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MAYOR'S COLUMN

General Manager Recruitment:

Council is in the process of settling a contract with its preferred applicant, with the aim that the new General Manager will begin in the position in January.

Policies:

At the October Council Meeting a Legal Advice Policy was approved for public comment for a period of 28 days. The policy outlines how the Council is to obtain and report on legal advice. If no submissions are received the policy will be adopted at the December meeting. The policy is open for comment until 1st December 2016.

Development Application for Level 2 Quarry:

The submission period has closed. This is a proposal for a level 2 quarry as it is planned to produce more than 5,000 cubic metres of aggregate per annum. The Environment Protection Authority will now consider the submissions received in relation to the permit application and will provide Council with advice. Should the development be approved then conditions imposed by the EPA will be included in any permits issued for the operation of the quarry. Planning approval for the quarry expansion will be considered by Council in the near future, with advice from the consultant planners.

Councillors and relevant staff have visited both the quarry site and a neighbouring farm to see the site first and to hear the developer's plans and the neighbour's concerns.

The Planning Scheme is a legal document and Council can only consider the development application in respect to the contents of the Planning Scheme. If approved, Council has the ability to impose realistic conditions on the development.

Badger Corner Boat Ramp:

Council has several boat ramps around the Island that it owns and maintains. The question has been asked, if Council will acquire the crown land where the Badger Corner boat ramp is and make some improvements to the facility.

Councillors would be pleased to hear the views of users and people in the area regarding Council becoming involved in owning this facility.

Davies Street parking:

Council staff have taken the initiative to park on the grass area behind the Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre to free up parking spaces for access to the library and child care. If parking on Davies Street for any length of time please leave the area near the "Duckpond" childcare facility free to assist parents to deliver and collect young children safely.

Roadside Slashing:

The annual roadside slashing program is underway. Please be considerate and slow down when passing the slasher.

The verges of the State Road have been completed with council roads now being worked on. Not all roads are slashed every year, with several of the minor roads being slashed less often.

Save the Dates:

The Furneaux Islands Festival, including the free Community Day of delicious food, entertainment and fun, is being held on the 20th - 22nd January 2017.

The Flinders Council Annual General Meeting will be held at the Furneaux Arts & Entertainment Centre at 5.30 pm on the 15th December. The Annual Report will be released shortly for public comment.

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First Aid Courses in November:

St John will be back on the Island from Monday 21st November – Wednesday 23rd November to provide a variety of first aid courses for your needs. For more information on what courses are available and to book your spot please contact the Launceston office on 63 434226 or email:

launceston@stjohntas.org.au

Tax for Small Business Workshop:

Free community seminar with Debbie Steer from Business and Employment. This workshop will give you an overview of some of the taxation and superannuation obligations you may have in regards to starting and operating a small business. To register for the workshop please contact Debbie Steer on 0408 963 223 or via email at debbie.steer@businessandemployment.biz

Date: Wednesday 23rd November 2016 5.30 – 8.30pm

Venue: Rose Garden Room, Furneaux Arts and Entertainment Centre

Expression of Interest – Furneaux Islands Festival

Acoustic Supper: Expressions of Interest are being sought for a caterer at the Acoustic Supper to be held at Emita Hall on Friday 20th January 2017. Applicants will need to give consideration to the constraints of the hall kitchen and how they intend to produce an affordable, 3-course meal utilising local produce for a group of around 100 guests (pre-booked tickets) at maximum of \$75 per head. Closing date is 1st December, 5pm, 2016. Contact Dolly on 0437 987 863 or email stacey.wheatley@flinders.tas.gov.au

Registrations are also being taken for suitable stall holders promoting ‘local’ and ‘home-made’ for the Street market to be held on Saturday 21st January. For more information please contact community development on 63595001 or via email cdo@flinders.tas.gov.au

Volunteer Grants 2016 – closes 13 December 2016

These grants aim to support the efforts of Australia’s volunteers. They provide small amounts of money that organisations and community groups can use to help their volunteers. The funding will help volunteers to do their important work, and the grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 each will allow organisations to buy much needed equipment, such as computers, or help with training volunteers, fuel costs or undertaking background security checks.

Further information can be found at <https://www.dss.gov.au/grants/grants/funding-open-for-application/volunteer-grants-2016>

Community Online Calendar

The Council website includes an online calendar of local events to help promote all the activities and events happening on Flinders. The calendar includes details of visiting health professionals, training opportunities, as well as local events. If you are planning on holding an event or activity on Flinders, you are able to add this to the calendar easily. Please visit: <http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/community-calendar/>

For more information or for any enquires regarding community development please contact Dolly, David or Claire on 63595001 or via email stacey.wheatley@flinders.tas.gov.au (Dolly) or cdo@flinders.tas.gov.au (David Heap and Claire Nichol)

Carol Cox

Mayor

WHITEMARK TIP

Opening Hours

SUN, MON, FRI – 1.30pm to 4.30pm
TUES, THURS - 7.00am to 10.00am
WEDNESDAY - 8.30am to 11.30am
CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Casual **Audio/Lighting Technician** required for Council and public events. Experience not necessarily required but an interest in this area would be desirable. Training will be provided.

Please contact Sophie Pitchford for further details on ph: 6359 5010 or office@flinders.tas.gov.au

hardcopy is available from the Council Office.

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

Sophie Pitchford
Acting General Manager
PO Box 40
Whitemark TAS 7255

Ordinary Council Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the next Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council will be held at the Furneaux Arts & Entertainment Centre Whitemark, Flinders Island on

Thursday 17th November 2016,
commencing at **1pm.**

The Agenda will be available for perusal on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au and at the Council Office from Friday 11th November 2016.

Public Question Time will be held between 1.00pm – 1.30pm.

Members of the public are invited to attend.



Annual General Meeting 2016

The Annual General Meeting of the Flinders Council will be held in the Rose Garden Room of the Furneaux Arts & Entertainment Centre on Thursday 15th December 2016, commencing at 5.30pm.

The Annual Report of the Council will be available during office hours at the Council Offices, Davies Street, Whitemark, and also on the Council website www.flinders.tas.gov.au/agendas from Tuesday 22nd November 2016. Submissions on the Report from members of the public are welcome and must be made in writing and forwarded to the Acting General Manager no later than 5.00pm, Tuesday 6th December 2016.

Policy 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 20th October 2016 Ordinary Council Meeting to adopt the **Legal Advice Policy**. This policy will lie on the table for public comment until the 1st December 2016. A copy is available to download from the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies or a

Sophie Pitchford
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER