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## **MAYOR'S COLUMN**

### **Lady Barron Hall Upgrade:**

The tender for the refurbishment of toilets and addition of an exercise annex has been let to VOS Constructions. The works are scheduled to commence the week beginning the 10<sup>th</sup> October, with the aim of completing the build within 12 weeks with site establishment beginning this week. All going to plan, the Lady Barron Hall will be back up and running early January 2017.

### **Rates:**

Reminder to ratepayers that to avoid penalty interest your rates need to be paid by the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 2016.

### **Vandalism:**

Council provides public facilities with ratepayer's funds for the enjoyment of all the Community. Unfortunately there are times when minor vandalism of these facilities occurs, often during school holiday periods. Please encourage respect of the facilities that are provided for your benefit and enjoyment.

### **Bendigo Bank Is Here!!**

Much work has been undertaken in the space beside the Post Office since the Westpac Instore Agency closed on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September. It is great to have banking services continue with the same friendly and supportive personnel behind the counter. The Bendigo Bank Agency is operational with services ramping up as time allows.

When Westpac advised it was closing our only banking service Council put much work into first, encouraging Westpac to stay, and when that was not possible, proving to Bendigo Bank that there is sufficient business on the Island to support an agency. I thank the Community, both local and extended, for supporting the introduction of Bendigo Bank to the Island.

I am informed an official opening of the agency is being planned for November.

### **General Manager Recruitment:**

Council is in consultation with the recruitment company Searchlight Group who are working through the recruitment process and have selected applicants for first round interviews. These will be undertaken over the next couple of weeks.

### **Meeting outcomes:**

#### TasWater

With the commissioning of the new water systems in Lady Barron and Whitemark to supply water that meets the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines, there are some residences and other buildings where owners may need to or wish to change their plumbing systems.

Council will waive the plumbing permit fees for residents and business operators who wish to revert from a dual water supply to a single water supply for a period of 6 months after the Department of Health and Human Services has removed the Do Not Consume Notice and Boil Water Alert in each of the towns of Whitemark and Lady Barron respectively.

#### Policies

Council adopted the "Provision of Electronic Services – Elected Members Policy" and it is now open for public comment for 28 days.

#### Northern Tasmania Development (NTD)

Unanimously voted to support the change of NTD, the Local Government based entity in northern Tasmania, to a Council owned company limited by guarantee, with an independent board of directors that will be better positioned to influence economic growth across the north, including the Furneaux Group. The resulting company is to be named Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Limited (NTDC).

### **U-turns at the eastern end of James Street:**

Council has had complaints of near misses when people undertake a u-turn at the intersection of Davies Street and James Street. I ask drivers to please be vigilant

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when making u-turns on any of our streets, to indicate your intentions clearly and to be aware of other traffic in the area.

## **AgriGrowth Loans:**

The State Government is investing a further \$10 million into its AgriGrowth Loan Scheme, which makes available low interest loans to assist with capital funding for agricultural projects that have a long lead-in time. The contact point is the Department of State Growth.

[http://stategrowth.tas.gov.au/home/grants\\_and\\_funding/loans/agrigrowth](http://stategrowth.tas.gov.au/home/grants_and_funding/loans/agrigrowth)

## **School Holiday Program:**

Thank you to everyone who helped out for the School Holiday Program. It was great weather for a Movie Day at the Emita Hall on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> September. We would like to thank the Emita Hall Special Committee for all their efforts in providing this event with Council support.

A courageous group of young people headed to the Docks to partake in rock climbing and abseiling with the Scotch Oakburn college students who were visiting the Island. So great to see you all scaling some great faces and overcoming your fears; we were very impressed with their efforts!

Our next activity was the moullage and role play activity. We thank everyone including our local students who volunteered and helped out at the emergency exercise. They braved the wild weather to be dressed and made up as victims of a plane crash and did a wonderful job in helping out on the day.

Week Two will include creative arts workshops and youth drop in days at the FAEC on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October followed by the very first Little Athletics Taster on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October. For more information or to register contact Dolly on 0437 987 863 or email on [stacey.wheatley@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:stacey.wheatley@flinders.tas.gov.au)

This program is delivered by Flinders Council, Flinders Island Aboriginal Association Incorporated and the Flinders Island District High School. Registrations are essential for all activities. Activity details, activity age groups and how to register can be found by visiting the Council website: [www.flinders.tas.gov.au/school-holiday-program](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/school-holiday-program) and on posters up around the townships.

If you haven't yet registered for the annual School Holiday Program and would like to register, please contact Council on 6359 5001, or email either: [office@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:office@flinders.tas.gov.au) or [stacey.wheatley@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:stacey.wheatley@flinders.tas.gov.au)

The Council School Holiday Program has a funding contribution from the Rural Primary Health Services Program funded in Tasmania by Primary Health Tasmania - an Australian Government Initiative.

## **Mums on the Move (MOM)**

### **Maintenance class – 4 week program:**

A maintenance class for the mums will commence **next THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> October from 9.30am - 10.45am** and will include a variety of classes during a 4 week exercise program. The 4 week maintenance class will run from Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup> till November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Cost: \$40 for 4 weeks plus your childcare fees if you require care during the session.

Contact Kathleen to register your interest on 0428 212 751.

## **First Aid Courses in November:**

St John will be back on the Island from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November to provide a variety of first aid courses for your needs. For more information on what courses are available and to book your spot please contact the Launceston office on 6343 4226 or email [launceston@stjohntas.org.au](mailto:launceston@stjohntas.org.au)

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## Working on Women:

**Round 2 Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Oct – Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> November:**

After a successful 1<sup>st</sup> round we are pleased to offer another round of the lunch time working on women exercise program. Classes will be offered every Tuesday and Thursday from 11<sup>th</sup> October and finishing on the 4<sup>th</sup> November. Total cost for the program is \$35 for one class per week or \$65 for two classes per week. Register your interest by contacting Kathleen on 0428 212 751.

## 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/>

*See you at the show.*

Carol Cox  
Mayor

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016,**  
commencing at **1pm.**

The Agenda will be available for perusal on the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) and at the Council Office from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

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

Members of the public are invited to attend.

## WHITEMARK TIP

Opening Hours

SUN, MON, FRI – 1.30pm to 4.30pm  
TUES, THURS - 7.00am to 10.00am  
WEDNESDAY - 8.30am to 11.30am

CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS



## Emergency Exercise

The Flinders Island Airport would like to *thank everyone* who participated in the recent Airport Emergency Exercise. Airport emergency exercises are required to be carried out every two years for Flinders Airport to maintain its certification level compliance and also provide a valuable training opportunity for local emergency service personnel to test their skills.

This year's exercise was designed to test the Flinders Airport Emergency Plan as much as possible and could not have been done without the support from the local volunteers and emergency service personnel.

A *HUGE thank you* also goes to the students and volunteers that played the part of casualties. Feedback from the ambulance personnel was that you all did a wonderful job of acting so lifelike in an aircraft crash scene!

Ben Foot  
Airport Manager

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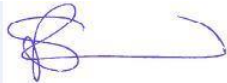
## **Policy to be Adopted**

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 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016 Ordinary Council Meeting to adopt the Provision of Electronic Services– Elected Members Policy.

These policies will lie on the table for public comment until the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016. They are available to download from the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies](http://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.



Sophie Pitchford

**Acting General Manager**