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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL



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MAYORS MESSAGE

The final design for the entrance signage to be situated at the junction of The Outback Highway (Leigh Creek Road) and Wilpena Pound Road at Hawker has been decided and work will commence on its construction in the near future. The Quorn entrance sign is to be erected at the junction of West Terrace and Silo Road opposite the Lions Park and this will happen once the Hawker sign is completed. These signs will have quite an impact on visitors especially in Quorn being adjacent to the Quorn Pioneering Machinery Societies beautiful new pavilion.

Other than for a couple of realignments in Hawker, the new footpaths have been completed and now we see stage two of the new paving footpaths in Quorn taking shape. But this is not the only project happening at this time with stage two of Pithi Kawi – Quorn Bush Tucker Trail also commenced. This will see the pathway extend around the oval and then follow Oval Road back towards town until it meets with the new paving path already laid. This will create the planned 3.5 kilometre walking/running/skating path and in the future alongside this path will be pieces of outdoor exercise equipment and water fountains. Our revegetation program has also started with weed mat, mulch, water and plants being upgraded and placed in numerous areas around Quorn and Hawker.

On a final note, Council released a tender in December for the desludging of our sewerage systems including the pumping out of individual septic tanks. That tender has now been awarded and this work will start in the near future and residents will be advised when this occurs. It is important that you ensure that your septic tank access is visible and can be accessed.

Mayor Greg Flint

FIRE DANGER SEASON ENDING SOON

The South Australian Country Fire Service has announced the Fire Danger Season for the Flinders region that commenced on the 1st of November 2021 will conclude on the 15th April 2022.

Please remember to still take all precautions when lighting fires and remember there is no burning of rubbish permitted within the township boundaries, The use of a brazier, chiminea or fire pit for heating outdoors can be used with charcoal only.

For further information please refer to the South Australian Country Fire Service's website for more information

<https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/bans-and-ratings/fire-danger-season-dates/>



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COUNCIL BY-LAWS REVIEW COMPLETE

Following community consultation, Council has now completed its By-Law review with all By-Laws being adopted by Council on 15 February 2022 after certification by Cimon Burke, Legal Practitioner.

Each month Council will feature a By-Law to highlight any changes and points of interest for the community.

This month we will start with By-Law 1 – Permit and Penalties.

By-Law 1 serves the purpose to create a permit system for Council by-Laws, for setting a maximum and continuing penalties for offences and providing enforcement, and to clarify the construction of Council By-Laws.

As like other By-Laws, it operates under the Local Government Act 1999 which is referred to when setting the maximum penalties for breaching of Council By-Laws.

No major changes were made to the By-Law with the review focused on updating references to the Act.

Copies of the By-Laws are available from the Administration Office upon request for viewing or purchase.

QUANDONG FESTIVAL

CELEBRATING REGENERATIVE FARMING AND NATIVE AUSTRALIAN FOODS

The inaugural Quandong Festival brings a celebration of Australian native foods of Nukunu and Adnyamathanha land to Quorn situated in heart of the Flinders Ranges on 6 August, 2022.

Supported by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal Future Drought Fund and South Australian Arid Lands and curated by Warndu, the Quandong Festival features Australian native food growers, harvesters, cooks, educators and enthusiasts such as Costa from ABC's Gardening Australia, River Cottage Australia's Paul West and renowned Author Bruce Pascoe to celebrate with educational workshops, food stalls, culinary experiences and family activities.

Greg Flint, Mayor of The Flinders Ranges Council is excited for Quorn to be hosting this important festival to celebrate native bush foods. "The Quandong Festival will bring together people from all over Australia who have that passion for growing and using native foods. We want to learn from them how better to market and incorporate these foods into our businesses and community and in turn share the passion that this community has for these native foods."

"The Flinders Ranges is iconic with native foods such as the quandong, and we want to build on this solid foundation and encourage more people to look at growing these important native foods. We are very excited to have some amazing key speakers, chefs and personalities attend and support this event and it will be a real economic and tourism boost for the Council area."

Follow the event on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/quandongfestival>



LIVE WORK PLAY CAMPAIGN

The Flinders Ranges Council (FRC) is proud to support the initiative of Regional Development Australia (RDA) Far North in enticing singles, couples, families, young and old to come to Live, Work and Play in the Flinders Ranges and the Far North of SA.

Mark Sutton, Chair of RDA Far North said "South Australia's Far North region is booming and urgently needs hundreds of workers for jobs in healthcare, hospitality, agriculture and more. In an innovative attempt to address this, RDA Far North launched an online campaign to entice new residents to make a fresh start in the region" Mark said.

RDA Far North has developed a digital campaign designed to be promoted across social media platforms. The campaign features first person interviews with real residents across the Far North region showcasing the abundant opportunities, whether they be looking to start a career, raise a family or launch a business, the region has plenty to offer.

Mayor, Greg Flint from FRC supports the campaign and welcomes new residents to the region, "Come join the vibrant communities of the historic townships in the Flinders Ranges. If you're looking for a bigger house or more time in your day, making a move to the Flinders Ranges could give you everything you want. Grand, natural wonders at your doorstep just 3.5 hours drive from Adelaide. We boast plenty of jobs, a low cost of living, welcoming communities, and active outdoor lifestyles" Mayor Flint said.

To view the official campaign video go to

<https://youtu.be/dFAJdGpB0b4>

PICHI RICHI MARATHON 2022

The Pichi Richi Marathon is back again for its 40th year on Sunday 26 June 2022.

Register online <https://pichirichimarathon.org.au/registrations/>
Online registrations close at midnight on 20 June (registrations are not accepted on the day).

- **Full Marathon (42.2km)** – (minimum age 18 years)
- **Half Marathon (21.1km)** – (minimum age 15 years)
- **10.5km** – (minimum age 12 years)
- **5km** – (Open to all ages)
- **1km Junior Dash** – (maximum age 10 years)
(Registrations available on the day for this event only)

Keep up with the latest news on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/PichiRichiM>
or via <https://pichirichimarathon.org.au/>

Don't forget, the online merchandise store closes on 28 March 2022. Merchandise will NOT be available after this date or at the event—so order now and don't miss out.

Early Bird Registration closes 24 April 2022.



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

<https://www.flipsnack.com/woofmedia/flinders-ranges-2021/>

COUNCIL WORKS UPDATE

Re-Sheet works have been complete to 6kms of Yednalue Road, work has now started on a 3km section of Cradock Road, Hawker.

Two of Councils roads sustained minor storm damage with the recent rain event and repairs will commence on these roads as soon as possible. Please drive with care through any of Councils roadworks.



Quorn footpath upgrades are continuing following the completion of Hawker, the paving has made huge improvement on the aesthetics of the streets, buildings and surrounding areas. Council asks that members of the public adhere to the road restrictions and cross the road where footpaths have been cordoned off for access.

The Quorn Pioneer Machinery Society has now had their pavilion erected to display the historic machinery items. Civil work and service installs now need to be completed around the building. Once completed it will provide a popular tourist attraction for Quorn.



Stage 2 has commenced for Pithi Kawi - Quorn Bush Tucker Trail with the first 100m of concrete being laid. Additional plantings and features will be installed to complement the existing works completed in Stage 1 of the walks.



QUORN AND HAWKER SWIMMING POOL

End of 2022 Season Notice

The last day of opening for the Quorn and Hawker Swimming Pool will be
Friday 25 March 2022.



Opening times may vary due to inclement weather conditions, and staff availability, so keep an eye on Facebook for updated details.



Thank you to everyone for your patronage this season.

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

