

Council News

Mayors Column

Fire Ban

No Fires to be lit in the open. Please use the free gas BBQ's available around the island and please do NOT throw any cigarette butts from you vehicle.

Please remain careful and vigilant and report any fire or smoke sightings immediately.

Reminder - Building for Bushfire

The Tas Fire Service has released a booklet setting out the "context for the inclusion of bushfire protection measures in the planning and building process". The publication is available online on the Tas Fire website at http://www.fire.tas.gov.au/userfiles/ty/m/file/131392_Building_for_Bushfires_web.pdf

January Council Meeting decisions

-Council will investigate the various options available, together with costings, for the provision of summer cooling / ventilation in the Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre (FAEC), Whitemark for the 2014/2015 budget deliberations.

-Councillors agreed to rescind the Private Tenancy Policy and amend the Employee Recruitment Policy. Both these Policies are open for Public comment for 28 days and can be viewed on the Council website.

- Received the Councillor Resolution Report. This is a report received monthly on the progress of actions initiated by Councillor decisions at meetings. The report can be found as

an attachment to each monthly agenda and is a good way to become acquainted with progress of such things as the improvements to the Emita Hall.

Summer School Holiday Program

With the summer school holidays coming to a close the Summer School Holiday program will also soon end. Over 50 participants of all ages have enjoyed learning surfing and snorkelling skills increasing their proficiency in the water. I thank you all for your participation and support of the program.

Australia Day Weekend

To all who made the celebrations on Saturday at the Museum and the other events across the weekend such a great success - thank you.

Carol Cox

Mayor

Community Development

Furneaux Festival

Thank you to everyone who helped make this weekend's festivities such a success!!

Online Community Calendar

New and improved online community calendar is coming soon! The upgrades we are making will make it easier for you to manage and enter your event details directly onto our community calendar. Stay tuned for more details to follow shortly. In the meantime, our community calendar can be accessed from Council's website.

Community Bus Volunteer Drivers Needed

Can you spare any time to help as a driver for our community bus? Costs for licensing will be provided. For more information, please contact us.

Online Furneaux Business, Services & Community Organisation Directory

Flinders Council is currently upgrading its website, which is due to be launched in January 2014. As part of the upgrade, we wish to introduce an online Furneaux Business, Services and Community Organisation Directory.

So far we have identified over 250 organisations that service the Furneaux region. The information we intend to include in the directory is:

- business/service/organisation type;
- contact name (if applicable);
- trading name;
- town;
- phone number and mobile number; and
- email and website addresses.

Please go to this link www.flinders.s1.walkerdesigns.com.au/furneaux-directory to check the details we have listed for your business and / or organisation that we intend to include in the directory, or if you don't have internet access, simply visit the Council Office. If you require the details to be changed, would like to be included and your details are not listed, or nor are not supportive of being included, please contact the Council Front Office on (03) 6359 5001.

We look forward to being able to help keep local residents and visitors connected with the businesses, services and community organisations in the Furneaux region and would appreciate your support.

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. 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 existing \$8,000 First Home Builder Boost (the Boost) has been increased to \$23,000. The new Boost applies to eligible applicants with contracts entered into between these dates 7 November 2013 and 31 December 2014.

3. Arts Tasmania Offers Funding Programs

www.arts.tas.gov.au
There are a range of grant opportunities available through Arts Tasmania at different times throughout the year.

4. 26 TEN Grants Program

www.skills.tas.gov.au

The Program supports employers and peak bodies to increase the literacy and numeracy skills of Tasmanian workers (paid and voluntary). Applicants can apply for a grant of up to \$50,000. There are two levels of funding: Tier 1 \$5,000 - \$20,000 and Tier 2 \$20,001 -

\$50,000. Applications for 2013/2014 funding round are open and closes on 27th March 2014.

5. The No Interest Micro-Business Loan program

www.business.tas.gov.au

The Program provides small, interest-free loans of up to \$3,000 to people on low incomes. The program is delivered in Tasmania by the No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS).

6. Local Sporting Champions

www.ausport.gov.au

The Local Sporting Champions program is an Australian Government initiative designed to provide financial assistance for young people aged 12-18 towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing, coaching or officiating at an official national sporting organisation (NSO) endorsed state, national or international sporting championships or a School Sport Australia state or national championships. Closes 28 February 2014

7. Elite Indigenous Travel and Accommodation Assistance Program (EITAAP)

www.ausport.gov.au

The Elite Indigenous Travel and Accommodation Assistance Program (EITAAP) provides funding to assist with travel costs in the form of petrol costs or air travel and accommodation expenses only:

- up to a maximum of \$1,500 per financial year for eligible national championships; and/or
- up to a maximum of \$4,000 per financial year for eligible international competitions

8. National/International Sport Championships Program

www.sportandrecreation.tas.gov.au

The National/International Sport Championships Program provides grants of up to \$3 000 for national or

international sport championships being held in Tasmania. Funding is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis to organisations meeting the eligibility criteria. To be eligible for funding, the championship event must be held between 1 July 2013 and 30 September 2014. Closes 28 March 2014

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,

Dolly Wheatley & Jana Harper
Community Development

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 13th February 2014,
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 7th February 2014.

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

Members of the public are invited to attend.

Raoul Harper

General Manager

Waste Data for Whitemark Tip

Year	Jan 1st - June 30th			Jan 1st - June 30th		
	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013
Vehicles Less Than 1 Tonne	1454	1566	1548	1646	1498	1464
Vehicles 1-2 Tonne	43	50	16	27	24	17
Vehicles 2-5 Tonne	5	2	7	1	19	4
Vehicles 5-10 Tonne	10	0	29	0	2	24
Vehicles with General Waste	1280	1381	1326	1413	1383	1292
Vehicles with Commercial Waste	64	74	85	74	70	54
Vehicles with Green Waste	201	254	195	198	182	203
Vehicles with Hard Waste	262	382	350	368	361	344
Total Converted Tonnes	332.32	283.78	322.15	295.18	293.37	322

WHITEMARK TIP

Opening Hours

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



CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

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 instances help manage Council's exposure to risk.

Council resolved at the 16th January 2014 Ordinary Council Meeting to update the **Employee Recruitment Policy**. This policy will lie on the table for public comment until the 18th February 2014. A copy is available to download from the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies or a hardcopy is available from the Council Office.

Should you wish to make comment on this policy please address your correspondence to the General Manager, PO Box 40, Whitemark TAS 7255.

Raoul Harper
General Manager