



Council News

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Mayors Column

At the March Ordinary Meeting of Council, Councillors agreed to:

- Approve a house extension in the Environment Management and Recreation Zone at Palana.
- Approve a Residential Outbuilding (Garage) in the Rural Zone at Whitemark.
- Approve a reconfiguration of 3 Lots to 2 Lots at Lees Road in the Rural Zone at Memana.
- Approve Terms of Reference for the Shipping Special Committee. The committee will meet on a four monthly basis.
- Approve a list of projects to submit to DIER for the Shipping Contingency Fund that has not been used for contingency purposes in the last 12 months. This fund also supports the monthly shipping service to The Corner on Cape Barren Island.
- Approve the site for the new bicycle rack in Bakery Park and to reallocate the \$10, 000 previously budgeted for the Whitemark Entry Project to the construction of a gas BBQ on the Whitemark foreshore. The “Opera House” needs to be replaced and it is proposed to place the gas BBQ on this site.
- Adopt the Transport Asset Management Plan. Council owns and maintains approximately 351 kilometres of road throughout the Municipality. The Flinders Council road network contains 71 kilometres of sealed road and 279 kilometres of unsealed road. Other assets included within the transport network are bridges and footpaths. There are 44 bridges and culverts.

The State Government is responsible for the 96 kms of roads and tracks on both Flinders and Cape Barren Island and works with the CBIAAInc to maintain them on Cape Barren Island. This plan provides an outline of the transport assets owned by Council and long term estimates of renewal costs required to maintain them.

- Several Policies were considered and are open for community comment: These are; Reviewed the Workplace Health & Safety. Employee Outside Work Activities; Uniform Policy; Staff Code of Conduct Policy; Provision of Electronic Services Policy and Special Committees Policy.
- The Council Health and Safety Policy was rescinded.
- Council adopted the Elected Member Code of Conduct.

Following on from the Public meeting re: Cat Control, the Council confirmed the minutes and recognised the support given by the NRM staff that was voiced through a motion passed at the Public meeting.

Place of Assembly Permits

The issue of these permits will be discussed at a workshop. It is not the intent of Council to burden the community with red tape, however there are laws that the Council has to abide by, often laws designed for areas with much larger population. I am hopeful a sensible and community friendly process can be found that also allows the staff to meet their legal obligations.

Transport Companies

I have mentioned before how well served we are by the two major transport operators to the island, Furneaux Freight and Sharp Airlines. Both these companies provide friendly, regular and reliable services.



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I also acknowledge their generosity in supporting community groups in many and varied ways. Of recent times Furneaux Freight has donated a one night show of Zeiken Black to the Flinders Lions Club and Sharp Airlines is supporting your local artists with the ongoing displays of their art at the Launceston terminal.

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

Carol Cox
Mayor

Council's Policy Manual is an important document of Council as it provides direction to Staff, Management and Councillors. Many of the policies are required by, or relate to, legislation and in most instance help manage Council's exposure to risk.

The Council resolved (at the 28th March Ordinary Council Meeting) to adopt the **Occupational Health and Safety Policy, Employee Outside Work Activities Policy, Uniform Policy, Staff Code of Conduct Policy, Special Committees Policy, Provision of Electronic Services – Elected Members Policy** and rescind the **Council Health and Safety Policy**. These policies will lie on the table for public comment until the 2nd May 2013. They are available on the Council Website to download, www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies and at the Council Office.

If you would like to make comment on any of these please, address your letter to myself.

Raoul Harper
General Manager

FLINDERS COUNCIL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council will be held at the Flinders Island Aboriginal Association West Street, Lady Barron on:

**Thursday 18th April 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 12th April 2013.

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

Members of the public are invited to attend.

Raoul Harper
GENERAL MANAGER

Whitemark Tip Opening Hours

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



CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Community Notice-Work Safety

A presentation will be conducted by Mr Phillip John from Workcover about the new Workplace Health and Safety Laws introduced into Tasmania on the 1st January 2013.

When: 5pm – 6pm Wednesday 24th April

Where: Furneaux Arts & Entertainment Centre in the Main Hall.

Who should attend: Business Owners, Employers, Employees and Contractors

For further enquiries, please contact Shane Walsh on 6359 5007.



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Community Development

BLUFF TRACK FITNESS TRAIL WEEKEND EVENTS Sat 13 & Sun 14 April

To celebrate the opening of the Bluff Track as a walking and cycling track, Parks & Wildlife Services, Flinders Council and the Healthy Islands Project have teamed up to present a weekend of workshops and activities. **There is no cost for the workshops or events.**

Saturday 13 April 9am-1pm Showgrounds:
BIKE WORKSHOP

Sun 14th April 9:30-11:30am Showgrounds:
BIKE WORKSHOP

12pm **Community Bike Ride & Bluff Track
Opening commences** Bluff end of Bluff Track.
Official launch 12:30pm at the Pats River end of
the Track

12:30pm onwards Showgrounds
BBQ and salads by the Lions Club

Please contact Council or HIP staff, David Heap
or Mel Telfer if you would like any further
Information.

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

DIGITAL READY

Do you have a business enterprise on Flinders
Island and would like to improve your online
presence, confidence and engagement in the
digital economy? There are currently a few
places still available for the free group and
individual coaching sessions – but be quick! If
you would like to express your interest in
attending, please contact Council or email:
digitalready@development.tas.gov.au

ONLINE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Do you have a community event that you would
like to add to our online Community Calendar?
It's easy! Please visit the Council website to
download the forms or alternatively, please pop
into Council for a hard copy.

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

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

<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.

2. TQUAL Grants

The 2013 round of T-QUAL Grants is now open
for applications and will close at 5pm on Friday,
3 May 2013. This program provides matched
funding to successful applicants for product
development projects (not marketing). If you
would like to know more, please go to: [http://
www.ret.gov.au/tourism/business/tq/tgrants/
projects/t-qual2013/Pages/t-qual2013.aspx](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](http://www.australia.gov.au/directories/australia/regional/web-resources-list)

2. [www.business.gov.au/Grantfinder/
Grantfinder.aspx](http://www.business.gov.au/Grantfinder/Grantfinder.aspx)



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