

## COUNCIL NEWS

### NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

#### CHALLENGING TIMES AT COUNCIL OFFICES

Following the recent resignation of former General Manager, Bill Boehm, our accountant, Heidi Marshall, has stepped into the role of Acting General Manager. As the community will understand, we are bang in the middle of 'year-end'. There was no time for Heidi, in her new role, to take on new staff to fulfil the accountant role. Such action would have meant a new person having to be trained and that in itself would have detracted from getting the jobs done.

I have asked Heidi simply to do her best to complete the most critical tasks at the moment – not impossible but very challenging. Heidi is a wonderful asset to Council. She is extremely hard-working, organised, highly respected by staff and councillors and dedicated to doing her best for Council and for the Islands. Council is grateful to Heidi for stepping up to the plate at this time.

#### IF YOU NEED TO SEE HEIDI TO DISCUSS IMPORTANT MATTERS.....

Please ensure that you book an appointment and staff will try to fit you in. An alternative is that you can book some time with me. If I am unable to assist you directly, I will make sure your query / enquiry is delivered to the right spot.

#### IN A TIME OF MILD CRISIS - IT IS TIME TO LET STAFF KNOW HOW MUCH THEY ARE APPRECIATED!

Our staff at Council are great people. They work hard and try to meet the needs of the Flinders community. I would like them to know that we are grateful for their work. Inside and outside workers are getting on with enabling the council organisation to operate well. My thanks go to all of them.

#### WAR ON WASTE

I just want to let you know how my household is contributing to the current war on island waste. Since starting to work with Hydro staff and with our school staff and students, Billy and I have made a deliberate effort to improve how we manage our household waste:

- Food scraps mostly go to the chickens.
- Other organic matter goes into our Maze Compost Tumbler. This includes paper and cardboard.
- We have a small paper shredder and shred most of the paper – this means that we can also use it instead of straw in the bottom of the chicken house.
- Other things, such as steel cans and plastics, go into the kitchen waste bin.
- We seldom have aluminium cans.
- I am making a particular effort to use plastic bags of any sort more than once.

As a result of all this we have reduced the number of garbage bags that go to the tip from four to two

per fortnight. So we are feeling pretty happy with our efforts to date.

If we can do it – so can you! Set a goal and see how you go. Pass on any tips you learn via the community notice board!

#### THE NEW BALER IS NOW WORKING

Council staff ordered a baler some months ago. It is a critical piece of equipment for Council's plans to address the waste problem. The good news is that the baler has arrived and is working well. So now the war on waste should really get going!

#### REGIONAL CABINET

On 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June (next Monday and Tuesday) State Cabinet is visiting the Island. They will be having an ordinary Cabinet meeting on Monday morning. This will be followed by a meeting of Cabinet with Flinders Council. We are looking forward to sharing our achievements and needs with them and exploring how we can improve things together.

I believe that the Monday afternoon and some of Tuesday will be spent visiting particular Island locations and understanding how state government funds have been put to good use. There will also be meetings with individuals who have expressed a wish to discuss their own issues with Cabinet. It is a wonderful opportunity and we look forward to it.

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#### LADY BARRON FITNESS CENTRE AND WHITEMARK GYM

**Inductions:** If you would like to be inducted for either the Lady Barron Fitness Centre or Whitemark Community Gym, please contact David Heap on 0418 714 123 or Ryan on 0429 796 040 to arrange a time.

#### LADY BARRON FITNESS FACILITY SUPPORTED SESSIONS TRIAL – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Lady Barron Hall and Recreation Committee through Flinders Council have been successful in receiving funding to run a 12-week program to promote physical activity through twice-weekly gym sessions at the Lady Barron Fitness facility.

The Committee would like to engage suitably qualified trainer/s to provide 2 x 3 ½ hours sessions per week in two parts.

1. Develop straight forward programs for individuals.
2. Provide general supervision, advice, and encouragement.
3. The successful applicant/s will be engaged on a contractual basis and require an ABN. Some funding is available for insurance. Job share would be considered.

The Committee is keen to sit down with any interested parties and talk through program options and get started as soon as possible.

**\*PLEASE NOTE COUNCIL MEETING TIMES HAVE CHANGED**

If this may be of interest to you, please contact Ryan at Flinders Council on 0429 796 040 or email [ryan.lees@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:ryan.lees@flinders.tas.gov.au)

**LADY BARRON PUBLIC TOILETS**

For some time the showers at the Lady Barron Public Toilet (Wharf) have not had hot water due to abuse of the provision. Council are prepared to again connect the gas hot water for the intermittent use of our visitors but over use may, again, force the hot water to be turned off. Council recently became aware that part of the shower within the toilet block had been stolen. It is disappointing to hear that provisions that Council fund are being abused by the local community. These facilities are provided for the embetterment of the area and it would be a shame to have to close the facility due to misuse.

**LADY BARRON TRANSFER STATION**

Council employees recently dedicated a morning to cleaning up the Lady Barron waste transfer station (WTS). Unfortunately, 3 days later there were a number of large household items, including at least 3 mattresses, and other unsuitable waste, deposited inappropriately around the transfer station. This took a considerable amount of time to clean up. The WTS was provided, in the current location, after the previous site was closed due to misuse. Unfortunately, continued misuse at this site will also result in closure. This activity is also against the law and individuals found to be depositing waste either in reciprocals that are not for the purpose or not into reciprocals at all, stand to be served with an infringement notice under the *Litter Act 2007*. This breach may result in an infringement of \$795.00.

**FURNEAUX COMMUNITY & BUSINESS DIRECTORY**

Flinders Council encourages Community Organisations and Local Businesses to be listed in the Furneaux Community & Business Directory on the Council website.

If you would like to update your information or be added to the directory, please contact the Council Office on 6359 5001 or email your details to [office@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:office@flinders.tas.gov.au)

<https://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/furneaux-business-directory>

**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:

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July commencing at 9.30am.**

Public Question Time will be held between 9.30 – 10.00am. Members of the public are invited to attend.

The Agenda will be available for perusal from Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July on the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) and at the Council Office.

Heidi Marshall  
**ACTING 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**