

# Council News

## Mayor's Report

### **Bendigo Bank**

Please return the confidential surveys to Bendigo Bank as soon as possible. Please remember if we can't get a Bendigo Bank agency on the island we will be without a bank after September. Surveys are still available around town for those who haven't already got one. community groups are encouraged to return a survey also.

### **Biosecurity Review**

*Public comments are invited by 29 April 2016.*

The Tasmanian Government is reviewing Tasmania's biosecurity legislation, a review that involves changing the laws that govern biosecurity as well as changing how those laws are administered.

Dr. Lloyd Klump, the General Manager, Biosecurity Tasmania states:

"The current legislation largely achieves what we need it to for biosecurity but there are inefficiencies that can be removed and other improvements made by changing how our legislation is structured. There are many modern tools and powers that allow improved management of biosecurity related issues that our current suite of legislation does not contain.

The focus of this review is the primary biosecurity legislation that is administered by Biosecurity Tasmania:

- *Plant Quarantine Act 1997*
- *Animal Health Act 1995*
- *Seeds Act 1985*
- *Weed Management Act 1999*
- *Vermin Control Act 2000*
- *Biological Control Act 1985*
- *Animal (Brands and Movement) Act 1984*
- *Animal Farming (Registration) Act 1994*

These laws relate directly to our ability to manage animal and plant pests, diseases and weeds in Tasmania. They are vital for

maintaining our enviable market access, reputation for high quality, safe produce and desirability as a tourist destination. Other related legislation administered by DPIPWE is also being investigated during the review process."

### *How to get involved?*

The Position Paper and consultation template can be downloaded from the DPIPWE website <http://dpiipwe.tas.gov.au> or by calling the Project Manager on 6165 3084.

### **New Shopfront in Whitemark**

Congratulations to the operators of the new shopfront in Whitemark, beside the Butcher shop. Flinders Fresh and Strait Water are using this space to sell and promote island produce. Rumour has it the old Elders building is also being spruced up to come back into action as a shopfront and with the small building near the foreshore now the home to Waves, finding a commercial space in Whitemark for future businesses will be difficult.

### **Autumn School Holiday Program**

Thank you to the Dorset Council Leadership Group who is making Flinders Island an annual destination to link in with the School Holiday Program. Young people enjoyed a fun day at the Showgrounds with Zorb balls and laser tag that the Dorset Group brought with them. The Glowing in the Dark dance on Friday night was a popular event, particularly for the young ones. A special thank you to Jon Hizzard (dressed in costume as the DJ Juggler) and to Lochie Nichols for helping to create a wonderful and fun atmosphere for our young people.

### **Emita Hall**

It's great to see that Council's investment in the recent upgrades to Emita Hall have helped to provide an increase in activities that are available, particularly to our northern Island communities. Thank you to all the community members and groups who are hiring the hall. Recent activities include yoga

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sessions, table tennis, and Strength2Strength exercise classes. If you would like to hire the hall for an event or activity, please contact the Council Office.

## **Mr Arthur Withers OAM**

I have accepted an invitation from Her Excellency, the Governor of Tasmania to attend the Investiture on the 13<sup>th</sup> May, when Mr Arthur (Artie) Withers OAM is to be presented with his medal.

## **ANZAC Services**

Dawn Service 6.00am, Morning Service at 11.00am following the march to the Furneaux Arts and Entertainment Centre. A time to reflect on and remember the sacrifices made by so many of our local residents and countrymen in giving service to their country.

## **GUNN BEQUEST**

Applications for funding are now being sought from sporting organisations under the Gunn Bequest.

These funds are provided to suitable projects for the promotion or improvement of sporting facilities on the Island.

- Application Form Gunn Bequest 2016

## **COMMUNITY GRANTS**

Applications for funding are now being sought from Community Groups. Applications received will be considered by Council as part of the budget process for the next financial year.

- Guidelines for Community Grants
- Application Form Community Grant 2016

Written applications for both grants will be received no later than C.O.B. **Tuesday 26th April 2016** and should be addressed to:

## **General Manager**

Flinders Council  
PO Box 40  
Whitemark TAS 7255

## **WHITEMARK TIP**

Opening Hours

**MON, FRI & SUN** 1.30pm- 4.30pm  
**WED** 8.30am– 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 and Entertainment Centre Whitemark, Flinders Island on

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016,**  
commencing at **1pm.**

The Agenda will be available for perusal on the Council Website  
[www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au)  
or at the Council Office from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016.

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

Members of the public are invited to attend.

**Raoul Harper**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**