



Council News

Mayors Column

Garage Sale Trail

Well, it's happening across Tasmania on 26 October when households, businesses and organisations can take part. Anyone can register as a seller and residents are encouraged to get involved to help reduce landfill and build a sense of community. For more information, visit www.garagesaletrail.com.au.

Taswater

Due to the ongoing issues with the water quality Taswater indicated in discussions initiated with the community that the water supplies would be upgraded to potable water and they would be investigating the options for supply and position of a treatment plant(s) to supply both towns. Taswater is progressing towards postage stamp pricing for water supply across Tasmania meaning that the cost of potable water to the user will be the same in Whitemark as in Launceston. Please contact Taswater if you require more information.

Junior Landcare award nomination

Flinders Island District High School is runner up for the Tasmanian Junior Landcare Award. The school was nominated for engaging students in hands-on activities, The school is a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden member and initiatives include a worm farm utilising scraps from the kitchen and student lunches and a solar powered flow form device producing liquid fertilizer. Fruit trees have been planted; olives are picked by students and volunteers, pressed and then either

sold or used in the Kitchen classes.

The school works with the local NRM group, Council, Landcare, local businesses and volunteers. Congratulations to all involved.

Flinders Island Meats

Congratulations to the Owners and the island producers for again being recognised at the Sydney Royal Show winning Gold and Open Class Champion for its 8-10Kg milk fed lamb product.

Asset Purchases

It is not a rumour (*Answers are Needed* Is News 27/9/13) as advised in my Mayors Column of the 29th August Edition of the Island News, Council has "purchased the land **located between Lagoon Rd and the "Cattle Track"**, Whitemark. The land in question consists of approx 8 hectares and is a key area in relation to future stormwater management for the township itself and has the potential to be developed in the longer term as an important component of any "beautification" of the Whitemark township. The land is currently classed as parkland for Stamp Duty purposes (not payable on parkland) but this does not preclude differing types of development on the land at a future date. The cost of the purchase will be offset by the future sale of unrequired Council owned land in other areas.

Council has also **purchased the Gallery** in the main street of Whitemark, and is in the process of working with the State Government to transfer the Crown Land on which the gallery sits into Council ownership.



The Gallery building will be rented to the local branch of Tas Regional Arts for their continued use for displaying works of art created by its members and visiting exhibitions.

Asset Sales

2 years ago councillors initiated an infrastructure audit that involved an assesment of all vacant land owned by Council. The future value of several pieces of land to Council and the Community were assessed and the process of selling the identified unrequired land has been initiated. One such title is the now unused Manns Pit site. Council has now applied to the Tasmanian Planning Commission for approval to remove the buffer zone from the Manns Pit title to support future use of the site. Once the required planning work for the Manns Pitt title has been completed the land will be offered for sale, going through the legislated process required of Council to sell land.

Rubbish

The landfill at Lady Barron is to be closed sooner rather than later due to high risk in several areas. Initially a transfer station will be placed on that site, with skips for general household rubbish and areas established for green waste and solid metal waste. Council is in the process of further developing the islands waste management systems and public consultation will follow but the general concept is around having several transfer station points across the island for the disposal of every day household waste and one single waste management area for the disposal of larger inert waste items and green waste.

Where that one point will be is still open for discussion with Council recognizing that ease of access for all

is very important. The possibility of using incineration in place of landfill is also being looked at as are a number of reuse and recycling schemes such as a tip shop and composting. Watch future editions of the Island news for more information.

Photos in Launceston Sharp terminal

The local group of the Tas Regional Arts has arranged a new showing of local photography in the Launceston Sharp terminal. Well done to all involved.

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

See you at the show.

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 17th October 2013,
commencing at 1.00pm.**

The Agenda will be available for perusal on our Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au or at the Council Office as from Friday 11th October 2013.

Public Question Time will be held between 1.00pm – 1.30pm.
Members of the public are invited to attend.

Raoul Harper
GENERAL MANAGER



Worksafe Tasmania Month

As part of WorkSafe Tasmania Month, Flinders Council and WorkSafe Tasmania are providing 2 events to promote workplace safety on Flinders Island.

EVENT 1 - Quad Bike & Tractor Safety Course

8 places are available for this course, normal cost is \$280pp. 50% subsidy by WorkSafe Tasmania has reduced the cost to just \$140pp.

When: Thursday 17th October 8:30am – 3:00pm

Where: Whitemark Showgrounds

Participants will be required to provide their own Quad Bike, helmet and appropriate gloves and footwear.

EVENT 2 – Open Community Meeting – Information Session

When: Thursday 17th October 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Where: FAEC (Whitemark Hall)

Who should attend: All employers, business operators and persons who participate in volunteer organisations.

To register your place for the Quad Bike and Tractor Safety Course and for general information on the above events please contact Shane Walsh at Flinders Council 63595007

2013-2014 Rates First Instalment

The first instalment for the 2013-2014 Council Rates is due by the close of business **(4.30pm)** on the 22nd October. If the first instalment is not paid by this date then a penalty and interest will be charged but if the Rates are paid in full by this date a discount of 2% will be given.

Any problems with this or queries please contact the Rates Office on 63595 004.

Community Development

St John Ambulance First Aid Courses - Expression of Interest

Would you like to be accredited in First Aid or you need to reaccredit?

Council staff are looking to help bring St John Ambulance First Aid instructors to Flinders Island in November to deliver: Apply First Aid and Apply First Aid PLUS - both being full Nationally Accredited courses. Further suggestion is to include CPR and Emergency First Aid as additional options for those not wanting to complete a full course. For further details on courses, please contact Council. If you are interested in attending these courses, please contact Council to express your interest.

Cabaret Night – Show Weekend – Saturday 19 October

This year our Flinders Island Regional Arts branch will present the Show weekend Cabaret with support from Flinders Council. The fancy dress theme is: Pick a song title and transform yourself into that song! Request your 'song' to be played by DJ AK on the night. Song boxes are around the Island. Fundraising from this event will assist the regional arts branch to continue providing arts and cultural activities for the Flinders community.

Get involved with the Garage Sale Trail – Saturday October 26

Flinders Council and the Northern Tasmania Waste Management Group are supporting the Garage Sale Trail, a national community program. To get involved, either by holding your own garage sale on 26 October or if you would like to find out what sales are happening on the Island, please visit the website: garagesaletrail.com.au

Celebrating the History of Music and Dance on the Furneaux Islands

Flinders Council is proud to support the upcoming exhibition at the Furneaux Museum curated by Sandro Donati and Judy Jacques.



Opening on **Sunday 3 November** at **2pm**, the exhibition presents a journey of the rich, diverse and often colourful history of music and dance on the Islands.

Tasmanian Junior Landcare Award
Congratulations to the Flinders Island District High School (FIDHS) for the nomination for the Tasmanian Junior Landcare award. The award nomination included how FIDHS engage students in hands-on activities related to environmental stewardship, local food production and sustainability of the immediate environment. Flinders Council staff assisted in the submission preparation for this award.

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: www.flinders.tas.gov.au

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 - www.aboriginal.org.au/grants

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

2. Tasmanian Community Fund: **Grant Round 27 -** www.tascomfund.org

Grant Round 27 of the Tasmanian Community Fund opened 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.

3. First Home Owners Grant (FHOG) and First Home Builder Boost (FHBB) www.sro.tas.gov.au
Applicants can receive \$7,000 for the FHOG for a new or established dwelling including a house, flat, unit, townhouse or apartment anywhere in Tasmania that meets local planning standards. The First Home Builder Boost (FHBB) provides an extra \$8,000 in addition to the FHOG.

4. Sport and Rec 2013-14 Minor Grants Program

www.development.tas.gov.au
Through the Minor Grants Program (MGP), Sport and Recreation Tasmania (SRT) provides financial assistance to organisations towards equipment purchases and the development/improvement of facilities or playing surfaces that directly benefit sport and active recreation clubs. Round Two - Applications open Thursday 26 September and close Wednesday 15 January 2014.

Any enquiries contact Dolly Wheatley and/or Jana Harper.

WHITEMARK TIP

Opening Hours

MON, FRI & SUN 1.30pm- 4.30pm
WED 8.30am- 11.30am



CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS