

# Council News

## Mayor's Report

### **Quoin DA Decision**

As many in the community would be aware Council's recent decision to approve a Development Application for a tourist development on the Quoin property at Killiecrankie has been overturned by the state Resource Management and Planning Appeals Tribunal (RMPAT) following an appeal against Council's decision by a group of local residents. The appellant's challenged the decision on the basis that the Visually Sensitive Overlay that affects the site of the proposed development would be "compromised". Whilst many in our community are disappointed by the tribunal's decision, anyone, including the appellant's in this instance, are entitled to avail themselves of the opportunity to have Council's decision reviewed by the Tribunal. It is unfortunate that some in the community have chosen to vent their frustration at the tribunal's decision by targeting the appellants. If the tribunal had found the appeal without merit, they wouldn't have overturned Council's unanimous decision to approve the DA. The Flinders municipality is home to us all, as in any community there is a diverse cross section of people, with different views and opinions on a huge variety of matters. In instances such as this many have very passionate views depending on their perspective and beliefs. Name calling, abusive and threatening behaviour have no place in this "debate". As a community we are surely better and more mature than that.

Moving on.....

### **The Future of our communities banking.**

By now you would have received the community survey that has been commissioned by Bendigo Bank. To enable the bank to make an informed decision on the viability of establishing an agency in our community it is essential that everyone, every business and every community group complete the confidential survey and return it to Bendigo Bank in the reply paid envelopes supplied with the survey. In the survey it is important to highlight not only any savings you may have, but also any mortgages or loans, credit cards etc as all of these products are potential business for the bank and increase the possible viability of a local agency. Additional surveys are available at the following businesses ie Australia Post, Flinders Council, Walkers Supermarket, Bowman's shop, Killiecrankie Enterprises, Lady Barron store and F.I.A.A.I. Council will be sending a letter to absentee owners encouraging them to participate in securing a new banking

provider. An email link to Bendigo Bank will be included as part of the information in the letter.

### **State Road**

Council is aware that some of the sealing works on the State Main Road continues to see stones dislodged from the bitumen seal and this is creating a hazard to some motorists. The works were done by Council for the owner of the road the State Government. The State provided specifications of the size of stones to be used and the type of bitumen to use plus application rates for both. Council delivered the works to the specifications provided by the State Government. These specifications are very different to those used by Council on our roads which are not showing any signs of aggregate loss or risk to the motoring public.

Council has alerted the State to the problem and awaits direction as to how/if this problem will be fixed. Until that time motorists are requested to slow down when another vehicle approaches and to be aware of the hazard that is evident. Further sealing works may be required on these sections of road in the near future and Council apologises for any inconvenience the current situation is causing and any delays future works to rectify the problem may cause

### **Autumn School Holiday Program**

The Flinders Council Autumn School Holiday Program includes a number of fun activities that are presented by program partners, the Flinders Island Aboriginal Association Incorporated and Dorset Council. We welcome back Dorset Council's Active Youth Program. Activities will include zorb balls and active laser tag, the popular Glow in the Dark dance off with DJ Juggler and tennis coaching! Registrations are essential for all activities. Activity details, activity age groups and how to register can be found by visiting the Council website: [www.flinders.tas.gov.au/school-holiday-program](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/school-holiday-program) and on posters up around the townships.

If you haven't yet registered for the annual School Holiday Program and would like to register, please contact Council on 6359 5001, or email either: [office@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:office@flinders.tas.gov.au) or [jana.harper@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:jana.harper@flinders.tas.gov.au)

The Council School Holiday program has a funding contribution from the Rural Primary Health Services Program funded in Tasmania by Primary Health Tasmania - an Australian Government Initiative.

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## **Active Island Health Promotion Program**

Each Tuesday over the past weeks, Active Tasmania has been delivering the free to participate 'Active Island' health promotion program that has been specifically designed for 2 groups - mothers (childcare included!) and older adults (50 years+). Places are still available for the upcoming activity of abseiling at the Docks to be held on 19th April. Register for the program by contacting Active Tasmania's local coordinator, Kathleen on 0428 212 751.

**Clr Marc Cobham (A/Mayor)**

## **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**

## **Policies 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 17th March 2016 Ordinary Council Meeting to adopt the following policies:

- Aviation Policy;
- Investment Policy;
- Writing Off Debts Policy
- Remission of Rate and Charges Policy; and
- Postponement of Rates and Charges Policy.

These policies will lie on the table for public comment until the 21st April 2016. They are available to download from the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies) and hardcopies are available from the Council Office.

Should you wish to make comment on any of these policies, please do so by addressing relative correspondence to myself.

**Raoul Harper**  
**General Manager**