

**JUNE
2020**

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

HAVE YOUR SAY ON HOW YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR TOWNSHIPS TO LOOK!!

Community Consultation on the Streetscape Program was favourably received last weekend with approximately 70 people attending in Hawker, Quorn and Cradock. Huge thanks to those who attended. A special thanks to the residents of Cradock who put on a community BBQ!



There is still an opportunity for you to have your say.

A copy of the draft plans are available on the Council's website.

Please submit your views and any additions and changes you would like to see

Council will be accepting submissions until the 10th July 2020 via email council@frc.sa.gov.au or drop into the Council Office.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Council have two bike rack options for ratepayers to view and provide written submissions on their preference.

The bike racks can be seen in between the Court House and the Quorn Town Hall.

Please submit your preference to the Council Office or email council@frc.sa.gov.au



Bush Food Volunteers

Council is hoping to establish a group of approximately 3 to 10 individuals with skills in a relevant area to review and add to the plans for the bush food walkway and would ask that those interested contact Council on 08 8620 0500 to register their interest.

<https://www.facebook.com/FlindersRangesVisitorInformationCentre/>



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LIKE AND SHARE OUR FACEBOOK PAGES

Mayor's Message

Hello again to all our residents.

Council will finalise on 30th June 2020 the Annual Business Plan and Budget for the coming year, and whilst the consultation period is closing we would still appreciate any feedback from our community about Council's plans and programs.

We have been successful in securing some further grant funding to support some development projects. These include the walking and cycling trail and "Bush Tucker Trail" referred to last month, and more recently animal-exclusion fencing improvements to improve safety and after-dark usage of the Quorn airstrip, particularly relevant now that it is lit. Council continues to very actively seek external funding support for projects we identify to improve amenity and economic activity in the region.

With that context in mind, it is extremely disappointing that ESCOSA have removed the water quality improvement project for Melrose, Wilmington and Quorn from the next 4 years' capital schedule of SA Water – on the premise that water rates should stay low and service standards remain the same. This implies improving water standards where they are deplorable does not matter – obviously, a better idea if you have decent water in the first place! Given the Premier made announcements about lowering water rates the day BEFORE the determination was handed down, there appears to be a significant politically driven aspect to this ESCOSA decision.

I would also like to acknowledge the businesses and services which have supported our community through the CV19 situation, and welcome back the many hospitality and tourism operators who are now able to get back to work in some fashion. Please remember to support our local businesses wherever you can – money spent locally supports OUR region and local economy, creating and supporting jobs within our towns.

Genetically Modified (GM) Food Crops in South Australia

Legislation has been passed to allow genetically-modified food crops to be grown across South Australia, with the exception of Kangaroo Island.

Councils are able to apply to be recognised as an area where no GM foods crops can be grown. The GM Crop Advisory Committee are only taking applications that have a connection to economic reasoning.

If you have a economic reason why Genetically Modified foods should not be grown in our Council area, please lodge submission to Council by the 3rd July 2020.

These can either be dropped into the Council office or emailed at council@frc.sa.gov.au.



PLASTIC FREE JULY!

Plastic Free July is a global movement that helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution – so we can have cleaner streets, oceans, and beautiful communities.

Tips for how you can be plastic free this July:

- Bring your own reusable shopping bags and help reduce plastic waste.
- Refuse plastic straws when buying a drink & BYO reusable alternative!
- Use alternatives to cling wrap and reduce plastic pollution.
- Swap liquid soap for bar soaps and avoid single-use plastic.
- Avoid pre-packaged foods by choosing bulk or loose food.

Unfortunately not everything can go in your yellow bins. But here is what can:



"SOUTH AUSSIE WITH COSI"

COMES TO QUORN!

Andrew 'Cosi' Costello came to Quorn on Tuesday 30th June, to film his TV Show **'South Aussie with Cosi'**. The episode will feature the Quorn Silo Light Show and the Quorn, Hawker and Cradock Heritage Walks.



Grants Received

QUORN AIRPORT UPGRADE

The Flinders Ranges Council has been awarded \$56K under the *Regional Airport Program* from the Department of Innovation, Industry and Science. This grant will go towards a new Illuminated wind sock and replacement of fencing for the Quorn Aerodrome.

CRADOCK MEMORIAL FUNDING

The Flinders Ranges Council has been awarded \$8K under the *Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program*. This grant is to install plaques on concrete plinths to commemorate local service personnel from the First and Second World Wars at the Cradock War Memorial.

CARLING ROAD EROSION CONTROL

Council has been awarded \$7K from the *Primary Industries and Regions South Australia* to control the erosion on Carling Road.

BUSH FOOD TRAIL

The Flinders Ranges Council has been awarded a \$240k Grant to establish a Bush Food Trail. Council are to match the grant dollar for dollar. After completion of Stage 1, Stage 2 will follow in Hawker.

DOGS AND CATS ONLINE

DOG AND CAT REGISTRATION

Dog and Cat owners will shortly receive their **2020/21** registration reminder via email/letter/SMS from Dogs and Cats Online (DACO)

Council is here to help you, however all registrations are handled by Dogs and Cats Online.



MULTIPLE POSITIONS

WORKS TEAM MEMBERS – Parks, Gardens and Facilities (TRADE QUALIFIED) [Grade 5 / 4 / 3]

WORKS TEAM MEMBER – Works and Construction [Grade 5]

For more information visit www.frc.sa.gov.au, come into the Council Office or call us on 86200 500. Applications close on 6th July 2020.