

Council News

MAYOR'S COLUMN

April Council Meeting

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on the 20th April 2017 Council:

- Received the 3rd Quarterly Report from Council staff. This report details all the actions completed by staff during the period July 2016 to March 2017 inclusive. The report corresponds with the tasks set out in the 2016-17 Annual Plan. The report can be found on the Council website as Annexure 17 to the April Meeting Agenda.
- Received the Quarterly Financial Report for Jan – March 2017
- Agreed to rescind three policies considered as currently being unnecessary to Council operations. The policies are; the “*Land Transfer Policy*”; the “*Aboriginal Conciliation Policy*”; and the “*Tasmanian Tidy Town Competition Policy*”. This action is being taken as a part of the ongoing review of Council’s policies. The rescinding of these policies is open for Public Comment and will be reconsidered if comment is received.
- Gave Council’s ‘Owners Representative’ on TasWater, Cr Gerald Willis, the approval to support TasWater’s 2018-2021 Corporate Plan.
- Declined a proposal for ‘Councillor development’ around working as an Elected Member in Local Government considering that this Council is approaching the end of its term and that the proposed type of program would be more valuable to a newly elected Council and should be considered in budget considerations and implementation in 2018-19.
- Approved the outsourcing of the General Manager’s performance review to be undertaken during the probationary period.

- Agreed to respond to LGAT regarding the Local Government Act Review, that Flinders Council does not support the changes that give the Minister responsible for Local Government, the ability to introduce several sets of Ministerial Orders.
- Discussed the recent Municipal re-valuation of properties and the opportunity that may be present to amend the way the Municipality is rated for the 2017-18 year. Council is taking this opportunity to consider a change from rating on the AAV (Assessed Annual Value) to the CV (Capital Value) of a property. Councillors have requested more modelling on the impact on individual properties in different property sectors. The next step is to consider the change.
- Approved the undertaking of a Whitemark Coastal Vulnerability and Overland Flow/Flood Study and also a Whitemark Town Centre Structure plan. Both of these reports which will complement the Flinders Island Sports & RSL Club Redevelopment Feasibility Study that is being undertaken by Council in conjunction with the Club. These reports will be used to inform the Local Provisions Schedule of the Planning Scheme.

Local Government Act Review

The State Government is undertaking a targeted review of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the public and interested parties are invited to provide submissions. Submissions are to be made in writing to the Local Government Division and are due by 5.00 pm on the Friday 5 May 2017. You can either send your submission by mail or email to the following addresses:

- by email to lgd@dpac.tas.gov.au ; or
- by post to

Attn: Targeted Review of the *Local Government Act 1993*

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Local Government Division
Department of Premier and Cabinet
GPO Box 123
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Information can be found at
http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/local_government/targeted_review_of_the_local_government_act_1993

As taken from the DPaC website: “In summary the key amendments of the Bill include:

- providing the Minister with the ability to issue Ministerial Orders in relation to such matters as the role of Mayors, functions of Elected Members and General Managers;
- a greater focus and commitment from Elected Members to engage in ongoing professional development and abide by the principles of good governance.
- implementing Performance Improvement Directions as a more expedient option to address issues in a Council that may prevent the need for a Board of Inquiry or Local Government Board review;
- improving the outcomes for Boards of Inquiry in terms of recommendations that can be made following an inquiry that provide greater efficiencies and flexibility; and
- requiring General Managers to maintain a gifts and donations register for the purpose of mandatory disclosure of gifts and campaign donations by Local Government Elected Members.

ANZAC Day

Along with morning services there were Dawn services held on both Cape Barren and Flinders Islands. Council laid wreaths at ceremonies on both Islands in remembrance of all who have served and especially those who have suffered in serving this nation.

Lest We Forget

Carol Cox

Mayor

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 Lady Harron Hall, Lady Barron, Flinders Island, on **Thursday 18th May 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 12th May 2017.

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