

NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

WELL! WHAT AN EXCITING WEEK FOR FLINDERS ISLAND!

The visit from Senator Steve Martin brought us some amazing news! Senator Martin first visited Flinders Island to attend the Food and Crayfish Festival in 2018. He and his team enjoyed it so much, especially the CWA 'Taste of Island Products Lunch"! He returned twice since then and was lobbied by council staff and others regarding two of our priority projects. Behind the scenes in parliament, he in turn has lobbied for our community.

FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE WHITEMARK AIRPORT

We depend on our flight services, and of course our shipping services, to take our community members on and off the Island. We depend on both services to deliver our important freight. These services are our life-line. No-one would argue with that!

Senator Martin lobbied Michael McCormack, Deputy Prime Minister and leader of the Nationals, to provide funds for this wonderful place – and he was successful! Last Thursday, Steve announced \$1.8 million as a major contribution to the much-needed upgrade for our main runway. Without the upgrade, our airport would be unviable. Runways, for obvious reasons, have to be maintained to a very high standard.

We still have to find a further \$1.8 million – but now we have a huge head start. Massive thanks to Senator Martin for his supportive work. Watch this space for updates!

AND THEN THERE IS THE SAFE HARBOUR PROJECT!

The Safe Harbour Project has been a long time in the planning. One of the key purposes of State and Federal Governments is to provide funds for important projects around Australia. Projects are initiated by individuals and businesses, by local councils, by State and Federal Governments themselves. Providing funding is key to stimulating job growth, skills training, and for meeting goals, such as population growth.

SAFE HARBOUR IS A COMMUNITY INITIATED PROJECT

Chris Fenner and Andrew Thompson, working for a time with ex Councillor, Gerry Willis, were the force behind the project.

The project began in 2011 and they have been lobbying ever since. Council applied for federal funding last year but was unsuccessful. Now, because of Senator Martin's intervention, the project will be fully paid for.

WHAT IS A SAFE HARBOUR?

There is a constant stream of marine traffic between Tasmania and Mainland Australia. The Bass Strait is a dangerous stretch of water, in bad weather especially. A Safe Harbour is a location offering all-weather protection to mariners, especially small and medium-sized craft. If the weather becomes rough, these craft can find safety in protected waters. Usually there is a rock wall that offers protection from prevailing winds and waves. There are also marine berths to tie up securely, and toilets and shower facilities. Currently there is no safe Harbour between Eden and Triabunna. In the not-too-distant future there will be Flinders Island to make the journey much safer. Great News! Great future prospects! Well done Senator Martin and the Flinders Council and the Safe Harbour Working Party!

Annie Revie

Mayor

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CALL FOR COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Nominations from the public are called for the positions of **Transport Representative** and **Commerce / Business Representative** on the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee of Council. The Committee consists of business and community representatives and exists to consider and make recommendations to Council concerning issues related to Shipping.

Send nominations by C.O.B. 8 April to:
Mayor (Shipping Committee Chair)
Flinders Council
PO Box 40
Whitemark TAS 7255
Or via email to Executive Officer, Vicki Warden at
vicki.warden@flinders.tas.gov.au

Annie Revie

Chair - Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee

FURNEAUX COMMUNITY HEALTH SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The first meeting of new Council of the **FURNEAUX COMMUNITY HEALTH SPECIAL COMMITTEE** will be held:

DATE: Wednesday 20 March

WHERE: Rose Garden Room, Whitemark

Time: 12.00 to 1.30pm

LUNCH: A light lunch will be provided by Our Health Our Future Project (OHOF)

Council representatives are Mayor Annie Revie and Cr Sharon Blyth.

Guest speaker will be Alison Oliver, Project Manager of the Our Health Our Future Project (OHOF). This is a project you may have heard about that is sponsored by Tasmanian State Department of Health in collaboration with the University of Tasmania and Flinders Island health service providers, to try out new ways of delivering anticipatory care with the aim of improving the health and wellbeing of their communities.

If you are interested in nominating to join the Health Special Committee, please come along as it is not too late to register your interest.

