



Council News

Mayors Column

200kms4acure.com

Congratulations David on reaching both goals, of completing the run from Launceston to Hobart and raising over the targeted amount of \$20,000 for Cure Cancer Australia.

Congratulations also to all the support people who made it possible for David to achieve both these goals.

Electricity Supply

Households recently received a letter from the Premier headed "The power to choose your electricity retailer". Please note the information in that letter does NOT apply to electricity supply on the Bass Strait Islands. Council has contacted the State Government and a replacement letter relating to electricity supply on the Bass Strait Islands will shortly be circulated as a householder.

Manns Pit

Council has initiated an amendment to the current Planning Scheme to remove the buffer area around the now defunct gravel pit. The buffer prevents dwellings being approved within the area it covers. The area previously used for gravel removal is currently being rehabilitated and a subdivision of the 200 Ha into four lots plus a conservation area has been previously approved. Council may be offering these blocks for sale in the future.

The process for amending the current Planning Scheme of 1994 includes advertising and approval by the Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC).

Consideration of any representations received during the advertising period are addressed by Council and TPC prior to the amendment coming into effect. This can be

a drawn out process that will take several months.

Draft Interim Planning Scheme

Changes to the Northern Regional Land Use Strategy have been accepted to allow for "localised strategies" to be considered as a basis for "rezoning" as part of the Interim Planning Scheme process. Flinders Council is continuing to seek implementation of the Draft Planning Scheme as consulted with the community including the Rural Living zones and shares community frustration with the time the reform process is taking. The delays faced are outside of the control of Council. Once the Draft Planning Scheme is accepted as the Interim Scheme the process is to then formerly advertise and to take submissions about the Interim Scheme for consideration by the TPC. At this time development applications will be assessed against the Interim Scheme.

Australian Small Islands Forum

Council has decided not to host the Forum in 2014 but to consider it within the budgeting process for 2014-15 with the option of hosting a forum in the autumn of 2015. The first forum was held on Lord Howe Island in April 2012 and attendees at that forum agreed it would be advantageous to hold further events.

Changes to Maximum Road Speeds

Council applauds the Minister's decision to leave the maximum speed limit on rural sealed roads at 100km/h but to instead put the funds that it would have cost to implement the change to 90km/h into more driver education.

Council disagrees with the Minister's proposal to reduce the maximum speed limit on all gravel roads to 80km/h. Council will lobby the Minister to leave the speed limit at 100km/h and to



implement greater education to include points for driving on gravel roads and to drive to conditions.

Flinders Council has 279 km of gravel road and 71km of sealed road including streets, all with very low crash ratings.

Citizens Awards Nomination Process

Future nominations for Council's Citizen Awards will not require the nominee to agree to nomination. However, Council will seek the proposed recipients agreement.

Risk Management

Council will discuss the proposed Risk Management Framework at a workshop prior to approval at a future meeting. Councillors' wish to gain deeper understanding of the framework and the implications to operations and future budgets.

Information Distribution

Do you want to keep up to date with Council information? Then register to have information emailed to you by sending a request to the executive.officer@flinders.tas.gov.au

Carol Cox
Mayor

Whitemark Tip Opening Hours

MON, FRI & SUN 1.30PM- 4.30PM
WED 8.30AM- 11.30AM



CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

FLINDERS COUNCIL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council will be held at the Flinders Island Art and Entertainment Centre Whitemark, Flinders Island on **Thursday 17th October 2013 commencing at 1.00pm.**

The Agenda will be available for perusal on our Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au or at the Council Office as from Friday 11th October 2013.

Public Question Time will be held between 1.00pm – 1.30pm. Members of the public are invited to attend.

Raoul Harper
GENERAL MANAGER

2013-2014 First Rates Instalment

The first instalment for the 2013-2014 Council Rates is due by the close of business (4.30pm) on the 22nd October. If the first instalment is not paid by this date then a penalty and interest will be charged but if the Rates are paid in full by this date a discount of 2% will be given.

Any further queries please contact the Rates Office on 63595 004.



Community Development

October School Holiday Program

We have launched our School Holiday Program - Abseiling and Rock Climbing at the Docks with guides from Aardvark Adventures in Hobart! Please contact Council for a registration form or for more information. Limited places so register early.

St John Ambulance First Aid Courses - Expression of Interest

Would you like to be accredited in First Aid or you need to reaccredit?

Council Staff are looking to help bring St John Ambulance First Aid instructors to Flinders Island in November to deliver: Apply First Aid and Apply First Aid PLUS - both being full Nationally Accredited courses. Further suggestion is to include CPR and Emergency First Aid as additional options for those not wanting to complete a full course. For further details on courses, see advertisement in this edition or contact Council. If you are interested in attending these courses, please contact Council to express your interest.

Garage Sale Trail – Saturday October 26

Flinders Council and the Northern Tasmania Waste Management Group are supporting the Garage Sale Trail, a national community program. To get involved, either by holding your own garage sale on 26 October or if you would like to find out what sales are happening on the Island, please visit the website: garagesaletrail.com.au

Flinders Flicks the Travelling Exhibition Lives On!

Well-done Flinders Island Regional Arts for promoting our Island's filmmakers; the word has got out! Flinders Flicks will be shown in its entirety at the Sawtooth Gallery's New Media Room in Launceston from 4 October. The Sawtooth

ARI (Artist Run Initiative) Gallery is located on the 2nd Level, 160 Cimitiere Street, Launceston and is open: Wed - Fri: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm and Sat: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm. For more information 'like' them on facebook (Sawtooth ARI), or visit the website: sawtooth.org.au

And that's not all. The Breath Of Fresh Air (BOFA) Film Festival will include our talented local filmmakers in the BOFA Festival Lounge short film screenings. The festival runs 7-10 November. For more information, visit the website: www.bofa.com.au

Many thanks also to Marisa Molin, Sawtooth Gallery Director, who helped facilitate these collaborations post her Island experience at Mountain Seas Artist-in-Residence.

Online Community Calendar -

www.flinders.tas.gov.au/calendar/

Do you have a community event that you would like to add to our online Community Calendar? It's easy! Please visit the Council website to download the forms or alternatively, please pop into Council for a hard copy.

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. Aboriginal Benefits Foundation -

www.aboriginal.org.au/grants

Grant Applications are considered by the board of the foundation at each directors meeting. The board currently meets approximately 6-8 times per year.



2. Tasmanian Community Fund: Grant Round 27 - www.tascomfund.org

Grant Round 27 of the Tasmanian Community Fund opened on 24 August 2013. Applications for small grants (up to \$10,000) will close on 2 October 2013. Applications for medium grants (\$10,001 to \$90,000) will close on 16 October 2013.

3. First Home Owners Grant (FHOG) and First Home Builder Boost (FHBB)

www.sro.tas.gov.au Applicants can receive \$7,000 for the FHOG for a new or established dwelling including a house, flat, unit, townhouse or apartment anywhere in Tasmania that meets local planning standards. The First Home Builder Boost (FHBB) provides an extra \$8,000 in addition to the FHOG.

4. Sport and Rec 2013-14 Minor Grants Program www.development.tas.gov.au

Through the Minor Grants Program (MGP), Sport and Recreation Tasmania provides financial assistance to organisations towards equipment purchases and the development/improvement of facilities or playing surfaces that directly benefit sport and active recreation clubs. Round Two - Applications open Thursday 26 September and close Wednesday 15 January 2014.

5. Earn your Stars Grants – www.dpac.tas.gov.au

The Tasmanian Government offers grants of up to \$15 000 under the Earn Your Stars Grants Program. Funding will be available for projects that assist local communities, households and individuals to work together to find climate change solutions.

6. Arts Tasmania Offers Funding Programs - www.arts.tas.gov.au

There are a range of grant opportunities available through Arts Tasmania at different times throughout the year.

7. National Youth Week 2014 Grants Program - www.dpac.tas.gov.au

The NYW 2014 Grants Program is open from Friday 23 August to Friday 18 October 2013. Grants are available to support the development and delivery of NYW projects, events and activities during NYW 2014, which runs from Friday 4 to Sunday 13 April 2014.

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