

# Council News

## MAYOR'S REPORT

### Shipping

By the time this edition of the Island News is ready there will be more information available, however at the time of writing this column the issues are still being worked through.

### Pensioner Airfare Rebate

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.

### Special Zone B Tax Zone

Just a reminder to residents of the Furneaux group, you live in a Special Zone B for taxation purposes. Check your eligibility for associated rebates and/or related Centrelink payment adjustments.

### Local Government Elections

#### *First all out - all in election*

Flinders has seven Council positions and all will become vacant. **Seven** Councillors will be elected by you at this election to take up the Councillor positions for the next four years. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor are also elected for the four year period.

*Nominations for the positions of Councillor, Mayor and Deputy Mayor close at 12 noon on the 29th of September 2014.*

Nomination forms are available at the Council Office.

The Local Government Association of Tasmania's ([www.lgat.tas.gov.au](http://www.lgat.tas.gov.au)) website

has an extensive range of information on being a Councillor.

### Candidate list

Nominations will be announced by the Electoral Commission at 12 noon on Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> September.

### Voting

Your Postal Voting Pack will be delivered to your enrolled address.

There is a two week voting period from Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> October to Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> October, during which votes must be returned to be counted.

Votes are counted using the Hare Clarke system. "Hare-Clark is Tasmania's proportional representation system using the single-transferable vote." (Ref: [www.utas.edu.au/](http://www.utas.edu.au/))

*Visit the Tasmanian Electoral Commission ([www.tec.tas.gov.au](http://www.tec.tas.gov.au)) website for more information on the elections.*

### September Council Meeting

- Mr Ken Stockton was appointed as the Community Representative on the Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee of Council.
- The motions for decision at the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) General Meeting were discussed and voting direction given to the Mayor.
- Monthly Report on progress with actions from Councillor resolutions was received.

## Other Council News

Council's Citizen of the Year award for 2014 will be presented at the Flinders Island Show on the 17<sup>th</sup> October.

Quarterly reports on progress of actions within the Annual Plan will be tabled at the October Ordinary meeting of Council.

## Go to the Flinders Council website

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

For:

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

and much more

Carol Cox, Mayor

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN STORAGE OPTIONS AT THE AIRPORT?

Council is investigating the feasibility of providing lockable and covered storage sheds at the Flinders Island Airport in Whitemark.

The sheds would be provided on a commercial basis in line with typical rental rates found on mainland Tasmania.

You might be a....

- Tradesperson coming and going from the Island looking for somewhere to store your tools and gear;
- Local business operator with links to the airport needing an interim storage place for equipment or goods; or a
- Part time resident or frequent visitor with a car currently sitting in the car park.

If so, we would like to hear from you.

At this early stage Council would simply appreciate people interested in finding out more about the plans for airport storage sheds to express an interest.

Ideally Council would like to know what kinds of goods or items you are looking to store. This will help us "size" the various sheds to best suit people's needs.

This information will then be used to investigate costs and options in more detail, and develop some rental rates for your consideration.

To express your interest email Council's front office on [office@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:office@flinders.tas.gov.au) and include the following details:

- Your name
- If you are with a business, the name of that business
- Short description of your storage requirements, either in cubic metres or as a description of the items
- Contact email
- Contact phone number

Expressions of Interest are due close of business **Friday 3 October 2014**.

If you have any general questions about this project please contact reception at Council either via email or call 6359 5001.

## 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 assessed 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 59-5010 to arrange an appointment to speak with the Development Services Coordinator.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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#### **Have you registered yet? School Holiday Spring Program**

The school holidays are almost upon us and Council's spring school holiday

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! Please register your attendance by contacting Dolly 0437 987 863.

Please note that a Movie Classification Permission Slip will need to be submitted for all young people under the age of 18 years.

#### **Emita Hall Upgrades**

The planned upgrade works to the Emita Hall will commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. Thank you to all the Emita Hall volunteers who helped to prepare and clean the site. Access to the hall and the recreation grounds will be closed to the public whilst the construction works are in progress.

#### **Notice to Event Organisers**

If you are thinking of holding a Community event, Council staff 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 that includes 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

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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.

### **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 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. Minor grants close 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014 and major grants close 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

#### **2. 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<sup>st</sup> December 2015

#### **3. 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.

#### **4. 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.

#### **5. 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. They 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.

#### **6. 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>

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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

### Position Vacant Community Development Officer Maternity Relief Position

Flinders Council is seeking to appoint a Community Development Officer – Maternity Relief position in the Community & Economic Development Department.

This position is offered as a fixed term part time position of 5 days per fortnight. As Maternity Relief, the position term can be shortened with appropriate notice however we believe a one-year term will be required. Salary will be dependent upon qualifications and experience. Terms and conditions for this position

will be as per the Flinders Council Enterprise Agreement 2013-2016. A Position Description is available from Sophie Pitchford, Corporate Services Manager by phoning **6359 5008** or please visit:

[www.flinders.tas.gov.au/employment-and-business-opportunities](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/employment-and-business-opportunities)

Written applications responding to the Position Description's essential "Knowledge, Skills and Experience" criteria along with a current resume are required by **C.O.B. Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014.**

Applications are to be marked "Confidential" – Community Development Officer - Maternity Relief, and should be forwarded to the Corporate Services Manager, Flinders Council, PO Box 40, WHITEMARK, TAS 7255 or email directly to [sophie.pitchford@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:sophie.pitchford@flinders.tas.gov.au)

Sophie Pitchford  
**CORPORATE SERVICES 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 16<sup>th</sup> October 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 10<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

Public Question Time will be held between 1.00pm – 1.30pm.

Members of the public are invited to attend.

Raoul Harper  
**General Manager**

