



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

JULY 2017

Annual Business Plan

Council's Annual Business Plan and Budget reflects a 4% (\$39.80) average rate increase for 2017-2018

Council, at its Special Meeting held on Thursday 27 2017 adopted its Annual Business Plan 2017-2018, Long Term Financial Plan 2017-2037, Fees and Charges 2017-2018 and Rating Policy 2017-2018 with no changes to the structure.

The capital valuations as at 17 July 2017 form the basis for the declaration of the differential general rates across the Council district:

- 1) A differential general rate of 0.6455 cents in the dollar on rateable land in the Council's area of category 1 (residential) land use;
- 2) A differential general rate of 0.7500 cents in the dollar on rateable land in the Council's area of category 2 (commercial – shop) land use;
- 3) A differential general rate of 0.8500 cents in the dollar on rateable land in the Council's area of category 3 (commercial – office) land use;
- 4) A differential general rate of 0.8500 cents in the dollar on rateable land in the Council's area of category 4 (commercial – other) land use;
- 5) A differential general rate of 0.8500 cents in the dollar on rateable land in the Council's area of category 5 (industry – light) land use;
- 6) A differential general rate of 0.9500 cents in the dollar on rateable land in the Council's area of category 6 (industry – other) land use;
- 7) A differential general rate of 0.7150 cents in the dollar on rateable land in the Council's area of category 7 (primary production) land use;
- 8) A differential general rate of 0.7600 cents in the dollar on rateable land in the Council's area of category 8 (vacant land) land use;
- 9) A differential general rate of 0.9500 cents in the dollar on rateable land in the Council's area of category 9 (other) land use;

The minimum rate for 2017-2018 is \$742.00, the annual garbage service charge \$150 per household for wet waste and \$100 per household for recycle waste. CWMS annual service charge is \$400 for each occupied property and \$390 for vacant land. Council is required to include the Natural Resource Management Levy on behalf of the State Government which has been set at .01810 cents in the dollar, based on the capital value of all rateable properties.

Rates are payable in 4 quarterly instalments on: 1 Sep 17, 1 Dec 17, 1 Mar 18, 1 June 18. All documents are available for viewing at the Council Office, Hawker Motors or on the Council website.

DOG REGISTRATION AND EXPIATION FEES

| DESCRIPTION | Standard | Concession | Working Dog |
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| Standard (Desexed and Microchipped) | 35.00 | 17.50 | 31.50 |
| Non Standard (Not Desexed or Microchipped) | 70.00 | 52.50 | 63.00 |
| Non Standard Microchipped Only | 63.00 | | 56.50 |
| Non Standard Desexed Only | 52.50 | | 47.00 |
| Registered Therapeutic Dog | No Fee | | |
| Late Registration Fee | 20.00 | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| Replacement Disc | 5.00 | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Transfer of registration | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| EXPIATIONS | | | |
| Owning or keeping an UNREGISTERED dog | 170.00 | 170.00 | 170.00 |
| Dog wondering at large | 210.00 | 210.00 | 210.00 |
| Dog without a collar and current registration disc | 170.00 | 170.00 | 170.00 |
| Failure to remove faeces | 210.00 | 210.00 | 210.00 |
| Creating a Nuisance by barking or other | 315.00 | 315.00 | 315.00 |
| Attack, Harass or Chase a person or animal | 315.00 | 315.00 | 315.00 |

LOCAL HISTORY VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Quorn Local History Society are looking for members to re invigorate the Historical Society. If you are interested in cataloguing, sorting, helping researchers located their history and or opening the Court House to the public. Please contact Council with your details.

There are a couple of people interested in getting the group up and running again but they needs more volunteers.



FOX BAIT DISTRIBUTION DATES

Best practice for a fox baiting program is to bait for 1 month twice a year, around April and around November when females are breeding. Checking and replacing baits every 4 days.

1080 is a naturally occurring substance that is highly toxic to foxes and dogs. There is no antidote available so extreme care must be taken and directions for use followed carefully.

Dates and locations as follows:

Tuesday 29 August

Quorn: Railway Tce by Rural Traders, 11:45am - 12:45pm

Hawker: Opposite Hawker CFS, 2:30 - 3:30pm

Please bring your section numbers with you to complete the paperwork.



Register your dog(s) now!

All registrations due by 31st August 2017, After this date a \$20 late fee will apply and explanations may be is-

Microchipping Day \$35.00

Quorn Community Hall
Friday 28th July 2017
Council will look into doing another day if there is interest.



THE GIANT PUMPKIN PARTY 2018

Saturday 19 May 2018

The Hawker Uniting Church is conducting their GIANT PUMPKIN PARTY again in 2018. The inaugural event was a great success and everyone is looking to making the Pumpkin Party even bigger in 2018. We would like to extend an open invitation to all the people in The Flinders Ranges Council district (Hawker, Quorn and Cradock) to participate in our pumpkin growing competition. Everyone is welcome to come along and have a great time. There will be a wide variety of activities.

The Pumpkin varieties for 2018 are: Gramma
Butternut
Queensland Blue



If we are able to locate a large enough set of scales in Hawker, we will also include Dill's Atlantic Giant Aka The World's Largest pumpkin. (The Australian record for this pumpkin is 740kg!!!) We are hoping that a large number of people, will be prepared early resulting in an abundance of crops.

ATTENDED TO YOUR GARDEN AND GET YOUR SEEDS PLANTED!

If you are a charity within Hawker, Quorn or Cradock, who would like to receive any excess produce that is donated on the day or know of someone in need. Please put in an expression of interest including you contact details via email to:



hawkerunitingchurch@gmail.com

Mayors Message

Hello again to all our residents.

It's been a busy time in the Flinders - with the recent visit by the Governor, the official opening of Jeff Morgan's spectacular new Panorama, filming in the district for the second "Wolf Creek" TV series and the unfortunate events surrounding the non - running of the Hawker Races (still a good crowd and a great community event).

His Excellency Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of SA, performed the Official Opening of the new Hawker War Memorial with volunteers, residents and school students in attendance. It was a tremendous opportunity to introduce a formal ceremony and significance to the event, and a great credit to all those involved in the development of the community site. Whilst in our area, his excellency, visited the Arkaroola Panorama and lunched at the Cradock Hotel before meeting Powell Gardens volunteers, touring the Pichi Richi Railway workshops, visiting the Hospital and School in Quorn and meeting with the Men's Shed. His Excellency was impressed with the dedication and commitment of our community volunteers everywhere he went.

Council held a Special Meeting to consider and formalise the Annual Business Plan and Budget. We consulted on a proposal to introduce Separate Rates for a number of community facilities, to better identify for ratepayers where some of the significant costs lie. Whilst there was very little feedback and no negative response to the proposal, however in practice it has proven too complicated to make the necessary adjustments to the Variable Rates, such that no group of rate-payers is significantly affected overall. Given that rates generate less than half of our Council's annual income. Accordingly, Council has decided to retain the current rating mechanisms and formulae, and the overall budget results in a 4% increase on 2016/17.

Peter Slattery
Mayor

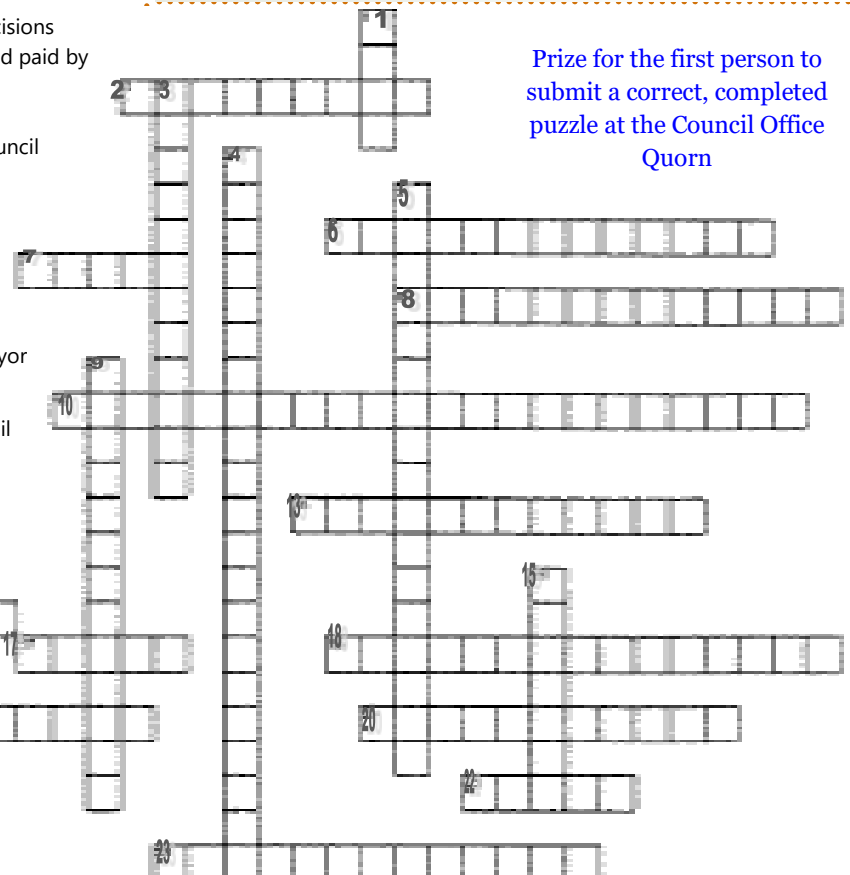
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DO YOU KNOW YOUR COUNCIL?

- Who is a Councillor who lives in Hawker
- Who is the Councillor who is an artist and fly's planes
- Council Ordinary Meeting are always on the ----- Tuesday of every month
- Who is the only female Councillor
- Who do the Councillors represent
- Where is Councils Agency in Hawker
- Who approved the budget that Council operates on
- How often does Council Ordinary Meeting meet to make decisions
- What is used to help fund local infrastructure and services and paid by property owners
- Who is the Councillor who drives trains
- Who is the Chief Executive Officer of The Flinders Ranges Council
- Who is the Deputy Mayor
- By what process is the Council formed
- Who is the Principle member of the Council
- Who is the Councillor involved in the Men's Shed

DOWN

- How Many Councillors make up our Council including the Mayor
- Who is the Councillor who goes by the name of "Mopsy"
- Who is responsible for the operational decisions within Council
- Who is the remaining Councillor
- Who is the Mayor of The Flinders Ranges Council
- Who is a body of people elected to manage the affairs of the district that we live
- Who approves the strategic direction of our Council
- What day is Council Ordinary Meeting held



Prize for the first person to submit a correct, completed puzzle at the Council Office Quorn

Answers will be posted on FRC facebook page once first correct entry has been submitted