

Council News

Mayors Column

Essendon Airport Lifter

The passenger lifter at Essendon airport is now operational and was purchased with funds raised through the Lions Club from community donations and grants. There are now lifters at Essendon, Flinders and Launceston airports, all of which have been provided through community fund raising to assist the less agile to board aircraft.

April Ordinary Meeting

Council:

- Adopted the Aviation Policy
- Received the following Reports:
 - The Quarterly Financial Report
 - 3rd Quarter Operational Report
 - Councillor Resolution Report
 - Furneaux Community Health Needs Survey 2013: A snapshot of our community results from the health needs survey.

These detailed reports on the activities of Council can be found on the Council website as Annexures 5, 8, 9 & 11 to the April Meeting Agenda.

Council agreed to add \$5,000 dollars to the Actively Flinders Program, in response to high levels of demand. The program was being run on a grant funding of \$12,000. Around 60 people have registered to participate.

Ben Foot and Chris Bowman were nominated for the State appointed positions of Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator and Deputy Coordinator respectively of the Municipal Emergency Management Committee. Chris has previously held the position of Coordinator for many years on a volunteer basis, with Ben as deputy. Chris's current term as

Coordinator ends in May. Thank you Chris for the many hours you have given to this position, through meetings, training and during times of major emergencies.

Council accepted the Shipping Special Committee recommendations that:

- unused shipping contingency funds be available for servicing and repairing the freezer/chiller shipping containers owned by Council, these having been previously purchased with contingency funding.
- the remaining unused contingency funding for the 2012-13 and 2013-14 years be allocated to hard surfacing identified work areas of the Lady Barron Port.

Council will negotiate the use of these funds with the Department of Infrastructure and Energy and Resources (DIER), who manage the funding.

Council received the “**Flinders Island Recreational and Community Facilities Assessment and Preliminary Infrastructure Plan**” This plan is now out for **public comment** and a householder has been distributed. The plan is available on the Council website or in hard copy from the Council office. Community comment will shape the final plan and I urge you to make your thoughts known.

Local Government Elections – 2014

Nominations open in September for voting in October. This is the first time you will elect a whole new Council, seven councillors, for a term of four years at the one election. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will also be elected for a term of four years.

The Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) is holding a Pre-election

Workshop in Launceston on the 3rd of June to provide information on being a Councillor.

Please advise Vicki or Megan at the Council office if you are interested in attending a Pre-election workshop. Depending on interest a pre-election workshop may be held on Flinders Island.

Remember to visit flinders.tas.gov.au for more information:

- Community Health Directory
- Local Business Directory
- Community Calendar

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 in Lady Barron, Flinders Island on:

**Thursday 15th May 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 9th May 2014.

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

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Applications for funding are now being sought from Community Groups.

Applications received will be considered by Council as part of the budget process for the next financial year.

Written applications, using the form available from the Council Office or Council website (www.flinders.tas.gov.au/grants)

will be accepted no later than C.O.B.

Wednesday 14th May 2014 and should be addressed to:

General Manager

Flinders Council

PO Box 40

Whitemark TAS 7255

GUNN BEQUEST

Applications for funding are now being sought from sporting organisations under the Gunn Bequest.

These funds are provided to suitable projects for the promotion or improvement of sporting facilities on the Island.

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Community Development

Have Your Say! Recreational And Community Facilities Audit

Over the last few months Council has been working on a detailed assessment of our recreational and community facilities and prepare a draft infrastructure plan for Council's consideration. It is intended that this plan will help guide and inform Council's funding decisions regarding

recreational and community assets on Flinders Island. This will ensure that the future investment in our assets is both strategic and efficient and most importantly, reflective of our Community's aspirations and needs.

Council has approved the draft document for community consultation.

The draft assessment and plan is available on the Council website and a hard copy can also be obtained by contacting front reception at the Council Offices. We would like to receive community feedback on the draft and have compiled a list of questions to help guide this stage. The questionnaire will also be available on the Council website and the front office. The community feedback that we receive will help shape the final report and plan and we encourage you to get involved and have your say.

The draft report and questionnaire can be downloaded from the Flinders Council homepage:

<http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/draft-flinders-island-recreational-and-community-facilities-assessment-and-infrastructure-plan>

Informal sessions will also be held with Tim Phillips and Jana Harper at the following locations and times – please pop by if you would like us to answer any questions or to provide your feedback face-to-face on the draft report:

Lady Barron – Holloway Park
Tuesday 29 April 2:00 – 6:00pm

Whitemark – Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre, Rose Garden Room

Wednesday 30 April 2:00 – 6:00pm

Volunteering Study

Did you know that in the Flinders Municipality we have a higher than average volunteer rate per capita? Close to double the Tasmanian and Australian average. Volunteers make a valuable contribution to our Island life, both socially and economically.

