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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



MAYORAL REPORT

Welcome to 2024.

Council has completed the recruitment process for the CEO Position. We are delighted to announce the appointment of Sean Holden as the new Chief Executive Officer of The Flinders Ranges Council, effective early-mid February 2024.

With an impressive track record in management, Sean brings a wealth of experience and a passion for community development to his role. His strategic vision, leadership skills, and commitment to transparent governance make him the ideal candidate to guide our community into a thriving future.

With a passion for fostering collaborative relationships, Mr. Holden is poised to lead the council towards continued growth and prosperity. His leadership style, marked by innovation and inclusivity, is well-suited to address the evolving challenges and opportunities facing our community. We warmly welcome Sean and look forward to a bright future under his guidance as we collectively strive to enhance the quality of life for all residents in the Flinders Ranges region.

News on the Doctors for Quorn

I have spoken to the Country and Outback Health (CoBH) CEO regarding the status of the process for the eventual finalisation of the two (2) doctors recruitment to Quorn. I am assured that the process, albeit long and difficult, is nearly complete. CoBH is confident that all parts of the process, including visa's registration of the Doctors in Australia, relocation arrangements, internal Government medical health requirements etc are being ticked off. No exact date has been given, but I'm reassured by the ongoing commitment by the organisation to ensure these doctors are to be actually here in Quorn.

I have asked the CEO of CoBH to ensure regular community updates are supplied to ensure we are well informed as to the ongoing status of the recruitment.

Works on Quorn Water Tanks

Residents may have noticed works occurring at the Quorn water tanks. This is part of a tank maintenance program operated by SA Water, and I have been informed that there will be no impact on services or current quality of water due to these works.

I will be including updated information relating to the status of where SA Water and the SA Government sit in relation to improving the Quorn water quality in my next Mayoral report.

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PROJECTS UPDATE-Roadworks

4 North Quorn streets– Water, Richmond, Hayward and Frederick– are being sealed, with works due to start mid January.

Hospital Road will also have some paving and kerbing works undertaken, with the hope that all works will be completed by the end of March (weather permitting).

COUNCIL APPOINTS NEW CEO

The Flinders Ranges Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Sean Holden as its new Chief Executive Officer, following an extensive and rigorous nation-wide recruitment process.



Mr. Holden, currently the CEO of the Northern Territory Local Government Association, is returning to the Flinders Ranges region to assume his new role in mid-February 2024.

With an impressive background in Local Government, Sean brings a wealth of experience, particularly in the areas of governance and legislation. His proven track record and leadership skills make him an excellent fit for the Council as it looks toward a continued period of growth and development.

One of Mr. Holden's notable strengths lies in his established connections with both State and Federal Governments. This network is anticipated to play a crucial role in advancing Council agendas and addressing key issues that impact the community.

Expressing his enthusiasm for the new role, Mr. Holden stated, "I am looking forward to moving back home and embracing this opportunity with The Flinders Ranges Council. My aim is to bring a fresh perspective and outlook to the position, ensuring a positive impact on the community we serve."

In the initial weeks following his commencement, Mr. Holden will dedicate time to meet with all Council staff, fostering collaboration and understanding among team members. Additionally, he is committed to establishing strong connections within the local community to gain insights and perspectives that will guide his approach to leadership.

Mayor Ken Anderson said he was excited to have Sean accept the CEO position and looks forward to his commencement in mid February.

Mayor Anderson said, "Sean's leadership background and experience living in and working with regional communities makes him well equipped to lead our Council and will see him make a valuable contribution to the Council and our communities".

"On behalf of The Flinders Ranges Council, and the communities it serves, I extend a warm welcome to Mr. Holden and look forward to the positive contributions he will make in steering the Council towards its goals and objectives" he added.

2024 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Nominations for these Awards, which recognise the invaluable work that volunteers, managers, community organisations and business contribute to the South Australian community, are open between 15th January and 10th March 2024.

There are several categories you can nominate in, covering an individual, a community group, a volunteer manager, a business and a young person.

