

**JANUARY
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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL



MAYORAL REPORT

2023 should bring a change of focus for Council, from completing the major and minor developments and projects in train, to placing our focus on ensuring we maintain what has been developed and what was already in place. This will include looking at any defects or issues that are apparent in the new works and ensuring the end result is one that we are proud of.

We are aware of feedback from community members in respect of not only the works carried out, but ongoing normal maintenance issues, and I am reassured that the works team has scheduled in and planned the appropriate measures to ensure the works get done.

On that matter, the CEO and myself would like to apologise to the community for not ensuring the maintenance of the Quorn Cemetery was undertaken prior to the Christmas break.

Obviously, we have been very fortunate over the last six (6) years to have received many large grants and a lot of energy and time has been spent ensuring these grants have come to fruition on the ground. It is a fact that the opportunity for grants would, and are, reducing and therefore we now need to "get back to the basics" but whilst continuing to ensure we still keep an eye on opportunities that arise to develop our communities.

We as a Council and community need to be aware that whilst development is fantastic, it needs to be done in an economically sustainable manner, we still need to pay for it, and need to pay for the maintenance and replacement costs in the future. From a small funds base, this has and always will be a challenge.

Meetings with the responsible Government agencies are scheduled in to maintain councils and community priorities in respect of water supply and quality for Quorn, road transport and road funding, opportunities for future developments for Hawker, speed limit restrictions for Cradock amongst a number.

There are some major events occurring in the coming year in our communities, including the 100th Anniversary of the Hawker Memorial Hospital and the 50th Anniversary of the Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society, and with works such as the upgrades of the Hawker and Quorn airstrips, we look forward to not only those but ensuring that Council continues to be proactive with the community.

I would like to take the chance to acknowledge members of our community, who through the SES and other emergency services have attended the Murray River emergency. Having also attended that emergency I can absolutely pass on the gratitude from those communities to those who attended to help others out. It shows again the great regional spirit that is still alive and well.

Please help us all celebrate that spirit on Australia day celebrations in Hawker, Quorn & Cradock, with Citizenship ceremony and Australia Day awards recognising community members for their contributions to our communities. We look forward to seeing you there.

Ken Anderson

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

QUORN

All community members and visitors are invited to attend the annual Australia Day Breakfast at the Quorn and District War Memorial Swimming Pool from 8am on Thursday 26 January 2023.

This year the proceedings will include a citizenship ceremony followed by the announcement of the Australia Day award winners and achievements.

The Quorn Lions Club will kindly be cooking up a breakfast feast for everyone and after the official ceremony the swimming pool will be open for swimming until 11am.

HAWKER (NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE)

The Hawker Community Development Board will hold their Australia Day Event on Thursday 26 January 2023 from 12pm at the Hawker Swimming Pool.

Highlights of the day include Welcome to Country, a chat from George Aldridge, award presentations, a BBQ lunch and a free swim.

CRADOCK

An Australia Day BBQ will be held in Cradock from 11am at the Cradock Wall of Remembrance. Everyone is welcome to attend.

POWELL GARDENS WORKING BEE

A working bee will be held at Powell Gardens on Saturday 25 February 2023 from 9.00am-12.00pm. BYO hat, sunscreen, garden tools and gloves. Sausage sizzle and refreshments will be available as a thank you.

QUORN PUBLIC SQUARE

WORKS UPDATE

Wow! The new Quorn Public Square lights are up and it looks fantastic!

The trees, plants and lawn will be planted when the weather is a bit more accommodating, to ensure they survive.

Thank you to our project team and all of our contractors who have worked hard to see this one completed.

The State Government is committed to investing in open space and public realm across South Australia, by supporting projects through local government grants financed through the Planning and Development Fund.

This development is part of an overall streetscaping project which received funding under the 2020-21 Open Space Grant Program to the value of \$584,745



SECOND STAGE CWMS CLEANING

The second stage of the CWMS—Septic tank cleaning maintenance program will begin in Quorn from the 16 January 2023. Area covered is from West Tce to Sixth St & Railway Tce to South Tce.



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION—PROPOSED SMOKE FREE AREAS

Council is seeking your feedback! We are interested in the community's view on whether the following areas should be made 'smoke free':

- Hawker and District War Memorial
- Quorn and District War Memorial
- Hawker District War Memorial Dog Park
- Quorn Dog Park
- Quorn Waste Transfer Station (due to fire risk)
- Hawker Landfill (due to fire risk)
- Quorn and District War Memorial Swimming Pool
- Hawker Swimming Pool
- The Quorn Public Square
- Quorn Skate Park
- Hawker Tennis Courts
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- Hawker Aerodrome (due to fire risk)
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Smoke free would mean that no one can smoke traditional or e-cigarettes in the areas identified. IF someone was to smoke, they could be issued with an expiation fee (on the spot fine) of \$105.

It should be noted that smoking is already banned within 10 metres of playgrounds and in public buildings and workplaces under the *Tobacco and E-Cigarette Products Act 1997*. Therefore playgrounds, halls and indoor facilities are already 'smoke free' places. The aim of making these areas smoke free is to prevent people being exposed to second hand smoke in areas where people may congregate, or to reduce a risk of fire, and it can also assist in preventing littering.

Written submissions or comments will be received by:
Mr Eric Brown, Chief Executive Officer, The Flinders Ranges Council, PO Box 43, Quorn SA 5433. Or via email to council@frc.sa.gov.au
Submissions close at 5pm, Tuesday 7 February 2023.

COUNCIL SOON TO BE RAT COLLECTION POINT

Council is in the process of working with SA Health to become a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) collection point, for people who are eligible for free RATs.

Council will advise when this site will be active and will provide more information on how to and who can access the free RATs.

COUNCIL RUBBISH BINS

A reminder that Council's street bins are not for resident household waste. Bin services are available for residents outside of the normal rubbish collection routes for purchase, with the requirement to bring the bins into the collection points.

Please call Council 08 8620 0500 for more details.

COUNCIL PROJECTS 2022

As we head into the new year, we thought it might be timely to celebrate the Council projects that were completed in 2022, including (in no particular order):

- Stage 2 of the Pithi Kawi Quorn Bush Food Walking Trail
- The Flinders Ranges Self-Drive Loop
- Hawker Entryway Signage
- The Main Streets Building Facade (Facelift) Program
- The Quorn War Memorial Upgrade
- Development of The Quorn Pioneer Machinery Park
- The Inaugural Quandong Festival
- The Hawker Murals
- Streetscaping (kerbing, paving, landscaping, signage) in Quorn and Hawker
- Improvements and Revegetation at Warren Gorge and The Quorn Native Flora Reserve
- The Quorn Visual and Performing Arts Precinct (aka The Quorn Public Square)

These projects would not have been achievable through Council funding alone; they have all been made possible through generous grant funding from various agencies and programs. It's important to note that the community benefits of these projects extend well beyond the end results. Wherever possible, local contractors are engaged to undertake the works required. Even when contractors are engaged from outside the area, our towns still benefit eg: the contractors who have completed paving works over the past 18 months have patronised our local businesses every day during that time. They even bought a house in Quorn! So, not only are these projects grant funded, a lot of the money that is spent on the projects comes back to the community, by supporting our local businesses. It's a win, win! Congratulations to all concerned on their great efforts and hard work!

We hope everyone has been able to get out and about to visit and enjoy these great projects.

....and watch this space....there's more to come!



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

