide a forum for discussion of Saleyard related issues
- Provide advice to Council on the operations of the saleyards and to make recommendations to Council on potential improvements regarding the operation of the facility
- Make recommendations to Council on proposed Capital Investment
- Make recommendations to Council on setting of fees and charges
- Consider the requirements of all users of the Saleyards facilities, including buyers, vendors, agents, suppliers and staff
- Provide strategic advice to Council on matters effecting the operations of the Saleyards. The Strategy Committee will have no authority to direct operational activities, Council staff, employees or customers at the saleyards
- Actively promote the Saleyards within the region
- Carry out such other acts, and to do all such other things as are incidental to, or conducive to the attainment of the objects and the exercise of the powers of the Strategy Committee

The Committee meets at least twice and up to four times per year.

The Committee Terms of Reference can be found via Council's website at

<https://www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/council/meetings/saleyardscommittee>

Expressions of interest must be made in writing addressed to the CEO by **close of business Friday 1 May 2023** and addressed to PO Box 724, Mount Gambier SA 5290 or via email to info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au.



Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel (AIAP) Member Search

Council is looking for an additional independent member for the AIAP to join Cr Gavin Clarke, Cr Rodney Virgo and Cr Katherine Greene. The new member will also work alongside 2 organisational members who work in the disability sector, and 3 other independent members who have lived experience of disability.

The role of the AIAP is to provide strategic, expert and impartial advice to Council on the development, implementation, monitoring and review of policies, strategies, projects and plans with the aim to advance accessibility and inclusion opportunities of people with disability.

It is envisaged that at least 2 meetings will be held per year, with additional meetings anticipated in the consultation period leading up to the review and adoption of the 2025 – 2029 Disability Action and Inclusion Plan.

More information about the Panel including its Terms of Reference and application form can be found via Council's community engagement website at:

<https://yoursaydgc.com.au/access-andinclusion-advisory-panel-member-search>



Head online to Your Say DCG and complete an application form to be part of the Advisory Panel or contact Council's principal office to request a hard copy form.

Applications for the AIAP membership **close Friday 5 May 2023.**

Donovans Community Hall Opening Photo Gallery



Playground Upgrades Complete

District wide playground upgrades have been completed and were enjoyed by families in time for the Easter holiday period.

In September 2022, the District Council of Grant began engaging with our community to determine what equipment options would be best suited for playgrounds that required vital equipment replacements.

The aim of the playground upgrades was to repair, maintain and/or replace existing playground structures to ensure they are compliant with Australian Standards.

Council acknowledges the support of the Federal Government for providing crucial funding for the project through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.



Blackfellows Cave



Carpenter Rocks



Donovans Reserve



Kongorong



Nene Valley



Port MacDonnell



Tarpeena



Yahl

Fire Danger Season

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

These restrictions escalate when a Total Fire Ban Day is declared.

Start Date
Tuesday, 22 November 2022

Finish Date
Sunday, 30 April 2023

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.



Road Closures

Port MacDonnell Anzac Day Dawn Service

Please note that portions of:

- Sea Parade, Port MacDonnell - between Standish Street and Bookey Street; and
- Charles Street, Port MacDonnell - between Milstead Street and Sea Parade

will be closed between 6:00am and 7:30am on Tuesday, 25 April 2023.

The temporary road closure will allow for the Port MacDonnell Anzac Day Dawn Service to take place safely.



Generations in Jazz (OB Flat)

Please note that portions of:

- Childs Road: OB Flat: between OB Flat Road and Glenelg River Road; and
- Clarke Road: between Glenelg River Road to 77 Clarke Road

will be closed from 9:00am Friday 5 May to 3:00pm Sunday 7 May 2023.

The temporary road closure will allow for the annual Generations in Jazz event to take place safely.



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CHEERS to our VOLUNTEERS

NATIONAL
VOLUNTEER
THE CHANGE MAKERS WEEK

National Volunteer Week is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteering and will be held between 15 - 21 May 2023.

Join the District Council of Grant to recognise our hard working volunteers.

Volunteers Morning Tea



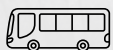
Wednesday, 17 May 2023



10:30am - 12:00pm



Port MacDonnell Community Complex



Free return bus available for volunteers from Tarpeena to Port MacDonnell

RSVP to the Port MacDonnell Community Complex at: pmcc@dcgrant.sa.gov.au | 8738 3000
by Sunday, 14 May 2023 (for catering purposes)



For those who are unable to attend this year's Morning Tea, Council will still be celebrating you by gifting a free coffee (or equivalent beverage) via our 'Cheers for Volunteers' voucher program.

Full details on how to access your free beverage will be provided on **Monday, 1 May 2023**.

Follow Council on Facebook to stay up to date or contact Renee Henke, Media and Community Officer on 8721 0444 or renee.henke@dcgrant.sa.gov.au to request details of the 'Cheers for Volunteers' program be emailed directly to you.



Upcoming Events



Monday, 15 May 2023

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



Tuesday, 25 April 2023

- Anzac Day Dawn Service
- War Memorial (Sea Parade) - Breakfast to follow at Port MacDonnell Hall



Wednesday, 17 May 2023

- Volunteers Week Morning Tea
- Port MacDonnell Community Complex at 10:00am



Friday 5 - Sunday 7 May 2023

- Generations in Jazz
- More details and tickets available via <https://generationsinjazz.com.au/>

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

Port MacDonnell Community Complex Holiday Program

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

EASTER WEEKEND

Fri 7th - Monday 10th
Placemats & Puzzle Sheets



Monday - 17th April
Jigsaws



Monday - 24th April
Decoupage Art - Canvas Boards



Tues 11th - Fri 14th
Stained Glass



Thursday - 20th April
ANZAC Day Activities



Thursday - 27th April
Key Chains & Necklaces



An 8-ball table, PlayStation, Wii, iPads and free wifi are also available at the complex to use free of charge.

Contact the Port MacDonnell Community Complex on 8738 3000 for more information.