

Council News

MAYOR'S REPORT

Taswater:

The last Taswater quarterly report to owner Councils includes the commitment of "the provision of potable water treatment facilities, storage and trunk systems for the townships of Whitemark and Lady Barron". The project is in the design and tendering phase and is for completion in the 2016 Financial Year at an estimated cost of \$11 million.

The change in cost to users will be minimal, the difference in the cost per kilolitre between non-potable and potable water, currently being 19 cents/kl.

MPC Open Day

Thank you to the MPC Staff and the Auxiliary members for inviting the public to view the completed rebuild. The guided tours by staff gave a full picture of the benefits of the project to both the staff and the public.

Whitemark Foreshore

Councillors walked the proposed foreshore path between the new BBQ, toilet and exercise equipment sites on one of our very windy days. The new facilities will be sited between the parking area where the "geese" stand and the boat ramp. Tampering with the vegetation will be limited to that necessary to insert the infrastructure and a 1.2 metre wide winding path. Most of the dead cypresses will stay with the creepers allowed to grow through them maintaining the wind break.

Further plantings of hardy species will occur to strengthen the body of shrubs and trees growing there.

The area to the south of the boat ramp has been avoided due to the need to protect the bank that is being eroded during wild weather.

Commitments of a Councillor

For those thinking of standing for Council in the upcoming election the following gives an idea of the commitment you will be making if/when elected.

Currently monthly meetings are held at 1.00pm for 2 - 4 hours. The time could change with the new set of Councillors. To hold meetings earlier than 5.00pm requires the agreement of an absolute majority (4 councillors)

Meeting Agendas are distributed to Councillors on the Friday prior to the Thursday meeting and do take some reading and thought time.

A workshop is held two weeks prior to the meeting and can be for either a half or full day. Other workshops or presentations are held on demand but on average only once each 2 months.

Council has several committees and each Councillor is expected to participate in or Chair about 2 Committees each. The Committees' meeting schedules range from monthly to 6 monthly.

Councillors are remunerated to assist with the time commitment. The Flinders

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Councillor allowance is \$8,322 per annum.

The Local Government Association of Tasmania's (LGAT's) website has an extensive range of information on being a councillor, www.lgat.tas.gov.au.

Go to flinders.tas.gov.au for:

- Advertised Planning Applications
- Reports and plans
- Community Calendar
- Business Directory

and more

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 21st August 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 15th 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

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



CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Hospitality Training in 2014

TasTafe Drysdale and the Flinders Island Tourism Association (FITA) are pleased to advise their recent success in securing funding to deliver hospitality training on the Island for 2014. This funding enables the training to be delivered to hospitality workers at a heavily subsidised rate. The training modules are for existing workers in the industry and will include:

1. **Customer Service** - Enhance the customer service experience: Cost \$25.00, proposed dates - Monday 22nd September (to be confirmed), times TBA. Venue - Furneaux Tavern;
2. **Barista** - Prepare and serve espresso coffee: Cost \$40.00 proposed dates - Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd September (to be confirmed), times TBA. Venue - Furneaux Tavern;

Students will be given their books and assessments on the first day and then be required to participate in a second session (dates to be advised) for the final assessment and training.

3. **Guiding** - Provide a briefing or scripted commentary: Cost \$50.00; 2 full days - Monday 3rd November and Thursday 4th December 2014. Venue - Mountain Seas.

WHITEMARK TIP

Opening Hours

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Those community members who have already expressed an interest in the training please contact Dolly or Jana at Council to confirm your place on 63595001. Alternatively if you are interested in the training and haven't contacted us previously feel free to give us a call on the number above; limited spaces do apply to each course.

Community Rose Garden

The next working bee to mulch in preparation for the warmer months will be held on Saturday 30th August at 9am, BYO gloves. Please contact Megan Morphett on 0400 233 601 for more information.

Whitemark Foreshore: BBQ and Permanent Outdoor Exercise Equipment

On July 17th 2014, Council, acting as the Planning Authority, approved the Whitemark Foreshore Development Application for the installation of Exercise Equipment, BBQ and Toilet to be located at the Whitemark Foreshore. The development application includes substantial improvements to the existing coastal area as an outdoor coastal park and beach venue for the enjoyment of residents and visitors. Over the coming months works will commence to install the BBQ and also the permanent exercise equipment. You may notice that there will be some vegetation being removed, please do not be concerned as the plan also includes re vegetation to the area. If you would like to view the Whitemark Foreshore Masterplan or the Landscape Plan for the area, please visit the Council website's Community Noticeboard or contact us.

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

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/

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

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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: awardsaustralia.com/community-achievement-awards/tas

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. Sport and Recreation Tasmania 2013/14 Grants Programs - www.development.tas.gov.au

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.

2. 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.

3. Ian Potter Cultural Trust - 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 9th September.

4. Commonwealth Scholarships Program

The Commonwealth Scholarships Program (formally known as the Commonwealth Learning Scholarships (CLS) Program) was introduced in 2004 to assist students from low socio-economic backgrounds, particularly those from rural and regional areas and **Closes** 31 December 2015.

5. Tas Community Fund - Opening 2 August 2014 www.tascomfund.org

Applications for small grants (up to \$10,000) will close on 10 September 2014. Applications for medium grants (\$10,001 to \$90,000) will close on 24 September 2014. There have been no significant changes to the eligibility and funding criteria. Applicants are also encouraged to discuss their project with Tasmanian Community Fund staff (phone 6232 7043 or 6232 7269 or email admin@tascomfund.org) before submitting their application.

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

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WASTE DATA - Whitemark Tip

Period	Jan 1st to June 30th	Jan 1st to June 30th	Jan 1st to June 30th
Year	2012	2013	2014
Vehicles Less Than 1 Tonne	1566	1548	1724
Vehicles 1-2 Tonne	50	16	8
Vehicles 2-5 Tonne	2	7	8
Vehicles 5-10 Tonne	0	29	16
Vehicles with General Waste	1381	1326	1412
Vehicles with Commercial Waste	74	85	111
Vehicles with Green Waste	254	195	243
Vehicles with Hard Waste	382	350	360
Total Converted Tonnes	283.78	322.15	340

Period	Jul 1st to Dec 31st	Jul 1st to Dec 31st	Jul 1st to Dec 31st
Year	2011	2012	2013
Vehicles Less Than 1 Tonne	1646	1498	1464
Vehicles 1-2 Tonne	27	24	17
Vehicles 2-5 Tonne	1	19	4
Vehicles 5-10 Tonne	0	2	24
Vehicles with General Waste	1413	1383	1292
Vehicles with Commercial Waste	74	70	54
Vehicles with Green Waste	198	182	203
Vehicles with Hard Waste	368	361	344
Total Converted Tonnes	295.18	293.37	322