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# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL



### MAYORAL REPORT

Dear Residents and Stakeholders of The Flinders Ranges Council,

As we approach the end of 2023, I am pleased to present this Mayoral Report, reflecting on the significant achievements and progress made by The Flinders Ranges Council throughout the year. Our community's collective efforts and resilience have shaped a year of successes in various sectors, from projects to community engagement, events, sporting and social group investment and general council works.

It has been a very busy 2023 for not only Council but the communities within our area. A brief outline of our successes is good to reflect upon

This year, The Flinders Ranges Council has successfully implemented and completed key projects aimed at enhancing the quality of life for our residents. The completion of the series of projects in all communities stands out as a notable achievement. The list is indeed impressive and in almost everyone one of these projects, the community has been involved in the visioning, planning and assistance in implementation of these important developments. The amazing feedback from visitors and community members alike demonstrates the great work undertaken and completed. We thank all involved in the works and the difference they have made to our communities.

Of course, most of the works done could not be undertaken without the efforts of our volunteers.

At the heart of our community lies in the dedication and passion of our volunteers. In 2023, we witnessed massive input of community volunteers, contributing to the success of various initiatives. From environmental greening programs to major events. The ongoing dedication of volunteers in our sporting and social groups cannot be underestimated. The tireless efforts of our volunteers has made a significant impact on the overall well-being of our community as a whole.

Our thanks also to the Council employees, they have done a great job over the year and "the proof is in the pudding" with our townships and facilities being complemented for the high maintenance standards achieved. The maintenance and improvement of our townships and infrastructure have been central to our objectives. Significant progress has been made in roadworks, ensuring safer travel for residents and visitors alike. Maintenance initiatives, including park upgrades and public facility refurbishments, have enhanced the aesthetics and functionality of our public spaces.

The Leadership and Administration teams have done a great job in continuous improvement and provide a great service to the community.

Our commitment to transparency and communication with residents has been fortified through good consultation, community focused meetings and the implementation of a

different manner of consultation for the community plan and community feedback. This ensures that the Council remains responsive to the evolving needs and aspirations of our diverse community.

I thank the Council employees for their support of council representatives and myself in ensuring that our community plan, the work plans, and community priorities are implemented.

Our commitment to fostering a vibrant community spirit was evident in the diverse range of events hosted throughout the year. Fantastic attendance to events showcased the rich cultural tapestry of our region. The success of these events reflects our dedication to providing residents and visitors alike with opportunities for entertainment, cultural enrichment, and community bonding.

The collaborative efforts of community, businesses and the Council stimulated the local economy and strengthened the sense of community pride.

The successes of 2023 are a testament to the resilience, collaboration, and community spirit that define The Flinders Ranges Council and its residents. As we look toward the future, let us build upon these achievements and continue working together to create a vibrant, sustainable, and inclusive community for all.

Looking to 2024 we will be looking forward to having the new Council CEO commence and continuing to drive the great work within the communities, and the ongoing commitment from Council to support business and volunteer groups in their efforts to keep all the communities vibrant. Council will continue to advocate for the essential services, Doctors, health and aged care, water quality upgrades and implementation of the Community Plan.

On behalf of The Flinders Ranges Council members and staff, I wish you all, a safe, well-deserved break and holidays for those who will get them, and we all look forward to 2024.

**Ken Anderson**  
Mayor

### QUORN and HAWKER SWIMMING POOLS

#### QUORN OPENING HOURS:

**Mornings: -**

**Laps: -** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (Volunteer Dependant) & Friday, 6:30 am - 8:00 am

**School Holidays: -**

2:30 pm - 7:00 pm each day

#### HAWKER OPENING HOURS:

**Afternoons: -**

Monday - Thursday, 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Friday - 3:30 pm — 7:00 pm

Weekends 2:30 pm—7:00 pm



**BOTH POOLS will be CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY ONLY**

## COMMUNITY PLAN 2023 – 2033 ADOPTED

The Flinders Ranges Council is pleased to announce the formal adoption of its Community Plan 2023 - 2033, a comprehensive roadmap that defines the strategic direction of the Council in alignment with community aspirations.

Formally adopted at Council's Ordinary Meeting on 19 December 2023, Mayor Ken Anderson stated "this new plan builds upon the successes of the previous Strategic Plan, focusing on community priorities and translating the collective vision into actionable strategies".

"The Council was thrilled with the community consultation process and thanks all residents, businesses and community organisation representatives that attended sessions. These collaborative sessions resulted in the refreshed focus of the Community Plan. As we embark on the journey outlined in the plan, we are committed to ongoing engagement, providing regular updates to the community on the progress of priorities and key initiatives."

The Community Plan 2023 – 2033 rests on four pillars that form the foundation for a thriving and sustainable future and incorporates actions for each of the key initiatives as outlined above.

With the community at the heart of every decision, the Council is confident that this plan will shape a brighter and more prosperous future for all residents.

