

Projects Update

The Major Projects for the 2023/2024 financial year are now set and were endorsed by Council on 21 August 2023.

Six projects have been rolled over from 2022/2023. Those being the:

1. Coastal Adaptation Strategy;
2. Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS) Review & Biosolids Investigation Project;
3. Growth and Tourism Plan/Strategy;
4. Inland Towns & Communities Masterplan;
5. Integrated Strategy around Natural Assets; and
6. Port MacDonnell Memorial Wall.

Some of the new key administrative and maintenance projects for the new financial year include:

- Port MacDonnell pontoon replacement
- Playground Strategy
- Mount Gambier & District Saleyards truck wash upgrade to hoses and piping
- Installation of new fire water tanks at the Mount Gambier Regional Airport
- Local Heritage Survey

Additional works will be carried out as part of the Roads Program which includes:

- Carpark for Donovans Hall
- Reconstruct Dycer Road junctions leading to Peweena Road
- Shared bike and walking path in Mil-Lel
- Reconstruct Sisters Road

All projects will be updated monthly through Council and can be found on Council Meeting Agendas. Head to Council's website to read more - www.dccgrant.sa.gov.au/council/meetings/ordinary.



Council Decisions

Community Grants Scheme, Funding and Support Review complete: At the Ordinary Meeting on Monday 18 September 2023, Council endorsed an increase to the Community Grants Scheme funding pool to \$80,000 (+\$16,000). Additional amendments were endorsed based on feedback from the public in 2022, some include the addition of Community Participation as a new category for small groups, consolidating the Halls and Community Groups category and the Community Funding & Support budget be aligned to 2.0% of Council's General Rates in future year's budget setting.

Council staff are excited to launch the new program in the coming weeks. Interested community groups are encouraged to contact the Principal Office on (08) 8721 0444 to ensure they are added to the emailing list to be notified of the opening dates.



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

Our District



Carpenter Rocks



Telford Scrub Conservation Park

Out & About with Council



Recently Samuel from Grant High School completed work experience at the Mount Gambier Regional Airport.

Samuel carried out various jobs at the Airport including re-marking the lines in the carpark area (pictured on left).

On Friday 18 August 2023, the Allendale East Area School held a Miniature Debutante Ball for their primary school children.

Pictured (L to R): Aaliyah being presented with a certificate by Cr Katherine Greene.



On Tuesday 12 September 2023, Mayor Kylie Boston presented the final Academic Scholarship Award to Allendale East Area School student Angus Millard.

Pictured (L to R): Mayor Kylie Boston, Allendale East Area School winner Angus Millard and Principal Kylie Smith.

Rates Instalment Reminder

Second instalment due:

**Friday 1
December
2023**

Third instalment due:

**Friday 1
March
2024**

Fourth instalment due:

**Friday 7
June
2024**

Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards

Nominations now open

Nominations for the 2024 Citizen of the Year Awards are now open and Council need your help to recognise the unsung heroes in our community.

We're looking for individuals who continue to make a difference in our Council area. Someone who contributes to our community, motivates those around them and reminds us of how great we can be when we are at our best. These individuals could be a volunteer, an advocate, an entrepreneur, a researcher, a sporting legend or a community hero!

This is your chance to amplify someone's story and contributions by nominating them for:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year (16 to 30 years)
- Community Event of the Year
- Award for Active Citizenship

The Awards rely on members of the public to nominate, the District Council of Grant encourage you to consider outstanding individuals in our community and submit a nomination.

Nominating is easy – visit citizenoftheyear.com.au and tell us who your nominee is and how they have helped to make our community and state great.

Hard copy nomination forms are available at Council's Principal Office at 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier and Port MacDonnell Community Complex at 5 Charles Street, Port MacDonnell.

Nominations close Friday 17 November 2023.



Pictured: 2023 Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award winners and nominees with the Hon. Clare Scriven MLC (pictured far left), Professor Richard Bruggemann (pictured back row center) and Member for Mount Gambier, Mr Troy Bell MP (pictured far right)

Help shape the long-term vision for our community



The District Council of Grant are looking for community / business nominees with passion, vision and lived experience of our council area to join a citizens jury. Those appointed will provide critical input into our strategic vision and goals which will inform Council's Strategic Management Plan (SMP) over the next 4 – 10 years.

The SMP is one of Council's core documents, which articulates our vision for our community, our goals and aspirations over the short and long term, and how we plan to achieve them.

The objectives and functions of the citizens jury will include, but are not limited to:

- Provide advice to Council on the operations of key services and to make recommendations to Council on potential improvements regarding the operation of those services;
- Make recommendations to Council on proposed Capital Investment for future infrastructure and development; and
- Contribute to the vision, direction and goals of District Council of Grant via the Strategic Management Plan.

The citizens jury is voluntary and shall meet in-person on two occasions for 1.5 hours each, outside of usual business hours, commencing November 2023.

Expressions of interest must be made in writing addressed to the CEO by **close of business Friday 29 September 2023** and addressed to PO Box 724, Mount Gambier SA 5290 or via email to info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au.

More information about this opportunity can be found on Council's website - www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/council/employment/expression-of-interest-citizens-jury-independent-member

SAVE THE DATE

Positive Ageing Luncheons

Celebrating Seniors Month 2023



Monday, 23 October
Victoria Hotel, Port MacDonnell

Tuesday, 24 October
Pines Hotel, Tarpeena

Friday, 27 October
The Rocks Tavern, Carpenter Rocks



More information regarding each luncheon to follow in the coming weeks

Local Councils. Where Everything Comes Together.



South Australia's local councils take pride in fostering strong bonds in our communities through a lineup of over 12,000 activities each year.

From programs designed to keep the little ones captivated during school breaks to educational workshops tailored for all ages, local councils are where everything comes together.

Find out what is happening across the state via www.localcouncils.sa.gov.au or visit the District Council of Grant website for local news.



Support your local jetty

Opportunity to have your say



The Local Government Association of South Australia (LGA) are exploring the social and economic benefits of jetties to South Australian communities through their Value of SA Jetties Project. The insights gained will help the LGA advocate for additional funding from State and Federal Government to maintain the structures.

Tell the LGA why you love jetties around the state to help them secure funding from State and Federal Governments to maintain the important structures across South Australia.

It should be noted that this projects financial component focuses on jetties that are leased to Council from the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT). The LGA indicated that the Port MacDonnell jetty is not leased from DIT to Council, however community feedback about the Port MacDonnell jetty would still be captured to inform the LGA's view on the value of jetties in general.

Consultation now closes 5:00pm Friday 29 September.

Mount Gambier Regional Airport

Unique aircraft visits continue



The Mount Gambier Regional Airport has continued to host many visitors at the facility over the last month.

Among the visitors were two Cirrus SR22's, 2011 Piper Top Cub, 1958 Cessna 170 Tail Dragger, Pilatus PC24 and Fairchild Swearingen Metroliner 23.

The Limestone Coast Ability Group also made the journey to the Airport and were given a tour of the Royal Flying Doctor Service aircraft.



Limestone Coast Ability Group



Pilatus PC24



Fairchild Swearingen Metroliner 23

Mount Gambier & District Saleyards

2023/2024 Store Sale dates announced



The Mount Gambier Combined Agents Store Sale calendar has been released detailing all confirmed Store Sales scheduled to occur between October 2023 to June 2024:

- Friday 13 October 2023 (10:00am)
- Friday 10 November 2023 (10:00am)
- Friday 8 December 2023 (12:00 noon)
- Friday 15 December 2023 (10:00am)
- Friday 5 January 2024 (12:00 noon)
- Friday 19 January 2024 (12:00 noon)
- Friday 9 February 2024 (10:00am)
- Friday 8 March 2024 (10:00am)
- Friday 12 April 2024 (10:00am)
- Friday 10 May 2024 (10:00am)
- Friday 14 June 2024 (10:00am)

Mount Gambier Combined Agents include Elders, Green Triangle Livestock, Miller Whan & John, Nutrien Livestock, and O'Connor & Graney.



Port MacDonnell Community Complex

School holidays and gallery upgrades



The October school holidays are just around the corner and the Port MacDonnell Community Complex are ready to entertain your children throughout the break. Below is the school holiday craft program available commencing Monday 2 October 2023.

Also just in time for the school holidays, a new 8-ball table and giant Connect 4 are now available at the complex for visitors to use. Both pieces were kindly donated by the BayTown Group pictured below.



Community members wishing to visit the Port MacDonnell Community Complex gallery over the coming months are reminded that upgrades will be undertaken commencing Tuesday 3 October 2023.

It is anticipated the gallery will be reopened to the public in time for the Christmas / New Year holiday period.

PORT MACDONNELL COMMUNITY COMPLEX OCTOBER SHCOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

WEEK 1

MONDAY

Masks



THURSDAY

Money Boxes



WEEK 2

MONDAY

Hairy Harry



THURSDAY

Pencil Pots



We have other activities available too!
PS4, Wii, Eight Ball, Wifi, Computers, Ipads and books!

Princes Highway Corridor Upgrade

Roundabout Upgrades, Mount Gambier

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) is delivering infrastructure upgrades on the Princes Highway, from Tantanoola to the South Australian/Victorian border as part of the \$190 million Princes Highway Corridor Upgrade program.

What to expect

Upgrades will occur at four roundabouts on the Jubilee Highway West (Princes Highway) at O'Leary Road, Suttontown Road, Wehl Street North and Penola Road (Riddoch Highway) in the township of Mount Gambier. The works also include road pavement rehabilitation to improve safety and traffic efficiency along the Princes Highway.

Works will commence at the O'Leary Road roundabout, from Monday, 4 September 2023 with completion at this roundabout expected in mid-October 2023 (weather permitting). Works will be undertaken Monday to Saturday, between 7am and 5pm. Some work outside of these times may be required with advance notice provided.

To safely undertake these works, speed and lane restrictions will be required in the vicinity of the O'Leary Road roundabout.

Heavy vehicles

A detour for heavy vehicles will be in place via Tollner Road, White Avenue and Sutton Avenue. This will remain in place for the duration of the works at this location.

Future bin collection expansions explored

Following lengthy investigations, the District Council of Grant has created more flexible options for residents during kerbside mobile garbage bin collection expansions in light of changes to private service offerings.

Chief Executive Officer Darryl Whicker said "after becoming aware of changing circumstances in private bin collection, Council has altered its Waste Management Policy to enable expansion of the bin collection service to efficiently and effectively meet the demand in certain areas."

The amended policy provides Council with the ability to promptly approve expansions as they are identified and become feasible for Council to service.

The Waste Management Policy now also recognises unique waste requirements of local community / sporting groups and businesses, allowing those eligible to be considered for an alternate mobile garbage bin collection arrangement.

"If your private bin collection service has been cancelled recently, please reach out to Council so we can collect data for future expansion plans." Mr Whicker said.

Residents are encouraged to contact Council's Principal Office on (08) 8721 0444, so Council can collect data for future expansion plans.

14 October 2023

Referendums

A federal referendum is a national vote on a question about a proposed change to the Constitution. The Constitution is the founding document for how our country is governed. There have been 44 referendums held since 1901. It's been quite a while since we held one – the last referendum was more than 20 years ago in 1999.

Who needs to vote

All Australian citizens aged 18 and over must vote in a referendum. You must be enrolled and you should update your enrolment details if you have:

- recently changed your name or address
- turned 18, or
- become an Australian citizen.

Visit aec.gov.au or pick up an enrolment form from any AEC office.

How to vote

Voting in a referendum is different to an election. You only need to complete one ballot paper.

The ballot paper will show a question about a proposed change to the Constitution. To vote, write 'yes' if you approve or 'no' if you do not approve the proposed change.

At the polling place, you can ask a polling official, friend, or family member for help on how to cast a formal vote.



Don't worry if you make a mistake. Ask for another ballot paper and start again.

When and where to vote

Voting day will be held on a Saturday with polling places open between 8am and 6pm around the country.

Mobile polling teams will also visit many remote areas in the weeks leading up to voting day. If you can't make it on the day, you may be eligible to vote early either in person or by post.

More details will be available at aec.gov.au closer to the referendum.

REFERENDUM 2023

How the result is decided

The proposed change to the Constitution must be approved by a 'double majority' – that is:

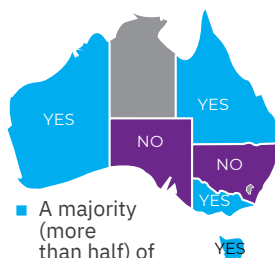
- a national majority of formal votes cast (more than 50%) from all states and territories, and
- a majority of formal votes cast (more than 50%) in a majority of states (at least four of the six states).

A referendum is passed when



- A national majority (more than half) of voters from all states and territories vote YES.

AND



- A majority (more than half) of voters in at least four of the six states vote YES.

A referendum is NOT passed when



- A national majority (more than half) of voters from all states and territories vote NO.

AND /OR



- A majority (more than half) of voters in at least three states vote NO.

The result is binding. This means the Australian Government must act on what voters decide.

Grant Funding - What is available?

Active State Collaboration Program (ASCP)

- All projects will be required to have a level of co-investment to drive greater returns on Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing (ORSR) investment. While no minimum percentage is stipulated, the level of co-investment will form part of the assessment. Applicants may request up to \$300,000 per project and up to two years of funding (e.g., an applicant may request \$170,000 in year one and \$130,000 in year two – for a total of \$300,000.) Alternatively, an applicant could request up to \$300,000 for one year of funding.
- All projects must be able to prove a partnership by providing documentation that clearly demonstrates that at least one other organisation is contributing to the development and delivery of the project. Additional partners will be considered favourably within the assessment of the project.

CLOSE: midday Wednesday 1 November 2023

More information: www.orsr.sa.gov.au/grants/active-state-collaboration-program



Government of South Australia
Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing

AgriFutures Rural Women's Acceleration Grant

- The Rural Women's Acceleration Grant is one of many AgriFutures Australia initiatives ensuring our rural industries prosper now, and into the future. This program will run separately, however it will complement the Rural Women's Award process, aiming to provide a leadership and development opportunity to women who are not quite ready to apply for the Award.
- Seven Australian women per annum will be granted with a learning and development bursary (not cash) of up to \$7,000 for professional development to enable them to bring their idea, cause or vision to life.

CLOSE: 5:00pm Wednesday 25 October 2023

More information: agrifutures.com.au/opportunities/acceleration-grant/



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Rural Women's
Award

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

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





GUEST SPEAKER

CHRIS BLOWES

Left as an above knee amputee from a shark attack, Chris' future on the tools looked doubtful but he wasn't going to let his newfound disability prevent him from doing the things he loved - including surfing. Now disability advocate, Australian Para Surf Champion, Co-author of the book *Caught Inside* and Keynote Speaker, Chris showcases how returning to work after trauma not only gave him purpose, but allowed him to find joy and happiness.

"In trauma and struggle there is growth and learning. In failures and setbacks there is growth and learnings." - Chris Blowes

6:30PM | 25TH OCTOBER

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

Bookings essential | (08) 8738 3000

Event sponsored by:



FRRR
Foundation for Rural
Regional Renewal

LBW TRUST
LEARNING
FOR A BETTER WORLD



Port MacDonnell
COMMUNITY COMPLEX



Upcoming Events



Monthly Council Meeting

- Monday 16 October 2023
- 324 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier at 5.30pm



Mil-Lel Show

- Saturday 7 October 2023
- Mil-Lel Memorial Park (62 Sherwin Road, Mil-Lel)

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

Get Bushfire Resilient

Bushfire Resilient Inc. are hosting a series of FREE online webinars to better understand the risks of living in a bushfire risk area.

Register for the upcoming '*Safety actions for the fire season*' webinar on **8 October 2023** between 7:30pm and 9:00pm AEDT (8:00pm - 9:30pm SA time).

Register online at the Bushfire Resilience Inc. website (bushfireresilience.org.au) and watch past webinars on demand which include:

- Pets and bushfires - what do we do?
- Getting ready for an El Nino summer
- Reducing risks for people and houses
- Grass fire and bushfire behaviour



Get Online Week 2023

Presents Guest Speaker:

Cindy Bunt
from The Post And Rail

Wednesday 18th of October @ 10:30am



PORT MACDONNELL COMMUNITY COMPLEX

Presentation by lover of food and produce, Cindy Bunt

Morning tea provided by The Post and Rail

Fun and interactive digital learning experience

Please bring your digital device or we may have some available to borrow – contact us for more information

Bookings are essential for catering purposes, call 8738 3000 to secure your spot!

