

**FEBRUARY  
2023**

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

**THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL**



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## MAYORAL REPORT

The month since the January Ordinary Council meeting has been a busy and productive month with progress being made on several important fronts, including lobbying for water quality in Quorn, the Northern Passenger Transport Network, significant works at the Quorn and Hawker Aerodromes being awarded, along with the Quorn Town Square Works and the Blue Burt Park Works progressing well. The month has also had some extremely positive news with the Quorn Silo Light Show winning a national gold award at the Australian Street Art Awards, which builds on the earlier silver medal.

In respect of water quality issues in Quorn, the CEO and I travelled to Adelaide on 6 February 2023 to meet with the Chief Executive Officer of the Essential Services Commission of South Australia (ESCOSA), Adam Wilson to discuss the draft Regional Water Quality Aesthetics Improvement Plan released by SA Water. This plan identifies Quorn at the top of the list on every metric and therefore the priority for water quality improvements (i.e. a pipeline or a desalination plant).

The CEO and myself also attended a meeting with the Honourable Minister Susan Close, the responsible minister for SA Water on Tuesday 21 February 2023 along with Eddie Hughes MP and put forward our case strongly. This was a successful meeting that gave us a chance to highlight the importance of the issue in our community.

A further meeting is also being arranged alongside our colleagues in the District Council of Mount Remarkable, to meet with the Hon. Minister Geoff Brock to seek his support in lobbying for water quality, noting that Melrose also has significant water quality issues.

In respect of the Northern Passenger Transport Network, our incredibly important patient transport service, the CEO and I met with the Flinders Alliance (an alliance of six neighbouring Councils) on 9 February 2023 to further pursue the potential of the service being run with The Flinders Ranges Council as the head contractor. The aim of this being to ensure that we can secure this essential service for our communities for many years to come. Significant negotiation is currently occurring in this space, and I am hoping to provide an update on our progress in coming months. However, rest assured this is a key priority.

In respect of the Quorn and Hawker Aerodromes, the sealing and civil works have now been awarded with contracts being finalised. The works are significant and are primarily grant funded and will result in the resealing of the Hawker strip and sealing of the Quorn Aerodrome including civil works. The works have commenced temporary closures for both aerodromes will be communicated. The expected completion date for these works is mid-2023.

The Blue Burt Park and Quorn Precinct works are travelling well with the intention of finalising the works before the tourist season kicks off. Official openings are planned, with details for the Quorn Precinct in this newsletter and we will advise the community of the details for Blue Burt Park when they are set. Further, the upgrade of the Quorn and Hawker Public toilets and the soon to commence entrance way in Quorn are also keenly anticipated.

Finally, I take this opportunity to congratulate, once again formally, all of our Australia Day award winners. Please accept our thanks and appreciation for the work you do in our communities. I also take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in making the Quorn Silo Light Show a success in particular Cindi Drennan and her team.

**Ken Anderson, Mayor**

Eddie Hughes, MP and Mayor Anderson  
at Parliament House



## THE FRINGE TREKS TO THE OUTBACK FOR FRINGE IN THE FLINDERS

Get ready for the inaugural Fringe in the Flinders to celebrate the best of the famous Adelaide Fringe at Quorn and Hawker on March 18 and 19 respectively for an action-packed weekend of music, circus, comedy, aerial shows, street performances and much more.

To be held at Quorn's newly opened Performing and Visual Arts Precinct (March 18) and Hawker's Flinders Food Co (March 19), Fringe in the Flinders is the perfect way to experience the magic of Fringe in a bite-sized afternoon thanks to Fringe and arts festival identities, Bamboozled Productions, who have curated the Fringe in the Flinders program.

Bamboozled Productions' Louise Clarke says: "Fringe in the Flinders is the ultimate way to experience the brilliance that is the Fringe Festival in just an afternoon in Quorn or Hawker.

"We will take everything that makes the Fringe and Festival such a magical month and transport that feeling from Adelaide to the Flinders Ranges for a weekend of great fun, dizzying stunts and fantastic music

Bamboozled has been engaged by The Flinders Ranges Council to bring this exciting event to the region. Mayor, Ken Anderson is looking forward to utilising the new precinct and bringing the festival to town.