The Community Plan 2023 – 2033 is available for download at [www.frc.sa.gov.au](http://www.frc.sa.gov.au)

## CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

Please note the temporary closure of the following Council facilities over the Christmas period :



**Quorn Principal Office:** – close at 12:00 pm Friday 22nd December 2023 and reopen at 9:00 am Tuesday 2nd January 2024

**Quorn and Hawker Depots:** – close at 12:00 pm Friday 22nd December 2023 and reopen at 7:00 am Tuesday 2nd January 2024

**Flinders Ranges Visitor Information Centre** – close at 12:00 pm Friday 22nd December 2023 and reopen at 10:00am on Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

No changes to existing kerbside waste collection schedules.

Please note that the Quorn and Hawker transfer stations will be open normal hours on Sunday 24 December 2023, however will be closed on Sunday 31 December 2023 and will open on Wednesday 3 January 2024 instead.

## FIRE DANGER SEASON – BE PREPARED

Fire Ban season commenced on 16th October 2023. This is in place until 15th April 2024.

Please remember the new fire danger rating system that is now in place, so plan and prepare yourself, your family and property for the upcoming season.

The material load is high so plan and prepare now!

For further information please visit [www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au)



# CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS



Do you know someone who makes our community a better place?

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE 5PM, 5 JANUARY 2024**

### CATEGORIES

#### Citizen of the Year

This is presented to someone making an extraordinary contribution to the community and may recognise outstanding service over a number of years.

To be eligible the person must be an Australian Citizen.

#### Young Citizen of the Year

This is presented to a young emerging leader who is making a difference in their community.

To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen and over 16 years and under 30 years of age on 26 January 2024.

#### Community Event of the Year

This is presented to the person or group who has staged the most outstanding event for their community.

To be eligible, the person or group must be Australian Citizens.

#### Award for Active Citizenship

This is presented to a person or group delivering outstanding work on an event or project for the community during the past calendar year.

The person or group need not be Australian Citizens.

Nomination forms available from [www.frc.sa.gov.au](http://www.frc.sa.gov.au) or Council Administration Office, Quorn or Teagues Motors, Hawker

Completed forms can be emailed to [australaday@frc.sa.gov.au](mailto:australaday@frc.sa.gov.au) or placed in a sealed envelope marked "Confidential" and mailed or hand delivered to the Council Office, 1 Seventh Street, Quorn.

Nominations close 5pm Friday 5 January 2024.

No late nominations will be accepted.

All recipients will be announced and awarded at the Australia Day event on 26 January 2024.

## MAYORAL SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

A great day was enjoyed by all at the annual Mayor's Christmas Lunch held at the Town Hall, and what a wonderful turnout! A big thank you to all who came along.

A huge thank you to our wonderful Quorn Auxiliary for their expert catering. Thank you to all our helpers including the Mayor, Elected Members, FRC staff, community volunteers and Quorn Area School students.



Thank you also to the very cute little Hawker and Quorn Anderson Dancers, and their helpers, for their fun and entertaining Bumble Bee song!



We look forward to seeing you all again next year!





The Flinders  
Ranges Council

The Flinders Ranges Council  
Invites You To Celebrate



FRIDAY  
26 JANUARY 2024

**FREE BREAKFAST**

From 8am at the Quorn and District  
War Memorial Swimming Pool

**CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY  
AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS  
PRESENTATIONS**

**POOL WILL BE OPEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE  
OFFICIAL PROGRAM UNTIL 11AM**

more information please call (08) 8620 0500

#### **KING'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS 2024**

Nominations for Public Service Medal for the King's Birthday Honours 2024 are open.

The Public Service Medal is a prestigious, internationally recognised award within the national system of Australian Honours and Awards. It is awarded twice-yearly by the Governor-General.

The Medal is designed to recognise outstanding public service – whether through leadership, service excellence, improved productivity and efficiency, or innovation in program, project or policy development. Outstanding service includes service above and beyond the normal requirements of the position. An individual's length of service should not be used as a basis for making nominations.

You are encouraged to nominate any employee who has made an outstanding contribution, regardless of their age, length of service or classification level. "Outstanding Public Service" a special achievement or success in the performance of duty in difficult or unusual circumstances or sustained high-level performance by an individual with a focus on outcomes and recognisable benefits to clients and the workplace.

All local, State and Commonwealth Government public sector employees can be nominated, unless they are eligible for other comparable awards, such as the Australian Police Service Medal or the Australian Fire Service Medal.

Details on how to nominate can be found at the [Department of the Premier and Cabinet website](#).

Nominations must be received by close of business on Wednesday 31 January 2024.

For further details, please contact Suzanne Malbut at [Suzanne.malbut@adcsa.com.au](mailto:Suzanne.malbut@adcsa.com.au) or 08 8212 3999.



# CHRISTMAS EVE-EVE PARTY

FOOD. MUSIC. BAR.

FATHER CHRISTMAS.

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY.

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DECEMBER

2023

6.00 PM - 9.00 PM

Quorn Town Square