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General Manager Recruitment:

In mid-August Council will meet with the management recruitment company that it appointed at the Special Council Meeting on the 1st of August. It is anticipated the position of General Manager will be advertised soon after.

Structure Plan Comment:

The period of community consultation has been extended to 2nd September. The Structure Plan is the planning canvas of the Island, painting the picture of what we would like to be able to do where and the areas we would like to protect, such as the prime farm land and nature reserves. Council will be going to a new planning scheme using the state-wide template that is designed to increase uniformity in planning schemes across the state. There will be limited options for localised differences, and these have to be supported by evidence. The Structure Plan will be the Council's evidence base for the local provisions it will attempt to have inserted in the Flinders Planning Scheme. This is why it is so important for you to have a say now. Waiting until it affects you will be too late. Download your copy from the Council website now or ask for a copy at the office.

Banking:

The Westpac Instore Agency will close at the end of September 2016 and a Bendigo Bank Agency is set to replace it - same space, same friendly faces. Bendigo Bank will begin circulating information on the agency soon. I would like to again thank Sophie Pitchford, who, as Corporate Services Manager for Council, undertook a lot of the work with Bendigo Bank to help this happen. Now it will be up to us as a community to support Bendigo Bank's move to the Island.

Budget:

Council approved its Budget estimates for 2016-17 at the July Ordinary Meeting,

approving a Capital Works Program of \$2.6 million, slightly under last year's. This includes \$68K for municipal valuations which will take place this year. Almost \$900K will be spent on road and footpath capital improvements such as road resealing and resheeting, upgrading bridge approaches, the construction of a footpath at West Street and the development of the Lughrata Quarry. \$760K has been allocated to capital programs for the airport which includes resealing the short runway and repairs to the long runway. The major project in town maintenance is the Lady Barron Hall with an allocation of \$432K which includes the approved grant of \$160K from the Tas Community Fund.

Operationally, Council has an anticipated income of \$5 million with expenditure of around \$5.5 million. Although this is unsustainable in the long term, it is much less than the previous year's estimated loss and does not include any grants that Council might be successful in applying for throughout the year to support actions detailed in the 2016-17 Annual Plan. The airport is estimated to operate at a deficit of \$167K. The interest income from Council's cash assets is also much reduced, even though Council has maintained its cash reserves at around \$6 million. Council obtains 39% of its income from federal operating grants, 48% from rates and user charges and 4% from interest income, with 39% of expenditure being for employees, 7% for contractors and 24% for materials and supplies. Depreciation makes up 27% of Council's operational expenditure but this is put back into capital works programs.

Annual Plan:

The Annual Plan outlines the programs and activities that Council will undertake during the 2016-17 year. A report is prepared by staff at the end of each quarter that outlines the progress achieved on each action in the plan. This report is presented to Council and the Community at the following Council

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Meeting. The Annual Plan can be found on the Council Website at

<http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/annual-plan>

Whitemark Boat Ramp:

Magical weather, sunshine and flat calm water last weekend lured many fishermen onto the water. The Whitemark boat ramp upgrade is almost complete. Thank you to M.A. S.T. for co-funding this infrastructure.

Dog Registrations:

Dog registrations are now overdue. If your dog has passed onto to dog heaven or no longer resides on the Island please let Council know, otherwise pay your registration fee to save yourself the hassle of receiving an infringement notice.

Digital Ready is coming to Flinders Island – Free Seminars:

Take advantage of this great opportunity! Digital Ready is being held on Flinders Island in September to offer free group seminars and tailored coaching sessions to businesses on the Island. If you're ready to grow your business by taking the next step online or using social media, the Digital Ready for Business program is here to help.

The program has been developed to empower Tasmanian businesses to take charge of their online presence, enhance skills and confidence, and develop an online strategy that really works. In just this year the program has helped an online retailer improve its search presence, a not-for-profit organisation to establish a website and social media channels, a consultant to reach their business-to-business market through online mediums, and a tourism operator to streamline web bookings and manage inventory, among many other success stories.

