

MAY
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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL



MAYORAL REPORT

Very successful Anzac Day services were held in all communities, and attendances were good for all. It must be noted that all three (3) War Memorials received great feedback on the works undertaken over the past few years. Congratulations go to all those involved in the ongoing works in all of the townships.

A good result on the Blue Burt Park toilet upgrades in Hawker, with the works nearly completed, Painting of the interior is expected to be undertaken by the end of May. These new and refurbishment works have made a distinct difference and brightened up the whole interior. Good visitor feedback has been received already. The whole of the site once completed will be a great facelift for the visitor infrastructure entrance to the town. The completion of the drainage works within the new parking has taken place with minor adjustments being completed in the near future.

Good news on the ongoing grants success for the Council district, with the Quorn Tennis and Netball courts being funded for a \$54,000 reseal project. This will continue to provide for a high standard of surface for locals and visitors alike. Funding for the resealing of the Hawker courts will be applied for and hopefully this will see the Courts there being resurfaced for the future.

The Hawker Racecourse damages caused some time ago, are ready to be repaired, with the President of the Hawker Race Club working with Council and finalising the insurance claim. Works are expected to commence on the main roof damage in the near future. The Jockey and Stewards room is still being assessed and the President, in liaison with the Council, will progress either the repairs and rebuild or the replacement of the damaged building dependant on the insurance outcome.

The successful reseal of the Hawker Airstrip and the seal of the Quorn Airstrip have been completed. This is a great long-term outcome for council and the district, with opportunities opening up to include flights from private owners and companies.

The Quandong Festival looks like it will occur again this year with the Quorn Quandong Festival committee and Council coming to agreement on the committee operating the festival in Quorn. We are sure the committee will continue the inaugural success of the event and we encourage the community to support this event in the new precinct at Quorn in October.

Negotiations are still underway on the signing of a new agreement/MOU with Care in Motion to supply services for the Northern Passenger Transport Network. A lot of work from our Council CEO and myself, along with the support of the five (5) partner Councils, has gone into this agreement and we will keep the community informed on progress. This service is very important for our aged residents and those needing to access transport services for medical and specialist appointments out of district. We encourage those within our communities who may want to enquire about these services available to speak with Care in Motion.

The Northern Passenger Transport Network, in partnership with Port Pirie Bus Service, continues to operate a Friday service from Quorn to Port Augusta and return. Council is investigating the extension of this service for Hawker. In the interim Council is considering the request for the Hawker community bus to be utilised to transport any Hawker residents to Quorn on the Friday for the Pirie Bus Service to Port Augusta. Council is keen to know

of any volunteers willing to drive the bus from Hawker to Quorn on the Fridays of the service and return, this would be reliant on the numbers of residents willing or wanting to use the service and costs involved. I am hoping that there are takers for not only the service but the driving duties, which will see greater mobility for these in the more distant areas of our community. Please contact Eric Brown, CEO to enquire and register your interest.

Discussions are taking place with the Education Department, through the Quorn Area School, to investigate the possibility of childcare service within Quorn. Whilst discussions have just been initiated, I endeavour to continue to follow up on those discussions and inform residents of any outcome through the Quorn Area School Governing Council.

Budget time is approaching, and a public information session will be held at Council Administration Office in Quorn with details to be advised. We encourage those who are interested in this to attend.

I also would like to encourage anyone who is interested in being a Councillor and has the enthusiasm to consider putting their name forward for the current vacancy on Council. Nominations will open on Thursday 25 May 2023. Please call into the Council Office for more information on or after this date or see the Council website at www.frc.sa.gov.au for updates. Nominations close on 8 June 2023.

Mayor Ken Anderson

QUORN WAR MEMORIAL UPDATE

Two female soldiers have now been added to finalise the newly created war memorial space in Quorn. The new statues complement the exiting soldiers and were funded through the Commonwealth Government's "Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program"





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

Registrations close on 18 June 2023.

An advance reminder the road closures and speed restrictions will be in place for this event and will be advertised in due course

NEW INSTALLATIONS

The Hawker public toilets have had the new cubicles installed

The walls will be painted and new lighting installed in the near future. This will all modernise and freshen them up.

This project has been supported by grant funding awarded through the (Australian Government) Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program



A great photo opportunity has been installed on Jarvis Hill Lookout, complementing the self drive loop experience.

This project is funded by the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility Community Benefit Fund.

SUPPLEMENTARY ELECTION TIMELINE

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

An **online candidate briefing session** is taking place at 5.30pm on Tuesday 30 May 2023— for more information or to book your place in this session visit the FRC or ECSA website.

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.

Further information including candidate responsibilities, electoral advertising and more is available from the ECSA website at www.ecsa.sa.gov.au

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Flinders Ranges Council is partners with the Port Pirie Regional Council and District Council of Mt Remarkable as part of the Flinders WHS Alliance and are collectively seeking a WHS Officer who will spend time with all partners in the Alliance.

If this sounds like the role for you, and you would like to know more, please contact Nicole Marshall at Perks People Solutions on (08) 8273 9347 for a confidential discussion.

For more information including links to the candidate pack and online job advertisement go to the FRC website at www.frc.sa.gov.au/council/employment

FAREWELL

On Friday 19 May 2023, Council farewellled Administration Officer Julie Rayner-Petrie.

Julie returned to Council in 2021 and grasped her new role with professionalism. Julie is moving to greener pastures and has commenced a position with the Adelaide Plains Council based out of Mallala.

Her knowledge and attention to detail will be missed. Best of luck Julie!

The recruitment process for the Administration Officer position is underway.

