

Council News

MAYOR'S COLUMN

Flinders Goes to the G20

Congratulations to Flinders Island Meats for producing a product of such high standing that it was on the menu at the G20 last week as "Smoked and spiced Flinders Island leg of lamb with yoghurt and eggplant."

Flinders Island Meats is now a large employer and is experiencing issues and major constraints in growing their business and attracting new employees to the island. The shortage of rental accommodation, particularly close to the towns is beginning to become a major problem and any property owner who has spare houses or seeks to rent out properties should contact Council or Flinders Island Meats direct. The building of affordable housing on the island appears to be a commercial opportunity for those who may wish to invest and Council will no doubt consider this as part of the upcoming Furneaux Futures and Strategic Planning project.

Congratulations

The Flinders Council was awarded the Medibank Silver Award in recognition of Council's focus on health promotion for the benefit of our communities and the health & wellbeing programs Council runs, such as the School Holiday program, the Actively Flinders program and Rural Health Week initiative.

The ongoing focus and support of Council to enable such programs to be delivered continues to see Flinders recognised as an industry leader in community support, health promotion and community development across Tasmania. Well done to all involved.

Planning

Approval was given for a 23 Lot subdivision at the North East River on the sight of the Pine Plantation. This will be a staged development, consisting mainly of 10 hectare blocks with larger lots in the visually sensitive area on the higher section of the property.

Other Council Decisions

Council meeting dates have been set for December and the 2015 year and can be found on the Council website and noticeboard.

Councillors have been allocated Special Committees that suit their interests.

The Chairs are:

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| Health | Cr Willis |
| Shipping | Mayor Cox |
| Aviation | Mayor Cox |
| Emergency Management | Mayor Cox |
| Lady Barron Hall | Cr Williams |
| Emita Hall | Depty |

A full listing of Councillor Representation on committees can be found on the website www.flinders.tas.gov.au/special-committees

Shipping

The 60 day interim arrangement for stevedoring is working well and discussions are being held towards the longer term arrangements. The Minister for Infrastructure, Rene Hidding MP visited the island last week to view the Lady Barron Port first hand and talk to the relevant parties about arrangements to follow the 60 day interim period.

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Remembrance Day 2014

On a beautiful November Day a service was held at the Emita Cenotaph in memory of all those who gave their life in all the wars. This year the 11th of November marked the 96th anniversary of the Armistice that was signed between Germany and the Allies of World War I at Compiègne, France, the end to the First World War. It took effect at eleven o'clock in the morning—the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918.

Thank you to the Federal Government and Andrew Nikolic's support for the grant funds that have enabled works at the Emita Cenotaph. A monument that is an eternal reminder to the sacrifices made during times of war. Thank you to the Council staff for implementing the works that have been done in a very cost effective way but still look and work very well. Some solar lighting around the cenotaph and a plaque to be placed on a new wall guarding the western end of the Rose Garden are still to come and all of these upgrades have been designed with the assistance of the local RSL members. Thank you again to all involved.

RFDS Concert

Congratulations and thank you to Gillian and Kathleen and all the musicians for presenting a gala event for the 20th RFDS fund raising concert. A fantastic night was enjoyed by all.

Carol Cox

Mayor

WHITEMARK TIP

Opening Hours

MON, FRI & SUN 1.30pm- 4.30pm

WED 8.30am- 11.30am

CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

FLINDERS COUNCIL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council will be held at the Flinders Art and Entertainment Centre Whitemark, Flinders Island on:
Thursday 18th December 2014,
commencing at **1.00pm.**

The Agenda will be available for perusal on our Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au or at the Council Office as from Friday 12th December 2014.

Public Question Time will be held between 1pm- 1.30pm. Members of the public are invited to attend.

Raoul Harper
General Manager

FLINDERS COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014

The Annual General Meeting of the Flinders Council will be held at the Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre on **Thursday 4th December 2014,** commencing at **5.00pm.**

The Annual Report of the Council will be available during office hours at the Council Offices, Davies Street, Whitemark, and also on the Council website www.flinders.tas.gov.au/agendas from **Wednesday 19th November 2014.**

Submissions on the Report must be made in writing and forwarded to the General Manager no later than 5.00pm, **Tuesday 2nd December 2014.**

Raoul Harper
GENERAL MANAGER

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AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Flinders Council is required to establish and maintain an audit panel under Section 85 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the associated Local Government (Audit Panels) Order 2014.

As stipulated by the Audit Panel Order, the Chairperson of the audit panel is to be an independent member and not an elected member of the Council.

The role requires a person who possesses good business acumen and sound management and communication skills; knowledge and expertise in the areas of audit practices and financial management; knowledge of and experience in relevant industries; and experience with governance processes including, but not limited to, risk management.

Expressions of interest are now sought for the position of the Chairperson by the **4th December 2014**.

Expressions of interest and a brief resume can be sent to:

Corporate Services Manager
Audit & Finance Committee
Flinders Council
PO Box 40
Whitemark

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Medibank Active Tasmania Award

Last week Flinders Council received the Silver Award at the Medibank Active Tasmania 2014 Awards in recognition of our health & wellbeing programs and Council's focus on health promotion for the benefit of our communities. The award application included five local initiatives that have, or will, provide a diverse range of health and wellbeing opportunities for our community. The

programs highlighted included Actively Flinders, Rural Heath Week, Plant a Tree Day, the Annual School Holiday Program and the upgrades to the Whitemark Foreshore. Thank you to all of Council's partners and the community for your support and input towards helping make Flinders a healthy and happy place to live.

Hospitality, Tourism & Guiding Training: Skills Fund

Did you miss out on the guiding training offered through TAFE Tasmania? A vacancy in this guiding course has become available!

Guiding: Provide a briefing or scripted commentary – 2 day course.

Date: Thurs 4th December 2014

Times: 10am -3.30pm

Venue: Mountain Seas, Flinders Island

Cost: \$50.00

You need to be working in the hospitality industry to be eligible as the training is heavily subsidized. Please contact Front Office at Council on 6359 5001 if you are interested. This training has been made available by a successful Skills Fund application supported by Council and the Flinders Island Tourism and Business Association.

Thank you - Remembrance Day - Emita Cenotaph

A beautiful and moving Remembrance Day event was held at the newly upgraded Emita Cenotaph on the 11th November 2014. Council in collaboration with the local Flinders Island RSL secured funding through the Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program that assisted towards this event and the new upgrades to our Cenotaph. Thank you to the local CWA for the delicious spread and to the Frosts for providing a spectacular venue to enjoy morning tea. A big thank you to all who came along and to those who helped out on the day.

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Whitemark Foreshore BBQ Installation

During November works to install the BBQ Shelter will commence just in time for the warmer months.

St John First Aid Courses

St John will be visiting Flinders Island in November to provide a variety of First Aid courses, please see details below and contact their office in Launceston to book a course or for any further enquires. All training will be held in the Carpet Room at the Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre.

St John Contact Details (Bookings)

Launceston Office: 6343 4226 or 1300 360 455

www.stjohntas.org.au

launceston@stjohntas.org.au

Monday 24th November:

Provide First Aid Recertification

9:45am – 4pm: \$110

Advanced Resuscitation

4:15pm – 8pm: \$75

Tuesday 25th November:

Day 1: Provide First Aid (2 day Course)

8:45am – 4pm both days - \$210

CPR – 8:45am – 1pm - \$75

ASTHMA 5:45pm – 9pm: \$80

Wednesday 26th November:

Day 2: Provide First Aid (2 day course) –

8:45am – 4pm

ANAPHYLAXIS 5:45pm – 9pm: \$50

Thursday 27th November: Course to advised as required

Friday 28th November:

CPR Recertification 8:45am – 11am: \$65

Forecourt – Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre

A delay has occurred with the commencement of the Forecourt upgrades. These upgrades are now planned to commence in January 2015. Council has received State Government

funds that will contribute to completing the Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre Forecourt which will include the entrance to be paved, a solid garden wall to protect the rose garden and the car park will shift to the side of the hall creating an open pedestrian area with limited access for vehicles. If you are interested in seeing the perspective sketch drawings of the renewal to the hall entrance by local architect, Noel Warden, please visit the Community Noticeboard located in Whitemark next to the Interstate Hotel, or visit the Council website's Community Online Noticeboard.

Emita Hall Upgrades

The planned upgrade works to the Emita Hall have commenced. Thank you to all the Emita Hall volunteers who helped to prepare and clean the site. Access to the hall and the recreation grounds will be closed to the public whilst the construction works are in progress.

Grants

There are currently a variety of grants available that may be applicable to local community groups and organisations. Below are a list of the grants and their links for you to have a look at. If you have an idea or project we suggest you contact the funding body to discuss your eligibility and application.

1. Sport and Recreation Tasmania 2014/15 Grants Programs -

www.dpac.tas.gov.au

Communities, Sport and Recreation Tasmania provides funding to increase opportunities for participation in sport and active recreation in Tasmania, and to assist the ongoing development of Tasmania's sport and recreation sector. Major grants close 4 February 2015.

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- 2. Playing Australia: Regional Performing Arts Touring Fund** - www.australiacouncil.gov.au
This fund assists the touring of professionally produced Australian performing arts to regional and remote communities across Australia. Assistance is available to cover the net touring costs on a tour by tour basis with no commitment to ongoing funding. Closes 1 December 2014.
- 3. The National Stronger Regions Fund** - <http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au>
Funding will be provided for capital projects which involve construction of new infrastructure, or the upgrade, extension or enhancement of existing infrastructure. Local Government and incorporated not-for-profit organisations are eligible to apply for grants of between \$20,000 and \$10 million. Closes 28 November 2015.
- 4. Australian Council of the Arts - Contemporary Music Touring Program** - www.australiacouncil.gov.au
The Contemporary Music Touring Program (CMTP) supports national touring activity undertaken by Australian musicians performing original contemporary music. It provides travel support of up to \$15,000 for artists and their manager undertaking tours within Australia, which include performances in regional and remote areas. Closes 25 November 2014.
- 5. Continenence Foundation of Australia Community Health Grants** www.continenence.org.au
Funding is currently available for \$1500 for community health organisations to facilitate bladder and bowel health promotion activities/events in their local community. Forms available on the website or go to the Continenence Foundation on (03) 9347 2522 or email E.Murphy@continenence.org.au
Closes 23 November 2014.
- 6. Tourism Tasmania Corporate - various** www.tourismtasmania.com.au
There are a number of grant and funding programs available for tourism businesses from the federal and state governments. Grants are available to tourism operators looking to expand their business, for research and development and for innovation and exporting.
- 7. Tasmanian Department of State Growth** - various www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au
The Department of State Growth offers a variety of grants and loans to help both business and individuals prosper. We may assist in the development, expansion or retention of business undertakings in Tasmania, or conduct research or experiments for the purpose of the establishment of a business undertaking in Tasmania. Visit the area of interest to you to find out if you are eligible.

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You can also subscribe to a grant alert list to receive emailing notifications by emailing:

1. cdgrants@dpac.tas.gov.au or
2. healthpromotion.north@dhhs.tas.gov.au

Alternatively check out grants information online, here are some suggestions:

1. www.australia.gov.au/directories/australia/regional/web-resources-list
2. www.business.gov.au/Grantfinder/Grantfinder.aspx

Thank you,

Dolly Wheatley & Jana Harper
Community Development

COUNCIL MEETING DATES for 2014/15

The following meeting dates have been set for 2014-2015:

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| Thursday 18 th | December 2014 |
| Thursday 22 nd | January 2015 |
| Thursday 19 th | February 2015 |
| Thursday 26 th | March 2015 |
| Thursday 30 th | April 2015 |
| Thursday 21 st | May 2015(Lady Barron) |
| Thursday 18 th | June 2015 |
| Thursday 16 th | July 2015 |
| Thursday 20 th | August 2015 |
| Thursday 24 th | September 2015 |
| Thursday 22 nd | October 2015 |
| Thursday 19 th | November 2015 |
| Thursday 17 th | December 2015 |

Council Meetings start at 1pm and Public Question Time is from 1pm - 1.30pm. Meetings are held in the Rose Garden Room in the Flinders Art and Entertainment Centre in Whitemark. The May meeting will be conducted at Lady Barron at a venue to be advised.

Raoul Harper
GENERAL MANAGER