

Council News

General Manager's Column

Elections

The Mayor is unable to provide her normal column due to the regulations around election advertising and communications. The polling period closes on the 28th of October at 10am and I hope all those eligible to vote have taken the chance to cast your ballot and shape the make up of the Council for the coming 4 year term.

This year has seen a number of late requests to be listed on the General Manager's Roll. The Roll closed on the 18th of September and those that did not register in time should take the opportunity now to register their details on the GM's Roll for the next election. The forms required can be collected at the Council Offices or online at:

<http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/2014-local-government-elections/>

Council Meeting

The final Council meeting of the current elected member group was held on the 16th of October. Acting as a Planning Authority, a development application from Hydro Tas was approved, as was a subdivision at Boyes Road. Council received the quarterly report which outlines all of the projects and programs being undertaken by staff to date.

Flinders Island Show

The 80th anniversary of the Flinders Island Show was a great success and congratulations go out to all involved. The Flinders Island Show Society works tirelessly in organising and delivering what is always a well run event. The breadth of displays and entries into the Show again highlighted the wonderful creative talents we have within our community. Well done to all of those that won prizes and to those that didn't win - well done for simply having a go. The Show is a great reminder of the extraordinary contribution volunteers make to the fabric and culture of the islands. So much of what we do as a community relies on the efforts of volunteers. Flinders has one of the highest volunteer rates per capita in Australia and it

is this spirit of giving back to the community that makes the islands such a resilient, resourceful and supportive place to live and enjoy.

Citizen of the Year

Pura Graham is a wonderful example of the kind of person that selflessly gives her time, energy, support and vibrancy to our community. Over many years Pura has volunteered her time to a broad range of community events and activities, clubs and associations and is always there with a smile and a helping hand when needed most. Council was thrilled to be able to recognise Pura's dedication and effort with the 2014 Citizen of the Year Award. Congratulations Pura!

Young Citizen of the Year

Each year the Lions Club recognises the efforts of a young member of our community who has shown support to others less fortunate in the community, dedication to their own studies and community activities and the promise of future leadership skills. Hector Grimshaw was the worthy recipient this year. Hector is a creative and clever young man who is always sensitive to those around him and supportive of those in need. Congratulations Hector on a well deserved award.

Cabaret

The Show weekend was again topped off with a fun filled night at the Furneaux Arts and Entertainment Centre for the annual cabaret. A great crowd of creatively dressed up islanders and visitors danced the night away to Launceston band "Well Strung" with John Hizzard on the drums. The night was capped off by Cindy Pitchford blasting out the AC/DC classic "Thunderstruck" solo on the drums! Again, these events wouldn't happen without the support of the community in attending and the dedication of the volunteers who put in hours of effort to set up the venue, man the bar and ensure the night goes off without a hitch. Well done to both the Emita Hall Committee and Fitness on Flinders members for taking up the

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opportunity to hold the Cabaret as a fundraiser. Dolly, Aronn and Soxy surprised all by having the Hall cleaned up by very early Sunday morning saving those that stayed to the early hours from what is always a difficult task.

Politician Visits

Continuing his interest and support of the Furneaux Islands, Federal Member for Bass Andrew Nikolic again attended the Flinders Island Show. Since being elected Andrew has visited the islands on many occasions and last year even spent a week on a cray boat acquainting himself with the challenges of the fishing industry and the beauty of the outer islands. Post the visit he gave a speech to Parliament where he thanked the Organising Committee and described the Flinders Island Show as "the best small island Show in Australia". High praise indeed. Andrew's speech can be viewed online at:

<http://www.andrewnikolic.com/2014/10/80th-flinders-island-show-one-to-remember/>

Tasmanian Government Minister Michael Ferguson also found time in his schedule to attend the Show and I met with him and reiterated the importance of telecommunications to the islands and the need to support major upgrades. To date Michael has been instrumental in securing funding towards this goal via the State Budget and he and his staff have been actively lobbying Telstra in support of the telecommunications upgrade plan.

Long time island supporter Tania Rattray MLC also attended the Show. Tania is a keen observer of island life and is always across our issues and opportunities.

Whitemark Foreshore

In the previous edition of the Island News dated Friday 10th October, the Editor wrote that the Whitemark Foreshore amenities project is about to commence and that part of this project is to remove the macrocarpa pines. This is not entirely true and has caused some confusion in the community. While Council does intend to install a new BBQ, exercise equipment and eventually a new toilet block on the foreshore, the Mayor in

the August 14th 2014 Mayor's column of the Island News provided the following

"Councillors walked the proposed foreshore path between the new BBQ, toilet and exercise equipment sites on one of our very windy days. The new facilities will be sited between the parking area where the "geese" stand and the boat ramp. Tampering with the vegetation will be limited to that necessary to insert the infrastructure and a 1.2 metre wide winding path. Most of the dead cypresses will stay with the creepers allowed to grow through them maintaining the wind break. Further plantings of hardy species will occur to strengthen the body of shrubs and trees growing there. The area to the south of the boat ramp has been avoided due to the need to protect the bank that is being eroded during wild weather."

Council will need to continue the planting of replacement trees over the coming years as the pines are clearly reaching the end of their useful lives but there is no intention to remove the trees in their entirety as part of this project or until such time as replacement trees have established.

Lady Barron Main Road

Council has for some years now been lobbying the State Government about the need to have a long term resealing program in place for the State road from Lady Barron to Whitemark. The Department of State Growth has recently confirmed that this year they will invest some \$225,000 in reseals of the Lady Barron Main Road. This will be combined into the one tender with the Council's own major resealing program for this year and the apron and taxiway redevelopment at the airport. By combining all of these works under the one tender more reseal work will be undertaken at a lower cost to ratepayers.

Telecommunications

As mentioned in the last edition of Island news, the ongoing issues with mobile phone coverage, internet speeds and other related issues have been a matter of concern to Council for some time. Council met with representatives of Telstra prior to the Council Meeting on the 16th of October and they confirmed that senior Telstra staff are

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continuing to develop a telecommunications upgrade plan for the islands. More information will be forthcoming once the plan is finalised.

Tasmanian Government Funding

Bass MP Sarah Courtney will be on the island on the 21st of November to publically announce funding of the following:

- \$125,000 to improve telecommunications on the Island
- \$50,000 towards tourism marketing initiatives
- \$50,000 towards the Flinders Trail
- Continuation of the Shipping Contingency Fund

Those who would like to attend the funding announcement please call reception at Council on 6359 5001.

Raoul Harper
General Manager

20th October 2014

Investment Policy

Council's Policy Manual is an important document of Council as it provides direction to Staff, Management and Councillors. Many of the policies are required by, or relate to, legislation and in most instances help manage Council's exposure to risk.

Council resolved at the 16th October 2014 Ordinary Council Meeting to adopt the **Investment Policy**. This policy will lie on the table for public comment until the 14th November 2014. A copy is available to download from the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies or a hardcopy is available from the Council Office.

Should you wish to make comment on this policy please do so by addressing relative correspondence to myself.



Raoul Harper
General Manager

FLINDERS COUNCIL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council will be held at the Flinders Art and Entertainment Centre Whitemark, Flinders Island on:
Thursday 13th November 2014,
commencing at 5.00pm.

The Agenda will be available for perusal on our Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au or at the Council Office as from Friday 7th November 2014.

Public Question Time will be held between 5.15pm- 5.45pm. Members of the public are invited to attend.

Raoul Harper
General Manager

Community Development

Thank you - Spring School Holiday Program

Thank you to all of the young people who attended our first week of activities, we hope you all enjoyed the program! During the school holidays 123 young people attended a variety of activities including the commando challenges at the showgrounds, tennis & fishing in Lady Barron, indoor games & activities at the FAEC, show time activities, creative arts workshops with Maria La Grue and our first daytime movie matinee! We would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who helped to make it a success including our staff Rhianna Barnewall, Andrew Killengray (AK) and Butch and the works and services crew. Thank you to the School (in particular Megan Nevin), Betty Grace, Jenny Cooper, Megan Morphett, Holly Barnewall, Lochie Nichols, Cindy Thornton, Jan Lees, Sports Club & Robyn Dilger and to the Lions Club for their donation to the program.

Notes from the Rose Garden

Be sure to visit the Rose Garden or recommend it to family & friends when

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visiting Flinders Island. Our community garden looks lush and green with many buds & blooms already! Many thanks to the following; Garth Smith from Tasports for the liquid cow manure, washed from the yards at the Lady Barron Port... So stinky it's got to be good! Peter Rhodes for donated bales of organic straw... Very luxurious! And, to the Rose Garden's neighbour, the Duckpond. The gang collected so many banana skins for me to bury in an experiment; Potassium hits and aphid deterrent. Thank you friends of the Rose Garden, your support is really appreciated, Megan Morphet.

Forecourt – Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre

Council has received State Government funds that will contribute to completing the Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre Forecourt. Over the next month there will be some building works commencing at the entrance to the hall. The entrance will be paved and the car park will shift to the side of the hall creating an open pedestrian area with limited access for vehicles. As materials arrive and building works commence, parking in front of the Rose Garden will be limited. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause community members. If you are interested in seeing the perspective sketch drawings of the renewal to the hall entrance, by local architect, Noel Warden, please visit the Community Noticeboard located in Whitemark next to the Interstate Hotel, or visit the Council website's community online noticeboard.

Emita Hall upgrades

The planned upgrade works to the Emita Hall have commenced. Thank you to all the Emita Hall volunteers who helped to prepare and clean the site. Access to the hall and the recreation grounds will be closed to the public whilst the construction works are in progress.

Emita Cenotaph Upgrade

Works to upgrade the Cenotaph are nearing completion. The works include a new parking bay/drop off area with a path and handrail for

easier access, installation of new seating and a general tidy up of the site! Thank you to Butch Barnewall and his merry workers, it is looking fantastic! A Remembrance Day Event will be held at the Cenotaph on the 11th November 2014. This project has been funded through financial support from Flinders Council, Flinders Island RSL and funding secured through the Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program.

GRANTS

There are currently a variety of grants available that may be applicable to local community groups and organisations. Below are a list of the grants and their links for you to have a look at. If you have an idea or project we suggest you contact the funding body to discuss your eligibility and application.

- 1. Sport and Recreation Tasmania 2014/15 Grants Programs - www.dpac.tas.gov.au**
Communities, Sport and Recreation Tasmania provides funding to increase opportunities for participation in sport and active recreation in Tasmania, and to assist the ongoing development of Tasmania's sport and recreation sector. **Minor grants close 29 October 2014 and Major grants close 4 February 2015.**
- 2. Playing Australia: Regional Performing Arts Touring Fund - www.australiacouncil.gov.au**
This fund assists the touring of professionally produced Australian performing arts to regional and remote communities across Australia. Assistance is available to cover the net touring costs on a tour by tour basis with no commitment to ongoing funding. **Closes 1 December 2014**
- 3. The National Stronger Regions Fund - <http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au>**
Funding will be provided for capital projects which involve construction of new infrastructure, or the upgrade, extension or enhancement of existing Local Government and incorporated not-for-profit organisations are eligible to apply for grants of between \$20,000 and \$10 million. **Closes 28 November 2015**

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4. National Youth Week 2015 Grant Program - www.dpac.tas.gov.au

The National Youth Week (NYW) 2015 Grant Program supports the development and delivery of NYW projects, events and activities during NYW 2015, which runs from Friday 10 to Sunday 19 April 2015. Grants of up to **\$2 000** are available to organisations to develop and deliver NYW 2015 projects, events or activities. **Closes Friday 31 October 2014**

5. The Tasmanian Men's Sheds Association Grants Program 2014-15 - www.dpac.tas.gov.au

The Tasmanian Men's Sheds Association (TMSA) Grants Program will support the sustainable development of Men's Sheds in Tasmania. Grants of up to \$5 000 are available to TMSA members for Shed development, which includes:

- expansion of existing sheds including small works, building and maintenance;
- the purchase of new equipment;
- member training and education; and
- initiatives delivered from Men's Sheds that benefit the broader community.

Closes Friday 31 October 2014. Alternatively, please contact Communities, Sport and Recreation Tasmania by email at cdgrants@dpac.tas.gov.au or phone on 1800 204 224.

6. The Layne Beachley Aim For The Stars Foundation - www.aimforthestars.com.au

The Layne Beachley Aim for the Stars Foundation was created to inspire girls and women across Australia to dream and achieve. Scholarships will be awarded, at the discretion of the Foundation, to applicants who best demonstrate their aspirations to succeed in their chosen pursuit and how financial and moral support would further their education or personal development and the community.

- \$4,000 - 'Individual' Scholarship, 1 person 12 years and above
- \$6,000 - 'Group' Scholarship, 2 or more people 12 years and above **Closes 14th November 2014**

7. Australian Council of the Arts - Contemporary Music Touring Program www.australiacouncil.gov.au

The Contemporary Music Touring Program (CMTP) supports national touring activity undertaken by Australian musicians performing original contemporary music. It provides travel support of up to \$15,000 for artists and their manager undertaking tours within Australia, which include performances in regional and remote areas. **Closes 25 November 2014**

You can also subscribe to a grant alert list to receive email notifications by emailing:

1. cdgrants@dpac.tas.gov.au or
 2. healthpromotion.north@dhhs.tas.gov.au
- Alternatively check out grants information online, here are some suggestions:

1. www.australia.gov.au/directories/australia/regional/web-resources-list
2. www.business.gov.au/Grantfinder/Grantfinder.aspx

Thank you,

Dolly Wheatley & Jana Harper
Community Development

WHITEMARK TIP

Opening Hours

MON, FRI & SUN 1.30pm- 4.30pm

WED 8.30am- 11.30am



CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS