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## **MAYOR'S COLUMN**

### **General Manager:**

Mr Bill Boehm started with Council in the position of General Manager on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 2017. I welcome Bill and his partner Kaye to the Island wishing them a long and satisfying stay. Bill was selected as the result of an intensive recruitment process in which all Councillors were involved and approved unanimously. Bill is quickly learning that the business of Council is both varied and demanding. I urge you all to be welcoming and supportive as Bill and Kaye adjust to Island living.

### **Solid Waste Management:**

**Please note the Lady Barron Waste Transfer Station is closed for green waste disposal for the summer months.** This is to reduce the fire risk at the site, especially given the fuel burden that is present over the Island after an extremely good growing season.

Council is reviewing the way waste is managed on the Island and must come up with a solution that is acceptable to the Environment Protection Authority.

In this world of ever growing solid waste streams and regulation, the disposal of waste is becoming an expensive activity for communities and Flinders is no exception. The hole in the ground now has to be lined, an expensive operation, and monitored for leaching of fluids into the surrounding environment, thus Council is looking for ways to control the type of waste going into landfill.

Council is seeking an experienced industry contractor to assist with developing the 'scope of works' that will inform the new waste management practice to manage solid waste into the future. This is advertised as an Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) request.

In addition to the ECI, Council is requesting Expressions of Interest (EOI) from the Community. If you can offer a solution for reuse of one or more waste streams, now is your chance to present the options to Council by responding to the EOI as advertised. For example, a local club may wish to take all

aluminium cans or an individual may have an idea to recycle cardboard etc.

Both the ECI & EOI are advertised in this edition of Island News and The Examiner newspaper 21/01/2017. Details can also be found on the Council website and Council Facebook page or on request at the Council office.

Submissions to the ECI and EOI will be open for 21 days.

### **NTDC: Chair John Pitt's visit to the Island.**

I am extremely pleased with the visit to Council of John Pitt, the inaugural Chair of the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation, as part of an initial fact finding mission on the economic issues and opportunities that we all face as a remote isolated community.

John provided Council with an overview of his role as the chair in guiding the new corporation's mission to grow the economy of Northern Tasmania. We on Flinders make a significant contribution to the northern region, and as a shareholder of the corporation Council is keen to see the Furneaux Group economy benefit from the strategic direction being taken by NTDC and the pragmatic approach that John is taking to implement it.

Councillors provided John with an outline of the wide range of issues and opportunities that exist on Flinders that if addressed will support both the mission of NTDC and Council's strategic direction of growing the population. Addressing the finance hurdles that local purchasers and investors meet, providing training opportunities, improving communication services and encouraging private investment in tourism, were identified as areas that could initially be worked on.

### **Outcomes from December 2016 meeting:**

Council agreed to:

- ~ Extend Council's ownership of Roberts Street by approximately 80 metres towards the east past the MPC treatment plant site;
- ~ Amend the fees and charges that relate to private water suppliers and to reflect changes to building and plumbing assessments as introduced by the State

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Government and effective from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017;

- ~ Refuse a request to waiver the registration fee of \$100 for the supply of non-potable water at Killiecrankie;
- ~ To apply for a lease over Crown Land at the Badger Corner boat ramp and work with users to apply to MAST for assistance in upgrading the ramp;
- ~ Adopt the Information Management Policy for public comment;
- ~ Received and accepted the financials for 2015/16 (formatted for comparison with the 2015/16 budget);
- ~ Discuss the content and format of the Legal Advice Policy at a workshop; and
- ~ Confirmed councillor membership on committees retaining the status quo.

I would also like to thank Sophie Pitchford for her commitment to Council and the dedication she gave to undertaking the Acting General Manager's role over the past 7 months. Sophie and the staff have been proactive in forwarding the projects and continuing the programs of Council as well as maintaining all the everyday business activity of Council. Sophie will be able to focus on her role as Corporate Services Manager and the tasks of delivering supporting financial related information to Councillors and ensuring Council meets its financial and reporting obligations.

## **Volunteers:**

Council is really appreciative of the assistance it receives from residents and wishes to protect those who volunteer for projects it is involved in by complying with the WH&S needs of today's regulated environment. Council staff have developed a simple online safety induction system for community members who volunteer for Council.

Induction and information can be found on our website link:

<http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/volunteers>

For more information contact Lauren Moraitis via the council front office on 6359 5001.

## **Bendigo Bank:**

Community support is still needed to reach the deposit level for the operation of the bank

agency to be sustainable. If you are thinking of opening accounts with Bendigo Bank, please consider tagging it to the Whitemark agency. The agency is a vital adjunct to Island businesses for the prosperity of the Island.

## **Quad Bike Safety in Tasmania:**

A paper was developed by the Quad Bike Safety Taskforce, a multi-agency group formed by the Minister for Building and Construction Mr Guy Barnett, to look at innovative state-wide strategies to improve safety outcomes for quad bike users in the State. The issues paper has been released publicly on the Department of Justice website [http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/community-consultation/quad\\_bike\\_safety\\_taskforce](http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/community-consultation/quad_bike_safety_taskforce) Feedback is being invited prior to Tuesday 28 February 2017.

## **Summer School Holiday Program:**

Surf School is on again in January and we have already had two days of surfing with Chris Macqueen. Our surf sessions have been filling up very quickly and we do have a wait list. If you are unable to make one of the sessions please let us know so that someone else can take your spot. Registration is essential.

## **Performing Arts Workshops with Sean Choolburra and Cheryl Wheatley:**

Two days of games, activities, dance, comedy and all round fun with two fabulous performers who are visiting our shores. Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> January – 9.30am to 12.30pm at the Furneaux Arts and Entertainment Centre. Light refreshments are supplied. To register SMS Dolly on 0437 987 863.

For more information and to register for the 2017 program please contact the Community Development staff on 6359 5001 or go to <http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/school-holiday-program> to download the forms.

## **Furneaux Islands Festival 2017**

Andy Baylor's Cajun Combo, Abbie Cardwell, Riverbank, Cheryl Wheatley and Sean Choolburra are just some of the artists that have been locked in and will be joining many local acts over the 3 days of the Festival from the 20<sup>th</sup> through to the 22<sup>nd</sup> January

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2017. Join us for the Acoustic Supper, the Festival Market, Veranda Music and the Community Day. We also have two visiting chefs flying in for the weekend who will be making some delicious food for us at Market Day and the Community BBQ on Sunday.

The Acoustic Supper will kick off the festival with a combination of music and great food. Festival Market Day where the finest of local produce and handmade items will all be on display to the background of street buskers playing in the main street. In the event of poor weather the market will be relocated to The Furneaux Arts & Entertainment Centre.

**PLEASE NOTE: Patrick Street will be closed to vehicle traffic from Bowman's Shop to Walker's Supermarket from 8.00am to 3.00pm on Market Day.**

Saturday afternoon will be Verandah Music on the lawns outside the Furneaux Tavern in Lady Barron. Bring along your picnic rug and an instrument for the all in Jam session.

Sunday is the BIG EVENT, the FREE Community Concert in the FIAAI Park in Lady Barron. Please join Council on this day as it provides the opportunity for you to celebrate being Australian and being a resident of or visitor to the Furneaux Group. The **free community BBQ** has the support of funding from the Australia Day Great Ideas Program and is put on in conjunction with other community groups. I invite you to come together as a community, to celebrate being Australian and living in this beautiful, friendly corner of Australia we have the privilege to call home.

Check out the website for more information [www.fifestival.com.au](http://www.fifestival.com.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/>

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](mailto:stacey.wheatley@flinders.tas.gov.au) (Dolly) or [cdo@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:cdo@flinders.tas.gov.au) (David Heap and Claire Nichol)

Carol Cox  
Mayor

## Performing Arts Workshops including comedy, acting and dance

Fancy yourself as an Actor or a Comedian?  
Ever caught yourself Dancing?  
Well have we got a workshop for you!  
As part of the lead up to the Furneaux Islands Festival Sean Choolburra and Cheryl Wheatley will be providing two days of fun filled games, activities and just all round fun!



Where : FAEC Whitemark  
Thurs 19th—Fri 20th Jan 2017  
Ages : 6 and Over  
Time : 9.30am -12.30 pm

Registrations are essential

## Furneaux Group Shipping & Aviation Special Committees Submissions

The Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee and the Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee consist of business and community representatives and exist to consider and make recommendations to Council concerning issues related to Shipping and Aviation. The public are invited to make submissions for consideration by the Committees. Submissions may be sent to Council by close of business Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

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## 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 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017**, 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 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

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

Members of the public are invited to attend.

## Private Water Suppliers – requirement for registration

A Private Water Supplier (PWS) supplies drinking water obtained from a private water source (other than a TasWater supply) to a premise used for:

1. Commercial purposes (accommodation, childcare, recreation and private water schemes);
2. Health purposes (aged care, health care and hospitals); and
3. Education

The *Public Health Act* requires a PWS to register with local council to prevent risks to public health and comply with the requirements of the *Tasmanian Drinking Water Quality Guidelines*.

Council recently adopted fees associated with registration. Commercial water supplies are currently \$100/annum and accommodation businesses are \$20/annum.

If you are not currently registered as a PWS and meet one of the premise criteria, please contact Council to request an application form.

Further information can be obtained from [www.dhhs.tas.gov.au](http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au) or by contacting Council's Environmental Health Officer on 6359 5005.

## 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**

## Waste Management

In accordance with Council's **Code of Tender and Contracts Policy** the following requests are sought:

### Early Contractor Involvement (ECI)

Council wishes to engage a suitable waste management contractor to assist with the formulation of a 'scope of works' for a waste management solution for Flinders Island. The successful contractor will be required to enter into a 'Scope Development Services Agreement' and participate in assisting Council with best practice solutions to service the Municipality.

### Expression of Interest (EOI)

Interest is sought from members of the Community [and surrounding areas] who may assist with the management of collected waste streams. Ideas must be able to be carried out by the individual and will be used to inform the 'scope' formulation process when engaging with the successful contractor as per the ECI above.

Details of both proposals can be found at [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) or by contacting Council on 63 595 001.

Responses must be in writing, including the required cover page as contained within the relevant proposal document, and addressed to: Waste Management EOI or ECI

Att: Jacci Viney  
Flinders Council  
PO Box 40

### WHITEMARK TAS 7255

Submissions may be hand delivered to 4 Davies Street Whitemark, posted, or emailed to [jacci.viney@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:jacci.viney@flinders.tas.gov.au).

All responses to be received no later than:

**Wednesday, 8 February 2017.**

Bill Boehm  
General 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 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 Ordinary Council Meeting to adopt the Information Management Policy.

The policy will lie on the table for public comment until the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017. It is 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 this policy, please do so by addressing relative correspondence to myself.

Bill Boehm  
**General Manager**