

Council News

MAYOR'S REPORT

TasWater

At a workshop on the 3rd July TasWater advised Council that it has decided to construct water treatment plants for each of Whitemark and Lady Barron. It is envisaged that construction will be completed by the end of June 2016. Council has lobbied hard to secure a solution to the supply of potable water to the townships and congratulates TasWater on the decision that it has made to ensure this remote Community has a reliable potable water supply. The change in cost to users will be minimal, the difference in the cost per kilolitre between non-potable and potable water is currently 19 cents/kl.

Rose Garden – Bird Bath

On the 26th of July, volunteers again pruned the roses in our Community Rose Garden. This event was made special this year by the dedication of a new bird bath to long-time volunteer of the Rose Garden, Jan Lees. The bird bath was purchased by the Community and Deputy Mayor David Williams spoke of Jan's keen interest in the establishment of the Rose Garden in 2000 and her many hours of care and maintenance over the following years both as a volunteer and the years Jan worked with Council. The Garden was established with donations in memory of Margaret Aitken and Elaine Iles, designed by Spud Murphy and built through the efforts of a team of community members. The same community has continued to own and nurture the Garden with the assistance of Council and Jan has been a strong driver in the improvements that have occurred. This year many new faces turned up to help on the day too.

Thank you to the CWA for another delicious morning tea.

Plant a Tree day

On Sunday 27th July, over 20 community members donated their time on National Plant a Tree Day to establish the Fisherman's Memorial Park at the Lady Barron Wharf.

Community members volunteered to plant over 200 native and endemic plants, all chosen for their tolerance to seaside conditions, in just on an hour. TasPorts will be erecting an old anchor and the Fisherman's memorial plaque in the coming weeks. Council supported this event in cooperation with TasPorts, Furneaux Landcare and Planet Ark with many local plants donated by the Tree Action Group.

July Council Meeting

Council Approved:

- The development application for the development of the Whitemark foreshore.
- The Council Annual Plan for the 2014-15 year. On the website, or hard copy available at Council office, a great document to see what your council plans are for 2014-15.
- The development of a waste transfer station near the 'Bike Track' property on the Lady Barron Road, Lady Barron.
- Mr Jeff Phillips as the Transport representative on the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee.

Council Received:

- The Whitemark Footpath and Access Ramp Report and requested a replacement schedule for all non-conforming access ramps to be considered as a part of the 2015-16 budget.

- An update on the Emita Hall upgrade and acknowledged the significant financial and in-kind

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contribution that the Emita Hall Special Committee is making through the pledging of \$6,000 and in-kind support. The upgrade of the hall is in Councils budget for the current financial year and includes removal of interior asbestos lining, rewiring, recladding, and the addition of a disabled toilet.

- Quarterly report on council activities for April June 2014. This is a good document to see what your Council has achieved.
- An update on the progress of actions relating to councillor motions.

Local Government Association of Tasmania

The Flinders Council website was a finalist in the Small Councils section of the Local Government Awards for Excellence and was placed second.. I congratulate the winner Dorset Council for its Youth Program which earlier this year included a trip to Flinders Island and camping at Holloway Park as an opportunity for the youth of Dorset to experience adventure and for our local youth to connect with them.

Council Elections – October 2014

Thinking about nominating?

Visit the Local Government Association of Tasmania's website for more information or the Tasmanian Electoral Commission. You may also book a time to meet with the General Manager to discuss the nomination process and any questions you may have. Nominations close at 12 noon on the 29th September 2014.

In order to have a vote in a Flinders Council election, you must be enrolled on either the State Electoral Roll at an address in the Furneaux Group of Islands or on the General Manager's Electoral Roll for the Flinders Municipal area.

Go to flinders.tas.gov.au for:

- Advertised Planning Applications
- Council Reports

- Community Calendar
And more...

Carol Cox

Mayor

FLINDERS COUNCIL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nomination forms are available from the Council Office and on the Council website for people wishing to nominate an individual for the Flinders Council Citizen of the Year Award. The award will be presented at the Flinders Island Show on 17th October 2014.

Please submit your nomination to the Council Office by C.O.B. **11th August 2014.**

Selection Criteria for the Award

The following criteria will be used to select the award recipient:

1. Only individuals are eligible to be nominated, not organisations.
2. Nominees must be over sixteen (16) years of age as of the 1st day of July in the year of the nomination.
3. The award will be given to the person who has made the most significant voluntary contribution for the benefit of the Furneaux Community, organisations or individuals.
4. Recipients can receive only one Citizen of the Year Award during their lifetime.
5. Selection will be based on the quality of the contribution along with the quantity of the contribution.

