

Council News

Mayors Column

Planning

In the six months July – December 2013, fifteen development applications were approved including three new dwellings, four dwelling additions, four subdivisions and 2 garages.

Council Meeting

Initial approval was provided for an amendment to the Flinders Planning Scheme to rezone a portion of Main Street, Lady Barron from Road Reserve to Port Zone and approved a permit authority for security gates and signage within the Main Street road reserve.

Council also approved a change of use to Tourism (Guesthouse) in the Rural Residential Zone, with associated signage at Badger Corner.

Australian Small Islands Forum

Approved planning for the next Australian Small Islands Forum to be held on Flinders from the 22nd – 24th April 2015. The theme is to be Remote Solutions and ASN Events will be engaged as the event organiser to deliver the forum.

Policies

Adopted a revised Aviation Policy that is now open for public comment.

Approved the Citizen of the Year Award policy.

Health

Community Development staff have obtained funding from Tas Medicare Local of \$12,000 to implement a program similar to the recent actively ageing program.

Special Committee Activities

Ratified the membership of the Lady Barron Hall & Recreation Special Committee of Council appointing new members Tanya Maynard and Chris Murphy.

Supported development of a Flinders Island Service Providers (FISP) Network to bring together the many Primary Health Service Providers that are active on the island. This is an initiative of the Furneaux Health Committee to build cohesion and greater coordination of primary health care services on the islands.

Budget

Considered and approved the amended half yearly budget (estimates) for 2013-2014. The amendment included removing capital expenditure for road resealing this year due to unavailability of local blue metal supplies. It is expected that blue metal will be available later this calendar year. Due to OH&S requirements Council retired its sealing equipment 12 months ago and now contracts out the sealing to mainland contractors. In order to gain the maximum efficiency in bringing outside contractors to the island, the reseal program will be changed from an annual program to either bi-annual or tri-annual. Adjusting the program will deliver a greater amount of resealed surface for less cost and minimise the cost of mobilising equipment from Tasmania.

Other Activity

The 2nd Quarterly report (to 31st December 2013) on Council Operations was tabled and can be read on Council's website as Annexure 25 to the February 2014 Meeting Agenda.

<http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/client->
<http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/agendas>

Some points of interest from this report are:

Solar powered compacting rubbish bins have been purchased for installation at barbeque and popular remote areas and will be operational next quarter. These will minimise the amount of time staff (and machinery) required to visit these areas to empty often half full bins, will ensure waste is fully compacted before going to land fill and help to avoid birds and the like spreading rubbish in these areas.

Port Davies Boat Ramp has been completed. Signage will be installed in the coming month.

Meander Valley Council (MVC) have generously provided Flinders Council with funding towards 2 flight tickets for young people to attend the leadership camp Stepping Stones.

A casual Works Officer has been employed for roadside and quarry weed control and options are being explored for the contracting of roadside weed management.

Staff

Kim Hossack has moved back to Brighton for family reasons and I want to thank Kim for her support of the community whilst living mostly on Flinders. Kim will assist remotely and local staff are up-skilling to continue to provide a high level of service to the community and meet the large amount of compliance and regulatory requirements that Council has to deal with from the State Government.

Agendas, Minutes, News and more can be found on the Council 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 Art and Entertainment Centre

Whitemark, Flinders Island on:

**Thursday 13th March 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 March 2014.

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

Members of the public are invited to attend.

Raoul Harper
General Manager

Furneaux Group Shipping & Aviation Special Committees Submissions

The Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee and the Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee consist of business and community representatives and exist to consider and make recommendations to Council concerning issues related to Shipping and Aviation. The public are invited to submit submissions for consideration by the Committees. Submissions may be sent to Council by close of business **Friday 14th March 2014.**

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 13th February 2014 Ordinary Council Meeting to adopt the **Aviation Policy**. This policy will lie on the table for public comment until the **18th March 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 do so by addressing relative correspondence to the **General Manager**.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Flinders Council has a Zoro Z-Master 72-inch cut Ride-On Mower available for sale to the public.

The mower is available to view at the Flinders Island Aerodrome, Whitemark during normal office hours or contact Jeff Grace – Airport Manager 0428 592144 for further details.

