

MAYOR'S COLUMN:

Whitemark Footpaths:

The work being undertaken on the footpaths around Whitemark is to upgrade the pedestrian crossovers to enable freer and safer movement for pedestrians around the town. The crossovers have been of concern for some time with the issues being outlined in the "Whitemark Footpath and Access Ramp Audit" undertaken in April of 2014. Council has been assisted to undertake the work as one major project due to receipt of an interest free loan from the State Government. The loan will be repaid in the years that the footpath works were budgeted for.

Emita Hall:

The Tasmanian Community Fund has allocated \$81,818 towards improvements to the Emita Hall. This \$164,000 budgeted project will add a new kitchen and serving area to the hall and upgrade the failing waste water/septic system.

I thank council staff Dolly and Dan for working with the Emita Hall Special Committee to achieve this grant result that will see the hall become a complete facility. There is currently no functioning kitchen, a non-compliant bar/serving area and a failing septic system.

The use of the hall has increased greatly since it was reopened after the first improvements were completed. The play area, for which a grant was received, is almost complete making the venue even more family friendly.

Airport News:

Council has installed a free Wi-Fi service at the airport terminal for travellers and online runway cameras to enable pilots to assess weather conditions in the airport environs. To access the free Wi-Fi (time limited), please refer to the notice in the terminal. The runway camera output can be accessed through

<http://auswebcams.com/YFLI/showimagecamer a1.php>

Airport staff are working on cost effective ways to improve the facility for all users. Further works are planned inside the terminal building to improve the functionality of the space.

Airport Vending Machine:

Council apologises for any inconvenience caused to travellers through the extended non-functioning of the vending machine in the airport lounge. Sourcing parts for repair has become extremely difficult due to new parts no longer being available.

Flinders and Cape Barren Islands Telcomms Upgrade Project:

An update on the project is provided to the 21 June Council Meeting. Annexure 18 to the

Agenda on the Council website is the detailed progress report. In summary "all 83kms of fibre have been installed, including routes to the Mobile sites. The structure at Mt Tanner is undergoing refurbishment. For each of the four greenfield mobiles sites, permission from the land owners to start work has been achieved."

Planning:

Council is still working under its old planning scheme (The Flinders Planning Scheme 1994) with work being undertaken to progress to the Tasmanian Planning Scheme (TPS).

The TPS consists of State Planning Provisions (SPPs) and Local Provisions Schedules (LPSs) for each municipal area. Councils are currently drafting their Local Provisions Schedules for inclusion in the Scheme based on the Land Use strategies relevant to their municipal area. Flinders Council is currently undertaking the work to develop the LPSs it will present for inclusion.

2018 Local Government Election:

Candidate Eligibility:

All persons intending to nominate as a candidate should ensure that they are eligible to nominate by appropriate enrolment on either the House of Assembly roll or the relevant general manager's roll.

Any person eligible to nominate as a candidate for the office of councillor is also eligible to nominate for the office of Mayor or Deputy Mayor. i.e. no previous experience in Local Government is required. The Nomination period for candidates closes at noon on Monday 25 September.

Save the date 16th July @ 5.30 pm. Information and question session on a councillor's role.

Voting:

Almost everyone over 18, living, owning or leasing property in a Council area can be eligible to vote.

- You can vote if you are on the State electoral role and are resident in the Council area (you don't have to own a property).
- You can vote if you own or manage property in the Council area but are not resident, but you need to complete a general Manager's Roll enrolment form for owners/occupiers or corporate bodies. Forms are available at the Council Office and on the council website.

You must be enrolled by Thursday 13 September. Polling is conducted by post from 9 October to 10am Tuesday 30 October.

Carol Cox
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**

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.