

Council News

MAYOR'S REPORT

AIRPORT

Council is investigating the best method forward for the major repairs required to the current long runway.

This is forward planning so that Council can lobby the state and federal governments for assistance for what will be a huge project. The current long runway has a base of varying strength with clay in places which impacts on the strength of the sealed surface.

A new runway alongside and at a slightly different alignment is one option that is being considered to overcome the logistics of enabling the necessary long term repairs to happen in a cost effective manner and with limited interruption to the air services to the island.

Runway areas are currently being patched as required and as a part of the runway maintenance regime.

WASTE

Transfer Stations

There is currently a Transfer station at Killiecrankie and another is in the planning stage for Lady Barron.

New skips are being purchased for the island's waste transfer sites that have user friendly lids and are easily manoeuvred for transporting and emptying.

Solar Powered compacting rubbish bins have been installed at remote sites with an aim to reduce costs in collecting rubbish from these sites.

Tip Sites

The Lady Barron tip site will be closed completely once the transfer station is operational. All hard waste will then be handled at the Whitemark Tip.

Changes to increase the Whitemark tip opening hours are being considered during the 2014-15 budget deliberations.

Giving Tree

The Giving Tree at the Whitemark Tip unfortunately disappeared some years ago but the sentiment still exists. A shed has taken over the role of the Giving Tree, not as pretty but much more friendly to the goods being left there. This is a way to recycle those items that you no longer have use for but that are not yet sufficiently used/dilapidated to go into land fill and may be of use to other residents.

RENEWABLE ENERGY – KING ISLAND

On the 23rd May Councillors David Williams, Marc Cobham, Mary-Anne Roberts and I took advantage of the offer by Hydro Tasmania to take Councillors to King Island for a close up view of the electricity generation system that has been developed there. We were accompanied by Simon Gamble, the Manager Small Renewable Asset Development at Hydro and Jen McDonnell, the Senior Social and Environmental Consultant at Entura and two community representatives selected by Hydro.

The King Island system integrates the variable energy input from renewable sources such as wind and solar with the

output from diesel engines to supply a steady flow of electricity to the grid. The King Island system has been developed to the extent that the supply can be from 100% renewable sources for periods of time over lower demand e.g. night time.

The power station is large, and as well as the diesel generators, houses switching equipment, a battery array, a set of resistors and a heat bank, a large fly wheel to soak up additional energy that is connected to a diesel generator which can be started to generate electricity within a couple of seconds.

Hydro is aiming to build a demonstration site on Flinders using the King Island technology housed in fully certified shipping containers to enable a greater use of renewable energy.

The Development Application for the addition of the containers to the Whitemark Power Station was passed by Council in March this year. A solar array around the Power Station was also approved at that time.

Hydro's aim is to market the technology as containerised modules to the thousands of islands around the world that rely on diesel generation.

Hydro will meet with Council again late in June to further clarify their forward plans for electricity supply on Flinders and are planning further community consultation after that.

An interesting aside is that the wind resource on Flinders is rated slightly higher than that on King.

RFDS OUTBACK TREK - ALICE SPRINGS TO MARGARET RIVER

I had the pleasure of holidaying in Alice Springs with a group of football friends when the trek began.

An incredible array of older model 2wd vehicles lined up for the drive from Alice Springs to Margaret River. Drivers spirits were high, as is the amount of money so far

raised for this organisation that is intrinsic to life in remote areas.

David Bailey Snr is participating in the trek as co-driver of car 1002. David has so far handed \$14,500 to the RFDS that he and helpers have raised on Flinders.

PENSIONER AIRFARE REBATE NOW CLAIMABLE FROM SERVICE TASMANIA

Pensioners are entitled to one half of one return airfare to Launceston each financial year through Service Tasmania. Claimants require the ticket and their pension card to claim. For further information see your friendly local Service Tasmania Staff.

2014 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

In 2013 the Local Government Act was changed and Local Government Elections are now to be held only once each four years. The seven Council positions at Flinders Council will all become vacant this year.

Have you considered Representing your Community as a Councillor??

If you would like more information please let Vicki at the Council office know and an information session can be arranged.

Go to www.flinders.tas.gov.au for:

- Community Health Directory
- Local Business Directory
- Community Calendar

And more...

Agendas, Minutes, News and more can be found on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au

Carol Cox
Mayor

GENERAL MANAGER'S ELECTORAL ROLL

As you may or may not be aware, Local Government Elections are set to be held in October this year and with this in mind I thought it an ideal time to remind the community of the requirements to be eligible to vote at a Local Government Election.

In order to have a vote in a Flinders Council election, you must be enrolled on either the State Electoral Roll at an address in the Furneaux Group of Islands or on the General Manager's Electoral Roll for the Flinders municipal area.

If you are not eligible to enrol on the State roll, for example if you are not an Australian Citizen, you may be eligible to enrol on the General Manager's Electoral Roll and vote if you own or occupy property within the Flinders municipality.

A person who is a resident in one municipal area and is also an owner or occupier of land in one or more municipal areas, is entitled to enrol and vote in an election in respect of those municipal areas.

A corporate body that owns or occupies any land in the Flinders municipal area is entitled to nominate one person to vote on its behalf at the Local Government Elections.

Individuals or Corporate Bodies who have previously enrolled on the General Manager's Electoral Roll are requested to notify the Council if your details have changed since the last Local Government Election.

Registrations for inclusion on the General Manager's Roll will close on the 18th September 2014. I encourage anyone who wishes to be considered to contact Vicki Warden, on 6359 5000 or email executive.assistant@flinders.tas.gov.au or you can visit our website

(www.flinders.tas.gov.au) to download an enrolment form and post it to the Council Office (PO Box 40, Whitemark, Flinders Island Tas 7255).

Voting in Local Government Elections is not compulsory. However, Council would encourage every islander to have their say in elections by first ensuring you are enrolled to vote by the due date and then by completing and returning your postal ballot.

Thinking about nominating as a candidate for the local government elections? Visit the Local Government Association of Tasmania's website for more information or the Tasmanian Electoral Commission (there are links on the Council website for both of these sites) or book a time to meet with the General Manager to discuss the nomination process and any questions you may have. Nominations close at 12 noon on the 29th of September 2014.

Raoul Harper
General Manager

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

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.

WHITEMARK TIP

Opening Hours

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



CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

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 Officer Vicki Warden at

executive.assistant@flinders.tas.gov.au

Carol Cox
Mayor

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Holding an activity or event on the Island?

Promoting your activity or event on Flinders Island is most often via the Island News, posters and a householder and increasingly social media via groups such as the Flinders Island Community Noticeboard. There is also the Council Community Calendar to promote your eventand it's free, and easy! The Community Calendar is the 2nd most visited page of our website too.

If you hold regular events, you can also have your own login created so that you can edit as well as post your events. Please contact us if you would like your own login.

What are you waiting for - give it a go!
www.flinders.tas.gov.au/community-calendar/

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. If you wish to book into one of these courses please email or phone St John Ambulance 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 do require payment on booking.

Actively Flinders! Keeping Active

To keep us all active and moving post our Actively Flinders Program a variety of fitness and yoga classes will be held at the Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre by Monika whilst David & Kathleen are away. Please see the ad in this Island News for session times or visit our Community calendar. To Contact Monika directly for questions or suggestions, please call Mob: 0427 102 502

Tasmanian Community Achievement Awards

The Community Achievement Awards for Tasmania are about recognising individuals, organisations and groups who are making a difference in our local communities and State. There can never be enough encouragement and support for those working towards making their State a better place. Awards such as these create an opportunity to say thank you to those who work tirelessly to develop and improve in their chosen field of endeavour.

To make a nomination for an individual or organisation in our community, please visit the website:

<http://awardsaustralia.com/community-achievement-awards/tas>

Got a creative idea that you would like to have funded? Arts Tasmania Program Briefing

Arts Tasmania program officers in writing, music, the performing arts, craft, the visual arts, design, community arts and contemporary music are offering briefing sessions on the funding programs offered

by Arts Tasmania. The sessions would be conducted here on the Island via SKPYE or videoconferencing, and would consist of group and individual sessions.

The sessions will be a great help if you are thinking of applying for arts funding in the current round of grants - deadline August 1, 2014.

If you have an idea for a project, check out the funding on offer at www.arts.tas.gov.au/individuals. Download the artist's toolkit so you get an idea of what's required in your application.

If you are interested in attending the session (possibly in early July) please contact us on 6359 5001.

School Holiday Program

It's almost time for the Flinders Council Winter School Holiday Program! If you haven't yet registered for the program go to www.flinders.tas.gov.au/school-holiday-program to download the Registration Form.

Alternatively contact Dolly on 0437 987 863 or via email at stacey.wheatley@flinders.tas.gov.au and we will send you the information.

Flinders Island Recreational and Community Facilities Assessment and Preliminary Infrastructure Plan

Thank you to everyone who has provided feedback on our draft of the Flinders Island Recreational and Community Facilities Assessment and Preliminary Infrastructure Plan. Your feedback has helped shape the final report and plan. The final draft will be presented at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council in June.

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.

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 director's 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 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. Tasmanian Community Fund Targeted Round

www.tascomfund.org

The Tasmanian Community Fund will be seeking to fund a range of projects (\$50 000 to \$300 000) that target 16 to 25 year olds to build resilience and increase life skills in one or more of the following areas. Improving health and well-being; improving mental health outcomes; improving literacy and numeracy; re-engaging with the community and/or education; reducing teenage pregnancy; reducing violence

including bullying, reducing youth homelessness, diverting from the justice system. Closes 25 June 2014.

8. FRRR ANZ Seeds of Renewal Program www.frrr.org.au

Seeds of Renewal is a grants program, supported by ANZ, which aims to contribute to building thriving communities in regional Australia. Grants of up to \$10,000 to community organisations for projects focused on creating education and employment opportunities in regional communities. Closes 1 August 2014

9. FRRR Rural Education Australia Program—Reaping Rewards – www.frrr.org.au

The Rural Education Australia Program (REAPing Rewards) provides grants up to \$10,000 to not-for-profit community groups, early childhood service providers, and primary and secondary school community support committees, for locally driven projects. Agriculture; Arts, Culture and Heritage; Business and Industry; Community and Society; Education and Training; Employment; Environment and Nature; Health and Safety; Indigenous; Science and Technology. (FRRR) Closes 25th August 2014.

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

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