

Mayor's Column

Digital Television

Thank you to all who filled in the information lists requesting your issues with digital television reception. A letter to the Minister for Communications, Senator Conroy has resulted in all areas of Flinders and Cape Barren Island being eligible to receive free to air digital television through the VAST system. This includes those areas that appear in green or brown on the MySwitch website.

Recipients of the full pension (aged, disabled, carers or veteran equivalent) maybe eligible for financial assistance for the installation. You can call the information line on 1800 20 10 13 or find more information on the website.

www.digitalready.gov.au

Your local installer can also assist with your connection.

Reminder: Analogue transmission is turned off on the 9th April.

Ten Days on the Island

Dougie MacLean entertained an audience of around 80 islanders and visitors with his Scottish Ballads. The Butterfactory Boys (and girls) gave a new dimension to one of the ballads. This was a Council supported production put on for Ten Days on the Island, through local group of Tas Regional Arts. Thank you to all the volunteers assisting on the night.

Youth Week

For reasons out of Council's control the planned trip to Cape Barren for Youth Week has been cancelled. Council was fortunate to be able to keep the grant funding to develop another activity for Youth Week. With the short lead time available a series of Drumming workshops was devised that will build to a public performance coinciding with the launch of the Bluff Track on Sunday the 14th April.

Easter Saturday

The Lady Barron Hall Special Committee of Council is holding its annual fundraising event, providing appetising items of food for sale at the Lady Barron wharf coinciding with the Three Peaks Yachts being in port, whilst the runners scale the heights of Mt Strzelecki. The egg and bacon sandwiches are always a popular item from breakfast in the early hours of the morning and through lunch. The Committee raises funds to assist with the operation and upgrading of the Lady Barron Hall and Holloway Park.

Planning (from NTD Newsletter)

The Minister for Planning has agreed to a review of the Regional Land Use Strategy of Northern Tasmania (2011) pursuant to Section 30C(4) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act (1993)*.

This review is contained to matters relating to the **Furneaux Group of Islands** and strategies for the regional application of the Rural Living, Environmental Living, Urban Mixed Use and Major Tourism Zones. This review has resulted in proposed revisions to the Regional Land Use Strategy of Northern Tasmania. Comment is being sought on the proposed revisions.

Submissions can be made electronically via email: ben@northerntasmania.org.au or in hard copy addressed to:

Regional Planning Initiative, Northern Tasmania Development, PO Box 603, Launceston TAS 7250.

The deadline for submissions is 5.00pm, Friday 12th April 2013.

The proposed revisions and referenced documents are available on the NTD Website: www.northerntasmania.org.au/ Hard copies are available for review at the offices of the Councils within the Northern Region.

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Specific enquiries regarding the local application of the Regional Land Use Strategy of Northern Tasmania should be directed to the Jacci Viney at the Council Office on 63595005 or jacci.viney@flinders.tas.gov.au

The revisions, if approved, will support the ability of Council to implement the Draft Planning Scheme as has been previously developed and consulted with the community.

On behalf of Councillors and Staff we would like to wish all residents and visitors a safe and enjoyable Easter.

Planning advertisements, Agendas, Minutes and much more information can be found on Councils website: www.flinders.tas.gov.au

Carol Cox
Mayor

**Whitemark Tip
Opening Hours**

MON, FRI & SUN 1.30PM- 4.30PM
WED 8.30AM- 11.30AM



CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO
ROBYN LAMONT!!**

**Robyn is the winner of the
Furieux Community Health Needs
Survey prize draw of 2
return flights to Launceston,
accommodation and taxi vouchers.**

★ Thank you to everyone who participated
★ in our survey!

**FLINDERS COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the next Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council will be held at the Flinders Island Aboriginal Association West Street, Lady Barron, Flinders Island on:
**Thursday 18th April 2013,
commencing at 1pm**

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 April 2013.

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

Members of the public are invited to attend.

Raoul Harper
GENERAL MANAGER



Council News

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Community Development

BLUFF TRACK FITNESS TRAIL

To celebrate the opening of the Bluff Track as a walking and cycling track, Parks & Wildlife Services, Flinders Council and the Healthy Islands Project have teamed up to present a weekend of workshops and activities. **There is no cost for the workshops or events.**

Please contact David Heap or Mel Telfer if you are interested.

David: 0418 714 123

Mel: 0428 692 862

or drop in to the HIP Office, Flat 2 by the MPC fig tree. We're there Wed/Thu/Fri.

Alternatively, please contact Council.

Saturday 13 April 9am-1pm Showgrounds:
BIKE WORKSHOP Basic skills and setup,
nutrition and hydration

Sun 14th April 9:30-11:30am Showgrounds:
BIKE WORKSHOP Bicycle maintenance

12pm Bluff end of Bluff Track:
Bluff Track Opening and bike ride

12:30pm onwards Showgrounds
BBQ and salads by the Lions Club

COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANTS

Are open for Community Groups! Please contact Council for the guidelines and an application. Alternatively, you can download the information from our website: www.flinders.tas.gov.au/grants

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. Tas Community Fund

Grant Round 26 of the Tasmanian Community Fund opened on 2 February 2013.

Applications for medium grants (\$10,001 to \$90,000) will close on 3 April 2013.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application in mid-June 2013.

http://www.tascomfund.org/about_our_grants/apply_for_a_grant

2. Aboriginal Benefits Foundation

<http://www.aboriginal.org.au/grants.htm>

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

3. TQUAL Grants

The 2013 round of T-QUAL Grants is now open for applications and will close at 5pm on Friday, 3 May 2013. This program provides matched funding to successful applicants for product development projects (not marketing). If you would like to know more, please go to: <http://www.ret.gov.au/tourism/business/tq/tgrants/projects/t-qual2013/Pages/t-qual2013.aspx>

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,
Jana Harper
Community Development Officer