District Council of Grant

COMMUNITY NEWS

NOVEMBER 2023

Strategic Management Plan

The District Council of Grant has begun engaging with the local community to review its long-term goals and strategies for the district detailed within the Strategic Management Plan.

Representatives from a variety of community groups, local businesses and key industries formed a Citizen's Jury to discuss how the district has changed and to explore future opportunities at a workshop facilitated by Gilham Strategy & Planning.

Mayor Kylie Boston said the Strategic Management Plan is Council's core document which guides planning and decision-making processes.

"It's important to understand our community's long-term vision and expectations to ensure we deliver relevant actions to support our district's growth and success. We want to achieve a shared community vision with input from those with a passion and lived experience in our area."

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The District Council of Grant's current Strategic Management Plan 2020-2030 can be viewed via online at www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/council/policies,-by-laws-and-documents/strategiesplans

Images from the Citizen's Jury and information about the projects next steps are detailed on page 4.



Council Decisions

Acknowledgment of Police Officer: At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 20 November 2023, Council acknowledged their deepest condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Brevet Sergeant Jason Diog, who lost his life while on duty, with a minutes silence.

Road Closure for Bay Escape 2024: At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 20 November 2023, it was resolved to arrange temporary closure of portions of Sea Parade and Charles Street, Port MacDonnell, for the purpose of staging the Bay Escape 2024 event. The closure will occur on Saturday 10 February 2024 between 7:00am and 5:00pm.

Next Council Meeting: 5:30pm Monday 18 December 2023

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

Our District



Farming Activities



Ewens Ponds

Out & About with Council

On Sunday 5 November 2023, Mayor Kylie Boston attended the Port MacDonnell Landcare Group's 50th Celebrations at Dingley Dell.





On Saturday 11 November 2023, Mayor Kylie Boston placed a wreath on behalf of the District Council of Grant at a Remembrance Day ceremony at Vansittart Park.



On Wednesday 15 November 2023, Elected Members participated in an interactive workshop to review Council's Strategic Management Plan. This workshop was held after a community Citizen's Jury on Tuesday 14 November 2023. More details about the session are on page 4.



Mayor Kylie Boston raised a Motion to take a group photo using the 'We Say No to Violence' sign as part of the 16 Days of Activism with the full support of Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting held Monday 20 November 2023.

The Limestone Coast Family Violence Action Group's 16 Days of Activism campaign commenced Saturday 25 November 2023.

Positive Ageing Luncheons

Almost 160 active senior citizens within the District Council of Grant came together to celebrate their community contributions at Council's annual Positive Ageing Luncheons.

Four luncheons were coordinated by the District Council of Grant in honour of Seniors Month 2023 for residents aged 55 and above. Community members gathered at local restaurants in the following townships:

- Port MacDonnell on Monday 23 October at the Victoria Hotel;
- Tarpeena on Tuesday 24 October at the Pines Hotel;
- Mount Schank on Thursday 26 October at The Bellum Hotel; and
- Carpenter Rocks on Friday 27 October at The Rocks Tavern.

Director of Environmental Services Leith McEvoy said "It was great to see our residents enjoy this year's events and fill local businesses to capacity. Council values the contributions of our older population and looks forward to continuing to support them into the future."

Attendees enjoyed presentations from various local residents including Meg Black and Daniel Billingsley who are a mother-son pairing who reunited in the district to pursue a business partnership, and Gill Clayfield who shared stories of her travels around the globe.

Limestone Coast business owners Lizemarie Jooste and Stephanie Jagger described how their hobby of growing flowers turned into starting their own flower business; Stefari Flowers. Well-known photographer Ockert le Roux also shared his passion for capturing the region through his camera lens.








Strategic Management Plan

Review of long-term community vision underway

Chief Executive Officer Darryl Whicker said Council's engagement format will ensure perspectives from a wide cross section of the community are heard.

"The citizen's jury is made up of a diverse range of people across our district comprising disability support, not-for-profits, business leaders, partner agencies and community groups. Corresponding workshops with Council's staff leadership team and Elected Members were also held to ensure that we are gathering information from all perspectives."

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The wider District Council of Grant community will have an opportunity to have their say and inform the Strategic Management Plan in early 2024. Interested residents, workers, business and visitors are encouraged to register to stay up to date with project announcements on Your Say DCG at https://yoursaydcg.com.au/



Council Services over Christmas / New Year

Between 25 December 2023 and 1 January 2024



Please be advised the District Council of Grant Principal Office at 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier will be closed from 12:00 noon Friday 22 December 2023 and re-opening at 8:30am Tuesday 2 January 2024.

Council's Works Department will also close during this time returning from Tuesday 2 January 2024. Staff will remain available by phone for emergency situations.

Community Rangers will continue patrols throughout the district and remain available by phone.

Cleaning of public toilets and emptying of bins will also continue.



Please be advised that residents with Mobile Garbage Bin collections falling on Monday 25 December 2023 (Christmas Day) will have collection occurring on Tuesday 26 December 2023 instead. Bins must be placed out Monday night.

Mobile Garbage Bins will be collected as normal on Monday 1 January 2024. All other Mobile Garbage Bin collections during the holiday period will also be collected as normal.

Waste Transfer Stations at Carpenter Rocks, Donovans, Port MacDonnell and Tarpeena will open as scheduled during the holiday period.

More information about Mobile Garbage Bins and Waste Transfer Station opening hours can be found on Council's website at www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/services/environment/waste-and-recycling

For any missed bins, please call (08) 8427 8204.

Mount Gambier Regional Airport

Visitors incoming

The Victa Airtourer group stopped at the Mount Gambier Regional Airport last month.

The group is an all-metal low wing monoplane touring aircraft that was developed in Australia and manufactured in both Australia and New Zealand.



Mount Gambier & District Saleyards

Final and first sale dates 2023-2024

Below are dates for the final sales at the Mount Gambier & District Saleyards in 2023 and first sale dates in 2024.

December 2023:
Final Sale Day (Cattle and Sheep) - Wednesday 13 December 2023
Final Store Sale (Cattle) - Friday 8 December 2023

January 2024:
First Sale Day (Cattle and Sheep) - Wednesday 3 January 2024
First Store Sale (Cattle) - Friday 5 January 2024



Port MacDonnell Community Complex

StoryTime success

Staff at the Port MacDonnell Community Complex continue to host a weekly StoryTime where children and parents enjoy reading the book of the week, sing, dance and make a book related craft.

Books recently read include *Have You Seen Dinosaur* by David Barrow, *Some Dogs Do* by Jez Alborough, *No Place For an Octopus* by Claire Zorn, and *Go Go Pirate Boat* by Katrina Charman and Nick Sharratt.







Fire Danger Season

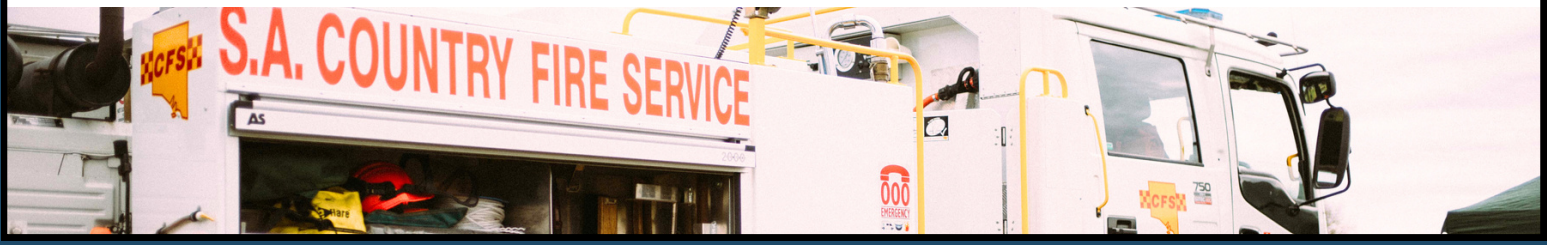
Lower South East season declared

The 2023-2024 Fire Danger Season has been declared for the Lower South East by the SA Country Fire Service (CFS) between **22 November 2023 and 15 April 2024**.

During the Fire Danger Season, restrictions are placed on lighting fires for the purpose of reducing the chances of large fires starting. These restrictions are escalated when a Total Fire Ban Day is declared.

Prepare your home for bushfires:
- Keep all gutters clean and free of debris
- Mow, rake and weed within 20 metres of your home
- Prune shrubs and lower branches of trees
- Have a Bushfire Survival Plan ready and rehearsed
- Prepare an Emergency Kit

More information about how to prepare can be found via the CFS website at: www.cfs.sa.gov.au/plan-prepare/



Planning and Development Approval

How does the planning system work?

Code Amendements

A Code Amendment is a proposal to change the policies, rules, or mapping within the Planning and Design Code (the Code). The process includes a number of steps which must be undertaken before any changes to zoning or policy can be implemented and involves various authorities.

The State Planning Commission

The Commission is responsible for ensuring the Code is maintained, reflects contemporary values relevant to planning, and responds readily to emerging trends or issues. The Commission will undertake Code Amendments for significant state-wide issues as well as regular updates to improve policy and address any technical matters.

The Minister for Planning

The Minister is responsible for approving the initiation of Code Amendments by persons and entities other than the Commission, and for the final approval of any amendments to the Code. The Minister can also make minor or operational amendments to the Code that meet the criteria in the Act.

Environment, Resources and Development Committee of Parliament

The Environment, Resource and Development Committee of Parliament (ERDC) provides oversight following the amendment of the Code.

Councils

Councils play an important role in planning for growth and change within their local area. Identifying strategic policy amendments that address local conditions is a key function. Councils are also encouraged to also identify areas of policy improvement within the Code.

A wide range of proponents can initiate a Code Amendment in addition to the Commission. These include the Chief Executive of the Department for Trade and Investment, an agency or instrumentality of the Crown, Council, joint planning board, scheme coordinator, provider of essential infrastructure (private proponent), or person who has an interest in the land - where the person is seeking to alter the way in which the Code affects that land (private proponent).

The proponent will be required to ensure that the Code Amendment is consistent with the following strategic documents:

- State Planning Policies - plan.sa.gov.au/our_planning_system/instruments/planning_instruments/state_planning_policies
- relevant Regional Plans - plan.sa.gov.au/our_planning_system/instruments/planning_instruments/regional_plans

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Plan SA has developed a Planning and Design Code Amendment Toolkit which provides a step-by-step guide, along with templates and online request forms, to undertake a Code Amendment process where relevant. Visit the Plan SA website at: plan.sa.gov.au/resources/learning_and_toolkits/code_amendment_toolkit/overview





Default speed limits on South Australian beaches will change to 40km/hour and 25km/hour within 50m of a person, unless otherwise signposted, from 1 December 2023.

Fines and demerit points will apply for exceeding these limits.
thinkroadsafety.sa.gov.au/beach-speed-limits

Government of South Australia
Department for Infrastructure and Transport

Rates Instalment Reminder

Second instalment due:	Third instalment due:	Fourth instalment due:
Friday 1 December 2023	**Friday 1 March 2024**	**Friday 7 June 2024**

Alternative payment methods are detailed on Council's website and can be discussed with Council's Rates Officer on (08) 8721 0400.

Grant Funding

What is available?

Strengthening Rural Communities - Small & Vital

- The Strengthening Rural Communities (SRC) Small & Vital stream gives small remote, rural and regional communities across Australia the opportunity to access funds for a broad range of initiatives that directly and clearly benefit local communities.
- Grants up to $10,000 are available for a broad range of grassroots, community-led initiatives that directly and clearly benefit local communities that strengthen local people, places and climate solutions, with a preference for smaller communities (populations under 15,000).

Key dates:

- Round 19 - closes 5:00pm AEDT Monday 4 December 2023
- Round 20 - opens Tuesday 5 December 2023 & closes Monday 26 February 2024

More information: frrr.org.au/funding/place/src-small-vital/

Grants for Seniors

- Aims to create or extend opportunities for older South Australians to be involved and active in their communities and contribute to an age friendly South Australia.
- Two funding categories available: GOODS - grants of up to $5,000 for goods like equipment or materials that stimulate activity and social engagement for older people, and PROJECTS - grants of up to $10,000 for seniors' cultural, social, educational or active ageing activities.

CLOSE: 5:00pm ACDT Friday 2 February 2024

More information:
www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/about+us/department+for+health+and+wellbeing/office+for+ageing+well/community+grants

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Community Grants Scheme

- Delivered by the District Council of Grant. More information on page 11.

Find other grant opportunities online for free via Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast's grant finder or on the Stand Like Stone website:

- grantguru.com/au/rdalc
- standlikestone.com.au/grants/

Community Grants Scheme

Round 1 2023-2024 | Fact Sheet

The District Council of Grant is pleased to re-launch the Community Grants Scheme and provides this document detailing a summary of key information.

The Community Grants Scheme is for community groups to develop projects and events that enhance community wellbeing and increase participation in social and leisure activities.



Who can apply:

Incorporated not-for-profit organisations based in or servicing the District Council of Grant who do not collect substantial income from other sources.

Required documentation:

- 2023-2024 Application Form detailing a project or event which responds to a community need and contributes to building a stronger community;
- Evidence of Public Liability Insurance (or capacity to purchase appropriate coverage); and
- Copy of quotations supporting project or event costs and in-kind support (if applicable).

Project ideas:

facility upgrades | general maintenance
club development | purchase of equipment
painting | implementation of a program
community event | safety / security upgrades
purchase and installation of water tanks

3 grant categories

Sporting Clubs	Community Groups	Community Participation
max. $1,000 50% | 50%	max. $3,000 75% | 25% **or** max. $5,000 50% | 50%	max. $500 100% | 0%

$80,000

total funding pool

OPEN

Monday **30** October 2023

CLOSE

Monday **11** December 2023

For further information or support to apply:

District Council of Grant

(08) 8721 0444 | info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au
www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au | yoursaydcg.com.au
324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier


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2023

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MEAT SUPPLIED BY COLLINS COURT BUTCHER
BYO SALAD (TO SHARE), DRINKS AND CHAIRS
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

DECORATED BIKE, SCOOTERS OR RIDE ON TOYS
IN THE HALL BY 4.30PM
BEST DRESSED CHRISTMAS DRIVEWAY OR GATE!
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GAMES BY BACKYARD GAME HIRE
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