MMC Link is currently researching the socio-economic value of volunteering to Tasmania. This study is being completed on behalf of Volunteering Tasmania and the State Government to better understand

volunteering and potentially to highlight the way government at all levels can better support and deliver community outcomes.

Due to our high levels of volunteering, MMC Link would like to look at Flinders Island as a case study within their report.

Mark Your Diaries: If you or your organisation is interested in learning more about the study, a short forum with Paul Muller from MMC Link will be held on Tuesday 6th May from 5.30 – 6.30pm.

Cabaret Call Out! It's Show Time!!!

Well not quite yet, but plans are already in progress for the 80th anniversary of the Flinders Island Show. The theme this year will be Celebrating Family Farming. The Show Society is looking for interested community groups who would like to take on running the Cabaret this year. There are also plans by the Show Society to submit funding applications to support bringing a band over. If you belong to a community group who would be interested in partnering with the Show Society to help bring a band to our Show and to also run the Cabaret as a fundraising activity for your group, please contact us on 6359 5001 or email: community.development@flinders.tas.au

First Aid Training In June!

St John Ambulance will be coming to Flinders Island to conduct their annual First Aid Training for the week of 16th June 2014. The Training Venue will be the Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre for all day courses.

- **Monday 16th June:**

Provide First Aid Reaccreditation 9am - 3pm - **\$110**

CPR Reaccreditation 9am - 11am - **\$65**

Advanced Resuscitation 3:30pm - 7:30pm - **\$75**

- **Tuesday 17th June:**

Day 1 of Provide First Aid 2day 9am - 5pm both days - **\$210**

CPR – 9am - 1pm - **\$75**

ASTHMA 6pm - 9pm - **\$80**

- **Wednesday 18th June:**

Day 2 of Provide First Aid 2 Day – 9am - 5pm

ANAPHYLAXIS 6pm - 9pm - **\$50**

- **Thursday 19th and Friday 20th June:**
Free at this stage to add courses as needed.

Night courses may be available depending on student numbers and venue availability. Please enquire to **St John Ambulance** if this would suit you or if you wish to book into one of these courses. St John Ambulance can be contacted by phone on 03 6343 4226 or email: launceston@stjohntas.org.au - They can then send you their direct deposit details or take credit card payment over the phone as they will require payment on booking.

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 Rosemary Amos by phoning 6359 8463.

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. 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.

5. 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

6. Sport and Recreation Tasmania 2013/14 Grants Programs www.development.tas.gov.au

Sport and Recreation Tasmania provides funding to increase opportunities for participation in sport and active recreation in Tasmania, and to assist the ongoing development of Tasmania's sport and active recreation sector. In 2013-14, funding will be available through five grant programs. Clubs, not-for-profit organisations and local government entities that provide sport and active recreation opportunities to the Tasmanian community are invited to apply.

7. Community Council Grants Program

www.calvarylenahvalley.org.au

The Calvary Community Council Grants Program assists Tasmania to build a healthier and happier community through support for events and activities that make a positive difference to society. Launched in 2004 with initial funding of \$100,000 the areas of focus are nutrition, early childhood, older people, and oral health and marginalised groups. Round 1 closes 30 April 2014, eligible 'not for profit' groups are able to apply for funding under this program.

8. 2014 Coles Junior Landcare Garden Grants

www.juniorlandcare.com.au

Since 2008 the Coles Junior Landcare Garden Grants program has been providing grants of up to \$1,000 to schools and youth groups to help create gardens in their grounds or community, such as bush tucker gardens, water wise gardens or veggie gardens. All schools, kindergartens, daycare centres, and youth groups (e.g. Scouts) are eligible to apply for a Coles Junior Landcare Garden grant. Closes 2 May 2014

9. Community Heritage Grants

www.nla.gov.au

The Community Heritage Grants (CHG) program provides grants of up to \$15,000 to community organisations such as libraries, archives, museums, genealogical and historical societies, multicultural and Indigenous groups. The grants are provided to assist with the preservation of locally owned, but nationally significant collections of materials that are publicly accessible including artifacts, letters, diaries, maps, photographs, and audio visual material. Closes 02nd May 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