

Council Update

Over the past month, the District Council of Grant has welcomed Members of Parliament and Legislative Council to the district.

On Friday 28 July 2023, Council's Principal Office greeted South Australian Premier Peter Malinauskas.

The Premier met with Mr Troy Bell, Member for Mount Gambier MP, Mayor Kylie Boston and Chief Executive Officer Darryl Whicker at the office to discuss various topics affecting our district including:

- Proposed Southern Ocean Region Offshore Renewable Energy Infrastructure and other renewable energy generation projects;
- Proposed Mount Gambier Districts Livestock Exchange 2030 Transformation;
- Port MacDonnell CBD development and Old Port MacDonnell Boatyard proposal;
- Land Use Planning update within the District Council of Grant; and
- Strategic Land Use.

Earlier that week, on Wednesday 26 July 2023, the Hon. David Speirs MP and the Hon. Ben Hood MLC arrived at the Port MacDonnell Community Complex.

Both were met at the Community Complex by Mayor Kylie Boston and Chief Executive Officer Darryl Whicker where they took a tour of the facility and discussed the same topics affecting our district.

The Principal Office also saw the Hon. Connie Bonaros MLC visit on Wednesday 23 August 2023 where she met with Mayor Kylie Boston, Director of Environmental Services Leith McEvoy and Director Corporate Service Gary Button.

Council appreciates the time taken by all distinguished visitors to meet with representatives and see our district whilst visiting the Limestone Coast.

Images of each Members visit follow on page 2.

Council Decisions

Women's Soccer Event Sponsored: At Council's August 2023 meeting, Council resolved to support a total of \$10,000 to be split as either cash or in kind support towards a Women's Soccer Event to be held at Centrals Soccer Club.

Fees accrued from water leak waived: At Council's August 2023 meeting, Council resolved to waive the sum of \$589.61 owed by the Port MacDonnell Senior Citizens Club for water supply arising under their Lease Agreement obligations. Council also resolved to contract a suitably qualified professional to fix the leaking cistern and external pipe at the leased property, and fund a once off request for installation of water meters.



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

Our District



Nene Valley



Caroline Sinkhole, Wye

Out & About with Council



Pictured (L to R):

Mr Troy Bell MP, Mayor Kylie Boston, Premier Peter Malinauskas and Chief Executive Officer Darryl Whicker.



Pictured (L to R):

Chief Executive Officer Darryl Whicker, the Hon. Ben Hood MLC, the Hon. David Speirs MP and Mayor Kylie Boston.



Pictured (L to R):

Director of Environmental Services Leith McEvoy, Director Corporate Services Gary Button, Mayor Kylie Boston, the Hon. Connie Bonaros MLC and advisor Jodie Fitzgerald.

Friday 18 August 2023 marked the 50th anniversary of the end of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War.

On that day we remembered and paid our respects to those who served our country in the Vietnam War. Mayor Kylie Boston attended the commemorative service at Vansittart Park where she laid a wreath on behalf of the District Council of Grant community.

Lest We Forget.



Out & About with Council

At the August 2023 Council Meeting, Cr Bruce Bain was recognised for his 20 years of Local Government service.

The District Council of Grant again congratulates Cr Bain on this achievement and his dedication to our community.



Pictured above (L to R): Cr Barry Kuhl, Cr Karen Turnbull, Cr Bruce Bain, Mayor Kylie Boston, Cr Katherine Greene, Cr Brad Mann and Cr Rodney Virgo.



On Monday 17 July 2023, the University of South Australia hosted their annual Awards Dinner where university student Diana Osmond was awarded with the District Council of Grant Prize for Excellence.

Pictured (L to R): Manager Organisations Development Marianne Tucker and award winner Diana Osmond.

On Tuesday 1 August 2023, Grant High School student and Member of the South Australian Student Representative Council Jazmin met with Mayor Kylie Boston at the Principal Office. Jazmin was given a tour of the Council Chambers and discussed current youth issues with the Mayor.

Pictured (L to R): Jazmin and Mayor Kylie Boston.



First instalment due:

**Friday 1
September
2023**

Rates Instalment Reminder

Please contact Council's Rates Officer on (08) 8721 0400 should you have any queries about your rates.

More rating information can be found on Council's website:
www.dcggrant.sa.gov.au/services/rates-and-property

Council stands with community position on the proposed Southern Ocean Region Offshore Renewable Energy Infrastructure Project



At the July 2023 Council Meeting, Council resolved to provide a submission to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) current consultation that recommends the area proposed for future offshore renewable energy projects in the Southern Ocean Region concludes at the Victorian and Southern Australian border, and the zone be contained within Victoria.

Council has continued to advocate its position by discussing the matter with South Australian Premier Peter Malinauskas, Opposition Leader the Hon. David Speirs MP, and also alongside community stakeholders and Mr Tony Pasin MP, who facilitated a meeting in Canberra with the Hon. Chris Bowen, Minister for Climate Change and Energy.

Mayor Kylie Boston confirmed the meeting in Canberra was positive and well represented by the community and fishing representatives.

"The Minister listened to our concerns about protecting our coast and reef environment, and the importance of the Bonney upwelling which is believed to be the lifeblood for our rock lobster/fishing industries and unique ocean ecosystem."

District Council of Grant also acknowledges and appreciates SA Best's advocacy and support in the South Australian Parliament following their recent media release on the matter. SA Best's announcement can be read via their website at:

<https://sabest.org.au/media/media/proposed-off-shore-wind-farm-in-states-south-east-will-decimate-regions-100-million-a-year-lobster-industry-and-threaten-hundreds-of-jobs-sa-best/>



Our community is reminded to submit their feedback online to the DCCEEW on the proposal by **11:59pm Thursday 31 August 2023**.

Visit <https://consult.dcceew.gov.au/oei-southern-ocean/new-survey> to have your say today.

Please be aware online submissions are the only source of feedback being considered by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

Mount Gambier & District Saleyards

Saleyards transformation enters grant funding pool



The Mount Gambier & District Saleyards is one step closer to securing critical Federal Government funding for its Transformation Project through the new Growing Regions Program after an expression of interest submission.

As part of a two-stage application process, the District Council of Grant has lodged an expression of interest with the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communication and the Arts to assess the projects eligibility and progress to stage two of the application process.

Project design tender winners, Mossop Construction + Interiors, generated a project design concept in collaboration with key stakeholders which was included as supporting documentation.

Mount Gambier & District Saleyards Strategy Committee Presiding Member and Councillor Barry Kuhl said the project is still a vital development for the livestock industry in the South East.

"After significant work over the past two years, Council are pleased to have now entered into a competitive grants program," Cr Kuhl said.

"Council remains committed to continuing to best position this project over the course of the grants process in alignment with the Mount Gambier and District Saleyards Masterplan 2018-2028."

Following further stakeholder engagement, the Saleyards Transformation Project has been renamed as the 'Mount Gambier Districts Livestock Exchange 2030 Transformation'.

The project still envisages a genuine partnership of Commonwealth, state and local governments which will transform the Saleyards to boost Australian jobs and economy whilst enabling biosecurity and strengthening farming communities to fulfill regional Australia's potential and ensure no one is left behind.

The District Council of Grant and key stakeholders continue to work alongside Mossop in anticipation of a successful expression of interest result to prepare for the second stage of the Growing Regions grant application process demonstrating shovel-readiness of the project.

Growing Regions Program Round 1 expression of interest applicants are anticipated to be notified of results mid to late October 2023.

Pictured (L to R): District Council of Grant Chief Executive Officer Darryl Whicker, Saleyards Manager David Wallis, Growth and Tourism Manager Rebecca Perkin, Mayor Kylie Boston, Mossop Construction + Interiors Regional Manager Craig Williamson, Saleyards Strategy Committee Presiding Member and Councillor Barry Kuhl, and Combined Agents Representative Ben Jones.



Mount Gambier Regional Airport

Aircraft Visitors Galore



Embraer Phenom 100EV



RAAF PC-21 'Roulette'



Hawker 850XP

Over the last few months, the Mount Gambier Regional Airport has seen a variety of aircraft visit the facility:

- On 14 July 2023, a Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) PC-21 'Roulette' spent the night on the runway. The Roulettes are the RAAF's aerobatic display team.
- A former Queensland Government Airwing aircraft, Hawker 850XP, stopped by the facility on two occasions; 31 July 2023 on route from Sydney to Adelaide, and again on 2 August 2023 flying between Adelaide and Melbourne.
- The Airport then welcomed an Embraer Phenom 100 EV from Bankstown, New South Wales on the morning of 4 August 2023.

The Royal Flying Doctor Service aircraft (PC12NG) has also been a regular visitor utilising their Patient Transfer Facility located at the Airport.

The Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) is a not-for-profit organisation that delivers emergency aeromedical and community healthcare services to those that live in rural and remote Australia.

Dog and Cat Registration Renewals

All registered dog and cat owners should have now received a renewal reminder and step by step instructions from the Dog and Cat Management Board.

Pet owners are reminded that registrations are due by **Thursday 31 August 2023**.

Payments can be made directly via the Dogs and Cats Online website at dogsandcatsonline.com.au or by calling Council on (08) 8721 0444.

Council staff are also available via phone, email and in person should any pet owner require assistance with their registration.



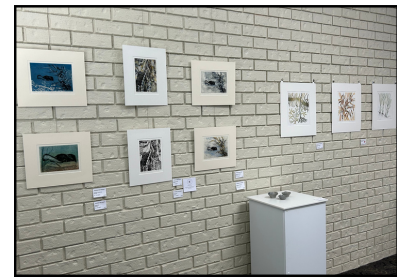
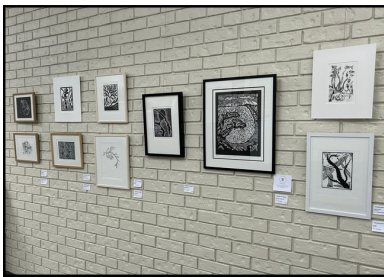
Port MacDonnell Community Complex

Local Holdfast Art Exhibition Continues



The Limestone Coast Holdfast Art Project opened its exhibition in the Port MacDonnell Community Complex (PMCC) gallery on Sunday 6 August 2023. This exhibition showcases works produced from workshops revolving around the theme of Algae found on the Port MacDonnell / Ngaranga coastline.

As part of the exhibition, there will be an Artist Talk / Meet the Artists event from 12:30pm Sunday 3 September 2023 at the PMCC (5 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell). Interested community members are encouraged to attend the event or visit the gallery before the exhibition concludes on Friday 29 September 2023.



This project is supported by the Limestone Coast Board's Grassroots Grants program and is funded by the Landscape levy. The Holdfast Art Project was made possible by the Australian Government's Regional Arts Fund, which supports the arts in regional and remote Australia.

Did you know?

Shipping containers placed on private land require Council approval should they be on the land for more than 30 days. However, it does not require Council approval if it is on a property temporarily, for less than 30 days.



A shipping container is considered to be a building as defined in the *Planning Development & Infrastructure Act 2016* as it is "a building or structure, or portion of a building or structure, whether temporary or permanent, moveable or immovable".

Land owners should note that in seeking approval for a shipping container, the Planning and Design Code (the planning policy for assessing Development Applications across South Australia) details varied assessment criteria dependent on the:

- proposed use of the container;
- zoning of the property;
- size, colour and condition of the container; and
- siting of the container on the property.

Residents are encouraged to contact Council's Environmental Services team on (08) 8721 0444 to determine if your shipping container requires approval.

Council Consultation Outcomes

During July 2023, Council undertook multiple community consultations to understand the community's perspective on particular matters. Details of these consultations can be found in the July 2023 Community Newsletter and online via Your Say DCG - yoursaydcg.com.au.

At the August 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council considered feedback submitted and made informed decisions for the following consultations:

Proposed Revocation of Community Land Status (Nene Valley Waste Transfer Station & Tarpeena)

Council resolved to proceed with the revocation process over **Lots 500 & 501 Riddoch Highway, Tarpeena** and **Lot 51 Riddoch Highway, Tarpeena**.

Council granted authorisation to the CEO or his delegate to:

- a)** Make the necessary application to the Minister for Local Government, including provision of all community consultations responses,
- b)** If approved by the Minister, officially revoke the community land status of the relevant parcels,
- c)** Proceed with the process to sell the subject land, in accordance with Council's Disposal of Land and Other Assets Policy (FINPOL03),
- d)** Require Timberlink to incorporate appropriate landscaping and vegetation screening in their Development Application 23009238, and
- e)** Provide a copy of all relevant easement information to Timberlink Australia for their reference, including but not limited to: SA Power Networks, SA Water, Telstra, and CWMS infrastructure.

Council resolved to proceed with the revocation process over **687 Nene Valley Road, Kongorong**. This entails receiving additional necessary approvals under the *Crown Land Management Act 2009* and *Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993*.

Council granted authorisation to the CEO or his delegate to:

- a)** Make the necessary application to the Minister for Local Government, including provision of all community consultations responses, and
- b)** If approved by the Minister, officially revoke the community land status of the relevant parcels.

