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2023

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL



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Ranges Council

MAYORAL REPORT

A very busy Month with the Launch of the Quorn Water Improvement Campaign.

Thank you to all of those who have responded to the petition and we will continue the campaign well into the New year. Thank you to resident Barb Walker and Councillor Ian Carpenter who travelled down to Adelaide with the CEO and myself to commence the campaign. Please ask your neighbours and friends to register their protest and concerns to FRC@SA.GOV.AU/WATER and forward on this link to all you know. We can only influence changes to the SA Water Four Year Plan with support from the community and region wide as well.

An update on what is occurring for the community:

Works:

Tenders for the Quorn Road sealing and guttering have closed with work expected to commence in the near future. Council is very pleased that the continuation of these works is being undertaken. As funds become available, it will see the remaining streets in Quorn have the same treatment.

Whilst we would like to undertake all the works immediately, funding is of course the restricting factor, but it will be a great achievement for Council and the community to see (in about six (6) years' time) all the streets in Hawker and Quorn finally sealed.

We also would like to announce the Quorn Hospital Road works, which will be commencing after the North Quorn road upgrade works have commenced. These works will finally see paved footpaths at the front of the hospital and bituminised car parking, guttering and disabled access points.

You will also have seen and will see, unsealed road works throughout the Council area, which are well underway, flood repairs, dirt road sheeting and improvements.

Hawker Hospital 100th

Hawker Hospital recently marked a significant milestone, celebrating its 100th year of dedicated service to the community. The centennial festivities featured an event honouring the hospital's history, recognising healthcare achievements, and fostering community engagement. A century of compassionate care underscores Hawker Hospital's enduring commitment to the well-being of its residents. We congratulate the organisers for a fantastic day, with many past and present residents attending.

CEO Recruitment

The Flinders Ranges Council is conducting a thorough and transparent CEO recruitment process, emphasising leadership qualities and community engagement. A rigorous selection committee process will evaluate candidates, ensuring alignment with the Council's and the community's vision. This is expected to be complete by early in the new year, with governance and continued community prosperity in the Flinders Ranges region a priority. When the process is completed, the new CEO will undertake a visit and introduction to ratepayers in each town and personal introduction to all businesses and community organisations.

Childcare

The Flinders Ranges Council is actively championing childcare accessibility, collaborating with the Quorn Area School Governing Council. Together, they are developing a compelling business case. This strategic partnership aims to present a compelling argument to the Government and Education Department for increased childcare support and services addressing vital community needs. More information and community consultation will begin in the new year.

Medical and Social Transport for the Council Area

I can announce that I have been nominated to and accepted a Board Director position on the "Care In Motion" Board. This appointment highlights the Council's dedication to enhancing supporting ancillary healthcare services. The role on the Board signifies a commitment to fostering community well-being and influencing positive changes in the regional healthcare landscape. Access to Care in Motion transport services in the Mid North of South Australia is proving instrumental in improving healthcare accessibility. The service facilitates transportation for residents to medical appointments, social opportunities and promoting health equity in rural areas. Care in Motion plays a pivotal role in ensuring individuals have the means to access essential healthcare resources, and social activities, enhancing overall community well-being. Access to these type of services is being investigated for the residents of Hawker and I will keep all informed as to the progress of this.

To access information for the service please see <https://communitycareandtransport.org.au/>

QUORN MEDICAL PRACTICE GP UPDATE

(Provided by COUNTRY AND OUTBACK HEALTH)

Earlier this year, Country & Outback Health (COBH), were very excited to announce that they had recruited two permanent GPs due to arrive and reside in Quorn and commence at the Practice this year. However, unfortunately, due to minor unforeseen issues, the expected commencement date for the GPs has been postponed until early 2024.

They are diligently working to expedite this process, recognising the community's eagerness for consistent, permanent healthcare services. However, there is a need to follow correct procedures and eagerly anticipate introducing the new GPs to the community early in the new year.

COBH wish to sincerely appreciate everyone's patience during this period and will continue to provide updates as soon as new developments arise.

MOBILE PHONE and INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLING available at

The Flinders Ranges Council Office, Quorn
and Quorn Post Office

HOUSEHOLD BATTERY RECYCLING

Now available at Quorn IGA

Help save our environment and declutter your drawers at the same



MAYORAL REPORT cont.

Councillor Access

Council reviewed Councillor's attendance and representation on community committees, volunteer organisations and official committee positions at the November Ordinary Council meeting.

Representation on all committees, either as observers or as voting members, is very important for the continued connection of community to Council and all committees and associations will be contacted with a request to consider this representation.

Councillors are available at other times rather than just at committee times, and we encourage all community members to communicate their concerns, propose solutions and provide feedback about Council's operations and undertakings.

It is important we continue to work together as a whole community and councillors are there to assist as follows:

Representation: Councillors are elected representatives of the community. By communicating with them, you ensure that your concerns and needs are brought to the attention of the local government. They can advocate for issues that are important to you.

Community Feedback: Councillors often act as a bridge between the community and the local government. By speaking to them, you provide valuable feedback on various matters, such as infrastructure, services, and policies, helping them make informed decisions.

Policy Influence: Councillors have the ability to influence local policies and decisions. By expressing your opinions and concerns to them, you contribute to the democratic process and help shape policies that affect your community.

Access to Resources: Councillors may have information about local resources, grants, or initiatives that can benefit individuals or community groups. They can guide you on how to access these resources and support community development.

Community Development: Councillors are often involved in initiatives that aim to improve the overall well-being of the community. By engaging with them, you can stay informed about development plans, projects, and activities that may impact your area.

Participation in Local Government: Engaging with Councillors encourages civic participation. By actively participating in local governance discussions, you contribute to a more informed and engaged community.

Remember that effective communication with your local Councillors involves clearly articulating your concerns, proposing solutions, and actively participating in community forums or council meetings. Building a constructive relationship with your elected representatives can lead to positive outcomes for both individuals and the community as a whole.

Finally, as we approach the festive season take note of the community events coming up in December. Members of Council and the community look forward to seeing as many residents attend these events that many volunteers put in a massive effort to organise.

I look forward to seeing you all there!

Ken Anderson
Mayor



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS



Do you know someone who makes our community a better place?

NOMINATIONS CLOSE 5PM, 5 JANUARY 2024

CATEGORIES

Citizen of the Year

This is presented to someone making an extraordinary contribution to the community and may recognise outstanding service over a number of years.

To be eligible the person must be an Australian Citizen.

Young Citizen of the Year

This is presented to a young emerging leader who is making a difference in their community.

To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen and over 16 years and under 30 years of age on 26 January 2024.

Community Event of the Year

This is presented to the person or group who has staged the most outstanding event for their community.

To be eligible, the person or group must be Australian Citizens.

Award for Active Citizenship

This is presented to a person or group delivering outstanding work on an event or project for the community during the past calendar year.

The person or group need not be Australian Citizens.

Nomination forms available from www.frc.sa.gov.au or Council Administration Office, Quorn or Teagues Motors, Hawker

Completed forms can be emailed to australiaday@frc.sa.gov.au or placed in a sealed envelope marked "Confidential" and mailed or hand delivered to the Council Office, 1 Seventh Street, Quorn.

Nominations close 5pm Friday 5 January 2024.

No late nominations will be accepted.

All recipients will be announced and awarded at the Australia Day event on 26 January 2024.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURES



Please note the temporary closure of the following Council facilities over the Christmas period :

Quorn Principal Office: – close at 12:00 pm Friday 22nd December 2023 and reopen at 9:00 am Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Quorn and Hawker Depots: – close at 12:00 pm Friday 22nd December 2023 and reopen at 7:00 am Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Flinders Ranges Visitor Information Centre – closed at 12:00pm Friday 22nd December 2023 and reopen at 10:00am on Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

Quorn and Hawker Swimming Pools – closed 25th December 2023 only.

No changes to existing kerbside waste collection schedules and transfer station opening hours are predicted, however, any changes will be communicated as soon as the information is received.

Free rapid antigen tests for eligible groups

Available to:

- ✓ People with disability or who are immunocompromised
- ✓ A carer of someone with a disability or who is immunocompromised
- ✓ Concession Card holders

sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVIDRapidAntigenTesting

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DRAFT COMMUNITY PLAN 2023—2033 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Council has completed its first part of the consultation process for updating the Community Plan and is proud to present The Flinders Ranges Council Draft Community Plan 2023 – 2033 for the next phase of consultation.

