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Mayors Column

May Ordinary Council Meeting outcomes.

Five Councillors attended with both the Mayor and Cr. Stockton being apologies.

- The following motion was passed:

'The Flinders Council resolves that representation received under the terms of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 will be included in the agenda of the Flinders Council with full disclosure of the name of the person making the representation.'

This changes the previous practice of Council where the names of persons making representation were not publically revealed. Information in representations to advertised Development Applications can only be considered in the decision process if it relates to planning and the Planning Scheme. I sincerely hope this change to "full disclosure of the name of the person making the representation" will not deter people from making representations.

- Ms Youdit Deane has joined the Furneaux Community Health Special Committee of Council.
- The name of the Audit and Finance Committee was changed to the 'Audit Panel' and funding provided to support the Panel in meeting its obligations under legislation will be considered at budget discussions. It is a legislative requirement that Councils have an Audit Panel, with an independent chair and there are legislated activities the Panel must undertake.
- Two variations, reallocating funds, within the capital budget were approved:

- The first, to include a fourth toilet unit in the purchase to achieve a 15% saving. The fourth unit is proposed to be located at Lady Barron to replace the aging toilet infrastructure at the tennis courts. The other three toilets are for Killiecrankie, the Whitemark Foreshore, and Yellow Beach.
- The second, was to reallocate funds within the capital budget to finance the purchase of a new Bitumen Sprayer Truck and two new Automated Aggregate Spreader Boxes. This is a major investment for Council. There is currently a backlog of resealing of Council roads and the State road to be undertaken and with this purchase the works can now be done by Council and not contractors.
- The Building Approvals Policy was rescinded – legislation now covers all the areas covered by this policy.
- Adopted the Waiver of Fees Policy. This policy provides the framework to enable equitable decisions to be made on charging (or not) for Council facilities. In general Council provides free use of facilities to not for profit community groups who provide the community with events and activities for community benefit.
- Adopted the Personal Information Protection Policy – This policy outlines how information held by Council will be used.
- Approved Community and Gunn Bequest Grants to a wide variety of community groups. The Gunn Bequest is a bequest from Enid and John Gunn, 50% of the annual interest goes to

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sporting groups, the remainder adds to the principal. Community Grants are allocated from Council funds.

Acting Mayor

The Deputy Mayor, Cr Marc Cobham will be Acting Mayor from the 5th – 15th June inclusive.

The “Mums on the Move” program

The program was filled within 24 hours of launching. Funding assistance for the program has been allocated from the \$3,000 received when Council won the Medibank Active Silver Award in 2014.

It is fitting that the funds won in recognition of the Council’s health and wellbeing programs and Council’s focus on health promotion for the benefit of the community is used to benefit our mums with young children. The ‘Mums on the Move’ program was developed cooperatively and is a partnership between Council, the Northern Children’s Network (Duck Pond Child Care) and Womensport & Recreation Tasmania.

Earlier this year Council staff were successful in receiving a small grant from Womensport & Recreation Tasmania to support training and travel costs for Kathleen Ives- Heap to attend the Get Active Program Tasmania (GAP). GAP is a statewide initiative that aims to enhance the health and wellbeing of women and men through involvement in physical activity, and to encourage healthy eating habits. The 2014 Medibank Active Tasmania Award money will be used to cover the cost of short-term childcare at the DuckPond for mothers whilst at the Thursday program sessions. Participant’s

fees will be used to pay instruction costs.

For those mums who missed out this time, Council staff are on the search for another grant to enable a repeat of the program.

Dogs

Council is receiving complaints about unrestrained dogs, and there have been more complaints on social media.

The legislation states that a dog in a road related area, which includes footpaths and nature strips in the town is under effective control only if the dog is secured and restrained by means of a lead not exceeding 2 metres long held by hand by a person of sufficient age. On private property the dog needs to be retained securely within the property. In other public areas the dog needs to be under your control if not on a leash.

Council has been reluctant to expend funds on employing a full time Dog Officer, however ongoing complaints will force more expenditure of your rates money on forcing compliance.

Please restrain your dogs securely on your property or have them on a lead when walking them. The fines for non compliance are considerable.

