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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Following on from our win at the state level, this month saw a visit to Canberra to the National Top Tourism Town Awards and although we didn't win, we were there as finalists and did get the opportunity to network and also see what the tourism trends in Australia are at the moment.

We also had a presentation to Country Cabinet in Pt Augusta and although we presented an overall picture of our Community moving forward we did keep a focus on the quality of Quorn's water. This in fact led to the Premier and the Treasurer asking questions in relation to that issue. This enabled our CEO to present the true impact of our poor water quality in regard to electrical appliances, taps etc.

At the moment we are in our caretaker period, so no new decisions are to be made but an updated version of our plans for the Quorn Town Square were presented at the Works Review Reference Committee meeting on the 14th of September, so they are available to look at.

The footings have been laid for the new Hawker entrance signs so as soon as they cure, the signs will be erected. There are lots of other works still in the progress or being finished or being tendered for completion. Please see the minutes from the Works Review Reference Committee available on the Council Web page for an update on the progress of all of our projects.

Mayor Greg Flint

COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

The Flinders Ranges Council councillor positions have been confirmed by the Electoral Commission of SA.

All eight (8) councillor vacancies have been filled and there is no requirement for an election, however, due to the Mayoral position having two (2) candidates, this will go to election.

The successful Councillors are:

Ian Carpenter, Julian Hipwell, David John Hunter, Ashley J Parkinson, Patsy Reynolds, Clinton Andrew Ryks-Jones, Angus Searcy and Steven Taylor.

The Mayoral Candidates are:

Greg Flint and Ken Anderson.

Voting Material for the Mayor position will be sent out as of 17 October 2022 and all those eligible to vote, are encouraged to do so.

More information and candidate profiles is available from www.frc.sa.gov.au/council/elections



QUORN REPRESENTS SA at NATIONAL AWARDS

Quorn represented South Australia at the National Top Tourism Town Awards held in Canberra on 13 September 2022.

Mayor, Greg Flint says "Quorn won the esteemed title of SA's 2022 Top Tiny Tourism Town earlier in the year and is thrilled to represent SA at the National Awards held today. Unfortunately, Quorn didn't take out the major gong but we are certainly still very proud of our achievements as a town and community".

"Quorn has worked hard to cement itself as a top tourism spot and to have had the chance to participate at national level still supports all of the Council, community and business efforts over the past years."



Quorn claims to have 'something for everyone'. "Quorn is home to many award-winning attractions including the Quorn Silo Light Show and Pichi Richi Railway and is continuing to grow its breadth of accommodation, events and experiences to become better known as a tourism destination."

"Our recent Quandong Festival success just goes to show the adaptability and flexibility the town has to new and innovative events and experiences. We are also developing a town square and entertainment precinct which is the next stage for the town to open its doors even wider, and new amazing entrances will soon be installed to really let people know exactly where they are."

Mayor Flint continued by saying "Quorn was up against some stiff competition for the national awards and I congratulate Strahan in Tasmania on winning the Australian Top Tiny Tourism Town for 2022."

As winner of the SA Tiny Tourism Town category, Quorn received an extensive marketing and development package courtesy of the program's valued sponsors, including FIVEaa, Shop Local SA, Adelady and SA Life and continues to take full advantage of this opportunity.

"Council continues to work with sponsors of the program and we have had social media posts that that reached thousands of followers and a competition that had an amazing prize package valued at nearly \$1,400 with prizes donated by local businesses along with editorials and radio coverage. We still have so much more momentum to gain from the State award and will continue to do that with our heads held high."

The South Australian Top Tourism Towns Program is delivered by TiCSA, with support from the South Australia Visitor Information Centre Network, Local Government Association of South Australia, SA Life, fiveAA, Adelady, Adelaide Airport, and Shop Local SA.



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

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

CWMS TANK PUMPING COMMENCES

Septic tank pumping for residential properties connected to the Quorn CWMS commenced Monday 12 September.

The work will be broken in to three stages, those houses in stage 1 will have received a letterbox notification.

Stage 1 (see map below) will consist of houses to the South West of town as per the attached map.

Stage 2 and 3 will be broken down to properties between West Terrace and Sixth Street and from Sixth Street to East Terrace / Tenth Street.

If you have any questions please contact council or the pumping contractor.



MANAGEMENT OF KANYAKA SURGERY (QUORN) CONTINUES IN SAFE HANDS MOVING FORWARD

Community's Needs Supported

The Flinders Ranges Council is pleased that the future of the Quorn Health Practice has been secured through a collaboration between the Rural Doctors Workforce Agency (RDWA), the Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network (FUNLHN) and Country & Outback Health (COBH).

Chief Executive Officer, Mr Eric Brown said that Council has been working with various bodies to support and lobby for a secure future for health services in Quorn. "With the impending retirement of Dr Lian-Lloyd, the future of health services in Quorn has been at the forefront of Councils mind for a long time and it has been working with local, regional and State bodies to ensure that a sound outcome was achieved for the immediate and long-term future."

"Council is very pleased to support the partnership that will manage the Quorn Medical Practice and community needs moving forward. The implications of closure of the practice would have been massive for the community as well as those outside of the community in the wider region who rely on the vital service. We look forward to continuing to have open and positive relationships with Country and Outback Health, and other stakeholders, into the future."

Mr Brown also thanked Dr Lian-Lloyd for his years of service, "Dr Tony has been an absolute asset to the community and surrounding areas for over 30 years. He has not only served the community in his role as Doctor but has also been a great advocate for the attraction and retention of health services in regional and rural areas and had fought hard for this cause. Dr Tony has also dedicated countless volunteer hours to many local organisations and events, and this is well appreciated. Council wishes him all the best in his retirement."

Country and Outback Health CEO, Zieco Skeldon provides the following statement:

"For over 30 years, the Quorn Medical Practice (Kanyaka Surgery) has provided accessible, comprehensive, high-quality medical service to the community and district of Kanyaka-Quorn in the Flinders Ranges.

With the pending retirement of long-serving GP Tony Lian-Lloyd from the Practice, the community faced having limited access to health care services and the real possibility of closure altogether, having enormous implications for the people in the region and placing higher pressure on other medical facilities in the wider area.

In partnership with Rural Doctors Workforce Agency (RDWA) and the Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network (FUNLHN), Country & Outback Health (COBH) will be supporting the community's needs by managing Quorn Medical Practice's operation from the 1st of December 2022.

Country & Outback Health have comprehensive experience and a long-lasting commitment to providing health services to regional and remote South Australians via our extensive geographical footprint across our state. COBH have also been successfully managing a medical practice on the Yorke Peninsula for several years, providing a solid basis for the prosperous operation of Quorn Medical Practice.

Country & Outback Health understand the importance of having access to quality medical care and will be working hard to secure healthcare professionals for the Practice to continue this vital service for the district.

The change in operational ownership is a significant outcome for the Kanyaka-Quorn district, and COBH is proud to be working collaboratively with the RDWA and FUNLHN to provide this service to the community."

CONTAMINATED GREEN WASTE

A reminder for green waste received at Council's Waste Facilities:

Green waste which includes leaves, grass clippings, branches and flowers, need to be separated from hard waste items.

Items recently found amongst the green waste received include plastics, wire, steel, glass and other general waste.

This can cause issues when material is mulched by the contractor.

Please ensure all items are separated and disposed of correctly.



DON'T FORGET THAT -

**DAY LIGHT SAVINGS
STARTS
SUNDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2022,
AT 2:00 AM**



**IT'S TIME TO CHECK
YOUR SMOKE ALARMS**

**AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST,
RENEW YOUR TOOTHBRUSH**

