

**MARCH
2023**

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL



MAYORAL REPORT

It continues to be a very busy time in the communities, with works continuing to be undertaken on major and minor projects.

Blue Burt Park works are progressing very well at Hawker, and having walked through last week, the works impressed and will be a great improvement for visitors and residents. The combination of the new outdoor dining platform at Flinders Food Co, new paving, new car and RV parking, the upgrades of the toilets, and the new entrance signage certainly has refreshed this section of Hawker. We should all be proud of the input by community members into these works and the great outcome achieved. We envisage a community opening of these new works and will keep you posted.

The opening of the new Visual and Performing Arts Precinct at Quorn, which changed what was a dull gravel carpark into a sensational public space, was a great community event, followed by the successful Fringe in the Flinders which saw good attendance at both Hawker and Quorn. We encourage everyone to come and walk through the site to experience the great work done.

The massive works to seal the Quorn Airstrip and to reseal the Hawker Airstrip are well underway, with the Quorn works commencing last week. This is a project exceeding \$900k combined and one which will see both airstrips reach the industry standard to enable the use of the Quorn strip by larger aircraft. It is a fantastic achievement and one which will provide for upgraded servicing both to tourism and the necessary emergency and health flights from both strips.

Council staff have identified road patching and repair works in both Hawker and Quorn with the Hawker works combined with the Blue Burt Park works and in Quorn these have commenced in some areas, footpath works are also being identified with works commencing in Quorn with Hawker works to follow.

Council will be shortly focussing on the upcoming budget deliberations, and we do understand the current climate of costs rising in almost all areas of life, and as promised during the council elections, we will ensure that rate rises will be on par or below CPI. Whilst it will be a challenge, Council does not intend to have any reduction in services, but will continue to look for savings and continual improvement to ensure costs are kept to a minimum.

The Council CEO Eric and I met with the Leader of the Opposition David Speirs, Sam Telfer MP and Nicola Centofanti at Quorn and discussed local issues and challenges, including Quorn water quality, road funding challenges, shortfall of rental accommodation for government and public employees and the increasing costs upon Council to provide the essential services to our communities. This followed several meetings with the state government Ministers, and their agencies.

Congratulations go to the organisers of the "Rock The Ranges" event, this event was very well attended and provided the district with visitation and an event it just would not have normally at this time of year. We look forward to continuing to support these types of events.

More good news for the regional health services, with negotiations between Council and its partners of five (5) councils, working with the provider "Care in Motion" to continue to provide subsidised transport services for community members through the Northern Passenger Transport Network. This provision is available to

community members to attend health appointments and social requirements. If you have questions regarding eligibility or want to access the service, please call Care in Motion on 1300 132 932.

With the Easter period approaching we will again see an influx of visitors, and we certainly ask people to be safe and enjoy the Easter break, whilst having a thought for those who are working in our services.

Mayor Ken Anderson

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Councillor Ian Carpenter for his creative handy work with the repurposing of old farm machinery pieces into wonderful and unique sculptures of an emu family, being Dad emu and his baby chicks.



The emu family can be viewed in the garden area out the front of the Quorn Court House on Railway Terrace, Quorn.

QUORN / HAWKER POOL SEASON ENDS

It's that time of the year where our swimming pools and their wonderful supervisors get a well earned break.

This season saw an increase in users, which can be partly attributed to the closure of the ETSA Swimming Pool in Port Augusta whilst it was being refurbished, however the weather was a bit kinder with warmer weather attracting local and visiting swimmers.

Highly successful VACSwim and Holiday Swim lessons were held in December and January in Quorn and Hawker with 230 participants, which is great to see.



Thank you to all patrons for your support over the summer season and we look forward to seeing you again next Summer.



41st PICHIRICHI MARATHON

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

Registrations are now open and early bird prices are available until 23 April 2023.

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

QUORN WASTE TRANSFER STATION AND HAWKER WASTE DEPOT CLOSURES — EASTER SUNDAY

Please note that the Quorn Waste Transfer Station and Hawker Waste Depot will be CLOSED on Easter Sunday, 9 April 2023.

In lieu of these closures, these facilities will be OPEN on Wednesday 12 April 2023 with normal opening times applicable, as per below:

Hawker—9.00am until 11.00am
Quorn— 1.00pm until 4.00pm

COUNCIL ELECTED
MEMBERS AND STAFF
WISH EVERYONE A
HAPPY AND
SAFE EASTER

HAPPY
Easter



2022/23 FIRE DANGER SEASON DRAWING TO A CLOSE

The 2022/23 fire danger season for the Flinders District is due to end on the gazetted date of Sunday 15 April 2023.

However, all residents are encouraged to still be prepared for any fires and ensure that you have a Bushfire Ready plan in place.

Prepare now by clearing around your property, packing an emergency kit and knowing your closest Bushfire Safer Place.

For more information please visit www.cfs.sa.gov.au



Disclaimer: This information was correct at the time of printing but should be checked against official information from www.cfs.sa.gov.au

RAT COLLECTION POINT

Council is now a collection point for free rapid antigen tests for eligible people.

