

Council News

Mayors Column

Recreational and Community Facilities Audit

Council has recognised that many of our recreational and community facilities require upgrades or significant works. The questions are -on what facilities do we expend funds, what for and for how much? Council is developing a Community Asset Management Plan that puts all the information on community facilities in one place, including their physical state and current and prospective uses.

The plan will provide an assessment of the overall condition of Council-owned community infrastructure available for public use such as halls, parks, toilets, barbeque facilities, the showgrounds and boat ramps. Existing usage levels and some demographic profiling on projected future uses and needs will also be collated, allowing for recommendations for future maintenance, upgrade and/or investment requirements.

In the last few months Council staff have been working to prepare this detailed assessment of the recreational and community facilities and draft a community infrastructure plan for Council's consideration. I understand a number of you will have already spoken with Jana Harper and/or Tim Phillips (Consultant) about the project and facilities in your area.

Preliminary findings were presented to Council at the last workshop and the draft report will be considered at the April Ordinary Meeting of Council. Once received, the draft report will then be put out to the community for further feedback and input prior to being further considered by Council. I encourage you to get involved and help shape the final report and plan. This will be a "living" report with regular reviews

as the facilities and infrastructure needs of our community change over time.

Australia Post

As many business have, I also have received written advice of changes to business postage rates from the 2nd of June 2014, and more importantly, that the cost of postage stamps will rise by 10 cents to 70 cents from the 31st of March 2014.

Unsealed Roads New Speed Limit – 80 km/hr

Thank you to Sergeant Russell Judges for alerting the community to the change of speed limit in the last Island News. I remind all that the State Government introduced the speed limit on unsealed roads in Tasmania from the 1st of February 2014. The new limit is 80km/h unless otherwise sign posted.

Flinders has a total of 74% unsealed roads and I am disappointed that the introduction of the reduced limit was not widely broadcast in this community by the Government. Signs have been requested to advise interstate visitors of the speed limit.

Cycling

Councillors are beginning to have a discussion about the long term aspect of cycling in the community. If you have any ideas of actions, short or long term, relating to how Council might assist cyclists and other road users to co-exist safely on our roads please speak to your Councillors.

Carol Cox - Mayor

David Williams - Deputy Mayor

Marc Cobham

Peter Rhodes

MaryAnne Roberts

Gerald Willis

Ronald Wise

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www.flinders.tas.gov.au

Carol Cox
Mayor

FLINDERS COUNCIL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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

**Thursday 10th April 2014,
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 4th April 2014.

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

Members of the public are invited to attend.

Raoul Harper
General Manager

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 instances help manage Council's exposure to risk.

Council resolved at the 13th February 2014 Ordinary Council Meeting to adopt the **Aviation Policy**. This policy will lie on the table for public comment until the 18th March 2014. A copy is available to download from the Council Website

www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies or a hardcopy is available from the Council Office.

Should you wish to make comment on this policy please do so by addressing relative correspondence to the **General Manager**.

Community Development

Cancer Council of Tasmania visit and community opportunities

The 'supportive care model for rural & remote communities' project' is hosting the following:

Lunch: Wed 19th March, 11.30am-12.30pm

A light lunch is provided and opportunity to meet informally with Cancer Council Tasmania staff and community members impacted by cancer in any way. **Held at the Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre, Whitemark**

Community Cancer Support Training - 2 sessions

Wed 19th March, 1.00pm-3.30pm & 6pm-9pm* (repeated)

FREE training to equip community members and increase personal confidence to support each other when someone is impacted by cancer. **Held at the Interstate Hotel Dining Room, Whitemark** *Dinner not provided, please purchase your own meal

Professional Development for Health Workers - 2 sessions

Thurs 20th March, 8.30am-10.30am & 1pm-3pm (repeated)

FREE training on distress and psychological screening tools including identifying depression, anxiety and other related disorders. **Held at the Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre, Whitemark**
*Training suitable for nurses, teachers, counselors and various other health & allied health professionals

Cancer Education - 2 sessions

Thurs 20th March, 10.30am-11.30am & 3pm-4pm (repeated)

FREE education on what is cancer and current treatments for cancer as well as most commonly asked questions from cancer patients and their families. **Held at the Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre, Whitemark**

RSVP for all events – Jana Harper 6359 5001 or email

community.development@flinders.tas.au

Autumn School Holiday Program

We have some exciting activities being planned for the Autumn School Holiday Program. Dorset Council is bringing over a small group of students over the April School Holiday break for a leadership camp and Flinders Council staff will be working with Dorset to organise activities for young people from grade 7 and over. Junior activities will also be offered. Please note to receive our sms notification service on up and coming youth activities you need to have registered your child/children for the 2014 School Holiday Program.

For forms please go to www.flinders.tas.gov.au/school-holiday-program or contact Community Development Staff at Council on 63 595 001.

Expressions of Interest – Hospitality, Guiding and Event Management Training Comes to Flinders!

TAFE Drysdale is exploring the possibilities of delivering two programs on Flinders Island in 2014.

The first is for existing workers in the hospitality industry. The program will be heavily subsidised by Skills Tasmania and is aimed at existing workers requiring further training, and recognition of existing skills. Units on offer could be: Customer Service, Food and Beverage Service, Café Skills, Barista, Accommodation Services and Guiding.

This program requires part payment by employers or employees.

The second program would be a fee free program delivered over 6 months with visits from Drysdale teachers on a monthly basis. This would include units from; Food and beverage, Guiding and interpretation, Basic cookery skills, Event management and Tourism. This project will culminate in an “Event on the Island”. Age is no barrier. This program will explore what is special on the Island and look at “Eco tourism, Food Tourism, Experiential tourism” guiding participants to find the

gaps...explore possibilities for future tourism ventures and experiences. This will be hands on program with assessment through participation.

Both programs will work collaboratively with the Council, FITA, business operators and residents of the Island. We are seeking expressions of interest from interested parties and further suggestions for training. If you are interested in participating in the training or have staff that would like to be involved please contact us on community.development@flinders.tas.gov.au or call (03) 6359 5001.

New Online Community Calendar

There is a new and improved online Community Calendar, that has been designed and developed for you to add, edit and display events on the Flinders Council website. The new features enable:

- ✓ Community groups to add and edit their own events.
- ✓ Registered Council Community groups will be able to manage their own events list.
- ✓ One off events can be added.
- ✓ Events can now be found and viewed by month and event type.
- ✓ There are now 10 different event types.
- ✓ All events will be promoted by the Flinders Council.

To add your own event, please visit the website:

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

and click on “Add Your Event”. If you regularly hold events and would like your own log on to edit your events please contact us on community.development@flinders.tas.gov.au or call (03) 6359 5001.

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.

Launceston General Hospital - LGH ART PRIZE 2014 - Entries are NOW OPEN

The LGH Visual Arts Committee invites artists to submit 2D works of art in all mediums in competition for the LGH Art Prize 2014. The LGH Art Prize is offered for

the first time as an award for works on paper. The award is open to artists residing and working in Tasmania and offers a prize of \$5,000.

The 2014 exhibition will be held at the ARTrium Gallery from 14 May to 20 June 2014.

Entries close 5.00pm Friday, 18th April 2014. Go to:

http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/hospital/lgh/art/the_lgh_art_prize_2014

for further information or contact **Lou Partridge** on 03 6348 8035.

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. 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 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. 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.

4. 26 TEN Grants Program

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 27th March 2014.

5. Tasmanian Jobs and Growth Plan

www.investment.infrastructure.gov.au

The Australian Government has announced \$106 million in funding for the Tasmanian Jobs and Growth Plan, for projects which support the economic development of Tasmania. The Tasmanian Jobs and Growth Plan is an initiative which complements the Government's *Economic Growth Plan for Tasmania*—a package of measures aimed at stimulating Tasmania's economy by supporting growth and employment.

6. Rural Education Australia Program - REAPing Rewards

www.frrr.org.au

The REAPing Rewards small grant program is a national program targeting education. It supports locally-driven projects and programs that directly benefit children and youth (0-18 years) and their educators in rural and remote communities. Grants are up to \$10,000. Closes 21st March 2014

7. Farm Finance Concessional Loans Scheme (Tasmania)

www.development.tas.gov.au

The Australian Government will provide \$15 million per year (a total of \$30 million over two years from 2013-14) for the provision of Concessional Loans to eligible farm businesses in Tasmania for productivity enhancement or debt restructuring purposes. In Tasmania, the Concessional Loans Scheme will assist farm businesses experiencing debt-servicing difficulties but considered potentially viable in the longer term.

8. NRMA Community Grants

www.communitygrantsprogram.com.au

The NRMA Insurance Community Grants Program supports this by providing grants of up to \$5,000 to community projects in the areas of crime prevention, road safety, emergency readiness and response and the environment. Closes 31 March 2014

9. The Tasmanian Community Fund (TCF) www.tascomfund.org

The latest general grant round opened on 8 February 2014. A wide range of projects which support children and young people; community wellbeing and life skills; community participation and recreation; connecting communities; and culture, arts and heritage are eligible to be funded by not-for-profit organisations proposing to undertake a project in Tasmania. Expressions of interest for large grants close on 12 March 2014. Applications for small grants close on 2 April 2014 and applications for medium grants close on 16 April 2014.

10. Grants for Rural Communities www.frrr.org.au

The program offers at least \$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 locations in Australia, contributing to their development in social and community. Closes 28 March 2014

11. Australian Disability and Indigenous Peoples' Education Fund www.adipef.org.au

The Australian Disability and Indigenous Peoples' Education Fund (ADIPEF) will assist indigenous and non-indigenous people with disability to participate in both formal and informal education programs through small grants. Closes 31st March 2014

12. Grants for Grassroots

www.commbank.com.au

We're also offering 90 Grant Packages to help community clubs. Each grant will include an equipment pack to assist with training and \$1,000 cash. One club in need will have their grant upgraded to a special **\$10,000 Super Grant**.

Applications close 15th August 2014

13. Sport and Recreation Tasmania 2013/14 Grants Programs

www.development.tas.gov.au

Sport and Recreation Tasmania provides funding to increase opportunities for participation in sport and active recreation in

Tasmania, and to assist the ongoing development of Tasmania's sport and active recreation sector. In 2013-14, funding will be available through five grant programs. Clubs, not-for-profit organisations and local government entities that provide sport and active recreation opportunities to the Tasmanian community are invited to apply.

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

Call out for Possum / Cat Traps

Council has had a lot of requests lately to borrow cat/possum traps and there seems to be none available to lend. If there are any farmers out there who have any of the old NRM traps, they are no longer, using could they please return them to the Works Depot, Parks and Wildlife Office or the local Vet office. Thankyou

WHITEMARK TIP

Opening Hours

MON, FRI & SUN 1.30pm- 4.30pm

WED 8.30am- 11.30am



CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS