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# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

**THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL**



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## MAYORS MESSAGE

Obviously with the effects of the COVID virus we are still suffering lots of disruptions and discomfort and of course confusion and concerns. For us at Council, our projects are proceeding at an acceptable rate both through contractors and our own staff. As part of these projects, we have received lots of interest in our front entrance designs. Consultation has now closed, and the community has spoken with Option D being a clear favourite with 79% community support from the 126 community responses received. At the February Ordinary meeting Council approved this final design to proceed to construction with the aim of completing the works mid to late 2022. The paving in Hawker is also nearing completion, so we will see Stage 2 of our Streetscape paving commencing in Quorn in the near future.

Council has a ten-year plan to improve the footpaths in our communities and evidence of this can be seen in Ellis St., Joyce St. and Pool St., Quorn. Works are also planned in Hawker later this year with works being prioritised upon need and another significant funding allocation having been secured for next financial year for further works. However, the ongoing works are a large impost on Council on top of our weed/ant spraying and vegetation pick up. Traditionally the care and maintenance of the road verge is the responsibility of homeowners, but we recognise the fact that this can be difficult for a lot of our more elderly residents, so we assist with this responsibility. Having said that, as always, please take pride in our town by assisting with raking and spraying your footpath if you are able to.

The next consultation and survey that you will see will be for the "Quorn Town Square" that refers to the area behind the Council Chambers. We want to turn this into a special place not only for visitors but also for our residents so please have your say. Later in the year we will be asking Hawker residents for their input into the revamping of Blue Burt Park. On a final note and on behalf of the Council I say thank you to the Hawker Swimming Pool Committee who handed over a cheque for \$5,537 at the Hawker Community Development Board meeting to help replace the damaged shade area at the Hawker Swimming Pool.

**Mayor Greg Flint**

## COUNCIL WORKS UPDATE

Council projects are coming along nicely at the moment. A big shout out to the Quorn Pioneer Machinery Society on their great restoration of the shelter area at the Lions Park. It looks fabulous!

Another set of tables and chairs and benches have been installed at Pithi Kawi—Quorn Bush Tucker Trail for the community to enjoy.



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## CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2022

Mayor Greg Flint caught up with Meredith Heymink to present her with a Certificate of Appreciation for the Citizen of the Year Awards 2022 given posthumously to Ian Heymink.



The award was given in recognition of his promotion of local businesses via social media which spurred on a fantastic pre-existing community spirit and for embracing the town with gusto and even though he was very ill he found an outlet for his creativity.

## HAWKER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD 2022 MERIT AWARD

Presentations were made recently by Councillor Steve Taylor to Larry Davidson, Hawker who was awarded the Hawker Community Development Board 2022 Merit Award and by Councillor Ian Carpenter to David Meekhums who was recognised by the staff and residents of the Hawker Memorial Hospital for his ongoing and outstanding support.



## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – Quandong Festival Community Reference Group

The Flinders Ranges Council is holding the Quandong Festival in August 2022 and is seeking Expressions of Interest for a Community Reference Group to have input into and assist in the organisation of this event.

Expressions of Interest are being sought from local businesses and community members in The Flinders Ranges Council area who are involved in the production of or use of native bush foods or who have an interest or knowledge in this area and/or experience in organisation of events and will be able to commit the time to attend meetings on a regular basis.

Please submit a covering letter outlining why you would like to be part of the Community Reference Group to Paula Osborn, Governance Officer at email [pto@frc.sa.gov.au](mailto:pto@frc.sa.gov.au) by Friday 25 February 2022.

If you would like to know more about the festival, please feel free to email Rebecca Sullivan, Warndu at [rebecca@warndu.com](mailto:rebecca@warndu.com)



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

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

## BIN COLLECTION AND SAFETY FOR DRIVERS

If you're parking in a street, be aware of waste collection days and park away from bins.

While life is slowly trying to return to a little like normal, our waste and recycling drivers are still here for you, emptying the bins as usual.

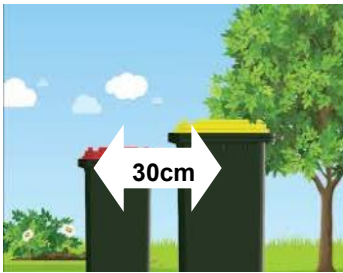
Please remember to place your bins out the night before where possible as collection times can vary, also do not pack down the rubbish as this can cause your bin to not be fully emptied.

Help your driver out:

Place your bins in your driveway if there's lots of cars parked in the street.

Keep your bins 1m away from parked cars, trees, stobie poles etc.

**Space multiple bins 30cm apart.**



## PICHI RICHI MARATHON 2022

The Pichi Richi Marathon is back again for its 40th year on Sunday 26 June 2022.

Register online <https://pichirichimarathon.org.au/registrations/>  
Online registrations close at midnight on 20 June (registrations are not accepted on the day).

- **Full Marathon (42.2km)** – (minimum age 18 years)
- **Half Marathon (21.1km)** – (minimum age 15 years)
- **10.5km** – (minimum age 12 years)
- **5km** – (Open to all ages)
- **1km Junior Dash** – (maximum age 10 years)  
(Registrations available on the day for this event only)

Keep up with the latest news on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/PichiRichiM>

or via <https://pichirichimarathon.org.au/>



## PICHI RICHI MARATHON 2022

**Steve Moneghetti, AM – Ambassador for 40<sup>th</sup> Pichi Richi Marathon**

2022 will see the 40th Pichi Richi Marathon taking place from Port Augusta to Quorn through the majestic Pichi Richi pass. To celebrate this achievement a dedicated group of event supporters and participants have worked hard to secure Stephen (Steve) Moneghetti, AM to be an event day ambassador.

Steve was nominated for an Order of Australia medal in 2014 for significant service to athletics as a marathon runner, administrator and mentor to young athletes, and was inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame in 2021.

The 40th anniversary event is expected to attract over 500 competitors. "The organisers are working hard behind the scenes to ensure this event truly celebrates the anniversary occasion."

The 40th Pichi Richi Marathon will take place on Sunday 26 June 2022 and registrations are now open.



## MAJOR FUNDING AWARDED FOR MULTIPLE PROJECTS

### GRANT FUNDING APPROVED FOR ROAD & INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

The Flinders Ranges Council is very pleased to announce the approval of grant funding, which will enable multiple projects across the council area.

Funding in the amount of \$772,714 was awarded to Council by the Commonwealth Government, through Phase 3 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program.

Mayor, Greg Flint says "This major funding boost will enable Council to complete several projects which would otherwise have had to be implemented over time and within our budget limitations. We will now be able to proceed with much needed upgrades and improvements to some of our important community facilities, including the public toilets in Quorn and Hawker, the Community Walking Trail and the playground fencing at Blue Burt Park in Hawker, and many sections of roads and footpaths.

The Member for Grey, Rowan Ramsey, congratulated The Flinders Ranges Council for electing to spend about 50% of their allocation on sheeting/re-sheeting a string of local roads and the balance on a wide range of community infrastructure including toilet blocks, bicycle paths and footpaths in Hawker and Quorn.

"There are constant calls on Councils to allocate resources for any number of projects across their geographical area," Mr Ramsey said. "Securing extra funding for very necessary but lower profile programs like road repairs and footpaths will make an enormous difference."

"The LRCI grants demonstrate the confidence the Federal Government has in Local Government and acknowledges the importance of rural and regional communities," Mr Ramsey said.

"In three rounds the LRCI program has now delivered \$2.5bn for vital road and community infrastructure upgrades," he said. "It comes at a time where there has been unprecedented investment in regional roads through programs like the Building Better Regions Fund, The Drought Communities Program and Mobile Black Spots".

## COVID –19 BIOHAZARD CONCERNS

Did you know that disposable masks and gloves, sanitising wipes and rapid antigen test waste are NOT recyclable materials and should be disposed of through general waste.

Please ensure you dispose of this waste in a responsible manner and place these in the correct bin - red lid bin.



## 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

