

Council News

Mayor's Report

2015 Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held on the 9th December. Thank you to those who attended. The Annual Report is available from the Council office and on the Council Webpage.

Airport

Council continues to do work on the long runway. I'd like to thank all the Works staff who have worked hard over many weekends now to undertaking patching works on the runway. Council continues to liaise with Sharp Airlines and CASA to lift the restrictions that have been in place. It is hoped that the CASA restrictions that close the runway when more than 5ml of rain in 24 hours occurs can be lifted before the Christmas break.

Tourism

The State Government has released a new Tourism 21 Strategy, available at <http://www.t21.net.au/>

Tonight, Tuesday the 15th, I have the pleasure of attending the Tourism Northern Tasmania Champions of Tourism awards accompanied by several other Islanders who have been nominated as Champions. At the time of writing it is unknown if any have been successful in winning an award.

Christmas Decorations in Whitemark

Thank you to the community members who have fundraised over the past couple of years at Christmas time and helped decorate the township of Whitemark to create a festive feel. Those decorations have succumbed to the ravages of our Island winds and Council will this year contribute a small sum for the purchase of some solar fairy lights to decorate the town.

Community Calendar

A reminder to everyone that there is a community online calendar on the Council

website that lists local community events. If you are holding an event, the calendar is a great promotional tool so please remember to list your event. www.flinders.tas.gov.au/community-calendar

Furneaux Islands Festival Grant

Congratulations to the organisers of the Furneaux Islands Festival on their receipt of a small grant of \$2,500 from the State Government Department of Premier & Cabinet, Australia Day State Office's 'Great Ideas' grant program. The funding will contribute to the free Community BBQ and Concert Day to be held on Sunday 31st January commencing at 12 noon. The full program can be found on the Festival website: www.fifestival.com.au

Emita Hall

Second stage upgrade works to the Emita Hall are near completion. These have included the addition of an access toilet and the painting of the interior and exterior. After a long time of the hall being unable to be accessed and used by the Community, at this stage it looks like the hall will be open in time for the Emita Sports day to be held Saturday 9th January commencing at 3:00pm. Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped during this stage of the works.

School Holiday Program

Look out for details on the Council website in the New Year.

Furneaux Arts & Entertainment Centre (FAEC)

For those wondering, this is the formal name given to the building that used to be known as the Whitemark Hall.

Innovation & Investment Funding Opportunity for Business

Would you like to have some extra funds to help support business investment or support a new project? The Tasmania Jobs

Council News

and Investment Fund could help you. A minimum grant amount is \$50,000 and there is no maximum grant amount - but grants must be within the limit of \$24 million. Grants are for up to a maximum of \$1 for every \$2 you provide. For more information, please visit business.gov.au/TJIF or call 13 28 46.

Waste Transfer Stations:

These are in place for your convenience for the disposal of waste. At the Lady Barron site, disposal of the following items is catered for:

- Household waste in bags,
- Cardboard,
- Glass,
- Aluminium Cans,
- Batteries,
- Whitegoods,
- Used Oils,
- Small amounts of waste metal and
- Green Waste.

ALL OTHER ITEMS NEED TO BE DISPOSED OF AT THE WHITEMARK TIP. Opening hours listed elsewhere in the Council Pages. Sofas and TV's do not count as Whitegoods and Building Materials do not count as green Waste.

Whilst at the Whitemark Tip check out the Giving Shed. You might just be able to save an item from becoming landfill for a few more years.

Valuations

2016 is a valuation year for Council, which means a valuer is engaged and all properties valued. Property Owners are advised of the valuation outcome by the Valuer General's office. A full valuation occurs around each 6 years.

Planning & Building

Thinking of doing alterations, building a garage or that shed down the paddock, then have a look at the new "Building & Information Kit" which has been released

by Council and is available from the Office or the website.

Wishing all a safe and happy festive season.

Carol Cox
Mayor

Expression of Interest – Cleaner Killiecrankie

Council seeks expressions of interest from individuals (ideally based in or close to the township of Killiecrankie) to assist Council on a casual basis to maintain and clean a portable toilet for the coming months. Expressions of Interest can be made by calling the Corporate Services Manager on or before the 23rd of December on 6359 5001 or email sophie.pitchford@flinders.tas.gov.au

Ordinary Council Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the next Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council will be held at the Furneaux Arts and Entertainment Centre Whitemark, Flinders Island on

Thursday 17th December 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 11th December 2015.

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

Members of the public are invited to attend.

Raoul Harper
GENERAL MANAGER

WHITEMARK TIP

Opening Hours

MON, FRI & SUN 1.30pm- 4.30pm

WED 8.30am- 11.30am



CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Council News

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 24th November 2015 Ordinary Council Meeting to rescind the following policies:

- Personal Protective Equipment Policy;
- Smoke Free Environment Policy;
- Staff – Sun Protection Policy;
- Workplace Health and Safety Policy;
- Equal Employment Opportunity Policy;
- Employee Personal Development Appraisal Policy;
- Staff Development Policy;
- Antidiscrimination, Harassment and Bullying Policy;
- Staff Code of Conduct Policy;
- Disciplinary Policy;
- Rehabilitation Policy; and
- Computer and Telephone Usage Policy;

and to adopt the following policies:

- Code of Conduct;
- Performance Management Policy;
- Performance Management Procedure;
- Fitness for Work Policy;
- Fitness for Work Procedure;
- Discipline Policy;
- Discipline Procedure;
- Communication Policy;
- Work Health and Safety Policy;
- Issues Resolution Policy;
- Issues Resolution Procedure;
- Workplace Behaviour Policy;
- Code of Tender and Contracts Policy;
- Investment Policy; and
- Council Policy Manual Policy.

These policies will lie on the table for public comment until the 22nd December 2015.

They can be downloaded 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