

## NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

### SORRY ABOUT LAST WEEK!

A few people actually noticed that I didn't do an article in last week's Island News! That tells me that at least a few people read my Notes from the Mayor. That's good. A few is definitely better than none. I will take it as a little compliment. Last week I was simply so busy that I was unable to make the time for writing. I hope that doesn't happen too often.

### FLINDERS WAR ON WASTE IS GOING WELL

Our School students are going into business. They are going to address the problem of aluminium cans on the island. They aim to collect cans from businesses, have them crushed, then have them transported back to Tasmania. A business there will pay one cent per can and will then recycle the cans. Hydro is also donating 1 cent per can.

If you are a Whitemark business that has a build-up of cans, please consider giving the students a donation for removing them for you. They will be doing you a service – and they will be setting a wonderful model in addressing at least one of the Island's waste problems. In addition, they will be raising money for their school, as well as learning lots of real-world solutions to real-world problems.

### ARE BIO-DEGRADABLE PLASTIC BAGS GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT?

Unfortunately, the answer to this question is no! So-called bio-degradable plastic only breaks down if it is in constant sun-light. Landfill, where the bags go when full, doesn't allow them to break down. So, using plastic bags to tie up your rubbish is a question in the too-hard basket – **FOR NOW!**

### BUT THERE ARE THINGS WE CAN ALL DO RIGHT NOW

- Our two excellent supermarkets can consider encouraging customers to use **Boomerang Bags** again. Boomerang Bags are ones that people donate to the shop, borrow to put their groceries into, then return for someone else. If you are anything like me, I have lots of bags I can donate.
- Our supermarkets can also continue the use of cardboard boxes and strong paper bags for carrying groceries. They work well – and cardboard and paper can be composted.
- Everyone, including shops, can think about having different containers to separate different types of waste. Separating plastic, glass, cardboard and paper would be a great

start – as well as the aluminium cans of course.

- Sandy Dowling has been invited to the War on Waste next meeting to share her ideas on composting. If every home had a backyard compost heap / bin, we would have very little putrescible waste to deal with at the tip. And every garden would have terrific compost to support the soil. Once we hear from Sandy, we will be able to share more ideas on this. By the way, putrescible waste is waste that comes from organic matter.

### WHAT ARE WE AIMING FOR?

The current laws on landfill mean that waste is no longer able to be simply dumped in a hole in the ground and left to break down. Firstly, the liquid leaching from the waste finds its way very quickly into the soil and into the ocean. So, landfill holes now have to be specially lined. This costs a great deal. ***Flinders can lead the way if we work together!***

### **SO – THE LESS WE PUT IN THE HOLE IN THE GROUND, THE BETTER!**

The less in landfill – the longer the lined cells will last. Instead of eight years – we could make one cell last perhaps fifteen, twenty or more years! ***Think of the money that can be saved*** – more could be spent improving roads etc!

**BY THE WAY** – You can drop off your old mobile phones and printer ink cartridges for recycling at the Council Depot. Jacqui Viney is doing a great job with this so please use the service.

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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](http://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 16 April 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, 11 April 2019 on the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://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 29<sup>th</sup> April and should be addressed to:

**General Manager**  
Flinders Council  
PO Box 40  
Whitemark TAS 7255

#### **CALL FOR COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE**

Nominations from the public are called for the position of a **Community Member Representative** on the Furneaux Islands Festival Special Committee of Council. The Committee exists to manage, co-ordinate and deliver an annual Furneaux Islands Festival on behalf of Council.

Send nominations by C.O.B. 12 April to:

Sammi Gowthorp (Community Development)  
Flinders Council  
PO Box 40  
Whitemark TAS 7255  
**Or via email to**  
[sammi.gowthorp@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:sammi.gowthorp@flinders.tas.gov.au)

## POSITIONS VACANT

### Corporate Services Officer - Finance

Flinders Council is seeking to appoint a **Corporate Services Officer - Finance** position in the Corporate Services Department.

### Regulatory Services Officer

Flinders Council is seeking to appoint a **Regulatory Services Officer** position in the Development Services Department.

Both positions are part-time permanent positions of 6 days (45 hours) per fortnight. Salary will be dependent upon qualifications and experience. Terms and conditions for will be as per the Flinders Council Enterprise Agreement 2016.

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

Written applications addressing the "Knowledge, Skills and Experience" criteria individually, along with a current resume are required by C.O.B 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

Applications are to be marked "Confidential" – Corporate Services Officer - Finance, or "Confidential" – Regulatory Services Officer, 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](mailto:lauren.moraitis@flinders.tas.gov.au)

Lauren Moraitis  
**CORPORATE SERVICES OFFICER**

## 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](http://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 26<sup>th</sup> 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

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**CORPORATE SERVICES OFFICER**

## AUTUMN SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

### MONDAY 15 APRIL

MOVIE TIME @ FAEC

2:00pm — *How to Train Your Dragon 3 (PG)*

4:30pm — *Storm Boy (PG)*

Cost: \$5 per session includes popcorn & ice cream.

### TUES 16, WED 17, THURS 18 APRIL

LIGHTS — CAMERA — ACTION

Learn filmmaking skills from the pros with Josh & Josh from Think. Launceston.

Create a film for Flinders Flicks 2019!

Cost: \$10 per child—BYO Lunch

### THURSDAY 18 APRIL

EASTER BONNET WORKSHOP

The workshop will use recycled materials and found objects. The creations will be showcased at the Easter Parade at the Lady Barron Hall Saturday Easter Event.

10am—12pm at the FAEC followed by a BBQ Lunch.

Cost: FREE

**Have you registered?** Visit our website to download the registration forms [www.flinders.tas.gov.au/school-holiday-program](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/school-holiday-program) or contact the Community Development team to book your place by emailing [ryan.lees@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:ryan.lees@flinders.tas.gov.au) or via phone 0437 987 863.

FIAAI will also have a bus running from and to Lady Barron 30 mins prior to and after all sessions.

Call AK 0414 070 551 to get on board.

