District Council of Grant

COMMUNITY NEWS

MARCH 2024

Strategic Management Plan Update

The District Council of Grant is continuing to engage with locals 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 in October 2023. Over two hybrid online and face-to-face workshops, members explored future opportunities for the district and how Council can work together with the community to achieve these goals.

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 yoursaydcg.com.au/.

Council'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.

More images from the Citizens Jury's second workshop can be found on page 10.



Council Decisions

Tarpeena Township Speed Limit: At Council Meeting held on Monday 18 March 2024, Council resolved to write to the State Government Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, the Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP and Minister for Regional Roads, the Hon Geoff Brock MP, to request a review of the speed limits through the Tarpeena township to maintain a consistent speed limit of 60km/h through Tarpeena for community safety.

Next Council Meeting: 5:30pm Monday 15 April 2024 in the Council Chambers at 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier.

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

Our District



Little Blue Lake, Mount Schank



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Out & About with Council

International Women's Day and Airport Visit

On Friday 8 March 2024, Council representatives attended the Women in Business' International Women's Day breakfast at The Henty.

Pictured: Cr Katherine Greene, Cr Megan Dukalskis, Mayor Kylie Boston and Cr Karen Turnbull.



On Wednesday 13 March 2024, South Australian based Australian Airports Association (AAA) members were welcomed to the Mount Gambier Regional Airport for the AAA State Division Meeting.

Attendees, including District Council of Grant Mayor Kylie Boston and AAA Chief Executive James Goodwin, discussed technical and operational matters affecting Airports. Members also enjoyed a tour of the upgraded Airport terminal and airfield.

Pictured (top right): Mayor Kylie Boston and Australian Airports Association Chief Executive James Goodwin at the Mount Gambier Regional Airport terminal entrance.

Pictured (bottom right): South Australian Australian Airports Association members during the State Division Meeting.





Easter Bin Collection and Dump Openings

Friday 29 March to Monday 1 April 2024



All Mobile Garbage Bins will be collected as normal during the Easter holiday period between Friday 29 March and Monday 1 April 2024. Bins must be placed out the night before or prior to 6:00am on the day of collection.

There will be no change to any Waste Transfer Station opening hours:

Carpenter Rocks	Donovans	Port MacDonnell	Tarpeena
Tuesday 10:00am - 12:00pm	Thursday 9:00am - 11:0am	Tuesday 2:00pm - 4:00pm	Wednesday 3:00pm - 5:00pm
Thursday 3:00pm - 5:00pm	Sunday 9:00am - 11:00am	Thursday 12:00pm - 2:00pm	Saturday 10:00am - 1:00pm
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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.

Fire Danger Season

Lower South East Restrictions

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.

Find out what activities are and are not permitted during the Fire Danger Season and on Total Fire Ban days via the SA Country Fire Service website at www.cfs.sa.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/restrictions/what-can-i-do-what-cant-i-do.