Council was thrilled with the community participation for the first part of the consultation on the Plan and thanks everyone who attended information sessions or made submissions.

A conscious effort has been made to incorporate feedback from the sessions and submissions, including areas of concern and future focus, in the draft Plan. The draft Plan includes the four (4) pillars that are in the current Strategic Plan and includes a new "Key Initiatives" section which aim to capture the feedback received.

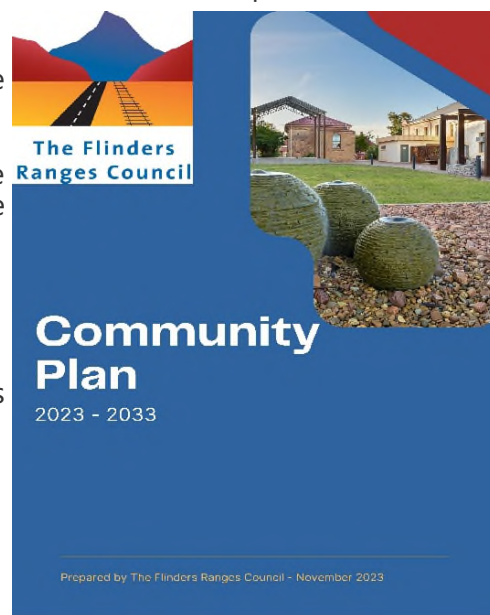
Council is now seeking your comment on the draft plan to ensure that we have captured these accurately.

The draft Plan is available to view in hard copy at the Council office at 1 Seventh Street, Quorn or at Teagues Motors, Hawker or via the website at <https://www.frc.sa.gov.au/council/consultation>

Written submissions or comments regarding the draft Plan should be forwarded to:

Sean Cheriton, A/Chief Executive Officer, The Flinders Ranges Council, PO Box 43, Quorn SA 5433 or email council@frc.sa.gov.au

Submissions close at 5pm, Wednesday 13 December 2023.



MAYOR'S SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

**TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2023
11.30AM FOR 12.00PM LUNCH
QUORN TOWN HALL**

**ALL SENIORS WELCOMED AND ENCOURAGED
TO ATTEND**

RSVP's appreciated but not compulsory

The Community Buses will be available for Hawker residents
Please contact Council on 8620 0500 if any questions

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE QUORN CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act 1961 and clause F of the instrument of general approval of the Minister dated 22 August 2013, the "Quorn Christmas Pageant" has been declared an event to which Section 33 applies and that the following roads will be closed to vehicle traffic on:

Sunday 3 December 2023 between the times of 4.00pm and 6.00pm:

- Richman Valley Rd (from Wolseley Tce to South Tce)
- West Tce (from South Tce to Railway Tce)
- Railway Tce (from West Tce to Seventh St)
- Seventh St (from Railway Tce to First St)



Sunday 3 December 2023 between the times of 4.00pm and 10.00pm

- First St (from Sixth St to Seventh St)

For further information contact
The Flinders Ranges Council on
(08) 8620 0500
or email council@frc.sa.gov.au



PROJECTS UPDATE

Pithi Kawi Bush Food Garden—Park Terrace Entry

New signage has been installed at the Park Terrace entry into the gardens and is impressive!



OUTDOOR DINING PLATFORMS GO MULTI-COUNCIL

Following the successful rollout and huge popularity of the outdoor dining platforms in Hawker and Quorn, a new shared service venture with the District Council of Orroroo Carrieton has hit the ground.

Arrangements have been made between the Councils to allow for a number of the outdoor platforms to be trialed in Orroroo, which will hopefully lead to the arrangements continuing for the longer term.

Chief Executive Officer of the District Council of Orroroo Carrieton, Mr Paul Simpson, said "The Flinders Ranges Council has kindly donated a free trial of one of their outdoor dining platforms, this gives our businesses the opportunity to try the outdoor dining phenomenon without upfront costs. This is an excellent example of collaboration between our Councils, a small example of the important work we do together as a sector."



Employees of the two Councils installing the platforms

The end result is impressive!