Written expressions of interest will be received by the COB on **Friday 28th February 2014** at the Council Offices and addressed to the:

Airport Manager, Flinders Council,
4 Davies st. Whitemark, TAS 7255

Trade work for Council

Do you work in a building trade and would like to undertake future work for Flinders Council?

Council has a number of trades' persons who are currently registered as Council Preferred Contractors to undertake works on Council projects. If you would like to be notified to quote for upcoming Council projects, please contact Council on 63 595 001 to find out how.

Samphire Creek Bridge Works

Badger Corner Rd will be closed off to enable the replacement of Samphire Creek Bridge from Wednesday March 5th 2014. The bridge works are expected to take approximately four weeks.

A detour road to Badger Corner will be in place utilising Darts Road and the boundaries of blocks behind Unavale Winery. Appropriate signage will be in place to divert traffic. The detour road is narrow in comparison and motorists are advised to take care and obey speed and directional signs.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause residents of Badger Corner.

Community Development

Clean Up Australia Day

Sunday 2nd of March

For Clean up Australia Day this year we invite the community to clean up the roads, beaches, and public areas around their own neighbourhood. There are already offers to cover over 20km of our roadsides and the beach from Sellars Point to the Potboil track on the morning of Sunday 2nd of March. There will be a free BBQ (alcoholic drinks excepted) at Yellow Beach from 1PM for everybody involved in the clean up. Bring your rubbish to the BBQ.

Please register for the day for insurance and accounting purposes.

To register, please call Clr Ronald Wise on 63592156, preferably evenings.

Cancer Council of Tasmania visit and community opportunities

The 'supportive care model for rural & remote communities' project' is hosting the following:

Lunch: Wed 19th March, 11.30am-12.30pm

A light lunch is provided and an opportunity

to meet informally with Cancer Council Tasmania staff and community members impacted by cancer in any way. To be held at the Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre, Whitemark

Community Cancer Support Training - 2 sessions

Wed 19th March, 1.00pm-3.30pm & 6pm-9pm* (repeated)

FREE training to equip community members and increase personal confidence to support each other when someone is impacted by cancer. To be held at the Interstate Hotel Dining Room, Whitemark *Dinner not provided, please purchase your own meal.

Professional Development for Health Workers - 2 sessions

Thurs 20th March, 8.30am-10.30am & 1pm-3pm (repeated)

FREE training on distress and psychological screening tools including identifying depression, anxiety and other related disorders. To be held at the Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre, Whitemark

*Training suitable for nurses, teachers, counselors and various other health & allied health professionals

Cancer Education - 2 sessions

Thurs 20th March, 10.30am-11.30am & 3pm-4pm (repeated)

FREE education on what is cancer and current treatments for cancer as well as most commonly asked questions from cancer patients and their families. To be held at the Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre, Whitemark

RSVP for all events – Jana Harper 6359 5001 or email

community.development@flinders.tas.au

Autumn School Holiday Program

We have some exciting activities being planned for the Autumn School Holiday Program. Dorset Council is bringing over a small group of students over the April School Holiday break for a leadership camp and Flinders Council staff will be working with Dorset to organise activities for young people from grade 7 and over. Junior activities will include a possible circus &

games day. Please note to receive our sms notification service on up and coming youth activities you need to have registered your child/children for the 2014 School Holiday Program. For forms please go to www.flinders.tas.gov.au/school-holiday-program or contact Community Development Staff at Council on 63 595 001.

Expressions of Interest - Drysdale Training Comes to Flinders!

Drysdale is exploring the possibilities of delivering two programs on Flinders Island in 2014.

The first is for existing workers in the hospitality industry. The program will be heavily subsidised by Skills Tasmania and is aimed at existing workers requiring further training, and recognition of existing skills. Units on offer could be: Customer Service, Food and Beverage Service, Café Skills, Barista, Accommodation Services and Guiding. This program requires part payment by employers or employees.

The second program would be a fee free program delivered over 6 months with visits from Drysdale teachers on a monthly basis. This would include units from; Food and Beverage, Guiding and Interpretation, Basic Cookery Skills, Event Management and Tourism. This project will culminate in an “Event on the Island”. Age is no barrier. This program will explore what is special on the Island and look at “Eco tourism, Food Tourism, Experiential tourism” guiding participants to find the gaps - explore possibilities for future tourism ventures and experiences. This will be a hands on program with assessment through participation.

Both programs will work collaboratively with the Council, FITA, business operators and residents of the Island. We are seeking expressions of interest from interested parties and further suggestions for training. If you are interested in participating in the training or have staff that would like to be involved please contact us on community.development@flinders.tas.gov.au or call (03) 6359 5001.

New Online Community Calendar

There is a new and improved online Community Calendar that has been designed and developed for you to add, edit and display events on the Flinders Council website. The new features enable:

- ✓ Community groups to add and edit their own events.
- ✓ Registered Council Community groups will be able to manage their own events list.
- ✓ One off events can be added.
- ✓ Events can now be found and viewed by month and event type.
- ✓ There are now 10 different event types.
- ✓ All events will be promoted by the Flinders Council.

To register your interest for the new online Community Calendar, please contact us on community.development@flinders.tas.gov.au or call (03) 6359 5001.

An Information Session for help on how to upload events to the community calendar will be held on **Tuesday 11 March 5:30pm – 6:30pm in the Rose Garden Room, Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre.** Please register your interest by contacting contact us on community.development@flinders.tas.gov.au or call (03) 6359 5001.

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.

Launceston General Hospital - LGH ART PRIZE 2014 - Entries are NOW OPEN

The LGH Visual Arts Committee invites artists to submit 2D works of art in all mediums in competition for the LGH Art Prize 2014. The LGH Art Prize is offered for the first time as an award for works on paper. The award is open to artists residing and working in Tasmania and offers a prize of \$5,000.

The 2014 exhibition will be held at the ARTrium Gallery from 14 May to 20 June 2014.

Entries close 5.00pm Friday, 18th April 2014. Go to:

http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/hospital/lgh/art/the_lgh_art_prize_2014 for further information or contact Lou Partridge on **03 6348 8035.**

GRANTS

There are currently a variety 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. Commonwealth Bank Community Grants www.commbank.com.au

In 2014, the Commonwealth Bank is pleased to be awarding \$2,000,000 in individual grants of up to \$10,000 to youth-focused community organisations across Australia. Applications close Friday 14 March 2014

6. Rural Education Australia Program - REAPing Rewards www.frrr.org.au

The REAPing Rewards small grant program is a national program targeting education. It supports locally-driven projects and programs that directly benefit children and youth (0-18 years) and their educators in rural and remote communities. Grants are up to \$10,000. Closes 21st March 2014

7. Farm Finance Concessional Loans Scheme (Tasmania)

www.development.tas.gov.au

The Australian Government will provide \$15 million per year (a total of \$30 million over two years from 2013-14) for the provision of Concessional Loans to eligible farm businesses in Tasmania for productivity enhancement or debt restructuring purposes. In Tasmania, the Concessional Loans Scheme will assist farm businesses experiencing debt-servicing difficulties but considered potentially viable in the longer term.

8. Regional Arts Fund (RAF) Grant Round www.tasregionalarts.org.au

Applicants for the March RAF round have until Friday 14 March to lodge their application. Application forms are now available on the TRA Website. Please note that the forms have been modified from those used last year.

Reminder: The Quick Response Grants are open now as well. No deadlines apply to these grants.

9. The Tasmanian Community Fund (TCF) www.tascomfund.org

The latest general grant round opened on 8 February 2014. A wide range of projects which support children and young people; community wellbeing and life skills; community participation and recreation; connecting communities; and culture, arts and heritage are eligible to be funded by not-

for-profit organisations proposing to undertake a project in Tasmania. Expressions of interest for large grants close on 12 March 2014. Applications for small grants close on 2 April 2014 and applications for medium grants close on 16 April 2014.

10. Grants for Rural Communities www.frrr.org.au

The program offers at least \$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. Closes 28 March 2014

11. Australian Disability and Indigenous Peoples' Education Fund

www.adipef.org.au

The Australian Disability and Indigenous Peoples' Education Fund (ADIPEF) will assist indigenous and non-indigenous people with disability to participate in both formal and informal education programs through small grants. Closes 31st March 2014

12. Grants for Grassroots

www.commbank.com.au

We're also offering 90 Grant Packages to help community clubs. Each grant will include an equipment pack to assist with training and \$1,000 cash. One club in need will have their grant upgraded to a special **\$10,000 Super Grant**. Applications close 15 August 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

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Community Development