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MAYOR'S COLUMN

October Meeting Outcomes:

Walking Path at Emita:

Council accepted the offer from a landowner to give Council approximately 190m² of land at Emita to form a walking path between Port Davies Road and Allports Beach Road through the 'Stella Maris' estate. The path is through an existing subdivision and will be formed at no cost to the land owner.

Solid Waste Management:

Several reports on Waste Management were noted and Councillors supported the Council proceeding with the Early Contractor Involvement process as the next step in developing a compliant, cost effective and sustainable process for managing solid waste produced on Flinders and Cape Barren Islands. Council will be seeking an experienced waste management company to work with Council to develop appropriate solutions, combining expertise in waste management with local knowledge.

The less waste going into landfill the cheaper it will be for Council to manage waste. Landfill is not the cheap option it used to be, now requiring a lined cell, with regular covering of waste and leachate management. To assist Council to keep costs down please use the provided facilities to keep bottles, cans and other hard waste out of landfill.

Airport:

In recognising the importance of the aviation fuel supply at the airport, Council instigated a report on the state of the current fuel tank and the scoping and costing of a business case for the best method for future distribution of aviation fuel at the airport.

Council has also recognised the interest of commercial aviation operators in hangar facilities at the airport. A report on how to proceed in the best interest of the operators and Council as the airport owner has been developed.

The Airport Master Plan makes provision for four commercial hangars for small aircraft in an area between the RFDS ambulance transfer shed and the large maintenance shed. Provision is made for private aviation hangars on the northern side of the runway opposite the terminal.

Managing Council Operations:

The *Local Government Act 1993* attributes the "day to day" management of councils to the General Manager without defining "day to day". This leaves councils with a grey area in which to balance the line between strategic management and the overseeing of council operations by Councillors, with the General Manager's responsibility of undertaking the "day to day" operations.

Council approved a Notice of Motion put forward by Cr Peter Rhodes that requires Council to "consider and agree to a local definition and/or understanding of 'day to day' in relation to interpreting the Act." The associated document, outlining which specific functions or operations of council fall into which area, is to be taken to a workshop for further discussion.

Policies:

Council approved a Legal Advice Policy for public comment for a period of 28 days. The policy outlines how the Council is to obtain and report on legal advice. If no submissions are received the policy will be adopted at the December meeting.

The Dog Management Policy and Code of Responsible Dog Ownership:

The policy and code are now adopted and can be found in the Council Policy Manual available at the Council Office or on the Council website.

Long Term Asset Management Plan:

The reviewed Long Term Asset Management Plan was approved. The plan sets out Council's expected future expenditure on its assets, including the resealing of roads to

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maintain their integrity, capital gravel sheeting, provision for more BBQs, bridge approach replacements and equipment replacement etc.

The State Government has offered Councils interest free loans to bring forward activities identified in their long term financial plans to support economic activity.

At the November meeting Council will consider a report from the Acting General Manager on what projects could be activated early under this scheme. Councils are required to make application to the State Government for the funding, which will be allocated on a first come basis.

Banking:

Council will support the Bendigo Bank's commitment to the Island by transferring its trading account and cash reserve account from Westpac to Bendigo Bank.

Waivers of Rates and Fees:

Council agreed to waive the 2016/17 rates and charges as applied to the Patriarchs Wildlife Sanctuary.

Quarterly Report:

The first quarterly report for 2016/17 was received by Council. It is a comprehensive report of the work undertaken by Council staff recorded against the allocated actions in the Annual Plan for 2016/17. The full report is available on the Council website as an annexure to the October Meeting Agenda.

General Manager Recruitment:

Councillors will continue with the recruitment process having second interviews with preferred applicants this week.

First Aid Courses in November:

St John will be back on the Island from Monday 21st November – Wednesday 23rd 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

Tax for Small Business Workshop:

A free community seminar with Debbie Steer from Business and Employment. This workshop will give you an overview of some of the taxation and superannuation obligations you may have in regards to starting and operating a small business. To register please contact Debbie Steer on 0408 963 223 or via email at

debbie.steer@businessandemployment.biz

Date: Wednesday 23rd November 2016 5.30 – 8.30pm

Venue: Rose Garden Room, FAEC

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/>

For more information or for any enquires regarding community development please contact Dolly, David or Claire on 6359 5001 or via email

stacey.wheatley@flinders.tas.gov.au (Dolly)

or cdo@flinders.tas.gov.au (David Heap and Claire Nichol)

Carol Cox

Mayor

WHITEMARK TIP

Opening Hours

SUN, MON, FRI – 1.30pm to 4.30pm

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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Casual **Audio/Lighting Technician** required for Council and public events. Experience not necessarily required but an interest in this area would be desirable. Training will be provided.

Please contact Sophie Pitchford for further details on ph: 6359 5010 or office@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 & Entertainment Centre Whitemark, Flinders Island on

Thursday 17th November 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 11th November 2016.

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

Members of the public are invited to attend.

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Notes from the Rose Garden

A big thank you to Gary Sykes and Peter McConnell for investing their time and much appreciated energy into making our very cute rose name plaques to identify our pretty plants. They are just perfect!

David Anderson – you are very kind and generous and surprised me by showing your

ongoing support for the community garden with your donation – Thank you very much!

Megan Morphett

Policy for Review

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 20th October 2016 Ordinary Council Meeting to adopt the **Legal Advice Policy**. This policy will lie on the table for public comment until the 1st December 2016. A copy is available to download from the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies or a hardcopy is available from the Council Office.

Should you wish to make comment on this policy please do so by addressing relative correspondence to:

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