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MAYOR'S COLUMN

General Manager Recruitment:

Council met with Jason Vuddamalay of the Searchlight Group prior to the August Ordinary Council meeting to finalise the position description for the General Manager's position. The process for selection and shortlisting of applicants was also mapped out. The position will be advertised very shortly both Australia-wide and locally.

Structure Plan Comment:

The period of community consultation ends on the 2nd September. The Structure Plan is the planning canvas of the Island, painting the picture of what we would like to be able to do where and the areas we would like to protect, such as the prime farm land and nature reserves.

Council will be going to a new planning scheme using the state-wide template that is designed to increase uniformity in planning schemes across the state. There will be limited options for localised differences and these have to be supported by evidence. The Structure Plan will be the Council's evidence base for the local provisions it will attempt to have inserted in the Flinders Planning Scheme.

This is why it is so important for you to have a say now. Waiting until it affects you will be too late. Download your copy from the Council website now or ask for a copy at the office.

Bendigo Bank is coming:

Once the Westpac Agency is closed the space it occupies will be made over to suit Bendigo Bank's requirements. Bendigo Bank representatives are already making contact with island businesses and visiting the Island.

New Tip Hours:

The Whitemark Tip will be open 6 days a week from 1st of September at varying times. The transfer bins will be removed from the

entrance. Council is under severe pressure to meet solid waste management protocols so please take the 5 minutes required to drive in and dispose of your waste.

The full list of opening hours was distributed with rates notices, is on the Council website and published regularly in the Island News.

Outcomes of August Council Meeting:

Council approved:

1. A shed for horticultural use, at Boat Harbour Road, Killiecrankie in the rural zone within the visually sensitive overlay.
2. A house, maintenance shed, stables and a holiday cabin at the Quoin, Killiecrankie in the rural zone, partially covered by the visually sensitive overlay.
3. A store shed at Lady Barron in the Port zone. Initially for domestic use associated with an existing house.

Note: there were no public representations to these Developments thus the only appeal can be by the applicant on conditions set by Council.

Dog Policy:

The Dog Management Policy and Code for Responsible Dog Ownership were approved. These are now open for public comment until the 22nd September. If no comment is received these Policies will come into effect at the time of the September Council Meeting. If you think they need to be amended in any way now is the time to let Council know.

Minutes:

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting are on the Council website as are the agenda and annexures for those interested in more detail on Council activities.

Digital Ready is coming to Flinders Island – Free Seminars:

Take advantage of this great opportunity! Digital Ready is being held on Flinders Island in September offering free group seminars and tailored coaching sessions to

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businesses on the Island. If you're ready to grow your business by taking the next step online or using social media, the Digital Ready for Business program is here to help.

The program has been developed to empower Tasmanian businesses to take charge of their online presence, enhance skills and confidence, and develop an online strategy that really works. In just this year, the program has helped an online retailer improve its search presence, a not-for-profit establish a website and social media channels, a consultant to reach their business-to-business market through online mediums, and a tourism operator to streamline web bookings and manage inventory, among many other success stories.

Seminars are held from 6pm to 8pm from the 5th to 7th September and from the 19th to 21st September at the Rose Garden Room. For more information and to register for the September sessions visit www.digitalready.tas.gov.au or phone the Business Tasmania team on 1800 440 026.

Spring School Holiday Program:

The spring School Holiday Program is about to be released. We have some exciting activities in store for all our young people including abseiling with Scotch Oakburn College, Moulage makeup and emergency exercise activity, arts program with Maria La Grue, drop-in days at the hall and some show time activities.

This program is delivered by Flinders Council, Flinders Island Aboriginal Association Incorporated and the Flinders Island District High School. Registrations are essential for all activities. Activity details, activity age groups and how to register can be found by visiting the Council website: www.flinders.tas.gov.au/school-holiday-program and on posters up around the townships.

If you haven't yet registered for the annual School Holiday Program and would like to register, please contact Council on 6359 5001, or email either:

office@flinders.tas.gov.au or
stacey.wheatley@flinders.tas.gov.au

The Council School Holiday program has a funding contribution from the Rural Primary Health Services Program funded in Tasmania by Primary Health Tasmania - an Australian Government Initiative.

Community Online Calendar:

The Council website includes an online calendar of local events to help promote all the activities and events happening on Flinders. The calendar includes details of visiting health professionals, training opportunities, as well as local events. If you are planning on holding an event or activity on Flinders, you are able to add this to the calendar easily. Please visit: <http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/community-calendar/>

See you at the running festival.

Carol Cox

Mayor

Furneaux Group Shipping & Aviation Special Committees Submissions

The Furneaux Group Shipping and Aviation Special Committees consist of business and community representatives and exist to consider and make recommendations to Council concerning issues related to Shipping and Aviation. The public are invited to make submissions for consideration by the Committees. Submissions may be sent to Council by close of business, Thursday 22nd September 2016.

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WHITEMARK TIP

Opening Hours (until 31st August)

MON, FRI & SUN 1.30pm- 4.30pm

WED 8.30am– 11.30am



CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Policies to be Adopted

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 18th August 2016 Ordinary Council Meeting to adopt the Dog Management Policy and the accompanying Code of Responsible Dog Ownership.

These policies will lie on the table for public comment until the 22nd September 2016. They are available to download from the Council Website

www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies and hardcopies are available from the Council Office.

Should you wish to make comment on any of these policies, please do so by addressing relative correspondence to myself.

Sophie Pitchford
Acting General Manager

Notice of changes to Whitemark Tip Usage

Council would like to take this opportunity to inform residents and ratepayers of changes to the operation of the Whitemark Tip as of the **1st of September 2016**.

The following alterations are to be made to the current set up at the Whitemark Tip due to the bins not being correctly used for the

designated rubbish streams. We are also continually finding them being left over full, with lids open, allowing wind, birds and animals scatter rubbish around the entrance and along Memana Road. In addition, they are also being used whilst the tip itself is actually open causing additional plant and man hours to keep under control.

The skip bins at the front are to be **removed** and the tip opened for 3 hours per day, 6 days a week.

Tip opening times will be the same as before with the **addition** of Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7.00am to 10.00am to allow those working to be able to drop their rubbish off on the way to work etc.

Whitemark Tip Opening Times as from 1st September 2016

Sunday	1.30pm to 4.30pm
Monday	1.30pm to 4.30pm
Tuesday	7.00am to 10.00am
Wednesday	8.30am to 11.30am
Thursday	7.00am to 10.00am
Friday	1.30pm to 4.30pm

****Please note that there can be NO dumping of any kind of rubbish at the Tip entrance from that date.**

****Any rubbish dumped will be treated as illegal under Section 9 of the Litter Act of Tasmania.**

B Barnewall
Works & Services Manager

Corporate Services Manager Lawn Mowers for Tender

Council has two lawn mowers for tender. Those interested can inspect the mowers at the Council Depot, Patrick St, Whitemark. Please nominate which mower you wish to purchase in your tender document. The highest tender or any tender may not necessarily be accepted.

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Details of Mowers are:

- Mower 1. 2012 John Deere X300 with 38 inch cutting deck and has done 500 hours.
- Mower 2. 2012 John Deere X300 with 38 inch cutting deck and has done 730 hours.

Tender documents may be obtained from the Council Office, Davies St, Whitemark. Tenders will not be accepted after close of business Thursday, 2nd September 2016.

B Barnewall

Works & Services Manager

Ordinary Council Meeting

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

Thursday 22nd September 2016,
commencing at **1pm.**

The Agenda will be available for perusal on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au and at the Council Office from Friday 16th September 2016.

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

Members of the public are invited to attend.

Flinders Council Citizen of the Year Award

Nomination forms are now 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 14th October 2016.

Please submit your nomination to the Council Office by C.O.B. **29th August 2016.**

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.

Seeking Comments on the Structure Plan for Flinders Island

A draft Structure Plan for Flinders Island has been released for exhibition and you are invited to consider it and to provide comments. The Structure Plan is a proposed land use strategy for the island. It is designed to contribute to the Council's aim of increasing the population. Among other things, the final Structure Plan will be the basis of the Flinders Planning Scheme. It will provide the strategic direction for the choices to be made when applying the State Planning Scheme template to Flinders Island.

The draft Structure Plan for consultation provides a number of pink text boxes throughout. These contain Discussion Points. The Discussion Points are matters on which your feedback is specifically sought. Feel free to raise any other issues as well but please address the discussion points and let us know whether you agree with them or not.

If you would like to discuss any matters arising from your consideration of the Structure Plan, please call the Council office (63595001) and make an appointment with the Strategic Planner, Robyn Cox.

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Submissions on the Structure Plan are welcomed and will be received as hard copy by post to the Strategic Planner, 4 Davies St., WHITEMARK 7255; by email to planner@flinders.tas.gov.au or by dropping them at the Council office during office hours. Please ensure you include your name and phone or email details so that Robyn can contact you if required.

Submissions close 2nd September 2016

Position Vacant Community & Economic Development Officer

Flinders Council is seeking to appoint a Community & Economic Development Officer in the Community & Economic Development Department.

This position is offered as a permanent part time position of 4 days per week. Salary will be dependent upon qualifications and experience. Terms and conditions for this position will be as per the Flinders Council Enterprise Agreement 2013-2016.

A Position Description is available from Sophie Pitchford, Corporate Services Manager by phoning 6359 5008 or please visit: www.flinders.tas.gov.au/employment-and-business-opportunities

Written applications responding to the Position Description's essential "Knowledge, Skills and Experience" criteria along with a current resume are required by C.O.B. Friday 2nd September 2016.

Applications are to be marked "Confidential" – Community & Economic Development Officer, and should be forwarded to the Corporate Services Manager, Flinders Council, PO Box 40, WHITEMARK, TAS 7255 or email directly to sophie.pitchford@flinders.tas.gov.au

Vision Super, Community Super Fund visiting the Island

Pam Crawford from Vision Super will be visiting Flinders Island on Thursday 1 September 2016. Vision Super is a community super fund which was established in 1947. They are an industry fund, run only to benefit members, not to make a profit for shareholders. With around 100,000 members and \$7.5 billion in assets, they have the experience and expertise to look after your super for life.

If you would like more information about a super fund that cares about you getting the most out of your retirement, we would encourage you to come and see Pam while she is on the Island. Pam will be available for appointments at the Flinders Council Chambers. To secure an appointment, please contact the Council office on 63 595 001.