



# Council News

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## Mayor's Column

### **Place of Assembly Licence**

As reported in The Examiner and the Island Views, Launceston City Council has voted to stop charging Not For Profit groups the applicable fees for Place of Assembly Licences.

Your Council, Flinders Council, has effectively been doing this for sometime. For the 2012-13 year to date \$780 in fees has been waived for community groups, with advice being given that a waiver of the fee will be considered by the General Manager upon request.

Specific event—Place of Assembly Licences (PoA), as required by Tasmanian Legislation, provide protection for the organiser of the public event as well as those who attend. Council Staff will assist the applicant through the application process and assist with logistics for the event so that it may be enjoyed safely and without hassle by all. With the introduction of the new WH&S Laws and Regulations on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013, the penalties for an “accident” are high and volunteers are not exempt. If you are holding a public event (advertising the event to the Public) it is in your best interest to obtain a PoA, as evidence that you have actively considered the safety of the persons attending the event.

Flinders and many other Council's Environmental Health Officers (EHO's) have been asking for clarification on some aspects of the regulations for some time. The State is due to review the regulations and discussions will start at a meeting of Northern Tasmanian Development this month. Council has received confirmation from Mr Stuart Heggie, State Manager Environmental Health, clarifying that there has been misinterpretation of a letter from him to Cr Peter Rhodes; there is no magic number for mass in the Regulations and I quote:-

*“...there is no definition of mass gathering in the PoA Guidelines nor is there a designated minimum number of persons to constitute a mass gathering. The reference to the Australian Emergency Manual Series for the Safe and Healthy Mass Gatherings was provided as a useful resource for planning for large events (in excess of 1000 persons) and implementing mass gathering interventions. However it should not be interpreted that only events with greater than 1000 persons require a licence under PoA Guidelines.*”

*is just one factor your EHO needs to consider before issuing a PoA licence.”*

The aim of the PoA Licence is to provide a safe venue for the public attending the event and for small events this is usually quite straight forward.

### **Council Electricity Costs down**

This quarter – Solar inputs have paid for electricity usage in all council buildings, leaving only the Street Lighting to be paid for and Council is looking at ways to reduce this. The solar arrays have been installed from grant funds received, especially the Bass Strait Island Energy Project.

### **Workplace Health & Safety**

A workshop was held to inform Councillors of the expectations and implications of non-compliance in the case of an accident under the laws that were introduced on the 1<sup>st</sup> January. Penalties will be consistent in all jurisdictions, and are based on the degree of fault/risk of harm. The implications for Staff and Council finances can be huge, should an accident occur and negligence be established. The General Manager is working with Staff to reduce the overall risks. Elected Members have an obligation on behalf of rate-payers to provide Council with the necessary resources to comply with these Laws.

### **Looking Forward**

With farmers on the island facing a tough winter it is good to remember that there are good things happening such as:-

- the Abattoir slowly being upgraded, strongly marketing Flinders Island produce and increasing employment. The Kylie Kwong article in the Mercury gave high praise of Flinders Island produce after she had dined on the island.
- Furneaux Freight's new vessel “Captain Bill” completed and undergoing sea trials.
- Sharp Airlines strong support of the Tourism Association and the arts community encouraging visitors.
- 2241 individual visitors to Council's website in the three months to the 24<sup>th</sup>

## **Mayors Column Cont'd**

April, with 784 views of the employment page.

## **School Returns**

2<sup>nd</sup> Term has started so please be aware of children at bus stops and on the track into Whitemark and please drive safely.

*Planning advertisements, Agendas, Minutes and much more information can be found on Councils website: [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au)*

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 16th May 2013 , commencing at 1pm**

The Agenda will be available for perusal on our Council Website

[www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) or at the Council Office as from Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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**

## **Public Events**

Members of the community are reminded that PUBLICALLY ADVERTISED EVENTS require a Place of Assembly Licence issued by Council under the *Public Health Act 1997*.

The event organiser is responsible for the health and wellbeing of those present at their function. Conditions on a licence may include provision of sanitary facilities, risk assessment and the availability of clean drinking water for example. These are general requirements that should be provided to members of the public that are invited to attend an event.

These requirements relate to any land whether it is owned by Council, Crown or privately. Events in Council halls, that have a current Place of Assembly Licence, do not need to address these requirements if respectful of occupancy limits.

Should you have any queries relating to Place of Assembly Licencing, please feel free to contact Council on 63 595 001.

## **Whitemark Tip**

Opening Hours

MON, FRI & SUN 1.30PM- 4.30PM

WED 8.30AM– 11.30AM



**CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

## **Furneaux Shipping & Aviation Committee Submissions**

The public are requested to prepare submissions for consideration by the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee or the Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee. Please have them into Council by close of business Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013.



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## **Community Development**

### **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/>

### **COUNCIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

#### **Surf School**

Big thanks go out to Chris Macqueen for holding our school holiday surf school on a day that had not a breath of wind, blue skies and a lovely surf rolling in at Marshall Bay. Thank you also to Russell Judges for volunteering as our life guard!

#### **Drumming Workshops**

A big thank you to Jon for holding our drumming workshops. Lots of great feedback and terrific that a drumming band has been an unpredicted outcome!

### **DIGITAL READY PROGRAM**

Thank you to all who have registered to be a part of this free one-on-one training offered through the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and the Arts to learn how to maximise performance in the new digital era. Places are now full.

### **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**

<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. Cadbury Fundraiser**

Are you an organisation who is a Cadbury fundraiser?

Grants of up to \$3000 are now open to Cadbury Fundraiser customers and closes 28 June 2013.

The intention of the grant program is to support a wide range of community-based projects that increase social inclusion and enhance community engagement. Please visit the website for further details:

<http://kraft.smartygrants.com.au/CadburyFundraiserCommunityGrants>

You can also subscribe to a grant alert list to receive emailing notifications by emailing:

1. [cdgrants@dpac.tas.gov.au](mailto:cdgrants@dpac.tas.gov.au) or
2. [healthpromotion.north@dhhs.tas.gov.au](mailto: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](http://www.australia.gov.au/directories/australia/regional/web-resources-list)

2. [www.business.gov.au/Grantfinder/Grantfinder.aspx](http://www.business.gov.au/Grantfinder/Grantfinder.aspx)

Thank you,  
Jana Harper  
**Community Development Officer**

## Development Applications

Flinders Council has received the following application for a Permit under s57 of the *Land Use Planning Approvals Act 1993*:

**Applicant:** Mick Rose – Authorised  
Surveyor – DA2013/0009

**Location:** Track to Puncheon Point, Cape  
Barren Island (CT 119002/1 &  
47070/2)

**Development:** Reconfiguration of Existing  
Lots within the Special Areas:  
Visually Sensitive Area and  
Shorelines, Water Bodies and  
Watercourses.

Plans and documents can be inspected at  
the Council Office, Davies Street,  
Whitemark, and Cape Barren Island  
Aboriginal Association during normal  
office hours until **Tuesday, 14 May 2013**.

Written representations (including contact  
phone number) addressed to the General  
Manager, PO Box 40, Whitemark, 7255, by  
fax 6359 2211 or by email to:

[jacci.viney@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:jacci.viney@flinders.tas.gov.au) may be  
made during this time.

For further information contact

Development Services on 6359 5005.

Dated at Whitemark this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May  
2013.

**Raoul Harper,**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**