



Council News

Flinders Council
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Mayor's Column

Planning

At the April Ordinary Meeting Council approved 2 by 3 bedroom units on a single block at Main Road, Lady Barron.

Interim Planning Scheme Progress

In summary, revisions to the Northern Regional Land Use Plan have been submitted to the Minister for Local Government. If accepted these will allow for "localised strategy" to be considered as a basis for "rezoning" as part of the interim planning scheme process. Flinders Council continues to seek the implementation of the draft planning scheme as consulted with the community and shares community frustration with the time the reform process is taking. The delays faced are outside of the control of Council.

Informative Quarterly Reports

(3rd quarter of 2012-23 year) Were received from all Council Departments at the April Meeting and make interesting reading. They can be accessed in full on the Council website as attachments to the April meeting Agenda.

Some interesting points to note for the quarter were:

- 4 building permits were issued and 7 planning applications approved.
- No food handlers courses held, but always available on an as needs basis.
- Colour coded skips have been purchased as a start to recycling initiatives.
- Community consultation has been held regarding a new Solid Waste Area on Cape Barren Island.
- \$3000 grant has been obtained to fence the second part of the school orchard enclosure.
- NRM staff continue to give support for Property Management Plans. (PMPs)
- The NRM Committee has identified priority areas for projects as weeds, wasps, cats, pigs, water and on farm NRM projects.
- Works for replacement of the Officers Creek Bridge on Memana Road is about to commence.
- Plans for the replacement of Samphire Creek Bridge on Badger Corner Road have been completed and fabrication of the components has begun. The new bridge will have a centre pier to enhance load distribution and enable quicker replacement.
- Resealing of Martin and Mainwaring Streets were done along with resealing of the Lady Barron Road. the replacement of the Samphire River Bridge.

- Other resealing of Council roads was deferred and expenditure transferred to bring forward the replacement of the Samphire River Bridge.
- The dry summer has resulted in corrugation of gravel roads. Grading will commence as soon as sufficient rain falls.
- Congratulations to Adam Morphett on his appointment to the vacant Works Officer Position.
- Port Davies Boat Ramp works will start soon.
- Newstead College Students work experience on the Island is planned for mid August.
- 8 Surf school sessions were held during the summer with 87 participants.
- Council's Community Development Officer is assisting with the development of the Running Festival (Pub to Pub and Flinders 5).
- Marshall Bay access road planning (to Castle Rock) is underway.
- New 3 year contract with DIER for maintenance of the Whitemark - Lady Barron main road has been secured.

The April ordinary meeting of Council was held at Lady Barron as happens each year. I thank the FIAAI Committee for the use of their meeting room and their presentation on current activities being undertaken.

ANZAC Day

On 25th April 1915 a group of young Australian and New Zealand soldiers landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula – many sadly never to return. It was the start of a campaign that saw gallantry, courage, bloodshed and sacrifice. 98 years on their commitment to their nation now symbolises the Australian values: mateship, common purpose and standing up for the principles we all share. This year as our farmers face a trying winter when we remember the diggers on ANZAC Day we will also know that the legacy that they have left us of mateship and common purpose will help us to help each other endure this trying season.

Don't forget the Dawn Service at the Cenotaph at Emita at 6am and a service at 11am in the Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre.

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

Carol Cox
Mayor



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Policy of Council

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 instance help manage Council's exposure to risk.

The Council resolved (at the 18th April Ordinary Council Meeting) to rescind the **Youth Policy**. This policy will lie on the table for public comment until the 16th May 2013. It is available on the Council Website to [download](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies), www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies and at the Council office.

If you would like to make comment on this policy please address your letter to myself.

Raoul Harper
General Manager

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 16th May 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 10th May 2013.

Public Question Time will be held between 1.00pm – 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



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Community Development

COUNCIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FREE Drumming Workshops with Jon Hizzard for 7 years +

The workshops will focus on West African rhythms, technique syncopation, and history behind the style. Workshops of this kind are terrific for team building, whole brain function, and are a fun, dynamic activity.

When? 2:00 – 3:00pm on the days Tuesday 23 April; Wednesday 24 April; Tuesday 30 April; Wednesday 1 May.

Where? Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre, Whitemark

YOUTH CLUB SURF SCHOOL with Andrew Cole & Chris Macqueen for 12 years +

Whether you have never surfed before, a beginner or an accomplished 'grommet', register for our holiday surf program. Dates, times and locations will vary pending on the swell and weather. You will need to bring your own wetsuit and towel however, we have surfboards and sunscreen. Each session will be for one hour duration. Please note that participants will need their own transport.

Please note that each participant will need a Parent/Guardian Permission Slip to attend any of the Flinders Council Holiday Program activities. Please contact Council, or visit our website to download: <http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/community>

COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANTS

Are open for Community Groups! Please note that the closing date is 30 April. Please contact Council for the guidelines and an application. Alternatively, you can download the information from our website: www.flinders.tas.gov.au/grants

DIGITAL READY

Do you have a business enterprise on Flinders Island and would like to improve your online presence, confidence and engagement in the digital economy? There are currently a few places still available for the free group and individual coaching sessions – but be quick! If you would like to express your interest in attending, please contact Council or email: digitalready@development.tas.gov.au

BLUFF TRACK FITNESS TRAIL

Thank you to all of our wonderful community members that helped to make our Bluff Track Launch a ripping success!! Special thanks to Mel & David from the Healthy Islands Project; Jon Hizzard and the

Youth Week drummers; Dyane Summers for her beautiful poignant Welcome to Country; and the Flinders Island Lions Club for a great healthy options barbie – delicious! The Bluff Track Fitness Trail is officially launched just in time for the HIP Pedometer Challenge!

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/>

GRANTS

There are currently a variety 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

<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.

2. 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