Seminars are held from 6pm to 8pm from the 5th to 7th September and from the 19th to 21st September at the Rose Garden Room. For

more information and to register for the September sessions visit

www.digitalready.tas.gov.au or phone the Business Tasmania team on 1800 440 026.

Free workshop: Palliative Care – “What to say when you don’t know what to say”:

Supporting people living with life-limiting illness, their carers and people who are grieving. Come along to an informal discussion where you will learn some basic skills that will help you feel more confident about offering your support and help. Sharon will also be available to discuss how people can make their wishes for end of life care known to others. She will provide information about advance care planning, writing an Advance Care Directive and naming someone to speak on your behalf.

- 1 - 2 hour free workshop
- Wednesday 24th August 1.30-3.30pm
- Flinders Island Multi-Purpose Centre (MPC) Strzelecki Room
- Afternoon tea available

For further information contact Sharon King on 0407124261 or sharon.king@tahpc.org.au

Community Online Calendar:

The Council website includes an online calendar of local events to help promote all the activities and events happening on Flinders. The calendar includes details of visiting health professionals, training opportunities, as well as local events. If you are planning on holding an event or activity on Flinders, you are able to add this to the calendar easily. Please visit:

<http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/community-calendar/>

Next Council Meeting - August the 18th at 1.00pm. Public Question Time is at 1.00-1.30pm. All welcome.

Carol Cox
Mayor

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REMINDER: Can people please ensure their loads are covered and/or tied down when delivering to the tip.

WHITEMARK TIP

Opening Hours
(until 31st August)

MON, FRI & SUN 1.30pm- 4.30pm
WED 8.30am– 11.30am



CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Flinders Council Citizen of the Year Award

Nomination forms are now available from the Council Office and on the Council website for people wishing to nominate an individual for the Flinders Council Citizen of the Year Award. The award will be presented at the Flinders Island Show on 14th October 2016.

Please submit your nomination to the Council Office by C.O.B. **29th August 2016.**

Selection Criteria for the Award

The following criteria will be used to select the award recipient:

1. Only individuals are eligible to be nominated, not organisations.
2. Nominees must be over sixteen (16) years of age as of the 1st day of July in the year of the nomination.
3. The award will be given to the person who has made the most significant voluntary contribution for the benefit of the Furneaux Community, organisations or individuals.
4. Recipients can receive only one Citizen of the Year Award during their lifetime.
5. Selection will be based on the quality of the contribution along with the quantity of the contribution.

Sophie Pitchford
Acting General Manager

Ordinary Council Meeting

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

Thursday 18th August 2016,
commencing at **1pm.**

The Agenda will be available for perusal on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au and at the Council Office from Friday 12th August 2016.

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

Members of the public are invited to attend.

Sophie Pitchford
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

Seeking Comments on the Structure Plan for Flinders Island

A draft Structure Plan for Flinders Island has been released for exhibition and you are invited to consider it and to provide comments. The Structure Plan is a proposed land use strategy for the island. It is designed to contribute to the Council's aim of increasing the population. Among other things, the final Structure Plan will be the basis of the Flinders Planning Scheme. It will provide the strategic direction for the choices to be made when applying the State Planning Scheme template to Flinders Island.

The draft Structure Plan for consultation provides a number of pink text boxes throughout. These contain Discussion Points. The Discussion Points are matters on which your feedback is specifically sought. Feel free to raise any other issues as well but please address the discussion points and let us know whether you agree with them or not.

If you would like to discuss any matters arising from your consideration of the Structure Plan, please call the Council office (63595001) and make an appointment with the Strategic Planner, Robyn Cox. There will be an 'Information Open Day' when Robyn

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will be in attendance from 9.00am -3.00pm in the *Rose Garden Room* on *Wednesday 17th August*, so drop in and have a chat on that day.