ANZAC Day Temporary Road Closure

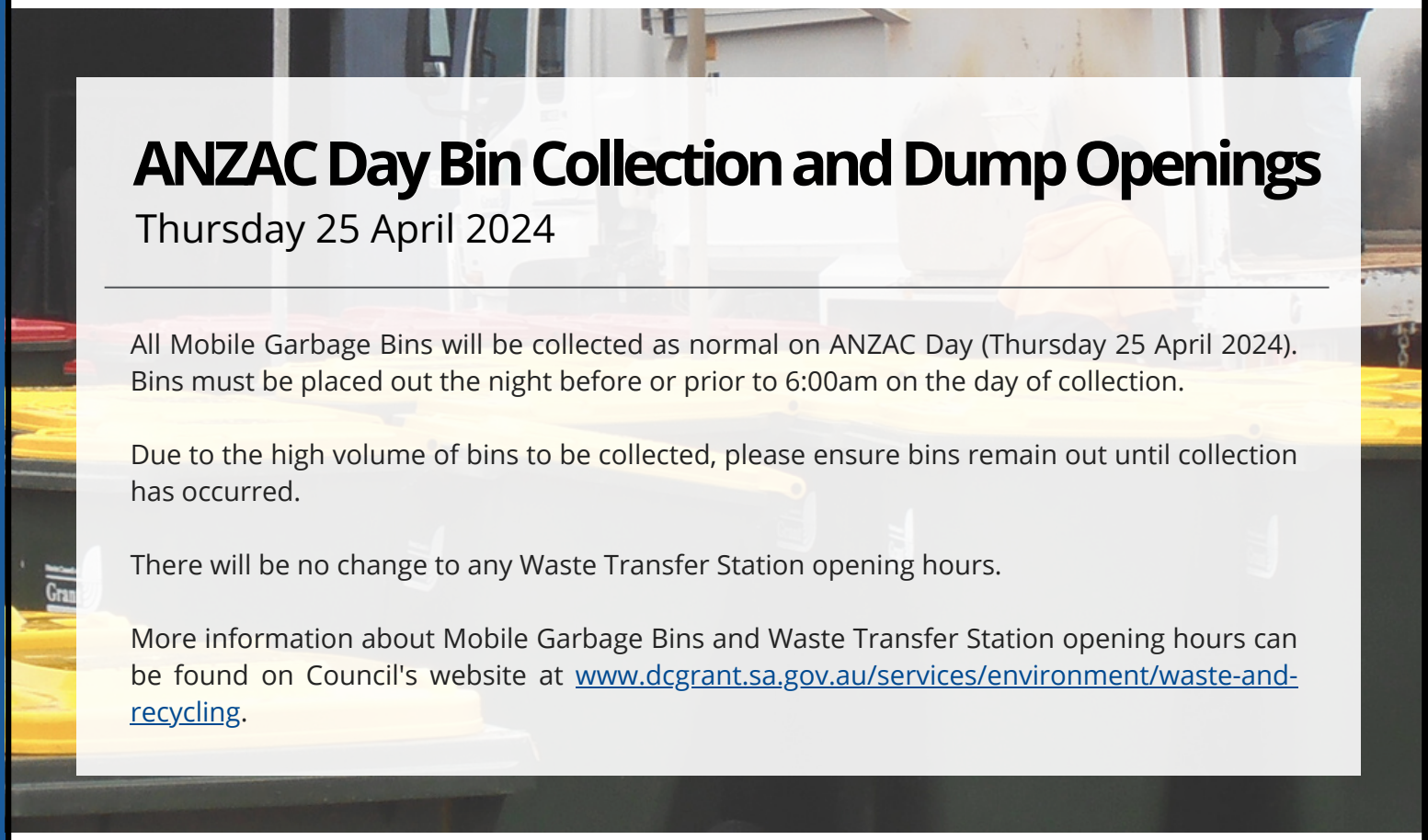
Port MacDonnell Dawn Service

Please note that portion of Sea Parade and Charles Street, Port MacDonnell will be closed between 6:00am and 7:30am on Thursday 25 April 2024.

Locations affected (portions of):

- Sea Parade - between Standish Street and Bookey Street
- Charles Street - between Milstead Street and Sea Parade

The temporary amendments will allow for the Port MacDonnell ANZAC Day Dawn Service to take place safely.



ANZAC Day Bin Collection and Dump Openings

Thursday 25 April 2024

All Mobile Garbage Bins will be collected as normal on ANZAC Day (Thursday 25 April 2024). Bins must be placed out the night before or prior to 6:00am on the day of collection.

Due to the high volume of bins to be collected, please ensure bins remain out until collection has occurred.

There will be no change to any Waste Transfer Station opening hours.

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.

ANZAC Day Dawn Service

The annual Port MacDonnell Dawn Service will occur at 6:15am on the corner of Sea Parade and Charles Street.

Upon completion of the Service, breakfast will be available at the Port MacDonnell Community Hall served by the Port MacDonnell Netball Club.

Limestone Coast Regional Growth Strategy

Share your ideas!

What needs to be done to support the growth and prosperity of the Limestone Coast Region?

Share your ideas with the Limestone Coast Local Government Association (LCLGA) and Regional Development Australia (RDA) who are working with local Councils to prepare a draft Limestone Coast Regional Growth Strategy.

The LCLGA and RDA want to hear from businesses and the community about what makes the Limestone Coast a great place, its challenges and what could be done to support the region's prosperity into the future.

Submit your thoughts by completing a survey by **Tuesday 2 April 2024** by scanning the QR code below or at www.surveymonkey.com/r/LCgrowth

A draft Strategy will be released for public consultation later this year.

Port MacDonnell Memorial Wall Precinct & Shipwreck Walk Update



On Monday 18 March 2024, Council considered feedback submitted during the community consultation period in February 2024.

Council resolved to proceed with the design/building plan required for the project, and finalise the costings associated with undertaking the project. An allocation will be included within the draft 2024-2025 Budget taking into consideration the funding contribution from the Port MacDonnell and District Maritime Museum Committee.

A copy of the meeting Agenda and Minutes can be found on Council's website for public viewing at www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/council/meetings/ordinary.

Council maintains long-term financial sustainability

The Essential Services Commission of South Australia (ESCOSA) has deemed the District Council of Grant as financially sustainable following the latest reporting round under the Local Government Advice Scheme.

Over a 6-month period, ESCOSA met with 17 Councils across South Australia, including the District Council of Grant, to review relevant financial information and develop independent advice on the appropriateness of funding plans, and ensuring community benefit is at the forefront of decision making.

District Council of Grant Chief Executive Officer Darryl Whicker said "The report identified that a majority of key activities in place, such as our regular updating of the Long Term Financial Plan, consultation on the Annual Business Plan and Budget, and focus on keeping rates low, are setting Council and our community up for future success and longevity,"

Reporting also detailed that Council continues to improve its transparency on changes to key planning assumptions within the Long Term Financial Plan, and Annual Business Plan and Budget. Council's commitment to assign more funding to the renewal of assets rather than prioritising new infrastructure initiatives were further validated.

"However, with all audits there is the expectation that there will be some areas of learning and improvement," Mr Whicker said.

ESCOSA confirmed Council held $163.8 million worth of assets within the district which they recommended to be given to more frequent revaluation and renewal.

"Our focus will be on renewing our Asset Management Plans which are in place but are currently just at the end of their currency. That was certainly an element which we understood and will be correcting in the near future along with other improvement opportunities identified."

The District Council of Grant will release its Draft 2024-2025 Annual Business Plan and Budget in the coming months ready for community consultation; a process which ESCOSA specifically identified as one of Council's strengths.

A summary of the Essential Services Commission of South Australia's advice can be found by scanning the QR code below or online at www.escosa.sa.gov.au/advice/advice-to-local-government.



Offshore Windfarm Zone Announcement

Southern Ocean off Western Victoria only

Local voices heard as the offshore windfarm zone is officially declared outside of South Australian waters.

On Wednesday 6 March 2024, Minister for Climate Change and Energy Chris Bowen made an announcement that the proposed offshore windfarm zone will be situated in the Southern Ocean off Western Victoria only.

The District Council of Grant, in response to community sentiment, resolved to oppose the wind zone requesting it conclude at the Victorian and Southern Australian border during the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water's consultation in mid-2023.

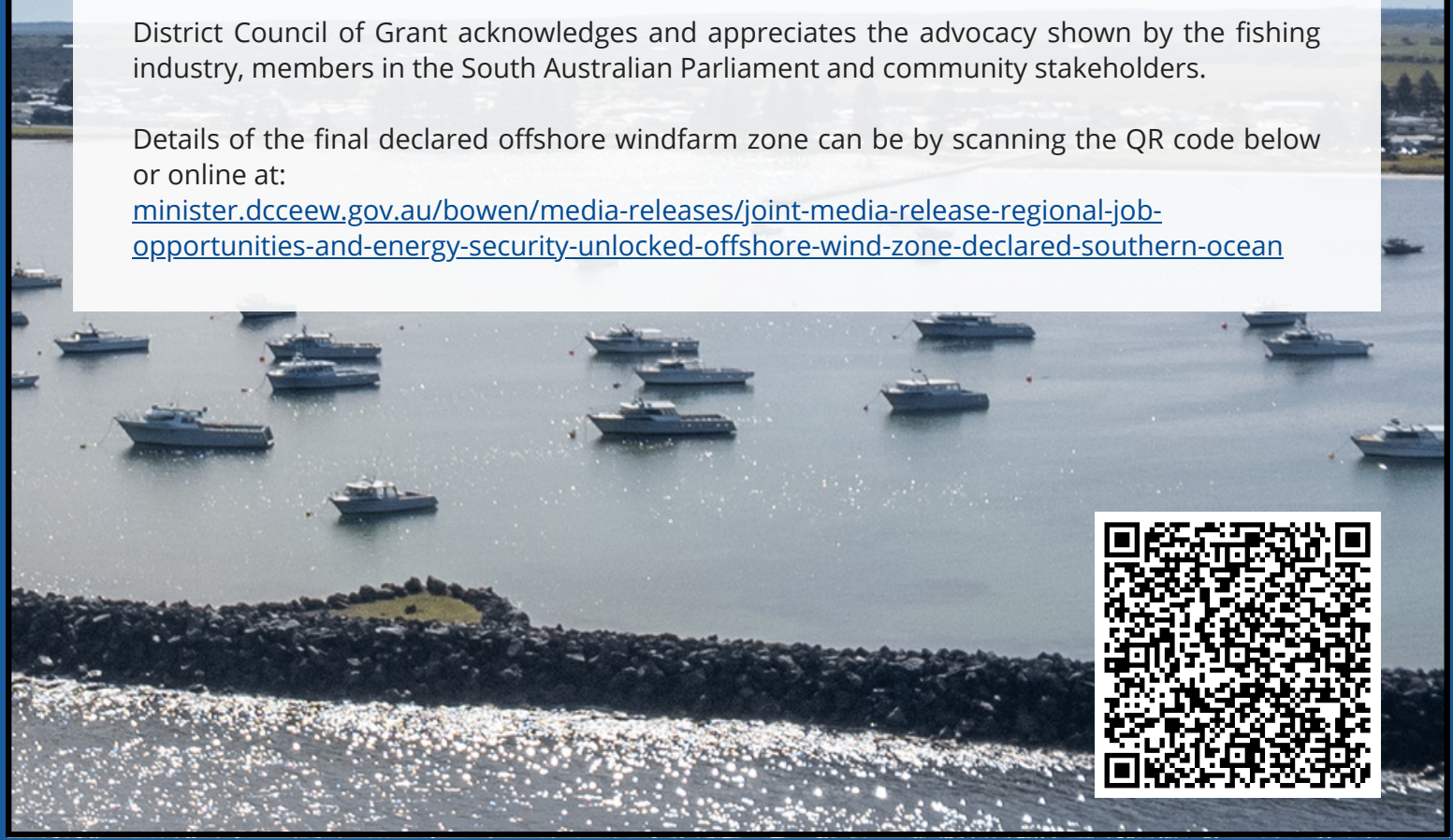
Council continued to advocate its position by discussing the matter with South Australian Premier Peter Malinauskas, Opposition Leader the Hon. David Speirs MP, and also alongside community stakeholders and Mr Tony Pasin MP, who facilitated a meeting in Canberra with the Hon. Chris Bowen, Minister for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

Mayor Kylie Boston said today's announcement is a fantastic outcome for our community and ensures our fishing industry and vibrant coastal communities are protected into the future.

"The Minister has 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 acknowledges and appreciates the advocacy shown by the fishing industry, members in the South Australian Parliament and community stakeholders.

Details of the final declared offshore windfarm zone can be by scanning the QR code below or online at:
minister.dcceew.gov.au/bowen/media-releases/joint-media-release-regional-job-opportunities-and-energy-security-unlocked-offshore-wind-zone-declared-southern-ocean



SA Youth Week 2024

Council hosted a variety of free activities at the Port MacDonnell Community Complex to celebrate SA Youth Week which took place between Friday 15 March and Sunday 24 March 2024.

Funded by the Department of Human Services, free activities offered at the Port MacDonnell Community Complex included a movie screening of Space Jam the Movie - A New Legacy, acrylic pour workshop and opportunities for lucky door prizes for those who played a game of ping pong or pool.

Youth Week is the State's largest annual celebration of young people aged 12 to 25. The week aims to recognise the ideas, talents and contributions of young people in South Australia and incorporates a range of events created for young people to enjoy.

Mayor Kylie Boston said "Young people are the future of our community, and we want to ensure they feel connected and safe. I encourage youth in our district to get involved by attending events throughout the program and make new connections. Celebrating and providing opportunities for our youth doesn't stop at the end of Youth Week, Council will continue to listen to their ideas, work with, and for, them into the future."







Rates Instalment Reminder



Fourth instalment due:

Friday 7 June 2024

Youth helps create new dirt mountain bike track

Port MacDonnell's new dirt mountain bike track is officially open following a collaborative effort between the District Council of Grant and local youth.

15-year-old Port MacDonnell resident Jett Lewis approached Council, with the support of Brevet Sergeant John Carroll, propositioning an upgrade of the unused existing track.

Following extensive consultation between Jett and Council staff, an alternate site was instead identified as appropriate for construction of a brand new dirt mountain bike track.

Mayor Kylie Boston said she is happy that Council could assist in transforming a young person's idea into reality.

"The bike track is a really great outcome providing local and visiting children with an additional outdoor activity to keep them active and having fun. We are proud to be working alongside the youth in our district to help create vibrant and connected communities. I strongly encourage our young people to continue being creative to help generate positive change in our community as it all starts at the local level."

The 3-metre wide dirt mountain bike track is a free to use, public recreational facility which has been specifically built to accommodate a range of riding skill levels. Jumps and turns have been strategically located throughout the 225-metre course of all shapes and sizes.

The dirt mountain bike track is open for public use with access located between 10 and 12 Elizabeth Street, Port MacDonnell.

The District Council of Grant will also partner with the Limestone Coast Local Government Association and local youth to identify future improvement opportunities. Currently, future plans for shade structures and seating are being considered however are dependent upon securing additional funding. Appropriate signage will be erected on site in the coming weeks.

More information about the development of the dirt mountain bike track can be found on by scanning the QR coed below or on Council's website at:
www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/council/latest-news/media-release-youth-help-create-new-dirt-mountain-bike-track



Strategic Management Plan

Citizens Jury Workshop Photographs



Princes Highway Corridor Upgrade

The Springs Road and Burrungule Road

Government of South Australia
Department for Infrastructure and Transport

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) are upgrading the intersection of The Springs Road, Burrungule Road and Princes Highway to improve road safety and the quality of the road surface.

Current works include road widening to facilitate designated left and right turning lanes.

Works are due to to occur Monday to Saturday between 6:30am and 6:00pm. Weather permitting, works will be completed late June 2024.

To complete this work safely, speed and lane restrictions will be required. DIT asks you to plan your trips, be cautious around workers, and follow the speed limits and signs.

Outside of work hours speed restrictions will remain in place, even when workers are not onsite. Some noise disturbance can be expected at times while these works are completed, however we will minimise disturbance, as much as practically possible. Princes Highway will remain open at all times.

External Grant Funding

Rural Health Innovation Fund (Round 2)

- Established in December 2022, the Rural Health Innovation Fund is a new and exciting opportunity to drive health care improvements for country South Australians.
- The Fund provides one-off funding for community-based projects targeted at innovative initiatives that support quality health outcomes for people living in country South Australia, and enables grant recipients to drive health care improvements (outcomes and experience) for people living in county areas, through projects and initiatives that are effective, efficient, sustainable and in support of equitable access to care.
- Not-for-profit organisation, registered SA charities and community groups may apply, however they must ensure they are a not-for-profit organisation or registered as a charity on the Australian Charities National Register, have an active Australian Business Number (ABN) or Australian Company Number (ACN), and have and maintain adequate Public Liability insurance coverage.

Key dates:
Applications open from Monday 4 March 2024.
Applications close 5:00pm Monday 29 April 2024.