Any member of the public can nominate eligible recipients for these awards and self nominations are accepted.

Award guidelines and an online nomination form will be available from 15th January 2024 at www.vsant.org.au

MAYORAL REPORT cont.

Australia Day Celebrations

I encourage everyone to attend and enjoy Australia Day events at Quorn, Hawker and Cradock, where well deserved awards and recognition is given to our special volunteers and residents that give their all for the community.

I look forward to 2024, with many events to occur in the Council area including the Fringe in the Flinders, the 50th Anniversary of the 1st Train of the Pichi Richi Railway event, to mention a couple. I also look forward to Elected Members, staff and the CEO implementing the new Community Plan and ensuring the Council district and region continues to develop in a sustainable manner.

Ken Anderson

Mayor

The Flinders Ranges Council

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

HAWKER

The Hawker Community Development Board will hold their Australia Day Event on Friday 26 January 2024 from 8am at Blue Burt Park. A ceremony and awards presentation will follow a free breakfast.

CRADOCK

An Australia Day BBQ and a small ceremony will be held in Cradock from 6pm at the Cradock Wall of Remembrance. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please BYO drinks.

The Flinders Ranges Council is proud to support these events.



The poster for Australia Day Celebrations features a stylized map of Australia with the Australian flag colors and stars. Above the map, it says 'AUSTRALIA DAY'. To the left, it says 'The Flinders Ranges Council' and 'Invites You To Celebrate'. Below the map, it says 'FRIDAY 26 JANUARY 2024'. At the bottom, it says 'FREE BREAKFAST From 8am at the Quorn and District War Memorial Swimming Pool' and 'CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS PRESENTATIONS'. A box at the bottom says 'POOL WILL BE OPEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE OFFICIAL PROGRAM UNTIL 11AM' and 'more information please call (08) 8620 0500'.

What do the numbers on plastics really mean?

The numbers 1 to 7 found on plastics is **not a recycling symbol**, but rather a plastic or resin identification code.

The number advises what type of plastic the item is made from, but **not** whether it's recyclable.



1-These PET items are a **rigid/hard** plastic and **can be recycled** through your **yellow** recycling bin – but lids should be collected in a milk bottle for recycling. (i.e.-water, soft drink and sport drink bottles, as well as condiment bottles and peanut butter containers etc)



2- HDPE Rigid/hard plastic items **can be recycled** through your **yellow** recycling bin. ie- milk, juice, detergent & shampoo bottles
Soft plastic items **cannot be recycled** through your yellow recycling bin and should only be placed in your **red/blue** landfill bin. ie- grocery, vegetable and bread bags, plastic wrap.



3- PVC Cordial and juice bottles **can be recycled** through your **yellow** recycling bin. ie plumbing pipes
Toys, soft plastics, mats and flooring **cannot be recycled** through your yellow recycling bin. ie Bubble wrap



4- LDPE Soft plastic items **cannot be recycled** through your yellow recycling bin and should only be placed in your **red/blue** landfill bin. ie- bread bags, dry cleaning bags, newspaper bags, produce bags and bin liners, as well as being used as lining in milk cartons and takeaway beverage cups.



5- These Polypropylene (PP) items are a rigid/hard plastic and **can be recycled** through your **yellow** recycling bin – but lids should be collected in a milk bottle for recycling. i.e- ice cream containers and lids, yoghurt, margarine and butter tubs, juice bottles, bottle caps, straws, plant pots and plastic takeaway containers.



6- These Poly-styrene (PS) items **cannot be recycled** through your yellow recycling bin and should only be placed in your **red/blue** landfill bin. i.e foam cups and takeaway containers, moulded packaging, packing peanuts and meat trays.



7- covers a variety of plastics, some of which can be recycled, and some that cannot. Use the [Which Bin product search tool](#) find out if the item you're disposing of is recyclable. i.e nylon, safety and prescription glasses, baby milk bottles, headlight lenses, CDs and DVDs, and water cooler bottles.