



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GRANT

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THE WATERFRONT – PORT MACDONNELL FORESHORE STAGE 1 PROJECT

The Hon John Rau MP, Minister for Planning, through the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, has announced \$585,000 of funding for the District Council of Grant to commence **The Waterfront** – Port MacDonnell Foreshore Stage 1 Project

In 2014 Council adopted the Port MacDonnell Urban Design Framework and Master Plan, and within this the upgrade of the foreshore was endorsed by the community as a high priority. Council through this funding and Councils 2017/2018 annual budget, is committed to delivering the Urban Design Framework outcomes by bringing to life the identified outcomes of this Master Plan for Port MacDonnell. The adoption of the Master Plan was realised following extensive community engagement and input by the Port MacDonnell community through a number of workshops and consultation on various design models and options. The success of this funding application and The Waterfront project is a reflection of the sense of ownership and strong engagement by the Port MacDonnell community.

Mr Trevor Smart, Chief Executive Officer, said “Council, through adoption of the Port MacDonnell Urban Design Framework and Master Plan is committed to a long term vision and development of Port MacDonnell public spaces. “The Waterfront” project encapsulates the numerous foreshore areas which will revitalise the foreshore along Sea Parade by improving community facilities, providing linkages to other public spaces of the township, building cohesion with the recently upgraded jetty, and creating an integrated space for people to enjoy”. Mr Smart went on to say that, “This is an exciting venture providing a space that will appeal to all people within the community, and visitors. The development will provide educational experiences on the foreshore environment through interpretive signage and an information bay, as well as incorporating a plaza, a feature boardwalk, an improved walking and bike path, fitness stations, seating and shelters, refurbished public toilet facilities, new public art, foreshore landscaping and improved beach access, and consolidation of the playground area.”

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The Waterfront project will transform and deliver new spaces the Port MacDonnell community can be proud of, making the foreshore a space that increases usage that is safe and accessible to all. Building on the strengths of the town, the numerous foreshore improvements and seaside landscaping will add to the visual appeal and beautification of the area. Over time, The Waterfront will be integrated with other projects that are identified within the Port MacDonnell Urban Design Framework and Master Plan (April 2014).

The Waterfront project will commence in September 2017, with Stage 1 being budgeted at a total project cost of \$1.17M.

Enquiries about The Waterfront project can be made through the Council Offices in Mount Gambier and the Port MacDonnell Community Complex.

Information on The Waterfront project is also available on the Council's Website at www.dcgrant.sa.gov.au/CouncilProjects.

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