



# Council News

## **Mayors Column**

### **Lady Barron Tip Closure**

The landfill at Lady Barron is to be closed soon due to high risk in several areas. Initially a transfer station will be placed on that site, with skips for general household rubbish and areas established for green waste and solid metal waste. The islands waste management systems are being reviewed and public consultation will follow but the general concept is around having several transfer station points across the island for the disposal of every day household waste and one single waste management area for the disposal of larger inert waste items and green waste. Where that one point will be, is still open for discussion. The possibility of using incineration in place of landfill is also being looked at, as are a number of reuse and recycling schemes such as a tip shop and composting. Watch future editions of the Island News for more information.

### **Recycling**

There is a box at the Council Office where fluorescent globes can be left for disposal. These globes are high in mercury and should not go directly into the landfill. Used lighting products are the largest source of mercury contamination in Municipal landfills. Protecting the environment is important for all of us. Recycling fluorescent tubes is a simple and easy way to protect the environment from mercury poisoning.

### **Community Excellence**

The Healthy Islands Project run by

Tasmanian Medicare Local has won both the “Gold Award” and the “Collaboration or Partnership Award” at the 2013 Medibank Active Tasmania Awards.

Using a collaborative approach to health promotion and prevention, the Healthy Islands Project promoted health and well being in the Furneaux Islands communities. The project was implemented following a health needs assessment that identified concerning levels of chronic disease in our communities, with obesity and low levels of physical activity being significant lifestyle risk factors.

Over 50 events promoting physical activity and healthy eating have been implemented and strategic partnerships formed between the project and our community. The result has been a significant increase in participation in physical activity and improved nutrition, social connectedness and mental health.

Congratulations to Dolly Wheatley, David Heap and Mel Telfer who implemented the project on the island.

### **Tasmanian Allied Health Awards**

David Heap has won the 2013 Award for his health promotion work as a physiotherapist on Flinders Island!

The award recognised the many programs that David coordinated and delivered on Flinders Island including the successful Actively Ageing Program from funding Council



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received through the Rural Primary Health Service, provided by the Federal Government's Department of Health and Ageing.

### **Tasmanian Local Government Conference**

Footage from the plenary sessions, award presentations and the trade exhibition at this year's Local Government Conference can now be viewed online at [www.lgat.tas.gov.au/page.aspx?u=680](http://www.lgat.tas.gov.au/page.aspx?u=680).

### **Financial Audit 2013**

The Auditors have signed off on Council's financial statements. The details will be presented with the Council's Annual Report. Council had a surplus of \$113,103 from operations including capital grants received of \$853,000. The capital grants were received for expenditure on roads, airport improvements including drainage and taxi-way/standing areas as well as the major Samphire Bridge replacement (delayed due to rain making it difficult to install a bypass). The statements include depreciation of \$1.75 million of which 1.3 million was attributed to roads. Work is being done within Local Government and the Auditor General's Office relating to how gravel roads are depreciated that may assist in reducing this figure in coming years.

Council's cash position remains at close to \$8 million, which includes cash reserves for employee entitlements, quarry reinstatement, Gunns Bequest funds and asset replacements.

### **Soil Testing**

Council is working in partnership with DPIPW to build more information on soils on the western side of Flinders to

support the Rural Living Strategy that's in development. The Rural Living Strategy will then inform the zoning of sections of the western side of Flinders as Rural Living in the new Interim Planning Scheme.

*Planning advertisements, Agendas, Minutes and much more information can be found on Councils website: [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au)*

Carol Cox  
**Mayor**



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## **Annual General Meeting 2013**

The Annual General Meeting of the Flinders Council will be held at the Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre on Friday 6th December 2013, commencing at 5.00pm.

*The Annual Report of the Council will be available during office hours at the Council Offices, Davies Street, Whitemark, and also on the Council website*

*[www.flinders.tas.gov.au/agendas](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/agendas) from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2013.*

*Submissions on the Report must be made in writing and forwarded to the General Manager no later than 5.00pm, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013.*

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 Art and Entertainment Centre

Whitemark, Flinders Island on:  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2013,  
commencing at 1.00pm.**

The Agenda will be available for perusal on our Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) or at the Council Office as from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 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**

#### **Mums and Dads with babies and children: Free St John Ambulance First Aid training**

St John Ambulance is offering to parents with babies and children the opportunity to attend the first aid emergency training at no cost provided that no certification is required. This is a great opportunity for parents to learn what do to if an emergency situation arises. If you would like to receive accreditation for the training the cost is \$95. Training is being delivered on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November at the FAEC. For more information, please contact Council Community Development staff. Places are limited. First Aid Courses with St John Ambulance are also being delivered on the Island from the 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November; courses are

currently full, but a waiting list is available.

#### **Cancer Council Visit – Thursday 28 November**

Cancer Council Tasmania will be on Flinders Island and invite all community members to attend an informal catch up/s to help inform a community education session planned in February on Incidental Support. The session in February will aim to provide information to equip community members on supporting each other when someone is impacted by Cancer. The Cancer Council would love to hear from you about what would be helpful to include in this February session.

For more information, please contact Katie Robinson, Cancer Council Senior Support Officer Phone: 03 6341 8407.

The two informal catch up sessions are below:

- **Sandwiches, Salad & Support**  
Thursday November 28, 11:30am – 1:00pm: Rose Garden Room, FAEC, Whitemark (Catering provided)

- **Interstate Hotel Dining Room, Whitemark**

Thursday November 28, 6pm onwards (Meals and drinks not provided)

If you would like to attend any of these sessions, please RSVP for catering purposes to Council.

#### **Whitemark Christmas Decorations**

Christine Wheatley and Joanna Klug are leading the fundraising activities and coordination of decorating Whitemark for this Christmas. If you would like to donate some Christmas decorations or lend a hand, please pop into Freckles Cafe. Council is happy to support this community driven activity. If you have an idea for an activity that will benefit the community in some way, please feel free to contact us.



### **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.

### **Rural Health Week – Thank You!**

Thank you to all community members who took part in our health promotion activities over Rural Health Week. Thank you also to Kathleen and David Heap for delivering the activities and to FIAAI for support with catering and providing a facility.

### **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](http://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](http://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](http://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. Sport and Rec 2013-14 Minor Grants Program**

[www.development.tas.gov.au](http://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 close Wednesday 15 January 2014.

### **4. Arts Tasmania Offers Funding Programs**

[www.arts.tas.gov.au](http://www.arts.tas.gov.au)

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

### **5. Vineyard and Orchard Expansion Program**

[www.development.tas.gov.au](http://www.development.tas.gov.au)

The Vineyard and Orchard Expansion Program offers an interest rebate for up to three years on commercial loans to support future plantings as part of the expansion or establishment of vineyards or orchards in Tasmania. Application for round two is open and close on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2013. A maximum total rebate of \$180,000 with an annual maximum rebate of \$60,000.



## **6. 26 TEN Grants Program**

[www.skills.tas.gov.au](http://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 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

## **7. The No Interest Micro-Business Loan Program**

[www.business.tas.gov.au](http://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).

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

Thank you,

Dolly Wheatley & Jana Harper  
**Community Development**

## **WHITEMARK TIP**

Opening Hours

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



CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS