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Mayor's Column

Although as I write this, the last barge of aggregate (blue metal) has not yet arrived, I would like to recognise the work of Brian Barnewall and all involved in bringing in the aggregate. Especial appreciation to the businesses supplying the extra trucks to unload the barge in a timely fashion.

The primary reason for the importation of the aggregate - the works at the airport - are well underway. The Commonwealth has provided a grant of \$786,018 for works to be expended by June 30th 2015. The \$786,018 grant is for drainage, increased standing area and taxi way including access to the new RFDS transfer shed. The grant amount is to be matched by Council.

The airport is a certified airport and it is imperative that works there meet the required specifications. The first two barge loads contained aggregate to the specifications required for the airport work. The opportunity was also taken to import extra aggregate to enable the road sealing program, including work on the State Road between the airport and Lady Barron, to be resumed next summer.

In the longer term Council will be looking at ways to obtain aggregate crushed on island.

March Council Meeting outcomes:

- Planning approval was given for a guesthouse at Badger Corner, maximum number of guests 16.
- Planning approval was given for a 3 lot subdivision at West End
- A letter was approved to go to the Minister for Local Government advising Flinders will NOT be having discussions with any other council with a view to amalgamation. The reasons given in the letter relate to the remoteness and extra costs involved in being an island.

- Council will continue to buy in resources as and when needed and continue a peer relationship with King Island.
- The Third Annual Furneaux Festival was approved for the last weekend (23rd & 24th) of January 2016 with a budget to be set during the budgeting process for 2015-16. Staff will update Councillors on the proposed structure of the festival prior to the budget process.
- Mr John Dick was appointed as the independent Chair of Council's Audit & Finance Special Committee and Ms Diana Droog was appointed as a community representative. Thank you to John and Diana for taking on these roles. Local Government Regulations now require Councils to have Audit Committees with independent chairs.
- Approved an extraordinary Community Grant application by RSL Flinders Island sub branch for \$6,000 to bring Cape Barren Island and Flinders Island residents together for the ANZAC Day Service to be held at Whitemark this year.
- Approved an allocation of a maximum of \$25,000 in the 2015/2016 financial year with the addition of the 2014/15 budget allocation as matching funds, if an application to the Marine and Safety Tasmania Recreational Boating Fund for the Whitemark Boat Ramp upgrade project is successful.
- Decided not to accept an invitation to participate in a Shared Services Arrangement with Brighton and other southern councils, considering the cost of travel and time to participate would offset any benefits derived. This will not affect the arrangement Flinders currently has with Brighton in purchasing financial and asset management assistance.
- A budget variation was approved to the 2014/15 Capital Works Program Budget to reallocate \$20,000 from the Airport Runway Upgrade in order to purchase a new broom for the Airport.
- Adopted the following Policies:
 - Travel & Accommodation policy
 - The Uniform Policy

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- Elected Members Allowances and Reimbursements policy
- Accepted the following Policies for community consultation for 28 days:
 - Personal Information Protection Policy
 - Waiver of Fes Policy
 - Voted not to Rescind the Funeral Director Policy

For more detailed information please see the unconfirmed minutes and the Policy Manual on the Council website.
www.flinders.tas.gov.au

Carol Cox
Mayor

Community Development

Autumn School Holiday Program

****Please note that the FIAAI T-Shirt Printing Day @ the FIAAI art space in Lady Barron has been moved to Monday the 13th of April from 12noon until 3pm with a free BBQ thrown in for lunch. Sorry for the late notice****

Flinders Council School Holiday Program is offering a variety of activities for all ages over the Easter Break for residents and visiting young people. The program includes Stencil Art workshops with visiting artist, activities held at the FIAAI Park in conjunction with Dorset Council leadership group and FIAAI, a social BBQ for secondary students and a free all ages "Glowing in the Dark" dance-a-thon. If you haven't yet registered for the annual School Holiday Program please visit www.flinders.tas.gov.au/school-holiday-program to download the registration forms, or visit the Council Office. Flinders Council School Holiday Program is part funded by the Australian Government through Tasmania Medicare Local.

Whitemark Foreshore Works: Permanent Exercise Equipment installed!

The permanent exercise equipment has been installed on the Whitemark Foreshore

and includes a good range of equipment with information on how to use each piece. A big thank you to Butch and the works crew for installing the equipment. The permanent exercise equipment was donated to the community from Tasmania Medicare Local's Healthy Islands Project (HIP) 2010 - 2013. Local personal trainer, Kathleen Ives-Heap will be offering a few outdoor classes if weather permits. If you would like to find out more about this, please contact Kathleen directly email: kathleen.ives-heap@bigpond.com or via mobile 0428 212 751

Civic Forecourt - Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre (FAEC)

Many would have recognised the transformation from the old gravel carpark at the front of the FAEC to a paved pedestrian only area with a solid masonry wall to protect the Rose Garden and a local stone feature wall. These works to the forecourt are close to completion. Timber slats across the wall, a water feature falling down the rock face and behind a bronze ANZAC Plaque and solar sensor lights will be installed in the coming weeks. The 'civic centre' has been created to provide of an attractive outdoor area for events and community gatherings so to complement the entry to FAEC and to also provide a better visual amenity for the area. In addition, the new ANZAC memorial located within this development will create a focus area for ex-service men and women to be proud of during times of formal congregation and something to march to on ANZAC Day. A funding contribution from the Department of State Growth and also an ANZAC Centenary Local Grant has contributed to these works. 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.

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Lady Barron Hall Upgrades

Thank you to community members who attended the Community Meeting to provide feedback on the draft concept plans for the Lady Barron Hall upgrades. Your feedback is important and has been registered. Final concept plans will now be prepared. Community members can stay informed on the upgrades to the Hall via regular updates in the Island News. A big thank you to Members of the Lady Barron Hall and Recreation Special Committee of Council for facilitating the community meeting.

Emita Hall Upgrades

Stage 1 of the Emita hall upgrade is close to completion. Council and the Emita Hall Special Committee of Council has invested in this valued community facility to provide much needed maintenance to ensure that the building is weather and vermin proof and has new cladding and internal linings. Thank you to all Committee Members and thank you in advance for investing in the painting of the interior, which will soon be ready to commence!

Online Community Calendar

Would you like to know what is happening on Flinders Island? Please visit the Council's online community calendar for event information:

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

This service is also available if you would like to add your own event. Information provided on events also contributes to a number of other online calendar services including Tourism Tasmania and Tourism Northern Tasmania's online calendars.

Jobs Bonus for Small Business in 2015

Thinking of creating a new job in your small business in 2014/15? You may be eligible for a bonus of up to \$1000 under the Tasmanian Government's Small Business Jobs Bonus. Applications will be accepted from 1 January 2015 and when the job has

been filled for six months. To find out more and to register your interest please visit www.business.tas.gov.au/jobsbonus or call Business Tasmania on 1800 440 026.

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 website 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. Applications for the 2015 round of Flinders Council Community Grants and Gunn Bequest (Sporting Clubs) endowments are now open. Every year Flinders Council supports a variety of community groups, providing funding for specific projects through Community Grants and Gunn Bequest (Sporting Clubs) endowments. For more information please visit the Council website community noticeboard www.flinders.tas.gov.au or visit the Council Office. Applications close Friday 1st May 2015.

2. Teddy Sheean Memorial Grants Program 2014-15 - www.dpac.tas.gov.au

The Teddy Sheean Memorial Grants Program honours the sacrifice made by Edward 'Teddy' Sheean, as a representative of the many Tasmanians who gave their lives selflessly for others in the defence of our country during World War Two.

Grants of up to \$8 000 are available to the following organisations for minor capital works including repairs and maintenance of existing premises:

- RSL clubs
- RSL sub-branches
- Ex-service clubs and organisations.

For further information, please contact Communities, Sport and Recreation Tasmania by email at cdgrants@dpac.tas.gov.au or phone on 1800 204 224 - **closes 1 May 2015**

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3. Festivals Australia: Regional Festivals Project Fund – www.australiacouncil.gov.au

The Regional Festivals Project Fund supports the inclusion of an arts project at festivals in regional and remote Australia. Grants are available to support the costs to produce and present an arts activity and there is no limit on the amount that can be requested.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to speak with an Australia Council Grants Officer before applying to this fund.

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,

Jana Harper & AK
Community Development

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 Council by close of business Monday 27th April 2015.

Policies for Review

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 26th March 2015 Ordinary Council Meeting to adopt the **Personal Information Protection Policy** and the **Waiver of Fees Policy** and rescind the **Building Approvals Policy**. These policies will lie on the table for public comment until the 27th April 2015. They are available to download from the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies and hardcopies are available from the Council Office.

Should you wish to make comment on any of these policies, please do so by addressing relative correspondence to myself.



Sophie Pitchford
Acting General Manager

WHITEMARK TIP

Opening Hours

MON, FRI & SUN 1.30pm- 4.30pm

WED 8.30am- 11.30am



CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS