

# Council News

## **Mayors Column**

### **Badger Corner Bridge – last to be converted to concrete**

The Samphire River Bridge at Badger Corner was opened to traffic on Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April.

I would like to congratulate the Works Department, who with past and present Councillors, committed to a program started in the 1990's to replace all wooden bridges, owned by Council, with concrete ones. The driving force was the desire to reduce the maintenance bill arising from the 30 wooden bridges on the Island. In March of this year the last wooden bridge was demolished on the Samphire River at Badger Corner.

### **Cyclists, walkers and joggers sharing our roads**

Flinders roads are not specifically designed for the traffic mix that now uses them; trucks, cars, bicycles, joggers and walkers.

Safety can be improved if cyclists have an awareness/visibility of traffic coming up behind them, joggers and walkers face oncoming traffic, and motorists slow down when passing/overtaking either of the above groups.

The Island is becoming more popular for cycling holidays, thus motorists should be aware that the cyclists you meet may not be used to our road conditions.

### **80 km on gravel roads - reminder**

The maximum speed limit on ALL unsealed roads in Tasmania is now 80 km/hr unless otherwise sign posted. (Introduced 1<sup>st</sup> February this year).

A small number of signs are being supplied by DIER and will be displayed in strategic places such as on exit from the Airport.

Each individual unsealed road will not be signed for 80 km/hr.

As always be aware of changing conditions on our roads and reduce your speed accordingly.

### **Development Application Advertising**

All discretionary development applications must be advertised in a paper circulating daily in the Municipality. For Flinders Council that is The Examiner.

The time frames allowed for Council to assess a Development Application do NOT allow for Development Applications to be advertised in the Island News.

Development Applications, when advertised in The Examiner, are also placed in the notice board outside the Council Office entry door, on the property and on the Council website for the duration of the advertising period. All associated documentation can be viewed at the Council Office (front counter) or on the website at <http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/current-advertising>

Tasmanian planning law requires a development application to be dealt with within 42 days including a 14 day advertising period for discretionary applications. The “clock” stops if more information is required from an applicant and only starts again when the complete requested information is received. This can make the perceived council processing time seem much longer than the 42 days. The applicant may be asked to agree to a short extension of time to enable the application to be considered by Council at its next Ordinary Meeting.

### **Fishermen's Memorial**

Tasports will be placing the Fishermen's Memorial on the grassed area near the freight collection shed at the Port in Lady Barron. The Memorial was previously

displayed in front of the Marine Board Office and commemorates the lives of local fishermen lost at sea.

### **Deal Island**

I had the pleasure of dining with the Friends of Deal Island as they passed through Flinders on their way to Deal Island for a two week working blitz. The group is passionate about the history of Deal Island. They are endeavouring to raise grant funds to restore the lighthouse. This trip they are doing work around the small museum, including the cataloguing of articles housed there. The aim is to have the catalogue accessible on the web at a future date. This small museum has a surprising number of visitors.

### **Support Local - if not local then Australian goods and services**

The Furneaux Group is somewhat isolated from wider Australia, but we still hear of the high number of job losses occurring Nationally. We can protect our local services and providers by using them - shop local, use Service Tasmania and the Post Offices to pay your bills. Every little bit helps keep these services on the Island.

### **Easter**

Breakfast/Brunch is still on at Lady Barron this year. It will be minus the yachts as there is no Three Peaks Race but will have the added attraction of an egg hunt and car boot sale.

*Agendas, Minutes, News and more can be found on the Council Website*  
[www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au)

Carol Cox  
**Mayor**

Council would like to welcome **Robyn Cox** to the team. Robyn will be working as the Strategic Planner and involved in the Statewide planning reform. She will be focusing on local area planning and will be engaging with the Community in the development of the plans. Watch this space for more information once Robyn has settled in.

## **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 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014,  
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 9<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

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

Members of the public are invited to attend.

Raoul Harper  
**General Manager**

## **CALL FOR COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES**

Nominations from the public are called for each of the following vacancies on the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee of Council:

1. Commerce representative; and
2. Transport representative.

Nominees are required to articulate the shipping needs of the sector they are applying to represent.

The Committee meets quarterly and is the vehicle for interaction with the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources (DIER), Tasports and Council on shipping related issues.

Other parties represented on the Committee are; Livestock agents, TFGA and Cape Barren Island. This is an advisory group to the Flinders Council.

Nominations to the Committee Chair:

**Carol Cox - Mayor**

Flinders Council

PO Box 40

WHITEMARK TAS 7255

Or email

[executive.assistant@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:executive.assistant@flinders.tas.gov.au)

Carol Cox  
**Mayor**

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 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014 Ordinary Council Meeting to adopt the **Risk Management Policy**. This policy will lie on the table for public comment until the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014. A copy is available to download from the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies](http://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.

#### **Calling For Expressions of Interest**

Flinders Council is seeking expressions of interest for the sale and removal of the house located at the Whitemark Airport, 353 Palana Road.

Written expressions of interest are to be received by COB on Friday 11 April, 2014 at the Council Offices and addressed to:

**Airport Manager**  
Flinders Council  
4 Davies street  
WHITEMARK TAS 7255

For inspections and /or further details please contact the Airport Manager, **Jeff Grace** on 0428 592 144

#### **WHITEMARK TIP**

Opening Hours

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



CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

## **Community Development**

### **Have Your Say - Recreational and Community Facilities Audit**

As advised in the previous edition of Island News, in the last few months Council staff have been working with a consultant, Tim Phillips, to prepare a detailed assessment of our recreational and community facilities and prepare a draft infrastructure plan for Council's consideration. It is intended that this plan will help guide and inform investment decisions in our community's recreational and community assets on Flinders Island to ensure the investment in our assets is strategic and efficient.

The draft plan will be presented to Council this month and post this meeting, will be available via download from our website and a hard copy can also be requested by contacting front reception at Council.

Also available will be a series of questions for community feedback on the plan that will be included in the final report.

Information sessions with Tim Phillips and Jana Harper will also be held at the following locations and times:

- **Lady Barron – Holloway Park**  
**Tuesday 29 April 2:00 – 6:00pm**

- **Whitemark – Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre, Rose Garden Room**  
**Wednesday 30 April 2:00 – 6:00pm**

Please get involved and help shape the final report and plan.

### **Actively Flinders! Free 5 week Health & Well-being Program**

Thank you to everyone who has put up their hands to kick-start a fitness plan this autumn! The community response has been truly phenomenal.

The program starts Monday 14 April.

If you have any questions about the program please contact Kathleen on 0428 212 751.

This program is available through a Council received grant funded by the Australian Government through Tasmania Medicare Local.

### **Cabaret Call Out! It's Show Time!!!**

Well not quite yet, but plans are already in progress for the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Flinders Island Show. The theme this year will be Celebrating Family Farming. The Show Society is looking for interested community groups who would like to take on running the Cabaret this year. There are also plans by the Show Society to submit funding applications to support bringing a band over. If you belong to a community group who would be interested in partnering with the Show Society to help bring a band to our show and to also run the Cabaret as a fundraising activity for your group, please contact us on 6359 5001 or email: [community.development@flinders.tas.au](mailto:community.development@flinders.tas.au)

### **Autumn School Holiday Program**

Flinders Council and FIAAI have been working hard to provide a variety of youth activities over the Easter School Holiday break. The Autumn School Holiday Program for Council and FIAAI activities will include:

- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Splatter Art & Water Balloon Activities for Prep to Grade 3 students (**Please note change of date**)
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April & Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Free Tennis Coaching Clinic (FIAAI) at the Lady Barron tennis Courts 10.00am – 3.30pm, Food and drinks will be provided
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Mystery Bus Tour for Grade 4/5/6 (**please note change of date**)
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Youth Night for Grade 7 and over with Dorset Council Youth at FAEC 5-8pm
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Games Day & Bus Trip 10am – 4pm

To attend the Council School Holiday program and to receive our sms notification service on up and coming youth activities you need to have registered your child/children. For forms please go to [www.flinders.tas.gov.au/school-holiday-program](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/school-holiday-program) or contact Community Development Staff at Council on 6359 5001.

### **New Online Community Calendar**

Have you checked out our new calendar yet? Please visit the website and take a look: <http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/community-calendar/>

The new and improved online Community Calendar has been designed and developed for you to add, edit and display events. If you belong to a community group that holds events, you will now be able to manage your own events list on the Flinders Council website with your own log on and password. Please contact us if you would like to find out more please contact: [community.development@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto: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 Rosemary Amos by phoning 6359 8463 if you would like to find out more.

### **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. 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.

**4. Tasmanian Jobs and Growth Plan** [www.investment.infrastructure.gov.au](http://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.

**5. Farm Finance Concessional Loans Scheme (Tasmania)**

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

**6. The Tasmanian Community Fund (TCF)** [www.tascomfund.org](http://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. Applications for small grants close on 2 April 2014 and applications for medium grants close on 16 April 2014.

**7. Grants for Grassroots** - [www.commbank.com.au](http://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 15 August 2014

**8. Sport and Recreation Tasmania 2013/14 Grants Programs** - [www.development.tas.gov.au](http://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.

**9. Community Council Grants Program** [www.calvarylenahvalley.org.au](http://www.calvarylenahvalley.org.au)

The Calvary Community Council Grants Program assists Tasmania to build a healthier and happier community through support for events and activities that make a positive difference to society. Launched in 2004 with initial funding of \$100,000 the areas of focus are nutrition, early childhood, older people, and oral health and marginalised groups. Round 1 closes 30 April 2014, eligible 'not for profit' groups are able to apply for funding under this program.

**10. 2014 Coles Junior Landcare Garden Grants** [www.juniorlandcare.com.au](http://www.juniorlandcare.com.au)

Since 2008 the Coles Junior Landcare Garden Grants program has been providing grants of up to \$1,000 to schools and youth groups to help create gardens in their grounds or community, such as bush tucker gardens, water wise gardens or veggie gardens. All schools, kindergartens, daycare centres, and youth groups (e.g. Scouts) are eligible to apply for a Coles Junior Landcare Garden grant. Closes 2 May 2014

## **11. Community Heritage Grants –** [www.nla.gov.au](http://www.nla.gov.au)

The Community Heritage Grants (CHG) program provides grants of up to \$15,000 to community organisations such as libraries, archives, museums, genealogical and historical societies, multicultural and Indigenous groups. The grants are provided to assist with the preservation of locally owned, but nationally significant collections of materials that are publicly accessible including artifacts, letters, diaries, maps, photographs, and audio visual material.  
Closes 2 May 2014

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

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**Community Development**