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MAYORAL REPORT



I am thrilled to announce the arrival of a new full-time doctor in Quorn, a testament to the unwavering dedication of Country and Outback Health whose tireless efforts have resulted in enhanced healthcare accessibility for our community. This milestone underscores Council's commitment to prioritising the well-being of our residents. With the addition of Dr. Ganizani Mlawanda, we can ensure that Quorn continues to thrive and flourish. I extend my deepest gratitude to Country and Outback Health for its

The challenges which will be faced in the short term for any new Doctor will see full professional and social support, and we ask the community to show that support. An Informal brief meet and greet has been organised to "say G'day" and welcome Dr. Mlawanda on the 17th April at 1pm at the Quorn Precinct, where we can share a sausage sizzle.

invaluable contribution to our town's health infrastructure

and personnel. Together, we are building a healthier and

more resilient Quorn for generations to come.

Care in Motion

The Council was proud to host the Care in Motion Board meeting at Quorn on Thursday the 11th April, with Board members travelling significant distances to attend.

Care in Motion provides transport services for minimal charge to medical appointments locally, to Adelaide and to major cities. They also provide home visits for services through its Community Visitors Scheme.

Following the meeting numerous interested locals attended to gain information about the services offered by Care In Motion. This included current volunteers and those interested in volunteering as well as those needing the services which are offered. I encourage all those interested to obtain a flyer from the Council office, and for those interested in volunteering to contact Care In Motion to register their interest.

This is a vital community service we are looking hard to expand to Hawker, but it does rely on volunteers, so please consider putting your hand up to support those in the community that need it most.





Works

We all should be proud of the investment in Hawker with the resealing of Wonoka, Elder and Wirreanda Terraces and associated ongoing works.

Kerbing and sealing is also being undertaken on Hospital Road in Quorn and North Quorn streets, which again sees continued investment in the improvement of accessibility and safety for locals and improving the aesthetics of the surrounds.

The Works team is undertaking a wide range of tasks and projects which can be viewed in the Council reports and for those who haven't viewed these, take a minute to, as they are impressive in their scope and range.

Mayors and CEO's meeting with Federal Politicians

A meeting with Federal Minister the Hon Kirsty McBain MP, Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories and Senator Karen Grogan the Flinders Alliance Councils was held on 4 April 2024 where we discussed the four (4) main issues of water quality, roads, childcare and housing.

The Minister and Senator were sympathetic but offered to advocate on our behalf and Council has commenced draft applications for grants in these areas.

Particular information relating to changes in Federal grant application guidelines for assistance in township water issues was discussed, and the CEO and myself will further discuss this opportunity with the Deputy Premier and representatives of SA Water and ESCOSA in the near future.

A report being developed by RDA Far North will complement the Council initiative for a localised business case for childcare in Quorn to service the District.



ANZAC Day

Commemoration Services are being held at the three (3) townships and I encourage everyone to attend one of these, to pay respects to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for theirs, and our country. It is an opportunity to reflect on what we have, and what we owe to those to that gave all.

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



Thursday 25th April 2024

6.30am - Cradock War Memorial (Dawn Service)

8.00am - Hawker War Memorial 10.45am - Quorn War Memorial

Lest we forget

42ND PICHI RICHI 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 26 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 14 June 2024.

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



SWIMMING POOL CLOSURES

The 2023/2024 Pool Season will officially close on Sunday 21st April, for both Quorn and Hawker pools.

This year the season was extended due to an early (and warm) Easter and then school holidays.

We thank everyone for their patronage, and trust everyone enjoyed their summer pool visits as we look forward to another busy summer season starting around the beginning of November.



WATER FOR ALL PROJECT - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Are you interested in participating in a study into a holistic water management scheme for Quorn and surrounding areas?

A holistic water management scheme is designed to capture, calm, store and desalinate a mixture of selected intermittent rainwaters, floodwaters and reliable groundwaters for water supplies, while reducing flood damages, providing enhanced water supply volumes for irrigation and water environments for general environmental, health and tourism benefits.

Council has been approached by Richard Clark, a retired water engineer who is very familiar with the Quorn water system and issues, to undertake a free and voluntary investigation into how a holistic water management scheme could work for this area. Richard is looking to engage with interested and knowledgeable local people who are willing to spend some time mapping out parameters for the study, researching and collating information and producing a final report.

If you are interested or want to find out more please register your interest direct with Richard on richard.clark@waterselect.com.au by COB Friday 31 May 2024.

More information and an outline of Richard's extensive experience can be found at www.frc.sa.gov.au/community/latest-news

THE 2023/2024 FIRE DANGER SEASON HAS CLOSED

The fire danger season for the Flinders District ended 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

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