

MAYOR'S COLUMN

Whitemark Play Ground Upgrade:

The Community Development Team is pleased to announce that their application to the Tas Community Fund (TCF) for \$81,818.00 to upgrade the Whitemark Playground was successful. They would like to thank the families and parents who completed their online surveys and Duckpond, FIDHS and the Community Shed for their letters of support.

The upgrade will involve removing current equipment and installing a new play area designed to accommodate a variety of age groups. Council looks forward to commencing the project in March 2018.

A huge thank you to the staff for writing such a quality submission to achieve this grant.

Elected Member Allowances:

Section 340A of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) entitles councillors to allowances as prescribed in regulations. Mayors and deputy mayors are entitled to allowances in addition to those payable to them as councillors. Regulation 42(2) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2015* (the Regulations) specifies the allowances payable to councillors and mayors and deputy mayors. Current allowances are: Councillor \$9,106, Deputy Mayor \$18,716 and Mayor \$31,868.

The allowance values are reviewed regularly by the Tasmanian Industrial Commission and the following indicative time frames have been provided, for the next review, noting that the final dates will be confirmed by the Commission upon release of an Issues Paper:

- Issue Paper distributed and Notice in Papers - early December 2017;
- Hearings held in 5 separate locations - week commencing 22 January 2018; and
- Report issued - end of February 2018.

Peter Blundstone: RIP

I would like to note the passing of Mr Peter Blundstone, ex Warden of Flinders Council. Peter undertook the role of Warden for the Flinders Council from the years 1982-1989, his role as Warden was prior to the introduction of the current Local Government Act and included a time as the Treasurer. Peter's commitment to the Community was during a period when no annual allowance was paid to elected members and his contribution to Council was considerable.

My deepest condolences to Pat.

Recognising volunteers:

Do you know someone who does tremendous work for our community? Ever thought of putting their names forward for the Tasmanian Volunteering Awards? The awards aim to recognise and reward the contributions of people who display excellence in the volunteering field and whose contributions may often go unseen or unacknowledged. Award categories are tourism, arts and heritage, sport and recreation, emergency volunteering, community care, education and science, animal care and conservation. Nominations are open until 5pm, 2 March 2018 at volunteeringtas.org.au.

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 14th December 2017 commencing at 1pm.**

Public Question Time will be held between 1.00pm – 1.30pm. Members of the public are invited to attend. The Agenda will be available for perusal from Friday the 8th December 2017 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au and at the Council Office.

Bill Boehm

GENERAL MANAGER

CALL FOR COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Nominations from the public are called for the position of Farming Sector Representative on the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee of Council. The Committee consists of business and community representatives and exists to consider and make recommendations to Council concerning issues related to Shipping.

Nominations will be accepted up to C.O.B. 21 December and can be sent to the Committee Chair: Carol Cox, Mayor, Flinders Council, PO Box 40, Whitemark TAS 7255. Or via email to Executive Officer, Vicki Warden at vicki.warden@flinders.tas.gov.au

Carol Cox

Mayor

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS



2018 Furneaux Islands Festival

A celebration of Furneaux Islands Culture. Now in its 5th year The Furneaux Islands Festival (FIF), is a unique Tasmanian event held on Flinders Island to celebrate the community, culture and musical heritage of the Islanders. Held annually in January, the festival stages a variety of events over three days at different venues across the Island. Check out our website for more details www.fifestival.com.au.

Acoustic Supper: Fri 19 Jan, Emita Hall, 6pm – 10pm. Fine Flinders Island produce and a program of acoustic entertainment from local and visiting musicians.

Festival Market Day: Sat 20 Jan, Whitemark, 10am -1pm. Local food and handmade/home grown produce, activities for kids, music & pop up entertainment.

Verandah Music Sat 20 Jan. **The Tavern**, Lady Barron, 4pm – 10pm. Immerse yourself in the songs of local and visiting musicians and enjoy the stunning views!

Festival Finale Sun 21st Jan. Flinders Island Aboriginal Association Inc., Lady Barron, 11-3pm. A day of music from our visiting entertainers, family fun and a feast of local produce prepared by our guest chefs.

The Festival Market Day

The Festival Market Day will be held Saturday 20 January from 10am to 1pm in Patrick Street, which will be closed to traffic during this time. The focus of the market is on 'local' and 'handmade'.

Please register your market stall by 15 December. For more information contact Claire on 63595001, or by email Claire.nicholl@flinders.tas.gov.au.

Lady Barron Fitness Facility Inductions

Induction date for December is Tuesday 12 December at 1pm. If you would like to attend an evening session please let us know as we will select a date once there is enough interest. Please email

stacey.wheatley@flinders.tas.gov.au or sms 0437 987 863 to book in.

Dolly Wheatley & Claire Nicholl
Community Development Officers

WORKS AND SERVICES NEWS

Tenders

Flinders Council invites Tenders for upcoming Footpath Installation and Renewal. Applicants can apply for one or both of the following:

1. Supply of Concrete - Price per cubic metre delivered to townships of Whitemark and Lady Barron.

2. Supply of labour and tools for the installation of Footpath and Pedestrian Crossings in Whitemark and Lady Barron and to be constructed as per IPWEA drawing numbers SD104 and SD106. (Drawings can be found with tender on Council website or by contacting Works & Services Manager.) Approximately 70 metres of new footpath and 19 pedestrian crossings to be replaced in Whitemark and approximately 390 metres of new footpath and 5 new pedestrian crossings in Lady Barron.

Tenders to be marked "Footpath Tender" and delivered to Flinders Council Office by hand, post or email no later than close of business Tuesday 19th December 2017.

Lady Barron Transfer Station

Due to the implementation of the need for fire permits by the Tasmanian Fire Service, the Lady Barron Transfer Station is now closed for the dumping of green waste until further notice.

Butch Barnewall

Works and Services Manager

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Notice is hereby given that the 2018 Ordinary Meetings of Flinders Council will be held at the Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre, Whitemark, Flinders Island on the following Thursdays:

- 25 January 2018
- 15 February 2018
- 15 March 2018
- 19 April 2018
- 17 May 2018
- 21 June 2018
- 19 July 2018
- 6 August 2018
- 13 September 2018
- 11 October 2018

Council Meetings start at 1pm and Public Question Time will be held between 1.00pm – 1.30pm.

Each meeting agenda will be available for perusal on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au or at the Council Office on the Friday before the meeting.

Bill Boehm

GENERAL MANAGER