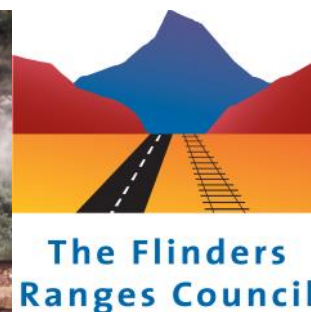


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# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

This month has been quite exciting with our footpaths in Quorn and Hawker very near completion. Of course, there will be some finishing off to be carried out once our utilities have finished their own external works. All other projects are on track as we move into caretaker mode for the upcoming Council elections.

With more than 3,000 visitors the "Quandong" festival starting with a dinner at the Flinders Food Co in Hawker on Thursday 4th of August through to and including Sunday the 7th was a great success. Not only did it include a great culinary experience with lots of eating venues available but also three days of demonstrations, discussions and participation. With TV celebrities including Paul West, Rodney Dunn and the delightful Costa Georgiadis leading the way there was something for visitors of all ages.

The line-up of renowned authors including Neville Bonney, Mark Tucek, Rebecca Sullivan, Lyn Harwood and Bruce Pascoe to name a few gave everybody a deep insight into our wonderful bushfoods and future opportunities of becoming a part of that industry. To round it off we had performances and demonstrations by numerous visiting and local chefs including Doogal and Barney Hannagan, Jess Hodge and many others.

It was also complemented by an art exhibition and sales curated by international artist Damian Coulthard and musical performances by artists including Max Savage and the False Idols and Triple J Top 100 Nukunu Artist Tilly Thomas. This was a remarkable event for an inaugural festival and praise has to go to Rebecca Sullivan and her company Warndu for making it a success. Not only did they put it together and organise staff and volunteers but were on hand to ensure that everything flowed smoothly. A big thankyou has to also go to The Flinders Ranges Council Staff for their hard work and support for this project and Simon Millcock from the LEGATUS group for his support and input into the weekend.

Mayor Greg Flint



QUANDONG  
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## COMMUNITY SPACE PROJECTS UPDATE

Council is excited to share the finalised designs that have been developed for two upcoming community space projects that have been funded through the Open Spaces for People and Places, Local Government Infrastructure Partnership and Local Roads and Community Infrastructure funding programs.

After community and committee feedback in both Quorn and Hawker, the concept Plans for the Quorn Public Square and Blue Burt Park in Hawker are ready for construction.

The Public Square situated on the land behind the Council offices in Quorn between First Street and Railway Terrace will offer an open space for day to day community use, as well as catering for events, a space that can be used by all.

The key designs features include, paved areas to allow pedestrian traffic between Railway Terrace and First Street, arbour structures for lighting and greening, a stage for events, new plants, trees and seating. The constructed square will complement the funding Council has already received for live music in the square as well as the Fringe in the Flinders event and other community events such as the community markets and the Pichi Richi Marathon.

The upgrade to Blue Burt Park will focus mainly around the re-configuration of the carpark to allow more parks for vehicles and better parking and access for larger vehicles and caravans. There will also be an upgrade to existing gardens, irrigation and toilet facilities. These works build on the newly installed pictographs and soon to be installed entrance way. Please note the Blue Burt Park plans include a number of stages of work and only a portion of the work will be completed under this funding round.

Please be patient as the works commence, although our focus is on creating as little impact as possible, unfortunately with significant projects such as these, some impact should be expected.



## 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



Check out the Flinders Ranges & Outback Visitor Guide for adventures, activities and experiences.

<https://www.flipsnack.com/woofmedia/flinders-ranges-and-outback-visitor-guide-2021/full-view.html>

## MEDIA RELEASE - 18 August 2022

### COUNCIL PURCHASES HISTORIC BUILDING Commercial and Community Opportunities

The Flinders Ranges Council has purchased the historic building that used to be "H. Matthews General Merchandise Store" and plans to upgrade it and open it for commercial or community space.

At a recent Special Meeting, Council considered a detailed proposal to purchase what is now known locally as "Buckaringa" and approved the purchase at a cost of \$100,000 excl GST.

Greg Flint, Mayor is very excited for the future prospects for the historic building. "Many Councillors have long looked at this wonderful and historic building and jumped at the opportunity to undertake inspections to look at its future potential as a major contributor to revitalise the building as well as the CBD area."

Council has carried out its due diligence and undertook building, pest and asbestos inspections prior to purchase and has plans in place for future restorations and upgrades. "We will start with removing the old sheds and fences and clearing the backyard to link the building with the upcoming town square. We are currently obtaining quotes for painting the outside of the building which will be completed by the end of 2022. Next step is to have work undertaken inside to create rentable spaces for commercial businesses." Council has earmarked grant funding for the renovation works and costings were obtained prior to purchase to ensure that the renovation works would be affordable.

It is envisaged that "Buckaringa" will earn a commercial return and for this reason the use of the building will be put out for registrations of interest for renting as a commercial space for one or multiple businesses or community groups. "Internal renovations will be carried out, but this will be dependent on the needs of potential lessees." It is hoped that the purchase of "Buckaringa" will provide Council an opportunity to assist new businesses entering Quorn and the Flinders Ranges or locals looking to start a new venture.

"Council is excited to have purchased this historic building and look forward to seeing it reach its full potential. Feedback so far from the community has been positive as well which is great as the building has been vacant for some time so the community is excited as much as we are to see this come to fruition." Mayor Flint said

## DOG & CAT REGISTRATIONS

**Reminder, registrations are due for payment by 31 August 2022.** 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](http://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.

### Registration is now due

It's easy with Dogs and Cats Online, you do it yourself  
Or call council's office before 31 August.

[DOGSANDCATSONLINE.COM.AU](http://DOGSANDCATSONLINE.COM.AU)



## BY-LAWS— No. 7

The purpose of Council By-Law 7 Waste Management is to prevent and mitigate nuisance associated with the storage and collection of domestic waste, to prevent damage to Council property and land, to enhance the amenity of the area, and more. Did you know that each property is required to keep a domestic waste and recyclable waste containers on their property and that these must be kept in a clean and sanitary condition. Waste containers should be placed on the kerb, in a position that enables clear collection, the night prior to the waste collection date. If your bin is damaged during the collection or if it goes missing or is stolen, it should be reported to Council so that arrangements can be made for a replacement (please note that if a bin is stolen it should be reported to SAPOL).

## COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2022

### Nominations Now Open - Make A Difference

Nominations are now open for Councillors and Mayor for The Flinders Ranges Council.

If you are eligible and wish to nominate for Council you are encouraged to go online to [www.candidateportal.ecsa.sa.gov.au](http://www.candidateportal.ecsa.sa.gov.au) and complete your nomination online.

If you do not have internet access or do not feel confident in doing it online, please call into the Administration Office at 1 Seventh Street, Quorn to pick up your hard copy pack.

Anyone considering nominating for Council is encouraged to call into the Council office and chat with CEO Eric Brown.

Please note that changes to legislation mean that nominations will not be made public until the closing date e.g. will not be displayed on the Council notice board.

Nominations close at **12 noon on Tuesday 6 September 2022.** (Note: this means that nominations must be received by the Electoral Commission of SA by this date and time therefore please allow time for any postage or electronic transfer of nominations.)

More information on becoming a candidate, roles and responsibilities and campaigning etc is available from <https://www.lga.sa.gov.au/council-elections/nominate>



## 1ST QUARTER RATES NOTICE REMINDER

A reminder that the 1st Quarter Rates payment is due on or before the 15th September 2022.

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](mailto:council@frc.sa.gov.au) with property details and amounts paid would assist with payments being receipted to correct properties.

