

Council News

MAYOR'S REPORT

ASIF 2015 – Cancelled

Council has cancelled the Australian Small Islands Forum 2015 scheduled for April 2015 on Flinders. The August Council meeting was the date set for giving the final green light to the forum and whilst the benefits of holding a forum are recognised, there was not enough direct sponsorship evident at that time to satisfy the majority of Councillors that Council would not be left holding a major bill after the forum.

Other August Meeting Outcomes

- Agreed that the Council supported community celebration on the 2015 Australia Day Weekend would be held on Saturday the 24th January as a part of the Furneaux Festival to be held over the Australia Day Weekend.
- Received and noted the Fuel Price Investigation Report. Councillors will discuss the details of the report and possible actions at a workshop. The report can be found on the Council website as “Attachment 6: Fuel Supply Investigation Report, July 2014” to the August Council Meeting Agenda.
- Ratified the appointments of Mr. David Madden as Commerce representative and Mr. Scott Woods as the Livestock Agents representative to the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee of Council.
- Approved an exemption from the Council Tender process for the purchase of a second hand bulldozer within the budget allocation made in the capital budget for 2014-15.

As part of Council's operations Council frequently requires a bulldozer.

Typical tasks include gravel pit development and rehabilitation, compaction and covering of landfill cell at Whitemark Tip and vegetation removal on roadsides along with fire mitigation. Historically Council has hired a local bulldozer on an hourly basis. Following an assessment of the current and future operational requirements and a cost comparison between the hire rates and a Council owned machine, the decision was made to purchase a second hand machine. Subsequently, Council made an allocation of \$150,000 in the 2014/15 financial year budget for the purchase of a used bulldozer.

- Approved a variation in the capital budget of \$21,000 to an allocation of \$71,000 for the purchase of a new excavator as opposed to a second hand machine.

Second hand excavators were priced from \$50,000 to \$70,000 with hours of use ranging from 700 to 2,500 hours. New excavators were priced between \$70,000 and \$73,000 and included a 3 year warranty and delivery to Flinders Island (an approximate saving of \$1,500). The excavator is smaller than Council's other machinery and is to be used mainly in the digging out and patching of the runway.

- Adopted the Fraud Prevention and Control Policy.
- Adopted the Communication between Councillors and the General Manager Policy.
- Noted the Councillor Resolution Report for August 2014.

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Audit Committee

Council is expected to comply in full with the directives of the legislation that require each Council to have an Audit Committee with a paid Chair Person. The cost of supporting such an approach is estimated as \$20 - 30,000. Council has allocated the funds in the 2014/2015 budget estimates.

Council has adopted the approach that it will retain its current Audit and Finance Committee which has a volunteer community member and adapt its terms of reference to fit more closely to the Ministerial Orders. Other Councils are also having issues with the regulation and cost of implementation of an Audit Panel as required by the legislation.

Red Cross Centenary

The Centenary of Red Cross in Australia is being celebrated this year. As part of the world's largest humanitarian movement, the Red Cross Society is best known for their immediate response to natural disasters, their blood service, and their everyday work to help vulnerable people. For 100 years they have been making a positive difference to the lives of people in need every day and are worthy of recognition. In appreciation of the support received from local governments over the past 100 years, the Society is gifting Council a Red Cross rose and commemorative plaque.

The MPC and Council invite you to afternoon tea and the official planting of the rose in the Rose Garden at 3.00 pm on Tuesday the 2nd September 2014.

Go to flinders.tas.gov.au for:

- Advertised Planning Applications
- Community Calendar
- Business Directory

and more

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 18th September 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 12th September 2014.

Public Question Time will be held between 1.00pm – 1.30pm.
Members of the public are invited to attend.

Raoul Harper
General Manager

WHITEMARK TIP

Opening Hours

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



CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Want to know whats on???

Check out the Flinders Council
Community Calendar
[www.flinders.tas.gov.au/community-
calendar](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/community-calendar)

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Hospitality Training in 2014!

TasTafe Drysdale and the Flinders Island Tourism Association (FITA) are pleased to advise their recent success in securing funding to deliver hospitality training on the Island for 2014. This funding enables the training to be delivered to hospitality workers at a heavily subsidised rate. The training modules are for existing workers in the industry and will include:

- 1. Customer Service** - Enhance the customer service experience: Cost \$25.00, proposed dates - Monday 22nd September 10am -1pm. Venue - Furneaux Tavern.
- 2. Barista** - Prepare and serve espresso coffee: Cost \$40.00 proposed dates - Monday 22nd or Tuesday 23rd September, times TBA. Venue - Furneaux Tavern.

Students will be given their books and assessments on the first day and then be required to participate in a second session in November for the final assessment and training.
- 3. Guiding** - Provide a briefing or scripted commentary: Cost \$50.00; 2 full days - Monday 10th November and Thursday 4th December 2014. Venue - Mountain Seas. Full Course - Waiting list applies.

If you are interested in the training and haven't contacted us previously feel free to give us a call at Council on 6359 5001, limited spaces do apply to each course.

FREE Red Cross Community Emergency Preparedness & Recovery Workshops

To celebrate the Red Cross Centenary, Rebecca Newton from Red Cross will be visiting Flinders Island on the 1st and 2nd of September for a planting of a Red Cross Rose and presentation of a centenary plaque to the Flinders Island community. Red Cross has generously also offered to conduct FREE workshops on Emergency Preparedness and Recovery for our community members during this visit.

The following workshops are on offer:

MONDAY 1st SEPTEMBER

Recovery Basics (FULL DAY)

10:00AM - 4:00PM (BYO LUNCH)

REDiPlan (mini Workshop) 6:00pm - 7:00pm

TUESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER

Communicating in Recovery (mini Workshop) 10:00AM - 12:00PM

REDiPlan (mini Workshop)

12:15PM - 1:15PM

If you would like more information on these workshops, please contact us.

Notes from the Rose Garden

The next working bee to mulch in preparation for the warmer months will be held on Saturday 30th August at 9am, BYO gloves. Please contact Megan Morphet on 0400 233 601 for more information.

Thank you very much June Klug! A gorgeous blood red climber called Altissimo was donated to our community rose garden on Wednesday 20 August in memory of June's mother, Betty Gavin. We really appreciate your support and cannot wait until it blooms! Megan Morphet

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Whitemark Foreshore: BBQ and Permanent Outdoor Exercise Equipment

On July 17th 2014, Council, acting as the Planning Authority, approved the Whitemark Foreshore Development Application for the installation of Exercise Equipment, BBQ and Toilet to be located at the Whitemark Foreshore. The development application includes substantial improvements to the existing coastal area as an outdoor coastal park and beach venue for the enjoyment of residents and visitors. Over the coming months works will commence to install the BBQ and also the permanent exercise equipment. You may notice that there will be some vegetation being removed. Please do not be concerned as the plan also includes re vegetation to the area. If you would like to view the Whitemark Foreshore Masterplan or the Landscape Plan for the area, please visit the Council website's Community Noticeboard or contact us.

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.

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. 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 website:

awardsaustralia.com/community-achievement-awards/tas

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. Small Grants for Rural Communities (SGRC) - www.frrr.org.au

Grants up to \$5,000 are available for projects and activities that offer clear public benefit for communities in rural, regional or remote Australia. Priority is given to communities of 10,000 or fewer. Not-for-profit community based organisations can apply for funds to support projects and activities that are contributing to their social and community welfare, economic, environmental, health, education or cultural development.

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2. Sport and Recreation Tasmania 2014/15 Grants Programs - www.dpac.tas.gov.au

Communities, 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 recreation sector.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. Tas Community Fund - www.tascomfund.org

Applications for small grants (up to \$10,000) will close on 10 September 2014. Applications for medium grants (\$10,001 to \$90,000) will close on 24 September 2014. There have been no significant changes to the eligibility and funding criteria.

Applicants are also encouraged to discuss their project with Tasmanian Community Fund staff (phone 6232 7043 or 6232 7269 or email admin@tascomfund.org) before submitting their application.

6. Career Pathways - Professional Development

www.australiacouncil.gov.au

These grants provide funding for individual artists and arts workers to build their professional capacity as community arts and cultural development workers. Funding is available up to \$12,000 for individuals to undertake opportunities that will develop careers in community arts and cultural development. This grant does not support project development and delivery.

7. Hyundai Help for Kids www.hyundaihelpforkids.com.au

Hyundai Help for Kids was created to allow Hyundai Motor Company Australia, in partnership with the Australian National Hyundai Dealer Network to provide funds and/or non-monetary support for not-for-profit organisations associated with providing assistance to Australian children and their families.

8. Tasmanian Department of State Growth - various

www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au

The Department of State Growth offers a variety of grants and loans to help both business and individuals prosper. We may assist in the development, expansion or retention of business undertakings in Tasmania, or conduct research or experiments for the purpose of the establishment of a business undertaking in Tasmania. Visit the area of interest to you to find out if you are eligible:

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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