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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL



MAYORAL REPORT

I am hoping everyone had a great Easter period. All towns and the region experienced a good influx of travellers with business's experiencing several days of high activity, which is a good thing for the area. The patronage of the Pichi Richi train services was pleasing and this bodes well for the remainder of the year.

Speaking of businesses, on behalf of our community we would like to welcome the new owners of IGA at Quorn Adrian and Kate, the new owners of QRT Garry and Tara, the new business start-ups at Quorn, Scruffy Fellas Derek and Nigel, and the new bike hire venture Quorn on the Cog Jason Marriott. We also acknowledge the new managers of the Quorn Caravan Park Clinton and Tarran and not only do we welcome all of them but wish the best for the future and encourage all residents to support and promote these businesses.

It is a positive sign for the communities that people see the area as a good place to invest in, live in and bring their businesses. It is very important to support our local businesses now and, in the future, to continue to maintain our vibrancy and continual positive and sustainable growth. If we don't support them, we will lose them!

An update on Councils' works program shows positive progress for the community, and the resealing of the Hawker airstrip, and the sealing of the Quorn Airstrip is well underway and expected to be completed in the near future. Great work has been done by local contractors in undertaking the works thus far.

The bituminising of town roads program is continuing, the next block of works planned will capture Water Street, Richmond Street, Hayward Street and Frederick Street in North Quorn programmed to begin in 23/24 once Roads to Recovery funding has been confirmed. The program will then be followed by the remainder of Richmond Street, Albert Street, Lytton Street and High Street in the next round of funding. This will leave Barber Street, Brougham Place, Jervois Street, May Street, Chichester Street, Norman Street, Elliot Street, Rankin Street, Wigley Street, Altmann Road and Stokes Road. Whilst always dependant on funding, we are pleased to see that the roads program is progressing well, and it is expected that all roads within the township of Quorn will be completed by 2029.

Council will be looking at other grant funding options during this time to expediate any roads where possible for future upgrades. Works are also underway for the maintenance of the current road network including resheeting and patching /repairs. Bituminising works at Hawker are nearly complete at Blue Burt park and have made a sensational difference to the township.

The tree planting and works done at Hawker for the Cemetery Road with Council and volunteers is another great joint partnership that in the years to come will certainly grow to beautify the entrance and surrounds.

Details of this year's celebrations within the community including the 50th Anniversary of the formation of the Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Association and the 100th Year celebrations of the Hawker hospital are being finalised, I would encourage all community members to enquire and become involved in these celebrations and events.

Continued talks with the various agencies and Ministers are continuing in regards to the ongoing water quality issues in Quorn and we are hopeful that these discussions and approaches will lead to a successful outcome. Council will certainly continue to work towards that outcome and keep the community informed.

Council has also entered into talks with the newly formed Quorn Quandong Festival association, who are an association of businesses and interested locals keen on holding the Councils' initiated festival this year instead of a biannual festival.

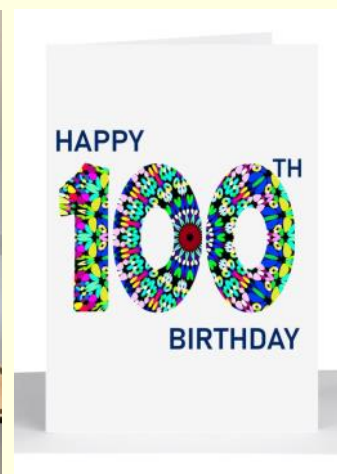
When events like these are first proposed and held by the Council, it is always with the intent to have the community embrace and involve themselves in the ongoing management of the events where they see the benefit to the community. It is pleasing that this association and other members of the community have done so. Council of course will continue to own the title and copyright for the "Quandong Festival" as we recognise that Council developed the initiative and undertook the management of the inaugural festival, and have responsibility for ensuring that the festival is, and will be managed in the appropriate manner to benefit all of the community. Council and the Association will, I'm sure, keep the community informed as to the outcome of the discussions and arrangements for what sure will hopefully be another great event for the region.