Draft Behavioural Support Policy

Council resolved to endorse and adopt the Behavioural Support Policy (GOVPOL 25).



A digital copy of the full report and summary of community feedback presented to Council is available for viewing via Council's website: www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/council/meetings/ordinary.

BOAT RAMP PERMITS

Blackfellows Caves & Port MacDonnell

From 1 July 2023, a new online boat ramp ticketing system called EasyPark will be in operation for all permit types which means hard copy permits are now redundant.

Both physical boat ramp ticketing machines at Blackfellows Caves and Port MacDonnell have been removed and new signage is currently being manufactured with the design created in collaboration with the Allendale East Area School to provide additional environmental messaging from students.

Boat ramp users must acquire a Boat Ramp Permit linked to the boat trailer registration on site.

Failure to acquire a permit when using the facility will result in enforcement action.



DAILY, WEEKLY & MONTHLY PERMITS

Short term Boat Ramp Permits are to be purchased directly via EasyPark as per the graphic below.

Alternatively, purchase a permit by calling the EasyPark customer service team on 1300 734 070.



ANNUAL PERMITS

Annual Boat Ramp Permits for both recreational and professional/commercial users are to be purchased through the District Council of Grant Customer Service Centres.

An Application for Annual Boat Ramp Permit Form must be completed and returned to Council in alignment with payment.

How to download and use the easYPARK App



Download the App via QR code or <http://app.easypark.net>

Parking Area Codes

Port MacDonnell

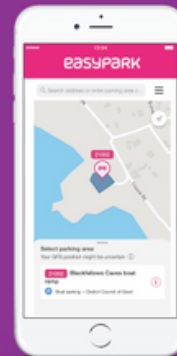
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Blackfellows Caves

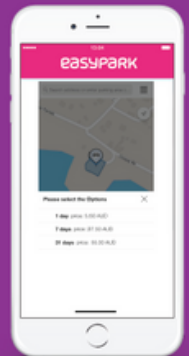
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Register your trailer and add credit card details



Select the EasyPark Area Code located on signage



Select a permit option.
For App assistance call 1300 734 070



**FOR MORE
INFORMATION &
ASSISTANCE**

District Council of Grant Principal Office

(08) 8721 0444 | info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au
324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier
Monday - Friday 8:30am - 5:00pm
Saturday - Sunday CLOSED

Port MacDonnell Community Complex

(08) 8738 3000 | pmcc@dcgrant.sa.gov.au
5 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell
Monday - Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday - Sunday 11:00am - 3:00pm

Grant Funding - What is available?

Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program

- Up to \$3.5 million is available each financial year for distribution, split across three batches throughout the year. The intended outcome of the program is to provide funding for projects and activities that promote appreciation and understanding of the experiences of service and the roles that those who serve have played; and preserve, add to the sum of knowledge on, or provide access to information about Australia's wartime heritage.
- Two categories are available:
 - **Pool 1 - Community Grants** - Maximum of \$10,000 available for local, community-based projects and activities.
 - **Pool 2 - Major Grants** - Between \$10,001 and \$150,000 available for major commemorative projects and activities that are significant from a national, state, territory and/or regional perspective.

CLOSE: Tuesday 10 October 2023 (batch 2) or
Tuesday 6 February 2023 (batch3)



Australian Government
Department of Veterans' Affairs

More information:

<https://www.dva.gov.au/about/overview/consultations-and-grants/grants-and-bursaries/saluting-their-service-sts-commemorative-grants-program>

Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program (CRSFP)

- This program aims to provide access to funding for the development of sustainable, functional, inclusive and fit-for-purpose active recreation and sport facilities that meet the current and future needs of the South Australian community.
- The maximum grant amount that can be requested through the CRSFP program is \$500,000, however all applications must provide a co-contribution of 50% unless the facility is physically located within a geographical catchment area that is experiencing socio-economic disadvantage, **and** the facility or land on which the facility exists or is to be constructed is not owned or under the control of local government or an education body.

CLOSE: 12:00 noon ACST Monday 25 September 2023



Government of South Australia
Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing

More information: <https://www.orsr.sa.gov.au/grants/infrastructure-projects>

OneFortyOne PINE Community Grants

- Provides up to \$5,000 to a project that meets OneFortyOne's PINE objects:
 - P - PEOPLE: Promoting individual and community wellbeing and safety
 - I - IDEAS: Contributing to culturally vibrant and sustainable communities
 - N - NATURE: Rejuvenating our natural environment
 - E - EDUCATION: Supporting education and training
- Applications must be submitted online via the online portal.

