

NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ASKING ABOUT THE SAFE HARBOUR PROJECT

I am sorry that I have not written about this sooner. The Federal Government department dealing with all the monies given to Tasmania, including the Safe Harbour Project, has not had time to process the related deeds yet. I believe that Senator Martin announced so much funding to various projects that the department has not yet caught up.

WILL THE MONEY STILL BE PROVIDED?

We believe the money will come through, but we are not sure exactly when!

WILL MUCH RATEPAYERS' MONEY BE SPENT ON THIS PROJECT?

I was on ABC radio Monday morning and was asked this question. **The answer is that very little, if any, ratepayers' money will be spent on this project.** The simple reason is that Council recently approved a motion that we simply **cannot** afford to own or operate this project as a Council. We are too small. We do not have a high enough income to carry the difference between the \$5.7 million in government grants and the total amount the project could cost. The risk is too great.

WILL THE PROJECT STILL PROCEED?

We hope so. Our GM has been engaging in negotiations with the State Government, Federal Government, TasPorts and MAST. It is certainly looking probable that the project will go ahead in time. However, it is likely the project will only **be facilitated by our council**. We are hopeful that TasPorts, which is an arm of State Government, will work with us to progress things further.

I KNOW THAT FAMILIES ARE VERY ANXIOUS ABOUT OUR DUCK POND CHILD-CARE FACILITY

I was alerted recently to the news that our local child-care facility, Duck Pond, is having issues. I went to talk with Duck Pond staff recently and left with the understanding that the facility is having serious problems engaging staff who are willing to participate in the appropriate training.

TRAINING IS CRITICAL – people are not allowed to take on a child care job if they have not engaged in the appropriate training. This can be done on line and takes approximately 4 hours per week of a trainee's time. However, the qualification enables work in child-care facilities around the country.

I HAVE EXPERIENCE IN THIS AREA - I WILL EXPLORE WHAT IS HAPPENING AND

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO SUPPORT YOUNG FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Duck Pond used to be operated by Council I understand. However, currently, the building is Council-owned but operated by a separate company. More News when I have some!

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Furneaux Group Shipping & Aviation Special Committees Submissions

The Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee and the Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee consist of business and community representatives and exist to consider and make recommendations to Council concerning issues related to Shipping and Aviation. The public are invited to make submissions for consideration by the Committees. Submissions may be sent to the Chair of the relevant Committee at Council by close of business 29 April 2019.

Landing of Helicopters

Some concerns have been raised recently with Council regarding the landing of helicopters. Although Council owns the local airport and has a planning scheme in place, we have no jurisdiction over the airspace around the Island. Provided they gain permission from the Landowner, helicopters are able to land in non-designated landing areas, where the pilots take responsibility for land owner consent and safety.

The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) has taken complaints relating to the landing of helicopters on Flinders Island and has advised that: "CASA overlooks the aviation activity including the pilot, aircraft and airspace. Under the provision of CAR 92(1), the pilot in command of the aircraft has responsibility to ensure the place is safe to be used for the purpose of landing and taking off, which takes into account the aircraft type and conditions at the time of landing and take-off. CASA has published Civil Aviation Advisory Publication (CAAP) 92-2(2) to assist pilots in the suitability of operations at helicopter landing sites (HLSs). Although the CAAP is not binding, it is considered the recommended civil aviation standard for operations at HLSs and that helicopters operate from a variety of locations."

More information may be found at www.casa.gov.au and contact may be made for queries.

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

A reminder to all tourism operators / businesses that the Visitor Information Centre located at the Council Office has an area to display information for visitors.

We would like to encourage people to drop in any brochures or business cards relevant to your business for us to include in our display.

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council for 2019 will be held at the Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre, Whitemark, Flinders Island on:

Tuesday 21 May 2019 commencing at 9.00am.

Public Question Time will be held between 9.00 – 9.30am. Members of the public are invited to attend. The Agenda will be available for perusal from Thursday, 16 May 2019 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au and at the Council Office.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Applications for funding are now being sought from Community Groups. Applications received will be considered by Council as part of the budget process for the next financial year.

GUNN BEQUEST

Applications for funding are now being sought from sporting organisations under the Gunn Bequest. These funds are provided to suitable projects for the promotion or improvement of sporting facilities on the Island.

Written applications for both grants, using the forms available from the Council Office or the Council website

<http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/community-grants-and-awards> will be received no later than C.O.B. Monday 29th April and should be addressed to:

General Manager

Flinders Council

PO Box 40

Whitemark TAS 7255

The Council Office will close for the Easter / ANZAC Day period from Thursday 18 April and will re-open Monday 29 April. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Have a Safe & Happy Easter / ANZAC Day

RE-ADVERTISING POSITION VACANT

Executive Officer

Flinders Council is seeking to appoint an **Executive Officer** position in the Governance Department.

An opportunity exists for a part time permanent position of 6 days (45 hours) per fortnight. Salary will be dependent upon qualifications and experience. Terms and conditions for this position will be as per the Flinders Council Enterprise Agreement 2016.

A position description is available from Lauren Moraitis, Corporate Services Officer by phoning 6359 5007 or please visit: www.flinders.tas.gov.au/employment-and-business-opportunities

Written applications addressing each of the "Knowledge, Skills and Experience" criteria individually, along with a current resume, are required by C.O.B Friday 26th April 2019.

Applications are to be marked "Confidential" – Executive Officer Position, and should be forwarded to the Corporate Services Officer, Flinders Council, PO Box 40, WHITEMARK, TAS 7255 or email directly to lauren.moraitis@flinders.tas.gov.au

Lauren Moraitis

CORPORATE SERVICES OFFICER

RE-ADVERTISING AUDIT PANEL INDEPENDENT MEMBER VACANCY EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Flinders Council has established and maintains an Audit Panel under Section 85 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the associated Local Government (Audit Panels) Order 2014. Due to a resignation, a vacancy will soon exist for an independent member to supplement the other two (2) existing independent Panel Members.

The role requires a person who possesses good business acumen and sound management and communication skills; knowledge and expertise in the areas of audit practices and financial management; knowledge of and experience in relevant industries; and experience with governance processes including, but not limited to, risk management.

Interested persons should contact the Council Office via phone 03 6359 5001 or email office@flinders.tas.gov.au to obtain a position and role outline.

Expressions of interest outlining qualifications and experience are now sought for the position by the **10 May 2019**.

Bill Boehm
General Manager

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