

## **MAYOR'S COLUMN**

### **Outcomes from August meeting:**

#### **Planning:**

Council approved a house and studio at 691 West End Road, Leeka in the Rural Zone with a visually sensitive overlay. The Planners report informed that six applications for planning permits were approved in July that included an office, airport hangars, three residentially related sheds and telecommunications towers.

#### **Reports:**

The Pitt & Sherry Deflection Analysis Report indicating the strength and life of some council roads and airport pavement, including the trial areas using the stabilisation process, was received.

Received and noted the Rating Strategy Overview Report August 2018 provided by the General Manager and as amended at the meeting.

#### **Solid Waste Management:**

Council adopted option 4 of the four options provided as the path to be undertaken to improve solid waste management in line with the Environmental Protection Authority requirements. Option 4 initially keeps the transfer stations operating and includes baling all waste, except some recyclable materials, destined for landfill. The bales will be packed into a newly constructed lined cell. The eventual aim is to migrate to a collection service and achieve a greater separation of waste within four years which would also preserve the life of the cell. Reducing the amount of waste required to be buried is a high priority to both preserve the life of the current tip site and to limit costs in developing new lined cells into which to bury waste. (The options are outlined on the website in annexure 11 to the agenda)

#### **Reviewed fees and Charges:**

Council reviewed the fees and charges, resulting in a reduction in photocopying charges and increased gym fees to come into effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019. A clear guide was approved for staff to refer to when determining if a person/group hiring council facilities is a community group eligible for hiring fees to be waived.

#### **Rates and Charges:**

In general council approved a rate rise of 9% in the minimum rate and the rate in the dollar charged on Capital Value. Some further variations for specific property classes were also approved. Property classes are applied by the Valuer General's Office.

The option to receive a 2% discount by paying in full by the first instalment date was removed. Rates notices will be posted this week. Rates can be paid in full by the due date of October 31<sup>st</sup> or in two instalments. A direct debit option is also available and provided that the direct debit agreement is in place before the due date and payment is completed in full by the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 no interest will be charged. Refer to the back of the rates notice or contact the office staff for more information.

#### **Annual Plan:**

The Annual Plan for the Year Ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 was approved. The Annual Plan outlines the activities that Council will undertake during the year and aligns with the actions proposed in council's "Strategic Plan 2015" and informs the budget estimates for the year.

#### **Budget Estimates:**

The budget estimates for the year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 as amended at the meeting were approved. The resulting budget documents can be found on the council website.

#### **Long Term Financial and Asset Management Plans:**

The plans were adopted as included in the Budget Estimates and the strategies behind the plans will be workshopped prior to being considered at a Council Meeting.

#### **Housing:**

Council is still waiting on a report to be released on the housing needs analysis for the Island as funded by the State Government. Both FITBI and Council lobbied to have this needs analysis undertaken to inform future actions to alleviate the lack of suitable housing on the Island.

#### **Junior sport:**

A huge thank you on behalf of the children to all those involved in organising the junior

netball and football. Without your dedication the opportunity for Island children to play these sports would be lost.

### **Running Festival:**

Council is hugely supportive of the running festival coming up this weekend. Please enjoy the events and take extreme care when driving on the roads and streets involved in the events.

Carol Cox

**Mayor**



**2018/19 ANNUAL BUDGET  
COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS**

TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

ROSE GARDEN ROOM, FAEC

SESSION TIMES: 10:00 AM & 5:30PM

Community members are invited to come along and learn about Council's 2018/19 Annual Budget, and Long-Term Asset and Financial Management Plans.

Questions will be taken at the end.

RSVP by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September

**For further information or to  
RSVP contact Front Office  
Ph: 6359 5001 or email:  
office@flinders.tas.gov.au**

### **WHITEMARK TIP OPENING HOURS**

**SUN, MON, FRI 1.30pm - 4.30pm  
TUES +THURS 7.00am - 10.00am  
WEDNESDAYS 8.30am - 11.30am**

### **CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

### **EMITA HALL UPGRADE, STAGE 2**

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST are called from suitably qualified and accredited Builders and Plumbers for the construction and completion of Stage 2 of the upgrade to Emita Hall, 1 Melrose Road, Emita, Flinders Island. The upgrade consists of a new commercial kitchen and servery area as part of the new extension and replacement of the waste water system.

To express your interest please contact front reception on (03) 63 595 001 and provide your name and contact details by COB Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

### **Mt Tanner Road Closure Reminder**

Motorists please be aware that the top section of Mount Tanner Road will be closed to traffic for the next 4 to 6 weeks due to Telstra working to make changes to the communications tower. Signs to give motorists prior warning have been placed on the corner of Palana and West End roads and also at the end of West End road before the Mount Tanner road section. West End road is still open.

Council apologises for the very short notice but were only notified by Telstra last week.

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**Works and Services Manager**

### **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**Thursday 13 September 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, 7 September 2018 on the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) and at the Council Office.