

## MAYOR'S COLUMN

### December Council Meeting Outcomes:

- Approved a house extension with a varied rear boundary setback in the rural zone at Blue Rocks.
- Approved an exemption from pecuniary interest for community members on Council's Special Committees.
- Approved a further application to MAST for upgrading the boat ramp at Badger Corner with Council contributing up to \$45,000 to a successful application.
- Approved the closing period for the Council Office over the Christmas New Year Period. Office closing at 4pm, 21st Dec and reopening on the 2nd of January. Office closed to payments, emails and enquires as from 12pm, 21st December.
- Approved recommendations from the Whitemark Community Gym Special Committee to facilitate opening the gym as a community gym operating on a buddy system in the New Year.
- Approved the making of an application to the federal governments' Building Better Regions Fund for the Safe Harbour Project.
- Approved the Flying of Flags at Council Property Policy with an amendment to take into account a community submission to the draft policy.

### Senate Committee Inquiry into Air Transport:

A Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee is conducting an Inquiry into the operation, regulation and funding of air route service delivery to rural, regional and remote communities with a report to be finalised by the 30<sup>th</sup> March.

Submissions are now being accepted and need to be submitted by the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

Details can be found at:

[https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/Rural\\_and\\_Regional\\_Affairs\\_and\\_Transport/RegionalAirRoutes](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Rural_and_Regional_Affairs_and_Transport/RegionalAirRoutes)

### Drivers take care:

It is noticed that not all drivers take note of Cattle Signs on roads. Please SLOW DOWN when you see the signs and drive with care when driving through the livestock.

### The Year in Review:

2017 has been a great year for Flinders:

- TasWater potable water flowing in both Whitemark and Lady Barron.
- Hydro Renewable Energy Hub opened with the plant having been running a record 85 hours diesel free on the 17th December.
- Sections of Port Davies and Coast Roads, stabilised and sealed.

- Lady Barron Community Gym opened in the purpose built addition to the Lady Barron hall.
- Killiecrankie toilet constructed and walking track between Killiecrankie and the Docks upgraded.
- Successful events such as the Furneaux Islands Festival, Music in the Vines, Emita Sports, Flinders Five, Furneaux Super Shoot & 100 Target Tasmanian Championship, and many many more.
- A great School Holiday Program.
- Successful Building Better Regions Fund grant application, for a \$7.9 million grant to enable the \$11 million upgrade to the telecommunications infrastructure to and on the islands with work started for completion aimed at the end of 2019.
- Whitemark Community Gym on the way.

Now looking forward to reaping the benefits and enjoying all that the islands have to offer in 2018.

### School Holiday Program:

Young visitors are welcome to join in the local School Holiday Program which includes the surf school and performance workshops leading into the Furneaux Islands Festival. Participants must have registered and registrations can be made at the Council Office.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2018.

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 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 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 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018 on the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) and at the Council Office.

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 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](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) or at the Council Office on the Friday before the meeting.

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### **WORKS AND SERVICES NEWS**

#### **Grazing Land for Lease**

Expressions of interest are invited for the lease of approximately 95 Hectares of grazing country known as Canns Hill that borders on to Memana Rd, Cemetery Rd and Virieux Rd. This parcel of land may either be leased as one lot or possibly split into 2 or 3 sections. The land will have a lease period of four years and is to be used for grazing only.

Expressions of interest can be in writing or email and submitted to the Council office no later than Wednesday 17th January 2018. Further details may be obtained by contacting the Works & Services Manager during office hours.

#### **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**