

Council News

MAYOR'S COLUMN

Whitemark Water Supply.

Reminder to Whitemark customers, that Council is waiving plumbing permit fees for residents and business operators who wish to convert from a dual water supply to a single water supply (town supply). The fee is waived for a period of 6 months after the Department of Health and Human Services has removed the Do Not Consume Notice and Boil Water Alert. **The 6 months ends on the 1st of May for Whitemark Residents and businesses.** On receipt of the plumbing permit, there is a 12 month period to action it.

To take advantage of the offer being made by Council and the associated offer of a \$200 plumbing rebate being offered by TasWater please **apply for your plumbing permit now.**

The boiled water alert has not yet been lifted from the Lady Barron supply.

Service requests:

Residents and ratepayers often bring minor issues with council infrastructure to the attention of Councillors and we are happy to pass on the information. There is however a much more efficient method of passing on the information and that is through Council's Service Request process.

A Service Request brings the issue directly to the attention of relevant staff, and can be made at the Council Office where staff will happily assist or through the Council website under the "Live" heading <https://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/service-request>

So for the next time you wish to report an issue about a road degradation or footpath issue try making a service request.

For urgent or dangerous issues please ring the Council Office on 63595001

Thank you to the Works and Airport staff:

Staff have just completed an enormous amount of work on the roads and runways, including resealing of some of our bitumen roads, resealing of the short runway, stabilisation of the base and resealing of a major area on the long runway as

well as the implementation of the trial stabilisation and sealing of sections of gravel roads.

The huge financial commitment in undertaking these tasks has been made possible due to several factors, one being the borrowing of funds to purchase the new bitumen truck and associated equipment which substantially reduced the cost of the sealing process. Other factors are the increased allocation of Roads to Recovery funding for 2016-18 years by the Federal Government and Council's uptake of the State Government's Northern Economic Stimulus Package.

The work would still not have been achievable without the dedication of the Works and Services and the Airport personnel. Thank you for all the extra hours worked this summer.

Whitemark Town Centre Structure Plan

At the upcoming meeting on the 20th April Council will, consider a submission to undertake a "Whitemark Town Centre Structure Plan".

Structure plans are required to inform the placement of zones and development of Local Planning Provisions in the state wide planning scheme that is coming our way. If approved by Council in the format presented, the work to be undertaken will link with the Sports & RSL Club project which is designed to find a way forward for investment around the golf course that is supported by sports and RSL club members and community.

The study of the Sports and RSL Club precinct has been referred to the Club committee to make a recommendation to Council.

To be clear; the intent of this project is to ensure the golf course is able to be maintained into the future, and if possible, a funding stream will be developed that will enable the ongoing maintenance of the golf course as a community asset, with less volunteer input than is currently required.

Linking a structure plan of the Whitemark township area would see development within the town and at the golf course precinct complement each other.

Community consultation will occur once the projects are accepted by Council.

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Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre:

I have attended many events in the FAEC, the most recent being the Croon Show with Matthew Ives and the Big Band concert. I wish to say a huge thank you to the Councillors and staff of the 2006 – 2008 era who persevered, against community concern, and worked diligently with user groups to redevelop the tired Whitemark hall into the facility we have today. Without your forethought and commitment we would not have the benefit of entertainment such as the Croon Show concert on the Island. Thank you.

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

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 20th April 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 14th April 2017.

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

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES NEWS

Ratepayers are reminded that Council offers free pre-lodgement advice regarding development.

If you are thinking of building, it may be worthwhile to take up the opportunity to gain some free advice before you start.

An appointment to speak to the relevant officer can be made by contacting Council on 6359 5001 or by providing details at front counter.

COMMUNITY GRANTS AND GUNN BEQUEST

Applications for funding are now being sought from Community Groups for Community Grants and sporting organisations under the Gunn Bequest. Applications received will be considered by Council as part of the budget process for the next financial year.

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 24th April and should be addressed to: General Manager, Flinders Council, PO Box 40, Whitemark, TAS 7255.