

ACTING MAYOR'S COLUMN

With the Mayor currently enjoying a well-earned holiday, I'm filling the role until her return.

The recent heavy rains have seen water tanks overflowing and smiling faces on most residents.

Thanks must go to the Lady Barron Hall Special Committee for all the effort that has gone into meetings, fundraising, successful grant writing etc. which has resulted in the newly extended and renovated Lady Barron Memorial Hall. Local "gym junkies" have been busy receiving their induction training that will allow all to use the facilities safely. More information on further fitness annexe induction sessions is included below.

Speaking of gyms - congratulations to David and Kathleen Heap on the opening of their gym facility in Whitemark at the Lion's Headquarters. The gym is getting quite a few regular participants. Start-up businesses are only successful if supported by their communities; well done David and Kathleen on this initiative.

Marc Cobham
Acting Mayor

DOGS

Dog owners are reminded that dog registration is due to expire on 1 July 2017.

Council will allow for discounted payments to be made prior to expiration of registration. The discount period will run from 1 June until 30 June inclusive.

This year you will receive a black tag without a registration year noted on it. This tag will be known as a "tag for life". Your dog will be assigned the number on the black tag. Every year that you re-register your dog you will use the same number and not receive a new tag. If the tag becomes lost or broken you can replace the tag and receive a new perpetual number for your dog's registration.

Remember that all dogs over the age of 6 months must be registered. If your dog doesn't always live here, or is new from another municipality, you are not required to register with Flinders Council, however the dog must

be registered in a Tasmanian Municipality at all times.

Please ensure that your dog wears its tag at all times and is always under your effective control when out.

LADY BARRON HALL – FITNESS ANNEX INDUCTIONS

Council staff, in collaboration with the Lady Barron Hall Special Committee, has been working over the past few weeks to expedite the opening of the Lady Barron Fitness Facility.

Thursday 25th May, David Heap and Lauren Moraitis conducted user and equipment inductions and signed up 28 new users to the fitness facility at Lady Barron Hall.

The feedback from users during the inductions was positive, and they are looking forward to using such a great facility.

We are only waiting on a few final fixtures for the building before we can officially open the Fitness Facility to the Community. This will hopefully be in the next couple of weeks.

We will run another induction day in a fortnight. If you would like to be put on the list please contact Dolly at stacey.wheatley@flinders.tas.gov.au or Claire at claire.nicholl@flinders.tas.gov.au.

NOTES FROM THE ROSE GARDEN

The annual "Pruning of the Roses" is just around the corner! If you wish to participate please come along on Saturday 22nd of July from 8.30am at the Whitemark Rose Garden (entrance via Patrick St – Furneaux Arts and Entertainment Centre forecourt). All levels and ages welcome and you may take cuttings home on this day. Please bring along your sharp secateurs, thick gloves, brooms, weather appropriate clothing and refreshments. Feel free to contact me, Megan Morphett, on 0400 233 601 if you would like any more information. Looking forward to seeing you there.



Flinders Council will be actively supporting the Real Men Wear Pink Fundraiser which aims to encourage the men of Australia to 'Get Pinked' and raise funds for life-changing breast cancer research focusing on 'prevention'.

This June, we are challenging our male workers of Flinders Council to name their price to get dressed up in pink and raise money for the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

If you see the Flinders Council's General Manager and employees in pink on Wednesday 14th June, give them a toot, pat on the back or even better, donate some money on our fundraising page: <https://realmenwearpink.gofundraise.com.au/page/FlindersCouncil>. Any contribution large or small will be greatly appreciated.

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 18th May 2017 Ordinary Council Meeting to adopt the Corporate Credit Card Policy. The policy will lie on the table for public comment until the 22nd June 2017. It is available to download 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 Bill Boehm, 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 15th June 2017**, 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 9th June 2017.

Public Question Time will be held between 1.00pm – 1.30pm. Members of the public are invited to attend.

POSITION VACANT

Services Coordinator – Maternity Leave Position

Responsible for process and procedure management with a focus on occupational health and safety, development services, continuous improvement, compliance, productivity and efficiency.

Twelve month position - 4 days a week.

To apply, please contact Sophie Pitchford for a position description on 6359 5001 or sophie.pitchford@flinders.tas.gov.au

Applications close Friday 9 June 2017

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



The Van Diemen Project visited Flinders Island on the 1st and 2nd of June.

Chris, the Director of Operations, and Taz their Entrepreneurship Facilitator, delivered free business advice through one-on-one consultations and information sessions in Lady Barron and Whitemark. They also gave a presentation to Councillors at their monthly workshop.

The Van Diemen Project is funded through the Department of State Growth's Enterprise Centres to support small and medium business owners in each of the Flinders Island, George Town, Northern Midlands, Launceston and West Tamar local government areas.

Their mission statement is '**Empowering Tasmanian entrepreneurs to do great things globally**'.

If you would like to know more about how to access their free services visit their website at <http://www.vandiemenproject.com.au/businessadvice/>

The project team will be visiting again shortly, so if you missed out, keep an eye on the Island News for the next set of dates.