

Sustainable Communities 2023-24.

Case study: The Flinders Ranges Council



Sustainable Communities is all about telling a community's story, getting people together to help their local towns, schools, and businesses, and fostering pride in achievements. It celebrates our connection to nature and each other.

Sharing initiatives is the focus of the Sustainable Community awards, supporting positive ripple effects to more areas of Australia and beyond.

During 2023-24 we saw multiple community projects that showed the linkage between caring for the environment and caring for human health, which is a key component of this case study.

The Flinders Ranges Council is located nearly 400 kilometres north of the Adelaide CBD in an iconic mountain range. The towns of Quorn, Hawker and Cradock are well known tourism destinations and are home to the Pichi Richi Railway, Silo Light Show, recreational parks and heritage trails. Across these towns is a residential population of around 1,617.

They have won Tidy Town awards in the past and their 2023-24 submission included two initiatives in one category. Both initiatives showed a commitment to long-term outcomes for the area.

The projects included:

- Hawker entryway signage, information bay and Blue Burt Park upgrade. Included visitor enticing signage to support the community whilst educating tourists on the areas rich cultural and environmental elements. A local indigenous artist created artwork to share the Adnyamathanha Dreaming story in both Yura Ngawrala and English text. The nearby Blue Burt Park upgrades provide comfortable and safe amenities, further supporting visitors to the area.
- Mainstreet Facelift Project which saw many buildings, including heritage infrastructure, reinvigorated. Across Quorn, Hawker, and Cradock, 51 properties matched grant funding to improve the visual amenity of the area. It maintained heritage and encouraged visitation whilst engaging locals and supporting trades. Many private owners contributed more than the grant funding to improve their properties with the outcomes being striking improvements.



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These projects were made possible by good community engagement and consultation, as well as forethought for the future of the area.

Congratulations to the Flinders Ranges community for achieving such successful and impactful projects.



If you'd like to learn more about The Flinders Ranges Council initiatives, you can contact them directly: council@frc.sa.gov.au, (08) 8620 0500

