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Acting Mayor's Column

At the time of writing, Mayor Cox was having a well-earned break from her Mayoral duties.

Proposed TasWater capital works

Quite a few local community members seem to be concerned that once the new water supply facilities are provided to the residents of Whitemark and Lady Barron their water bills will be much higher. Please be assured that while the charge will be slightly higher for potable water, no additional levies etc will be charged to recoup the cost of the infrastructure upgrade. TasWater charge the same rate for potable water across Tasmania and Flinders will simply be charged the standard potable water rate in line with all other areas of the State.

Whitemark Foreshore Upgrade

The four barbecues, picnic tables and shelter have been completed and are now operational and ready for the community to use. This is a great additional free recreational facility and in 2015 additional work will be undertaken to install the Exersite Equipment, new toilets, paths and native landscaping. Thanks to the Council staff and private contractors involved. There has already positive feedback from many in the community and I trust it will be a very well used asset for many years to come.

Shipping

The Furneaux Freight service is secured for at least the next 12 months with a stevedoring agreement being put in place by the parties concerned. Furneaux Freight has announced a 2.5% increase in freight costs to cover the costs of the new arrangements.

Emita Hall Upgrade

Work is progressing and it is hoped will be completed in early 2015. The hard working committee will be organising an opening function to celebrate the revitalisation of this iconic island community facility.

Emita Sports Day

This popular event will be held on 3rd January, commencing mid-afternoon with the same format as last year.

Volunteers

At this time of year it is important to acknowledge the contribution volunteers make to our community and way of life. Without these dedicated people, life in the Furneaux Islands would be significantly worse off.

Annual Report

Flinders Council held their Annual General Meeting on 4th December and received the Annual Report. Copies of the Annual Report are available at the Council Office and also on the Council website.

Furneaux Futures

The Furneaux Futures project is an important project for the newly elected Council and the community. This week, Councillors will be commencing the first of a number of strategic planning workshops with consultants, SED Advisory. The development of a strategic plan is a key legislative requirement of any new Council. The project will result in the preparation of a long term vision and strategic plan which will guide future annual actions. While Councillors will ultimately guide the direction of the Council's corporate strategy, involvement by community and feedback about the direction of Council is critical

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to ensure we all identify the right priorities for annual budgets and long term investment. During late February the consultant team will be on-island to engage with community members and organisations about their aspirations for the island and Council's role. Please keep your eye out for information on our website, register your interest and stay tuned for opportunities to inform the next corporate strategy.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Council staff (both Indoor & Outdoor) for all the hard work during 2015. As a community we are so lucky to have such a dedicated team.

On behalf of my fellow Elected Members I would like to wish all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Cr Marc Cobham
Deputy Mayor

FLINDERS COUNCIL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council will be held at the Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre
Whitemark, Flinders Island on:
Thursday 22nd January 2015,
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 16th January 2015.

Public Question Time will be held between 1pm- 1.30pm. Members of the public are invited to attend.

Raoul Harper
GENERAL MANAGER

Community Development

Whitemark Foreshore BBQ Installation

The works are complete on the new Whitemark Foreshore BBQ Shelter. Please enjoy utilising them with friends and family - Happy barbecuing!!

Summer School Holiday Program - Held over the month of January includes surfing, snorkeling and circus skills.

Circus skills workshops will be held at the School Gym from the 19th - 23rd of Jan 2015. With the intent of putting on a spectacular show at the Furneaux Islands Festival during the Sunday BBQ event for those that wish to participate.

Exact dates for surfing and snorkeling cannot be provided, as this activity is dependent on weather.

Registrations to our School Holiday Program are essential. Please register for our school holiday program to receive alerts on activities.

For further information regarding the school holiday program or how to register please contact AK on

6359 5001 mobile 0437 987 863 or send an email at cdo@flinders.tas.gov.au.

Summer Events on Flinders Island

During the month of January there are a number of events that will be happening around Flinders Island. Please visit the online Community Calendar for more details on these events and other events held over the summer months.

www.flinders.tas.gov.au/community-calendar/

Mark your calendars for:

Emita Sports Day - Sat 3rd January 3:00 - 8:00pm Emita Hall & Recreation Grounds

Music in the Vines - Sat 10th January 2:00pm - 8:00pm Unavale Winery

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Furneaux Islands Festival – Fri 23rd – Sun 25th January – A number of festival events held around the Island

Giving Shed at the Whitemark Tip

As some of you know there is a space allocated at the Whitemark Tip for you to give unwanted items to the community. At present there is a mixture of books, videocassettes, movies, crockery and clothing! Lots of clothing... so much so, that we have started to process unwanted attire into rags, which we encourage other local businesses or individuals to do also. There are a few 'rules' in regards to leaving clothing, bric a' brac and more. Please don't give anything you wouldn't use i.e. Soiled, worn out, ripped, stained, out-of-date, or broken items belong on the tip. This will enable control of quality! It includes items such as underwear, mobile phones or items that are non-compatible. Also we have acquired some racks to hang clothes, boxes to sort and tables to make it more user friendly, please don't remove them.

Forecourt – Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre

A delay has occurred with the commencement of the Forecourt upgrades. These upgrades are now planned to commence in the new year. Council has received State Government funds that will contribute to completing the Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre Forecourt which will include the entrance to be paved, a solid garden wall to protect the rose garden and the car park will shift to the side of the hall creating an open pedestrian area with limited access for vehicles. If you are interested in seeing the perspective sketch drawings of the renewal to the hall entrance, by local architect, Noel Warden, please visit the Community Noticeboard located in Whitemark next to the Interstate Hotel, or visit the Council website's community online noticeboard.

Emita Hall upgrades

The planned upgrade works to the Emita Hall have commenced and we are anticipating that the works will be complete during the month of January. Access to the hall and the recreation grounds will be closed to the public whilst the construction works are in progress however, the Hall and Grounds will be open for the Emita Sports day to be held on Saturday 3rd January.

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
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. **Major grants close 4 February 2015.**
- 2. CommBank Cricket Club Sponsorship** - www.commbank.com.au
The Commonwealth Bank is offering local cricket clubs the chance to apply for one of its Club Sponsorships. Each consists of a two-year, \$2,000 financial commitment each year, as well as cricket gear. You'll also get CommBank cricket merchandise, such as Commonwealth Bank marquees, to use on game days. **9 August 2015.**

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3. The Holden Home Ground Advantage program

- www.holden.com.au/homegroundadvantage

The \$250,000 grant pool will consist of one large grant for a project up to \$100,000 in value, with the remaining funds being awarded to projects up to \$10,000 in value.

The grant can be used to make improvements to your clubrooms, install new hot showers, get a new scoreboard, or purchase new sporting equipment that will help your team perform on the field.

Clubs are welcome to submit separate applications for both grants by **28 February 2015**.

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

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



COME ONE, COME ALL

The Furneaux Islands Festival will again be held over the Australia Day weekend and will include a suite of events incorporating the regions communities, shared cultures and musical history to celebrate being Australian.

As part of the Festival celebrations, a Festival fair and market day will be held on

Saturday 24th January 11:30am – 2:30pm in Whitemark

You are invited to consider holding a market stall as part of this event. The focus of the market will be on products that are hand made or grown with an emphasis on 'local'.

If you would like any more details or to confirm your participation, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Thanks, Jana Harper. P: 0400 0917 86 E: community.development@flinders.tas.gov.au

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO WHITEMARK TIP USERS

The Council Outdoor Workforce will be on a break for Christmas from 24th December until the 5th January however the Whitemark Tip will be open on the following dates.

Wednesday 24th December
8.30am-11.30am

Sunday 28th December
1.30pm – 4.30pm

Monday 29th December
1.30pm – 4.30pm

Wednesday 31st December
8.30am – 11.30am

Friday 2nd January
1.30pm – 4.30pm

Sunday 4th January
1.30pm – 4.30pm

The transfer bins at Whitemark will also be emptied on

Monday 29th December

Wednesday 31st December

and Friday 2nd January

Could everyone please try to take their rubbish during Tip opening times so that we do not end up with the disgusting mess that was evident during last year's Christmas break.

We also remind everyone that fines under Part 9 of the Litter Act of Tasmania will be imposed on anyone illegally disposing of rubbish. These fines can be \$260 for a single piece, \$2,600 for up to 55 litres in volume and \$6,500 for over 55 litres in volume. Please be aware that

you cannot dispose of litter in to a receptacle that it is not intended for or place litter into an already full receptacle. The sign at the gate indicates no dumping of large items, whitegoods, e waste, fencing and building materials. This means items like old chairs, mattresses, vacuum cleaners, microwaves, cardboard boxes and even motor bike package frames that are still constantly being jammed into the bins leaving no room for household putrescible.

As a way of making sure the fines go to the correct people (those who don't seem to care about anyone else), we will be installing a security camera to watch over the transfer bins at the Whitemark Tip gates.

So please only dump what is appropriate and if the bins are full (lids must be able to fully shut to keep out wildlife) take your rubbish with you and return during tip opening times.

Butch Barnewall
Manager Works & Services

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