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MAYORAL REPORT



The Fringe events were a huge success. Large crowds converged on Quorn to enjoy the free entertainment - and what entertainment it was! From Cirkidz to acrobatics and magic and some amazing local musicians thrown in as well. Many community groups and businesses jumped on the band wagon and catered for the event, which was also fantastic to see. Congratulations to all involved in organising these events and we hope to keep bringing them to you year after year.

The unveiling of the Faith Thomas AM memorial plaque coincided with the all grades cricket grand finals at the Quorn Oval. The plaque is a wonderful memorial to Faith and her contributions to sport and nursing. The ceremony was graced by tributes from various dignitaries and attended by members of the Thomas Family.

Quorn Water Quality Campaign Update

Campaigning continues for the improvement of Quorn's water quality. The ABC7.30 report undertook extensive filming and interviewing on the 19th February at Quorn with that story being broadcast on the 11th March.

I would like to again thank the community for the incredible turn out on a 38-degree day with little notice and the response we have received from all around that state has been very supportive.

The Essential Services Commission of SA accepted an invitation to address Council regarding our water quality issues. When we confirm the date we will let the community know where and when that is to occur.

Health and Wellbeing Hub Update

A new committee has been formed called the "Quorn Health and Wellbeing Hub Committee" for the purpose of initiating, researching, consulting and investigating options for the development of a community health and wellbeing hub in Quorn. Please see the expression of interest for three (3) community representatives later in this newsletter and I ask any community members interested in being part of this committee to seriously consider putting their hand up if they have an interest in this topic.

Care in Motion (Formerly Northern Passenger Transport Services) Update

The Care in Motion Board will be holding their general meeting in Quorn on the 11th April 2024. Community members are invited to attend from 1.00pm at the Council office to meet and discuss Care in Motion's possible services in the District, the community's needs in the areas of aged transport, as well as other programs operated by Care In Motion. Please see invitation with more information later in the newsletter.

Housing Options for Quorn and Hawker

The CEO and myself had a statewide linkup with the LGA, Renewal SA and the Minister for Housing and Urban Development relating to Government plans for the provision of funding for housing within regional cities and towns. We subsequently met with Renewal SA and discussed the process for application for funding up to \$2m for provision of housing for aged care, health workers, educational workers and service providers for Quorn and Hawker.

Council had previously worked on freeing up land options to be made available for this purpose and we are in the process of developing the funding application to be able to be part of the whole of government program.

I will continue to provide updates in the process and progress of this application and what opportunities that this may present the communities.

Backpacker Visitation to the Region

COVID-19 saw a severe drop in backpackers coming not only to the region but Australia wide, this has affected seasonal worker numbers, backpacker visitation and subsequent effect on accommodation and tourism services that relied on this demographic.

The CEO and I are intending to meet with the Regional Development Minister and the South Australian Tourism Commission to discuss what strategies are being put in place to encourage the return of this segment of visitors, which will assist our business and tourism operators in the future.

We will ensure we give the community (and businesses) updates as we continue to advocate for our communities.

Recognition Continues

It has been fantastic that work of the community and council continues to be recognised, not only with recent awards including winning Gold in the 2023 Australian Street Awards for the Best Entrance Art for the Hawker Entranceway and Silver in the 2023 Grey Nomad Awards for Best Trail and also for Cradock Hotel winning Bronze in the 2023 Grey Nomad Awards for Best Pub Stay, but now we see the Hawker War Memorial being filmed by the Australia War Memorial to feature on a large screen cinematic film display of memorials representing the country. The film will welcome visitors to the Australian War Memorial and serve as a reminder of its integral connection to all local memorials across the nation. This really does demonstrate what a vibrant driven community we live in, congratulations to all involved and truly well deserved.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy Easter break and I look forward to what is going to be a busy period for the Council District.

Ken Anderson Mayor



COUNCIL ELECTED MEMBERS
AND STAFF WISH
EVERYONE A
HAPPY AND
SAFE EASTER



EASTER HOURS

The Flinders Ranges Council office will be
**CLOSED on Good Friday, 29th March and
Easter Monday, 1st April.**

QUORN WASTE TRANSFER STATION AND HAWKER WASTE DEPOT CLOSURES – EASTER SUNDAY

Please note that the Quorn Waste Transfer
Station and Hawker Waste Depot will be
CLOSED on Easter Sunday, 31st March 2024.

These facilities will be OPEN on Wednesday
27th March AND 3rd April 2024 with normal
opening times applicable, as per below:

Hawker—9.00am until 11.00am
Quorn— 1.00pm until 4.00pm


HAPPY
EASTER



Community Drop-in Session

Care in Motion (formerly Northern
Passenger Transport Board) will be
holding a community drop in session
(following their board meeting) and
encourage community members to drop
in and have a chat to the Board
regarding any needs or concerns with
the service, or to find out more about
what they can do for you.

FRC Council Chambers

 **Thursday 11 April 2024**
1:00PM - 2:00PM



The Flinders
Ranges Council

ANZAC DAY Services

Thursday 25th April 2024

6.30am - Cradock War Memorial
(Dawn Service)

8.00am - Hawker War Memorial

10.45am - Quorn War Memorial

Lest we forget

2023/24 FIRE DANGER SEASON DRAWING TO A CLOSE

The 2023/24 fire danger season for the Flinders District is due to end on
the gazetted
date of Monday 15 April 2024.

However, all residents are encouraged
to still be prepared for any fires and
ensure that you have a
Bushfire Ready plan in place.

Prepare now by clearing around your property, packing an emergency kit
and

knowing your closest Bushfire Safer Place.

For more information please visit www.cfs.sa.gov.au

Disclaimer: This information was correct at the time

of printing but should be
checked against official information from www.cfs.sa.gov.au



**DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS ENDS
SUNDAY 7 APRIL 2024
PUT YOUR CLOCKS
FORWARD AN HOUR**

42ND PICHIRICHI MARATHON

The Mindfull Aus Pichi Richi Marathon will be held on Sunday 30 June 2024.

Registrations are now open and early bird prices are available until 23 April 2024.

We are privileged to have well-known local Daniel Kwaterski as this years event ambassador. Daniel ran 100km last year, finishing with the marathon, to raise awareness for Mental Health. He will be at the starting lines as well as the finish line to cheer people on and to do official presentations.

The 2024 marathon sees the return of last years new event called the 'Open Dash'. This event is an inclusive 1km dash and follows the same route of the Junior Dash.

For more information and to register go to www.pichirichimarathon.org.au

Standards registrations close on **11 June 2024.**

If you are interested in volunteering for the event please contact Paula Osborn on 8620 0500 or email info@pichirichimarathon.org.au

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 33 ROAD
TRAFFIC ACT, 1961
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to
Section 33

of the Road Traffic Act 1961,
The "Quorn ANZAC Day Services 2024"
has been declared an event to
which Section 33 applies
and that the following roads will be
closed

to vehicle traffic on
Thursday 25 April 2024 between the
times of

10.00am and 12.00pm

Roads Closed are:

Horrocks Highway/Sixth Street, Quorn
Between First Street and Railway
Terrace

..... Railway Terrace, Quorn

Between Fifth Street and Seventh Street

For further information contact The
Flinders Ranges Council on telephone
(08) 8620 0500 or
email council@frc.sa.gov.au

HAWKER HOME TO AUSTRALIA'S BEST ENTRANCE ART

The Flinders Ranges Council is absolutely thrilled that the Hawker Entranceway has received top honours at the 2023 Australian Street Art Awards as announced Friday 9 March 2024.

Mayor Ken Anderson said that the Hawker Entranceway project is a shining example of the commitment and collaboration between Council and the community.

“The Hawker Entranceway is a beacon of community pride, and beckons travellers to stop and explore the rich offerings of the region. Anchored by iconic 2m high ‘HAWKER’ signage, the project encompasses a powerful narrative of cultural preservation and community rejuvenation. The signage works as an ambassador for the town and region, encouraging travellers to immerse themselves in the unique offerings of Hawker before exploring the path less travelled through the Flinders Ranges.”

The Australian Street Art Awards recognises and celebrates outstanding contributions to street art projects that enrich the cultural fabric of communities across the country. Projects are evaluated based on creativity, community impact and their ability to inspire and engage.

Awards Director, Liz Rivers said “Artworks are unique and therefore clever communities promote their outdoor art, including welcome art, as a unique attraction that visitors can see in only one place.”

The judges congratulated The Flinders Ranges Council for investing in this sculptural work to maximise return from their public art. “We love that this entranceway holds a special place in the heart of its community and incorporates stylised elements that have helped forge Hawker’s modern identity from its ancient roots”, the judges said.

The Hawker entranceway was one of fourteen destinations recognised with a Gold Award for exceptional outdoor art across Australia this year.

The Flinders Ranges Council also won Silver in the 2023 Grey Nomad Award for Best Trail for the Flinders Ranges Self Drive Loop with Mayor Ken Anderson saying that “the popularity of this driving trail grows every day with visitors seeking different driving experiences.” Mayor Anderson also congratulated the Cradock Hotel on winning Bronze in the 2023 Grey Nomad Award for Best Pub Stay.



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION
S41 QUORN HEALTH AND WELLBEING HUB COMMITTEE
EOI FOR COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

At its Ordinary meeting of 19 March 2024, Council approved for the formation of a Section 41 Quorn Health and Wellbeing Hub Committee. The purpose of the committee is initiating, researching, consulting and investigating options for the development of a health and wellbeing hub in the Quorn township including potential locations and designs.

The Terms of Reference of the Committee are available at www.frc.sa.gov.au/consultation

The Committee membership will be as follows:

- 1 x Mayor (Chair and with Deputy Mayor as Proxy)
- 1 x Councillor (with Proxy)
- Chief Executive Officer
- Director of Works
- Grants and Publicity Support Officer
- Three (3) Community Representatives (by Public Call)

Therefore, Council is now calling for Expressions of Interest for Community Representatives.

To apply, please write to the Chief Executive Officer and provide information around your interest in the development of the hub and any experience, if relevant.

All EOI's must be submitted by Close of Business Friday 26 April 2024 to the CEO at council@frc.sa.gov.au or to PO Box 43, Quorn SA 5433.

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FREE EVENT THIS SUNDAY

LIVE MUSIC IN THE PRECINCT

Special Performance By
ETHAN DAVIS
Supported by Jasmine Kimber
A Great Mix of Originals and Covers
Quorn Arts Precinct
Sunday 31 March 2024
6.00pm - 9.00pm

FREE EVENT

BYO CHAIR, DRINKS, FOOD AND SETTLE IN FOR SOME GOOD MUSIC

This event proudly provided to you by The Flinders Ranges Council and the Music Development Office See It Live Fund.