

**JULY
2021**

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL



MAYORS MESSAGE

This month we saw the running of the 39th Pichi Richi Marathon and although we had issues with the COVID in NSW preventing some athletes from attending it was a great turnout with good finishing times. Again thanks to all those hard working volunteers that assisted the Pt. Augusta Lions Club and our Council to make this happen. Also a special thanks to our sponsors especially The Great Northern Lodge our major sponsor who were also responsible for organising a clean-up of the pass prior to the event. Next year is the 40th Marathon and plans are underway to make it a bigger and better event.

As I mentioned in my last report we have received funding for Stage 2 of the bush food garden and more money towards our Streetscape project. This will see the final "loop" of the bush food walking track that will take it past the oval then along Oval Road to join up with the new footpaths giving three all-weather paths from North Quorn into the shopping and business area of town. These paths are wheelchair friendly and wide enough for mobile scooters (Gophers) and will save people having to walk on the roads. The centre path will also be well lit for night time access. The new Streetscape paving works will be starting in Hawker as well as many improvements around Blue Burt Park and for those that wish to discuss these improvements please call in and see our CEO who is in Hawker on Wednesdays (all day).

On a final note our CEO has been negotiating with the members of the Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society who have agreed in principal to allow us to extend our War Memorial and for us to put in a gate and more direct access to the silo light show. Obviously this has to be ratified through a meeting of their committee but it is good to see this type of co-operation and I thank the members of the Preservation Society for that.

Mayor Greg Flint

THANK YOU P.R.R.P.S.

A big thank you to the Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society for working closely with Council to achieve some recent positive outcomes for Council and the community. The Society has agreed to the extension of the war memorial boundary which will allow key upgrades to take place. People taking in the silo light show are also set to benefit from the installation of a new gate-way in the fence near the carpark as well as extra seating for patrons. Council looks forward to continuing this positive working relationship with the Society.



RAILWAY TERRACE UPGRADE – QUORN

The final 150m of paving from Eighth Street to Oval Road is currently underway with the final two accessways remaining for completion.

Some remediation work of the unsealed carpark sections are also required following the recent wet weather.

Paving will then move on to Oval Road through to Silo Road

Thank you to all local residents and businesses for their continued co-operation



MEDIA RELEASE -

POSITIVE CEO PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The Flinders Ranges Council, Chief Executive Officer, Eric Brown has a list of success stories to tell in such a short time.

The Flinders Ranges Council CEO Performance Review Panel, with the assistance of independent consultant McArthur, has conducted the annual review of the CEO's performance in accordance with the Employment Agreement.

This rigorous process has involved input and feedback from all Elected Members, administration and field staff. Mayor, Greg Flint, said that Council is pleased with the process of review and the very positive findings.

"On behalf of Elected Members I congratulate Eric on an exemplary 18 months where so much has been achieved. Eric's expertise, enthusiasm and fresh outlook is appreciated by all and we look forward to his continued leadership on our Council and in our community."

For the full media release go to the Council website.

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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL GRANT

Council is very pleased to report that grant funding has been approved, under Round 2 of the Regional Airports Program, to enable sealing of the runway at the Quorn Aerodrome and resealing of the runway at Hawker.

Further details can be found on Council's website www.frc.sa.gov.au



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

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

BUSH FOOD GARDEN PATH UPDATE

1220lm of concrete has been laid with loop to the bridge complete, with two small sections for access to be closed up.

Cut ins will be filled once remediation around site is complete and safe for access.

Shelter and power connection has been installed for the BBQ. Concrete from the path to the shelter is complete.

130lm of concrete to swimming pool carpark will be completed once main garden completed.



COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM SUCCESS

Applications will be opening soon for the next round of The Flinders Ranges Council Community Grants Program.

Since the program was introduced in 2018, many local groups, organisations and individuals have utilised the funding to support valuable projects and initiatives that benefit the community. The last round of Community Grants enabled some wonderful projects including the Quorn Golf Club, Quorn Bowling Club, Cradock Cemetery, Drought Muster, Quorn Men's Shed and the Quorn Pioneer Machinery Society.

"Council would like to congratulate everyone involved in these valuable projects and encourage any local groups, organisations or individuals who have community projects in need of funding, to consider applying under the next round of the Community Grants Program when it opens in the near future."

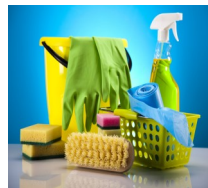
Opening of the next Round will be announced on Council's web page, in the Council Newsletter, and on Council and community social media pages.

Further details about the Community Grants Program are available on Council's website www.frc.sa.gov.au



WELCOME

The Flinders Ranges Council welcomes Ms Marina Wagner who has accepted, the position of WHS & Risk Management Coordinator. Marina will commence full time work on 1 November 2021.



Council also has three new Casual Employees: Chris Martin, Works/Parks Team Member and Shirley Carn and Tylah Jackson helping Council out with cleaning.

DOG REGISTRATIONS

Please note that dog and cat registrations are currently due for renewal 2021/2022 commencing July 2021.

Please remember to check your mail or email box for your renewal notifications from Dogs and Cats Online. Registrations are due by 31 August 2021



Don't forget to register your cat to be in the running to win 1 of 140 cat pamper packs.



THANK YOU AND WELL DONE

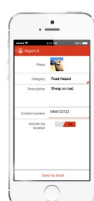
Council passes on its thanks to all businesses and residents for your recent compliance with COVID-19 restrictions and regulations. From what has been observed and from feedback, our communities have done a fantastic job of staying at home and wearing masks, social distancing and sanitising.

Businesses that were able to stay open have managed clientele very well in difficult circumstances. With restrictions easing Council is continually reviewing operations and thanks the community for your patience whilst we continue to work through this ever-changing landscape.



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



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