

Council News

MAYOR'S REPORT

Planning

At the May Ordinary Meeting Council approved the development of a House and Residential Outbuilding in the Rural Zone off Franklin Parade, Lady Barron.

Dog Registration Fees

The dog registration fees for 2014-2015 have been approved as unchanged from the current fees. A discount will again apply if fees are paid prior to the 31st of July 2014. Several unattended dogs have again been noticed in the Whitemark area. A visit from the dog ranger will be soon arranged. All dogs must be with and under the control of a person whilst in a public area.

Rental Accommodation

Council accepted the advice from the Furneaux Health Special Committee that there is a shortage of rental accommodation on the Island for the elder members of the community and for Council to work with relevant stakeholders to alleviate the shortage when opportunities arise.

The shortage has been exacerbated by the designation of six of the original eight aged accommodation units at the Corner of Patrick and Davies Streets in Whitemark to the Department of Health and Human Services for accommodation for visiting specialists and agency staff. Two units remain for community housing.

Risk Management

The Risk Management Policy was adopted after having been to Community consultation.

Councillor resolution Report

This report is made to each monthly meeting and gives an update on the actions relating to

motions put through Council. It can be found as Attachment 18 to the May meeting Agenda on the Council website.

The Flinders Island Recreational and Community Facilities Assessment

An update on the progress of this report and the Preliminary Infrastructure Plan was received.

Recreational Water Monitoring Program

Monitoring was carried out at the popular swimming sites of Allports Beach, Killiecrankie Beach, Whitemark Beach (near the boat ramp jetty) and at Lady Barron near the Slipway.

Samples were taken in December 2013, and in each of January, February and March of 2014. The tests all returned Enterolert's of less than 10/100 ml. which is extremely low.

The trigger for further investigation as regulated in the Recreational Water Quality Guidelines 2007 is 140/100ml

A big tick for the clean inviting beaches of the island.

Renewable Energy

The Development Application by Entura for three wind generation towers **has been withdrawn.**

Hydro Tasmania (Hydro) is now looking to engage with the Community regarding their plans for future electricity generation on the Island. This is an opportunity that not many communities get and I urge you to take advantage of it to ask questions and voice support or concerns.

The discussion is now not on the three wind generators that were proposed but on the full picture of electricity generation on the Island, and the integration of the two sources of generation, diesel and renewable.

Council as the local Planning Authority has previously approved a solar array around the power station and for battery storage and switching gear to be sited on the southern side of the station.

Hydro is taking available Councillors to King Island on the 23rd May along with the two community members selected by ballot to give them an understanding of how the renewable energy is integrated with diesel based generation in that situation.

Fund Raising For Major Charities

David Bailey Snr is participating in the 25th anniversary 2014 Flying Doctor Outback Car Trek for older model 2wd vehicles driving from Alice Springs to Margaret River.

David and his helpers have so far raised over \$11,000 for the RFDS through an auction event.

Another group of locals has held a practical workshop making items for breast cancer sufferers and raising funds.

This Community is extremely strong and proactive in supporting agencies, and causes, that impact on our lifestyle. This generosity and can do attitude is what makes this a strong Community and one that is admired by leaders of other communities.

Local Government Elections – 2014

Nominations open in September for voting in October. This is the first time all Councillor positions will become vacant. This election you will elect seven councillors for a term of four years. Two positions to be elected by you are Mayor and Deputy Mayor also for four year terms.

If you are interested in standing and would like more information please let Vicki or Megan at the Council Office know and an information session can be arranged.

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 19th June 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 13th June 2014.

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

Members of the public are invited to attend.

Raoul Harper
General Manager

CALL FOR COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Nominations from the public are called for the position of Community Representative on the Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee of Council. The purpose of the Aviation Special Committee is to provide advice to Flinders Council on aviation, issues relating to the Airport and associated infrastructure, where these apply, and how they affect aviation matters.

Nominations can be sent to the Committee Chair:

Carol Cox, Mayor

Flinders Council

PO Box 40

Whitemark TAS 7255

Or via email to Executive Assistant Megan Boyes/Vicki Warden at

executive.assistant@flinders.tas.gov.au

Carol Cox
Mayor

Waste Oil

It has been illegal for many years now to paint buildings and structures with waste oil. All waste oil should be taken to the “oil drop” facility at the Whitemark tip for disposal.

Waste oil may contain hydrocarbons, heavy metals and other chemicals depending on the origin and type of oil used.

If waste oil is used as a timber treatment it may enter the soils and eventually the water table where contamination by the toxic ingredients of the oil can occur. There are many timber treatment products available on the market now to mitigate the use of waste oil.

PLEASE NOTE: Waste Oil is to be poured into the receptacle provided.

For more information, contact Council's **Environmental Health Officer** on **63 595 001**.

Advertising Proposed Development

When a discretionary application comes to Council it must be advertised to the public for 14 days. This gives time for the Community to view the details and make any comments they deem necessary.

If you are interested in what is currently on advertising, you can find out by:

- Calling into Council and taking a look at the stand on the front counter;
- Checking the notice board at the front of the Council office;
- Grabbing a copy of Wednesday's Examiner and looking in the Local Government section;
- Asking a Councillor; or
- Jumping on our website and looking under the heading "Development" and clicking on "Current Advertising"

Alternatively, call Council's **Development Services Department** on **63 595 001**.

WHITEMARK TIP

Opening Hours

MON, FRI & SUN 1.30pm- 4.30pm

WED 8.30am- 11.30am



CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

TIP CHANGES – PLEASE NOTE

Due to changes required to be made to Council's waste bin truck, to enable it to take new and larger waste bins, the bins currently located outside the Gates at Whitemark tip ***will not*** be in place for the period between 26/5/2014 and 02/06/2014. These bins will be at Killiecrankie Transfer Station instead.

The Whitemark Tip will be open additional times of **1:30PM – 4:30PM on Tuesday 27th May and Thursday 29th May** to compensate for the bin removal.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ANZAC Centenary Grant success!

Last year we submitted a grant application in cooperation with the local RSL Club to the ANZAC Day Centenary Grants, which we have been successful! The grant funding will contribute to the Remembrance Day event held later this year and improvements to the Flinders Island Cenotaph at Emita. The improvements include improved access to the site and seating. The funding will also assist in providing a new First World War Memorial or honour board to be located at the entrance of the Furneaux Arts and Entertainment Centre (FAEC) in Whitemark. In the months ahead, we look forward to working with our local RSL servicemen and community members, Flinders Island District High School students and other community organisations who would like to be involved with these events.

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.

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

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

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

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

FURNEAUX GROUP SHIPPING
SPECIAL COMMITTEE
SUBMISSIONS

The Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee consists of business and Community representatives and exists to consider and make recommendations to Council concerning issues related to Shipping. The public are invited to make submissions for consideration by the Committee. Submissions may be sent to Council by close of business Friday 20th June 2014.