

# Council News

## MAYOR'S COLUMN

### **Citizenship Award:**

This award is recognition by the Community of a person who gives of their time freely and generously for Community benefit.

This year the persons nominated by Community and selected by Council to receive this award gracefully declined, wishing instead that the greater mass of volunteers, who help out in any way be recognised for the part they play in making this Community so great, so friendly and so supportive in time of need.

Participants in our local ambulance, SES and fire service always come quickly to mind as they play such an integral role in assisting and protecting us when things have gone wrong. There are so many more people who help and support their fellow community members and in so many unique ways. It is second nature to members of this community to give freely of time and money to assist others.

This year, on behalf of the intended recipients who declined the award, the citizenship award stands as recognition of the contributions that so many of you make, without expectation of reward, to the Communities of the Furneaux Group.

To all volunteers - thank you. Council recognises that its role is made so much easier through the actions of you as a caring and giving Community.

### **Audit completed:**

The audit by the Tasmanian Audit Office of the Council financial accounts for the year ended 30 June 2016 has been completed successfully. The financial report will be published in the Council's Annual Report.

### **Lady Barron Hall Upgrade:**

The upgrading of the Lady Barron Hall has begun. Work includes the kitchen

improvements and fitness annex for which the Lady Barron Hall Special Committee achieved a grant of \$160,000 from the Tasmanian Community Fund. The Committee will be providing updates as to the progress of the work.

### **The Governor of Tasmania on Flinders:**

Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner, AM the Governor of Tasmania and Mr Warner visited the Island for a municipal visit and to open the Flinders Island Show. I had the pleasure of escorting Her Excellency and Mr Warner on a day tour of the Island that included the school, the MPC, lunch at the Tavern and then to Museum, of which her Excellency is a Patron. The afternoon culminated in afternoon tea at Kentdale, the home of Pip and Peter Frost. Her Excellency and Mr Warner are extremely interested in agriculture and the future it can have in the Tasmanian arena.

### **General Manager Recruitment:**

Council has finished the first round of interviews for the General Manager's position. All the applicants interviewed have extremely strong career records suitable to the position of General Manager within Local Government.

It is expected that final interviews will be held in early November.

### **Staff changes:**

The recently advertised staff vacancies have been filled. Claire Nichol and David Heap are time sharing the Community and Economic Development Officer position and Shayne Smith has been appointed to the Cleaner/Works Officer position. Welcome to the new staff members.

I would like to congratulate and thank all the staff members who have recently undertaken work that would not normally be a part of their duties. Their actions have assisted Council to continue business as usual whilst these important positions were vacant.

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## **First Aid Courses in November:**

St John will be back on the Island from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November to provide a variety of first aid courses for your needs. For more information on what courses are available and to book your spot please contact the Launceston office on 6343 4226 or email [launceston@stjohntas.org.au](mailto:launceston@stjohntas.org.au)

## **Community Online Calendar:**

The Council website includes an online calendar of local events to help promote all the activities and events happening on Flinders. The calendar includes details of visiting health professionals, training opportunities, as well as local events. If you are planning on holding an event or activity on Flinders, you are able to add this to the calendar easily. Please visit: <http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/community-calendar/>

## **Telecommunications Grant Application:**

Council's application to the Federal Government's National Stronger Regions Fund for funding to work with Telstra to achieve a major upgrade to the Furneaux Group's telecommunications was unsuccessful. The application had State Government support. Council is having discussions with Telstra as to options to move forward.

## **Building Permit changes:**

Changes to legislation related to the building and construction industry in Tasmania, will come into effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017.

The new *Building Act 2016* introduces a new risk based approach to building approvals. For licensed builders there will be a greater range of low or medium risk work that can be undertaken without having to apply for a building permit.

There will no longer be such a thing as "exempt" work. The level of risk will determine what sort of approval is needed.

Information on the changes is available at: <http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/building/building2016>.

## **Show Day:**

Many highlights and continuous activity for all ages made it a very enjoyable, vibrant and social show day.

Congratulations and thank you to the organisers and their multitude of helpers.

Carol Cox

**Mayor**

## **Ordinary Council Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the next Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council will be held at the Furneaux Arts & Entertainment Centre Whitemark, Flinders Island on

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 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) and at the Council Office from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

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

Members of the public are invited to attend.

## **WHITEMARK TIP**

Opening Hours

SUN, MON, FRI – 1.30pm to 4.30pm  
TUES, THURS - 7.00am to 10.00am  
WEDNESDAY - 8.30am to 11.30am

CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

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## Free Community Training - Introduction to Contract Management

Paul Muller CPD, Institute of Project Management

9:30am – 4:30pm Wednesday, 26 October 2016, FAEC, Whitemark

A contract usually only protects the rights of parties in worst case scenarios. This workshop shows how to proactively manage contractual relationships so that agreed outcomes are efficiently achieved, without recourse to legal remedy.

The Introduction to Contract Management workshop addresses the knowledge, processes and techniques necessary to systematically manage the life of contracts, including:

- the procurement stage: the process leading up to contract execution, when the roles and responsibilities of parties are clearly defined
- the commencement stage: from the time of implementation through the commissioning process to the start of payments, when delivery of the services required by the output specification begins
- the service delivery stage: covering the provision and use of the contracted services during the remaining life of the contract, and
- the contract expiry or termination stage: the period leading up to and after contract expiry or termination.

This workshop is highly interactive and responsive to the experience, needs and operating environment of the participants who are encouraged to share complex, 'real life' examples from their professional experience that can be resolved using the best-practice principles of contract management.

Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- manage stakeholder information, knowledge and change;

- eliminate uncertainty in the interpretation of contracts;
- anticipate and manage contingencies, risks and disputes;
- monitor and report on performance, and
- review and recommend improvements to the management of future contracts.

For more information please contact Dolly on 6359 5001 or via email

[stacey.wheatley@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:stacey.wheatley@flinders.tas.gov.au)

Dolly Wheatley

Community Development Officer

## Structure Plan Consultation Synopsis

Thank you to the 38 people who recently made a submission on the Flinders Island Structure Plan (draft for consultation). Your feedback is highly valued and will be considered at length prior to a workshop with Elected Members.

A *Synopsis of Submissions* has been prepared and is available on the Community Notice Board on Council website. A more detailed consultation report is also being prepared which will assess the merit of individual submissions and nominate the reason that the suggestion has been adopted (or not) for the next version of the Structure Plan.

Please go to <http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/> Community Notice Board to view the synopsis of submissions. Any queries related to land use strategy? Please contact [planner@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:planner@flinders.tas.gov.au)

Robyn Cox

Strategic Planner

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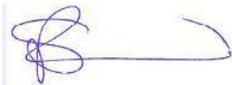
## Policy to be Adopted

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 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016 Ordinary Council Meeting to adopt the Provision of Electronic Services– Elected Members Policy.

These policies will lie on the table for public comment until the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 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.



Sophie Pitchford

**Acting General Manager**

## LOST

Nick from the Monash Uni sea kayak group, has lost a small camera memory card whilst on the island, somewhere around the Trousers point, Fotheringate Bay, Strzelecki Trailhead area. It is quite small and white and would be very hard to find. The card has around an hour of footage from his sea kayak trip and is essential for a uni project. If found his mobile number is 0411644590.



**Markarna Grazing Company Pty Ltd**  
**Quarry, 634 Palana Road,**  
**Whitemark, Flinders Island**  
**Flinders Council**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PERMIT UNDER S57 OF  
THE LAND USE PLANNING AND APPROVALS ACT 1993**  
**Permit Application DA012/2016**

*The extraction by blasting of a maximum of 120,000 cubic metres of rock per annum. Extracted rock will be crushed to produce aggregate and other rock product.*

The above proposal has been referred to the Board of the Environment Protection Authority (the Board) for assessment under the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994 (EMPC Act). A Development Proposal and Environmental Management Plan (DPMP) has been lodged in support of the above proposal.

**Public exhibition of documentation**

**"The Gums" Quarry, Palana Road, Whitemark**

A copy of the application documents can be viewed at <http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/current-advertising>

A copy of the supporting documentation for the above proposal will be available for public inspection during the period specified below and may be examined during normal business hours at:

- Flinders Council Offices: 4 Davies Street, Whitemark 7255; or
- Service Tasmania, 134 Macquarie Street, Hobart 7000

The DPMP can be viewed on the internet at: <http://epa.tas.gov.au/assessment/assessments-in-progress>

A guide for preparing a public submission can be found on the internet at: <http://epa.tas.gov.au/assessment/guide-for-preparing-a-public-submission>

Copies of the DPMP may be requested from Dr Richard Bames, Van Diemen Consulting Pty Ltd, Mobile: 0438 588 695.

**Public representations**

In accordance with section 57(5) of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 any person may make a representation relating to the above proposal and the supporting documentation from Saturday 15 October 2016 to Saturday 12 November 2016, by writing to:

**General Manager**

Flinders Council

PO Box 40

**WHITEMARK TAS 7255**

Or by emailing the General Manager at:

[office@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:office@flinders.tas.gov.au)

(Attention: Development Services Coordinator)