

**MARCH
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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL



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MAYORS MESSAGE

There is a lot of activity around Quorn with works being carried out in Railway Terrace and the Bush Foods walk and gardens. Not only are our Contractors busy but so are our volunteers and staff with real visible changes occurring. I, for one, did not expect to see so much change in such a short period of time. With the tourist season approaching we are in for some hectic times.

Hawker will also start to see similar project work in the coming twelve to eighteen months as we receive our grant agreements from the Federal Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources as a result of the NRWMC Community Benefit Program. These include Feasibility Study for the Hawker Geotourism and Visitors Centre, Flinders Ranges Tourist Trail, Drought, Grants and Publicity Support Officer, another stage of the 10-year Streetscape Master Plan, Quorn Lions Park Agricultural Museum and the Main Streets Facelift strategy.

An interesting meeting of Council was held this month with lots of input and discussion from all Councillors. Of note there was a presentation from the committee set up to look at the establishment of sites in the Flinders Ranges region to be added to World Heritage listing. I am pleased to announce that Deputy Mayor Ken Anderson will be representing Council on that committee and I am sure his knowledge and experience in our National Parks will be of great value to that initiative. We will also start to see our CEO spending one day a week in Hawker.

Great to see the Sundowner explorer operating, even having to add carriages to cater for added demand again demonstrating the value of this asset to our community. This would not be happening if it wasn't for the extraordinary effort put in by the volunteers that keep the Pichi Richi Railway operating and on behalf of the community I thank you for that.

Last but not least, Council won Silver for Best Mega Mural at the 2020 Australian Street Art Awards for the Quorn Silo with the gold award and Best of the Best award going to Karoonda, another rural South Australian Community. These projects are valuable as they attract art trail visitors again demonstrating that communities are making good use of drought funding. That and with plenty of media attention during the month keeps our name up there at a time we have lots of grant applications submitted.

Greg Flint, Mayor

CEO WORKING DAYS

Commencing early May 2021 Eric Brown, Chief Executive Officer will be working from Foresters Hall in Hawker every Wednesday. Eric will be working from the Council Office in Quorn on the remaining days.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tickets are limited so get in early and don't miss out on Graham Rodger at the Quorn Community Hall, Saturday 1 May 2021. Option of show and dinner or just the show.

Tickets available from the Visitor Information Centre, Quorn (cash only please).

**Quorn Sporting Association presents a
Five Star Country Music Dinner Concert**

**Starring
Graham Rodger**

**At The Community Hall, Quorn Oval
Saturday 1st May 2021 from 6:00 pm**

Concert tickets \$10 per person
(accompanied children - free).

Dinner in support of the Sporting Association \$20.
Tickets available at the Visitors Info Centre, Railway Tce.
Covid Rules apply - prior bookings essential.

Guest artists

Matt Scullion
another Golden Guitar
winning performer

Laurel Calvert

Sherri and Gus Olding

RAILWAY TERRACE STREETSCAPE PROJECT

The Railway Terrace Streetscape project (which was fully funded by the Commonwealth Government) is progressing well with kerbing and paving works underway. The completed works will result in a more formalised and tourist friendly look, whilst still maintaining the heritage and history of the town and district.



QUORN COURTHOUSE

The Quorn Courthouse is open every second Saturday, with the next date being 3 April 2021. The Courthouse has an amazing amount of local history of families and places and is well worth the visit—but put aside a lot of time to be taken on many journeys.

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



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HAWKER STREETSCAPE

Council will be consulting with the Hawker community from early July on the entrance way and streetscaping project which received \$265,000 in funding under the NRWMC Community Benefit Fund. This project is expected to provide a significant refresh of the entrance way and landscaping around the Wilpena Pound Road entrance into Hawker.

ANZAC DAY SERVICES

Anzac Day services will be held as follows for 2021:

- Cradock—6.30am (Dawn)
- Hawker—8.00am
- Quorn—10.45am

This year marks the Centenary of the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) (1921—2021). Established in 1921 and originally known as the Australian Flying Corps, the RAAF has played a vital role in Australia's military operations. From the Second World War, through Korea, Borneo, Malaya, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf and Afghanistan to peacekeeping and humanitarian operations, air force personnel have earned the respect of Australians and people around the world.



"THE TOURIST" FILMING

"The Tourist" Australia Productions is undertaking filming works at various locations in the council district over the coming months.

Some speed and traffic restrictions will be in place along the Simmonston Road, Arden Vale Road and in and around Quorn and Hawker. Other locations may be added.

Stay up to date with restrictions via Council's Facebook page.

COMMUNITY PLANTING DAYS BUSH FOOD TRAIL

A community planting day will be held on Friday 9 April 2021 from 9am and Saturday 10 April 2021 from 8.30am for the Quorn Bush Food Trail.

Meet at the eastern end of the Swimming Pool Carpark. BYO hat and gloves if you have them (some gloves will be provided).

Everyone is welcome to come along and assist in planting natives plants as part of the Bush Food Trail Stage 1.



MY LOCAL SERVICES APP

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



PICHI RICHI MARATHON

The Pichi Richi Marathon is back again for its 39th year on Sunday 27 June 2021.

Register online <https://pichirichimarathon.org.au/registrations/>

Early bird registrations are open until 31 March with registrations closing at midnight on 23 June (registrations can not be taken on the day).

Bib collection on the morning of the event from your registered event starting point

Full Marathon (42.2km) – run for Adults only (minimum age 18 years)

Price – \$80

Half Marathon (21.1km) – (minimum age 16 years)

Price – \$65

10.5km – (minimum age 14 years)

Price – \$45

5km – (minimum age 10 years)

Price – \$25

1km Junior Dash – (maximum age 12 years)

Children – \$10

Keep up with the latest news on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/PichiRichiM> or via

<https://pichirichimarathon.org.au/>



QUORN SILO ART WINS SILVER

The Flinders Ranges Council is thrilled to have received Silver in the 2020 Australian Street Art Awards under the Best Mega Mural category for the Quorn Silo Art.

Mayor Greg Flint said that receiving Silver in this prestigious award that recognises the commitment that Council and has put into supporting the project.

"Council submitted the project under Round 1 of the Drought Communities Programme and was thrilled to have been successful to enable the project to be driven forward. Local company Illuminart was engaged to work with the local community to pull together the digital storytelling aspects. The Silo Art is a great showcase for Quorn and the wider region and has attracted the national spotlight through this award nomination."



For the full media release go to: www.frc.sa.gov.au/community

SCRAP METAL AND WHITEGOODS

Clean scrap metal, whitegoods (including fridges and stoves) and old cooking oil can be delivered to Kevin Wedding Engineering at Park Terrace, Quorn. It is preferable that you give him a call on mobile 0428 447 673 before hand so arrangements can be made for access. (Plastics, rubber and general rubbish are not accepted).