

# Council News

## **DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT**

(Mayor Carol Cox is enjoying a few days off-Island.)

### **Gina Green**

The recent passing of Gina Green has affected the whole Island Community and her energy and input into so many different areas of our life will be sadly missed.

Her funeral was an inspiring spiritual and artistic celebration of her life.

Our thoughts are with her partner Ronald and her whole family at this difficult time.

### **Annual Budget Review**

Council will shortly be considering the budget for 2014-2015. There are, of course, many issues to be taken into account but if you have any points you think should be considered please contact myself or any of my fellow Councillors.

### **The Straits Gallery**

Our wonderful local artists' gallery is about to host another fine exhibition – Winter Woollies. It starts on Wednesday 7th May at 10am, so go and have a look at the wonderful array of woollies created by our local craft people.

### **TASWATER**

We have received the TasWater quarterly report to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014, which shows they have made some progress in improving the water supply in quite a few places across Tasmania. Here on Flinders Island we continue to press for a resolution to our water supplies in Whitemark and Lady Barron.

Mayor Carol Cox will represent us at the quarterly briefing on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

### **Women Helping Women**

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May there is a charity workshop being held at MountainSeas. The idea is to create pieces to raise funds for the McGrath Foundation. Congratulations ladies on a really worthwhile fund-raiser.

If you would like any more information please contact **Anne Maree** on 0400 697 141.

### **Community Facilities Assessment and Infrastructure Plan**

There has been a wonderful response to the draft document (available on our website) outlining our community assets, their current use and what is required to bring them into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

A large number turned out for an information session in Lady Barron. There was an interesting debate which certainly made clear the Community's priorities. The Whitemark information session also generated some good discussion.

All these comments will be looked at together with written submissions in the next few days and a full report submitted to Council. During our budget debates we will make decisions about the work to be done in 2014-2015 and beyond.

### **Pub2Pub**

September is fast approaching – so dust off your joggers and get going! This year the Running Festival will be bigger than ever. After all the work that David and Kathleen Heap have put in recently, I bet you'll all be ready to go by September!

### **Council's Gunn Bequest and Community Grants**

Council's Gunn Bequest and Community Grants are now open. Application forms are available on Council's website and at the

Council Office. Don't forget to put your application in before 14<sup>th</sup> May.

### **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. Please advise Vicki or Megan at the Council office if you are interested in attending a pre-election workshop for more information on being a Councillor. Depending on numbers a pre-election workshop may be organised on Flinders.

Best wishes to you all and don't forget to live life to the full!

*Agendas, Minutes, News and more can be found on the Council Website*  
[www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au)

David Williams  
**Deputy Mayor**

### **FLINDERS COUNCIL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the next Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council will be held at FIAAI in West st, Lady Barron, Flinders Island on:

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014,  
commencing at 1.00pm.**

The Agenda will be available for perusal on our Council Website

[www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) or at the Council Office as from Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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**

### **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](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/grants)) will be accepted no later than C.O.B. Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

Written applications, using the form available from the Council Office or Council website ([www.flinders.tas.gov.au/grants](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/grants)) will be accepted received no later than C.O.B. Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014 and should be addressed to:

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Flinders Council  
PO Box 40  
Whitemark TAS 7255

### **Community Development**

#### **Thank you! Recreational and Community Facilities Audit**

Thank you to all who have provided their feedback on our draft report and attended the Public Information sessions. Feedback closed on Monday 5 May and this has been incorporated into the plan, which will go to the May Council Meeting for acceptance.

### **Actively Flinders**

Congratulations to all community members who have taken up the opportunity to make a kick start on improving their health. This Program is past the half way mark and has attracted 50% more than the Tasmania Medicare Local Grant accounted for. Council has provided the extra funds required so that everyone has been able to participate at no cost. A big thank you to David and Kathleen who are providing the 5-week Actively Flinders program.

### **Autumn School Holiday Program**

Council staff provided a variety of activities for young people over the school holiday break including a Mystery Bus Trip, Splatter Art Activity and a Youth evening with Dorset Council. We hope you all enjoyed the Autumn School Holiday Program and thank you to the School for providing us with use of their facility for the youth night.

### **Health Needs Survey Results**

During 2013 a survey of the Furneaux Community's health needs was undertaken. This survey was a joint effort of the Furneaux Community Health Special Committee of Council, the Flinders Island Multi-Purpose Centre, Flinders Island Aboriginal Association Inc. (FIAAI) and the Cancer Council Tasmania.

The survey included broad questions on community health and wellbeing as well as more specific questions provided by the Cancer Council Tasmania to explore our community's health service needs with a particular focus on cancer information, support and education. Tasmania Medicare Local (TML) also supported the survey project to receive feedback and information on the success of the Healthy Islands Project (HIP).

The 2013 survey results have enabled the Cancer Council of Tasmania to tailor cancer support and education to our community's needs and has been the evidence base to inform current community cancer education and support services and programs.

The *Furneaux Community Health Needs Survey: A snapshot of our community results from the health needs survey* provides

Council and the broader community a follow-up and an insight into our community's specific survey responses.

In addition, the survey results have recently been provided to the main health funding body TML to compliment information requested by them to inform future health delivery in the municipality via the Rural Primary Health Services (RPHS) program. RPHS currently funds the provision of the community nursing services on Flinders and Cape Barren Islands, as well as the Flinders Island visiting podiatry service and footcare clinics.

Please visit our website if you would like to take a look at the survey results snapshot: [www.flinders.tas.gov.au/health-needs-survey-results](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/health-needs-survey-results)

### **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 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014. The Training Venue will be the Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre for all day courses.

#### • **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June:**

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

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

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

#### • **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June:**

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

CPR - 9am - 1pm - **\$75**

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

#### • **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June:**

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

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

#### • **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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@stjohnntas.org.au](mailto:launceston@stjohnntas.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 if you would like to find out more.

### **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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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. Men's Health Community Grants – Foundation 49** [www.49.com.au](http://www.49.com.au)

Foundation 49 will be providing grants of up to \$1000 to community organisations for Men's Health Awareness activities to coincide with International Men's Health Week. Close 16 May 2014

**8. Ian Potter Cultural Trust**  
[www.ianpotterculturaltrust.org.au](http://www.ianpotterculturaltrust.org.au)

The Ian Potter Cultural Trust was established in 1993 by The Ian Potter Foundation to encourage and support the diversity and excellence of emerging and early career Australian artists. If you are an early career or emerging artist with an opportunity to further your professional development overseas, you may be eligible for a grant of up to \$7,000. Closes 13 May 2014.

You can also subscribe to a grant alert list to receive emailing notifications by emailing:

1. [cdgrants@dpac.tas.gov.au](mailto:cdgrants@dpac.tas.gov.au) or
2. [healthpromotion.north@dhhs.tas.gov.au](mailto: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](http://www.australia.gov.au/directories/australia/regional/web-resources-list)

2. [www.business.gov.au/Grantfinder/Grantfinder.aspx](http://www.business.gov.au/Grantfinder/Grantfinder.aspx)

Thank you  
Dolly Wheatley & Jana Harper  
**Community Development**

### **WHITEMARK TIP**

Opening Hours

MON, FRI & SUN 1.30pm- 4.30pm

WED 8.30am– 11.30am



**CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**