Applications can be received at any time.

More information: <https://onefortyone.com/community/grants/>



Mount Gambier Chamber of Commerce

Are you a business owner looking to take your venture to new heights? Joining the Mount Gambier Chamber of Commerce could be the game-changer you've been searching for.

At the Mount Gambier Chamber of Commerce they are on a mission to foster a thriving business ecosystem in our region.

As the unified voice of the business community, they passionately advocate for policies and initiatives that promote a favourable business environment. They collaborate with governmental bodies, stakeholders and decision-makers to champion the interests of our members and create a business-friendly climate that supports innovation and investment.

Whether you're an established business owner or a budding entrepreneur, joining the Mount Gambier Chamber of Commerce means becoming a part of a community that truly cares about your success. Their volunteer board's expertise and passion complement a wide range of resources and networking opportunities, designed to elevate your business to new heights.

Connect with like-minded entrepreneurs, industry experts and potential customers. Expand your circle and unlock new opportunities.

Be part of a collective voice that advocates for your business.

Take the leap and join today!

Visit www.mountgambierchamber.com.au or email admin@mountgambierchamber.com.au to find out more and become a member.



**MOUNT GAMBIER
CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE**

Waste Transfer Station Vouchers

Each property in the District Council of Grant is eligible for a cashless waste transfer station voucher at the commencement of each financial year. The 2023-2024 Waste Transfer Station Vouchers are now available to collect.



How do I obtain a 2023-2024 voucher?

- **In person** at Council's Principal Office (324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier) or Port MacDonnell Community Complex (5 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell).
- **Email** info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au to request a voucher to be posted.
- **Phone** (08) 8721 0444 to request a voucher to be posted or set aside for collection.

Upcoming Events



Monthly Council Meeting

- Monday 18 September 2023
- 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier at 5.30pm

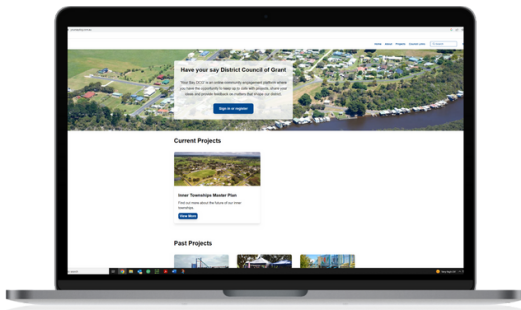


Holdfast Art Project Exhibition

- Until Friday 29 September 2023
- Port MacDonnell Community Complex (5 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell)

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

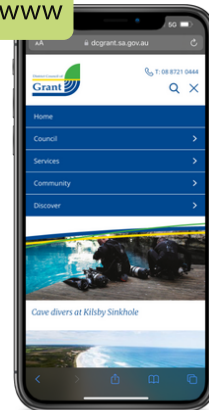
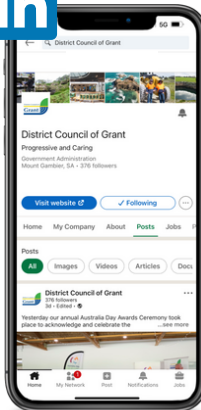
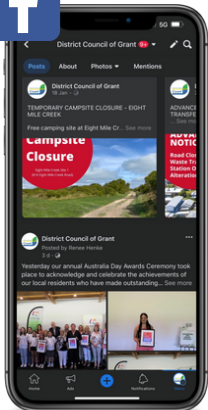
Connect with us



Have Your Say DCG

Your Say DCG is Council's online community engagement platform where you have the opportunity to stay up to date with projects, share your ideas and provide feedback on matters that shape the District Council of Grant.

Visit our website online at <https://yoursaydgc.com.au/>.



Scan for an online library of all Council's website and social media links

Follow us across all social media platforms @districtcouncilofgrant or visit our website at www.dcggrant.sa.gov.au.

I want to receive a digital copy of the District Council of Grant's monthly Community Newsletter

Name*: _____

Email address*: _____

Return completed slip to Council's Principal Office at 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier or via post to PO Box 724, Mount Gambier. Alternatively, email info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au or call 8721 0444 to request your additional to the emailing list.

View previous issues of the newsletter on council's website at www.dcggrant.sa.gov.au or collect a hard copy from the Principal Office or Port MacDonnell Community Complex at 5-7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell.