

**FEBRUARY
2021**

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Our Australia Day celebrations here in Quorn went off without a hitch and again a big thank you goes out to our 'Welcome to Country' and our staff who enabled that to happen and according to Councillor Steve Taylor there was "a great day in Hawker". I didn't get to Cradock for the good reason that it rained, however I managed to get there the following Saturday to present Maurie with his Australia Day award. This well-deserved award was for the work in the beautification of Cradock and in his words, belongs as much to his wife Maggie as it does to him.

The new works to be carried out on Railway Terrace, Quorn and Stage 1 of the Bush Food Trail have begun and mark the beginning of the many upgrades that are part of the new Streetscape Plan for all three of our communities. We are currently waiting for the Federal Department of Industry to send us our grant funding agreements so that we can commence the next stage which includes the new entrance to Hawker and other projects. Another project that has reached completion is the Hawker gym so please check it out on Facebook or come and visit.

These projects would not happen if it wasn't for the many hours that our volunteers put in whether it is the Hawker Gym, Hawker War Memorial, the Quorn Pioneer Machinery Society, Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society, the Bush Foods Working Group, Warren Gorge, Powell Gardens, Cradock War Memorial and Gardens or just the individual person watering public trees or raking the footpath. The truth is that it is the energy and dedication of these people that enables many of these projects to happen. This not only makes all of our communities special, it also stops them from just fading away.

On a final note we also said goodbye to Mayor Peter Slattery and I would like to remind everybody that all of the exciting things that are happening now are part of his legacy to us.

3RD QUARTER RATES NOTICE ISSUE RESOLVED

Please note that Council experienced a minor issue with its third Quarter rates notices, whereby a small amount of interest incorrectly accrued against some assessments. This issue has now been rectified. The issue occurred as part of the transition to a new finance software system. If you accidentally paid this amount, the amount will be credited against your next rate notice. The amount is generally a few cents per assessment. All ratepayers that have contacted Council and requested new rates notices will be contacted. If you have any further queries please telephone Council on 8620 0500 or email council@frc.sa.gov.au. Thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we worked to resolve this issue.

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NEW MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

APPOINTED

Nominations for the supplementary position of Mayor closed on the 28 January 2021 with one nomination received.

The Flinders Ranges Council is pleased to announce that Greg Flint has officially been appointed to the position of Mayor.

Congratulations to Mayor Flint, we look forward to continuing to work with you in driving the Council and communities forward.

At its ordinary meeting on 16 February 2021, Council elected Ken Anderson as Deputy Mayor.



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION—GEOSCIENCE AUSTRALIA

As part of an upgrade by Geoscience Australia of its Australia-wide Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS), it is working to establish formal, secure tenure arrangements for all existing GNSS ground stations. This includes one on an existing site on Section 287, Hundred of Woolundunga at Saltia. The current lease arrangements for this site include a 21 year occupation licence, with a further 21 year option. This results in a 42-year term, which is the maximum term allowable under the amended section 202 (4) of the Local Government Act 1999.

Council is looking to grant the lease for the maximum term of 42 years and is seeking community feedback on the proposed Access and Land Use Licence between The Flinders Ranges Council and Geoscience Australia.

Further information, including background information and a copy of the licence and plans, are available from www.frc.sa.gov.au/community/latest-news or for viewing at the Council office at 1 Seventh Street, Quorn. Community consultation is open until Friday 12 March 2021. Submissions to be made in writing to the CEO, The Flinders Ranges Council, PO Box 43, Quorn SA 5433 or email to council@frc.sa.gov.au.

HAWKER GYM COMPLETED

Wow, isn't the Hawker Gym impressive! Funded through the Federal Government Drought Communities Program and NRWFCBP the gym has equipment to suit all needs.

A big thank you to the funding program, Council, all contractors involved and the volunteers who have put plenty of hours in getting everything ready!!!



POOL OPERATING HOURS

HAWKER

QUORN

POOL OPENING DAYS
CHANGES AS OF
MONDAY 22nd FEBRUARY

MON: CLOSED

TUES: 3.30PM – 6.30PM

WED: CLOSED

THURS: CLOSED

FRI: 3.30PM – 7PM

SAT: 2.30PM – 7PM

SUN: 2.30PM – 7PM

PLEASE REFER TO POOL FACEBOOK PAGE FOR ANY FUTURE UPDATES

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MORNING LAPS STILL AVAILABLE
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COMMUNITY CONSULTATION – 467 DEPOT FLAT ROAD, YARRAH

Council is seeking feedback from members of the public regarding the use of Public Road Reserve at 467 Depot Flat Road, Yarrah (Certificate of title CT5951/228). It is proposed under Sections 221 & 222 of the Local Government Act 1999 to make an alteration to a public road and permit to use a public road for business purposes.

Further information on the parcel of land in question and the conditions of the permit are available for viewing at the Council office, 1 Seventh Street, Quorn or at www.frc.sa.gov.au.

Community consultation is open until Friday 19 March 2021. Submissions are to be made in writing to the CEO, The Flinders Ranges Council, PO Box 43, Quorn SA 5433 or email to council@frc.sa.gov.au

UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Outreach Event: At the Quorn Town Hall on Monday 1 March 2021 between 10am–2pm. This event brings together all levels of government, charities, not-for-profit and agricultural organisations to support farmers and rural and regional communities living through the immediate and longer-term effects of drought.

It is an excellent opportunity for farmers, families and rural communities to grab a bite to eat, catch up with friends and neighbours and find out what support is available during drought and tough times.

Casting Off: At the Hawker Institute on Sunday 14 March 2021 starting at 2pm. Casting off stereotypes, these dynamic Australian women tumble, talk, fly, and balance precariously in one hour of circus that will make you laugh and cry simultaneously.



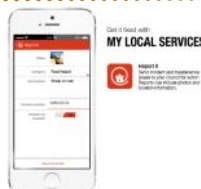
NAMING OF PUBLIC SPACES—HAWKER

The Flinders Ranges Council has now officially named the Hawker War Memorial and Dog Park as the Hawker and District War Memorial and Hawker and District War Memorial Dog Park respectively.



MY Local Service App

This is a free app which can be used for submitting a Council request/complaint, checking on waste collection dates and



WASTE DEPOT AND TRANSFER STATION—OPERATING HOURS REMINDER

A reminder that the operating hours for the Quorn Transfer Station and Hawker Waste Depot are as follows:

Quorn Transfer Station

Sunday - 8:00am until 12:00pm

First Wednesday of Month - 1:00pm until 4:00pm

Hawker Waste Depot

Sunday - 1:30pm until 4:30pm

First Wednesday of Month - 9:00am until 11:00am

For further information please contact Council on 8620 0500 or by email council@frc.sa.gov.au.

Also remember: For patrons at both facilities, please place items into correct areas to avoid contamination. If you need to clarify, just ask the operator on site.

PROJECTS UPDATE

Council has been busy with various projects around the communities, here's an update on a few of them:

SW Precinct

Construction and sealing of road has been completed.

Final footpath and lay down yard clean up work being undertaken.

Line marking will follow in the coming months to finalise the project.

Railway Terrace Streetscape

Site work has started. A reminder to be aware and take note of work zone signage when driving past.

Bush Food Trail

Site set out has begun. Site yard is located on Park Terrace next to the netball courts. Please be aware when driving past this area.

Some restrictions to the walking path between Park Terrace and Silo Road will be in place at times during construction.

Council also carried out general clean up and repair works after the late January rains.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR TOWNS CLEAN AND TIDY

Council would like to thank the community members who help to keep the towns tidy by raking up leaves from the street trees and pulling out any weeds and would like to encourage more people to help in this way to keep the town's tidy.

Council does a street pick up every Tuesday (weather permitting) and we encourage everyone to rake the leaves on the footpaths into a pile for us to pick up. Unfortunately, this does not include waste from your own yards. This needs to be taken to the refuse centres during opening hours and you can use your Green Waste Vouchers to avoid charges.

Council does ask if you see a pile on the footpath to avoid parking next to it on Tuesday's to allow for easy access.

Hard waste will not be picked up by Council, this also must be taken to the refuse centres during opening hours.

Once again, thank you for your assistance and let's work together to beautify our towns!

CAMPING AT THE QUORN COMMUNITY OVAL

As of the 1 March 2021 camping at the Quorn Community Oval will no longer be available due to the Caravan Park re-opening.

Camping at the Oval was made available by Council as an overflow option for visitors during COVID-19.