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Deputy Mayor's Column

Vet Position-Good News

At a recent meeting, Craig Elliot from D.P.I.P.W.E confirmed to several Councillors and staff that the current arrangement involving John O'Dell's position as Quarantine/ Bio-Security/Animal Welfare/private Vet would remain. John O'Dell will remain in the position and continue to provide a private Veterinarian service to our community in addition to his current departmental role. This is a great "win" for our community, especially primary producers and pet owners and I would like to thank community members who took the time to lobby our politicians and departmental staff and fellow Councillors and Council staff who were pro-active "behind the scenes". Mr Elliott stated that the Department didn't want to jeopardise the community's expectations and in fact an increase in funding will see renewed emphasis placed on the Bass Strait Island's Quarantine and Bio-Security issues. Our community will soon have an opportunity to have input into a new "Furneaux Islands Bio-Security Plan" that will clarify the issues and future direction of these important matters.

Coast to Coast Conference

Council's Community and Economic Development Manager, Jana Harper, was invited to present at the recent National Australia Day Council's Annual Conference "Coast to Coast". Jana's presentation highlighted the Indigenous and European history of the Furneaux Islands and activities that have taken place over the past few years in relation to the Furneaux Islands Festival that have attempted to provide opportunities to increase community inclusiveness and celebrate our unique Islands' culture and community. The presentation was fantastic and attracted considerable favourable reaction from conference participants and there was a lot of interest

and enquiries about our municipality as a result. I attended in my role as Deputy Mayor and would like to thank the Tasmanian Department of Premier and Cabinet for providing funding that enabled this to happen.

Emita Hall Update

It is great to report that stage one of the Emita Hall renovation and update has now been completed. Shortly committee volunteers will be re-painting the public toilet and kitchen areas. Quite a few exciting regular activities will soon commence in the hall. A huge thanks to dedicated Council staff, especially Jana Harper, and the local tradespeople who completed the re-roofing, re-cladding and re-lining renovation.

Whitemark Boat Ramp Upgrade

Council is currently waiting on a response from M.A.S.T re our request for a grant that would provide 50% of the funding to upgrade the Whitemark Boat ramp facility. The overall cost of this project is \$85,000 and Council has already committed \$45,000 to this important upgrade.

Lady Barron Hall Funding Success

An application for funding from the Tasmanian Community Fund for \$160,000 has been successful! Congratulations to the Hall Committee and in particular Fran Bryson and Judy Clark who put considerable time and effort into the application. The funding will provide a new kitchen and indoor gym space extension to the existing building. Council has committed funds to undertaking other upgrades and repairs to this important community facility.

Lady Barron Tip Closure

As many would be aware the Island's southern tip facility has now closed. A new transfer station has been provided off the main Lady Barron Rd. The requirements of the State's Environmental Protection Agency were the main reason behind the

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closure and Council decided that to upgrade the facility would come at a considerable financial impost on ratepayers and, that given our small population, it would be preferable to focus any future financial costs on upgrading the Whitemark Waste facility.

Domestic Dog Issues

There have recently been more complaints to Council staff and Councillors re the number of domestic dogs on the loose, particularly in the Whitemark Township. The upcoming budget will contain increased fines. The State Dog Act contains considerable penalties and due to the total lack of responsibility by a small minority of dog owners, Council will now take a much stronger stance on issuing penalties. There will be no warnings or "turning a blind eye". Dog owners are reminded that dog ownership brings with it a responsibility to ensure that your dog is contained in a secure yard, has access to clean water, shelter and shade. If a dog is in a town area and out of its yard then it MUST be on a lead at all times. In areas such as parks, beaches etc. it must at least be under voice command, if not on a lead. If you see a dog on the loose please report it to Council staff and if possible take a dated photo. Remember that by doing this you are not just "dobbing in" an irresponsible owner but you may also be protecting the animal from coming to harm.

2015-2016 Budget Workshops

Council staff and most of your elected members recently participated in two days of discussions re next year's budget and projects. The formal decisions re the budget will form part of the Council Meeting that will be held in July 2015.

Marc Cobham
Deputy Mayor

Community Development

Recognise Tasmanians worthy of your attention now!

The search for the next Australian of the Year Award recipients has begun. You are encouraged to nominate a friend, family member, community leader, colleague or even someone famous - any Tasmanian who you admire and believe makes our state and country a better place to live. Being nominated for the Australian of the Year Awards is a great honour and offers your nominee a unique platform to further their important work. This is your opportunity to recognise and reward someone in your community who makes you proud to be an Australian.

The prestigious program culminates in the announcement of the national award recipients in Canberra by the Prime Minister on Australia Day Eve. But to get to this point every year 128 Australians are recognised, across 4 categories, in 8 state and territories - that's 16 Tasmanians!

So do you know a Tasmanian that could be our next:

- Australian of the Year;
- Senior Australian of the Year (60 years and over);
- Young Australian of the Year (16-30 years); or
- Australia's Local Hero?

Nomination is an easy process online at <http://www.australianoftheyear.org.au/nominate/>

Nominations close Monday 3 August 2015 and remember - one nomination is all it takes!

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Nominations for the 2015 Tasmanian Community Achievement Awards are now open!

These awards are about recognising individuals, groups, businesses and organisations that are making a difference in our local communities and state.

Making a nomination is easy! You can nominate someone and answer the questions on their behalf or you can simply fill in their name and contact details and save the nomination, give them a call and tell them you have nominated them! They can then fill in the details as they are going to know best about their achievements.

Nominations can be made by visiting the following website:

www.awardsaustralia.com/community-achievement-awards/tas

Nominations close 21st August 2015.

Mums on the Move – Fitness Program

Thanks to all the mums who got in 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 you are keen for some fitness action!

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.

****Only ONE spot left for this round of the “Mums on the Move” starting on Thursday 25th June at FAEC 1030am – 1230pm give Kathleen a call on 0428 212 751 for more info and to book your spot.**

(This spot does not include childcare)

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 2day 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 details or credit card payment over the phone. Please note that payment is required on booking.

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

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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.

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 28 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 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 - 1 September (projects commencing 1 January 2016) - 1 December (projects commencing 1 July 2016).**

4. [Entrepreneurs' Infrastructure Programme - Business Growth Grants](#)

Provider: Australian Department of Industry & Science; Amount: Up to \$20,000; Location: All States; Summary: Funding can be used to engage a consultant/s to make improvements to your business. **Closing Date: Always Open**

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

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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



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