

**MARCH  
2020**

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

**THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL**



## COVID-19 VIRUS 23 March 2020

In accordance with Council's adopted Business Continuity Plan 2019, and after the completion of a risk assessment on the operations of Council and in line with guidance received from the Prime Minister, it has been assessed that the following non-essential facilities should be closed until further notice:

### Closed effective 24th March 2020

Hawker and Quorn Swimming Pools;  
All Playgrounds;  
The Visitor Information Centre (Quorn);  
Quorn Community Hall;  
Quorn Town Hall;  
Hawker Institute;  
Quorn Depot (Public Access).

The following facilities **will remain 'open' at this time:**

Landfill Hawker;  
Waste Transfer Station Quorn;  
Council Office Quorn;  
Council Depot Quorn;  
Council Depot Hawker;  
Parks, Gardens and open areas;  
Sewage Treatment Plant Quorn;  
Sewage Treatment Plant Hawker;  
Public Toilets;

Any other facilities not listed under closures above.

We will be continuing to assess the risk for staff and the community over the coming days and will keep members informed of any changes.

## MAYORS MESSAGE

Hello again to all our residents.

Obviously, a lot has changed in the last month with the escalation of measures to contain the COVID-19 pandemic across the globe, our nation, and state.

The uncertainty about the duration and severity of impacts on a local/regional scale remains an inhibiting factor in community preparation however the simple fact is that we will have local impacts and the scenario will play out over quite a long period likely 6 months or so.

Accordingly, as you may have read elsewhere, Council has put in place a number of contingency operations to ensure we are able to continue to support and serve our community, and that we are best placed to minimise the impacts on our operations and our area.

We are, like most organisations and many individuals, constantly being updated on the current situation from reputable lead sources such as SA Health and the Federal Government, and encourage you to do the same. Please don't rely on information you see on Social Media without independently verifying it through one of the official channels.

Otherwise, on a more normal note, Council continues to progress the works program and projects list. Council has recently appointed senior staff to fill vacancies in the Director of Finance and Director of Works positions, and we warmly welcome Megan Dixon (Finance and Admin) and Mike Burger (Works) to The Flinders Ranges Council and look forward to working productively with them into the future.

### MAYOR PETER SLATTERY

## CANCELLED

### ANZAC DAY SERVICE

**SATURDAY 25 April 2020** Anzac Day  
Services have been cancelled.



### COMEDY FESTIVAL

**THURSDAY 30 April 2020** Comedy Festival has been cancelled

## THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM ROUND 3

**OPEN MONDAY 2 MARCH 2020 &  
CLOSE MONDAY 4 MAY 2020**

If you are intending on holding an event or have a project that requires Council support either financially or work in kind, up to \$5000, please apply through the Community Grants Program. For example insurance, road closures, signage, use of Council equipment.

It is envisaged that the 2021 Community Grants Program will open in September 2020. Therefore if you require funding or work in kind before November please apply now.

Community Grants Program [Application form](#) is available at the Quorn Council Office or on the website [www.frc.sa.gov.au](http://www.frc.sa.gov.au)

## Staff



### Welcome Megan

Council would like to welcome Megan Dixon. Megan has taken the position of Director of Finance and Administration.

### Welcome Mike

Council would like to welcome Mike Burger as our new Director of Works



## LITTLE CORELLA AND PIGEON CONTROL

Gas Gun—The use of Gas Guns should not occur between the hours of 8:00pm –7:00am.

**Little Corella's or Pigeons :** If you have Little Corella's nesting on your property or pigeons in your buildings could you please advise Council of the times and the approximate flock numbers.

Please contact Council on 86 200 500.

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



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The State Government has taken unprecedented action in response to the coronavirus pandemic requiring all people entering South Australia to isolate for 14-days from their arrival. This will apply immediately to South Australians, other Australians and other travellers, and will be supported by border control from Tuesday 24 March at 4pm.



Food and medical distribution channels as well as key employment sectors will be exempt where appropriate.

To reduce the spread of COVID-19 within South Australia, a number of businesses and venues are required to remain closed to the public until further notice.

- licensed hotels, bars and clubs (including nightclubs), including any premises operated under the following:
  - ◆ general and hotel licences;
  - ◆ on premises licences;
  - ◆ club licences;
  - ◆ production and sales licences
- buildings used by social and sporting clubs
- gymnasiums
- indoor sporting venues
- cinemas, function centre or entertainment venues of any kind
- theatres and other places where live performances occur
- casinos
- restaurants and cafés, food courts
- places of worship
- any venue to the extent that it hosts a weddings or conducts funerals
- outdoor spaces associated with the above venues
- Beauty therapy, tanning, waxing and nail salons; tattoo parlours
- Spas and massage parlours
- Amusement parks, arcades, play centres (indoor and outdoor)
- Galleries, museums, national institutions, historic sites, libraries, community centres

This includes the members of any club or association that owns; controls; or operates the premises.

Restaurants and cafes are able to provide take-away food and drinks; however customers must not be allowed to consume items within the venues.

Funerals may still be conducted as long as the number of people present is no more than 10.

South Australia Police will be conducting random checks on venues and those businesses which have been captured by these new restrictions.

For up to date information go to : [www.sahealth.gov.au](http://www.sahealth.gov.au)

Please be responsible and self isolate and do your bit to protect our community by stopping the spread.

How to stick together, by staying apart



## Quorn Love Thy Neighbour

Facebook support group for people in Quorn and immediate surrounds.

We are heading into the unknown and potentially troubling times for all, particularly for the older members of our community and the young mums on their own with children, amongst others. We have set up an assistance group for all on Facebook, maybe we can help those who cannot feed kids or themselves (because people have no consideration when it comes to shopping), those who might need assistance with shopping, picking up mail, a little social interaction (with the required 1.5-metre distance!!). We have people ready, willing and able to help you, you only have to let us know. We have people with the necessary certification who are happy to prepare and deliver with assistance some basic emergency meals if required.

Please join the group, let us know if you can assist if required and if you require assistance, contact us by Messenger or Text/Phone on the mobiles listed. We will ensure your privacy is protected.

Admins/Coordinators are Sonja Mum Hartmann & Des Hartmann (0428590900), Mark Tuckwell (0459334046) and Rubiann Meyers (0428895944) and we are all contactable on Facebook. If you are aware of someone in the community who may require assistance, please ring or message us so we can follow it through, don't post personal details on Facebook.

Anyone within the community who has ideas about how we can assist other community members, please post on the Facebook page for all to see, nothing is off the table, except if it requires injection of external funds.

This group is only for assistance in Quorn and immediate rural area, not Port Augusta, Wilmington, Hawker etc for obvious reasons.

Thanks all and please stay safe in the Quorn Community  
Please complete the form below and message through to the contact people above or telephone them direct.

**HELLO! If you are self-isolating, I can help.**

**My name is** .....

**I live locally at** .....

**My phone number is** .....

**If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19 I can help with:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Picking up shopping	<input type="checkbox"/> Posting mail
<input type="checkbox"/> A friendly phone call	<input type="checkbox"/> Urgent supplies

Just call or text me and I'll do my best to help you (for free!)

**Coronavirus is contagious. Please take every precaution to ensure you are spreading only kindness. Avoid physical contact (2m distance). Wash your hands regularly. Items should be left on your doorstep.** #ViralKindness

## **FIRE SAFETY**

Fire Ban Season will remain until 15 April 2020.

Fires during this time can only be used for warmth and food. They cannot be larger than 1m in diameter. The fire must be contained within a 30cm deep hole with a 3 meter clearance.

Burning within the residential zone is not permitted any time of the year unless for warmth or food (with the above restrictions).

