



Council News

Mayors Column

Show Day

Firstly I would like to congratulate the works staff whose speedy instigation of temporary solutions to supply water to toilets etc. allowed the Show to go on. A major breakage in the town water supply pipe under the pavilion was discovered early Show morning.

Just as importantly on behalf of the community I would like to thank all the Show organisers, their assistants and stewards, stall holders and pavilion contributors and anyone else I have missed. It is your combined effort that makes the Show so successful.

Ruby Blyth was awarded with a well earned Life Membership to the Show Society in recognition of her contribution over many years to the running of the show.

Congratulations to Chloe Picket being awarded the Lions Young Citizen of the Year.

The Flinders Municipality has the highest volunteer participation rate in Australia. The 2011 census identifies Flinders volunteer participation rate for the 2011 census at 39% The Australian average is <18% and Tasmania < 20%..

The Flinders Council this year recognised the contribution this voluntary work adds to the social structure of the islands awarding the **Citizen Award** to two worthy recipients whom you the community

have identified as worthy of receiving this very public recognition.

Kim Murphy a lady who quite often goes under the radar but who is continually giving her time to assist community groups in a myriad of ways. Kim is totally committed to ensuring the Catholic Church remains a strong presence in the community and was an early member of the Volunteer Ambulance, assisting with both the recruitment drive and those famous cabarets. Beneficiaries of her assistance are the Lady Barron Exercise Group, Lady Barron Hall Committee, Fitness on Flinders and many causes for which Kim organises novel fundraising events. With husband Spud's company, has camped at the top of the mountain in all weather as marshals for the Three Peaks and been caretakers at the Deal Island National Park.

Colleen Patterson in recognition, not just for her continuing contribution to community groups but in recognition for the huge amount of work that she did with the youth on the island way back when this award did not exist. Colleen's other contributions include freely given service as a Justice of the Peace for 30 years, a member of the Island Rate-Payers Association that was instrumental in getting power to Lady Barron, an active supporter of the Anglican Church, Hospital Auxiliary, Lady Barron Hall Committee, Lapidary Club and other good causes.



A **Special Award** was also made to Kathleen Ives-Heap and David Heap for outstanding services to the community's health and well-being. Since arriving on the island David and Kathleen have worked as a team to inspire, encourage and support a large proportion of the community to become considerably more health conscious through increasing physical activity, changing attitudes towards diet and increasing their enjoyment of music.

Committees

Two members of Council Special Committees have recently resigned - Sue Cimino from the Audit & Finance Special Committee and Colleen Patterson from the Lady Barron Hall & Recreation Special Committee.

A special thank you to these two ladies for the time, skills and advice they have given to these committees.

Advertisements for replacements to these committees are advertised elsewhere in the Council pages.

October Ordinary Meeting Decisions

- A 10 lot subdivision on Palana road, near Bluff Road was approved.
- The first quarter financial report for 2013-14 was received as were the quarterly activity reports and the Councillor Resolution Report. The quarterly report outlines staff activity measured against the actions agreed to by Council in the annual plan and the later reports on the progress of actions required by motions of Council.
- The Cat Management Strategy was approved
- Meeting Procedures advice for the Annual General Meetings were agreed

- Endorsed the Northern Integrated Transport Plan developed as a joint-initiative between the Tasmanian Government, NTD and Member Councils. The Report includes ongoing support for the Lady Barron Road and "air and sea freight" and its associated infrastructure to and from the Furneaux Islands as a key area of relevance. This inclusion will greatly assist when seeking funding for airport and port upgrades from both the State and Federal Governments in the future.

- Did not support the idea of Council Annual General Meetings becoming optional as decided by each Council

- To make a direct contribution of \$5,000 to each of the spring and autumn cooperative advertising campaigns planned by the partnership group of Flinders Island Tourism Association, Tourism Tasmania, Tourism Northern Tasmania and Sharp Airlines.

- Acknowledged the work of community groups and individuals who have to date raised funds towards the purchase of a passenger lifter to be based with Sharp Airlines at Essendon Airport and committed to exploring an in principle ownership and management agreement for the passenger lifter with Sharp Airlines. A report will then be made to Council on the proposed agreement and what further funds would be required to finalise the purchase and delivery to the site. The community through Lions and the Hospital Auxiliary has already raised \$10,000 towards the purchase, estimated to be \$20,000.

Work has commenced on rock excavation at Settlement Point in preparation for the new boat ramp due for completion in time for the



coming summer. As a consequence access is restricted for the time being since the rock surface is both uneven and unsuitable for use. Inconvenience for the present will be more than compensated for by the ease of entry and exit in the future.

