

Council News

Mayor's Column

Firstly I would like to thank all of the community that took the time and effort to vote in the recent election. Flinders always has a very high turn out and this election was no different.

The outcome was very close for all concerned and I would like to thank the community for having the faith to reelect me as your Mayor. I am humbled by your support and as ever will work hard to do my best for the Furneaux Group and to lead the new Council team to the best of my ability.

I would like to also thank David Williams for his loyal service and hard work as Deputy Mayor over the past few years. With only one vote separating David and Marc Cobham it was one of the closest results in the State and I congratulate Marc on his new position and look forward to working with him as Deputy Mayor.

I thank all candidates for having the willingness to put themselves in the public eye and offer their services to the communities of the Furneaux Group. Commiserations to those who were not elected and congratulations to those elected.

The new Council team is:

Mayor - Carol Cox

Deputy Mayor - Marc Cobham

Councillor - Chris Rhodes

Councillor - Peter Rhodes

Councillor - Ken Stockton

Councillor - David Williams

Councillor - Gerald Willis

All councillors are given the opportunity to make a five minute address at the first

meeting of the new Council at 5.00 pm on Thursday the 13th November.

Community Shed

On Sunday the 26th October it was my pleasure to open the Community Shed which has found a home at the school based in the woodwork room.

It is a credit to the small band of determined and dedicated proponents of the Community Shed that the issues involved in housing such a voluntary community group in an education department facility have been overcome. Council has supported the group with funds for the purchase of tools. A great opportunity now exists for community members to develop their wood working skills in the company of like-minded friends each Saturday morning.

Arts

There was a vibrant opening of the exhibition of contemporary art by nine local artists, The Argonauts, at the community gallery. This exhibition is really worth a visit, the floating jelly fish will amaze and invite you in to view the other masterpieces.

Shipping

The 60 day interim arrangement for stevedoring is working well and discussions are being held towards the longer term arrangements.

Water

TasWater is a company owned by the Tasmanian Councils and has been setup under state government legislation to provide Water and Sewerage services to Tasmanian towns at the same price to users state wide. Upgrading the Whitemark and Lady Barron water

supplies to supply potable water falls under these arrangements. Works will begin in the coming year.

Strategic Planning

One of the first projects for the new council will be to collectively discuss and work through a process where a new long term vision for the Council and the community can be put in place to guide Council's efforts over the coming term. The Furneaux Futures project will begin in late December and go through January with a series of community engagement and consultation events in the planning stages as we go to print. Council will use the information that comes out of this project to set a new Strategic Plan and then work plans, budgets etc for the coming years to focus our efforts on working towards the goals of the community for the future. Council will use the Island News, our website and householders to keep you all informed and stimulate debate as the project begins in the coming month.

Some initial ideas and challenges to encourage debate could be:

1. Flinders needs a larger population to enable sustainable supply of health and education services and expand employment opportunities. What do you envisage as a long term target permanent population for Flinders? Is it 1200, a figure that has been used from time to time? Is it more, is it less? How best could we as a community encourage more people to move, live and work in the islands?
2. More work opportunities are needed., Many of these will need to come from new enterprises, innovative approaches to existing resources and/or existing businesses expanding and employing more people. How can we as a community encourage the creation of greater investment and jobs growth?

I look forward to keeping you all informed as the project commences and ask that if you are interested in being involved to talk with your Councillors about your ideas, goals and aspirations for the islands into the future and engage with the project when it begins in earnest in the coming month.

Remembrance Day 2014

Thank you to the Federal Government and Andrew Nikolic's support for the grant funds that have enabled works at the Emita Cenotaph. These works, along with a commemorative plaque to be placed on a new wall guarding the western end of the Rose Garden, have been designed with the assistance of the local RSL members.

I invite you all to the Remembrance Day service at the Emita Cenotaph at 10.30 am on the 11th November.

Carol Cox
Mayor elect

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

Remembrance Day

A Remembrance Day Event will be held at the newly upgraded Emita Cenotaph on the 11th November 2014 commencing at 10:30am. Following this we will move to Peter Frost's stables for a morning tea. This event is being held by Flinders Council and the local Flinders Island RSL and is supported by the local CWA branch. If you would like to view the ceremony outline or have any queries please contact Community Development Staff. Flinders Council in collaboration with the local Flinders Island RSL secured funding through the Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program.

Whitemark Foreshore BBQ Installation

During November works to install the BBQ shelter will commence just in time for the warmer months.

Notes from the Rose Garden

Spring has sprung and the community space is ticking along nicely! The half wine barrel's fashioned into planters beside the Rose Garden room door (Thanks to Roger Watson from Unavale Winery who very kindly donated them and more to replace the broken planters outside the post office) are starting to tumble with masses of a beneficial insect collection - thanks Rosemary Amos for your contribution. There are Cosmo's, Dill, Queen Anne's Lace and Borage settling in and the French Marigolds Fiona Stewart gave to the community are also well on their way to making a pretty display. A new timber deck has given us a comfortable place to rest and lastly a shout out to Jo Klug and the crew at Freckles Café who are kindly saving the coffee grinds for me to scatter around, creating a snail and slug barrier. Thanks Flinders Islanders! Megan Morphett.

St John First Aid Courses

St John will be visiting Flinders Island in November to provide a variety of First Aid courses. Please see details below and contact their office in Launceston to book a course or for any further enquires. All training will be held in the Carpet Room at the Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre.

St John Contact Details

Launceston Office: 6343 4226 or 1300 360 455

www.stjohntas.org.au

Launceston@stjohntas.org.au

Monday 24th November:

Provide First Aid Recertification 9:45am - 4pm: \$110

Advanced Resuscitation 4:15pm - 8pm: \$75

Tuesday 25th November:

Day 1: Provide First Aid (2 day Course) 8:45am - 4pm both days - \$210

CPR - 8:45am - 1pm - \$75

ASTHMA 5:45pm - 9pm: \$80

Wednesday 26th November:

Day 2: Provide First Aid (2 day course) - 8:45am - 4pm

ANAPHYLAXIS 5:45pm - 9pm: \$50

Thursday 27th November: Course to be advised as required

Friday 28th November:

CPR Recertification 8:45am - 11am: \$65

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 infrastructure. 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.

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.

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.

**Continence Foundation of Australia
Community Health Grants**
www.continence.org.au

Funding is currently available for \$1500 for community health organisations to facilitate bladder and bowel health promotion activities/events in their local community. Forms available on the website or go to the Continence Foundation on (03) 9347 2522 or email E.Murphy@continence.org.au Closes 23 November 2014.

Tourism Tasmania Corporate – various
www.tourismtasmania.com.au

There are a number of grant and funding programs available for tourism businesses from the federal and state governments. Grants are available to tourism operators looking to expand their business, for research and development and for innovation and exporting.

Tasmanian Department of State Growth
– various www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au

The Department of State Growth offers a variety of grants and loans to help both business and individuals prosper. We may assist in the development, expansion or retention of business undertakings in Tasmania, or conduct research or experiments for the purpose of the establishment of a business undertaking in Tasmania. Visit the area of interest to you to find out if you are eligible.

You can also subscribe to a grant alert list to receive emailing 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