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# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL



## Fire Danger Season

**Fire Danger Season for the CFS Flinders Fire Ban District started on 22 October 2018 to 15 April 2019.**

A dry winter has made the region a high risk to fire.

All property owners within the Council district are asked to prepare their properties and continue to maintain their properties throughout the Fire Danger Season.

## Fire Prevention Officer

**Council's Fire Prevention Officer, Mark Finlay can provide advice on all aspects of fire prevention:**

You can also access the [CFS website](#) for bushfire action plans; guidelines for operating farm fire units; use of machinery; carers information; fact sheets on burning off, using BBQs and pizza ovens, permits, care of pets and livestock and lots more!

## Fire Safety Inspections

Council staff will be undertaking inspections of all properties which have been identified as a potential fire risk.

The Council undertakes these inspections in accordance with the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005*, and with the support of the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission (SAFECOM).

**What happens if my property is identified as a potential fire risk?** If your property is identified as a potential risk the Council may issue a Section 105F Notice which requires undergrowth to be cut to a maximum of 10cm and gives a timeframe to meet the request.

**What happens if I don't meet the specified timeframe on the 105F Notice?** If you have not complied with the directions on the 105F Notice or have not contacted Council by the due date to discuss, and following a further inspection, if your property has not been cleared, the matter may be referred to the Council's contractor to clear the land at your cost and you will be issued with an Expiation Notice, which will include a fine component.

## Campfire Safety

**For your safety and that of other visitors, please follow the advice below:**

- Do not light or maintain a campfire during a fire ban or on dry, windy days
- Use a built fireplace where provided or dig a 30cm deep trench to house the fire and prevent embers from flying out
- Create a border around the fire using large rocks
- Ensure the fire has a 4m clearance from tents, vegetation (including overhanging) and that other camping equipment is stored well away, especially flammable items such as gas cylinders and fuel cans
- Children and pets should be supervised at all times
- Never put glass or unopened tins of food on a fire

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## Prepare your Property Now

There are a few simple things you can do to increase your personal safety and that of your property during a bush fire. They are

- (1) **Understand** your risk,
- (2) **Discuss** with your family what you will do and where you will go if a bush fire threatens,
- (3) **Action** prepare your home,
- (4) **Know** the fire alerts and
- (5) **Save** the bush fire information number, website and apps.

### Town Properties:

- o Reduce all grass and undergrowth to a maximum height of 10 cm (4 inches)
- o Clear all gutters of leaves and debris and install metal gutter guards
- o Review, update and practice your Bushfire Survival Plan
- o Check and service all mechanical equipment, including grass cutters, water pumps, sprinkler systems and fire extinguishers
- o Remove any dead branches, undergrowth and pruning of low tree limbs and those overhanging your home.
- o Enclose the areas under the house and repair or cover gaps in external walls

### Rural fringe and rural living properties adjoining Hawker and Quorn towns:

- o Reduce all grass and undergrowth to a maximum height of 10 cm (4 inches) in a 20 metre radius of any building
- o Removal of any dead branches, undergrowth and pruning of low tree limbs within a 20 metre radius of any building
- o Establish 4 metre wide breaks where possible and practical on boundaries either by slashing, ploughing or spraying
- o Maintain at least 22,000 litres of water for fire fighting purposes
- o Sign post accesses suitable for fire fighting vehicles, 4 metres wide with a minimum height clearance of 4 metres.

### Rural properties (as above plus)

- o Inspect machinery prior to and during fire danger season for the proper operation of spark arrestors
- o Check condition of fire extinguishers, knapsacks, pumps and hoses
- o Obtain a permit to burn during fire danger season, which will contain appropriate guidelines
- o Safe access to property including turn-around / passing bays located at least every 500 metres on private roads



## CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

Hawker Carols, Saturday 1 December 2018 at 6:30pm  
Quorn Pageant, Saturday 1 December 2018 at 5:00pm  
Cradock Pageant, Sunday 9 December 2018 at 5:00pm  
Quorn Christmas Eve Street Party, 24 December 2018 at 5:00pm



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

**This Sunday 11 November 2018**

### 100 Year Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice ending World War One!

#### HAWKER

Hawker War Memorial

10.30 Church Service

10.55 Ceremony

Tea and Coffee available after the ceremony.

#### CRADOCK

Cradock Memorial Wall of Remembrance dedication and service

10.30 Ceremony

BBQ at the memorial Garden to follow.

#### QUORN

10:30—Assemble at the Railway Station Car Park for Re-enactment march

*(Railway Tce from Sixth Street to Seventh Street will be closed during the proceedings)*

10:50 - Ceremony



Votes for 2018 Council Election must be **received** by no later than the close of voting at 5:00pm Friday 9 November 2018.

Ballot boxes placed at Hawker Motors and the Quorn Council Office will be picked up at 5:00pm on Friday 9 November 2018



## Australia Day

Do you know someone who makes your community a better place?



The Flinders Ranges Council seeks your nomination for

- Citizen of the year
- Young Citizen (under 30 years of age)
- Community Event of the Year to recognise outstanding contributions from within our community.



Individuals and organisations can be nominated from all sectors of the community including education, health, fundraising, charitable and voluntary services, business, sport, arts, the environment. Winners will be selected from those who have made a significant voluntary contribution to the community.

Winners will be presented with their awards at the Quorn and Hawker Australia Day breakfasts on 26 January 2019.

Nomination forms are available from the Council Office, Hawker Motors and Quorn Post Office, via the Council web site [www.frc.sa.gov.au](http://www.frc.sa.gov.au) or completed on line [www.citizenoftheyear.com.au](http://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au) and should be returned by mail "Australia Day" The Flinders Ranges Council, PO Box 43 Quorn, SA 5433, in person or via email: [AustraliaDay@frc.sa.gov.au](mailto:AustraliaDay@frc.sa.gov.au) by 5:00pm, Friday 4 January 2019.

For further information contact Angie Finlay on 8620 0500

### THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL PARKING PLAN

The Flinders Ranges Council, Parking Plan has been Gazetted and is now in place. New signage will be erected as soon as possible and correct parking enforced.

Please be aware that parking on footpaths is now prohibited. The parking plan is available on Councils website [www.frc.sa.gov.au](http://www.frc.sa.gov.au)

### FILM PRODUCTION

Filming will occur within the Council area from 14 to 23 November 2018. This will involve traffic delays on Flinders Ranges Way between Quorn and Hawker.

It is envisaged that a bypass may be in place on 21 November 2018.

We thank you for your patience with this matter.

### MAYORS SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Mayors Christmas party will be held at the Quorn Community Hall on Tuesday the 4 December 2018 at 12 noon for a 12:30pm lunch. The Mayor is looking forward to seeing you there!

### Dog and Cat Microchipping

Orroroo Market Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Blacksmiths Chatter Orroroo, Drive thru service for dogs on Utes. Bookings open soon via [www.hipblitz.com](http://www.hipblitz.com)



### PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Following the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9 October 2018, Council wishes to consult with rate-payers and residents on the following:

Draft FRC Policy G1.48 – Employee Assistance Program v1  
Draft FRC Policy G1.50 – Cemetery Procedure v1

Written submissions on the above, addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 43, Quorn SA 5433, are due by 5:00pm on Friday 30 November 2018.

Further information is available at the Council Office, Hawker Motors or on Council's website: [www.frc.sa.gov.au/policy](http://www.frc.sa.gov.au/policy)

### SWIMMING POOL OPENING TMES

Opening on Friday 9 November 2018

2:00pm Quorn Pool, 3:30pm Hawker Pool

FREE ENTRY and BBQ at 6:00PM



#### Quorn and District War Memorial Swimming Pool

2:00pm to 6:00pm School term (Monday to Thursday)

2:00pm to 7:00pm Friday, Weekends and School Holidays

6:30am to 8:00am Lap swimming Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

Claire Moran will also again be holding the water yoga one morning a week details to be confirmed.

#### Hawker Swimming Pool

3:30pm to 6:30pm Monday to Thursday

3:30pm to 7:00pm Friday,

2:30pm to 7:00pm Weekends

6:30am to 8:00am Lap Swimming Monday and Friday

#### VACSWIM

Hawker, 2 to 8 January 2019, Quorn 17 to 21 December 2018