Carol Cox

Mayor

Community Development

Mums on the Move – Fitness Program

Thanks to all the mums who got in quickly and have filled the first program of Mums on the Move! It certainly signifies that there are a few of you out there, and that

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you are keen for some fitness action! Over 30 new babies born on Flinders in the last 3 years – and more on the way! Thank you to Duck Pond for partnering with us so that the mums have got a few free hours for themselves each week and to Kathleen for delivering the program. We will continue to look for funding opportunities that can support these types of health promotion activities.

****There are still 4 spots available for the Thursday class but these do not include the childcare so if you are interested please contact Kathleen on 0428 212 751 for more information or to book a spot.**

Winter School Holiday Program

We will be launching our Winter Program soon so keep an eye out for the publicity. If you haven't registered yet, please contact the Council Office on 03 6359 5001, or email us: cdo@flinders.tas.gov.au

First Aid Training In June!

St John Ambulance will be coming to Flinders Island to conduct their second annual First Aid Training. Training will be delivered week commencing Monday 22nd June. The Training Venue will be the Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre.

Monday 22nd June:

Provide First Aid Reaccreditation, 9:45am – 4pm **\$110**
Advanced Resuscitation, 4:15pm – 8:00pm - **\$75**

Tuesday 23rd June:

Day 1 of Provide First Aid, 2 day, 9am – 4pm both days - **\$210**
CPR, 9am – 12:30pm - **\$75**
ASTHMA, 5:45pm – 8pm - **\$80**

Wednesday 24th June:

Day 2 of Provide First Aid 2 Day, 9am – 4pm
ANAPHYLAXIS, 5:45pm – 8pm - **\$50**

Friday 26th June

CPR Reaccreditation, 9am -11am - **\$65**

If you wish to book into one of these courses please email or phone St John Ambulance on 03 6343 4226 or email: launceston@stjohntas.org.au Payment can be made by Direct Deposit or credit card payment over the phone. Please note that payment is required on booking.

New Online Resources for Small Business

Recently, the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC), the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) and the Department of Industry and Science released a suite of new online resources to help small business operators make key decisions regarding the running of their businesses.

The toolkit provides comparison charts, fact sheet summaries, key reminders and videos which are all focused on explaining the key differences between operating as a sole trader and a company and how to change business structures. Visit business.gov.au/soletradertocompany for further information.

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

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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.

1. Nabo Community Grants - www.nabo.com.au/communitygrants

The program will provide community groups and charities with an opportunity to apply for one-off funding of up to \$10,000 for projects or programs that help build safer and stronger communities across Australia. **Closes 30 June 2015**

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

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 28 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)**

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

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

Thursday 18th June 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 12th June 2015.

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

Members of the public are invited to attend.

Raoul Harper
GENERAL MANAGER

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Development Services

Waste Management

Council would like to advise that as of Thursday 4th June, the Lady Barron landfill site will be closed.

All waste will need to be directed to the Lady Barron Waste Transfer Station. The site is signposted and the access is located approx 200m South of the Logan Lagoon Road turnoff.

The Waste Transfer Station only accepts general household waste (in rubbish bags), green waste, oil, batteries, cardboard, whitegoods and light scrap. All other waste items must be taken to the Whitemark tip site.

Please ensure that the site is respected so Council may ensure that a free site remains available in the Lady Barron area.

Killiecrankie Green Waste

It has come to Council's attention that green waste is being dumped on the Public Open Space area at Killiecrankie (two blocks back from the turn off to the beach).

Council will need to remove the green waste from the site. This equates to all ratepayers contributing to the green waste being removed.

Please be respectful of the open space areas and be responsible with your waste. Council funds are much better spent improving our open space areas rather than cleaning them up.

Jacci Viney



First Aid Training

St John Ambulance will be Conducting first aid courses on Flinders Island from the

22nd – 26th June, 2015

Limited spaces are available and Bookings are essential

For more information or to make a booking please contact our Kings Meadows Office

Telephone: 6343 4226

Email: launceston@stjohntas.org.au

WHITEMARK TIP

Opening Hours

MON, FRI & SUN 1.30pm- 4.30pm

WED 8.30am- 11.30am



CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS