



# Council News

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PO Box 40, Whitemark,  
Flinders Island 7255  
[www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au)

## **Mayor's Column**

Welcome to recent and new residents to the island. As you settle into life in the Furneaux Group I urge you to register on the Electoral Roll as residing at your Furneaux Group Address.

Registration on the **Electoral Roll** is used as a proof of Tasmanian residency for the **Tasmanian Ambulance** system that is funded by the State Government for Tasmanian residents and for eligibility for the **Patient Transport Assistance Scheme (PTAS)** should you be referred to Launceston for medical reasons.

### **Special Zone B Tax Zone**

Residents of the Furneaux group live in a Special Zone B for taxation purposes, new residents are reminded to check your eligibility for associated rebates and/or related Centrelink payment adjustments.

### **Shipping - Furneaux Freight**

I would like to pass onto you the thank you I received from Furneaux Freight after the visit of their new vessel to Lady Barron:

*"We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the warm welcome organised by yourself and local residents for Captain Bill's first trip to Flinders Island.*

*The support and attendance from the local residents was very overwhelming and we are humbled by the constant congratulations and compliments we received, not only on the vessel itself but the current service being offered. All feedback that we received on Saturday was extremely positive and it was very encouraging to hear.*

*We hope the "Captain Bill" can continue to provide a reliable shipping service to the Furneaux Group and help to continue the modernisation of the current service provided."*

## **Shipping Committee**

Mr. Mick Barrett has been nominated by the Shipping Special Committee to fill the "Commerce" representation on the Committee.

## **Dogs**

Reminder to dog owners you must be in control of your dog when it is in a public area. Reports of dogs roaming at will and constantly barking can trigger a visit to the island from the Dog Control Officer, a cost to you and your fellow ratepayers. Fines are also applicable.

Your enjoyment of your dog should not be at someone else's expense or discomfort.

## **Rose Garden**

Thank you to the volunteer community members who continue to keep the Rose Garden cared for and a pleasure to visit.

## **Emita Hall**

Due to the current condition of the Emita Hall, Council has been advised to close the facility due to genuine safety concerns for all users. Presently, Council staff are working with the Emita Hall Committee to gather more information before a recommendation will go to Council for formal consideration. Council is also working with the Scout Group to source an alternative venue. I am also aware that the Lions Club have offered the Scout group their building in Whitemark, if required. Our community looks out for one another and this is another instance where the positive contribution for our younger generation of Scouts and Cubs to the community is supported by actions.

*The Policies, agendas, Minutes and much more information can be found at:*

*[www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au)*

Carol Cox

**Mayor**



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## Flinders Island Community Services Mini-Hub

The Tasmanian Government is currently exploring the possibility of creating a Community Services Hub on Flinders Island as part of an approach to integrated services that's working well in other Tasmania communities. As well as centralising government services into the one area, Hubs are intended as a community 'place' with flexible spaces and shared facilities for use by visiting government and non-government organisations and community groups. This could include provision of tourism information; meeting rooms for use by visiting services, training providers and community groups; and teleconference facilities. The Government's Project Team visited the island in February to get to know our community better and the government services that are currently delivered, and again in May to undertake a strategic site analysis. The information gathered during the Project Team's visits will be used to make a decision in the future about the feasibility of the concept. This could result in an exciting opportunity for Flinders Island to improve the delivery of Government services and provide much needed extra space for community use. Council will continue to work actively with the State Government on this project and keep the community informed of progress.

### Whitemark Tip Opening Hours

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



CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

## FLINDERS COUNCIL

### ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council will be held at the Flinders Art and Entertainment Centre, Whitemark, Flinders Island on:

**Thursday 20th June 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 14<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

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

Members of the public are invited to attend.

Raoul Harper  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

### MARSHALL BAY TRACK

Works will begin on the Marshall Bay track on Tues 11<sup>th</sup> June. This will entail some minor realignment, widening and re-forming of the track to enhance user safety.

The gate at the entrance from Palana Rd will be shut and locked during machinery work periods to ensure the safety of all concerned.

### WHITEMARK REFUSE SITE

A 6 metre container has been placed near the general rubbish area for the collection of all glass bottles/containers and is signed accordingly. Could all users please note that this is for glass only and cardboard boxes should still go with the general rubbish for the time being.

## **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/>

### **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>

#### **3. The Small Grants for Small Rural Communities**

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 locations in Australia, contributing to their development in social and community welfare, economic, environmental, health, education or cultural areas

[http://www.frrr.org.au/cb\\_pages/general\\_grants.php](http://www.frrr.org.au/cb_pages/general_grants.php)

#### **4. Our Neighbourhood**

Community Grants are open to eligible registered charities and community organisations for amounts between \$1000 and \$25,000 to support local projects. Closes on Friday, 28 June 2013 at 5pm (AEST). You can apply for a grant today at [www.ourneighbourhood.com.au](http://www.ourneighbourhood.com.au)

#### **5. The Child Care Flexibility Fund**

The Fund will complement the Flexibility Trials by providing grants for innovative projects aimed at improving the flexibility of child care. The Child Care Flexibility Fund opened on 30 April 2013 and will close on 12 June 2013.

<http://deewr.gov.au/news/child-care-flexibility-fund-applications-open-now>

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,  
Dolly Wheatley & Jana Harper  
**Community Development Officers**