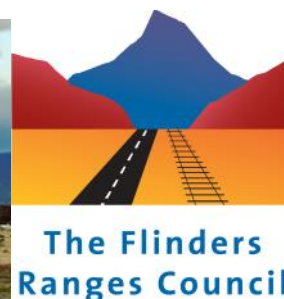


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# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL



## NATIONAL RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY BALLOT

The Community Ballot will open on 11 November 2019, and will remain open until 12 December 2019. The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) is conducting, scrutinising and counting the ballot.

The Roll for the Ballot is now being prepared and will be based on that used for Council elections which includes people on the House of Assembly Electoral Roll and those on Council's Supplementary Roll. The Ballot Roll will also include persons residing outside of the Council area who live within a 50km radius of the proposed site.

The AEC will post the ballot papers to those who are registered from the start of the ballot period.

Everyone is encouraged to vote. Please ensure your ballot is returned prior to the 12 December deadline.

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

As most of you may have heard Darryl Whicker our Acting Chief Executive Officer has won a position with District Council of Grant and will be leaving The Flinders Ranges Council as of Friday 25 October 2019.

Mayor Slattery, Councillors and Staff would like to thank Darryl for his time with our organisation and wish him and his family well with their new endeavours..

Sean Cheriton has been appointed Acting Chief Executive Officer as of Saturday 25 October 2019 whilst the recruitment process continues to be conducted.

## ROUND 1 Council Community Grants Recipients

Congratulations to the following successful applicants for round 1 of The Flinders Ranges Council Community Grants Program.

- Hawker Community Development Board for \$2000.00
- Quorn Pistol and Shooting Club for \$2514.55
- The Quorn Agricultural Show – \$500.00
- Quorn Kindergarten – \$5000.00
- Sharon Hooper Well Being Centre - \$5000.00
- Kids Club @ Gods House – \$200.00
- Quorn Netball Club- \$700.00

## FRC COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

### ROUND 2 - Open Monday 28 October 2019.

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



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## Australia Day Awards



The Flinders Ranges Council seeks your nomination for

- **Citizen of the Year**
- **Young Citizen of the Year** (under 30 years of age)
- **Community Event of the Year** (to recognise outstanding contributions from within our community).



Individuals and organisations can be nominated from all sectors of the community including education, health, fundraising, charitable and voluntary services, business, sport, arts and the environment. Winners will be selected from those who have made a significant voluntary contribution to the community.

Winners will be presented with their Awards at the Quorn and Hawker Australia Day Breakfasts on 26 January 2020.

Nomination forms are available from the Council Office, Hawker Motors, Quorn Post Office and via the Council web site

[www.frc.sa.gov.au](http://www.frc.sa.gov.au) or completed on line

[www.citizenoftheyear.com.au](http://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au) and returned by mail to: "Australia Day Nomination" The Flinders Ranges Council, PO Box 43 Quorn, SA 5433, in person or via email: [AustraliaDay@frc.sa.gov.au](mailto:AustraliaDay@frc.sa.gov.au) by 5:00pm, Friday 3 January 2020. For further information contact Angie Finlay at the Council Office on 8620 0500

## COUNCIL CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

That Council approved the following temporary Council facility closures:

Quorn Principal Office - close at 12 noon Tuesday 24 December 2019 and reopen at 9:00 am on Thursday 2 January 2020;

Quorn and Hawker Works Depots - close at 12:00 noon Thursday 19 December 2019 and reopen at 8:30 am on Monday 6 January 2020;

Flinders Ranges Visitor Information Centre - closed Wednesday 25 December 2019 and Wednesday 1 January 2020 only.

Quorn and Hawker Swimming Pools - closed Wednesday 25 December 2019 only.

Quorn and Hawker Landfill - closed Wednesday 1 January 2019 only

## FIRE PREVENTION



As the spring weather is upon us, it is time to finish off clearing your properties of fire hazards. The Fire Ban season commenced on 21 OCTOBER 2019. The Fire Protection Officer has been checking properties for hazardous areas. Property owners will receive notification within the coming weeks if their property needs to be cleaned up. Please act now to ensure your fire safety.

## Swimming Pool Service 2019/2020

18th October 2019—1 March 2020

(weekends and morning swimming will remain until the end of March)

### ADMISSION PRICES QUORN:

Season Family Pass (2-5 people): \$300  
Extra Family Member: \$50, Season Pass Single: \$150  
10 Swim Pass: \$35, General Admission: \$4

### OPENING HOURS QUORN:

**Mornings** -Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6:30am-8:00am  
Aqua Pilates—run by Claire Moran on Tuesday Mornings  
7:30am-8:15am

**Afternoons** -Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday  
2:30pm-6:30pm

### Fridays, Weekends and Public Holidays

Friday, Saturday and Sundays 2:30pm-7:00pm

School Holidays (all days) 2:30-7:00pm

*Quorn Pool will also be trialling 4 morning sessions from 10:00am to 11:30am on weekends in the January School Holidays to see if this is something the community wants. Dates to be advised.*

### ADMISSION PRICES HAWKER:

Season Family Pass (2-5 people): \$250  
Extra Family Member: \$40, Season Pass Single: \$125  
10 Swim Pass: \$35, General Admission: \$4

### OPENING HOURS:

**Mornings:** Monday and Friday 6:30am-8:00am

**Afternoons:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
3:30pm-6:30pm  
Friday 3:30-7:00pm

**Weekends** —Saturday and Sundays 2:30pm-7:00pm

*The pool will be open for a minimum of 2 hours from the advertised opening times after which a minimum of (Quorn) 6 swimmers and (Hawker) 4 swimmers must be present for the pool to remain open. The pools will be closed if the temperature is forecast for 25 degrees or less, severe storms, etc.*

**QUORN VAC SWIM will be 16-20 Dec 2019,**

**HAWKER VAC SWIM January 2020 dates to be advised.**



## MORNING LAPS AT

## HAWKER SWIMMING POOL

Due to low staff numbers morning laps at Hawker are being postponed. The start date of morning laps is still to be determined and will be advertise in due course. Council is sorry for any inconvenience.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### QUORN CRICKET CLUB ANNUAL AUCTION

**Sunday 3 November 2019 from 10am.**

### QUORN CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

**Sunday 8 December 2019**

### QUORN LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

**Opening Dates:** 26 October 2019  
9 November 2019  
23 November 2019  
7 December 2019

## Need help to pay your electricity or gas bills?

### *You have rights.*

Stronger protections are now available to households having trouble paying their energy bills.

The [Australian Energy Regulator](#) has taken action to assist vulnerable customers experiencing payment difficulties by introducing an enforceable [Customer Hardship Policy Guideline](#).

Energy retailers have important responsibilities in helping vulnerable customers. The Guideline requires energy retailers to provide consistent minimum standards of assistance, ensure hardship programs are easily accessible and put processes in place to identify customers who may need help.

Customers participating in a hardship program will get access to different payment options, help finding a better energy plan, tips on energy efficiency, and information about government concessions, relief schemes, energy rebates and financial counselling services.

Other help may also be available – All energy providers have a **hardship policy** that tells you how they can assist you if you are having trouble paying your energy bills due to hardship. You can find it on their website or ask them to post you copy.

If you are in a hardship program and meetings its conditions your energy provider cannot disconnect you.

### **When life is tough call your energy retailer and talk to them about your situation.**

For more information, visit the Australian Energy Regulator's website at [www.aer.gov.au/consumers/my-energy-bill/help-for-customers-in-hardship](http://www.aer.gov.au/consumers/my-energy-bill/help-for-customers-in-hardship).



**EMPLOYMENT:** Council will be advertising for a job share position within the Visitor information Centre in the coming weeks. This position will be for weekend employment. Please keep an eye out on the Council website and The Flinders News.

## Park Closure

### THE DUTCHMANS STERN CONSERVATION PARK AND MOUNT BROWN CONSERVATION PARK

For the purpose of undertaking a pest control program, public access will be temporarily prohibited at The Dutchman's Stern Conservation Park and Mount Brown Conservation Park from:

**6am Saturday, 9 November 2019  
until 11.30am Friday, 15 November 2019**

For more information about the control program or park closures, please contact the Natural Resources Centre, Northern and Yorke, on (08) 8841 3400.

We apologise on their behalf for any inconvenience.