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MAYOR'S COLUMN

February Ordinary Meeting of Council:

In dealing with a short meeting agenda, Council:

- received information from its Special Committees. Planning activity for January was very light whilst a comprehensive report was received from the Flinders Council Audit Panel;
- considered voting support on LGAT motions;
- developed a submission to the TasWater consultation for 2018-21 pricing structure which included highlighting to TasWater the need to plan for the sewerage of Lady Barron; and
- approved the Public Question Time Policy and Procedure, with the Policy to lay on the table for 28 days for public comment. The procedure will apply as from the February Ordinary meeting.

Detailed information on minutes and agenda is available on the Council website.

Building Better Regions Grant application:

Council, with the support of Telstra and the State Government, has again applied to the Federal Government major grants program for funding to do a major overhaul and upgrade of the telecommunications service.

Council recognises the need to have an improved telecommunications service in the Municipality. Even though we have a vibrant and forward looking community, the low population makes it economically unfeasible for the service provider to complete the required upgrade to infrastructure. Council, the State Government and Telstra have committed funds to the project should the grant application be successful.

State-wide Planning Schemes:

The Tasmanian Planning Scheme State-wide Planning Provisions (SPPs) was released by the Minister for Local Government and

Planning on the 22nd February. The 498 page document can be downloaded at:

http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/tasmanian_planning_reform/downloads/state_planning_provisions

The SPPs include the administrative, zone and code provisions and the requirements for Local Provisions Schedules (LPSs) that are to apply in the Tasmanian Planning Scheme.

Council staff now have the enormous task of drafting the Local Provisions Schedule (LPS) and applying the zones and codes in a manner acceptable to the Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC). Once accepted by the TPC and endorsed by the Minister the LPS will combine with the SPPs to form the Tasmanian Planning Scheme that applies to the Flinders Municipality.

Although the SPPs came into effect on 2 March 2017 as part of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme, they will have no practical effect until an LPS is in effect in a municipal area.

Until all that happens the current planning scheme still applies.

Reporting on Related Parties Transactions:

Reports for the Year ending 30.6.17 must include for the first time the reporting of payments between Council & Related Parties of Councillors and key management personnel (KMPs).

Related parties include family members who are close to the Councillor or KMP and who undertake or have controlling interests in companies or businesses that undertake transactions with Council that are not transactions normally undertaken with council by community members i.e. rates transactions not included.

Council staff will work on providing elected members with the detail and registry requirements to enable Council to comply with this reporting requirement.

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Three Good Men:

Since writing my last column we have endured the unusual situation of losing three men who, during their lives, have made a significant impact on the Municipality, both in an economic sense and as very likeable gentlemen.

Over his lifetime on the Island Don Bailey developed a thriving garage and machinery distribution business alongside his farming enterprise.

Knud Andersen was a farmer and respected Cape Barren Island resident who for many years assisted Council with the maintenance of that island's roads when they were a council responsibility.

Max Quartermaine, a trusted pilot who was a pioneer of bringing fishing and tour groups to Flinders in charter aircraft over many years.

The ongoing impact of the contributions these men have made will live on.

Sincerest sympathy to their families on their loss.

Major Road Works:

During the week of Monday 6th March pavement stabilisation will be occurring on the **Port Davies, Palana, Coast and Lagoon Roads**. Please reduce speed and obey signs when travelling through the roadwork areas.

Some sections of the stabilised roads will be sealed. This trial is being undertaken to determine if stabilisation is an effective way of improving pavement surfaces and decreasing the volume of ongoing maintenance associated with gravel roads.

The road pavement stabilisation trial is occurring in conjunction with the stabilisation of a section of the long runway and is made possible through the increased Roads to Recovery funding grants from the federal Government.

Carol Cox

Mayor

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

School & Council Surfing Partnership:

This school term, Flinders Council and Flinders Island District High School are partnering to offer surf school each Friday on a weekly basis. Over the term, 22 students will have the opportunity to benefit from surf coaching and aquatic awareness from qualified surf coaches Chris Macqueen & Andrew Cole. Many thanks to volunteer Rowena Nicholls for lending an experienced hand in the water!

Hydro Tasmania Community Grant Program:

The new Program offers six grants of up to \$5,000 for not-for-profit community organisations to fund projects that showcase grassroots groups and volunteers working hard in their community and support them to achieve great outcomes. Applications are open now and close at 5pm on the 31st of March. The grants will be awarded in July.

