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## Mayor's Report

### **Fire Season:**

As I write this the Furneaux Group has been spared of any major fires threatening populated areas. This does not mean we should become complacent.

If you live in the Lady Barron, Whitemark, Emita, Killiecrankie or Palana areas do you know where your TasFire Service designated safer place is?

[www.fire.tas.gov.au](http://www.fire.tas.gov.au)

The Tasmanian Fire Service has developed Protection Plans for all these areas and for the Corner on Cape Barren (Truwana) Island.

The plans can be found on the TasFire website which is also a good place to check to see if any current fires are recorded in the Furneaux Group.

Please remain vigilant, make use of the free gas BBQ's provided by Council, Parks and the Friends of the Patriarchs, and keep our islands safe from fire.

### **January Council Meeting Outcomes:**

- Noted that 3 Development Applications were received during December of 2015, two discretionary and one for a permitted development.
- Approved the "*Investment Policy*", the "*Code of Tenders & Contracts Policy*" and a suite of "*Operational Behavioural Policies*" after rescinding Council's previous policies. No submissions were received during the public consultation period.
- Approved a changed "*Policy Manual Policy*" that streamlines the public consultation process on policies – one submission was received.
- Approved Council seeking re-appointment as a member organisation of the Tasmanian Economic Regulator's Customer Consultative Committee (the OCCC) for a period of three years and

appointed Cr Peter Rhodes to be Council's representative.

- Received the Second Quarterly Report on staff activity as aligned with the Annual Plan. This is a detailed document that provides the reader with a good understanding of activities that Council undertakes.

- Received the Councillor Resolution Report that outlines the activity to date on motions put forward by Councillors.

### **Waste Transfer Stations:**

These are in place for your convenience for the disposal of everyday household waste, batteries, whitegoods, used oils, small amounts of metal and green waste. PLEASE DO NOT PUT BUILDING WASTE IN WITH THE GREEN WASTE.

ALL OTHER ITEMS NEED TO BE DISPOSED OF AT THE WHITEMARK TIP. The tip is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday of each week (not public holidays). Each day's opening hours are listed elsewhere in the Council Pages. Do the right thing and help keep Council's waste disposal costs and your rates down.

### **Unrestrained Dogs Owners**

The owners of all unrestrained dogs on public streets, dogs in public premises and roaming dogs risk large fines. Council staff have and will continue to impose fines and impound roaming dogs when reported to them. You are also reminded that owners are responsible for any issues arising from their dog's actions. If all dogs are on leads when out and about the rate of incidents should rapidly decrease. If you have an issue with a dog that is "at large" or has caused a disturbance, please immediately report it to Council.

### **School Holiday Program:**

The Island Chef 2016 Cook-Off was held as part of the school holiday activities and was a highly competitive day. The visiting Meander Valley Leadership Group took

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out the trophy however it was a very close competition from our local budding chefs. By the time this issue of Island News is released Sean Choolburra will have delivered one of his comedy dance workshops offered within the school holiday program. I hope that everyone who participated enjoyed the workshops and learnt some new dance moves. We are very lucky to have talented professional teachers visit the Island for our young people. Unfortunately the surf has not been favourable for surf conditions for our Learn-to-Surf program over the last week.

[www.flinders.tas.gov.au/school-holiday-program](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/school-holiday-program)

## Music in the Vines

Congratulations to the organisers, volunteers and musicians who treated us to another great Music in the Vines. The jumping castle was again a highlight for the younger generation whilst the music flowed from local and visiting artists entertaining us as we connected with friends. Thank you Bev & Roger for another great day in the vines.

## Furneaux Islands Festival 29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> January

Looking forward to seeing you all out and about during the Furneaux Islands Festival this weekend.

See the Householders, Flinders Council facebook page or the festival website [www.fifestival.com.au](http://www.fifestival.com.au) for more detail.

## Artie Withers OAM

Congratulations Artie on receiving recognition of your lifetime's contribution to this community and to aviation in the Furneaux Group, for your passionate support of the RFDS, and involvement in all things local. The things I know about are - Life Member of the FIDHS Parents & Friends, scout master, Church Warden, supporter of and recently President of the Show Society, active member of the Furneaux Historical Research Society,

strong supporter of the Patriarch Wildlife Sanctuary, cricket and bowls, and your written history of Island aviation. I include a quote from a 2008 RFDS Newsletter:

*"Artie Withers is another keen fundraiser on Flinders. He spent over 40 years working for the RFDS and retired as Airport Manager of Flinders Island in 1994. Artie would position the lights at night to assist aircraft coming in to land, making sure the strip was clear of wildlife before the aircraft landed. He was doing it back in the days when the lights were kerosene flares!"*

Thank you and congratulations from the community which has benefitted so much from your activities.

**Carol Cox**  
**Mayor**

### Ordinary Council Meeting

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

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016 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 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

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

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