

**FEBRUARY
2024**

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL



MAYORAL REPORT

The Australia Day events in Hawker, Quorn and Cradock were very well attended and I was privileged to speak on behalf of the community at both Quorn and Cradock outlining the achievements and recognition of awardees. The Hawker celebrations were hosted by the Hawker Community Development Board and Deputy Mayor Reynolds assisted in the presentations.

I thank all Councillors who were part of the celebrations and a special thank you to all the residents, visitors and special guests who attended. Congratulations to all award recipients and special mention to the Citizen of the Year, Dr Susan Andersson. Unfortunately, with Dr. Susan's exceptionally busy schedule, she was unable to be at the award ceremonies. However, I and the Deputy Mayor presented Dr Susan with her award at a quickly arranged informal gathering at Hawker. I must apologise that this was at very, very late notice to residents but due to efforts of individuals the message was able to get out and a number were present to see the presentation. The day also was an opportunity to recognise other community groups and individuals plus CFS volunteers and firefighters with awards and recognition.

A book launch from the Chapman family also took place at the Quorn event and it was amazing to see the breadth of history that this book launch covered. On behalf of the community, I received a copy of the book which will now be housed in the Quorn Courthouse and maintained by the Quorn History Group.

New CEO

Welcome to our new CEO, Sean Holden who commenced on 12 February and is settling in. The intent from Sean and Council is to organise meets with community members over time, including businesses and community groups. A visit to Hawker will occur in the near future aligned with one of the community teas and to Cradock. I hope residents will take the chance to have a chat with our new CEO and I will ensure residents get informed when this is to occur. Sean will also be commencing his weekly visits to Hawker on Wednesday 28 February 2024, based out of Foresters Hall.



Events in 2024

It is pleasing to see the return of the "Fringe in the Flinders", a Council initiative which drew great attendance to the Arts Precinct at Quorn and an event at Hawker last year.

The event will again happen this year in Quorn on Saturday 16 March. This event is also accompanied by a free concert by award winning Shane Nicholson in the precinct on Friday 15 March. Information on planned events can be found on posters and social media. Great free events, so please take the opportunity to enjoy with family and friends.

Planning by the Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society is underway for the 50th Anniversary of the first train operation under the Societies management. This event will see many present and past volunteers, community members, train buffs and visitors alike to partake in celebrations and events in Quorn. An amazing 50 years of dedication by hundreds of volunteers and members over the years and this should be recognised and celebrated by the community as a fantastic contribution to not only our Council district but the state as a whole. Further details will be circulated as they become finalised.

The Mindfull Aus Pichi Richi Marathon is continuing its long-lasting history with a new major sponsor ensuring that this great event continues. This year's marathon will take place on Sunday 30 June with more information to come as the event draws closer.



Quorn is the host of all the grade cricket grand finals for the Northern Districts Association over the weekend of 16 & 17 March. In addition, on Saturday 16 March a special recognition plaque unveiling for former test cricketer, Faith Thomas AM, the first Indigenous woman to represent Australia in any sport, will be undertaken by the South Australian Cricket Association and Council (please see invitation details on next page).

Many other events take place in Quorn and Hawker. Including our annual races. The Quorn Agricultural Show, the Kurti Festival, Stockyard Arena competitions, and monthly Markets continue.

Water Quality

The "Undrinkable. Unthinkable." Campaign continues for the improvement of Quorn's water quality with the ABC 7.30 Report filming a segment on 19 February at Quorn, interviewing local businesses, and individuals, to highlight the concerns regarding the water quality and the costs to the community. The turnout by the community was amazing and appreciated—thank you to everyone that came along and to those that took the time to be formally interviewed.



We are very pleased, and grateful, that there is interest both statewide and nationally in the media and other communities for this issue.

Council has sent in the submissions to Essential Services Commission of South Australia. (ESCOSA) in relation to the SA water plan. We await a response in the near future. We cannot be silent on this, and Council remains committed to keeping up the campaign for the community.

We also continue to lobby SA Water and the Government to include funding in the 2024 to 2028 SA Water plan to at least see allocation to undertake SA Water phase three or four preliminary project works which relate to solutions and costings.

MAYORAL REPORT (cont.)

Works Program

The district is seeing continuation and expansion of road works in all areas of the Council. We are pleased that additional funding has seen the expansion of the bitumen and guttering for North Quorn and maintenance works on the roads in Hawker. The work crews from Council are seriously intent on ensuring the standards of the towns are kept up and Council has been pleased to receive great positive feedback on this.

The Council has two (2) vacancies on the works crew and is now in the process of filling those positions, hopefully with suitable local candidates. I encourage anyone willing to explore working in a great team to put your hand up when the jobs are advertised.

Meanwhile the Director of Works and crew are ensuring both main towns are continuing to receive appropriate workforces and attention to maintain the standards.



Resheeting works on Warcowie Road in early February.



Most of the flood damage from the January rains has now been repaired.



Pichi Richi Workshop Visit

I wish to extend a thanks to the Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society for an invitation to Elected Members to undertake a tour of the workshops on 26 January. Myself, Deputy Mayor Reynolds, Councillor Carpenter and his wife Denise and Councillor Parkinson gained a great insight into the operations and challenges that the Society face.

EV Charging Station at Hawker

I was lucky to be at Hawker for the first Electric Vehicle (EV) charge at Teague's Motors. John and Janet Teague have completed installation of two (2) Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers at their business and it was pleasing that shortly after they had been commissioned the first EV drove in! I congratulate Teague Motors for this great initiative.

The CEO is investigating EV chargers for Quorn and Cradock and will present a report and recommendation to Council in relation to the options for locations. This is part of the future that is already here, and we need to ensure that we keep up with these services for visitors and community members alike.



John and Janet Teague with visitors using the EV charging station

Health and Wellbeing Hub

In response to residents of Quorn raising questions, at the February Council Meeting I placed a notice of motion for the formation of a community committee to investigate the creation of a Health and Wellbeing Hub for the community which may incorporate a gym facility.

Registrations of interest will be called for community members to be on the committee and I encourage interested people to make themselves known to the CEO to be involved in this exciting initiative.

Care in Motion (Formally Northern Passenger Transport Services)

The Care in Motion Board will be holding their general meeting in Quorn on 11 April 2024. Information will be given to the communities of Quorn and Hawker as an invitation to meet the board members and to discuss our community needs following their formal proceedings.

Update on Doctors for Quorn

I am pleased to report that I have had another conversation with the CEO of Country and Outback Health (COBH) and we are looking forward to a very positive announcement in the near future.

Whilst it was a difficult period over Christmas and the holidays, COBH did their best under the circumstances and during the shortage of locums, but I am assured that there will soon be a good news announcement for the community.

Chapman Family History Launched on Australia Day

At the Australia Day event in Quorn, Peter Chapman launched his family history book he has compiled over many years titled, *James Harold Chapman, His Ancestors and His Family*. The 26 January marked the date when James Chapman married Ellen Maude Townsend near Hammond in 1914 – making this year the 110th anniversary.

Peter has dedicated many years to research his family history back to 1730, which is an amazing feat. Many local families, who are still present in the region today, feature in the history book.

Peter kindly donated a copy of his book to the Quorn Local History Group which was received by Mayor Ken Anderson on their behalf. The book is available for viewing at the Court House.



Peter Chapman presenting his book to Mayor Anderson.

**Ken Anderson
Mayor**

On behalf of The Flinders Ranges Council and the SA Cricket Association, the community are invited to attend the unveiling of a memorial plaque for the late Faith Thomas AM.

**Saturday 16 March 2024
12.30pm**

**Quorn Community Oval Precinct
Park Terrace, Quorn**

Followed by a light afternoon tea in the Community Hall.

**RSVP by Friday 8 March 2024 to
Paula Osborn—8620 0500 or email pto@frc.sa.gov.au**

AUSTRALIA DAY 2024

Australia Day events were held in Quorn, Hawker and Cradock on 26 January 2024. Presentations for The Flinders Ranges Council Australia Day Awards were made at Quorn and Hawker as follows:

Citizen of the Year – Dr Susan Andersson

Community Event of the Year – 2023 Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour, Quorn Jockey Club

Active Individual Citizen of the Year – Ken Fuller

Active Organisation of the Year – Quorn Pioneer Machinery Society

Certificates of Recognition – Karen Finlay, Travis McDonald, Kurti Festival, Hawker Christmas Carols, Simon Meyers and Ruby Meyers.

Mayor Ken Anderson also performed an official citizenship ceremony for Mrs Hajara Meeme who is now a fully-fledged Australian.

Full details of the media release are available on the FRC website.

Thankyou to all who attended these community celebrations.



Mayor Anderson and new Australian Citizen, Mrs Hajara Meeme.

Congratulations Hajara, and to all the winners and nominees.



Mr Maurie Burke addresses those attending the evening celebrations in Cradock



Deputy Mayor Patsy Reynolds with Award recipients the Hawker Hospital Auxiliary and other representatives.



Some Quorn locals enjoying breakfast, kindly cooked by the Quorn Lions



On Saturday 10th February, at Foresters Hall in Hawker, Mayor Anderson and Deputy Mayor Reynolds presented Dr Susan Andersson with her Citizen of the Year Award.

Congratulations Dr Susie!



REMINDER TO RESIDENTS TO BE MINDFUL OF FALLING TREE LIMBS

Council wishes to remind all residents to please be mindful of falling trees and limbs in and around public areas. Due to the hot, dry weather and winds trees are most likely to drop healthy limbs, or fall themselves, unexpectedly—unfortunately there is no way of determining when.

Be aware that it may be dangerous to park your car, have a break, or camp under trees as limbs can swing out beyond the canopy edge. Stay well away from trees that appear to be dead or have dead limbs. Take extra care in hot weather, still and windy days or during severe weather events.

If you see a fallen tree or limb please call council on 8620 0500 and report it immediately.



ROAD CLOSURE– Advance Notice

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act 1961 and clause F of the instrument of general approval of the Minister dated 22 August 2013, that **"Fringe in the Flinders"** has been declared an event to which Section 33 applies and that the following roads will be closed to vehicle traffic from:

**3.00pm Saturday 16 March 2024
until 11.00pm Saturday 16 March 2024**

**First Street, Quorn
between Sixth Street and Seventh Street**

**Seventh Street, Quorn
Between Railway Terrace and First Street**

The street is being closed to allow a buffer zone for the Fringe in the Flinders event to improve pedestrian safety.

Local business, resident and accommodation access will be permitted.

If you foresee any issues please contact Mitchell Foote,
Director of Works on 8620 0500 or 0428 486 031.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your cooperation.

Sean Holden
Chief Executive Officer
THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL

2024 SA Power Networks Community Grants



SA Power Networks (SAPN) are seeking to empower activities, programs or events which will make a positive impact in South Australia. Welcoming applications from not-for-profit organisations, registered charities, schools or community groups who are seeking up to \$5000.

The 2024 grant program will focus on two key areas: sustainability and innovation. SAPN are committed to supporting community projects, ensuring a greener, more sustainable future.

Some examples of possible projects are:

- Reducing climate change or carbon footprint.
- Electrifying community facilities (replacing gas appliances/hot water heaters with electrical)
- Supporting energy self sufficiency and the adoption of renewable technologies (i.e. installing solar, battery, EV chargers on community facilities.)
- Supporting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering Mathematics) and future STEM uptake.
- Promoting innovative approaches to tackle current or future challenges.

Applications open 4th March and close on the 14th April 2024, with outcomes announced by 1st July.

Further details about eligibility and how to apply can be found on the website at sapowernetworks.com.au/communitygrants

FRC COMMUNITY GRANTS - NOW OPEN

The Flinders Ranges Council Community Grants Program is designed to assist individuals, organisations or groups who provide services, programs, facilities and equipment for the benefit of the local community.

The 2023 – 2024 Community Grants Round is NOW OPEN for applications.

Eligible organisations are encouraged to apply for projects and initiatives that meet the Program Guidelines.

Applications close at 5.00pm on 1 March 2024.

More information including the guidelines and the application form is available from the FRC Website.



NORTH QUORN ROAD WORKS EXTENDED

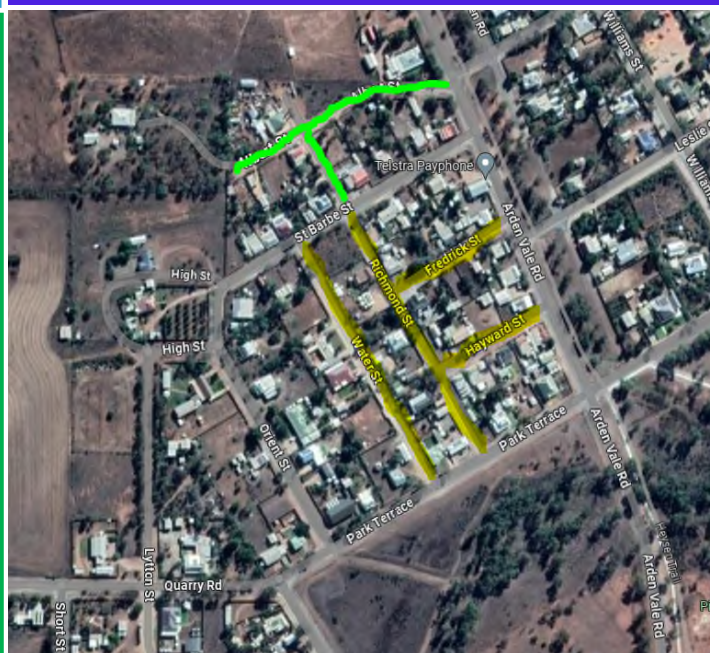
Council, under the Federal Government Roads to Recovery Program, will shortly commence kerbing, sealing and footpath works on various streets in North Quorn. The roads that were part of the original roll out included Water, Richmond (part), Hayward and Frederick Streets.

Council is now excited to announce that a rescope of works has taken place and has resulted in an extension of the works to now include the remaining section of Richmond Street, and Albert Street.

This is a great outcome for Council and the community and affected residents will be contacted in coming days to discuss access and possible inconveniences whilst works are being undertaken.

Sealing works are scheduled to take place at the end of March 2024 (weather permitting).

Map to the right shows the original sections in yellow and additional sections in green.



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