For catering purposes, please RSVP to sammi.gowthorp@flinders.tas.gov.au

DRY GRAVEL ROADS

Summer is here again and the gravel roads will become more corrugated as time goes on. The roads cannot be graded until we receive sufficient rain to soften them so that the gravel re-knits to the road surface without becoming loose and sandy. There is no decent rainfall predicted for the foreseeable future so please be patient and observant of deteriorating road conditions.

Remember that the speed limit on all gravel roads is 80kph and if you feel that your driving skills or vehicle are not sufficient to travel that fast then please slow down to a speed you feel comfortable with.

Butch Barnewall
Works and Airport Manager

AUDIT PANEL INDEPENDENT MEMBER VACANCY

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Flinders Council has established and maintains an Audit Panel under Section 85 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the associated Local Government (Audit Panels) Order 2014. Due to a resignation, a vacancy will soon exist for an independent member to supplement the other two (2) existing independent Panel Members.

The role requires a person who possesses good business acumen and sound management and communication skills; knowledge and expertise in the areas of audit practices and financial management; knowledge of and experience in relevant industries; and experience with governance processes including, but not limited to, risk management.

Interested persons should contact the Council Office via phone 03 6359 5001 or email office@flinders.tas.gov.au to obtain a position and role outline.

Expressions of interest outlining qualifications and experience are now sought for the position by the **2 April 2019**.

Bill Boehm
General Manager

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council for 2019 will be held at the Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre, Whitemark, Flinders Island on:

Tuesday 19 March 2019 commencing at 9.00am.

Public Question Time will be held between 9.00 – 9.30am. Members of the public are invited to attend. The Agenda will be available for perusal from Thursday, 14 March 2019 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au and at the Council Office.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Applications for funding are now being sought from Community Groups. Applications received will be considered by Council as part of the budget process for the next financial year.

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 for both grants, using the forms available from the Council Office or the Council website <http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/community-grants-and-awards> will be received no later than C.O.B. Monday 29th April and should be addressed to:

General Manager
Flinders Council
PO Box 40
Whitemark TAS 7255

WHITEMARK TIP OPENING HOURS
SUN, MON, FRI 1.30pm - 4.30pm
TUES +THURS 7.00am - 10.00am
WEDNESDAYS 8.30am - 11.30am

CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

The Community Development team will be incorporating 'War on Waste' events in the upcoming School Holiday Programs with the aim to eliminate single use plastics from our activities.

Included in our April program will be an Easter Bonnet making workshop utilizing recycled materials and found objects. The creations will be showcased at the Easter Parade at the Lady Barron Hall Saturday Easter Event.

We ask all children who would like to be involved (and their parents) to start collecting recyclable items to make bonnets from, such as cardboard boxes, magazines etc.

We look forward to seeing your ideas! **#waronwaste #flindersisland**

COMMUNITY GYMS

It is great to have so many members using the community gym on a regular basis. We are continually working on improvements to maintain a quality gym for all to use.

Below are a few items and reminders for members to be aware of.

Fees

In 2018, Council decided to raise the gym fees for both gyms to \$5 per session or \$10 per week. This will come into effect as from 19 March 2019.

Buddy System

Please always have a buddy when using the gym. Council's insurance cover is conditional on the buddy system. The risk of losing the gym is high if an incident occurs whilst a user is unaccompanied.

Inductions

A reminder that all gym users must have an induction prior to using the gym. Whitemark - Inductions are available on Mondays or Fridays.

Lady Barron by appointment.

Please contact David Heap on 0418 714 123 to confirm a time for either gym.

Key Code

The key code is for your own use only. Sharing with people who are not inducted may trigger gym closure.

If you would like any further information, please contact:

Debbie Steer on 03 6359 5012, email debbie.steer@flinders.tas.gov.au or Sammi Gowthorp on 03 6359 5006, sammi.gowthorp@flinders.tas.gov.au

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

If you have engaged a tradesperson to work in your home or workplace, to ensure that they are licenced, go to the below link to search for licenced trades people in:

- Electrical
- Plumbing
- Gas-Fitting
- Building
- Architecture
- Engineering
- Building Design

<https://www.cbos.tas.gov.au/topics/licensing-and-registration/search-licensed-occupations/find-a-licensed-tradesperson>