

**JANUARY
2021**

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the start of a new year and a great start for Council with the addition of two new permanent members of staff, Paula Osborn (Governance Officer) and Sean Cheriton (Director of Finance and Administration). We now have a full complement of staff for the first time in many years. We also have a defined management structure enabling staff to plan a career in Council. The staff selection process is also paying off as we see detailed street maintenance plans and greater scrutiny and control over all our projects.

We also have been successful in regards to the National Radioactive Waste Facility Community Benefit Program Grants with money for our Streetscape and town beautification programs including upgraded entrances into all of our Communities. Other significant grants include \$349k towards the Quorn Lions Park Agricultural Museum and \$100k feasibility study and business plan for a Geotourism and Visitor Centre for Hawker.

Other great news is the application by the Yadlamalka Power Company to build a solar power generator with battery storage at Neuroodla (near Hawker) that will require a large workforce for its construction. We also see an application for a small 'gin' distillery in Quorn that intends to use bushfoods in the distilling process as well as for flavouring the gin. This product, to be sold locally, supports our label as the "Bush Food Capital" of Australia.

In regards to our bushfood project we have now let the contract for the first major works to be carried out and we also see enthused volunteers working on that project and the Lions Park Project. I think we are very lucky, and certainly thankful, to have so many volunteers that work hard in all three of our communities.

Our major Streetscape project, the Railway Terrace Upgrade is also nearing fruition as we move towards the final design and tender details. Council would like to thank residents for their input on our surveys tied to these projects as this enables us to move forward knowing that the community is happy with what we are doing.

A/Mayor Greg Flint

HELP US HELP YOU - STREET PICKUP

Please help take care of your verge by sweeping leaf litter and branches into piles on your verge for the Tuesday street pickup. Weeding and spraying weeds on the verge is also highly encouraged. Pickup's generally occur on Tuesdays, weather and time permitting or as shortly thereafter as is possible. The pickup is done by tractor and therefore please ensure your piled leaf litter is easily accessible. Please also be mindful of where you park to allow easy access for staff. We thank you for your assistance in keeping our towns beautiful!

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LIKE AND SHARE OUR FACEBOOK PAGES

WELCOME TO THE NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming Sean Cheriton as the new Director of Finance and Administration and Paula Osborn as the new Governance Officer.



We now have a full team!

PUBLIC CONSULTATION—PAVER COLOUR FOR RAILWAY TERRACE

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey on the Railway Terrace design. The results of the survey showed that the community would prefer pavers to exposed aggregate and that a slate look is preferred. Listening to this feedback, Council has decided to choose the mahogany clay paver as the main colour as it will blend with the slate and maintain the heritage of the street. We are now asking for your thoughts on a contrasting colour for any patterns within the path. Please complete the survey as your views are important to us!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5YBYL5Q>



AUSTRALIA DAY

QUORN:

Quorn Swimming Pool
8am Breakfast
9am Ceremony and celebrations
After the official ceremony the pool will be open for swimming until 11am

HAWKER:

Blue Burt Park
8am Breakfast and ceremony/celebrations

CRADOCK:

Cradock War Memorial
6pm
Sausage sizzle and then official ceremony



SUPPLEMENTARY ELECTION—

VACANCY OF MAYOR

Timetable:

Event	Date
Roll close	5pm, Monday 21 December 2020
Opening of nominations	Thursday 14 January 2021
Nominations close	12 noon, Thursday 28 January 2021
Dispatch of ballot material to electors	Tuesday 9 February 2021 to Monday 15 February 2021
Close of voting (Polling Day)	12 noon, Monday 1 March 2021
Scrutiny and count	9am, Wednesday 3 March 2021

Nominating

Becoming a member of council is a great way to represent and help make a difference to your local community.

The nomination period for the vacancy of Mayor for The Flinders Ranges Council opened Thursday 14 January 2021 and will close at 12 noon on Thursday 28 January 2021.

If you are interested in nominating, kits are available during the nomination period from the council office located at 1 Seventh Street Quorn.

General information and resources about nominating for council is also available on our resources for council candidates webpage <https://www.ecsa.sa.gov.au>

Nomination forms

IMPORTANT – before filling out a nomination form we strongly encourage you to call the CEO Eric Brown on 08 8620 0500 for advice. Candidates often use the wrong form, or fill in the form incorrectly, which can result in a nomination not being accepted. Make sure you get advice before nominating and then submit your nomination well before the deadline of 12 noon, Thursday 28 January 2021.

Please note that late nominations cannot be accepted. It is strongly recommended that you lodge your nomination early to allow time to rectify any potential problems.

WATER TANKS

Water tanks are now in place at the Stockyard Arena as well as the Quorn Racecourse. The Works Department staff have been involved in the installation of the tanks and will continue to do some final tweaking over the next month to have them operational.



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



SOUTH WEST PRECINCT UPGRADE

Works in progress and completed:

- All stormwater components have been installed
- Backfill of carriageways and footpaths on Wolseley, Minto, Durban and Anstey Street have been completed.
- Cleaning out of stormwater infrastructure currently being undertaken
- Kerbing finalised
- Sealing works currently underway

We wholeheartedly thank the community for their patience, we are almost there!

PROJECTS UPDATE

Quorn Community Hall

Completed work at the community hall include, re-sheeting of Internal walls and ceilings, installation of new DDA compliant doorways, a new storeroom, an upgrade to the lighting and switchboard, installation of veranda and paving and a disability access ramp. New windows have been installed with the two servery windows to follow. Tiling of both male and female amenities has begun, along with installation of cubicles. Toilets will be completed once urinal and toilet pans are installed.



Hawker Dog Park

Hawker Dog Park works are in full swing.

The new shelter has had the roof installed, which had been delayed due to strong winds.

Water supply pipe work for the park is being installed will provide water for irrigation as well as drinking bowls for your canine companions.



STREET SWEEPING

Street sweeping commenced in Hawker on Monday 18 January and moved to Quorn on 20 January. This will be a regular occurrence from now on to keep the streets clean and tidy for our community.

If you see the driver please give him a big wave.