Eligible applicants include: charities, community service organisations, school associations or parent bodies, councils, sporting groups and cultural groups. Go to <https://www.hydro.com.au/community/community-program/community-grant-program>, for the application form, and more information about funding criteria, eligibility and handy hints.

New Funding Program for Primary Health Services in rural areas:

In December 2016 the Royal Flying Doctor Service Tasmania was announced by Primary Health Tasmania as the provider of certain primary health care services on Flinders Island.

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The role of the RFDS will be to lead and coordinate services targeting people living with chronic conditions such as diabetes, dementia, heart and lung disease and mental illness.

RFDS 'will work closely with local GP's and other health professionals to provide coordinated care to people with chronic conditions and support them to stay healthy and out of hospital' said Mr Edmonson Primary Health Tasmania CEO.

RFDS, Council, and our local health care providers are currently working to establish these primary health care services that will encompass a rural health worker, an exercise physiologist and a mental health worker.

Community Events:

Kayaking 'come and try' Day

Brought to you by Roaring 40's instructors, 25th March at Allports Beach, 2 sessions, limited places available, please register by phone: 6359 5001, or by email: cdo@flinders.tas.gov.au

Free Grant Writing Workshop

Strzelecki Room MPC, Thursday 30th March, 6-8pm, covering all aspects of writing a grant application and facilitated by Rebecca King. Registrations essential, by phone: 6359 5001, or by email: claire.nicholl@flinders.tas.gov.au

Ten Days on the Island

Don't forget to grab your ticket for Portraits in Motion, Tuesday 21st March 7pm, FAEC. Hosted by Flinders Island Regional Arts, pre and post show refreshments provided for those who would like to chat to Volker Gerling about his flip books after the show. Concession \$28, Full \$38. Tickets can be purchased online at tendays.org.au or at the door on the night.

Dolly, Claire and David

Community Development Team

Markarna Grazing Company Pty Ltd
Quarry, 634 & 684 Palana Road, Whitemark,
Flinders Island
(CT 141190/3, CT 145854/3 & CT 245509/1)

READVERTISED

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PERMIT UNDER S57 OF THE LAND USE PLANNING AND APPROVALS ACT 1993

Permit Application DA012/2016

The extraction by blasting of a maximum of 120,000 cubic metres of rock per annum. Extracted rock will be crushed to produce aggregate and other rock product.

The above proposal has been referred to the Board of the Environment Protection Authority (the Board) for assessment under the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994 (EMPC Act). A Development Proposal and Environmental Management Plan (DPEMP) has been lodged in support of the above proposal.

Public exhibition of documentation

“ The Gums” Quarry, Palana Road, Whitemark

A copy of the application documents can be viewed at <http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/current-advertising>

A copy of the supporting documentation for the above proposal will be available for public inspection during the period specified below and may be examined during normal business hours at:

- Flinders Council Offices: 4 Davies Street, Whitemark 7255; or
- Service Tasmania, 134 Macquarie Street, Hobart 7000

The DPEMP can be viewed on the internet at:

<http://epa.tas.gov.au/assessment/assessments-in-progress>

A guide for preparing a public submission can be found on the internet at:

<http://epa.tas.gov.au/assessment/guide-for-preparing-a-public-submission>

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Copies of the DPEMP may be requested from Dr Richard Barnes, Van Diemen Consulting Pty Ltd, Mobile: 0438 588 695.

Public representations

In accordance with section 57(5) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* any person may make a representation relating to the above proposal and the supporting documentation from **Saturday 11 February 2017 to Saturday 11 March 2017**, by writing to:

General Manager

Flinders Council

PO Box 40

WHITEMARK TAS 7255

Or by emailing the General Manager at: office@flinders.tas.gov.au (Attention: Development Services Coordinator)

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 23rdth March 2017**, 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 17th March 2017.

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

Members of the public are invited to attend.

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

Policy to be Adopted

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 16th February 2017 Ordinary Council Meeting to adopt the Public Question Time – Council Meetings Policy and the Public Question Time – Council Meetings Procedure.

The policy and procedure will lie on the table for public comment until the 30th March 2017. 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.

Bill Boehm

General Manager