

# Council News

## MAYOR'S REPORT

### **Lady Barron Hall Committee**

Council and the members of the Lady Barron Hall Committee would like to publicly recognise the contribution that Shirley Holloway has made to the Committee over many years as a Member and Office Bearer.

Over the years Shirley has been a hardworking and passionate member of the Committee. The Hall, Holloway Park, the Tennis Courts, Yellow Beach and gardens around the town are all the better for her dedication and input. Shirley, along with other committed members of our Community have been known to start serving breakfast at the wharf on Three Peaks Day in the earliest hours of the morning. Shirley has recently resigned from the Committee, however I know she will continue her keen interest in making Lady Barron a special place. Thank you Shirley.

### **TasWater**

Council will be updated on the Whitemark and Lady Barron water supplies by TasWater at a workshop on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Tourism**

I had the privilege of meeting the members of the Tourism North Tasmania Board on their visit to Flinders. It was a first visit for several members who found the local produce, physical beauty and our friendly community most impressive. Council works with the Flinders Island Tourism Association, Tourism North Tasmania and Tourism Tasmania to

promote the Island as a visitor destination.

### **Local Government Conference**

Next week the Deputy Mayor, General Manager and I will be attending the annual Local Government Association of Tasmania Conference in Hobart. This is a chance to network with other councils and connect with service providers. We take the opportunity to connect and trade ideas, particularly with representatives from the King Island and northern councils. This year Flinders has entered its new website in the 2014 Awards for Excellence.

### **Council Elections – October 2014**

#### *Thinking about nominating?*

Visit the Local Government Association of Tasmania's website for more information or the Tasmanian Electoral Commission 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 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

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.

#### **Go to [flinders.tas.gov.au](http://flinders.tas.gov.au) for:**

- Advertised Planning Applications
- Council Reports
- Community Calendar

And more...

Carol Cox  
**Mayor**

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### **FLINDERS COUNCIL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD**

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Nomination forms are available from the Council Office and on the Council website for people wishing to nominate an individual for the Flinders Council Citizen of the Year Award. The award will be presented at the Flinders Island Show on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

Please submit your nomination to the Council Office by C.O.B. **11<sup>th</sup> August 2014.**

#### **Selection Criteria for the Award**

*The following criteria will be used to select the award recipient:*

1. Only individuals are eligible to be nominated, not organisations.
2. Nominees must be over sixteen (16) years of age as of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July in the year of the nomination.
3. The award will be given to the person who has made the most significant voluntary contribution for the benefit of the Furneaux Community, organisations or individuals.
4. Recipients can receive only one Citizen of the Year Award during their lifetime.
5. Selection will be based on the quality of the contribution along with the quantity of the contribution.

Raoul Harper, **General Manager**

### **POLICIES**

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*Council's Policy Manual is an important document of Council as it provides direction to Staff, Management and Councillors. Many of the policies are required by, or relate to, legislation and in most instances help manage Council's exposure to risk.*

Council resolved at the 19th June 2014 Ordinary Council Meeting to adopt the **Fraud Prevention and Control Policy** and the **Communication between Councillors and the General Manager Policy**. These policies will lie on the table for public comment until the 24th July 2014.

They are available to download from the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies) or hardcopies are available from the Council Office.

Should you wish to make comment on either of these policies please do so by addressing relative correspondence to the General Manager.

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**Friday 11th July 2014**

The Flinders Council announces the completion of the wooden bridge replacement program.

"At a time when rural municipalities across Australia are struggling to fund bridge replacement programs, it's heartening to see the island's own long term bridge replacement program finally completed" said Mayor Carol Cox.

Some 30 wooden bridges have now been replaced with precast concrete constructions, built by a local manufacturer. Flinders Council instigated the project some 16 years ago with 1 or 2 bridges being replaced each year to a schedule set through bridge condition assessments and strategic importance.

"The project is a great example of how even small Council's with minimal revenue can set long term strategies for asset replacement and methodically deliver improvements over many years for our communities. This bridge replacement program will benefit transport operators and all road users, enabling economic development and improving the safety of our roads for residents and tourists alike" said Mayor Cox.

While Flinders Council has self-funded the majority of the bridge replacement program, from 2009 through to 2014 the Island received significant funding support from the Federal Government through the Roads to Recover Program.

"Roads to Recovery and the Federal Assistance Grants programs are critical

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support mechanisms for remote communities such as ours. Without them, our ability to fund key infrastructure projects such as bridge replacement programs and road upgrades would be very difficult" Mayor Cox said.

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> August 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 15<sup>th</sup> August 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 DEVELOPMENT

### Thank you! Newstead Students Work Placement Program visit

Flinders Council in partnership with the Flinders Island District High School, Newstead College and Tasmanian Life Long

Learning (TL3) support the Newstead College Work Placement Program on Flinders Island. This year the Program received 11 applications from students wanting to visit and experience Flinders Island to gain work experience. The majority of applications highlighted the areas of interest to be agriculture/farming, nursing and tourism. We were able to accept three students as part of this program.

A big thank you to our local employers who provided work experience for these students and also to the host families. Without you, this program wouldn't exist.

### 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 within your community.

#### Saturday 26 July, 9am till 12midday - Rose Garden pruning

Ever wanted to learn how to grow roses from tip cuttings? The CWA will also be holding a fundraising activity to grow roses from what we normally discard.

Come along and help prune the roses in our community garden or learn how to strike your own. Morning tea will be supplied by the CWA for a gold coin donation.

BYO gardening gloves and secateurs

#### Sunday 27 July, 11am till 1pm, National Plant a Tree Day - revegetation at the Lady Barron Port

Come along and help plant out the Fisherman's Memorial Park at the Lady Barron Port on National Plant a Tree Day. This event is supported by Flinders Council, Furneaux Landcare and Tasports.

### RFDS Patient Transfer Facility launched at Flinders Island Airport

The Royal Flying Doctor Service Tasmania (RFDS Tas) has launched the second of its patient transfer facilities at a presentation and morning tea held at the Flinders Island Airport on Friday the 4th of July. RFDS Tas developed the concept of the patient transfer facility for installation at regional airports around Tasmania. The purpose built facility

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will be used to improve the overall comfort of Ambulance Tasmania patients and assist medical staff during the transfer of patients from road ambulance to air ambulance. The design of the facility has been endorsed by Ambulance Tasmania. Under the arrangement, the purchase of the shelter, together with a contribution towards the cost of construction is met by RFDS Tasmania with Flinders Council installing and maintaining the shelters on airport land.

### **Actively Flinders! Keeping Active – how well have you improved?**

Thank you to all participants of our Actively Flinders program. We hope that your recent assessments for this program indicated an improvement in your health and that the program has equipped you to better manage your own health. Thank you also to Kathleen, David and Monika for providing the community with a range of fitness classes to choose from over the past two – three months as part of this funded program.

Actively Flinders was made possible from funding by Flinders Council and the Federal Government through Tasmania Medicare Local.

### **Hospitality and Tourism Skills training opportunity**

Tas TAFE with Tourism Northern Tasmania and funded through Skills Tasmania are pleased to announce new funding for training tourism workers, operators, managers and supervisors. The Skills Fund is a State Funded program that aims to reduce skills shortages and increase productivity in Tasmania.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS AVAILABLE**

- Certificate IV of Travel and Tourism (SIT40212)
- Diploma of Travel and Tourism (SIT50112)
- Advance Diploma of Travel and Tourism (SIT60112)

For more information, please contact Tas TAFE, Megan Hardie:  
P: 0417 516 129  
E: [Megan.Hardie@tastafe.tas.edu.au](mailto:Megan.Hardie@tastafe.tas.edu.au)

### **Are you an inspiring leader?**

Applications for the 2015 Tasmanian Leaders Program are now open. The Tasmanian Leaders Program identifies, promotes and develops aspiring business and community leaders, creating significant future benefits for both them and Tasmania. Each year, a diverse group of participants with one thing in common – high leadership potential – is selected, to come together regularly over a 10-month period to learn and cultivate a range of specific competencies crucial to leaders. Applications are encouraged from across Tasmania from within business, not-for-profits and the public sector. Applicants should demonstrate above-average achievement with clear potential for future growth and the ability to contribute significantly to the wider Tasmanian community.

Applications close **Wednesday 1 October 2014**. For more information, please visit the website: [www.tasmanianleaders.org.au](http://www.tasmanianleaders.org.au)

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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/](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/community-calendar/)

### **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 the 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

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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:

[awardsaustralia.com/community-achievement-awards/tas](http://awardsaustralia.com/community-achievement-awards/tas)

### Nominate an Islander now! Australian of the Year

The search for the next Australian of the Year Award recipients has begun.

You are encouraged to nominate a friend, family member, community leader, colleague or even someone famous - any Tasmanian who you admire and believe makes our state and country a better place to live.

Being nominated for the Australian of the Year Awards is a great honour and offers your nominee a unique platform to further their important work. This is your opportunity to recognise and reward someone in your community who makes you proud to be an Australian.

Nomination is an easy process online at [www.australianoftheyear.org.au](http://www.australianoftheyear.org.au)

Nominations close **Friday 1 August 2014** and remember – one nomination is all it takes!

### 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)

They are 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-

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for-profit organisations and local government entities that provide sport and active recreation opportunities to the Tasmanian community are invited to apply.

### 7. **FRRR ANZ Seeds of Renewal Program** [www.frrr.org.au](http://www.frrr.org.au)

Seeds of Renewal is a grants program 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<sup>st</sup> August 2014.

### 8. **FRRR Rural Education Australia Program - Reaping Rewards**

[www.frrr.org.au](http://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 25<sup>th</sup> August 2014

### 9. **Artsbridge** [www.arts.tas.gov.au](http://www.arts.tas.gov.au)

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. Closing date 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014

### 10. **Festivals Australia: Regional Festivals Project Fund**

[www.australiacouncil.gov.au/grants](http://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<sup>th</sup> July 2014 and Applications close 29<sup>th</sup> August 2014

### 11. **Max e Grants** - [www.bmaxe.com.au](http://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<sup>st</sup> May 2014 and closes on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014 for projects taking place 1<sup>st</sup> October – 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2015. Applications close 5pm AEST

### 12. **Screen Tasmania**

[www.screen.tas.gov.au](http://www.screen.tas.gov.au)

Screen Tasmania provides grants and equity investments in the development, production and marketing of Tasmanian screen projects, including drama, documentaries, feature films, TV series and digital media. Most funds are only open to 'emerging' or 'experienced' practitioners, that is, those with at least one recognised credit.

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

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**