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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL



WELCOME TO NEW STAFF MEMBERS:

Mitchell Foote as the new Director of Works
Danny Martin as the Team Leader—Works
Nigel Crisp as the Team Leader—Parks, Gardens and Facilities
Joining Mark, Victor and Roger in the Works team as permanent employees in Parks, Gardens and Facilities are Dean Montgomery, Brody Hilder and Nick Brown and our new Construction team member David Sowerby (Snow).



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Hello again to all our residents.

The last few months have seen very strong visitor numbers across the regional areas of SA, with primarily intra-state tourism. The Flinders Ranges have certainly been busy, and this is obviously great for our region's tourism and hospitality businesses and workers, as well as the general uptick in the local economy and activity levels. We've even had a decent rain to bring a smile to everyone's faces!

Council continues to work diligently on opportunities to enhance and build on the tourism offerings and profile of our towns and the area as a solid economic driver for all of the region – there is enormous opportunity for creating long term and meaningful jobs to keep people living and working in our spectacular part of the world, which is something we want to be involved in and support.

Work is presently underway on development of a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan for The Flinders Ranges Council. This should be a process for us to identify the barriers – physical and practical, as well as indirect and less tangible – which hamper or indeed preclude active involvement in, and contribution to, community life for those living amongst us with disability or incapacitation. Council can subsequently prioritise and plan for works and/or programs to address those identified factors in coming years and budgets.

I strongly urge all residents- be they disabled, aged, incapacitated or a carer for someone, or simply a caring community member who has noticed something, to undertake the survey on Council's website or contact the Council to provide input.

Unfortunately but realistically, we will not be able to immediately address everything which is identified, and Council will work through the prioritised issues as capacity and funding allows, however things which are not identified are not going to be on the list for consideration so please tell us what you think is important.

Some terrific ideas, including safe and inclusive play-spaces for children and families, were brought forward by residents at the community forum and I'm sure there are more thoughts and ideas out there.

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



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LIKE AND SHARE OUR FACEBOOK PAGES

ROAD SEALING WORKS UPDATE

- Works are progressing well on the sealing of Anstey, Foster, Durban, Wolseley and Minto Streets.
- Drainage works are nearing completion with delivery of crushed rock for road base to commence shortly. This will assist in improving traffic ability.
- The rain has caused some delays, but we are still on target for completion in late November.
- Trees will be planted in March/April 2021 when weather conditions permit to ensure that the trees have the best chance of success.
- We thank the residents and the community for their patients and cooperation.



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Community feedback is invited on the naming of the Hawker War Memorial and Dog Park. A community request has been received to name the two locations as the Hawker War Memorial and Hawker War Memorial Dog Park respectively. The dog park would be named in recognition of the dogs who served in war. Your feedback would be appreciated. Suggestions can be sent through to council@frc.sa.gov.au or by phoning 8620 0500 for consideration.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

— AUDIT COMMITTEE (EXTENDED)

Council seeks expressions of interest from appropriately qualified ratepayers of The Flinders Ranges Council district to become a community member of The Flinders Ranges Council's Audit Committee.

Further information please contact CEO Eric Brown on 8620 0500. All expression of interest should be marked 'Confidential' to Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 43, Quorn SA 5433 or email to council@frc.sa.gov.au by Sunday 25 October 2020.

Appointment to the Committee will be at the discretion of the Council.

ATTENTION ALL DOG AND CAT OWNERS!!

All dogs and cats within The Flinders Ranges Council should now be microchipped and registered. Any unregistered dogs will now incur a \$20 late fee.

Registrations can still be conducted via the Quorn Council Office or online at www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au.

DOGS AND CATS
ONLINE

If your dog is no longer in your possession you must notify Council or update the details on dogs and cats online.

Council will be sending out fines to all non compliant dog owners in October 2020. To avoid these costly fines Council urges you to **please** register your dog or organise to have your dog desexed and or microchipped NOW!

Fines:

- Unregistered dog \$170.00
- Non microchipped Dog \$170.00
- Non desexed Dog (unless Working dog) \$170.00



Council will also be conducting a door knock of properties within our Council area. Please be a responsible pet owner!

WE ARE HERE TO HELP. If you have any questions regarding your animals registration please contact the Quorn Council Office on 8620 0500, or email council@frc.sa.gov.au.

Bush Food Walk Community Feedback and Volunteers Wanted

The Bush Food Walk design (for the pathway) will be available on Council's website from 6 October to 20 October for feedback from the Community.

The intention is to finalise the design in late October for the work to be tendered out in November/December and construction of the pathway to commence in late January and be completed by 30 June 2021.

If you would like to be involved in the bush food garden project, please contact Council. Your involvement would be appreciated!



MY Local Service App

This is a free app which can be used for submitting a Council request/complaint, checking on waste collection dates and Community Events

QUORN PIONEER MACHINERY SOCIETY

On Wednesday 23rd September Members of the Group & FRC CEO Eric Brown travelled to Kadina Farm Shed Museum, the purpose of the visit was to see firsthand and evaluate a fully operational farming machinery museum.

On arrival the group was given a full tour of the facilities and exhibits by volunteers from the museum, their enthusiasm, knowledge and willingness to help our fledgling group was invaluable.



Photo L-R Eric Brown [CEO FRC], Tom Hackett, Richard Dyson, Jacki Vonow, Steve Lee, Martin Day, Kingsley Marr, Dave Reubenicht [Pres]

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Quorn Pioneers Park Group would like to encourage volunteers to come and help restore and develop the site of the "Lions Park". There is a group of workers who meet on site every Wednesday from 9:00am to 12:00pm. If you have some spare time they would love for you to join them.

FREE MULCH AVAILABLE

Hawker residents are able to collect free mulch from the Hawker Dump. The mulch can be collected from the dump on Sunday's from 1:30pm until 4:30pm or the first Wednesday of the month from 9:00am until 11:00am.

Free mulch is also available in Quorn in accordance with the usual opening times. 8:00am until 12:00noon or the first Wednesday of the month from 1:00pm until 4:00pm

Walking Trails

*All five Trails cleared and signposted
1-4 offer spectacular Summit Views*

1. The Dutchman's Stern Park

8.5 km via Arden Vale Rd from Quorn to Car Park
10.6 km circuit or
8.4 km return via Terrace/Northern Trail or
6 km return to Stony Creek Lookout or
5 km return to Terrace Lookout

2. Warren Gorge

22 km via Arden Vale Rd from Quorn to Trailhead
5.2 km circuit

3. Devil's Peak

10 km via Richman Valley Road & Devil's Pk Rd to start
2.6 km return (some scrambling near top)

4. Mount Brown Park

14 km via Richman Valley Road to Olive Grove to start
15 km circuit or 12 km return via Western Trail or
5.4 km return to Bald Hill Lookout

5. Waukarie Creek

14 km via Richman Valley Road to Olive Grove to start
12 km return to Woolshed Flat Railway Station or
2 km return to Heysen Trail Shelter

Details & Leaflets Flinders Ranges Visitor Information Centre Quorn, Quorn Railway Station