

MAYOR'S COLUMN

May Council Ordinary Meeting Outcomes:

Biosecurity: Chose to make a submission on the draft Biosecurity Bill noting that the Bill should include the requirement that there be a fulltime biosecurity presence on both Flinders and King Islands as they are significant gateways to the State.

Dog Fees: Kept the 2017/18 year dog fees the same as for the 2016/17 year with a discount for early payment. Thus payment of 2017/18 dog registrations prior to the 30th June 2017 will attract a \$15 discount.

Council is moving to the use of lifetime tags, that is each dog will be issued with a tag and number that will only change if the tag has to be replaced due to loss or damage.

Policies: Noted that the Land Transfer, Aboriginal Reconciliation and Tasmanian Tidy Towns policies, after being available for public consultation with no submissions received, were rescinded and no longer apply.

The Credit Card Policy was approved for public comment over a 28 day period, noting that the procedures to accompany the policy will be considered at the June Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Community Grants: Approved the following grants totalling \$7,955 to support community organisations:

- Flinders Island Show Society: \$2,000 for entertainment for the 2017 show and facility hire and licence fees.
- Lions Club of Flinders Island: \$1,500 to purchase a heat pump for the Lions Lodge Building, Whitemark.
- Furneaux Group CWA: \$1,155 to purchase a sliding glass door for the Patrick St side of the rest rooms, Whitemark.
- Friends of Bass Strait Islands: \$1,500 to help with the costs associated with bringing volunteers to the Furneaux Islands.
- Furneaux Field & Game Association Inc.: \$800 to purchase sashes for the Furneaux Super Shoot and Tasmanian Championships.
- Furneaux Islands Motocross Association: \$1,000 to assist with machinery hire to maintain the track and financial assistance to cover permits, club affiliation and insurance.

Gunn Bequest Grants:

These grants are made from the interest income from a bequest left by Jack and Enid

Gunn in 1984 for sports related purposes. By only expending 50% of the interest annually Council has maintained the real value of the bequest with the principal now totalling \$109,339. For the 17/18 financial year Council is expending greater than 50% of the interest for community benefit allocating \$2,491.94 of the \$3,000 interest available to the following:

- Flinders Island Pony and Riding Club: \$370 to assist with airfares from Launceston to Flinders Island for an instructor.
- Flinders Island Harriers Inc.: \$750 for financial assistance in using race tie contactors from Oztiming for the Flinders Island Running Festival.
- Flinders Island Netball Association: \$329.94 to purchase new netball bibs and balls.
- Flinders Island Netball Group: \$370 to assist with airfares for team, coaches and players for clinics and umpires for games in September.
- Flinders Island Golf Club: \$500 to assist with the purchase of a Husqvarna mower.
- Furneaux Field & Game Association Inc.: \$172 to purchase 2nd and 3rd place medallions for the Furneaux Super Shoot and Tasmanian Championships.

Federal Budget:

The outcomes that will or could have an impact on Flinders Council are:

- The Federal Assistance Grants (FAGS) indexation freeze has been lifted.
- The Federal Government has also decided to pay 50% of the 2017/18 year FAGS grants to Councils in this, the 2016/17 financial year. Whilst this puts cash in Council's bank account early, it complicates the budgeting process and last time it occurred the prepayment arrived in Council's bank account on the 30th of June of the year it was being prepaid in.
- A new \$472 million Regional Growth Fund for regional infrastructure and community projects, including a further \$200 million for the Building Better Regions Fund.
- Funding of Roads to Recovery (R2R) through to 2020-21 and will be \$400 million per year from 2019-20.

Biosecurity:

A link to the Tasmanian Biosecurity website has been added to the Flinders Council website. The responsibility for biosecurity is being shifted back to the individual and I ask that all residents and visitors take care to follow the biosecurity rules for Tasmania.

Carol Cox
Mayor

PHYSICAL & RURAL HEALTH WORKER NEWS

Come along and learn about the benefits of **Nordic Walking**. It's fun, social and an effective way to be active.

If jogging is too tough on your body and walking isn't tough enough, then this activity could be just right for you.

The health benefits of Nordic Walking include:

- Burn more calories in less time
- Walk for an extended time without feeling exhausted
- It is a total body activity
- Reduced load on joints
- Varied levels of intensity

When: Tuesday 20th June at 2.00pm or Saturday 24th June at 10.00am

Where: Whitemark Gym, Lions Club Building

Cost: \$10 (Notes and Walking Poles provided on the day)

Numbers are limited to 8 per workshop.

Book in by calling Community Development on 6359 5012 or SMS 0437 987 863.

Health & Wellbeing Apps

To help you find quality apps that can really promote your fitness and wellbeing I will be bringing some to your attention in this space. They are sourced through the professional resource *Digital Health Solutions*.



Runkeeper

Fitness App

Primary Use: To monitor your run or walk

- Will calculate running and walking pace, route distance, elevation and calorie burn for any fitness activity.
- Set personal fitness goals with Goal Coach and track your progress over time.
- View your training calendar directly in the app, and get coached through each workout while you run with audio cues.

Cost: Free

If you need any assistance with this **app** contact David on 0428 371 204 or email

david@flinders.tas.gov.au

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

DOGS

Dog owners are reminded that dog registration is due to expire on 1 July 2017.

Council will allow for discounted payments to be made prior to expiration of registration. The discount period will run from 1 June until 30 June inclusive.

This year you will receive a black tag without a registration year noted on it. This tag will be known as a "tag for life". Your dog will be assigned the number on the black tag. Every year that you re-register your dog you will use the same number and not receive a new tag. If the tag becomes lost or broken you can replace the tag and receive a new perpetual number for your dog's registration.

Remember that all dogs over the age of 6 months must be registered. If your dog doesn't always live here, or is new from another municipality, you are not required to register with Flinders Council, however the dog must be registered in a Tasmanian Municipality at all times.

Please ensure that your dog wears its tag at all times and is always under your effective control when out.

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 15th June 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 9th June 2017.

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

POSITION VACANT

**Services Coordinator – Maternity Leave
Position**

Responsible for process and procedure management with a focus on occupational health and safety, development services, continuous improvement, compliance, productivity and efficiency.

Twelve month position - 4 days a week.

To apply, please contact Sophie Pitchford for a position description on 6359 5001 or sophie.pitchford@flinders.tas.gov.au

Applications close Friday 9 June 2017