Submissions on the Structure Plan are welcomed and will be received as hard copy by post to the Strategic Planner, 4 Davies St., WHITEMARK 7255; by email to planner@flinders.tas.gov.au or by dropping them at the Council office during office hours. Please ensure you include your name and phone or email details so that Robyn can contact you if required.

Submissions close 2nd September 2016

Position Vacant Community & Economic Development Officer

Flinders Council is seeking to appoint a Community & Economic Development Officer in the Community & Economic Development Department.

This position is offered as a permanent part time position of 4 days per week. Salary will be dependent upon qualifications and experience. Terms and conditions for this position will be as per the Flinders Council Enterprise Agreement 2013-2016.

A Position Description is available from Sophie Pitchford, Corporate Services Manager by phoning 6359 5008 or please visit: www.flinders.tas.gov.au/employment-and-business-opportunities

Written applications responding to the Position Description's essential "Knowledge, Skills and Experience" criteria along with a current resume are required by C.O.B. Friday 2nd September 2016.

Applications are to be marked "Confidential" – Community & Economic Development Officer, and should be forwarded to the Corporate Services Manager, Flinders

Council, PO Box 40, WHITEMARK, TAS 7255 or email directly to sophie.pitchford@flinders.tas.gov.au

Sophie Pitchford
Corporate Services Manager

drumMUSTER Program – Whitemark Transfer Station

Eligible non-returnable chemical containers featuring the drumMUSTER logo generated in the rural and Agvet industries can now be recycled at the Whitemark Tip. This program provides a pathway for disposal of containers that would normally be considered as hazardous waste because of the product they contained. Flinders Council is implementing the drumMUSTER collection service to manage these containers for a safe and healthy island rural industry.

Your empty chemical containers must meet the 'Container Cleanliness' guidelines set by the program. That includes dry, empty, clean containers free from powder flakes, caked material, dried material, discoloured liquid or any other residue apart from non-transferable staining, dust or dirt, which will be accepted. Containers of animal health products which aren't water-soluble and call for a solvent, will be accepted if they have been rinsed in accordance with label instructions. Caps and lids must be removed prior to delivery and threads of the container opening also need to be clean to ensure safe disposal.

Labels on containers will provide the inspectors with a positive identification however if they have perished (but can be identified as similar to others with labels) they can also be inspected providing they pass the cleanliness standard.

The issue is that at no time can containers contaminated by chemicals enter the system. This is essential to ensure that nobody transporting or recycling the containers or materials is injured by exposure to chemicals and to ensure no breach of the regulations covering the transport of Dangerous Goods or

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hazardous waste occurs. Please declare your containers upon arrival at the Whitemark Tip for inspection.

We thank you for your co-operation.

B Barnewall

Works & Services Manager

Lawn Mowers for Tender

Council has two lawn mowers for tender. Those interested can inspect the mowers at the Council Depot, Patrick St, Whitemark. Please nominate which mower you wish to purchase in your tender document. The highest tender or any tender may not necessarily be accepted.

Details of Mowers are:

- Mower 1. 2012 John Deere X300 with 38 inch cutting deck and has done 500 hours.
- Mower 2. 2012 John Deere X300 with 38 inch cutting deck and has done 730 hours.

Tender documents may be obtained from the Council Office, Davies St, Whitemark. Tenders will not be accepted after close of business Thursday, 2nd September 2016.

B Barnewall

Works & Services Manager

Dogs

Dog owners are reminded that dog registrations are now overdue. All dogs over the age of 6 months must be registered and microchipped. If you haven't already done so, please call into the council offices to register your dog.

Infringement notices will be sent to those who fail to register their dog. Unpaid infringement notices are now lodged with the Monetary Penalties Enforcement System (MPES) which is a state government service to deal with unpaid infringement notices. More details on MPES can be found at:

<http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/fines/contact>