



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

April 2017

Dog Registrations 2017-2018

Renewal notices will be sent out in July 2017 with the following fees:

Standard—\$35.00

Non-Standard—\$70.00

Concession—Standard—\$17.50

Concession—Non-Standard—\$52.50

Working Dogs—Standard—\$31.50

Working Dogs—Non-Standard - \$63.00

Please note there is no longer a concession for Health Care Card holders

Cat Registrations

Cat registrations will be for desexed and micro-chipped cats only. Any cats caught without being micro-chipped will be deemed as feral.

Please note Council is in the process of organising another micro-chipping day in Quorn.

RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

There has been an increase in the number of animals wandering the streets and/or coming out of properties when walkers are passing. Please be reminded that as an owner it is your responsibility to ensure that your animal(s) are secured in your property at all times. Your dog must be on a lead at all times unless in designated off leash area. You are also responsible for cleaning up after your animal.

FIRE DANGER SEASON



Fire Danger Season Closes

30 April 2017.

For further safety information please see the CFS website at www.cfs.sa.gov.au/

Have a say in your community as an ambulance volunteer!

Ambulance stations at Hawker, Leigh Creek, Quorn and Yunta are recruiting for new volunteer ambulance officers to join their teams. They are hoping to attract new volunteers from local towns and even further afield.



Regional Team Leader Janet Brewer says they need people to help on weekends at Hawker and Quorn but stresses that SA Ambulance works flexibly with volunteers to manage commitments.

"Volunteering for SA Ambulance Service gives you a say in your community and keeps the service going. We need to make sure we are sustainable for the future which includes getting new people trained and on the roster," said Ms. Brewer.

Recruitment is also taking place in Port Augusta to fill gaps in the roster across the Flinders stations. "We recently held a recruitment drive in Port Augusta and hold training nights there, which has been really positive. However if we can encourage local residents in Hawker, Leigh Creek, Quorn and Yunta to join us, that's our ideal situation."

Hawker volunteer Steve Taylor started his training at SA Ambulance Service when he retired from the police force. He saw it as a way to continue with the emergency services and to do something for his community.

"I found that I had a natural ability for the job as I was used to dealing with people. You see folk at their lowest ebb or when they need help," said Mr. Taylor.

"This is a quiet town, we get a lot of transfers to Port Augusta or to the Royal Flying Doctor Service. I would encourage anyone who wants to help their community and who likes interacting with others to give it a go. It gives you a great sense of achievement."

Steve's colleague Julie Rowe has been a volunteer at Hawker for 15 years. She says she loves gaining new clinical knowledge at every training session and likes the social side of being part of a volunteer team.



"We have a diversity of ages in our team and that's great as we all have different strengths. We are all very supportive of each other, but we need more people to join us."

And if you are out and about in Quorn in the coming weeks, keep an eye out for posters of your local ambos, which will be featured all over the town!

To learn more about becoming an ambulance volunteer in the Flinders you can contact Regional Team Leader Janet Brewer on 0417 881 950. Or go to www.saambulance.com.au or call 1800 655 306.

Pictures from ANZAC Day Services



Pictured Mark Tuckwell, Dustin Hombsch & Travis McDonald at the Quorn ANZAC Day Service



The Cradock War Memorial



The Hawker War Memorial



Wreaths laid at the Hawker War Memorial



Stockyard Arena Members arrived on horseback for the Ceremony

Mayors Message

Hello to all our residents,

We've just enjoyed some magnificent weather for the Easter break, and the solid opening rains which have followed did the right thing for us and held off on Anzac Day as our communities held their own unique and individual Anzac commemoration services. All were very well attended and offered attendees the opportunity to acknowledge and pay respect to the service of all service men and women who've fought for us and our nation.

This year is the Centenary of the Battle of Beersheba, including the charge of the 4th Light Horse Brigade which is generally recognised as the last great Cavalry Charge in a war. The Turkish Field Gun at the Quorn War Memorial was actually captured in that battle, so it's a significant link for us.

Council has commenced the Annual Business Plan and Budget process, with a Special Meeting planned for the 9 May 2017 to consider the planned programs and measures, after which we expect to have the information available for public consultation. As always, we encourage all ratepayers to have a look at the proposals and provide Council with your feedback.

Council also met with members of the Pichi Richi Railway executive over Easter for an update on their situation, projects and issues along with a report on some concerns from the operational side as the train season gets properly underway. The iconic PRRPS remains a great drawcard and critical asset for our region after more than 40 years.

Accordingly, Council has asserted a strong will to assist and support the Railway as they update and modernise their structures, and work toward identifying and implementing a more sustainable operation to retain the Railway operation for the years to come.

Peter Slattery, Mayor, The Flinders Ranges Council

Calling Casual Workers

The Flinders Ranges Visitor Information Centre are looking to build its casual worker pool.

If this interests you please contact Elizabeth White at The Flinders Ranges Council Office For further details phone: 8620 0500

Monster Town Garage Sales

Sunday 28 May 2017

Please drop your registration form and fee to the Flinders Ranges Visitor Information Centre by 24 May 2017.