



Council News

Mayors Column

Planning

At the July meeting Council as the planning authority approved the development of a house and outbuilding in the Rural Zone at Blue Rocks.

Council is trialing a change to its approval process in that: Councillors are advised of the discretionary development at the time it is advertised in The Examiner. If the proposed development does NOT attract a representation from the public or a request from Councillors within the regulated time frames then the application will be approval/or not without being presented to an Ordinary Meeting of Council. In the case of an approval the usual and specific conditions will be applied by the Planner. The aim of the change is to reduce cost and shorten approval time as the application will not need to be held over until it can be considered at a monthly Council Meeting.

Rates

Council agreed to an overall increase to the General Rate of 3.05%. The increase is the outcome of a 5.88% increase in the cents in the dollar on the assessed AAV of the land on all properties that attract above the minimum rate and a reduction of 6.0% to \$375 for the minimum rate.

Council has been required to reduce the minimum rate this year and last year due to legislation that requires a maximum of 35% of rateable properties be charged the minimum rate.

The Waste Levy on each title has been raised by \$17 to \$140 per property to support the ongoing upgrade of our waste management facilities.

The 2013-14 Fees and Charges were also approved and can be found on the Council Website. The Annual Plan for 2013-14 can also be found on the website.

Council also agreed to allocate an additional \$17,000 to weed management that will include more trials on Parramatta Grass control and actions on other weeds.

Council also agreed to work with land owners to address the issue of the access to White Beach which currently is crossing over private land.

Also in the Lady Barron area, Council agreed to investigate the re-siting of the Lady Barron boat ramp that is currently in the Port area. Cr Willis will be seeking community input and discussion into the proposal.

Quarterly reports from all section of Council were also received and can be viewed in the annexures to the Agenda for the July Meeting on Council's website www.flinders.tas.gov.au

200kms4acure.com

Deputy Mayor, Cr David Williams is planning his run from Launceston to Hobart, starting in Launceston on the 17th and finishing in Hobart on the 21st September. Council is a sponsor and I urge you to visit the website or talk to David to offer your support in this mammoth undertaking to raise funds for Cure Cancer.

Carol Cox

Mayor



Community Development

What's coming up in Community Development?

Plant a Tree Day

Thank you to all of the volunteers who gave up their time last weekend to help with the revegetation on the Bluff Track for National Plant a Tree Day. Thank you also to 'Addy' for supplying the bio-char to help with the soil fertility, giving the young trees an extra boost for survival. This event was organised and supported by Parks & Wildlife, Furneaux Landcare and Council.

Flinders Island Film Festival

Flinders Council is proud to support the Flinders Branch of Tasmanian Regional Arts Film Festival. The event will be held on August 2nd 2013 at the Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre in Whitemark to showcase our Island made films. For more information, please visit the website flindersflicks.com, or contact Council.

72 Hours Screening

Flinders Council with support from the Flinders Island Tourism Association (FITA) will be screening the official 72 hours episode. Filmed on our Island home in 2012, the show follows three teams over three days as they search for a cash prize of \$100,000. The screening will take place at the Furneaux Arts and Entertainment Centre on Friday 16th August 2013 from 7.30pm onwards, entry is free.

Calling all Artists! -

Expressions of interest are sought from contemporary artist/s for artworks for the Flinders Island Multi-Purpose Centre. The commission opportunity has three parts; applications can be made for individual parts or the whole commission (if appropriate). For more information or to find all the necessary documents, please visit the Arts Tasmania website: http://www.arts.tas.gov.au/artsatwork/public_art/commissions/a-450-2010

Emita Hall

Thank you to all who have put their hands up to help with the Emita Hall upgrade! It is great to see so many community members willing to donate their time to this project. If you would like to help, please put your name down on the register at Bowmans, or at the Council Office.

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 meets approximately 6-8 times per year.

2. Tasmanian Community Fund: Grant Round 27

Grant Round 27 of the Tasmanian Community Fund will open on 24 August 2013. Applications for small grants (up to \$10,000) will close on 2nd October 2013. Applications for medium grants (\$10,001 to \$90,000) will close on 16th October 2013. Round 27 Guidelines and application forms are not yet available but it's time to start thinking about your application.



3. The Small Grants for Small Rural

Communities The program will offer up to \$400,000 per round in grants up to \$5,000 for projects and activities that offer clear public benefit for communities, with populations of 10,000 or less, living in small rural and remote **Round 24 will open on 1st August 2013.**

<http://www.frrr.org.au>

4. Emerging Tasmanian artists can apply for the \$12 000 Mona Scholarship Prize

The money is used to buy materials and equipment for an exhibition held at Mona, 12 months after receiving the Scholarship. The application form is available from the website. **Applications close Friday 23rd August 2013.** For further information go to the website or email lindy@mona.net.au

5. 2013 Tourism Industry Regional Development Fund (TIRF) Grants

The competitive merit-based TIRF Grants Program offers grants from \$50,000–\$250,000 (GST exclusive) on a matched dollar-for-dollar funding basis, to assist tourism operators increase the quality and range of visitor experiences in regional Australia. Online applications close at 11.59pm AEST on **Wednesday 7th August 2013.** Outcomes are expected to be advised in October 2013. For more information go to www.ret.gov.au.

6. The Medibank Active Tasmania Awards

The awards acknowledge the important role local government, schools and community groups play in promoting and facilitating physical activity across Tasmania. They also recognise the innovation and creativity of communities in promoting the benefits of physical activity and creating communities that are active and healthy. **Nominate** your initiative in the 2013 Medibank Active Tasmania Awards by **Friday, 9th August.** Go to www.getmoving.tas.gov.au

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,

Dolly Wheatley & Jana Harper
Community Development Officers

Contributing as a Councillor Workshop

Thinking of running for a Councillor position in the 2014 election? Or just interested in knowing more about the role of a Councillor within our Community?

Lynn Mason (Flinders Council Mayor 1996-2002) will be providing a professional development training session for current Councillors and interested members of the public on Wednesday 28th August from 6-8pm in the Rose Garden Room of the Flinders Art & Entertainment Centre. The workshop will cover the following areas:

- Meeting Regulations
- Preparation of Notices of Motions
- Differences between Special Committees and Committees of Council
- Councillor Workshops

Please RSVP to

executive.assistant@flinders.tas.gov.au

by Tuesday 27th August.

Refreshments will be provided.

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



Flinders Council Citizens Awards

Nomination forms are available from the Council Office and on the Council website for people wishing to nominate an individual for a Flinders Council Citizens Award. Awards will be presented at the Flinders Island Show on 18th October 2013.

Please submit your nomination to the Council Office by C.O.B **30th August 2013**.

Guidelines are as follows:

The following guidelines are to be used when consideration is given to Citizen Awards.

1. The awards will be given to persons who have made a significant contribution to the Furneaux region.
2. The nominees need not be residents of the Furneaux region.
3. The emphasis should be on voluntary contributions.
4. In all cases the contribution made should be for the benefit of the community.
5. A person can receive only one Citizen Award during his/her lifetime.
6. When reaching a decision the committee should give consideration to the quality of the contribution.
7. Nominated applicants should be over sixteen (16) years of age as at the first day of July in the year of the nomination.
8. No more than five awards will be given in any one year.

Raoul Harper
General Manager

WHITEMARK TIP

Opening Hours

MON, FRI & SUN 1.30PM- 4.30PM

WED 8.30AM- 11.30AM



CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

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, Flinders Island on:

**Thursday 15th August 2013,
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 9th August 2013.

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

Members of the public are invited to attend.

Raoul Harper
GENERAL MANAGER

Development Services

Food Quality

Did you know that food quality is also a Council issue? Any food products sold on the island are required to meet certain standards as set by the State (*Food Act 2003*) and Nationally under the Food Standards Code.

If a consumer feels that the product that they are purchasing does not meet their expectations they should report the issue to Council's Environmental Health Officer. Your details will remain anonymous to the retailer.

If you choose not to approach Council, speak to the retailer. Most are more than willing to replace or refund.



Water

Council’s EHO has recently received complaints or notifications of virus and disease that may be caused by drinking raw water. Please be vigilant with boiling raw drinking water for one minute prior to ingestion. It is good practice to keep a jug of boiled water in the fridge for drinking. Remember that although you may not be affected and are “used” to be water at home, the very young, the very old or those who don’t normally drink raw water may not be as resilient to the amount of bacteria present in your water – and there will be some!

You are reminded that you are not to drink from the Whitemark water supply. If you are in need of water it is still available from Council’s Patrick Street Depot.

Waste

Thank you to those residents who are taking the time to separate their glass and aluminium products. Please do not place general waste in the recycling bins. Anyone wishing to dispose of fluorescent tube lighting can bring the tubes in to the Council Offices for disposal.

Dogs

Council is still experiencing incidents of dogs at large, particularly in the Whitemark area. Despite Council’s recent enforcement efforts dogs are still creating issues within the public domain. An example is a dog that was recently roaming the streets which was nearly struck by a truck. This was distressing for the driver and witnesses as well as the obvious safety factors involved. It is the responsibility of local government to enforce the *Dog Control Act* in Tasmania. The continuous breaching of regulations by a small number of repeat offenders places Council in such a position that further enforcement of this Act may be the only option.

Jacci Viney
Development Services Officer

Waste Data for Whitemark Tip										
Period	Year	Vehicles Less Than 1 Tonne	Vehicles 1-2 Tonne	Vehicles 2-5 Tonne	Vehicles 5-10 Tonne	Vehicles with General Waste	Vehicles with Commercial Waste	Vehicles with Green Waste	Vehicles with Hard Waste	Total Converted Tonnes
Jan 1st to June 30th	2011	1454	43	5	10	1280	64	201	262	332.32
Jan 1st to June 30th	2012	1566	50	2		1381	74	254	382	283.78
Jan 1st to June 30th	2013	1548	16	7	29	1326	85	195	350	322.15
Jul 1st to Dec 31st	2011	1646	27	1		1413	74	198	368	295.18
Jul 1st to Dec 31st	2012	1498	24	19	2	1383	70	182	361	293.37