

Council News

MAYORS COLUMN

Tasmania Medicare Local (TMC) wants you to inform them about your health care needs through their latest **Health and Wellbeing Community Survey**. The survey is designed to add to TMC's understanding of access to community-based health care services and health-related needs outside the hospital system. The survey includes questions about how people rate their health; lifestyle factors that may affect their health; and availability of local health, transport and other services.

Tasmanians aged 15 years and over are urged to respond.

TMC says the information gathered will guide the work they are doing to identify local health care needs, address any service gaps and make it easier for Tasmanians to access the health services they need closer to home.

The survey can be accessed online at www.tasmedicarelocal.com.au/surveys or by ringing 1300 653 169 to request a hard copy survey form.

Funding for programs such as Podiatrist visits, and the Community Nurse is now allocated by the TMC. By filling in the survey you can comment on issues that are specific to the island, such as PTAS. This will assist Council, Community Officer and the Health Committee in lobbying for and achieving better primary health support for all islanders.

Survey closes 29th September.

Councillor Tour

On Thursday 5th September Councillors with the General Manager and Works and Services Manager went on a tour of the island to inspect problem areas of drainage as well as the status of other island assets. This is part of the Council's plan to provide and plan for assets that are maintained at the best possible standard within Council's means.

The tour included viewing the newly developed access to Marshall Bay at Castle Rock. This is now a public access acquired by Council during a subdivision of surrounding land, for the benefit of current and future generations.

Council has an abundance of facilities for a population of 800 and the challenge for Councillors is to identify the infrastructure that will benefit current and future community members, whilst also being affordable within the Council Budget.

Flinders 5 and Cash or Cray Event

A great weekend of activity that Council is proud to have supported through the Gunn's Bequest and the Community Grant process.

Flinders5

Organised by Fitness on Flinders, more than 100 people attended the Pasta Night to be enthused by Speaker, Nigel Marsh. A large number of teams and individuals completed the Pub2Pub, and the Flinders5 on Sunday attracted over 100 walkers and runners from the very young to our almost centurion, Mary McTier.



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MAYORS COLUMN CONTINUED

Flinders Island Cash or Cray Event

Another extremely successful event run by the Furneaux Field and Game. 82 local and visiting shooters competed and enjoyed the hospitality of the Club.

Thank you to these volunteer groups for contributing to the islands social and economic wellbeing.

State Funding

Flinders Councillors are once again frustrated that the State Government is favoring King Island with a subsidy of \$30 per head for cattle shipped off that island without even considering that Flinders producers may have the same issues. This appears to be a repeat of the disdain that the government treated the island with when the then Premier, David Bartlett announced funding for renewable energy for Flinders at an island event and then proceeded to allocate all the funding to King Island. The General Manager has been proactive in contacting Brian Green's Office about the current inequality, Council will continue to seek a more equitable funding arrangement with the State Government.

COUNCILLOR Professional Development

This was presented by Lynn Mason and was open to Councillors, the public and staff. The attendees learnt a lot that will be invaluable to those participating in carrying out their various roles.

Just a reminder that Council elections will be held in 12 months time, all in all out, meaning that you will be voting in 7 new Councillors and I ask you to consider who you might like to represent you and encourage them to stand.

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Cr David Williams has finalized training and is ready to go. This amazing run will take place next week, starting Tuesday 17th. At the time of writing \$13,000 plus has been raised towards the target of \$20,000. Mainland (Tasmania) Council's are also lending support to this very worthy fund raising run.

Information Distribution

Want to keep up to date with Council information? You can register to have information emailed to you by sending a request to the executive.assistant@flinders.tas.gov.au

This report has been written with the assistance of the Deputy Mayor, Cr David Williams and I sincerely thank David for his very capable handling of the role of Acting Mayor during my absence.

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 Island Art and Entertainment Centre, Whitemark, Flinders Island on:

Thursday 19th September 2013, 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 13th September 2013

Public Question Time will be held between 1.02pm – 1.30pm

Members of the public are invited to attend.

Raoul Harper
General Manager

Whitemark Tip

Opening Hours

MON, FRI & SUN 1.30PM- 4.30PM

WED 8.30AM- 11.30AM



CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Introduction of New Approved Owner Builder Courses

Amendments to the *Building Act 2000* and the *Building Regulations 2004* have changed the requirements for prospective owner builders to gain registration from the Director of Building Control.

The amended owner builder legislation (28 November 2012) now requires prospective owner builders to undertake an approved owner builder training course or courses, prior to applying for registration. The Owner Builder Responsibilities Course must be completed within the 12 month period prior to the date of an application for registration.

The Director of Building Control previously approved the Owner Builder Kit (December 2012) as the interim approved Owner Builder Training Course, with the provision that approval of this Course be withdrawn once other Courses are approved by the Director.

Following a call for expressions of interest from training organisations and the subsequent approval process, three training organisations are authorised to deliver approved Owner Builder Training Courses for Tasmania.

This combination of training organisations will offer participants a variety of delivery modes being on-line, correspondence and face-to-face.

The new requirements were Gazetted on 31 July 2013 and are shown in the next column. They commence on 1 September 2013.

Note that evidence of completion of both categories of the courses is required to satisfy the eligibility requirements to be an owner builder.

Accordingly, the Owner Builder Kit (December 2012) will be withdrawn as the approved Owner Builder Training Course, effective 1st of September, 2013.

Building

BUILDING ACT 2000

Section 30B(1)(g)

APPROVAL OF OWNER BUILDER TRAINING COURSES

PURSUANT to section 30B of the *Building Act 2000*, I approve the following owner builder training courses. All prospective owner builders* must successfully complete a course from both Category A and Category B.

Category A: (Owner Builder Responsibilities)

An approved, Tasmanian owner builder course delivered by one of the following providers:

Provider	Delivery	Contact Details
ABE Education Pty Ltd	on-line	Ph. (02) 9798 5000 E-mail info@abeeducation.com.au www.abetas.com.au
Absolute Education Pty Ltd	on-line, correspondence	Ph. 1800 427 407 Mobile 0418 181 815 E-mail admin@abed.com.au www.abed.com.au
Whetstone Pty Ltd	face-to-face, correspondence, on-line	79 Melville Street Hobart Ph. (03) 6231 9095 Mobile 0412 291 450 E-mail whetstone@bigpond.com www.whetstone.net.au

Category B: (Construction Industry OHS Induction)

Any Construction Induction Course delivered by a Registered Training Organisation containing the national training unit 'Work Safely in the Construction Industry' (CPCCOHS1001A).

These requirements commence on 1 September 2013 and supersede all previous advice in relation to approved owner builder training.

(*If land is owned jointly, only one applicant for owner builder registration is to complete both required Owner Builder Training Courses.)

KERRIE CROWDER, Director of Building Control.

Introduction of New Approved Owner Builder Courses continued.

Contact details for the training organisations can also be found on our website (www.workplacestandards.tas.gov.au), or by phoning the Helpline on 1300 366 322.

Under the new work health and safety laws, which commenced in Tasmania on the 1st of January, 2013, there is a requirement for prospective owner builders to obtain their construction induction training by obtaining a 'White Card' from a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) that has the national training unit called 'Work Safely in the Construction Industry (CPCCOHS1001A) within their scope. It is not necessary to do both courses with the same training organisation. If an applicant has previously gained a 'White Card', that will suffice.

Once participants have evidence of successful completion of both requirements, they still need to apply for registration as an owner builder through their building surveyor. Applicants will be required to complete the approved *Form 40 Application for Owner Builder Registration* and provide their building surveyor with a copy of their training certificate and 'White Card'. In the event that there is more than one applicant for owner builder registration (i.e. more than one owner on the property title), only one applicant (the one who will be in charge on site) will be required to undertake the approved courses.

Building Surveyors', Architects' and Building Designers' co-operation in advising prospective owner builders of this new requirement is appreciated.



KERRIE CROWDER

Director of Building Control

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

What's coming up in the Community?

Council's School Holiday Program Questionnaire

Thank you to those who have returned their questionnaires to Council for our School Holiday Programs. We would love to hear your feedback before the up and coming school holidays in October. If you haven't yet completed the survey, it would be terrific if you could return the form to Council as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from you.

If you require another questionnaire please feel free to contact Dolly via email on stacey.wheatley@flinders.tas.gov.au or Jana on community.development@flinders.tas.gov.au or via phone on (03) 6359 5001.

Community Consultation: Have Your Say on Health

As mentioned in the Mayor's column Tasmania Medicare Local has released its latest community survey to increase understanding of Tasmanians' access to community-based health care services and their health-related needs outside the hospital system.

If you would like a hardcopy of the survey sent to you, please phone: 1300 653 169

Tasmania Medicare Local has also established a new 'community register' for people interested in having their say on health on an ongoing basis. You can register on the website also.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONTINUED

Unsung Heroes of Australian History

Mark your diaries for a musical exploration of Australia's history celebrating in story, song and images those ordinary people who have done extraordinary things.

When? Friday 13 September: Refreshments from 5pm; Show starts at 6pm

Where? Furneaux Arts & Entertainment Centre, Whitemark

Cost – Family \$30 (TRA member \$25), **Single** \$15 (TRA member \$12), **Child** \$5

Flinders Council is proud to support our Regional Arts Branch with this event.

Emita Hall Upgrade Update

Council Staff are continuing to work towards the upgrade of Emita Hall being complete in time for the summer Emita Sports Day. Council's Preferred Contractors are in the process of completing quotes to include volunteer assistance. Once the quotes are finalised and the successful builder is awarded the project, Council staff will then commence drafting the Volunteer Role Statements, specific to each task in the upgrade, and we will be full steam ahead. If you would like to assist in this project as a volunteer, please contact Council. We are planning to hold another Volunteer Induction Session soon.

HEYWIRE: Tell Your Story and Make a real Difference

Now is the time for rural and regional Australians aged 16 – 22 to submit stories about their community and the issues that affect them. Submissions can be made via text, video, audio and/or photography. Winning stories are presented on ABC Local Radio, ABC Radio National, ABC TV and abc.net.au. Competition information can be found at abc.net.au/heywire **Entries close Monday 16 September 2013.**

The Essence of Flinders Island - Instagram Competition

Flinders Island Tourism Association is looking for the image which shows the true 'Essence of Flinders Island'. The best 30 images will be printed, framed and showcased at The Flinders Island Show on 18th October 2013.

The winner will receive a beautiful basket of local, handmade Flinders Island products & produce valued at over \$150.00. The competition closes 20th September 2013. Please visit the FITA website for more information: www.visitflindersisland.com.au

Online Community Calendar

Do you have a community event that you would like to add to our online Community Calendar? It's easy! Please visit the Council website to download the forms or alternatively, please pop into Council for a hard copy: <http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/calendar/>

Flinders Island Running Festival – Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the weekend festival events. It is great to have this event continue and grow momentum each year.

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. Aboriginal Benefits Foundation - www.aboriginal.org.au/grants

Grant Applications are considered by the board of the foundation at each directors meeting. The board currently meets approximately 6-8 times per year.

2. Tasmanian Community Fund: Grant Round 27

Grant Round 27 of the Tasmanian Community Fund opened on 24 August 2013. Applications for small grants (up to \$10,000) will close on 2 October 2013. Applications for medium grants (\$10,001 to \$90,000) will close on 16 October 2013.

3. The Small Grants for Small Rural Communities - www.frr.org.au

The program will offer up to \$400,000 per round in grants up to \$5,000 for projects and activities that offer clear public benefit for communities, with populations of 10,000 or less, living in small rural and remote areas.

4. First Home Owners Grant (FHOG) and First Home Builder Boost (FHBB) - www.sro.tas.gov.au

Applicants can receive \$7,000 for the FHOG for a new or established dwelling including a house, flat, unit, townhouse or apartment anywhere in Tasmania that meets local planning standards. The First Home Builder Boost (FHBB) provides an extra \$8,000 in addition to the FHOG.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONTINUED

5. Scholarships for the Tasmanian Leaders Program - www.tasmanianleaders.org.au

Scholarships are available to help individuals and organisations cover all or a portion of the program fees to build capacity in a particular community or industry, based on the priorities of scholarship partners.

6. The Crunch www.socialtraders.com.au

The Crunch is Social Traders' highly successful initiative for early stage social enterprises aiming to receive investment and start trading within 12 months. Through a six month intensive incubation process, The Crunch enterprises build enormous individual capacity, develop a rigorous business plan and gain exposure to a range of social investors

7. 2013-14 Sport and Recreation Minor Grants

Program <http://www.development.tas.gov.au>

Purpose - Through the Minor Grants Program (MGP), Sport and Recreation Tasmania (SRT) provides financial assistance to organisations towards equipment purchases and the development/improvement of facilities or playing surfaces that directly benefit sport and active recreation clubs.

Applications close Wednesday 25 September 2013

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