

Council News

MAYOR'S REPORT

Centenarian

Congratulations Lady Mary McTier on your quickly approaching 100th Birthday. You are an inspiration to many and may you thoroughly enjoy the upcoming celebration of this very special event. My fellow Councillors, Council staff, Community members and I, wish you the very best of birthdays, and congratulate you on reaching this milestone in your life. You are a very special member of this Community.

Citizenship

By the time you read this I will have had the pleasure of leading the Citizenship Ceremony for Barbara and David Freer. The Freer's have contributed widely to the Island community they have chosen as home and I congratulate them and welcome them as Australian Citizens. Barb and David shared the event with many of their friends to make it a very joyous occasion.

Actively Flinders

Census results from 2011 cite the median age the population of the Flinders Municipality as 52yrs, for Tasmania it is 40yrs and for Australia it is 37yrs. Yes we have a relatively old community and that is why it is important to age actively. The recent "Actively Flinders" program delivered by Kathleen and David Heap and funded by Council and the Federal Government through Medicare Local attracted an average of 57 participants over 5 weeks. Congratulations to all who participated. Monika is on the Island providing fitness classes whilst Kathleen

and David take a break "overseas" enabling the enthusiasm built in the Actively Flinders program to be continued.

Development Applications

Council is bound by law to enforce the Planning and Building regulations. The cheapest and surest way of having all the right boxes ticked for your development is to see the Council before you start.

If a building/development is reported to Council that does not have planning and building permits then Council has to act to enforce the regulations.

Discretionary development applications are advertised in the Examiner, on the noticeboard at the Council Office and are placed on the Council website under development/current advertising.

Special Zone B Tax Zone

Residents of the Furneaux group live in a Special Zone B for taxation purposes, new residents are reminded to check your eligibility for associated rebates and/or related Centrelink payments adjustments.

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

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 17th July 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 11th July 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

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.

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 Vicki Warden at

executive.assistant@flinders.tas.gov.au

Carol Cox

Mayor

SAVE THE DATE

The RFDS patient transfer shed at airport is to be opened on the 4th of July.



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Gardeners save the date! Rose Garden pruning and National Plant a Tree Day

In July there are two opportunities for you to get together with friends and neighbours and help out.

Saturday 26 July – Rose Garden pruning
Sunday 27 July – National Plant a Tree Day – revegetation at the Lady Barron Port

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 event ...and 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/

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 Art & 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 will be available to discuss your creative ideas & provide briefing sessions on individual funding programs in the areas of writing, music, the performing arts, craft, the visual arts, design, community arts and contemporary music. The sessions will be conducted here on the Island via SKYPE or video conferencing, and would consist of group and individual sessions.

If you have an idea for a project, please check out the funding on offer at www.arts.tas.gov.au/individuals.

Download the artists' toolkit so you get an idea of what's required in your application.

The sessions will be a great help if you are thinking of applying for Arts Funding in the current round of grants - deadline for grant applications is August 1, 2014.

An information session is planned to be held on Tuesday 1st July, 9:00am - 11:00am. Please contact us if you would like to register your attendance.

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 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. 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

10. The Equity Support Program 2014 www.skills.tas.gov.au

Skills Tasmania's Equity Support Program aims to increase or support opportunities for people who may be disadvantaged and experience barriers to participation in post-compulsory vocational education and training (VET) and employment. It features two separate grant streams: Small Grants, which closes Monday, 30 June (5.00pm); and Large Grants, which closes Monday, 7 July (5.00pm).

11. Artsbridge

www.arts.tas.gov.au/funding/artsbridgeconnect

Artsbridge connect provides funds for freight, fares, accommodation, living allowances and fees to assist Tasmanian artists and arts organisations to invite a leading

national or international arts professional or practitioner to Tasmania to conduct creative and/or professional development opportunities for the benefit of a group of Tasmanian artists.

12. Festivals Australia: Regional Festivals Project Fund

www.australiacouncil.gov.au/grants

This fund supports innovative arts projects which add to the quality, diversity and audience engagement of festivals in regional and remote Australia. Round opens 14 July 2014

Applications close 29 August 2014

13. Max e Grants - www.bmaxe.com.au

The Max E Grants provide small grants of up to \$5000 to support children (4-18 years) experiencing significant disadvantage to support, promote and encourage their educational potential and outcomes. Round 2 opened on 1 May 2014 and closes on 31 July 2014 for projects taking place 1 October - 30 April, 2015. Applications close 5pm AEST

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