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Airport and Road Works:

The re-sealing of Runway 05/23 (Short Runway) has recently been completed. The existing seal had reached the end of its serviceable life and required a two coat reseal to ensure it remains in an operational state, this is vital especially given the ongoing issues with the long runway. The works started early January by the digging out and repair of existing pavement failures in order to prepare for the reseal. The sealing works started on the 18th January and took 4 days (not consecutive) to complete, works were scheduled around flights to ensure minimal disruption to aircraft. The two coat seal consisted of a 10mm and 7mm aggregate coating and was overseen by Council's airport pavement engineer Simon Oakley, with the works carried out by the Council's Works and Service Department who worked extremely hard during this time. The end result is a quality reseal that should see the short runway remain serviceable and minimise any potential failures for years to come.

Stabilisation works are scheduled for the long runway and are due to be carried out from the 2nd March, it is anticipated that 5,000 square metres of runway will be foam bitumen stabilised, this will see current pavement issues addressed and minimise maintenance on those areas until such time as a long term solution is implemented.

In conjunction with the stabilisation works occurring on the long runway, Council will trial stabilisation of sections of the gravel on the Port Davies, Palana, Coast and Lagoon roads. Some sections of the stabilised roads will be sealed.

Stabilisation is a process whereby the existing base material is agitated and infused with materials, and re-compacted to form a hardened base.

Council is financially able to undertake the roadworks trial due to the substantially increased allocation of Roads to Recovery funding for the 2017-18 years and the need to spend an increased amount of Council's own source revenue to receive the Roads to Recovery funds.

The proposal is to stabilise 5.5km metres and seal 3.5km metres of the stabilised section at a budget of \$446,000.

Council has \$455,000 Roads to Recovery funding allocated to it for 2016-17.

Requests for Service:

The council staff are small in number and do not have eyes everywhere. If you notice an issue with infrastructure that causes you concern or could be dangerous, please report it as a "Service Request".

The "Service Request" process enables the tracking of actions taken to rectify the issues reported.

"Service Request" forms are available at the front office and on the Council Website.

<https://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/service-request>

Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme

The commonwealth scheme is applied to eligible goods being transported across Bass Strait and also for goods produced or manufactured on mainland Tasmania and shipped to the Furneaux Group or for goods manufactured or produced in the Furneaux Group and shipped to mainland Tasmania. **Eligible claimants are those who incur the costs of shipping eligible goods.**

The sea freight routes eligible for assistance are any port in the Furneaux Group and any port on the main island of Tasmania.

Vehicles, fuel, building materials and bulk cargo are some of the items not eligible under this scheme. Manufactured goods, such as furniture, primary produce, tanks, and much more can attract a shipping cost rebate. You can find a list of eligible goods in the [TFES Ministerial Directions - Schedule 1](#) on the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development website.

The scheme is managed by the Department of Human Services and contact information is: Phone: 131 158; Post: The Manager, Tasmanian Transport Programs
GPO Box 1269, HOBART **TAS** 7001.

Bendigo Bank:

Community support is still needed to reach the deposit level for the operation of the bank agency to be sustainable. Residents please consider moving at least some of your banking to Bendigo

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or if you are thinking of opening or have accounts with a Bendigo Bank branch off-island, please consider tagging it to the Whitemark agency.

This is our best chance of keeping a bank on the Island, but it has to be sustainable.

Ten Days on the Island

Volker Gerling will be visiting Flinders Island to present his show "Portraits in Motion". Using his flipbooks, a projector and his elegant humour, he creates a narrated 'thumb cinema' that exposes what the rushing world doesn't see.

The show will be at FAEC on Tuesday 21st March at 7pm. Please support this great Arts Festival.

Tas Community Fund

Grant Round 34 of the Tasmanian Community Fund will open on 28 January 2017. Applications for small grants (up to \$20,000) will close at 5.00pm on 15 March.

Applications for medium grants (\$20,001 to \$90,000) will close on 5 April. Stage 1 applications for large collaborative program grants (\$100,000 to \$500,000) will close on 1 March. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application in mid-June 2016.

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. The guidelines and the application forms are available on the Tasmanian Community Fund [website](#).

Community Infrastructure Fund

The round for minor grants is now closed but for major grants the submission date closes at 5.00pm on 31 March 2017. Project expenditure must be over \$50,000. For projects with a cash cost of between \$50,000 and \$100,000 the amount of the grant will be no more than \$50,000. Larger grant amounts will require a minimum of \$1 cash contribution from the applicant for each \$1 provided from the fund.

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/>

For more information or for any enquires regarding community development please contact 6359 5001 or via email Dolly -

stacey.wheatley@flinders.tas.gov.au , David - cdo@flinders.tas.gov.au Claire - claire.nichol@flinders.tas.gov.au

Carol Cox
Mayor

Badger Corner Boat Ramp Community User Group Meeting

Council wishes to invite members of the Community who use the Badger Corner Boat Ramp to a meeting to discuss the possible upgrade of the facility.

When: Monday, 20 February 2017

Time: 5:30 - 6:30pm

Where: Badger Corner Boat Ramp

A friendly reminder for users of the Whitemark Tip

Council would like to remind all users of the Whitemark Tip that they are required to report to the office on their arrival. All types and amounts of waste that is being brought into the disposal site must be recorded for reporting purposes, though most importantly Council must know who is onsite at all times and ensure their safety.

In the unlikely event of an accident or emergency it is vital that staff onsite know your location so that they are able to assist if required.

All vehicles are asked to drive at a slow pace when onsite and to take care and look out for other moving vehicles when approaching the office on arrival.

Council must ensure everyone's safety when onsite, whether it be users dropping off high volumes of waste, or simply donating goods to the Giving Shed.

Thank you for your cooperation
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Expression of Interest – Killiecrankie Minor Maintenance

Council is in the process of seeking to engage a person (or persons) for potentially a few minor maintenance tasks in and around the Killiecrankie area. Initial emphasis is in relation to cleaning and maintaining the Killiecrankie Public Toilet and BBQ area.

Interest only is sought at this stage. Negotiations regarding the cost, time and measures undertaken will be discussed with those who express an interest. Further information on specific details may be obtained by contacting Jacqui Viney at the Council Office on 63 595 001.

Expressions must be in writing, marked: “EOI – Killiecrankie” and addressed to: General Manager, PO Box 40, WHITEMARK TAS 7255

Submissions may be posted or emailed to: office@flinders.tas.gov.au no later than COB 16 February 2017.

Bill Boehm
General Manager

WHITEMARK TIP

Opening Hours
SUN, MON, FRI - 1.30pm to 4.30pm
TUES, THURS - 7.00am to 10.00am
WEDNESDAY - 8.30am to 11.30am
CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

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 16th February 2017**, 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 10th February 2017.

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

Members of the public are invited to attend.

New Building Regulations

As you may be aware, new building regulations came into operation on 1 January of this year. These regulations change the current way building and plumbing permits are issued and categorise work into “notifiable”, “low risk” and “high risk” work.

Prior to arranging for building work to be done, a Building Work Enquiry Form is to be submitted to Council. You will **then** be advised of the category of your proposed building works and any subsequent requirements. The form is available from Council reception or website.

Please remember that all building works may still require a planning permit. If not, you may be issued with a planning exemption certificate.

The Flinders Council website has some fact sheets uploaded to help you to determine the category of your building work and the associated requirements. These can be found at <http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/building-application>.

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Council on 63 595 001.

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Markarna Grazing Company Pty Ltd
Quarry, 634 & 684 Palana Road, Whitemark,
Flinders Island
(CT 141190/3, CT 145854/3 & CT 245509/1)

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PERMIT UNDER S57 OF THE LAND USE PLANNING AND APPROVALS ACT 1993 **Permit Application DA012/2016**

The extraction by blasting of a maximum of 120,000 cubic metres of rock per annum. Extracted rock will be crushed to produce aggregate and other rock product.

The above proposal has been referred to the Board of the Environment Protection Authority (the Board) for assessment under the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994 (EMPC Act). A Development Proposal and Environmental Management Plan (DPEMP) has been lodged in support of the above proposal.

Public exhibition of documentation

“The Gums” Quarry, Palana Road, Whitemark

A copy of the application documents can be viewed at <http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/current-advertising>

A copy of the supporting documentation for the above proposal will be available for public inspection during the period specified below and may be examined during normal business hours at:

- Flinders Council Offices: 4 Davies Street, Whitemark 7255; or
- Service Tasmania, 134 Macquarie Street, Hobart 7000

The DPEMP can be viewed on the internet at:
<http://epa.tas.gov.au/assessment/assessments-in-progress>

A guide for preparing a public submission can be found on the internet at:
<http://epa.tas.gov.au/assessment/guide-for-preparing-a-public-submission>

Copies of the DPEMP may be requested from Dr Richard Barnes, Van Diemen Consulting Pty Ltd, Mobile: 0438 588 695.

Public representations

In accordance with section 57(5) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* any person may make a representation relating to the above proposal and the supporting documentation from **Saturday 11 February 2017 to Saturday 11 March 2017**, by writing to:

General Manager

Flinders Council
PO Box 40

WHITEMARK TAS 7255

Or by emailing the General Manager at:
office@flinders.tas.gov.au (Attention:
Development Services Coordinator)