

Council News

Mayors Column

NO FIRES IN THE OPEN

Council, Parks and the Tas Fire Service are working together to reduce the incidence of unwanted fire in the Municipality and have issued a joint ban on fires in the open until further notice.

There are free gas BBQ's sited around the island, Yellow Beach, Allports Beach, Killiecrankie, Trousers Point and the Patriarch Sanctuary where you can enjoy a fire safe BBQ.

The Tasfire website displays a list of all current incidents within Tasmania and is a good way to keep yourself informed. ABC radio station 91.7 also broadcasts fire warnings and bushfire updates.

Grant for Airport Upgrade

Council has been successful in a grant application to continue development works at the Flinders Island Aerodrome, including standing areas, drainage and taxiways. The \$786,018 grant is approved for expenditure over the 2013-14 and 2014-15 financial years with works to be completed by the 30th June 2015.

Congratulations to staff for the grant application. Thank you to the Federal Member for Bass who respects the importance of the Airport to the Flinders Community and supports the Council's efforts to continually upgrade the facility.

A separate grant was approved to the owners of the Reg Munroe Airfield on Cape Barren Island of \$98,035 for the erection of a wallaby-proof perimeter fence.

Bike rack up in Bakery Park

A new bike parking rack has been installed at Bakery Park for the convenience of cyclists.

Clean up Australia Day - 2nd March

Save the Date and Register to join those already committed to covering 20 km of the roadsides from Sellars Point to Potboil Track. Register to do your bit in your patch and then bring your rubbish to the BBQ at Yellow Beach and enjoy comparing notes.

Registrations: Cr. Wise - 63592156, preferably evenings.

ABC interview link for Saturday at the Museum

For those who missed the interview on ABC Radio on the Australia Day Weekend celebration at the museum you can listen to it at:

<http://www.abc.net.au/local/audio/2014/01/28/3933504.htm?site=northtas>

Use Community Calender

I urge you to give your event every chance of success by using the community calendar to alert other event planners to the date of your event.

Add an event by contacting the Council Office, 6359 5001 or visit the website.

<http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/community-calendar/>

School started last week

Please take care when driving - being aware and courteous of students walking/bicycling between Whitemark and the School and at school bus stops across the island.

Dogs

For the safety and enjoyment of all, dogs in public areas are required by legislation to be restrained on a leash and are not to be in areas where food is being consumed at all.

Agendas, Minutes, News and more can be found on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au

Carol Cox

Mayor

FLINDERS COUNCIL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council will be held at the Flinders Art and Entertainment Centre

Whitemark, Flinders Island on:

**Thursday 13th March 2014,
commencing at 1.00pm.**

The Agenda will be available for perusal on our Council Website

www.flinders.tas.gov.au or at the Council Office as from Friday 7th March 2014.

Public Question Time will be held between 1.00pm – 1.30pm.

Members of the public are invited to attend.

Raoul Harper

General Manager

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Flinders Council has a Zoro Z-Master 72-inch cut Ride-On Mower available for sale to the public.

The mower is available to view at the Flinders Island Aerodrome, Whitemark during normal office hours or contact Jeff Grace – Airport Manager 0428 592144 for further details.

Written expressions of interest will be received by the COB on **Friday 28th February 2014** at the Council Offices and addressed to the:

**Airport Manager, Flinders Council,
4 Davies st. Whitemark, TAS 7255**

FOR SALE

2nd hand cement drainage pipes

525mm x 8ft – packs of 6 - \$480

230mm x 3ft – packs of 12 - \$240

For further details and/or viewing contact
Jeff Grace – **Airport Manager** 0428 592144

WHITEMARK TIP

Opening Hours

MON, FRI & SUN 1.30pm- 4.30pm
WED 8.30am- 11.30am



CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Community Development

Clean Up Australia Day

For Clean up Australia Day this year we invite the community to clean up the roads, beaches, and public areas around their own neighbourhood. There are already offers to cover over 20km of our roadsides and the beach from Sellars Point to the Potboil track on the morning of Sunday 2nd of March. There will be a free BBQ (alcoholic drinks excepted) at Yellow Beach from 1PM for everybody involved in the clean up. Bring your rubbish to the BBQ.

Please register for the day for insurance and accounting purposes. To register, please call Clr Ronald Wise on 63592156, preferably evenings.

Cancer Council of Tasmania visit and community opportunities

The 'supportive care model for rural & remote communities' project' is hosting the following:

Lunch:

Wednesday March 19th 2014, 11.30am-12.30pm

Where - **Held at the Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre, Whitemark**

A light lunch is provided and an opportunity to meet informally with Cancer Council Tasmania staff and community members impacted by cancer in any way.

Community Cancer Support Training - 2 sessions:

Wednesday March 19th 2014, 1.00pm-3.30pm & 6pm-9pm* (repeated)

Where - **Held at the Interstate Hotel Dining Room, Whitemark *Dinner not provided, please purchase your own meal**

FREE training to equip community members

and increase personal confidence to support each other when someone is impacted by cancer.

Professional Development - 2 sessions:

Thursday March 20th 2014, 8.30am-10.30am & 1pm-3pm (repeated)

Where - Held at the Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre, Whitemark

FREE training on distress and psychological screening tools including identifying depression, anxiety and other related disorders.

*Training suitable for nurses, teachers, counselors and various other health & allied health professionals

Cancer Education - 2 sessions:

Thursday March 20th 2014, 10.30am-11.30am & 3pm-4pm (repeated)

Where - Held at the Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre, Whitemark

FREE education on what is cancer and current treatments for cancer as well as most commonly asked questions from cancer patients and their families.

RSVP for all events – Jana Harper

6359 5001 or email

community.development@flinders.tas.au

New Online Community Calendar

There is a new and improved online Community Calendar, that has been designed and developed for you to add, edit and display events on the Flinders Council website. The new features enable:

- ✓ Community groups to add and edit their own events.
- ✓ Registered Council Community groups will be able to manage their own events list.
- ✓ One off events can be added.
- ✓ Events can now be found and viewed by month and event type.
- ✓ There are now 10 different event types.
- ✓ All events will be promoted by the Flinders Council.

To register your interest for the new online Community Calendar, please contact us on community.development@flinders.tas.gov.au or call (03) 6359 5001.

Community Bus Volunteer Drivers Needed

Can you spare any time to help as a driver for our community bus? Costs for licensing will be provided. For more information, please contact us.

GRANTS

There are currently a variety of grants available that may be applicable to local community groups and organisations. Below are a list of the grants and their links for you to have a look at. If you have an idea or project we suggest you contact the funding body to discuss your eligibility and application.

1. Aboriginal Benefits Foundation

www.aboriginal.org.au/grants

Grant Applications are considered by the board of the foundation at each directors meeting. The board currently meets approximately 6-8 times per year.

2. First Home Owners Grant (FHOG) and First Home Builder Boost (FHBB)

www.sro.tas.gov.au Applicants can receive \$7,000 for the FHOG for a new or established dwelling including a house, flat, unit, townhouse or apartment anywhere in Tasmania that meets local planning standards. The existing \$8,000 First Home Builder Boost (the Boost) has been increased to \$23,000. The new Boost applies to eligible applicants with contracts entered into between these dates 7 November 2013 and 31 December 2014.

3. Arts Tasmania Offers Funding Programs

www.arts.tas.gov.au

There are a range of grant opportunities available through Arts Tasmania at different times throughout the year.

4. 26 TEN Grants Program

www.skills.tas.gov.au

The Program supports employers and peak bodies to increase the literacy and numeracy skills of Tasmanian workers (paid and voluntary). Applicants can apply for a grant of up to \$50,000. There are two levels of funding: Tier 1 \$5,000 - \$20,000 and Tier 2 \$20,001 - \$50,000. Applications for

2013/2014 funding round are open and closes on 27th March 2014.

5. The No Interest Micro-Business Loan program www.business.tas.gov.au

The Program provides small, interest-free loans of up to \$3,000 to people on low incomes. The program is delivered in Tasmania by the No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS).

6. Local Sporting Champions

www.ausport.gov.au

The Local Sporting Champions program is an Australian Government initiative designed to provide financial assistance for young people aged 12-18 towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing, coaching or officiating at an official national sporting organisation (NSO) endorsed state, national or international sporting championships or a School Sport Australia state or national championships. Closes 28 February 2014

7. Farm Finance Concessional Loans Scheme (Tasmania)

www.development.tas.gov.au

The Australian Government will provide \$15 million per year (a total of \$30 million over two years from 2013-14) for the provision of Concessional Loans to eligible farm businesses in Tasmania for productivity enhancement or debt restructuring purposes. In Tasmania, the Concessional Loans Scheme will assist farm businesses experiencing debt-servicing difficulties but considered potentially viable in the longer term.

8. Regional Arts Fund (RAF) Grant Round www.tasregionalarts.org.au

Applicants for the March RAF round have until Friday 14 March to lodge their application. Application forms are now available on the TRA Website. Please note that the forms have been modified from those used last year.

Reminder: The Quick Response Grants are open now as well. No deadlines apply to these grants.

9. The Tasmanian Community Fund (TCF) www.tascomfund.org

The latest general grant round opened on 8 February 2014. A wide range of projects which support children and young people; community wellbeing and life skills; community participation and recreation; connecting communities; and culture, arts and heritage are eligible to be funded by not-for-profit organisations proposing to undertake a project in Tasmania. Expressions of interest for large grants close on 12 March 2014. Applications for small grants close on 2 April 2014 and applications for medium grants close on 16 April 2014.

You can also subscribe to a grant alert list to receive emailing notifications by emailing:

[1. cdgrants@dpac.tas.gov.au](mailto:cdgrants@dpac.tas.gov.au) or

[2. healthpromotion.north@dhhs.tas.gov.au](mailto:healthpromotion.north@dhhs.tas.gov.au)

Alternatively check out grants information online, here are some suggestions:

[1. www.australia.gov.au/directories/australia/regional/web-resources-list](http://www.australia.gov.au/directories/australia/regional/web-resources-list)

2.

www.business.gov.au/Grantfinder/Grantfinder.aspx

Thank you,

Dolly Wheatley & Jana Harper
Community Development