

**JUNE
2023**

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL



MAYORAL REPORT

Another very busy month for Council and the communities. The influx of visitors has been great and continuing positive comments relating to all the developments and improvements around the area is very pleasing.

Council has begun budget and business planning with information for public consultation out to all for comment. I encourage everyone to have their input about the Council's proposals.

As previously talked about, the budget is proposed to be a sensible, conservative budget, with the minimum rate rise possible in the current circumstances.

With the CPI over 7% it is very difficult for everyone including Council, to maintain investment and cover costs with pressure on identifying savings. All members have been conscious of the ongoing pressure on households, business and individuals, with the cost-of-living skyrocketing for all the basics.

In the budget proposal, aligned with previous information, Council has worked with administration to achieve the minimum proposed rate rise possible of 4.95%. This is well below the Current CPI. In doing so, Council has also identified cost cutting measures that will have the least impact on service delivery.

Some of the positives out of the work done, is the cancellation of fees charged to locals for access to Warren Gorge, so locals can continue to enjoy this area without charge. A reduction in the CMWS fee for residents is also a positive.

Council has identified savings in other areas, and have decided that given the large investment over the past four (4) or so years of over \$6m in the Council district, and incentives for businesses and home buyers, the tightening of the belt in all areas has been interrogated and the generous incentives will be wound back.

We will still see investment and works being undertaken with a capital expenditure of \$2m still being possible, and these works will centre around basic infrastructure including road sheeting, resealing and new bitumenising in some areas. Works will continue to ensure all of the last four (4) years projects are completed to a high standard and grant opportunities are identified where financially affordable. Council is also investigating measures and options to prevent the ever-rising costs of waste management for the district from going even higher.

Positive news for the area is the ongoing enthusiasm of all the volunteer groups, including the success of the Hawker Races, the Pichi Richi Marathon, the fantastic news from the Quorn Jockey Club in respect of obtaining one of only 23 spots in Australia to Host the "Melbourne Cup", the Quandong Festival, the upcoming hosting of regional Legatus councils reps in Quorn, project completion and follow up works, proposed Quorn Hospital road carparking and footpath works to mention a few! And we should all continue to thank our volunteers in all clubs and organisations in the townships.

A quick mention of the "Slowdown" fundraiser held in Quorn. It was great to see magnificent turnout of the crowd for what was a high intensity game with minimal injuries from a varied age and skilled footballers! The game provided plenty of humour and comments within the crowd and the money raised went to the worthy cause of the Australian Red Cross.

Well done to the Quorn Area School students who organised this event. Possibly there may be a slowdown for the netballer fraternity in the same vein at next years event!

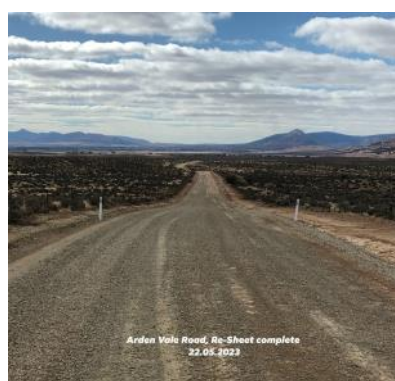
We look forward to an update relating to health services and the "new doctors" for Quorn and surrounds, and will keep people "posted" as best we can.

The official openings for the sealing of the Quorn Airstrip and resealing of the Hawker Airstrip will be held on Wednesday 5 July 2023 and it would be great to see locals out to appreciate the works done by mainly local companies.

Finally, we would also like to encourage everyone to vote for their preferred candidate in the upcoming election for the vacancy on Council.

Mayor Ken Anderson

THE MONTH THAT WAS...



Works crews have been busy this past month with road re-sheeting, line marking, area preparations, tree trimming, path markers and much more.



41st PICHIRI RICH MARATHON ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 11 of the Road Traffic Act 1961, The "41st Pichi Richi Marathon" has been declared an event to which Section 33 applies and that the following roads will be closed to vehicle traffic on
Sunday 25 June 2023

Roads Closed are: **Flinders Ranges Way**

*Between the intersections of West Terrace, Quorn and Woolundunga Avenue, Stirling North
(Southbound lanes only)
Between 7.30am and 1.00pm*

Park Terrace, Quorn

*Between Arden Vale Road and Oval Road, Quorn
Between 8.00am and 1.00pm*

Arden Vale Road, Quorn

*Between Flinders Ranges Way and Park Terrace, Quorn
Between 8.00am and 1.00pm*

Silo Road, Quorn

*Between the Caravan Park entrance and West Terrace
Between 11.15am and 12.15pm*

Temporary speed restrictions will also be in place on Flinders Ranges Way and Eyre Highway.

Full details are available at www.pichirichimarathon.org.au

NEW STAFF MEMBER FOR COUNCIL

Welcome to Margaret Slattery who is commencing in the vacant Administration Officer position at the main office on Monday 3 July 2023.

Margy is a well known local and is bringing some great experience and customer service skills with her.

Please give Margy a big welcome when you come into the Council Administration Office to say hello.



OFFICIAL OPENINGS

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE OFFICIAL OPENINGS OF THE:

QUORN AERODROME RUNWAY SEALING AND HAWKER AERODROME RESEALING PROJECTS

RSVP BY WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE 2023 TO COUNCIL@FRC.SA.GOV.AU

5TH JULY

10am - Quorn Aerodrome
Carrieton Road, Quorn

1pm - Hawker Aerodrome
Flinders Ranges Way,
Hawker

These projects received grant funding from the Australian and South Australian Governments

The Flinders Ranges Council

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE— EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Following a recent review of the composition of Councils' Audit and Risk Committee, Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from appropriately skilled and qualified individuals to become an independent community member of the Committee.

Persons with a proven financial, risk and / or governance background are encouraged to express their interest.

Further information is available by telephoning Sean Cheriton, Director of Finance and Administration on 8620 0500 or dfa@frc.sa.gov.au

Expressions of interest should be marked 'Confidential' and addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 43, Quorn SA 5433 or email to council@frc.sa.gov.au by Monday 31 July 2023.

Appointment to the committee will be at the discretion of the Council.

QUORN MERCURY CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Quorn Mercury is again calling for volunteers to assist with compilation and editing of the newspaper.

On-the-job training will be provided.

Please email mercury@frc.sa.gov.au if you are interested.



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.



SUPPLEMENTARY ELECTION UPDATE

Nominations for The Flinders Ranges Council Supplementary Election closed on 8 June 2023 with the following nominations received:

- David Wallis
- Greg Flint
- Paul Thornton

Voting materials will be distributed by the Electoral Commission of SA from Tuesday 27 June 2023.

Voting closes at 12 noon on Monday 24 July 2023.

**HAVE YOUR SAY AND
MAKE YOUR VOTE
COUNT.**