More information via the QR code or online at:
www.countrysaphn.com.au/rural-health-innovation-fund/

Regional Event Fund

- The state governments Regional Event Fund strives to enhance the regional events calendar by promoting the creation of novel events, expanding existing ones, and fostering greater tourism and boosting economic growth for regional areas.
- Two categories available:
  1. **Established Event Funding** - Established events with proven growth and innovative strategies can receive funding for up to three years. Successful applicants may obtain financial support ranging from $20,000 to $50,000 annually.
  2. **Development Event Funding** - New and emerging events with growth potential can receive funding for up to three years. Successful applicants in this category may receive financial support ranging from $5,000 to $20,000 annually.

Key dates:
Applications open from 12:00pm Thursday 15 February 2024.
Applications close 5:00pm Monday 6 May 2024.

More information via the QR code or online at:
tourism.sa.gov.au/events/event-funding

External Grant Funding

Qantas Regional Grants

- The Qantas Regional Grants program is offering $2 million in support to Australian-based communities and projects that are looking to benefit our country's regional areas.
- Individuals, groups and not-for-profit organisation are eligible to apply seeking funds to contribute positively to their regional community. There is no maximum or minimum funding allocation - applications will be assessed at the discretion of a panel.
- Examples of eligible applicants include:
    1. A teacher applying for funds to create a playground at the local school.
    2. A sporting club looking for flight funding to support a domestic trip to a competitive competition.
    3. An event organiser applying to promote their event to a broader audience in collaboration with Qantas.
    4. A charity looking to expand their program into regional areas (eg breast cancer trucks visiting regional towns).

Key dates:
Applications open from Wednesday 21 February 2024.
Applications close Friday 10 May 2024.

More information via the QR code or online at:
www.qantas.com/au/en/about-us/our-company/in-the-community/qantas-regional-grants.html#about-the-program



Mable Community Grants

- Four grants of $10,000 each are available in 2024 for projects that champion independence and inclusion for people with disability and older people.
- Mable Community Grants must be explicitly used for projects or programs that relieve poverty, sickness, suffering, distress, misfortune, helplessness or disability in the lives of people in Australia who are living with a disability or who are ageing to improve their health, independence and inclusion within their community.
- Organisations or groups (with an ABN or ACN) in Australia are eligible to apply that are charities, not-for-profit organisations, incorporated associations, community organsisations, and social or sporting associations or groups.

Key dates:
Applications are now open and close 30 April 2024.

More information via the QR code or online at:
mable.com.au/communitygrants/

Government of South Australia
Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing

LCLGA
Limestone Coast Local Government Association

District Council of Grant



Club Governance Training

Learn from professionals how to improve your community group or sporting clubs:

Strategic Planning & Grant Writing

Constitution & Governance

Dispute Resolution & Conflict Management

Tax & Auditing

Child Safety

Insurance & Risk Management

Sunday 28 April 2024
9:00am - 4:00pm

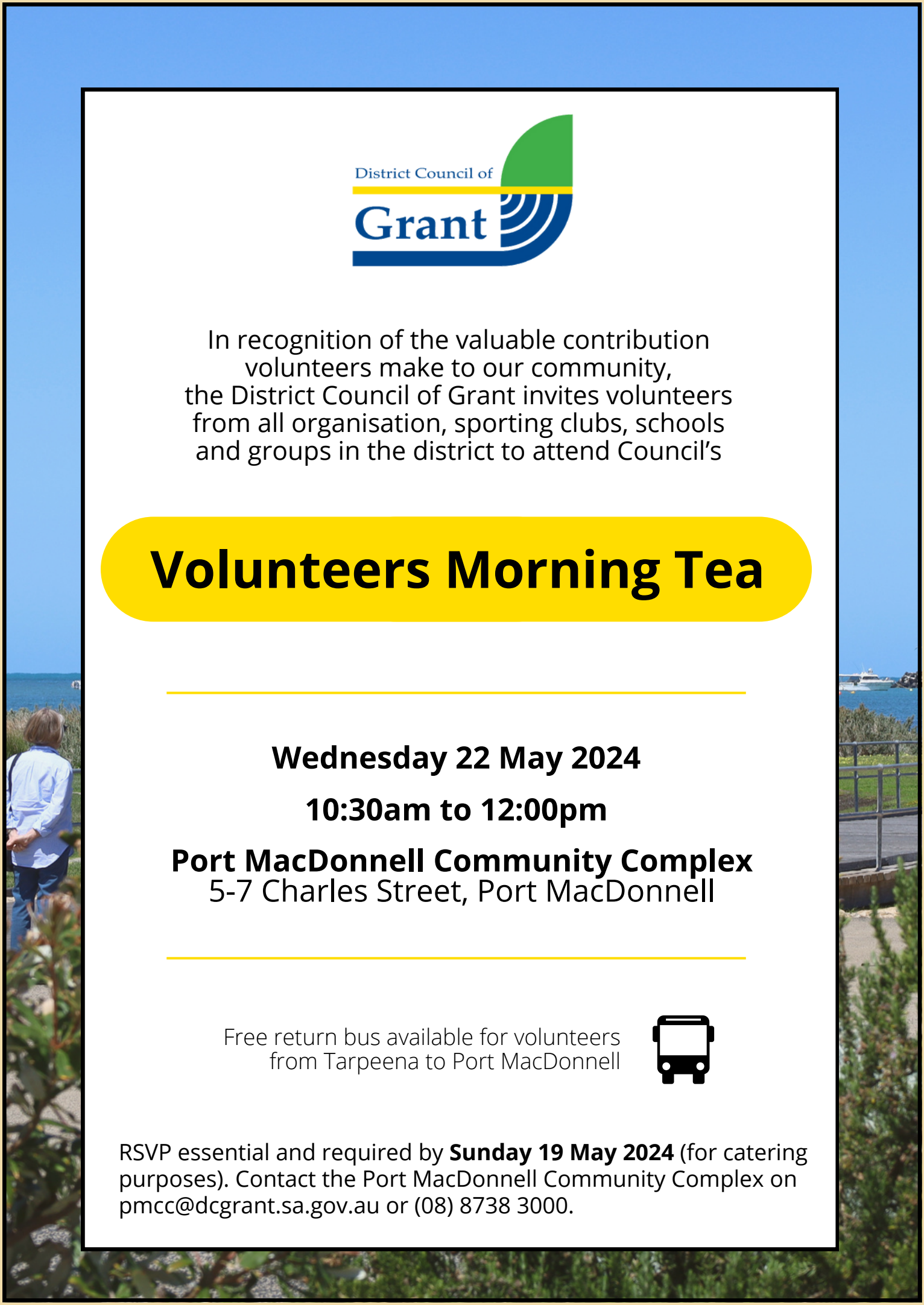
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Registration essential:

www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/community/communitygroups
or scan the QR code

Community groups and sporting clubs must be based in the District Council of Grant to attend.



District Council of Grant

In recognition of the valuable contribution volunteers make to our community, the District Council of Grant invites volunteers from all organisation, sporting clubs, schools and groups in the district to attend Council's

Volunteers Morning Tea

Wednesday 22 May 2024

10:30am to 12:00pm

Port MacDonnell Community Complex
5-7 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell

Free return bus available for volunteers from Tarpeena to Port MacDonnell

RSVP essential and required by **Sunday 19 May 2024** (for catering purposes). Contact the Port MacDonnell Community Complex on pmcc@dcgrant.sa.gov.au or (08) 8738 3000.

APRIL 2024 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Monday 15 April

Decorated Rocks



Tuesday 16 April

Decorated Rocks



StoryTime at 10:30am

Wednesday 17 April

Decorated Rocks



Wednesday 17 April

Bookings Required: Sharpie Tie Dye

BYO White Clothing
10am & 11am
Children aged 6+



Thursday 18 April

Picture Frame & Door Hangers



Friday 19, Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 April

Picture Frames & Door Hangers



Monday 22 April

ANZAC Craft



Tuesday 23 April

ANZAC Craft



StoryTime at 10:30am

Wednesday 24 April

ANZAC Craft



Wednesday 24 April

Bookings Required: ANZAC Biscuits

10am - 12pm
(30 minute sessions)
Children aged 8+



Thursday 25 April

ANZAC Day

CLOSED



Friday 26, Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 April

Fairy Towers & Rockets



For more information and to book, please call the Port MacDonnell Community Complex on (08) 8738 3000 or inbox via Facebook!

District Council of Grant

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