April the 25th is of course ANZAC day and services will be held in all of our townships with these details contained in this newsletter. I'm sure that people continue to recognise the importance of these commemoration ceremonies and attend to give their respect to those who have served, fallen and provided sacrifice of service to our country.

Last but not least, on behalf of Council I wish to extend our birthday wishes to Shirley Hughes who turned 100 on Saturday 15 April 2023. Shirley is a stalwart in the Quorn community and is always present at town celebrations and events. We wish Shirley all the best for her 100th and hope that she enjoyed her celebrations with family and close friends.

Mayor Ken Anderson

Shirley and her "100" cake at Flinders House on her birthday



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION—COMMUNITY LAND MANAGEMENT

Proposal to Revoke Community Land Classification of Land

Council is seeking community feedback on a proposal to revoke the classification of “community land” for identified parcels of land.

Council has re-evaluated the need for 20 parcels of “community land” and has deemed them to be surplus to the Council’s needs. Historically, these allotments have either been inadvertently categorised as community land or are no longer deemed required for a community purpose. It is Councils intention to include this land in a divestment strategy to enable the parcels to be sold at a future date. However, to do this, the land status as community land must be revoked under the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act).

The allotments identified, by and large, are redundant, not used by the community, and cost the Council money to maintain and upkeep. It is considered that the value held in these properties may better be realised if they were sold (either now or in future), with the funds to be redistributed into other community assets and infrastructure.

For the Council to revoke the community land classification of the properties it is necessary to undertake a process prescribed under section 194 of the Act. The first step was to prepare a Report for Council to adopt. This Report (Proposal to Revoke Community Land Classification of Land) addresses the criteria prescribed by section 194(2) of the Act and was adopted by Council at the Ordinary Meeting of 16 August 2022.

This Report contains:

- a summary of the reasons for the proposal; and
- a statement of any dedication, reservation or trust to which the land is subject; and
- a statement of whether revocation of the classification is proposed with a view to sale or disposal of the land and, if so, details of any Government assistance given to acquire the land and a statement of how the council proposes to use the proceeds; and
- an assessment of how implementation of the proposal would affect the area and the local community; and
- if the Council is not the owner of the land—a statement of any requirements made by the owner of the land as a condition of approving the proposed revocation of the classification; and
- details of all parcels of land.

This Report is now out for this report out for community consultation. A copy of this report is available from www.frc.sa.gov.au/community/latest-news or in hard copy from the Quorn Administration Office or Teagues Motors, Hawker.

Council is now seeking written submissions on this Report. Once received the submissions will be collated and considered by Council at a future Ordinary Meeting and submitted to the Minister as part of the application process seeking Ministerial endorsement of the proposal.

The power to resolve and revoke the community land classification of land is only available after the Minister has approved the proposed revocation.

Submissions must be received in writing to:

Mr Eric Brown, Chief Executive Officer,
The Flinders Ranges Council, PO Box 43, Quorn SA 5433
Or via email to council@frc.sa.gov.au

(Please note that due to the requirement to forward all submissions to the Minister – social media comments and verbal submissions will not be accepted.)

Submissions will close 5pm on Tuesday 16 May 2023

SUPPLEMENTARY ELECTION

Following the recent resignation of Cr Ryks-Jones, Council is required to hold a supplementary election over the coming months to fill the casual vacancy.

The close of rolls for the election is Friday 28 May 2023. To vote in Council elections you must be on the Council Voters Roll.

The voters roll is a list of all the people who can vote in an election. The voters roll has two components:

1. The State Electoral Roll (also known as the House of Assembly Roll), and
2. The Council Voters Roll (also known as the Council Supplementary Roll).

If you are on the State Electoral Roll at an address within the Council area, you will automatically receive a ballot pack to vote. It is important to check if your residential and postal details are up to date on the State Electoral Roll.

To check your enrolment on the State Electoral Roll please visit <https://www.ecsa.sa.gov.au/enrolment/enrol-to-vote-or-update-my-details>

If you **are not enrolled on the State Electoral Roll** for the Council area, you may be able to register for the Council Voters Roll and may be eligible if any of the following apply:

- You have been a resident at your current address for one month
- You are **not** an Australian citizen, but you have been **a resident at your current address** for one month
- You are a sole owner or occupier of a property that pays rates
- You are a landlord for rateable property
- You are an organisation/business that owns or occupies a property that pays rates

You are a group of owners or occupiers of property that pays rates.

Businesses and organisations may also be eligible to vote in council elections, but must apply to register on the Council Voters Roll.

For more information on applying to be on the Council Supplementary Roll, please visit <https://www.councilelections.sa.gov.au/enrol/enrolling-to-vote>



41st PICHIRICHI MARATHON

The Great Northern Lodge Pichi Richi Marathon will be held on Sunday 25 June 2023.

Registrations are now open for the 41st Pichi Richi Marathon.

We are privileged to have Commonwealth gold medallist Jessica Stenson as this year's event ambassador. Jessica will be at the starting lines as well as the finish line to cheer people on and to do official presentations.

The 2023 marathon also sees the addition of a new event called the 'Open Dash'. This event is an inclusive 1km dash and follows the same route of the Junior Dash.

For more information and to register go to www.pichirichimarathon.org.au

Standards registrations close on 11 June 2023.

If you are interested in volunteering for the event please contact Paula Osborn on 8620 0500 or email info@pichirichimarathon.org.au

VACANT POSITION ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced persons for the following position with Council.

Council invites applications for the position of Administration Officer which is currently available within The Flinders Ranges Council Administration Department.

The position is based in Quorn at the main Council Office.

Conditions of employment will be in accordance with Level 2 of the Municipal Officers (SA) Salaried Award.

A copy of the job description can be found at <https://www.frc.sa.gov.au/council/employment> or by telephoning 8620 0500.

Enquiries to Paula Osborn, Supervisor, Administration and Tourism on 8620 0500.

Applications, addressing essential criteria, supported by two current referees should be marked 'Confidential' and forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer, The Flinders Ranges Council, PO Box 43, QUORN SA 5433 or via email to hr@frc.sa.gov.au.

Applications close 5.00pm Monday 15 May 2023.

SUPPLEMENTARY ELECTION TIMELINE

The Flinders Ranges Council is working with the Electoral Commission of SA to carry out the Supplementary Election that has been triggered due to a current vacancy existing on Council.

An online candidate briefing session will occur and Council will advise of this date when it is confirmed.

Nominations open on Thursday 25 May 2023 and close at 12 noon on Thursday 8 June 2023.

If more than one (1) nomination is received, eligible voters will receive ballot papers from Tuesday 27 June 2023.

Voting closes at 12 noon on Monday 24 July 2023 with the scrutiny and count taking place soon after.

If you are considering standing for Council as an Elected Member please feel free to chat to CEO Eric Brown about the time requirement and responsibilities.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Do you have an interest and good knowledge of local tourism and information and want to share this with visitors?

The Flinders Ranges Visitor Information Centre is seeking unpaid volunteers.

Volunteers will be required to assist with tourism enquiries including face to face and over the phone.

Hours will vary and may include weekends.

A sound knowledge of the Flinders Ranges area is desirable. Sound computer skills are necessary as are good customer service skills.

If you think this suits you but want to know more, please call Paula Osborn on 8620 0500.

All volunteers will need to apply and undertake any deemed health assessments.

Please send your EOI in writing to hr@frc.sa.gov.au.

Expressions of Interest close 5.00pm on Monday 29 May 2023.



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

DROP-OFF LOCATION

Port Augusta Resource Recovery Centre
59 Footner Rd, Port Augusta

This service is free to all South Australian householders and trade painters. The service is supported by Paintback, the Port Augusta City Council and funded by Green Industries SA. All South Australian householders and trade painters may use this service, regardless of your suburb or council area.

This service is only for household chemicals. Up to 100 litres of paint will be accepted from householders, trade painters and councils.

Large quantities and commercial chemicals from businesses WILL NOT be accepted.

paintback

Port Augusta Resource Recovery Centre
59 Footner Rd
Port Augusta

HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS AND PAINT DROP-OFF DAY

Saturday 6 May 2023

9am - 3pm

Port Augusta Resource Recovery Centre
59 Footner Rd, Port Augusta

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DROP-OFF DAY

- Keep original labels on all containers or put labels on known chemicals.
- Package all materials securely to avoid spills.
- Place old containers in 'suitable' bags or buckets to avoid leaks.
- Place smaller containers in a box or larger container to help with unloading.
- Transport chemicals in your vehicle's boot or trailer for easy and safe handling.
- For your safety please stay in the car and let staff unload waste.
- Please note that no containers or boxes will be returned as we do not empty these on-site.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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WHAT CAN I BRING TO THE HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF DAY?

ACCEPTED

- ✓ Acids and alkalis
- ✓ Brake fluids and coolants
- ✓ Cleaning products
- ✓ Fuel (up to 100 litres)
- ✓ Gardening chemicals (including insecticides, rodenticides, herbicides)
- ✓ Liquid paint (up to 100 litres)
- ✓ Other household chemicals
- ✓ Paint, varnishes and stains
- ✓ Photographic chemicals
- ✓ Pool chemicals
- ✓ Solvents (including paint thinners, turpentine)

NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ Ammunition or explosives (contact SA Police 131 444)
- ✗ Asbestos and tyres (contact the EPA 8204 2004)
- ✗ Fertiliser (use or donate to local community garden)
- ✗ Pharmaceuticals (return to local pharmacy)
- ✗ Household smoke detectors (these can be placed in the waste bin)

The following items are accepted on Saturday 6 May however there are convenient options to recycle these items (see right).

- Gas bottles
- Batteries
- Fluorescent light globes
- Oil

ALTERNATIVE DISPOSAL METHODS FOR FREQUENTLY DROPPED-OFF ITEMS

Many items people bring to the household hazardous waste drop-off day don't really need to be handled by chemical experts as they are of a less hazardous nature. You can save time by using one of the recycling options below all year round.

BATTERIES

Non-hazardous batteries (AA, AAA, D) can be recycled at:

- Woolworths Port Augusta, Tassie St
- BIG W Port Augusta, Tassie St
- Foodland Port Augusta Westside, 23 Loudon St

Hazardous batteries (lithium, nickel-cadmium, mercury) can be recycled at:

- **Bridgestone Service Centre** Corner Power Rd & National One Hwy, Port Augusta
Residential quantities only, commercial quantities will not be accepted.

FLUORESCENT LIGHT GLOBES

A wide range of globes, bulbs, lights and fluorescent tubes can be recycled at:

- Mitre 10 8/22 Woodcock St

Residential quantities only, commercial quantities will not be accepted.

MOTOR OIL

Oil is a valuable resource that can be recycled. Used motor oil can be recycled at:

- **Supercheap Auto** Main St, Port Pirie or 132-134 McDouall Stuart Ave, Whyalla

Bring your oil in a clean, plastic container with a lid. The original container is perfect. Avoid using paint cans or other metal containers. Both oil and container will be recycled.

FREE HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL AND PAINT DROP-OFF DAY

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GAS BOTTLES

Gas bottles can be recycled (fees may apply) at:

- **Port Augusta Resource Recovery Centre**
59 Footner Rd, Port Augusta

PAINT

Dry paint is perfectly safe to dispose of in your waste bin – simply tap the hardened tablet of paint out of the tin and place in the waste bin. Empty, dry paint tins can be recycled in the yellow recycling bin.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

For more options on recycling and disposal of hazardous waste head to:

- greenindustries.sa.gov.au/hazwaste
- whichbin.sa.gov.au
- portaugusta.sa.gov.au (search Waste and Recycling)