

NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

ANZAC DAY

I wish to congratulate all who were involved in the organisation and remembrance of ANZAC Day in the municipality.

Councillors Sharon Blyth and Vanessa Grace attended the dawn service here on Flinders and laid the council wreath. Deputy Mayor David Williams attended the mid-morning service in Whitemark and laid the council wreath. I also attended the mid-morning service.

However, I had the enormous privilege of attending and laying the council wreath at the Cape Barren Island dawn service. I am not an early riser, and this was my first dawn service! However, the service on Cape Barren Island, much of it organised by Ronald Wise, was beautiful – as was the cooked breakfast that followed. The morning flight back to Flinders deposited us in time for the mid-morning service in Whitemark.

Lest We Forget!

STRATEGIES FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Councillor Rachel Summers recently attended a workshop on strategies for Community Engagement. The workshop was organised and run by the Local Government Association of Tasmania. Councillor Summers is now armed with lots of ideas on how we can engage interested community members in the coming development of our strategic planning process. Councillor Summers will share the strategies at a workshop with councillors in the near future. Then we will be all set to engage. The challenge for Council is to organise and run the engagement process well so that our next strategic plan and linked annual plans will deliver what we all want and need for the future of our municipality.

I look forward to it.

ISLAND NEWS CAN BE DELIVERED TO YOUR COMPUTER

Recently I was asked if islanders could have the Island News delivered digitally. Following discussion with Robyn Dilger, I now know that this is indeed possible.

If you want a computer copy instead of a paper copy you ring Robyn and arrange for it to be sent to you via email. Of course, you do still have to pay – as payment allows for the associated costs of printed and digital copies. Thank You Robyn Dilger, for the wonderful community service this fortnightly publication provides – and by all volunteers.

A BIG THANK YOU TO GILLIAN WOODS

For many years Gillian worked alongside the very talented Kent Furmage, playing piano and providing concerts for the Island and beyond. Kent died last year and Gillian purchased his piano. For Gillian, the piano is a significant remembrance to Kent and their mutual musical work. Gillian has presented the piano to the Council for use in the FAEC – in fact Rosemary Amos played it beautifully on ANZAC Day.

THANKS ALSO TO KATHLEEN IVES HEAP

While on the subject of pianos and music, I must also pay tribute to Kathleen. Kathleen has allowed her baby grand piano to be used in the FAEC for quite a few years. We have all enjoyed its music - and Kathleen's of course. Thank you, Kathleen, so much.

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LADY BARRON TRANSFER STATION

The Lady Barron Transfer Station is now open for green waste again, due to the need for fire permits being lifted. Thanks to all users for their patience during the summer months.

JAMES STREET and JAMES COURT

Works are expected to start on James St in Whitemark during the week starting Monday 13 May and will include the installation of kerb and gutter from the units opposite the MPC to the end of James Crt. Parking and access to the Gym will be restricted while construction takes place and will be done in sections to minimise disruption as much as possible.

EMITA HALL

The Emita Hall renovation is on track and is looking fantastic! Awesome work Shane Wain & team.

The Hall Committee held a working bee last Sunday, with a great turnout of volunteers painting the kitchen / bar / storeroom. There will be another working bee over the next couple of weeks to paint the exterior and do a few extra jobs - If you'd like to lend a helping hand, please send Helen an email helencarnell@gmail.com. Many hands make light work!

Plans are underway for the official opening – stay tuned, more on that soon!

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.

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