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Mayor's Column

White Beach Access secure – thank you Shirley Holloway:

The access track to White Beach at Lady Barron has traversed private land since forever. The generosity of Mrs Shirley Holloway has seen the track secured for public access. Shirley donated the section of land over which the track crossed to Council who paid for the surveying and transfer costs. A huge thank you to Shirley for enabling Council to secure this access for public benefit.

Project Management Framework:

A grant of \$30,000 from Tas Equity has enabled 9 staff and 8 community members to undertake project management training. The Project Management Framework around which the training is based will provide a consistent process for managing projects. The program provided participants with two full training days and ongoing mentoring for Council staff.

Australia Day National Conference:

The Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham and Community & Economic Development Manager, Jana Harper will present at the Coast to Coast, Australia Day National Conference in June. The attendance is sponsored by the Department of Premier and Cabinet supplying airfares and the Australia Day Council through greatly reduced conference fees.

Media:

A journalist and photographer from the Examiner were on the Island last week. This will hopefully result in some Flinders stories being published.

There have been some excellent interviews on ABC radio from the recent visit by Rosemary Grant.

April Meeting Outcomes:

- Terms of Reference were approved for the Ideas and Innovations Committee. The Committee members are Councillors Chris Rhodes, Peter Rhodes, Ken Stockton and Gerald Willis.

- Cr Carol Cox was appointed as the Deputy Shareholders' Rep to TasWater, Cr Willis (Chair) having previously been appointed as the Shareholders Rep.

- Terms of Reference were approved for the Furneaux Community Health Special Committee. The Committee is made up of two Councillors, Cr. Willis (Chair) and Cr. Cox and several community members.

- Will actively lobby to keep a **vet** on the island through the following motion: *"That the Council lobbies the State Government to maintain a veterinary position on Flinders Island and supports this by, but not limited to, provision of an office and surgery. Additionally that the State Government is again made aware of the ability of a veterinarian to fulfill the roles of biosecurity, quarantine and animal welfare but not vice versa; and the potential limiting factor that an absence of veterinary services on the island would have on population growth due to the changing demographics on the Island."*

- Will actively lobby to keep a banking presence on the island in the form of an Agency or better. A representative from Westpac will meet with Council on Thursday 7th May.

- Will consider a budget allocation for improvements at the Lady Barron Cemetery to support working with the community on improvements to the site. At that time will also consider allocation of funds to assess the viability of a memorial garden at the Whitemark Cemetery.

- Reviewed the Food Safety, Debt Collection and Corporate Credit Card Policies. These policies are now available for public comment.

- Received the quarterly Financial Report for January – March 2015.

- Received the third Quarterly Report on staff work in line with the Annual Plan. The Quarterly Report is an excellent source of information as it reports on all the activities of the Council staff and their achievements against their work as laid out in the Annual Plan. It can be found as Annexure 16 on the April Meeting Agenda on the Council website.

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Airport:

The development and sealing of the new standing area and taxi way at the airport has been successfully completed, with the sealing taking place during the week of the 20th April. A small amount of road resealing was also carried out at that time. A large road resealing project is planned for next year.

Carol Cox
Mayor

Community Development

Lady Barron Hall Upgrades

To help contribute and achieve the addition of a separate 'fitness annex' and the upgrades to the Lady Barron Hall kitchen to the standard of food preparation and serving, in addition to the works that will be undertaken by Council to upgrade the hall, the Lady Barron Hall and Recreation Committee members submitted an expression of interest for a large grant to the Tasmanian Community Fund. From the 41 applications received to the Grant Round 30 Large Grants, only 14 of those applications have been invited to progress to 'stage 2' – including the Lady Barron Hall upgrade application! Congratulations to the Committee and best of luck for stage 2!

Flinders Island Touring Map and Food Guide

An updated version of the Touring Map and Food Guide for Flinders Island has been produced by the Flinders Island Tourism & Business Association (FITBA) that includes a community road safety message for visitors to slow down on gravel roads and watch for 1. wildlife – and to not forget to wave! The road safety message, and associated sign at the exit to the Flinders Island Airport and swing tags for all hire cars, reinforces this message for visitors. Flinders Council staff have worked alongside the FITBA and Tasmanian Police, particularly, Rowena Nicholls and Russell Judges, to deliver a road safety message that is unique to our Island that not only highlights the wildlife issue, but also the gravels roads that may cause problems to those that have never had to encounter either, or both at the same time. This project has been an outcome of Council's 2. Community Road Safety Partnership with the State Government. The Touring Map and Food

Guide can be picked up at the Council Reception (Visitor Information) and many businesses on the Island.

Online Community Calendar

Would you like to know what is happening on Flinders Island? Please visit the Council's online community calendar for event information: www.flinders.tas.gov.au/community-calendar

This service is also available if you would like to add your own event. Information provided on events also contributes to a number of other online calendar services including Tourism Tasmania and Tourism Northern Tasmania's online calendars.

Jobs Bonus for Small Business in 2015 Thinking of creating a new job in your small business in 2014/15? You may be eligible for a bonus of up to \$1000 under the Tasmanian Government's Small Business Jobs Bonus. Applications will be accepted from 1 January 2015 and when the job has been filled for six months.

To find out more and to register your interest please visit www.business.tas.gov.au/jobsbonus or call Business Tasmania on 1800 440 026.

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 website 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.

Multicultural Arts & Festivals Grants 2015 – www.dss.gov.au

The Australian Government is commencing a selection process to deliver services under the Strengthening Communities – Multicultural Arts and Festivals Grants.

Funding of up to \$5,000 is available for individual projects for events to be held between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2016.

Additional information about the Strengthening Communities – Multicultural Arts and Festivals Grants can be found on the website: **closes 2pm 26 May 2015**

Whole Kids Small Seeds Community Grants Program – www.wholekids.com.au

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The Whole Kids Small Seeds Community Grants Program supports grassroots organisations and groups that are working hard in their local communities to improve children's health and wellbeing through innovative and impactful projects.

You can apply for a grant for any amount between \$500 and \$5000 for each individual project.

closes 30 June 2015

3. Festivals Australia: Regional Festivals Project Fund - www.australiacouncil.gov.au

The Regional Festivals Project Fund supports the inclusion of an arts project at festivals in regional and remote Australia. Grants are available to support the costs to produce and present an arts activity and there is no limit on the amount that can be requested. Applicants are strongly encouraged to speak with an Australia Council Grants Officer before applying to this fund. **Closes - 2 June (projects commencing 1 January 2016) - 1 September (projects commencing 1 January 2016)- 1 December (projects commencing 1 July 2016)**

4. AMP's Tomorrow Fund - www.ampstomorrowfund.com.au

AMP's Tomorrow Fund is once again offering \$1 million in grants to amazing Australians doing great things. Grants of between \$10,000 to \$100,000 can cover a range of activities, including training, travel and equipment costs, living expenses, rent and research. Now in its second year, this unique grants program is open to individuals of all ages, walks of life and abilities. This grant opportunity is applicable to whether you are an artist, athlete, inventor, social innovator, writer, dancer or just have a great idea that will contribute to the community - be it through creating something special or doing something inspiring. **Closes 14 May 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,

Jana Harper & AK
Community Development

Policies for Review

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 30th April 2015 Ordinary Council Meeting to adopt the **Food Safety Policy, Debt Collection Policy and Corporate Credit Card Policy**. These policies will lie on the table for public comment until the 28th May 2015. They are available to download from the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies and hardcopies are available from the Council Office.

Should you wish to make comment on any of these policies, please do so by addressing relative correspondence to myself.

Raoul Harper
General Manager

WHITEMARK TIP

Opening Hours

MON, FRI & SUN 1.30pm- 4.30pm

WED 8.30am- 11.30am



CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

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Ordinary Council Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the next Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council will be held at Lady Barron at a venue to be advised:

Thursday 21st May 2015, commencing at 1pm

The Agenda will be available for perusal on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au or at the Council Office from Friday 24th April 2015.

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

Members of the public are invited to attend.

Raoul Harper
GENERAL MANAGER



SUBSIDISED MICROCHIPPING EVENING

Council in conjunction with F.I.A.A.I will be holding a microchipping and registration evening.

VENUE : F.I.A.A.I Complex - Barr Street,
Lady Barron

DATE: Thurs 28th May 2015

TIME: 4.30pm – 7pm

COST: \$30 per dog (Normally \$50.00)

**TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST PLEASE
RING
COUNCIL – 63595001, or F.I.A.A.I on
63593532**