

# Council News

## MAYOR'S REPORT

### Shipping

Following is a copy of the media release on the 4th September from the Minister for Infrastructure, Rene Hidding MP.

#### *"Update on Furneaux Shipping*

*The Liberal Government has today requested TasPorts immediately develop short and medium term options to ensure continuity of shipping services to Flinders and Cape Barren Islands.*

*The request follows the notice by Furneaux Freight that it would withdraw from stevedoring and shipping services for the islands from 28 September.*

*Today I confirmed to the Flinders Island Mayor Carol Cox that the Government will ensure a sustainable, safe and efficient shipping service for the Furneaux Islands communities.*

*Freight shipping is the lifeblood of the Island economy. The Liberal Government, TasPorts and the Flinders Council are working together to ensure these freight services are not interrupted.*

*The Government, through the Treasurer, has also spoken directly to the owner of Furneaux Freight, Matthew Bayles."*

More information on future shipping arrangements will be circulated in the coming weeks.

### Audit Timely

Council has received written confirmation from the Tasmanian Audit Office that its financial report has been accepted and was submitted on time (within 45 days after the end of the financial year), thereby complying with section 17 of the Audit Act.

Congratulations to the Corporate Services staff Sophie, Dianne and Megan (who replaced Kelly when she went on maternity leave) for achieving this whilst also introducing a new accounting system, active from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014. The new system is simpler, less expensive and more functional for reporting than the system that Council has been running on for many years. Council has followed the lead of some other smaller Tasmanian councils who now use this accounting system.

### Flinders Island District High School

As the Council representative on the FIDH School Association I bring to your attention the current opportunity to nominate as a parent or community representative to the association. The parent representative must have a child currently in attendance at the school. The community representative position is for a person who is not a parent of a student at the school and is interested in the role that school and education can play in the development of our young residents. For more information see the September School Newsletter. Forms can be collected from the school office during school hours. Interested? Please make your nomination to the school office by 2.00pm on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

### Congratulations

To the organisers of the **Flinders Running Festival**, a fantastic event attracting more visitors each year. This is a Community driven event, supported by volunteers, and run with the assistance of sponsors. A new timing system was purchased which will also be made available for other Island events. Congratulations to all involved.

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### **Congratulations**

To the producers of a new Island product, **Straitwater**, this was launched last weekend. Thank you for having the initiative to invest in the Islands.

### **ASIF 2015**

As I reported in the last edition, Council has cancelled the Australian Small Islands Forum scheduled for April 2015 on Flinders. **Norfolk Island** is now planning to hold the event in September of 2015.

### **Local Government Elections Mayor & Deputy Mayor Eligibility**

The Local Government Amendment (Mayoral Candidate Eligibility) Bill 2014 was passed by both Houses of Parliament on 28 August 2014. This legislation removes the eligibility requirement for a candidate for the office of Mayor or Deputy Mayor to have at least 12 months prior experience as a Tasmanian councillor.

Any person will now be eligible to nominate as a candidate for the office of Mayor or Deputy Mayor, provided that they are eligible to nominate as a candidate for the office of Councillor.

In order for a person to accept the office of Mayor or Deputy Mayor, they must also be successful in being elected to the office of Councillor.

The removal of the eligibility requirement will be effective immediately upon the Bill receiving Royal Assent, which is expected to occur on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2014.

In summary, people will now be able to nominate as a candidate for the office of Mayor or Deputy Mayor in the upcoming local government elections without having had 12 months prior experience as a Councillor.

The Tasmanian Electoral Commission will publish the notice of local government elections on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2014. Nominations for office of Councillor, Mayor and Deputy Mayor will open on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September and close at 12 noon on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

For more information about the 2014 local government elections, please visit the Tasmanian Electoral Commission website at [www.tec.tas.gov.au](http://www.tec.tas.gov.au)

For more information about the role of Councillor go to the Local Government Association of Tasmania website at [www.lgat.tas.gov.au](http://www.lgat.tas.gov.au)

### **Go to the Flinders Council website [flinders.tas.gov.au](http://flinders.tas.gov.au)**

For:

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

and much more

Carol Cox, **Mayor**

## **WHITEMARK TIP**

### Opening Hours

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



**CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

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### **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

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#### **Building in the Flinders Municipality**

Development in our Municipality is controlled by the Flinders Planning Scheme 2000. This is commonly referred to as "the scheme". It is Council's roll to ensure that all development in their area is compliant with the current Planning Scheme, as well as the current building and plumbing provisions.

Some development under the scheme is exempt. There is a list of exemptions under Part 3, 3.15. If your development is consistent with the intentions of the prescribed exemptions you may obtain an exemption certificate from Council. This certificate can cover you into the future and clarify for you that your development has been assess and no further recourse will be forthcoming. This is a free service provided by Council to provide assurity around exempt developments.

Permitted Applications, although subject to the same requirements, do not require advertising, as per discretionary applications. These development categories are based on the Use Table applicable for each Zone as defined within the scheme and on the zoning maps.

If you are thinking of developing, unsure what your zone is or wondering if your ideas may be exempt, call Council on 63 595 010 to arrange an appointment to speak with the Development Services Coordinator.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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#### **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 22<sup>nd</sup> September 10am -1pm. Venue - Furneaux Tavern;
- 2. Barista** - Prepare and serve espresso coffee: Cost \$40.00 proposed dates - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> or Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 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 in November for the final assessment and training.*
- 3. Guiding** - Provide a briefing or scripted commentary: Cost \$50.00; 2 full days - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014. Venue - Mountain Seas. Full Course - Waiting list applies

If you are interested in the training and haven't contacted us previously feel free to give us a call at Council on 63595001, limited spaces do apply to each course.

#### **Hydro Tasmania Flinders Island Running Festival**

Congratulations and well done to Fitness on Flinders, the Running Group members, the Sports Club, SES, the Lions Club, the young people who served at the Pasta Night and all who helped out during the weekend events.

#### **Notes from the Rose Garden**

A BIG thank you to Kevin (KR) & Barb Robinson for your generous donation of lucerne hay! It made our day and helped to mulch half of our rose beds. Any further donations of hay, or funds to help

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purchase more hay, will be much appreciated so that we can finish mulching prior to the summer season.

In other news, the Rose Garden community has purchased three more Altissimo climbing roses (the same as the climber June Klug so generously donated)...

We are also looking to find old farm gates or other decorative structures to attach to a wall for support.

Please forward any offers or ideas to Council front office or myself. Thanks in anticipation, Megan Morphet.

### Notice to Event Organisers

If you are thinking of holding a Community event, Council staffs are here to help you! There are a number of items that Council Officers need to address regarding public events and the application process may be daunting. Council requires at least 28 days notice prior to planned community events to ensure that an assessment of your event may be completed, ensuring compliance with Council's legal and regulatory obligations to the State Government. Please contact Jacci Viney or Jana Harper at the Council Offices if you would like more information.

### Emita Cenotaph Upgrade

You may have noticed some recent activity at the Emita cenotaph! Works have commenced for the upgrade to the Cenotaph which will include a parking bay/drop off area with a path and handrail for easier access, installation of new seating and a general tidy up of the site! Thank you to Butch Barnewall and his merry workers, it is looking fantastic! A Remembrance Day Event will be held at the Cenotaph on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014. This project has been funded

through financial support from Flinders Council, Flinders Island RSL and funding secured through the Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program.

### School Holiday Spring Program

The school holidays are almost upon us! The spring program will include creative arts with Maria, a bus trip & lunch outing, commando challenges, movie matinees and an opportunity to get creative with your show entries! Watch this space for more information!

### 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/)

### Whitemark Foreshore: BBQ and Permanent Outdoor Exercise Equipment

On July 17<sup>th</sup> 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

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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.

### 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. 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](http://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. Small Grants for Rural Communities (SGRC) - [www.frrr.org.au](http://www.frrr.org.au)

Grants up to \$5,000 are available for projects and activities that offer clear public benefit for communities in rural, regional or remote Australia. Priority is given to communities of 10,000 or

fewer. Not-for-profit community based organisations can apply for funds to support projects and activities that are contributing to their social and community welfare, economic, environmental, health, education or cultural development. Closes 26<sup>th</sup> September 2014

#### 2. Sport and Recreation Tasmania 2014/15 Grants Programs -

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

Communities, 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 recreation sector.

#### 3. 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

#### 4. Tas Community Fund -

[www.tascomfund.org](http://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](mailto:admin@tascomfund.org)) before submitting their application.

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### 5. Career Pathways - Professional Development

[www.australiacouncil.gov.au](http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au)

These grants provide funding for individual artists and arts workers to build their professional capacity as community arts and cultural development workers. Funding is available up to \$12,000 for individuals to undertake opportunities that will develop careers in community arts and cultural development. This grant does not support project development and delivery.

### 6. Hyundai Help for Kids

[www.hyundaihelpforkids.com.au](http://www.hyundaihelpforkids.com.au)

Hyundai Help for Kids was created to allow Hyundai Motor Company Australia, in partnership with the Australian National Hyundai Dealer Network to provide funds and/or non-monetary support for not-for-profit organisations associated with providing assistance to Australian children and their families, closes 30<sup>th</sup> September.

### 7. Tasmanian Department of State Growth - various

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

The Department of State Growth offers a variety of grants and loans to help both business and individuals prosper. We may assist in the development, expansion or retention of business undertakings in Tasmania, or conduct research or experiments for the purpose of the establishment of a business undertaking in Tasmania. Visit the area of interest to you to find out if you are eligible:

### 8. Healthy Food Access Project -

[www.heartfoundation.org.au](http://www.heartfoundation.org.au)

The Heart Foundation is pleased to invite Expressions of Interest for funding for initiatives to improve

access to fruit and vegetables (preferably locally grown) in communities across Tasmania. Applicants are asked to make contact with the Healthy Food Access Tasmania Project Manager to discuss their proposal and any questions. Contact Leah Galvin on 03 6220 2210 or email. Applications close 30<sup>th</sup> September at 5.00pm. The Healthy Food Access Tasmania project has produced Local Government Food Access Profiles for 28 of the 29 local governments of Tasmania. These can be viewed on the website supplied above.

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**

**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 18<sup>th</sup> September 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 12<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

Public Question Time will be held between 1.00pm – 1.30pm.  
Members of the public are invited to attend.

Raoul Harper  
**General Manager**