

# Council News

## Mayors Column

### **Shipping**

The 60 day trial period ended on the 28<sup>th</sup> November. I am relieved to be able to give you the information that Furneaux Freight will continue their service uninterrupted.

I acknowledge and thank all involved in getting to this point.

### **MPC Opening**

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November I, along with a range of other health service and community representatives, had the pleasure of witnessing the Health Minister Michael Ferguson officially open the redevelopment of the MPC.

The MPC can now more readily meet current health care standards and expectations. While the size and type of facility remains essentially the same there are additional features such as an additional acute bed (previously 4 beds, now 5) the configuration of which readily allows for palliative care to be provided on Island where such care is not possible at home. All five acute beds have been full three times since the new acute area was made available. There is also an additional bed in the new Emergency Room (which is very impressive) and one in the adjacent Treatment Room.

The MPC staff are also looking at other services that can be provided to avoid people having to go off Island. Two recent examples are the provision of some types of chemotherapy and planned blood transfusions.

John Loudon has also advised that Respite Care will soon be available in suitable situations.

The Minister presented the MPC with a Certificate of Accreditation from the Australian Council of HealthCare Standards.

The event served as yet another reminder of how well provided for we are with the level and types of health services that are available to us on the island.

### **Lady Barron Hall**

Congratulations to the Lady Barron Hall Committee and helpers for another successful event, the Lady Barron Festival held at Holloway Park.

The hall improvements are still in the planning stage. An engineering assessment will be undertaken to gauge the structural integrity of the building. The information from the local community consultation is being considered as a major step in developing a draft plan for the hall.

### **Emita Hall**

The renovations to the hall are continuing. All asbestos has been removed and new interior and exterior cladding and electrical wiring is being applied. The committee purchased the redundant kitchen fittings from the MPC and these will also be installed.

### **Whitemark Foreshore BBQ**

The BBQ is being installed just to the south of the geese sculpture and will be operational for Christmas use.

### **Christmas Closure**

I give preliminary notice that the Council office will be closed from the 24<sup>th</sup> December 2014 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2015 inclusive, reopening on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

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If you plan to hold a public event during this time or soon after please see Council staff and make any arrangements required early.

## Rose Garden

The roses are in full bloom and the loving care of this garden is evident. It is definitely worth a visit when in Whitemark.

Check the Community calendar for upcoming events.  
[flinders.tas.gov.au/community-calendar/](http://flinders.tas.gov.au/community-calendar/)

Carol Cox  
Mayor

## FLINDERS COUNCIL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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

The Agenda will be available for perusal on our Council Website  
[www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) or at the Council Office as from  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014,**  
commencing at 5.00pm.

Raoul Harper  
GENERAL MANAGER

## COUNCIL MEETING DATES for 2014/15

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

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

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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 **4<sup>th</sup> 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

## CALL FOR COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Nominations from the public are called for the position of Community Representative on the Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee of Council. The purpose of the Aviation Special Committee is to provide advice to Flinders Council on aviation and issues relating to the airport and associated infrastructure, where these apply to and affect aviation matters.

Nominations can be sent to the Committee Chair:  
Carol Cox, Mayor  
Flinders Council  
PO Box 40  
Whitemark TAS 7255  
Or via email to Executive Officer, Vicki Warden at [ea@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:ea@flinders.tas.gov.au)

Carol Cox  
Mayor

## Community Development

### Whitemark Foreshore BBQ Installation

Works have commenced on the Whitemark Foreshore to install the BBQ Shelter. By the time this edition of Island News is released, we hope that the shelter will be complete and the tables and gas BBQs will be installed. Happy barbecuing!!

### Summer Events on Flinders Island

During the month of January there are a number of events that will be happening around Flinders Island.

Mark your calendars for:

**Emita Sports Day** – Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> January 3:00 – 8:00pm Emita Hall & Recreation Grounds

**Music in the Vines** – Sat 10<sup>th</sup> January 2:00pm – 8:00pm Unavale Winery

**Furneaux Islands Festival** – Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sun 25<sup>th</sup> January – A number of festival events held around the Island

**School Holiday Program** – Held over the month of January includes surfing, snorkeling and circus skills.

Please visit the Online Community Calendar for more information on events happening on the Island: [www.flinders.tas.gov.au/community-calendar/](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/community-calendar/)

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## **Giving Shed at the Whitemark Tip**

As some of you know there is a space allocated at the Whitemark Tip for you to give unwanted items to the community. At present there is a mixture of books, videocassettes, movies, crockery and clothing! Lots of clothing... so much so that we have started to process unwanted attire into rags, which we encourage other local businesses or individuals to do also. There are a few 'rules' in regards to leaving clothing, bric a' brac and more. Please don't give anything you wouldn't use i.e. Soiled, worn out, ripped, stained, out-of-date, or broken items belong on the tip. This will enable control of quality! It includes items such as underwear, mobile phones or items that are non-compatible. Also we have acquired some racks to hang clothes, boxes to sort and tables to make it more user friendly, please don't remove them.

## **Forecourt - Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre**

A delay has occurred with the commencement of the Forecourt upgrades. These upgrades are now planned to commence in the New Year. 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.

## **Hospitality, Tourism and Guiding Training**

Over the last few months a number of local community members participated in customer service, barista and guiding training delivered on Flinders Island by TAFE Tasmania. Congratulations to all the participants who completed their training and assessment. The St John First Aid participants enjoyed the free coffee at the hall during the barista assessments!

## **Emita Hall upgrades**

The planned upgrade works to the Emita Hall have commenced and we are anticipating that the works will be complete after Christmas. 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](http://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.**
2. **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,

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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**

### 3. Tourism Tasmania Corporate – various

[www.tourismtasmania.com.au](http://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.

### 4. Tasmanian Department of State Growth – various

[www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au](http://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.

### 5. CBB Community Development Grants now open! –

[www.cbb.com.au](http://www.cbb.com.au)

We are seeking applications from **Australian Not for Profit organisations** undertaking a project that assists in their growth, or provides a benefit to the community. The applicant must show that the grant will be used for a purpose that supports CBB Community Development Grants

objectives. A monetary grant of up to a maximum of \$3,000 + GST will be available to successful applicants. Applications close **Friday 5 December 2014**.

### 6. CommBank Cricket Club Sponsorship –

[www.commbank.com.au](http://www.commbank.com.au)

The Commonwealth Bank is offering local cricket clubs the chance to apply for one of its Club Sponsorships. Each consists of a two-year, \$2,000 financial commitment each year, as well as cricket gear. You'll also get CommBank cricket merchandise, such as Commonwealth Bank marquees, to use on game days. **9 August 2015**.

### 7. BUPA Health Foundation Grants Program [www.bupa.com.au](http://www.bupa.com.au)

Every year, the Bupa Health Foundation aims to fund new initiatives that are likely to deliver clear benefits to the health of the Australian community. The Foundation is interested in funding innovative replicable interventions and projects that:

- Empower people to either prevent or better manage health conditions
- Empower people to use health education and engagement to tackle health risk factors and promote healthy lifestyle habits.

Grants range from \$100,000 to \$500,000 for up to three years. Closes 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

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

1. [cdgrants@dpac.tas.gov.au](mailto:cdgrants@dpac.tas.gov.au) or
2. [healthpromotion.north@dhhs.tas.gov.au](mailto:healthpromotion.north@dhhs.tas.gov.au)

Alternatively check out grants

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information online, here are some suggestions:

1. [www.australia.gov.au/directories/australia/regional/web-resources-list](http://www.australia.gov.au/directories/australia/regional/web-resources-list)

2. [www.business.gov.au/Grantfinder/Grantfinder.aspx](http://www.business.gov.au/Grantfinder/Grantfinder.aspx)

Thank you,

Dolly Wheatley & Jana Harper  
**Community Development**