"This will be the first event to utilise the new Performing and Visual Arts Precinct in Quorn and will take full advantage of the amazing festival space including the stage, paved and grassed areas," Mayor Anderson says.

"It's very exciting as a small Council to be able to host this event and make it accessible for those that are unable to make it to Adelaide as they still get to experience the event and world class acts," Mayor Anderson says.

Bamboozled will be bringing their boutique 90-seat circus tent, The Little Palais, to Fringe in the Flinders to house short circus shows from 5pm-10pm on Saturday 18 March, while outdoor stages will host music, comedy, circus and acrobatic performances.

Fringe in the Flinders is made possible through funding from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) in partnership with the Australian Government. The full program will be available soon. More information is available from [www.frc.sa.gov.au](http://www.frc.sa.gov.au)

## OUTDOOR DINING PLATFORMS ROLLING OUT

Supported by the SA Government 2020-21 Open Space Grant Program and the Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program, the outdoor dining platforms project has started rolling out.

When considering this initiative Council was aware of the issues with the narrow footpaths and the need to maintain the heritage of the streets when it comes to filming opportunities.

Therefore, these visually appealing and accessible outdoor dining platforms were developed, so that they can be easily removed for filming of movies, television shows etc. The platforms support the eateries by increasing their seating capacity and enhancing their appeal to diners.

Flinders Food Co has embraced the concept and are the first business to have them installed. Other businesses have expressed their interest and will soon be sporting their own al-fresco dining platforms. The platforms are leased from Council by way of a signed agreement and yearly fee.

The platforms were locally designed, manufactured and installed.

Businesses keen to secure a platform can contact Council for more information.



## QUANDONG FESTIVAL UPDATE

To assist in securing the future of the Quandong Festival, Council is focussed on having the event bi-annually and is seeking funding opportunities to hold the next event in 2024.

## THANK YOU

A big thank you to the Quorn Community Preloved Boutique for its kind donation that has enabled Council to purchase a great quality Father Christmas suit.

The suit will be available for Council and community events and will be stored at the Council offices.



## 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





# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## POWELL GARDENS

### WORKING DATE

**CHANGE OF DATE**

## SATURDAY 11 MARCH 2023

### 9.00AM - 12.00PM

**BYO HAT, SUNSCREEN, GARDEN TOOLS AND GLOVES**  
**SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**  
**AS A THANK YOU**

**SEE YOU THERE ON THE DAY**

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## The Plug-in. | Powered by COTA SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### Are you over 50? We want to hear about your water use and needs!

The Plug-in, the social enterprise of COTA SA, funded by the South Australian Government through the Consumer Advocacy and Research Fund, would like to invite you to take part in our newest research project to talk about your needs, usage, and attitudes to water in your local area.

We are looking to talk to people over the age of 50 years who live in or around the Quorn – Lake Gilles areas about your experiences accessing and using water. We are also speaking with older South Australians from five other regions around the state.

This project will help us learn more about how water access and use affect older Australians in regional areas. The findings will be used for advocacy and will help COTA SA and Government to develop policies and services that better meet the needs of older South Australians.

All responses will remain confidential in line with *Australian Privacy Principles* and the *Privacy (Market and Social Research) Code 2021*.

To find out more please contact Ali Reid, Research Officer at The Plug-in on 08 8224 5526 or via [connect@theplugin.com.au](mailto:connect@theplugin.com.au)



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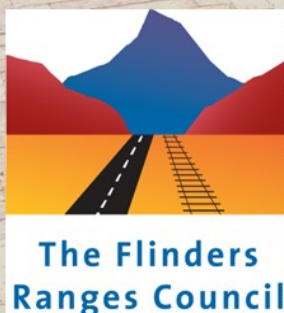
# Grand Opening

OF THE QUORN PERFORMING  
AND VISUAL ARTS PRECINCT

10.00am

Saturday 18 March 2023

in the Precinct area



**Government of  
South Australia**



# FRINGE *in the* FLINDERS

FREE FAMILY FUN, MUSIC, COMEDY,  
STREET PERFORMANCES & MORE!

**SAT 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**5PM – 10PM**

**QUORN ARTS PRECINCT**

**SUN 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**FROM 4 PM**

**FLINDERS FOOD CO.  
HAWKER**



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