Raoul Harper, **General Manager**

WHITEMARK TIP

Opening Hours

MON, FRI & SUN 1.30pm- 4.30pm

WED 8.30am- 11.30am



CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

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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 21st August 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 15th August 2014.

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

Thank you! School Holiday Program

Our recent School Holiday Program was jam packed with activities for our young people to get involved in! This was due partly to some local champions who came on board to help us with the program. A big thank you to local providers Maria La Grue for providing the art classes and to Andrew Killengray (AK) for delivering the DJ workshops, it was great to be able to incorporate both these activities as a part of our program. We would like to send a special thank you to Anne-Marie Wilkins and Helen Cassidy for joining us as judges for the Master Chef cook off and also to Anne Marie for her support and guidance to the students with their dishes throughout the day, your help was invaluable. Thank you to the School for the use of the kitchen, we are so fortunate to have such great facilities to access. Also thank you to FIAAI for having us along to join in on the NAIDOC week flag raising & BBQ and, it was great to have a game of softball and also to try our hand at

bingo when the rains came down! Thank you all for making it possible.

Thank you! Weekend Gardening Events

Over the weekend of the 26th and 27th July our Rose Garden Pruning took place and also our National Plant a Tree Day event establishing the Fisherman's Memorial Garden at the Lady Barron Wharf. It was great to see so many community members outside braving the cool and sometimes wet weather donating their time and expertise to both caring and maintaining our gardens and the establishment of a new one. Thanks everyone!

Are you an inspiring leader?

Applications for the 2015 Tasmanian Leaders Program are now open. The Tasmanian Leaders Program identifies, promotes and develops aspiring business and community leaders, creating significant future benefits for both them and Tasmania. Each year, a diverse group of participants with one thing in common – high leadership potential – is selected, to come together regularly over a 10-month period to learn and cultivate a range of specific competencies crucial to leaders. Applications are encouraged from across Tasmania from within business, not-for-profits and the public sector. Applicants should demonstrate above-average achievement with clear potential for future growth and the ability to contribute significantly to the wider Tasmanian community.

Applications close **Wednesday 1 October 2014.**

For more information, please visit the website: www.tasmanianleaders.org.au

Holding an activity or event on the Island?

Promoting your activity or event on Flinders Island is most often via the Island News, posters and a householder and increasingly social media via groups such as the Flinders Island Community Noticeboard. There is also the Council Community Calendar to promote your eventand it's free, and easy! The Community Calendar is the 2nd most visited page of our website too.

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If you hold regular events, you can also have your own login created so that you can edit as well as post your events. Please contact us if you would like your own login.

What are you waiting for – give it a go!
www.flinders.tas.gov.au/community-calendar/

Tasmanian Community Achievement Awards

The Community Achievement Awards for Tasmania are about recognising individuals, organisations and groups who are making a difference in our local communities and State. There can never be enough encouragement and support for those working towards making their State a better place. Awards such as these create an opportunity to say thank you to those who work tirelessly to develop and improve in their chosen field of endeavour.

To make a nomination for an individual or organisation in our community, please visit the awardsaustralia.com/community-achievement-awards/tas website:

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. 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 15 August 2014
- 2. Sport and Recreation Tasmania 2013/14 Grants Programs -**
www.development.tas.gov.au
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

- 3. Festivals Australia: Regional Festivals Project Fund**
www.australiacouncil.gov.au/grants
This fund supports innovative arts projects which add to the quality, diversity and audience engagement of festivals in regional and remote Australia. Round opens 14 July 2014 Applications close 29 August 2014
- 4. Ian Potter Cultural Trust -**
www.ianpotterculturaltrust.org.au
The Ian Potter Cultural Trust was established in 1993 by The Ian Potter Foundation to encourage and support the diversity and excellence of emerging and early career Australian artists. If you are an early career or emerging artist with an opportunity to further your professional development overseas, you may be eligible for a grant of up to \$7,000. Closes 9th September
- 5. Commonwealth Scholarships Program**
The Commonwealth Scholarships Program (formally known as the Commonwealth Learning Scholarships (CLS) Program) was introduced in 2004 to assist students from low socio-economic backgrounds, particularly those from rural and regional areas and **Closes 31 December 2015**

You can also subscribe to a grant alert list to receive notifications by email:

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