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# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL

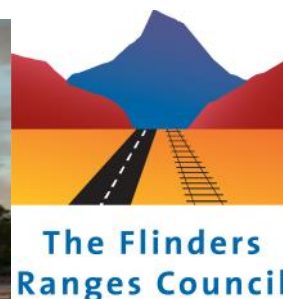


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**Mayor Christmas Lunch Tuesday 3 December 2019, Community Hall, 12:00pm.**

## NATIONAL RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY BALLOT

The Community Ballot is going well, after 27 November 2019 mail clearance, there have been 664 ballot envelopes returned (out of 1239) or 53.6 per cent. If you haven't voted yet please get your votes in. The ballot will remain open until 12 December 2019. The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) is conducting, scrutinising and counting the ballot. Please note that the figures are being regularly updated on Council's facebook page.

### NRWMF Community Ballot – Scrutineers

Council invites nominations from persons interested in attending the ballot count in Adelaide on Thursday 12 December 2019 from 10:45am until mid-afternoon.

Council has a limited number of Scrutineer positions to allocate and these are to be spread across those in favour and those against the proposed facility being in the Council area. There are also a number of positions for Council representatives to attend.

Some assistance may be available to help with travel and accommodation costs. If you intend to nominate, please ensure that you will be available to attend on the specified day as the appointments are non-transferrable.

If you are interested in attending as a Scrutineer, please email your nomination to [ceo@frc.sa.gov.au](mailto:ceo@frc.sa.gov.au) by the close of business on Thursday 5 December 2019. Your nomination should indicate the basis of your interest in being a scrutineer and provide an indication of whether you are or are not supportive of the proposed facility to enable an adequate cross-section of the community to be represented. Please also ensure that you provide all necessary contact information.

Nominations will be assessed on Friday 6 December 2019 with successful nominees contacted that day in order to complete the required paperwork. If you have any questions in relation to this matter, please contact the Council office and speak with the Acting Chief Executive Officer.

**Please ensure your ballot is returned prior to the 12 December 2019 deadline.**



## Round Two Community Grants Program

**Opens Monday 28 October 2019**

**Closes Friday 13 December 2019**

Notification of Outcomes and Media Release — January 2020

### Acquittal & Reporting

Final day for acquittal and reporting (all stages) - **15 June 2020**

Please see [www.frc.sa.gov.au](http://www.frc.sa.gov.au) or contact Council on 8620 0500 for further information.



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



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## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER APPOINTMENT

The Elected Members of The Flinders Ranges Council are excited to announce the appointment of Mr Eric Brown to the role of CEO. Eric has had extensive senior management experience, including positions at General Manager, Director and Chief Financial Officer level in local government interstate and in the health sector. Eric is also a chartered accountant, holds a number of degrees and has strong experience working in rural communities. Eric will be relocating to Quorn with his family and commences with Council on January 6, 2020.

## DROUGHT SUPPORT

Australian Government's Drought Community Support Initiative, Round 2 (DCSI) has been released and will be distributed by Vinnies and The Salvation Army.

Funds will be distributed to eligible residents in The Flinders Ranges Council area by **Vinnies**.

If you are a farmer, farm worker or farm supplier/contractor who is doing it tough because of the drought, you may be entitled to receive a one-off payment of \$3,000.

To be eligible you'll need to be over 18, an Australian citizen or permanent resident, and live/work in a specified Local Government Area (LGA).

Payments can cover numerous expenses such as groceries, vehicle maintenance, energy & utility bills, health & medical expenses.

Please go to the link below for more information and to apply.

[https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find\\_Help/drought\\_assistance/](https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find_Help/drought_assistance/)



Please contact Kathy, Council's Drought Officer on 8620 0500 if you are aware of anyone who is eligible and might be in need of this support.

## COUNCIL CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

Council has 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 2020 only but will open Wednesday 8 January 2020 instead

# Australia Day



## DON'T FORGET TO NOMINATE!

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

## A new round of NRWMC Community Benefits Grant Programme have been announced.

Get your applications ready for the imminent open date.

The Programme provides funding for community groups, local councils and Australian Businesses to take on projects that will lead to strengthening social and/or economic outcomes.

### Who Can Apply?

- A company incorporated in Australia
- A corporate trustee on behalf of a trust
- A not for profit organisation
- The Flinders Ranges Council
- An aboriginal or Torrens Strait Islander organisation, council or incorporated association.

### What projects are eligible?

- Within 50km radius of Barndioota SA plus the remainder of The Flinders Ranges Council
- Include eligible activities and eligible expenditure
- Have at least \$5000 but no more than \$1 million worth of planned eligible expenditure.

### How do I apply?

- Read the programme guidelines and grant agreement
- Complete the online application form
- Address all eligible and merit criteria
- Submit your application by the advertised closing date.

### Where can I find more information?

Visit [business.gov.au/NRWMCBP](http://business.gov.au/NRWMCBP) or call 13 28 46.

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

### Hello to all of our residents.

We have some exciting news to start off – Council at this month's meeting formally appointed a new CEO, Eric Brown, who comes to us from Cook (Qld) having spent time in Alice Springs and in NSW before that. Eric has a number of degree qualifications and a very broad range of capabilities and experience – in Local Government and other spheres.

Eric will relocate to Quorn with his family before Christmas and commences on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

This year has been a somewhat difficult and awkward one, with Colin Davies taking long term leave and then retiring.

Darryl Whicker was appointed as acting CEO with limited experience of our Council and given he was expecting his "boss" to resume after 6 months was not in a position to do much differently as well as being in a "learning" phase. Subsequently we've been recruiting and have seen Darryl move on with Sean Cheriton continuing to support Council.

Council is really excited about Eric's appointment and what his approach and skills can bring to our region, and we look forward to a clean, fresh start to the next year and beyond for our community and region.

Australia Day Award nominations have been open for some time now, and this is a terrific opportunity to recognise those within our community who contribute to making our area a great place to live.

I strongly encourage all to think about people you know who deserve recognition, and making a nomination so their contribution can be considered.

The debate within our community about the proposed National Radioactive Waste Management Facility is drawing to a close after a (very long) few years of engagement and discussion/argument. The long-awaited community ballot is now underway and we are looking forward to finding out exactly what the community really thinks about this proposal. If you have not yet returned your ballot papers, please do so as promptly as possible to ensure your opinion is heard. Whilst the ballot itself is now only an indication of community sentiment, for the Minister to consider along with numerous other factors, it is important for Council as it informs us as advocates for and representatives of our community. The residents and ratepayers who are voting in this ballot are the people we are accountable to, so this is information of value to us as the Council.

**MAYOR PETER SLATTERY**

## QUORN LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

**Opening Dates:** 7 December 2019, Closed for January/February. Scheduled to re-open on Saturday 1 March 2020.

GET YOUR FLOATS ORGANISED **Quorn Christmas Pageant Sunday 8 December 2019.**

**QUORN ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EVE STREET PARTY**  
Tuesday 24 December 2019



## YELLOW RECYCLING BINS— Please be careful what you are putting in them, below are the recommended items:

Soft drink bottles; Ice cream containers; Margarine containers; Milk bottles; Buckets; Agricultural pipe; Milk crates; Bleach bottles; Plumbing pipes & fittings; Clear cordial & fruit juice bottles; Garden hoses; Squeeze bottles; Black irrigation tube; Microwave ware (not Pyrex Glass); Yoghurt containers; Glass bottles & Jars (not mirror glass, or window glass); Newspaper (not bundled or shredded); Magazines; Writing paper; Cardboard; Phone books; Milk & juice cartons; Steel & aluminum cans (labels left on); Egg cartons, Pizza boxes (empty and clean); Aerosol cans (empty); Shampoo, conditioner & cosmetic bottles; Cleaned plastic plant pots; Shredded paper (in a clear plastic bag preferably, or a box). Please remove all lids & ensure that all items are empty, clean & rinsed.

Council meetings are held each month | Strategic Plan and Annual Business Plan [online](#) | Next Council Meeting Tuesday 17 December 2019