



# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

February 2017

## Attention all Residents RURAL HOSPITALS HEALTH FORUM

**WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2017**

**7:30 PM QUORN TOWN HALL**

Council would like to urge all residents to attend and participate in the discussion regarding the threats to country health services and the apparent direction of Country Health SA. This is a serious concern that effects us all. Everyone needs to be informed and show their concern by attending.

## ANZAC DAY

**Tuesday 25 April 2017**

ANZAC Service to be held as follows:

Cradock - 6:30 am (Dawn)

Hawker - 8:00 am

Quorn - 10:45 am



## TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND PARKING PLAN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Council is seeking 2 Community Representatives from both Quorn and Hawker to be part of the newly established working group to review the draft Quorn and Hawker Traffic Management and Parking Plan.

A written expression of interest on the above, addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 43, Quorn SA 5433, are due by 5:00 pm on Friday 10 March 2017.

Further information is available on the Council's website [www.frc.sa.gov.au](http://www.frc.sa.gov.au)

## RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

There has been an increase in the number 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 areas. You are also responsible for cleaning up after your



## POLICY REVIEW

At the February Ordinary Council Meeting the following amended Policies were adopted:

G1.26 Treasury Management v4

G1.30 Building Inspection v2

G1.32 Code of Conduct Council Volunteers v2

G1.33 Public Question Time v2

G1.40 Liquor Licensing v1

G1.41 Memorials v1

G1.42 Roads Opening and Closing v1

## FOX Bait Distribution Week



Fox baits will be available for purchase as below. Property owners are encouraged to coordinate their efforts for best results. Best practice for a fox baiting program is to bait for one month twice a year – around April to target young foxes finding new territories, and around November when females are breeding and are under the greatest food stress.

**Dates and locations in our Council Area as follows:**

**Tuesday, 28 February 2017**

**Quorn:** Railway Terrace by QRT - 11:45 am to 12:45 pm

**Hawker:** Elder Terrace, opposite Hawker CFS - 2:30 pm to 3:30pm

Please bring your section numbers with you to complete the paperwork. For help to plan your fox control program and for details about cost of baits, distribution centres and other information, contact Luke Gabell on 0448 314 491.

## EPA DOB IN A LITTERER APP



The new free public litter reporting App and website is now active to report cases of littering from vehicles. This app can also be used for other reportable offences. Please refer to website for further information: [www.dobinalitterer.sa.gov.au](http://www.dobinalitterer.sa.gov.au)  
The app is available for android and apple phones and tablets.

## DO NOT SPRAY REGISTER

Council is currently updating the DO NOT SPRAY REGISTER. All rate payers (including those previously on the register) who do not wish Council to spray their footpath for weeds, please advise, in writing, that you would like your property to be placed on the Do Not Spray Register. Once you are placed on the register it is your responsibility to maintain the footpath outside of your property, if this does not occur Council will spray your footpath.

## THOMPSON PARK AND THE COMMUNITY OVAL PLAYGROUND ARE SMOKE FREE AREAS

Sections 46-52 of the Tobacco Products Regulation Act 1997 ban smoking in the following places:

- all enclosed public places, workplaces and shared areas;
- in a motor vehicle if there is a child present;
- within 10 metres of childrens' playground equipment.



## Dog and Cat Registration Fees

The Dog and Cat Management Board are implementing legislative changes to the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* which will affect the future structure of registration categories including those for 2017-2018. These amendments will include:

- Enforcement of mandatory microchipping of all dogs and cats
- Enforcement of desexing (for dogs and cats born after 1 July 2018, proposed in the draft Regulations)
- Breeder registration compliance
- Cat Management

The board intends to implement a consistent state-wide percentage rebate for a **Standard** dog or cat registration in the future. As of 2018-2019 registration period **Mandatory** microchipping and desexing for dogs and cats will apply.

**Standard Registration** - A mandatory percentage rebate off the non standard fee to apply **only** to a dog or cat that is both desexed and microchipped.

**Non Standard (Full fee)** - This applies to all other kinds of dogs or cats (where applicable) even if they are exempt from the requirements to desex or microchip (e.g. dogs & cats belonging to registered breeders) working livestock dogs etc.)

### Proposed New Fee Structure as from July 2017

Dog & Cat Fees	Proposed Fees 2017-2018
<b>STANDARD REGISTRATION FEES FOR 2017/2018</b>	
Non-Standard Dog	\$ 70.00
Standard Dog (50% off the Non-Standard dog fee)	\$ 35.00
Standard Cat (50% off the Non-Standard cat fee)	\$ -
<b>DISCRETIONARY REBATES FOR 2017/2018</b>	
Concession Card Holders (Aged & Disabled Pensioners only) <b>No Concession for Health Care Card Holders</b>	
Non-Standard Dog	\$ 52.50
Standard Dog (50% off the 'Non-Standard dog fee)	\$ 17.50
Desex only (% off Non Standard Rate) No Other Concessions Apply	
	\$ 52.50
Microchip only (% off Non Standard Rate) No Other Concessions Apply	
	\$ 63.00
Non-Standard Working Livestock dog	\$ 63.00
Standard Working Livestock dog	\$ 31.50
Registered Therapeutic Dogs (Blind, Hearing, other)	
	\$ 0.00
<i>Other Council approved fees for dog/cat management</i>	
Fees for transfer of registration	\$ 10.00
Fees for replacement disc	\$ 5.00
Fee for late registrations	\$ 20.00
Fee for impound (dog/cat)	\$ 70.00
Fee for daily housing at pound (dog/cat)	\$ 30.00
Registration of Licenced Breeders	\$ 250.00

## Mayors Message

Hello to all our residents,

As was flagged in last month's newsletter, there is to be a public Rural Hospitals and Health Forum held in the Quorn Town Hall on Wednesday 15 March at 7:30pm. Council is facilitating this forum to bring together Members of Parliament, the Minister, Health Department officials, Rural Doctors, Health Professionals, HAC representatives, Local Government and concerned members of the community to hear about the ongoing erosion of health services and lack of facility support which is creating an environment where threats to our communities are being imposed by deliberate lack of action and stealth.

In regional communities, the provision of GP services and the viability of the Hospital are inextricably linked. Country Health SA's current direction of reducing our hospitals to nursing homes by removing acute care capacity will leave our communities without access to emergency medical care and without access to medical services and support in our towns.

Already, an example of a similarly affected medical practice in SA having offers of training positions rejected by candidates due to limiting their experience, exposure and capacity to practice what they've learned has been brought forward. These are our next generation of prospective Rural Doctors, and that emphatically underlines that Doctors will not move to locations without good facilities and an appropriate opportunity to function as Doctors.

Many further examples of deliberate degradation of facilities have been advised, and will be raised at the forum. Minister Snelling, the CEO of Country Health SA, president of the Rural Doctor's Association (SA), MP's, as well as all HAC chairs and Rural GP's from our broader region have been invited.

Please come along, show your support, hear about the looming crisis which we must avert, and get informed and mobilised for what is likely to be a long and ongoing fight for our communities and their future. For further information, please speak to your HAC representatives or myself.

Peter Slattery



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of South Australia

### RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

Council would like to acknowledge the following recipients who received a Certificate of Recognition of Service from the Local Government Association

for **over 10 Years of service**

Christine Bowden

Victor Clark

Mark Finlay

Robin Ward

Jillian Wilson