

DEPUTY MAYOR'S COLUMN

2018/19 Council Budget

Council is currently working on the budget for 2018/19 and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Community Members who put forward ideas/projects for possible inclusion into the budget. Council will be working diligently over the coming weeks to ensure that the budget includes consideration of current and strategic matters. The budget is expected to be finalised at the July or August meetings of Council.

Flinders Business Economic and Social Structural Review

On 30 May 2018, two initial community consultations were undertaken by the consultant employed to undertake this important review.

For those unfamiliar with this project, a summary outline was formally endorsed by Council at the May Council Meeting as Annexure 8, which can be viewed on Council's website:

<https://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/agendas/>

The project's overall aim is to compile as much data and information as possible about the costs and disadvantages of living on Flinders so that in future, Council, community groups and businesses will have access to information to assist with funding and grant applications.

To ensure the review reflects the real lived experiences of local residents and visitors, a community survey will be conducted to generate the data needed to highlight the challenges faced by our community. The consultant, Ryan Talsma from FIT Consulting wants to hear from you, preferably via email Ryan.Talsma@fticonsulting.com

The next step in the process is for the survey questions to be determined. When the survey is issued it will be very important that as many people as possible complete it. This will assist in making the project a success.

"Café in the North" Project

Whilst this is not a Council project and Council in fact voted not to be a part of the working group, lately the project has

generated a considerable amount of "discussion" on social media.

Following community consultation and when the working group has finalised the project, chosen the site etc., then, in all probability, the project will come to Council for consideration. If this occurs, only then will Council become formally involved.

Meanwhile, as with all social media discussions, use respectful communication when discussing the project. Everyone is entitled to an opinion and some may have more knowledge of an issue than others. If you choose to join the discussion then ask questions, especially if you hear "gossip", so that you become informed.

Marc Cobham
Deputy Mayor

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the sixth Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council for 2018 will be held at the Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre, Whitemark, Flinders Island on: **Thursday 21 June 2018 commencing at 1pm.**

Public Question Time will be held between 1.00pm – 1.30pm. Members of the public are invited to attend. The Agenda will be available for perusal from Friday, 15 June 2018 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au and at the Council Office.

Rural Addressing Numbers

Those with rural addressing numbers are advised that the condition of the numbers is the responsibility of the land owner. If your street side number is lost, broken or requires replacing, you may purchase new ones from council for \$2 each. New posts can also be purchased for \$40 each.

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 19 April 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting to adopt the **Furneaux Islands Festival Policy**.

This policy will lie on the table for public comment until 8 June 2018. The draft policy is 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 this policy, please do so by addressing relative correspondence to:

Bill Boehm
General Manager

Dogs

The June discount period is open and renewal notices are in the mail!

Remember that "Tag for Life" registration is active, which also means you may not need to visit the Council office to renew dog registrations as the same (black) tag will remain with your dog. If you have lost your tag or are registering a new dog, you will need a new tag.

All dogs over the age of 6 months will need to be registered (in Tasmania) and microchipped. Working dogs are provided with some exemptions but must also suit the definition of a working dog (see back page of renewal form).

If your dog has died or has a new owner or address, please complete the back page of the renewal form and return to Council.

Payments and enquiries can be made by calling 6359 5001.

