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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL



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Ranges Council

MAYORS MESSAGE

Well what a year it has been, with so many positive achievements amongst the disruptions of COVID-19 and the adjustments to our every day lives that we have all had to make. A new Mayor, Councillors and Council staff have all come together to try and strengthen the community with lots of wonderful projects happening across the Council area.

In reflecting on 2021, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for your participation in consultation and feedback activities, which have been vital in moving projects forward, as well as your patience whilst works have been occurring.

Next year we will see many of these projects completed which will add to the vibrancy of our towns which will in turn attract more visitation and mean growth in local businesses.

In signing off for 2021 I wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year and please take care if you are travelling and most of all, enjoy your time with family and friends. I look forward to continuing the great achievements and serving the community in 2022.

Mayor Greg Flint

MORE SEATING DONATIONS

The Quorn Preloved Op Shop and The Quorn Lions Club recently made generous donations to provide extra seating for the community and visitors.

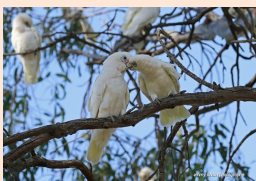
The Op Shop donation provided for a heritage table and seats to be installed under the shelter at the Pithi Kawi – Quorn Bush Tucker Trail with the Quorn Lions Club donation providing for two extra heritage seats to be installed in the Quorn Town Hall precinct.

From Council, the community and visitors – Thank You.



BIRD CONTROL SHOTGUN SIMULATOR - HAWKER

Please note that the bird control shotgun simulator will be in use in Hawker over the coming weeks between the Hospital and Council Works Depot, to try move the corellas away from this area. Any queries or concerns, please call Council on 8620 0500



2021 SENIOR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

On 7 December 2021, the seniors of the Council area came together for the annual Mayors Christmas Luncheon at the Quorn Town Hall. Approximately 85 servings of a wonderful 3-course meal was prepared and served by the Quorn Hospital Auxiliary.

Mayor Flint welcomed everyone with Father Harold giving the blessing. Entertainment was provided by Ashley Parkinson, the Quorn Line Dancers and of course Father Christmas made an appearance and delighted the crowd and local Quorn legend Lawrie Fitzgerald got to cut the Christmas cake.



A huge thanks to all those who contributed to the day including all Council staff and volunteers from the community and we trust everyone had a great time.



CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

Please note the temporary closure of the following Council facilities over the Christmas period (please note these are subject to change):

Quorn Principal Office: – close at 12:00 pm Friday 24th December 2021 and reopen at 9:00 am Tuesday 4th January 2022

Quorn and Hawker Depots: – close at 12:00 pm Thursday 16th December 2021 and reopen at 7:00 am Tuesday 4th January 2022

Flinders Ranges Visitor Information Centre – closed 25th December 2021 and 1st January 2022 with other days being considered. Keep an eye on the Facebook page for updates.

Quorn and Hawker Swimming Pools – 25th December 2021 only.

Quorn Transfer Station & Hawker Waste Depot

Closed Sunday 26th December 2021 - Open Wednesday 29th December 2021 (in lieu of the 26th). Normal opening hours will resume on the 2nd January 2022.

Any changes to existing kerbside waste collection schedules and transfer station opening hours will be communicated as soon as the information is received.



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Check out the Flinders Ranges & Outback Visitor Guide 2021 for adventures, activities and experiences.

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

DRAFT BY-LAWS PUBLIC CONSULTATION

As part of its community engagement initiative Council is consulting with the community in relation to the following seven (7) reviewed By-Laws. The proposed By-Laws are based on the Council's existing By-Laws; however, several amendments have been made to address amendments to legislation that have occurred since the existing By-Laws were adopted.

- By-Law 1 – Permits and Penalties - To create a permit system for Council By-Laws, to fix maximum and continuing penalties for offences, and to clarify the construction of Council By-Laws.
- By-Law 2 – Local Government Land – To manage and regulate the access to and use of Local Government land (other than roads) and certain public places.
- By-Law 3 – Roads - For the management, control and regulation of activities on roads in the Council's area.
- By-Law 4 – Moveable Signs - To set standards for moveable signs on roads and to provide conditions for and the placement of such signs for the purpose of protecting visual amenity and public safety.
- By-Law 5 – Dogs – To limit the number of dogs kept on premises and for the management and control of dogs in the Council's area.
- By-Law 6 – Cats - To limit the number of cats kept on premises and for the management and control of cats in the Council's area.
- By-Law 7 – Waste Management – To regulate the removal of domestic waste, recyclables and green organic waste from premises in the Council's area.

Information on the proposed By-Laws is available in hard copy at the Council office at 1 Seventh Street, Quorn or via the website.

The old By-Laws are available for comparison upon request.

Written submissions or comments regarding the proposed By-Laws will be received by: Mr Eric Brown, Chief Executive Officer, The Flinders Ranges Council, PO Box 43, Quorn SA 5433 or email council@frc.sa.gov.au

Submissions close at 5pm, Friday 7 January 2022.

BUSHFIRE SEASON REMINDER

With summer here, Council's Fire Protection Officers have continued to monitor the fire tracks and town blocks for areas of high risk in the event of a possible bushfire outbreak.

Under the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005

Division 3—Duties to Prevent Fires 105F—Private Land

(1) An owner of private land must take reasonable steps—

- (a) to prevent or inhibit the outbreak of fire on the land; and
- (b) to prevent or inhibit the spread of fire through the land; and
- (c) to protect property on the land from fire; and
- (d) to minimise the threat to human life from a fire on the land.

Due to recent rains there has been considerable regrowth in and around the district. To help reduce the risk, could all property owners check their land to ensure that they still comply with the Act.



From:

MERRY CHRISTMAS

**The Mayor, Councillors
and Staff of The
Flinders Ranges Council**

AUSTRALIA DAY 2022

Australia Day ceremonies will be held in Quorn, Hawker and Cradock on 26 January 2022. The Quorn event will be held at the Quorn and District War Memorial Swimming Pool and includes breakfast from 8am, a speech from Mayor Flint and presentation of the Citizen of the Year Award.

The Hawker event will be held at Blue Burt Park from 8am with breakfast provided and guest speakers.

The Cradock event will be held at the War Memorial Site from 6pm with a service and BBQ to follow.

All community members and visitors are welcome to attend all ceremonies.

REGIONAL SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAM

Regional small businesses suffering the brunt of lockdowns, drought and bushfires will be provided with ongoing Australian Government assistance supporting their economic recovery through the Small Business Financial Counselling Program.

The Regional Small Business Support Program pilot – valued at \$8.6 million nationally – will be rolled out in 2022, building on the Drought Communities Small Business Support pilot.

Rural Business Support (RBS) has been proudly providing the service in South Australia and Northern Territory since March 2020. RBS clients work one-on-one with small business financial counsellors and support staff to better understand their financial position, identify risks and opportunities for improvement and implement plans to improve their financial wellbeing.

RBS CEO, Brett Smith, believes there is scope for the expansion and continuation of the program beyond the pilot.

"Rural small businesses in SA and NT have really struggled over the last two years, not only with sustained drought impacting their communities, but with COVID locking out some local clients as well as international and interstate tourism and, for many, staff," said Mr Smith. "With SA now opening our borders to COVID-19, small business owners are still uncertain about managing the impact should they become exposure sites."

The 12-month extension gives certainty to businesses already part of the pilot program and allows others impacted by regional lockdowns, bushfires and drought to access the service.

Small Business owners requiring support are encouraged to ring RBS on Freecall 1800 836 211. Our services are free, independent and confidential



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

