

# Council News

## Mayor's Column

### **At the September Council meeting, Council:**

- approved the Discretionary Development Application for the toilet at Killiecrankie in the Public Open Space near the BBQ. It is anticipated that the toilet will be constructed by Christmas;
- adopted the Council's "Strategic Plan 2015";
- resolved to put a motion to the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) to lobby for changes to how the early payment of Federal Assistance Grants (FAGs) have to be accounted for;
- approved updated Budget Estimates for 2015-16 to reflect:
  - deduction in income due to early payment of 50% of FAGs now attributed to the 2014/15 year;
  - deduction in estimated rates income due to correction in rates charges;
  - additional wages for airport operations; and
  - capital allocations were added for the airport to purchase a sweeper and to develop plans for prioritised pavement repairs and feasibility of drainage works;
- approved receipt of a monthly Planning Report on development application (DA) activity for the preceding month that will include:
  - the DA reference number;
  - the property address;
  - the type of development (subdivision, residential, farm shed etc.);
  - \*the proposed work; and
  - the date received;
- agreed to collaborate with the Northern Councils to undertake a benchmarking process involving the Northern Tasmanian Councils that could identify areas of potential for resource sharing and other collaboration between Councils;
- allocated major funding to the Airport for priority pavement repairs (\$280,000) and for the business case development of a long term solution (\$250,000). An application for funding for these projects is currently being assessed by the Federal Government Regional Aviation Access Program, however the outcome will not be known until November. These are must do projects and Council will seek the involvement of State and Federal Government departments and

independent experts in the development of the Business Case, the outcome of which will direct the solution required to fix the current issues with the main runway and secure the future operations of the airport.

Full information on the September meeting can be found on the Council website.

### **Motor bike track:**

The track remains closed until insurance issues are worked through. Council staff are liaising with the Furneaux Islands Motocross Association Inc. to reach the best solution for all.

### **Niche product growers & manufacturers:**

Are you a local grower of food and/or a producer of a local niche product or maybe you have an interest in possibly developing a product or business in the future?

Council has commenced putting together a database of businesses/residents that are producing niche products and those who may have an interest in possibly developing a product or business in the future.

If you are producing/growing, or even just thinking about it, being on the database will provide the opportunity for Council staff to keep in contact with you to pass on information of interest, provide opportunities to share knowledge and learn, and to make connections that may provide opportunities for increasing the Island's product offerings or value adding to what is currently on offer.

If you would like to be on the database, please contact community and economic development staff at Council and it can be as simple as, "I have some land that I would love to see being productive but I don't know what to grow" or, "I am currently producing..."

For those that choose to go on the database, Council can keep you informed of future opportunities and developments, such as the Cross-Pollinate Conference. Please get in touch with the community and economic development staff at Council as they are keen to assist.

### **Emita and Lady Barron Hall update**

The Emita Hall painting works have been complete and a big thank you to all

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community members who volunteered to paint the kitchen, bathroom and most recently, the bathroom floors. Building works have commenced on the access toilet and should be complete within the following weeks. It won't be long before this valued community space is back in use.

The Lady Barron Hall upgrades are progressing well with the Building and Planning applications 75% complete and these will be submitted to Council in the following weeks. Monthly status reports on how the hall is progressing are provided to the Steering Committee that is made up of Lady Barron Hall and Recreation committee members and Council staff.

## Tourism Northern Tasmania Training Workshops

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, Council and FITBA Inc. are supporting tourism and event industry training that is being delivered by Tourism North Tasmania. Please see details in the full-page flyer in this edition of the Island News.

## Spring School Holiday Program

Thank you to all the young people for participating in the school holiday program activities last week. 136 places were filled over the week that included a mixture of arts workshops delivered by the Scotch Oakburn College Arts Director s.p.a.c.e gallery, Ben Miller, photographer in-residence, Jasper Da Seymour, and our own Maria La Grue as part of the Little Big Islands Art Project. Some great works were created including stencil art panels that will be located along the Showground fence. Thank you to FIAAI for loaning their mini-van and providing their community shed for workshops and thank you also to the School for use of their spaces.

Alex Anderson's walks will continue this week as part of her Inspire Year 8 School Project and raising funds for the RFDS, as well as Show Time activities supported by the Show Society.

## Seniors' Week

As a contribution towards Seniors' Week, Council has partnered with the MPC and will be screening the last two years of Flinders Flicks short films at the Furneaux Arts and Entertainment Centre on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>

October. The show starts at 11:00am and doors will be open from 10:30am with a lunch break in between the two shows.

## Whitemark:

Who would have thought there'd be flowers in the Whitemark Streets, something not envisaged in my early days on Flinders. The gardens in the commercial area are a tribute to the perseverance and dedication of those who tend them and a pleasure to all as we drive into town.

The subtle facelift being given to the old Elders building is also a pleasure to see.

See you at the Show.

Carol Cox  
Mayor

## Ordinary Council Meeting

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

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015** commencing at **1pm.**

The Agenda will be available for perusal on the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) or at the Council Office from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2015.

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

