



## FROM THE MAYOR



As Mayor of the District Council of Grant, we sincerely hope that our community enjoys the upcoming festive season, and is reunited with family and friends after the last year still affected by COVID.

This time of year is the perfect time to reflect on the progress we have made together and the successes we have to celebrate whilst navigating through a new post-pandemic world.

2022 has shown that our community boasts fellowship and strength reflected by the re-introduction of many loved community events. As a Council, we are proud to have secured State Government funding for the Saleyards Transformation Project and finished holding our successful townships meetings. We assembled an Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel, which has provided useful feedback throughout our district. We are also now excited to commence the Inner Townships Master Plan and Strategic Land Use Plan which will assist in developing our vision for the next four years.

In 2023, our newly elected Council is looking forward to working with each and everyone of you throughout our district.

On behalf of myself, the Elected Members and Council staff, we hope you have a very Merry Christmas, and a safe and Happy New Year.

Mayor Kylie Boston

## COUNCIL DECISIONS

- **Time and Place of Ordinary Meetings:** At the new Council's first meeting on Monday, 28 November 2022, the Schedule of Council Meetings 2023 was endorsed to have Ordinary Council Meetings held on the third Monday of each month commencing at 5:30pm.
- **Council Committees:** Elected Members share representative roles on various District Council of Grant committees and advisory groups. Council representatives can be found in Meeting Minutes from Monday, 28 November 2022.



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

## GRANTS



- **RDA Limestone Coast Grant Finder:** [www.rdalc.grantguru.com.au](http://www.rdalc.grantguru.com.au)
- **Evolving Mining - Sponsorship and Donation Program:** closes Saturday, 31 December 2022  
[www.rdalc.grantguru.com.au/grant/country-arts-sa-skills-development-assistance-grant/](http://www.rdalc.grantguru.com.au/grant/country-arts-sa-skills-development-assistance-grant/)
- **South Australian Prevention Community Grants:** closes Friday, 6 January 2022  
[www.wellbeingsa.sa.gov.au/engage-with-us/grants-funding/south-australian-suicide-prevention-community-grants](http://www.wellbeingsa.sa.gov.au/engage-with-us/grants-funding/south-australian-suicide-prevention-community-grants)

## Connect with us!

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Introducing the...

# District Council of Grant Elected Members



Elected Members photographed from left to right are:

**Back row:** Cr Bruce Bain, Cr Peter Duncan, Cr Gavin Clarke, Cr Barry Kuhl, Cr Rodney Virgo

**Front row:** Cr Brad Mann, Cr Megan Dukalskis, Mayor Kylie Boston, Cr Katherine Greene, Cr Karen Turnbull

At the Statutory Council Meeting held on Monday, 28 November 2022, the group was officially sworn in.



Beginning in the new year of 2023, residents will be able to get to know the newly elected Council better with one Elected Member profile being included within the Community Newsletter each month.

## EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM



Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast (RDALC) are getting ready to launch their Emerging Leaders Program for new and aspiring leaders.



Emerging Leaders is a core element of the Limestone Coast Leaders program, and will be delivered over 8 months in 2023. The program's focus will be on building emotional intelligence, self-awareness, and skills in working with and influencing (leading) others.

Applications for Emerging Leaders will open in January. Anyone interested in taking part in the program is can enter their details via this link (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6Y7VBD5>) and will be contacted before applications open.

More information can be found on the website at <https://rdalc.org.au/leadership/>.

# OUT & ABOUT WITH COUNCIL

## Elected Member Tour of the District

On Sunday, 20 November 2022, the newly Elected Members and CEO, Darryl Whicker, took a tour of all District Council of Grant owned and operated facilities including the Mount Gambier Regional Airport, Mount Gambier & District Saleyards and Port MacDonnell Community Complex (PMCC). The group is pictured on the right at their final stop; the PMCC.



## State Liberal Opposition & Council Catch Up

On Thursday, 24 November 2022, District Council of Grant Mayor Kylie Boston and Chief Executive Officer Darryl Whicker came together for lunch with the Hon. Nicola Centafanti MLC, Sam Telfer MP and the Hon. David Spiers MP, Leader of the Opposition.



## Tour of Wulanda Recreation & Convention Centre

On Monday, 12 December 2022, Mayor Kylie Boston was taken for a tour of the City of Mount Gambier's new Wulanda Recreation & Convention Centre which the District Council of Grant contributed \$350,000 towards.

Mayor Kylie Boston is pictured to the left in the centre with Mayor Lynette Martin from the City of Mount Gambier.

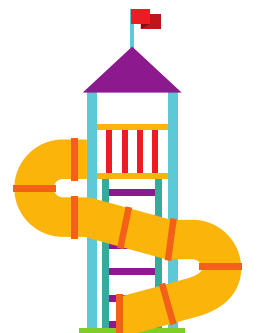


# PLAYGROUND COMMUNITY CONSULTATION UPDATE

Community consultation has concluded for all playground locations included in Phase 3 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program funding. Council thanks all residents and visitors who participated in the Playground Upgrade project.

Staff have reviewed all preferences submitted to refine all playground designs and order materials for installation in the new year. Suggestions for additional playground upgrades are being collated to review in the new year and present to Council for consideration in future budgets.

2022/2023 Playground Upgrade project updates will be posted via Your Say DCG at <https://yoursaydgc.com.au/>. Council sincerely thanks all those who provided valuable feedback.



# Inner Townships Master Plan **Community Workshops**

Between Monday, 5 December and Friday, 9 December 2022, Council welcomed the project team from MasterPlan and Outerspace Landscape Architects to the district to connect with our community and help shape our Inner Townships Master Plan.

This project is aiming to identify, plan and prioritise future community amenity and infrastructure to enhance public spaces and offer new experiences to visitors, while also ensuring much loved sporting, recreational, community spaces and neighbourhoods are accessible, connected and inclusive.

After three community workshops and site visits to each township, the consultants and Council staff were able to get some fantastic insight from residents about what is special about their community and what the future of their township could look like.

Council look forward to working closely with the consultant team to further progress the project and commence the second round of community engagement in 2023.



## ITS NOT TOO LATE TO HAVE YOUR SAY

The project team are still wanting to hear from community members who were not able to attend a community workshop or would like to submit further comments.

Visit Your Say DCG at <https://yoursaydcg.com.au/> to submit your comments online before **5:00pm Thursday, 22 December 2022** and stay up to date with the projects progress.

# CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OFFICE CLOSURE

Over the 2022/2023 Christmas / News Year period, Council sites will have altered opening hours. Please see below operating hours for each Council owned and operated site:



## Principal Office

Closed: Friday, 23 December 2022 from 12 noon

Re-open: Tuesday, 3 January 2023 from 8:30am



## Port MacDonnell Community Complex

Closed: Sunday, 25 December 2022 only

Reduced hours: Monday 26 & Tuesday 27 December 2022  
11am-3pm



## Mount Gambier & District Saleyards

Open: Friday, 23 December 2022 7:30am-1:30pm

Closed: Saturday, 24 December 2022 - Monday, 2 January 2023

Re-open: Tuesday, 3 January 2023



## Mount Gambier Regional Airport

Open with limited staff:

- Friday, 23 December 2022 8am-4pm
- Wednesday 28 - Friday 30 December 2022 8am-4pm

Closed:

- Saturday 24 - Tuesday 27 December 2022
- Saturday 31 December 2022 - Monday 2 January 2023  
11am-3pm

Return to normal staffed hours from Tuesday, 3 January 2023

Mayor Boston, Elected Members and Council staff wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## 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](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au).



# PUBLIC NOTICE

MOBILE GARBAGE BIN & WASTE TRANSFER STATION OPERATIONS  
BETWEEN CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR PERIOD 2022/2023

## MOBILE GARBAGE BINS

Kerbside collections will remain unchanged for all locations across the district over the holiday period.

## WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS

Stations at Port MacDonnell, Tarpeena and Donovans will be **CLOSED** on Christmas Day (Sunday, 25 December 2022) only.

These sites and Carpenter Rocks will operate as normal on all other public holidays over the Christmas / New Year period.



Standard operating hours and further details about waste can be found on Council's website at [www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au](http://www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au) or call 8721 0444.

## RATES REMINDER

A friendly reminder that the third and fourth quarter rates installments are due in 2023.

- Third installment due Friday, 3 March 2023
- Fourth installment due Friday, 2 June 2023

A rates notice will be sent to all ratepayers 30 days prior to each due date.

Please visit Council's website at [www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au](http://www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au) to find more information or contact Council's Rates Officer 8721 0400 to discuss making alternative payment arrangements.

## OUR DISTRICT

Cape Douglas



Compton



Eight Mile Creek



OB Flat

# EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Are you passionate about the future of Australian agriculture and wanting to make your mark on our rural industries?

The AgriFutures Horizon Scholarship 2023 is now open to students studying agriculture related or STEM degrees with major studies and/or subject selections that align to agriculture.

Recipients receive a \$5,000 bursary, the ability to complete work placements and plenty of personal and professional development opportunities.

**Applications close 5:00pm Friday, 13 January 2023.**

Find out more online at [www.agrifutures.com.au/horizon](http://www.agrifutures.com.au/horizon).



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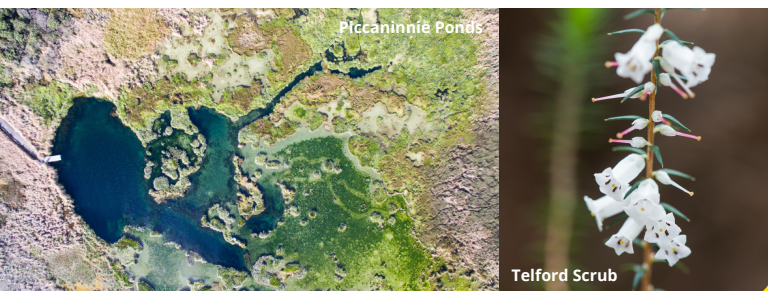
## DID YOU KNOW?



The District Council of Grant boasts many conservation and national parks.

Many free and low costs options are available to attend some of the most magnificent natural scenery in the Limestone Coast.

Why not head to Council's website to learn more and explore these summer holidays?



# PORT MACDONNELL & BLACKFELLOWS CAVES BOAT RAMP PERMITS

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 or Council Customer Service Centres.

Assistance is available at the Principal Office (324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier), 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 in the coming weeks.

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



# easypark

# Healthy Habits

Support for people who want to develop healthy habits for improved health and wellbeing

Healthy Habits is a local wellbeing program tailored to support people to improve their overall health and wellbeing through individualised health coaching and/or healthy lifestyle groups.

Healthy Habits Care Coordinators and Lifestyle Coordinators help you identify the health factors you may need support with to create a sustainable healthy lifestyle – this may include:

- Nutrition
- Physical Activity
- Mental Health & Wellbeing



## **Who can access the program?**

People of any age who wish to develop healthy habits for improved health and wellbeing.

Clients aged <16 years old are eligible through family supported participation and require parental/guardian consent to access the program.



## **Cost and location?**

This service is funded by Country SA PHN and is free to all clients.

For individuals who wish to access the program, Healthy Habits is available in the Limestone Coast at 13a Sturt Street, Mount Gambier.



## **Know a group of people who may be interested?**

Would you like a group nutrition session? Perhaps you would like a regular group yoga session? Like to start a weekly walking group?

If you reside within the District Council of Grant are are interested in a group Healthy Habits session at your local hall or community meeting place, let Council know!

Register your interest by emailing [renee.henke@dcgrant.sa.gov.au](mailto:renee.henke@dcgrant.sa.gov.au) or calling 8721 0444.



## **Want to know more?**

Referrals are received from GPs, community organisations and other health professionals. Alternatively, community members can refer themselves.



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## SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6
Monday - 19.12 Paint Brush Santa	Monday - 26.12 Peg Magnets	Monday - 02.01 Button Flower Bouquet	Monday - 09.01 Washi Tape Picture Frames	Monday - 16.01 Seaside Jars	Monday - 23.01 Hanging Pop Stick Frames
Tuesday - 20.12 StoryTime @ 10:30am	NO STORYTIME 27.12	NO STORYTIME 03.01	Tuesday - 10.01 StoryTime @ 10:30am	Tuesday - 17.01 StoryTime @ 10:30am	Tuesday - 24.01 StoryTime @ 10:30am
Thursday - 22.12 Christmas Mobile	Thursday - 29.12 Masks	Thursday - 05.01 Stained Glass	Thursday - 12.01 Bead People	Thursday - 19.01 Name Boards	Thursday - 26.01 CLOSED
Monday - 19.12 Cookie Decorating (Bookings Required)		Thursday - 05.01 Cupcakes (Bookings Required)	Thursday - 12.01 Art with Serena (Bookings Required)	Thursday - 19.01 Salt Dough Art (Bookings Required)	Friday - 27.01 Crowns



## BOOK IN FOR CRAFTS

1/2 HOUR SESSIONS - Starting at 9:30am

**BOOKINGS REQUIRED** For Santa Cookies, Cupcakes, Art with Serena & Salt Dough crafts

Please call PMCC on 8738 3000 to secure your spot!  
Parental help and supervision is required for all activities



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Monday, 19 December

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



## December / January

- Gallery Exhibition: South East Art Society
- 5-7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell (Port MacDonnell Community Complex).

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

## Do you provide care or support for someone close to you?

Across Australia there are more than 2.65 million unpaid carers, that's 1 in 9 people!

Unpaid carers look after someone who lives with disability, a medical condition, has a mental health condition or is frail due to age.

You can become a carer at any time. Many people don't consider themselves a carer. They are simply children, parents, partners, relatives, or friends supporting someone close to them.

A carer might look after someone 24 hours a day and help with daily activities. Or, might look after someone who only needs a little bit of help. Responsibility, care, compassion, and love are all reasons why someone will step forward to provide unpaid care. Most unpaid carers primarily help with tasks like shopping, housework, cooking, home maintenance and providing transportation.

Carer Gateway is here to support you. Carer Gateway was designed by carers for carers. We offer a national approach to providing reliable services, support and advice to carers in Australia. Services available include tailored support packages, counselling, coaching, peer support, emergency respite and online skills courses.

Call Carer Gateway on 1800 422 737 Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm or go to [CarerGateway.gov.au](https://www.carergateway.gov.au) to find out what we can do for you.



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