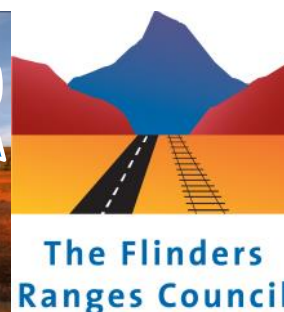


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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL



MAYORS MESSAGE

The CEO and I met with Minister Speirs, the Minister responsible for our water quality on Friday 17th September and had a positive response into the issue so we look forward to that project moving forward in the future. I have recently been appointed to the World Heritage Bid for the Flinders Ranges Committee and as we move forward with this I will keep the community informed with explanations and updates.

This month sees the commencement of new footpath works in Hawker. I know this can be disruptive especially at a time when we have many visitors but the contractors will be moving fast to get the project done. Unfortunately it would not be possible to do this work during our summer months but the results will be well worth it in regards to a positive facelift to our communities. On that note we also called for expressions of interest in regards to the \$5,000 grants available on a matched basis to upgrade frontages in our main streets. We have had a very positive response to this, already receiving in excess of forty applications so please contact Council if you are within the eligible area and are still interested.

Council was successful in receiving further grant money for various initiatives. On 31 August 2021 funding valued at \$19,900 was approved through Round 6 of the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator - Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative. This funding will enable Council to deliver the Local and Heavy Vehicle Network Route Assessment to improve heavy vehicle safety for local users, heavy vehicle operators and the large quantity of visitors who travel to the area each year. In addition, nearly \$20,000 was received from Landcare for revegetation at Warren Gorge, work at the Quarry Road Flora Reserve and extra plantings for the bush tucker trail.

On a final note I welcome two new Councillors, Ashley Parkinson and Ian Carpenter who were successful in the supplementary election and once they are sworn in they will take their place on Council.

Mayor Greg Flint

SUPPLEMENTARY ELECTION

The declared Results of the Supplementary Election for The Flinders Ranges Council that closed on Monday 13 September 2021 are as follows:

Ian Carpenter - 190 votes - Elected
Ashley Parkinson - 143 votes - Elected
Maurie Burke - 125 votes - Not Elected



QUORN BUSH FOOD GARDEN AND TRAIL NAMING

Council has approved the official naming of the bush food garden and trail as "Pithi Kawi (Pithiowie) – Quorn Bush Tucker Trail"

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GRADING WORKS

Council's Hawker Works Crew have been tackling some pretty sandy conditions on Bobby Creek Road out from Hawker.

Fire track clearing has also kept Council's graders busy.



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK— SALE OF 67 CHACE VIEW TERRACE, HAWKER

Council is considering the sale of the building at 67 Chace View Terrace in Hawker in the near future. The building was originally the Hawker History Hub but has been vacant for some time and is not being used at present, nor targeted for future use.

The intention is that any proceeds from the sale will be used on works required at the Hawker Institute (repainting and crack repairs) and at Forester's Hall (repainting, carpeting and air-conditioning) – thus making Forester's Hall a community hub and increasing usage to a sustainable level. The site could also be used for Council's quarterly meetings in Hawker.

The Hawker Community Development Board have confirmed they are comfortable with the sale and Council is now seeking community feedback on the issue. This possible sale will save the Council in the order of \$6,000 per annum.

If you wish to make a submission please do so via email to council@frc.sa.gov.au or by writing to the CEO at PO Box 43, Quorn SA 5433. Consultation will close on Friday 22 October 2021.



Check out the new Flinders Ranges & Outback Visitor Guide 2021 for new and old adventures, activities and experiences.

<https://www.flipsnack.com/woofmedia/flinders-ranges-and-outback-visitor-guide-2021/full-view.html>

COUNCILS THE FOCUS OF NEW WEBSITE

Ratepayers, residents and the broader South Australian community now have access to unprecedented levels of information about their local council's performance through a new Government-established website - Councils in Focus

Information available to the public includes:

- * Details on the rates individual councils charge, grants they receive and other sources of funding
- * Where council's spend money and how much
- * Each council's financial position and performance
- * Ratepayers will be able to see how their council has changed over a five-year period, compare their council to similar councils, and compare their council to the State average.

Importantly, the information can also be compared by a range of different measures, such as population, number of ratepayers, or kilometres of roads, so that comparisons are meaningful across councils, despite their size or nature.

Council has been working closely with the Local Government Association on inputting information and will continue to keep the information updated.

https://councilsinfocus.sa.gov.au/councils/the_flinders_ranges_council

MAINSTREET(S) FACELIFT PROJECT

The Mainstreet(s) Facelift Project is in full swing with over 40 applications received. All applicants have been notified of the outcome of their application and we should start seeing some of the works commencing soon. Works that are taking place include painting, fencing, signage, wall and fascia repairs and verandah replacement or construction. We are still accepting applications so if you are in the eligible areas please contact Council to discuss your project and how to apply.

GEOTOURISM INTERPRETIVE CENTRE—HAWKER

The tender for the Geotourism Interpretive Centre Feasibility Study for Hawker was recently let to a partnership between Brett Julian Architect, Sally Klose and BDO Econosearch. Community consultation is underway and possible sites are being assessed. It is envisaged that the feasibility study will be completed by April 2022.

QUORN AERODROME UPGRADE

The Quorn Aerodrome is now equipped with an illuminated wind direction indicator (windsock), thanks to funding support from the Commonwealth Regional Airports Program and the SA Govt. Support Regional Aviation Program. This funding also supported replacement of the aerodrome's perimeter fence, which was completed recently. Coupled with the solar-powered runway lighting, which was installed in 2020 through funding from the Commonwealth Drought Communities Program – Extension, the aerodrome is now safely accessible day and night.

These improvements would not have been possible without government funding support, valued at \$135,125, which is 82.6% of the projects' combined cost. In addition, The Flinders Ranges Council was recently approved for grant funding, valued at \$231,600, through Round 2 of the Commonwealth Regional Airports Program, which will enable a \$463,200 project to seal the runway at the Quorn Aerodrome. On completion of the project, which is scheduled for late 2022, the Quorn Aerodrome will provide private, commercial, and emergency service operators with safe access to the region in all weather conditions.



BUSHFIRE SEASON PREPARATION

With summer fast approaching, Council's Fire Protection Officers have commenced their annual inspections of fire tracks and town blocks to identify areas of high risk in the event of a possible bushfire outbreak.

Under the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005

Division 3—Duties to Prevent Fires 105F—Private Land

(1) An owner of private land must take reasonable steps—

- (a) to prevent or inhibit the outbreak of fire on the land; and
- (b) to prevent or inhibit the spread of fire through the land; and
- (c) to protect property on the land from fire; and
- (d) to minimise the threat to human life from a fire on the land.

Now is the time to start clearing / slashing house and vacant blocks and clearing up any rubbish / materials that may help to fuel fires. All flammable or potentially flammable grass and undergrowth must be at a height of 100mm (4") or less to comply.

Once the Fire Protection Officers have completed their inspections, letters to property owners that need to comply will be mailed out. To avoid receiving a letter, start your preparation soon.



QUORN COMMUNITY HALL RENOVATIONS

Finishing touches to the Community Hall are almost complete with some brickwork and flashings to be finalised.

This project received grant funding from the Australian Government through the Drought Communities Program – Extension.

The Hall should soon be available for hire to the public - COVID restrictions will still be in place where applicable.



FUTURE MEDICAL SERVICES—QUORN

The Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network (FUNLHN) is investigating options to ensure the required future medical services at the Quorn Hospital into the future. The Health services will continue to work with and inform the Flinders Ranges Council and the Quorn Health Advisory Council on the progress. This includes working with the Rural District Workforce Agency and the Rural Generalist Coordination Unit on building sustainable medical workforce options.

The FUNLHN Governing Board is committed to the future of the health services at Quorn and understand the important role of the service to the community and the region. The FUNLHN will provide updates of the progress of this planning once we have advanced some of the options.



MY LOCAL SERVICES APP

This is a free app which can be used for submitting a Council request/complaint, checking on waste collection dates and Community Events

