

Mayor's Column

FITA, Tourism Tasmania and Sharp Airlines are running a promotional campaign throughout regional Victoria to promote Flinders and extend visitation through the months of April to July. “**Experience the Good Life**” is a TV and electronic communications media promotion. The youtube link is: <http://youtu.be/JimdZTV-mss>

Apology – in the last report, I wrote that “the RPT passenger numbers for the 2013 calendar year rose by 800 from the previous year.” This was for the 2012 calendar year.

Grants

Applications for **Community Grants** are open, as are applications to the **Gunns Bequest** for sporting activities in the Flinders Municipality. The Gunns Bequest is an annual distribution of 50% of the interest earned on a bequest from Jack and Enid Gunn and has been in place since 1984.

I urge groups on Flinders and Cape Barren Island put in applications for funding.

Budget

Council has again started budget considerations, workshops will continue over the next three months. Long Term Asset Management is being encouraged in all Tasmanian Council's and to this end Council Staff have developed draft Long Term Asset Management plans for roads and bridges, for the Airport and for plant and equipment. The public facilities plan is still being developed that will prioritise and quantify the sums required to maintain and upgrade Council's public facilities. Long Term Asset Management Plans once in place are reviewed every three years or as and when required if Council directs changes.

Committee Members

I want to recognise the ongoing work by Cr Cobham in organising the Council's Australia Day celebration; a celebration of the great place we live here in the Furneaux Group.

Marc has resigned from his role having undertaken this for the last 5 years. Thank you Marc.

Thank you also to Lynn Mathewson for her contribution to the Lady Barron Hall and Recreation Special Committee.

Staff

Thank you to Allan Wynwood (Chummy) for 12 years as a member of the Works Staff. Chummy has been a long standing member of the Works gang, most recently as Leading Hand. Best wishes for your future endeavours.

Pensioner Airfare Rebate

Reminder: - Pensioners are entitled to one half of one return airfare to Launceston each financial year. The rebate is claimable through the Council Office. Claimants require the ticket and their pension card to make a claim. For further information or assistance please contact Office Staff on 65595001.

Related documents Planning advertisements, Agendas, Minutes and much more information can be found on Councils website: www.flinders.tas.gov.au

Carol Cox
Mayor

Whitemark Tip

Opening Hours

MON, FRI & SUN 1.30PM- 4.30PM
WED 8.30AM- 11.30AM



CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Are you ready for digital TV?

On 9 April 2013 analog TV will be permanently switched off across Tasmania and free-to-air TV will be broadcast in digital-only.

To continue watching free-to-air TV, you need to ensure your television can receive the digital signals by either: connecting a set-top box or digital recorder to an analog TV, or; upgrading to a digital TV, which has a built-in digital tuner.

The Government has set up two practical assistance schemes to help with the switch to digital TV. The Household Assistance Scheme and the Satellite Subsidy Scheme are available now.

To find out more about digital switchover, including how to access local help and information about assistance schemes, visit the Digital Ready Website below

www.digitalready.gov.au or call the Digital Ready Information Line on **1800 20 10 13**.

Please also call and register any problems you maybe experiencing.

FLINDERS COUNCIL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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

**Thursday 28th February 2013,
commencing at 1pm**

The Agenda will be available for perusal on our Council Website

www.flinders.tas.gov.au or at the Council Office as from Friday 22nd March 2013.

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

Members of the public are invited to attend.

Raoul Harper
GENERAL MANAGER

Public Events

Members of the community are reminded that **PUBLICALLY ADVERTISED EVENTS** require a Place of Assembly Licence issued by Council under the *Public Health Act 1997*.

The event organiser is responsible for the health and wellbeing of those present at their function. Conditions on a licence may include provision of sanitary facilities, risk assessment and the availability of clean drinking water for example. These are general requirements that should be provided to members of the public that are invited to attend an event.

These requirements relate to any land or facility whether it is owned by Council, Crown or privately. Events in Council halls, that have a current Place of Assembly Licence, do not need to address these requirements if respectful of occupancy limits.

Should you have any queries relating to Place of Assembly Licencing, please feel free to contact Council on 63 595 001.

Community Development

TEN DAYS ON THE ISLAND

Council proudly supports this state-wide Tasmanian international arts festival and looks forward to welcoming Dougie Maclean from the Scottish Highlands to Flinders. Dougie will be performing at the Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre, Whitemark on Saturday 23 March, 7:30pm. Bookings can be made on the website: www.tendaysontheisland.com

FURNEAUX COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS SURVEY 2013

Final Call! Please return all completed surveys as soon as possible so that your results can count.

COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANTS

Are open for Community Groups! Please contact Council for the guidelines and an application. Alternatively, you can download the information from our website: www.flinders.tas.gov.au/grants

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. Tas Community Fund

Grant Round 26 of the Tasmanian Community Fund opened on 2 February 2013. Applications for small grants (up to \$10,000) will close on 20 March 2013. Applications for medium grants (\$10,001 to \$90,000) will close on 3 April 2013.

Expressions of interest for large grants (\$100 000 to \$300 000) will close on 27 February 2013. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application in mid-June 2013.

http://www.tascomfund.org/about_our_grants/apply_for_a_grant

2. Aboriginal Benefits Foundation

<http://www.aboriginal.org.au/grants.htm>

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

3. Sport and Recreation Grants

http://www.sportandrecreation.tas.gov.au/sportrectas/funding_opportunities

Minor Grants—\$10,000

Closes 27 March, 2013

4. TQUAL Grants This program provides matched funding to successful applicants for product development projects (not marketing). If you'd like to know more, please go to: <http://www.ret.gov.au/tourism/business/tq/tgrants/projects/t-qual2013/Pages/t-qual2013.aspx>

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

1. cdgrants@dpac.tas.gov.au or
2. 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

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

Thank you,
Jana Harper
Community Development Officer

WASTE MANAGEMENT WHAT IS HAPPENING

Committed to Improvement

Council is committed to improving the way waste is managed within our Community.

Environmental compliance is a major focus of our current efforts however improving the service standards and minimising ongoing costs to ratepayers are also primary considerations. The coming months will see some changes so keep an eye out in the Island News for regular updates.

Waste Separation

New bins will soon be placed at the **Killiecrankie** transfer station and also at the front gate of the **Whitemark** tip site.

Do not place cardboard boxes or plastic bags into the yellow or white bins. At this stage these are to continue to be placed into the green bins. Please also do not place builders waste in any of the transfer station bins.

GREEN - Household rubbish
YELLOW - Glass only
WHITE - Aluminium cans only
Please separate all products into the correct bins.

This is the first step towards reducing the amount of material going to landfill.

Trials will soon begin on the processing of the glass into a reusable product for pipe bedding and sand replacement in concrete. The aluminium cans will be baled and stockpiled ready for recycling in Melbourne.

Lady Barron Site

Council has also been investigating opportunities for improvements at the Lady Barron site. These include looking at better ways to recycle and separate waste materials, transportation and environmental compliance. Over the coming months some required improvements will be made at the Lady Barron site.

GUNN BEQUEST

Applications for funding are now being sought from sporting organisations under the Gunn Bequest.

These funds are provided to suitable projects for the promotion or improvement of sporting facilities on the Island.

Written applications, using the form available from the Council Office or Council website (www.flinders.tas.gov.au/grants) will be received no later than C.O.B. Tuesday 30th April 2013 and should be addressed to:

General Manager
Flinders Council
PO Box 40
Whitemark TAS 7255

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