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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL



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MAYORAL REPORT

The final position in council has been filled with the return of previous member Greg Flint, congratulations to all of the nominees for the vacant councillor position, it is not easy to put yourself forward for these very public positions and we hope that in the future those nominees that were unsuccessful would consider standing again for Council when the next occasion arises.

Works:

Routine Maintenance:

Significant amounts of road work, including patrol grading on 27 roads, re-sheeting and flood damage repairs on Devil's Peak, Yarra Vale Gorge, Arden Vale and Carrieton Road, and pothole repairs have occurred over the last month, routine works such as weed spraying and slashing have also been ongoing along with routine maintenance programs.

Hawker Swimming Pool:

The Hawker Swimming pool has developed a crack and has therefore been partly emptied. Quotes are being sought to repair this crack and potentially repaint the interior prior to the pool season. At this stage Council is hopeful it will be repaired in time.

Outdoor Dining Platforms:

Council has been receiving a significant amount of positive feedback from businesses and the community regarding the outdoor dining platforms installed throughout the region. These platforms are available to businesses at a commercial hire rate and each platform is risk assessed and adjusted to reduce potential risks.

Other Projects:

The Quorn town entrance signs are being completed shortly and this will see both major towns of Hawker and Quorn having these grant funded works completed. Another great project which has seen its last final touch is the Quorn Town Square, which has seen a magnificent mural being installed, this completes the main works.

Thank you to Streetscape and Public Arts Committee for their wonderful input and work over the past years. The committee members should be very proud of what has occurred in all townships and of their input and advice/direction into those projects, well done and thank you to all the members.

Award Nominations and Grant Funding:

Great news that the Quorn Town Square has been nominated for the IPWEA Excellence Awards category of Best Public Works Project - Under \$2m. Congratulations to the committee members, the project team who managed the while project from beginning to completion, and contractors who have put this all together.

Good news in respect of council receiving further grant funding of \$28,160 for additional Indigenous art works to be designed and manufactured and installed in Hawker, another continuation of great works undertaken by local people in our area.

Events:

Quorn Races:

The Quorn Races were again on August 19. Congratulations to the Quorn Jockey Club Committee, helpers and volunteers for making this event the success it is.

Painters of the Flinders Ranges:

For those wanting something different, the "Painters of the Flinders Ranges" is holding its annual exhibition at the Wilpena Woolshed

on the 3rd of September to the 2nd of October. Supporting regional events is another important thing the community can do to encourage visitation, overnight stays and economic spend in our area.

Stockyard Arena:

The Stockyard Arena Association kicks off its season shortly and for those who have never attended an event, go and see the skills on show, another great community driven attraction which brings people from around Australia to participate.

Probus Club Forum:

Quorn will host the "Probus Club" Forum on the 19th of September, which will see members from around the region and further gather at the Community Hall. Quorn welcomes all those members and visitors, and we wish them well for the forum.

Hawker Golf Club – Men's Open

Hawker Golf Club held a very successful Men's Golf open on Saturday 12 August, which saw many golfers from many different clubs attend. Congratulations to all the participants and winners, and congratulations to the members and volunteers of the Hawker Golf Club, for all the works getting the course to a very good condition for the day. Thanks to the volunteers for the magnificent tea and hospitality shown to the all the visiting golfers, a great day!

Quorn Agricultural Show:

The Quorn Agricultural Show will be held on the 24th of September 2023, this is again one of the annual events councils is proud to support. Council voted to offer up to \$5k for the Quorn Agricultural Show Committee to attract show rides for the event, we are hoping that this comes to fruition to enable those ride type attractions for our younger generation and families to enjoy. Council also voted to support the Hawker Family Day to be held on 30th September 2023. with more details to come as the event is organised.

Cradock Community Speed limit:

A long-term campaign to reduce the speed limit by the Cradock community supported by Council and Local Member Eddies Hughes has come to the fore, with a inarguable position and facts being put to Minister Koutsantonis by locals on a recent radio interview. Transport Minister Tom Koutsantonis has agreed to change the speed limit. A great outcome for the small community and fantastic that "common sense" has prevailed. It goes to show that not giving up on an issue can actually make a change. Well done to owners of the Cradock Hotel, community members, Council reps and Local member Eddie Hughes for persisting to get this change.

Community Land Reclassification and Zoning:

The proposed community land reclassifications have entered the next phase and now sits with the Minister for Local Government, Regional Roads and Veterans Affairs, Geoff Brock for approval.

Council is also working actively to push for rezoning of some of the rural land around Quorn and Hawker for use for residential purposes. We are hoping that this process will be smooth and then permit council to progress to its next stage. This will be very good news for the future and provide many opportunities for development, attraction of growth in areas such as accommodation land for vital service industries and government agencies including Health, Education and Aged Care.

As this Process progresses, I will ensure the community is updated and informed.

MAYORAL REPORT cont

Childcare:

Ongoing childcare discussions with Quorn Area School Principal and School Governing Council along with full support of Council are continuing, with the Council offer of \$20,000 in funding to initiate a feasibility and community needs report for a childcare facility. Discussions with State government indicate that this report and associated business case is a necessity to progress the proposal, we are looking not only to current but future forecast needs for the Community around childcare.

I remind everyone to talk to your local councillors about any issues, concerns or suggestions to ensure that full council is aware and can deal with or plan for those issues or positive suggestions.

Ken Anderson

1ST QUARTER RATES NOTICE REMINDER

Rates notices for the 2023/2024 financial year are being sent out. Payment of the first quarter rates is due on Friday 15 September 2023 and can be made in person at the Quorn Administration Office or Teagues Motors in Hawker, via BPay, EFT or over the phone by calling 8620 0500.

If paying electronically please ensure you include the Assessment Number as your reference details so payments are allocated to the correct properties.

BPAY payments are automatic and will only go to the property entered in as the reference number, so if you are paying for multiple properties using this method, each property must be set up individually in your banking.

If paying by direct debit for multiple properties, a remittance email to council@frc.sa.gov.au with property details and amounts paid would assist with payments being receipted to correct properties.

A new incentive this year is an early payment discount. A discount of 2.5% of your general rates only is available when you pay the full year's total rates and charges in full before the first installment date.

Unfortunately there have been some slight delays in the distribution of rates notices this year. Some additional flexibility and leniency will be provided in relation to the first instalment date to ensure everyone has a reasonable period of time to make payment by the first instalment date.

BUS DRIVER FOLLOW-UP

HAWKER – UPPER NORTH PASSENGER SERVICE

Following consultation with Hawker residents regarding the possible trial of a system to link Hawker residents with the weekly Quorn to Port Augusta bus service, there were only a couple of responses received in relation to use of the service.

Therefore, unfortunately due to this response, at this stage Council will not be proceeding with an extension of this service.

However, if in the near future more people come forward who want to utilise the service or support the service by being a bus driver, Council may reconsider.

DOG & CAT REGISTRATIONS –DUE NOW

Reminder, registrations are due for payment by 31 August 2023. After this date a **late fee of \$20 per dog** will be applied for all unregistered dogs.

Dog and cat registration is done online via www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au and Council encourage you to register your animals via this method.

Please remember that all dogs must be registered by three (3) months of age or within two (2) weeks of ownership.

POSITIONS VACANT

SEASONAL SWIMMING POOL POSITIONS (CASUAL)

Council invites Expressions of Interest for the following Seasonal (Fixed Term) Casual positions at the Quorn and Hawker Swimming Pools for the coming season (October 2023 through March 2024).

Swimming Pool Coordinator (covering Hawker & Quorn)

Conditions of employment for this position will be in accordance with the Local Government Employees Award and The Flinders Ranges Council Enterprise Agreement No. 11 – 2022. The position has been classified as Grade 4 Increment 3 with an hourly rate of \$39.3535 inclusive of casual loading.

Swimming Pool Supervisors / Operator (Multiple positions operating at both Hawker & Quorn)

Conditions of employment for this position will be in accordance with the Local Government Employees Award and The Flinders Ranges Council Enterprise Agreement No. 11 – 2022. The position has been classified as Grade 4 Increment 1 with an hourly rate of \$38.4583 inclusive of casual loading.

Volunteer Swimming Pool Supervisors / Operator (Multiple required at either Hawker & Quorn)

The pools operate on weekends, weekdays and public holidays throughout the swimming season, subject to weather and other conditions.

Applicants must have, or be willing to obtain, the minimum qualifications of:

- Senior First Aid Certification;
- Accredited lifesaving qualifications from Royal Life Saving Society or equivalent (minimum standard Bronze Medallion);
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certificate (CPR);
- DHS Working with Children Check (the former DCSI Screening and Background Checks Certification for children & vulnerable people are valid until expiry); and

It is also desirable that applicants have:

- Pool Plant Operator's Certificate;
- Considerable experience in the operating of water filtration and chlorination equipment, associated with a public swimming pool; and
- Experience in recreational facilities operations;
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills; and
- Mandatory Notification Certificate (Child Safe Environment course).

It is anticipated that Council will provide Lifeguard Training (if required) subject to availability during October 2023.

Job descriptions for all of the above positions are available for viewing or download from the Council website at <https://www.frc.sa.gov.au/council/employment> which details the experience needs and personal attributes.

Enquiries in relation to these positions should be directed to Mr Mitchell Foote, Director of Works, in the first instance on 08 8620 0500.

Applications and Expressions of Interest should be submitted via email to hr@frc.sa.gov.au by 9:00 am

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