



Council News

Flinders Council
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Mayor's Column

June Ordinary Meeting

- Council approved a reconfiguration of existing lots in a property off the Track to Puncheon Point, Cape Barren Island.
- Community Grants to a total value of \$6,638 were approved for 6 organisations and \$4,898 from the Gunn's Bequest for sporting related activities will be offered to 5 applicants.
- Council agreed to spend up to \$110,000 on remedial work at the Emita Hall, including re-cladding, electrical wiring, re-roofing, guttering and disabled toilet access. This is to make it a safe, usable community facility.
- Council will make investigations into the practicality and economic cost to Council of holding the next Australian Small Islands Forum on Flinders Island in 2014. Consideration of investigation results will occur in October/ November of 2013.
- The Council does not support DIER's Non-Urban Road Network Strategy and its application to Flinders Municipality that would see the speed limits on all sealed roads reduced to 90 km/hr and on all gravel roads to 80 km/hr. Some of the reasons cited being:
 1. Very low traffic density;
 2. Very low incidence of motor vehicle accidents;
 3. Mild weather, lack of ice and snow
 4. Straight roads; and
 5. High quality of our gravel road network.
- The Youth Policy was rescinded as it is no longer being relevant. Emphasis is now being placed on community as a whole of which youth is a major sector.
- The Aviation Policy is being reviewed for future council consideration.
- Mr Mick Barrett was appointed as the Commerce Representative on the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee.
- Port Davies Boat Ramp – commencement of work has been delayed and will not start until spring.

Risk Management

Council's recent MAV Risk Management Audit again achieved a higher score (72%) than on previous audits. The audit concentrated on:

- Organisational Risk Management
- Reactive Risk Management
- Asset & Facilities Management
- Special Committees
- Building & Planning Services
- Food Safety

Whilst it is recognised that there is a lot more yet to do, Council staff are to be commended on the continual improvement in dealing with Risk Management.

Northern Tasmanian Development

Council confirmed its three-year funding commitment and hence membership of Northern Tasmania Development, an organization of the eight Councils of Northern Tasmania that deal with regional issues, eg interim planning schemes, integrated transport plans etc all of which are relative to the Furneaux Group.

Grant Funding offered

The Federal Government announced a direct offering of grant funding to Local Governments to build and renew community infrastructure and boost local economies on 20th June. Flinders Council available share is \$79,140 and Council will be looking to meet the guidelines to receive this funding.

Local Government Elections

The Local Government Amendment (Elections) Bill 2013 received Royal assent on Thursday 20th June making changes to the Electoral System as:

1. The introduction of all-in, all-out Local Government elections every four years with four year terms for Mayors and Deputy Mayors; and
2. The prevention of Dual Representation, so that a person cannot hold a seat in both State Parliament and Local Government.

The Local Government (Elections) Order 2013 has also been approved by the Governor. The order postpones the Local Government elections from October 2013 to October 2014.

Flinders Podiatrist

I would like to thank Bernadette Nicholls for her several years of footcare to the Flinders community. Bernadette has been a much loved visitor to the MPC, providing a professional and caring service to community members. Council administers the funding for the provision of this podiatry service and staff are in the final stages of developing an

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agreement with another podiatry clinic thus it is anticipated that the service will continue as per usual.

Healthy Islands Project (HIP)

On the completion of our 3-year HIP project I would like to thank our HIP Project Officers - David Heap, Dolly Wheatley and Mel Telfer for their enthusiasm to teach us ways in which we can all improve our healthy lifestyles and for their encouragement to get us all moving. Our community has had the opportunity to participate in a diverse range of healthy activities such as Bloke's Day Out, Women's Health Day and the Pedometer Challenge to name a few. HIP has created linkages with other Island workers in the health field such as FIAAI's Health Nurse, our Community Health Nurses on Flinders and Cape Barren Island, the local Doctor, Fitness on Flinders and Council's Community Development Officer. This enabled great achievements in healthy activities across the Municipality. HIP has also provided funding towards the Community Calendar, Austswim Learn to Swim Program and a Community Small Grants Program. Funding for the Healthy Islands Project was provided by Tasmania Medicare Local from the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing under the Rural Primary Health Services Program.

Planning advertisements, Agendas, Minutes and much more information can be found on Councils website:

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 18th July 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 July 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

TREES TREES TREES

NRM is bringing approximately 4000 trees to the Island. They should arrive within the next 2 weeks. Some already have homes but some available to anyone wishing to plant them.

If you want some along with tree guards and weed mats contact Kat Hopkins on 0417377592.

Prepare the planting sites NOW!

Community Development

CALLING ARTISTS!

Expressions of interest are sought from contemporary artist/s for artworks for the Flinders Island Multipurpose Centre. The commission opportunity has three parts; applications can be made for individual parts or the whole commission (if appropriate). For more information or to find all the necessary documents, please visit the Arts Tasmania website: http://www.arts.tas.gov.au/artsatwork/public_art/commissions/a-450-2010

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. Tasmanian Community Fund: Grant Round 27

Grant Round 27 of the Tasmanian Community Fund will open on 24 August 2013. Applications for small grants (up to \$10,000) will close on 2 October 2013. Applications for medium grants (\$10,001 to \$90,000) will close on 16 October 2013. Round 27 Guidelines and application forms are not yet available but it's time to start thinking about your application.

3. The Small Grants for Small Rural Communi-

ties 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 **Round 24 will open on 1st August 2013.**

http://www.frrr.org.au/cb_pages/general_grants.php

4. Emerging Tasmanian artists can apply for the \$12 000 Mona Scholarship prize

The money is used to buy materials and equipment for an exhibition held at Mona, 12 months after receiving the Scholarship. The application form is available from the [website](#). Applications close Friday 23 August 2013. For further information go to the [website](#) or email lindy@mona.net.au

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

What's coming up in Community Development?

Cancer Support and Information Services

Come along to discuss cancer support needs of community members for Flinders Island.

Monday July 15th @ 10am: Carpet room at the FAEC. RSVP Fiona Turley 63592122

Monday July 15th @ 2.30pm at FIAAI, RSVP Maree Crawford 63 593532.

Tuesday July 16th Health and Cancer Day 9.30am – 3.30pm FAEC. Please see Flyer for more details

Community Plant a Tree Day

Parks & Wildlife Services and Landcare have teamed up for a community plant a tree day on the Bluff Track with support from Council and NRM North. Everyone is welcome and if you would like to lend a hand you must be a member of the Furneaux land care for public liability cover. Annual memberships can be bought on the day for \$5. For more information, please contact us.

When? Sunday 28 July 10am – 1:00pm

Flinders Island Film Festival

Flinders Council is proud to support the Flinders branch of Tasmanian Regional Arts film festival. The event will be held on August 2nd 2013 at the Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre in Whitemark to showcase our Island made films – This still gives you plenty of time to get some people together, get creative & make a film. For more information, please visit the website flindersflicks.com, or contact Council.

Thank you,

Dolly Wheatley & Jana Harper

Community Development Officers

DOG REGISTRATION FEES 2013/2014

Under the provisions of Section 205 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council adopt the following fees and charges for animal control for the 2013/2014 financial year, commencing 1 July 2013. Registration fees for 2013/2014 are as follows:

	Paid Before 31 July 2013	Paid After 31 July 2013
Sterilised Dog	\$15.00	\$20.00
Non Sterilised Dog	\$20.00	\$25.00
Working Dog	\$13.00	\$18.00
Guide/Hearing Dog	Nil	Nil
Dangerous Dog	\$100.00	\$125.00
Seizure Fee For An Impounded Dog	\$60.00	\$60.00
Daily Fee For Impounded Dog	\$25.00	\$25.00
New Kennel Licence Application	\$45.00	\$45.00
Kennel Licence – Annual Renewal	\$25.00	\$25.00
Replacement Tag	5.00	5.00
Transferred Registration	Nil	Nil
First Registration		Pro rata

Raoul Harper
General Manager