**Business and community groups**

Are you part of a community group, a business or tourism operator in need of assistance? RDA Far North may be able to assist.

John Rejack, Business Advisor, has years of experience in operating small business and can assist with information from start up business through to business planning. John can assist with one-on-one business mentoring and support, referrals to the other business support services, and training and development through relevant workshops.  

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Troy Grover, Economic Development Manager, has a wealth of knowledge of grants funding available for community groups and assist in the grant application process. Troy has good understanding of and networks for advice on energy savings and other renewable options for business and community organisations.  

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Ben Boothby, Project Officer Tourism, has a wide and varying career in the tourism industry, from small tourism establishments through to international operations. Ben’s role provides support for regional tourism businesses and assists in promotion of the Flinders Ranges and Outback SA regions.  

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So why not email one of the RDA Far North team and see if they can be of assistance to you. If you prefer, call them on 08 8641 1444.

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**Mayor’s Message**

Happy Easter to all our residents,

This is traditionally the start of our tourist season and with recent rains, the Ranges should be looking their best. We’ve enjoyed an early kick-start with recent film activity, the Trakmaster Caravan Club’s gathering, and the Transworld Sydney to London Rally passing through later this week!

We’re starting the annual Budget process, so this is your opportunity if there’s something you’d like considered for funding. As an example, the old Hawker Pool site has (finally) been cleared so Council is looking for input from the community about how we might utilise (or, ultimately, develop) this key site. The refurbishment of the Quorn pool will soon be in full swing as well.

Council has some important documents out for public consultation. Particularly, the re-issued Council By-Law review which includes a Cat Management Policy. This outlines a number of mechanisms to mitigate feral cat problems, such as compulsory desexing, microchipping and curfews. Council would likely provide support and phase-in periods if the By-Law is adopted but this could represent a significant change for cat owners and warrants a read if you’re a cat owner.

Similarly, the Strategic Directions Report is an opportunity for Council to begin the legislative processes required to bring about any changes needed to meet our medium-term development goals. Council has had some pre-emptive submissions from ratepayers, and Council encourages everyone to read the draft Strategic Directions Report and let us know what you think.

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**Stage 2: Steering Committee**

Nominations are sought for the Steering Committee to progress our Bendigo Bank Agency to a full Community Bank® branch.

A Community Bank® branch is a locally owned and operated company, which functions as a franchise of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank. The Bank provides the coverage of its banking licence, a full range of banking products, training of staff and ongoing support.

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Interested persons are invited to nominate, leaving your name and contact details, with the Bendigo Bank branch at Council’s Quorn offices.

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LOW CARBON INVESTMENT READY

Yorke and Mid North Strategic Alliance is working to determine how to best prepare the region for renewable energy and other low carbon technologies.

Public workshops will be held, commencing 2:30pm:
Wed 4 June, Snowtown  Tue 10 June, Ardrossan
Tue 1 July, Booleroo Centre
For more information call 0487 272 341

ANZAC SERVICES—FRIDAY 25 APRIL 2014

Cradock:  Dawn (6:30am) War Memorial, RM Williams Way
Hawker:  8:00am at Foresters Hall Memorial, Cradock Road
Quorn:  10:45am at Cross of Remembrance, Railway Terrace

DISPOSAL OF CACTUS

Cactus is not considered regular green waste due to their fibres which jam processing machinery.

When delivering green waste to the Waste Depots, cactus must be separated from other green waste as it is disposed in a different location.

RECENT FILMING

Thank you to business and residents for your patience with the road closures and activity associated with the recent film crew.

Another welcome boost to our local economy!

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Review of by-laws

Council is reviewing a number of by-laws and, following the first round of public consultation, has released the revised by-laws for comment.

Closes: 5.00pm, Friday 2 May.

Strategic Directions Report

An outline of Council’s vision for growth and the planning issues and challenges it faces.

Closes: 5.00pm, Friday 13 June.

The public consultation documents are available online at Council’s website. Hard copies may be viewed at Hawker Motors and the Quorn Council Office.

Submissions should be in writing addressed to the Chief Executive Officer.

LIST YOUR EVENT

The Flinders Ranges Visitor Information Centre (VIC) maintains a current calendar of events both online and in hard copy.

All businesses and organisations holding an event, whether a one off or regular activity, should ensure it is listed with the VIC. Contact Jillian on 8620 0510.

You can check what’s on by calling in at the VIC or going online at www.flindersranges.com and following the links.

WELCOME NEW STAFF

Council welcomes Brenton Pearce who has recently commenced as Works Co-ordinator.

Brenton will oversee all works staff who are now working in one team and will be based at the Quorn Works Depot.

Brenton was most recently Works Manager with District Council of Mount Remarkable.

Stormwater Diversion

Residents are encouraged to check their stormwater run-off from downpipes and rainwater tank overflow points.

The recent heavy rains are a timely reminder that it is illegal to divert stormwater in to the Community Wastewater Management System.

If you think your property could be contributing to the problem please make the adjustments required to stop the water from entering the system.

Council can identify properties involved. If illegal work is detected, Council is authorised to have remedial work carried out at the expense of the landholder.

Council has adopted the Cemeteries Management Plan—document online and at Council offices

Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month | Strategic Plan and Annual Business Plan online