Don't forget the Garage Sale Trail on 26th October. For more information, visit www.garagesaletrail.com.au

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

Carol Cox
Mayor

CALL FOR COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Nominations from the public are called for the position of Community Representative on the Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee of Council. The purpose of the Aviation Special Committee is to provide advice to Flinders Council on aviation matters and matters relating to the airport and associated infrastructure where these matters apply to and affect aviation matters.

Nominations can be sent to the Committee Chair:
Carol Cox, Mayor
Flinders Council
PO Box 40
Whitemark TAS 7255
Or via email to Executive Assistant Vicki Warden at executive.assistant@flinders.tas.gov.au

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CALL FOR COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Nominations from the public are called for the position of Community Representative on the Lady Barron Hall & Recreational Special Committee of Council. The purpose of the Lady Barron Hall & Recreational Special Committee is to act as caretakers of the Lady Barron Hall, Holloway Park and the Tennis Courts at Lady Barron for the use and enjoyment of community members and visitors to the Lady Barron Township.

Nominations can be sent to the Committee Chair:
David Williams, Deputy Mayor
Flinders Council
PO Box 40
Whitemark TAS 7255
Or via email to Executive Assistant Vicki Warden at executive.assistant@flinders.tas.gov.au

David Williams
Deputy Mayor

WHITEMARK TIP

Opening Hours

MON, FRI & SUN 1.30am- 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 21st November 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 15th November 2013.

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

Members of the public are invited to attend.

Raoul Harper

GENERAL MANAGER

Community Development

**St John Ambulance First Aid Courses - Expression of Interest
Would you like to be accredited in First Aid or you need to reaccredit?**

Council staff are looking to help bring St John Ambulance First Aid instructors to Flinders Island in November to deliver: Apply First Aid and Apply First Aid PLUS - both being full Nationally Accredited courses. Further suggestion is to include CPR and Emergency First Aid tailored to suit parents of babies and young children. For further details and if you are interested in attending these courses, please contact Council to express your interest.

Get involved with the Garage Sale Trail – Saturday October 26

Flinders Council and the Northern Tasmania Waste Management Group are supporting the Garage Sale Trail, a

national community program. To get involved, either by holding your own garage sale on 26 October or if you would like to find out what sales are happening on the Island, please visit the website: garagesaletrail.com.au

Celebrating the History of Music and Dance on the Furneaux Islands

Flinders Council is proud to support the upcoming exhibition at the Furneaux Museum curated by Sandro Donati and Judy Jacques. Opening on **Sunday 3 November at 2pm**, the exhibition presents a journey of the rich, diverse and often colourful history of music and dance on the Islands.

School Holiday Program – Abseiling at the Docks

Our October School Holiday Program for 2013 included two spectacular days of Abseiling at the Docks. Thirty young people took up the challenge and what an excellent job they did to overcome their fears and abseil down a 22m rock face! Long-time visitor to the Island Phil Harris from Aardvark Adventures and David Lytton were our guides for the program and kept us well entertained! Flinders Council would like to send out a huge thank you to Gary Sykes for his wonderful advice and volunteering his day to help us out. We would also like to thank SES and Michael Withers for lending us their equipment and thank you to all the parents and kids who helped us out over the two days; we really appreciate your support!





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: www.flinders.tas.gov.au

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. The Norman Wettenhall Foundation - Leadership Development Grants

www.nwf.org.au

Leadership Development Grants are designed to support people who are currently playing a key role in projects that are enhancing and maintaining the natural living environment, particularly landscape restoration projects. The grants will assist with

leadership/professional development activities, so successful applicants are equipped with skills and knowledge they need to further their conservation work.

3. 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 First Home Builder Boost (FHBB) provides an extra \$8,000 in addition to the FHOG.

4. Sport and Rec 2013-14 Minor Grants Program

www.development.tas.gov.au

Through the Minor Grants Program (MGP), Sport and Recreation Tasmania (SRT) provides financial assistance to organisations towards equipment purchases and the development/improvement of facilities or playing surfaces that directly benefit sport and active recreation clubs. Round Two - Applications open Thursday 26 September and close Wednesday 15 January 2014.

5. 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.

6. Tasmanian Government Innovation and Investment Fund

www.development.tas.gov.au

The objective of Tasmanian Government Innovation and Investment Fund (TGIIF) is to assist Tasmanian businesses (or groups of eligible businesses) to invest in



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innovative projects that will significantly improve their sustainability, performance, growth and productivity. Applications close Friday 1st November 2013

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,

Dolly Wheatley & Jana Harper
Community Development