Call into the office at 1 Seventh Street, Quorn during office hours and show your concession card to pick up your free tests.

You do not need to register before collecting the tests but if you are unwell please wear a mask when collecting or have someone collect on your behalf.

Free rapid antigen tests for eligible groups

Available to:

- ✓ People with disability or who are immunocompromised
- ✓ A carer of someone with a disability or who is immunocompromised
- ✓ Concession Card holders

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DO I NEED DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL?

Before commencing any development activities whether it be for a shed, carport, veranda, home extensions, fence, deck, solar panels or any other building activity, please ensure you have the appropriate approvals.

All applications can be lodged via the PlanSA Portal. There is a link on the home page titled Start the Approval Wizard that can help determine if your project needs approval.

For further information please contact Council's development department on 08 8620 0500 Option (2) or Email council@frc.sa.gov.au

Remember works must not commence, until approval has been granted.



PlanSA
www.plan.sa.gov.au

PUBLIC CONSULTATION—AMENDED LOCATION **SECTION 222—QUORN SKATE PARK / OLD TENNIS COURTS** **APPLICATION MADE BY QUORN ON THE COG**

An amended application has been received from 'Quorn on the Cog' for the use of land as highlighted below, situated in Quorn, for the use as a site for bike hire (including E Bikes).

The proposal will include the setup of a 3x3 Gazebo and display of approximately 12 bikes for hire and sale. It is understood that the applicant will also run tours in the broader area. The business will use vacant space near the Quorn Skate Park / Old Tennis Court area (exact location to be determined).

In the interest of supporting new business to the area, Council has approved that the applicant can setup on a trial basis for the next 30 days whilst feedback from the community is received and until that feedback can be considered at the April Ordinary Council meeting. Please note that all feedback, including comments made on Facebook, will be taken into account and will be kept confidential and summarised as part of the final report to Council.

The term of the permit will be considered by Council in April, but it is envisaged that it would be for a 1-year period with option to renew if both parties are comfortable with the arrangement. The application does not involve the erection of any permanent structures.

An appropriate permit fee will be charged for use of the area and Council will be indemnified by the applicant.



Council is seeking feedback from the community on the proposal and submissions can be made 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

Submissions will close 9am Friday 14 April 2023

The Flinders Ranges Council

Anzac Day

25 April 2023

6.30AM	CRADOCK WAR MEMORIAL (DAWN SERVICE)
8.00AM	HAWKER WAR MEMORIAL
10.45AM	QUORN WAR MEMORIAL

Please note that road closures for Quorn will be in place

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NOTICE UNDER SECTION 33 ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 1961

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 33 of the *Road Traffic Act 1961*, The "Quorn ANZAC Day Services 2023" has been declared an event to which Section 33 applies and that the following roads will be closed to vehicle traffic on

**Tuesday 25 April 2023 between the times of
9.00am and 1.00pm**

Roads Closed are:

Horrocks Highway/Sixth Street, Quorn
Between First Street and Railway Terrace

Railway Terrace, Quorn
Between Fifth Street and Seventh Street

For further information contact The Flinders Ranges Council on telephone (08) 8620 0500 or email council@frc.sa.gov.au

QUORN VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS PRECINCT OPENING AND FRINGE IN THE FLINDERS

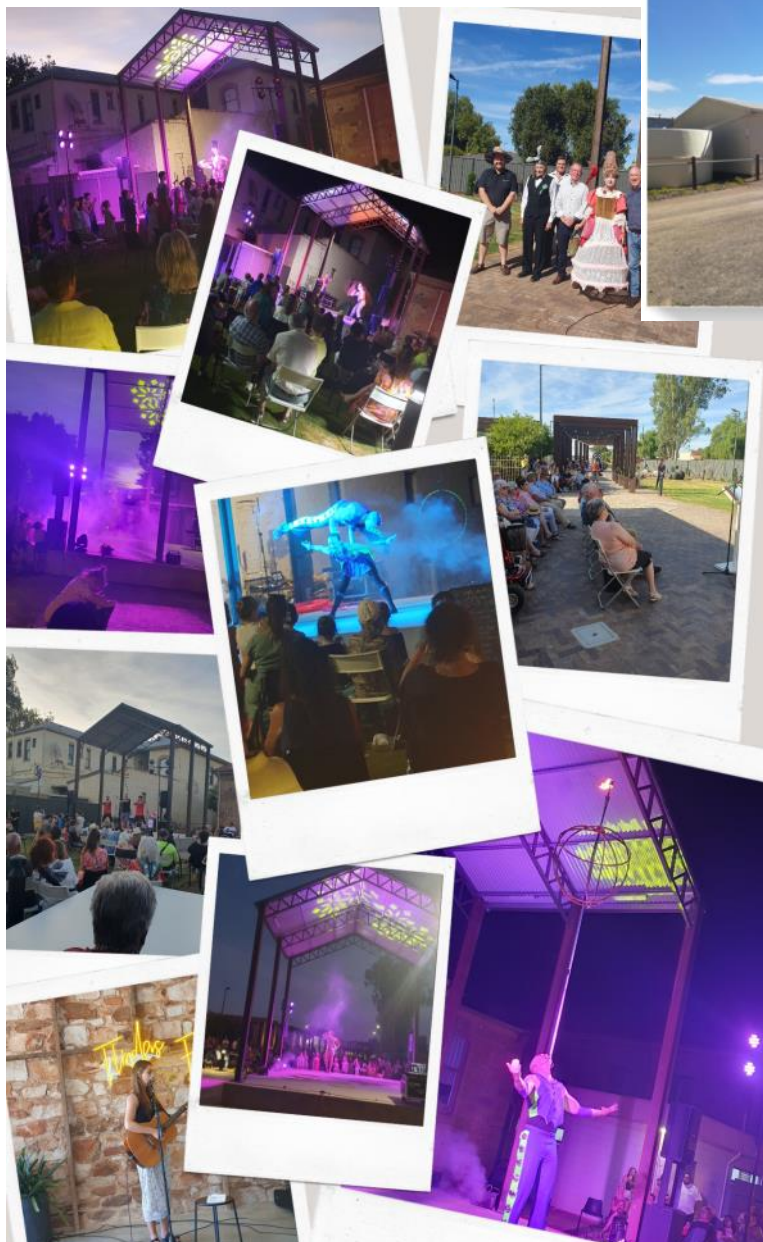
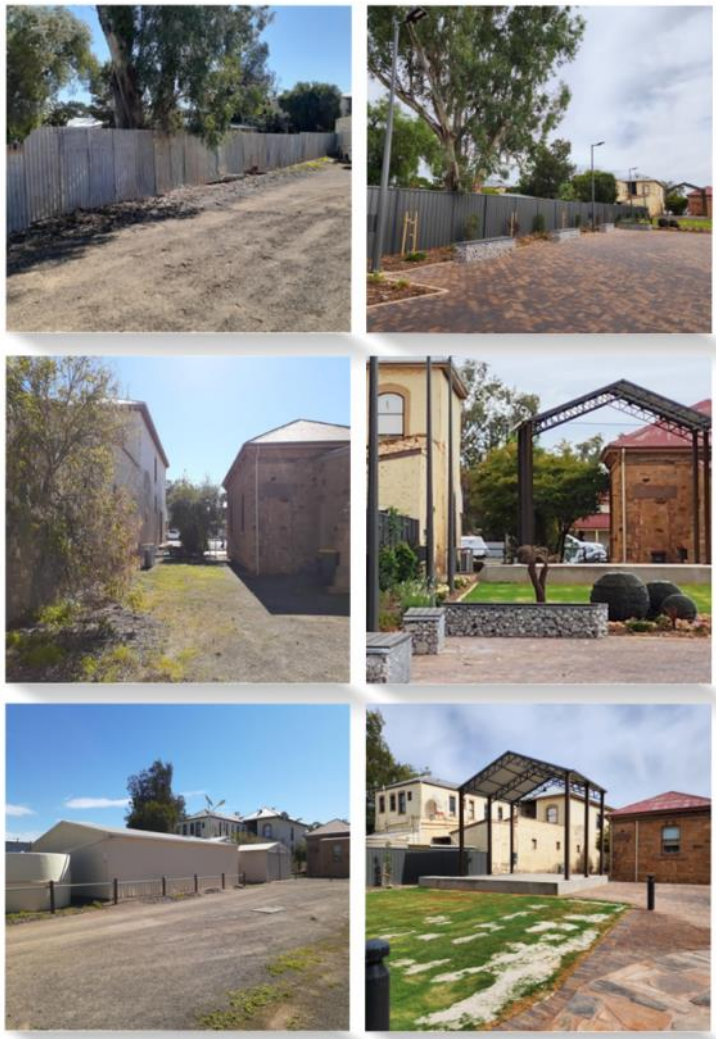
The weekend of 18th and 19th March 2023 was a big weekend for Quorn and Hawker.

Saturday 18th March saw the opening of the Quorn Visual and Performing Arts Precinct. The ceremony was well attended by locals and was emceed by Mayor Ken Anderson.

Special guest and well known Australian artist and song writer John Schumann gave some inspirational words to the community to take ownership of the space and make the most of it. Minister Geoff Brock was in attendance along with Eddie Hughes, MP (who was representing Minister Nick Champion) and both said a few words on behalf of the Local and State Government bodies who provided funding for the space project.

The official ribbon cutting was hilariously gate-crashed by roving Fringe performers Madame Bon Bon and Knobby who assisted with the official proceedings, and even provided their own scissors for the occasion.

The before and after photos to the right show the amazing transformation of this space from the under utilised car park and shed storage area to the fantastic community space that it is now.



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On Sunday the Fringe moved to Flinders Food Co at Hawker who hosted local act Tilly Thomas who performed many of her original songs to a large audience.

Roving performers Madame Bon Bon and Knobby and Audrey and Audrey also made appearances. The event was also well attended with the venue packed to the brim.

Council engaged Bamboozled Productions to curate the event which has proved to be an astounding success and also provided the perfect event to christen the newly opened Precinct.