

**AUGUST
2019**

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL



SILO PROJECTION SURVEY

Please voice your opinions on the new silo project by completing a survey. This can be achieved via the survey monkey survey which is available on the Council Website or Facebook page. Alternatively a hard copy is available at the Council Office.

It is important that Council and Illuminart hear your ideas to produce a Projection that projects something for everyone.



HISTORICAL BUILDING WALK

The Historical Buildings Walk signage is currently being installed in Quorn, Hawker and Craddock. This has been a long awaited project, one that has turned out looking great.



GREEN AND HARD WASTE VOUCHERS

6 Green Waste Vouchers and 2 Hard Waste Vouchers will be available for all Properties with a house and Residential Vacant Land Properties for 2019/2020, upon receipt of the first quarter rates payment.

The Vouchers are available for collection at the Quorn Council Office and Hawker Motors as of Monday 19 August 2019.

The 2018/2019 waste vouchers expiry date has been extended to 30 September 2019.

Please remember when using the Hard Waste Vouchers that all waste needs to be sorted for the appropriate areas. No building site material

(large volumes), no tyres and no mattresses are accepted under the voucher system.

Green Waste Vouchers do not include Lawn clippings and Cactus.



ADVANCED NOTICE

As we head into Spring and warmer weather please keep an eye on your blocks growth. September is the month to start having your blocks cleared for the impending fire season.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

The Flinders Ranges Visitor Information Centre needs volunteers. If you have any spare time and are interested in volunteering, please come in and see Jillian at the Visitor Information Centre or telephone her on (08) 8620 0500



QUORN LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

If you are looking for a group to join and enjoy talking to people and local history then this is the group for you!

The local history group are looking for new members to join the committee and for volunteers to help at the court house, which opens to the public every fortnight on a Saturday morning. If you are interested please contact Council on 8620 0500

WELCOME TO THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL TEAM



Callum Roads
Works Department



Rhonda Rees
Rates and Payroll Officer

**Please join us in
welcoming**



Kathy Diener
Drought and Grants Support Officer

Commencing 16 September 2019

As the Drought Support Officer Kathy will be making contact with the Community to outline how individuals and businesses may be assisted, through this new role.

Farewell Julie

The Flinders Ranges Council Mayor, Councillors and Staff would like to thank Julie Rayner for her years of service to Council and wish her well with her future endeavours.

UP COMING EVENTS



100th Quorn Show
22 September 2019
11am - 3 pm

HAWKER CRAFT MART
21 September 2019 to
8 October 2019



<https://www.facebook.com/Flinders.Ranges.Council/>
<https://www.facebook.com/FlindersRangesVisitorInformationCentre/>



LIKE AND SHARE OUR FACEBOOK PAGES

NATIONAL RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY VOTE.



To vote you must be on the electoral roll or supplementary voters roll for The Flinders Ranges Council.

ELECTORAL ROLL

Please check that your current address is up to date with the Electoral Commission. If you have recently moved to The Flinders Ranges Council area or moved addresses within the area, please make sure your electoral roll address is up to date to ensure that your voice can be heard

SUPPLEMENTARY (COUNCIL) VOTERS ROLL

Forms to apply for Councils Supplementary Roll are available at the Council Office or on the Council website under the Council Forms tab.

Please make sure that you have your application in asap to be eligible to vote in the pending National Radioactive Waste Management Facility Ballot.

DOG and CAT REGISTRATION DUE 31 AUGUST 2019.

All registrations are to be completed online through the DACO system. Renewal letters/SMS/Emails should have been received.

If you require help please come into the Quorn Council Office for assistance.

It is an owners responsibility to register their dog and cat, therefore if you have not received your renewal letter please contact Council or log onto the DACO system.

Remember all dogs and cats are required by law to be Microchipped and all dogs and cats born after 1 July 2018 need to be desexed.

EXEMPTIONS TO THE ABOVE MAY APPLY IF:

- **Dogs are defined as Working Livestock Dogs;** (must be microchipped)
- **A Vet has granted an exemption;**
- **Dog or cat born prior to 1 July 2018;**
- **Dogs belonging to Dog SA members;**
- **Cats belonging to FASA or Cat Fancy of SA members;**
- **Greyhounds registered to Greyhound Racing SA;**
- **Dog and Cat Management Board Exemptions.**

DROUGHT ASSISTANCE PRIMARY PRODUCTION

Rates Financial Support

As part of its Annual Business Plan and Budget for the 2019-2020 financial year Council has established a budget line to reduce the financial burden of general rates on drought affected primary production ratepayers. Council will provide, upon application and subsequent assessment and approval, a credit against the property general rates liability.

Please see the Council website or contact Council for further information.

BENDIGO BANK

Thank you for those who submitted pledges, however we were unable to achieve the required commitment and Council has been advised that the Agency will be closing on **Monday 30 September 2019.**

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Hello again to all our residents.

We've got a bit to report this month, and I'll start with Council's Drought support initiatives. Council has instigated a rate relief program for Primary Producers on Primary Production land – a simple application process will be required and will see rates for the current year remitted to the same level as previous. Whilst we acknowledge this isn't a big factor, it is a reflection of our concern about the difficult conditions in our rural and pastoral sectors. We have also appointed a Droughts and Grants Support Officer to engage with the properties and families thus identified, to assist them with understanding and connecting with the existing support programs from various providers to sustain the rural area as through the drought. I certainly encourage ALL of our primary producers to apply for support through both programs FRC have.

The NRWMF issue has come back into the spotlight with the dismissal of the Barngarla case against Kimba Council, and a subsequent request from Minister Canavan to resume the long stalled ballot process to determine the level of community support for the proposal. Council has agreed to resume the ballot process, but will not initiate voting until the independent risk assessment/analysis, which we have been seeking Federal funding to undertake over recent months, is completed and available to the community. There has been significant media interest in this resumption of process, and FRC's actions delaying the ballot in our area and thus breaking the concurrent aspects of the Kimba and Wallerberdina processes.

It is important to note that some preparatory processes for commencing the ballot will be taking place in the interim, including opening of the Supplementary Roll for the AEC to work with – If you are not already on the Electoral Roll in this Council Area you can amend your details with the AEC, and non-resident ratepayers can make application to Council for inclusion from now. Further details about closing dates for the Roll, and ballot dates, will be provided in due course. This is a crucial issue for our community, and Council actively encourages all eligible residents and ratepayers to ensure they are able to have their say in the ballot.

Over the past few months, efforts to establish a community-based committee to assist in attracting a GP to Quorn, to take over from Dr Tony as he prepares for retirement, have occurred without sufficient support and engagement from the community. A further meeting is to be held in the Council Chambers on Monday 9 September 2019 at 7:30 and I encourage all community members to read the attached flyer and get involved.

Our recruitment process for the CEO position is now underway, and we are looking forward to a strong field of applicants for this critical role in guiding and managing Council through the coming years.

MAYOR PETER SLATTERY

COMMUNITY MEETING

MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2019

7:30 PM QUORN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

ACTIVE WORKING GROUP REQUIRED!



We need **YOU** to become involved in the Community

Our community has been extremely well served for over 28 years by Dr Tony Lian-Lloyd, however he is looking towards retirement.

The community must now take the opportunity to commence planning for and attracting a replacement GP.

A Resident GP is **VERY IMPORTANT to our Community**

The security and viability of the Hospital

- **OUR LARGEST EMPLOYER** is linked to having a resident GP available to service patients there.
- It will be difficult to retain, and near impossible to attract, young families and older people without the security of a local Doctor and a functional Hospital to provide healthcare.
- **WITHOUT** a resident GP community members would need to travel for medical needs.
- **WITHOUT** a resident GP local business such as the pharmacies would see less business as well as the Hospital with risk of job losses.
- Less business activity, due to less employment and less services in the region, will have a serious effect on our town and regional economic stability.



How can you help?

Securing a replacement GP is going to be a challenge for the whole community. We need to become proactive and develop a strong "sales pitch" to compete with many other towns in this position, who are offering housing, vehicles, business support and attractive payment packages. **UNFORTUNATELY it is a competition to secure a GP in a regional town!**

Our town needs to offer good educational prospects for their children, good employment prospects for their partner, a high standard of housing and an active, engaged, welcoming and progressive community in which to live with their family.

There have been several meetings held to establish a working group to assist in developing a strategy, unfortunately not enough community members have attended. For us to be successful we need **EVERYONE** to become involved.

We need **YOU** to talk to your family and friends about this issue. We need you to think about how **YOU** can contribute to the process of attracting a new Doctor.

This is not an issue for complacency, nor can we leave it to someone else. Failure to act will effect the viability and vibrancy of our Community.

A community meeting to further this effort will be held on

MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2019 at 7:30PM in the Council Chambers.