

MAYOR'S COLUMN

Telecomms Project - Flinders & Cape Barren Islands:

It has been my pleasure to be a part of the media promotion of this \$10.7 million project that will make incredible improvements to the digital connectivity of the islands. The reality of the project was brought home to me when I accompanied the General Manager to a meeting with the Telstra personnel involved in the delivery of the project. The estimated project delivery time is around 18 months and a lot of project planning is currently underway.

Whilst it will continue to work with our current phones the new system will be 4GX capable and if you are looking at a new phone keep this in mind.

Ministerial Visits:

In the last 2 weeks Council has had the pleasure of visits from both the Hon Michael Ferguson MP, Minister for Information Technology and Innovation and Minister for Health and the Hon Peter Gutwein MP, Treasurer and Minister for Local Government.

Council met with both Ministers, thanking both for the State Government's support for the Telecomms project, and discussing a number of projects that Council is working on to improve the economic and social sustainability of the Island but that will need extensive funding support. These included the Safe Harbour project, the long runway project and a dream, but not an impossibility, relating to the extension of the state maintained road as a sealed road to Palana.

Congratulations to Organisers:

There have been two big weekend events held on Flinders over the last fortnight and I wish to congratulate the organisers for running both these events which are not only well supported and enjoyed by the locals, but that also encourage visitors to come to the Island specifically to participate.

To the Flinders Island Harriers who organised the Flinders Running Festival on the Fathers' Day weekend and the Furneaux Field & Game Association who held the Furneaux Super Shoot incorporating the 100 Target Tasmanian Championship this last weekend - a huge thank you on behalf of the Community.

See you all at the next big event, the Netball and Football challenge on this Saturday, 16th September.

BBQs Free but not respected by some:

Unfortunately, there have been reports of the new, free barbecues being left in a very unsanitary condition. Council provides water, detergent, scourers, etc. to enable users to clean after themselves. It is disappointing to note that this is not respected by some and barbecues are being left dirty for others. Signs have been made with the following wording, which will be placed at the barbecue sites:

BBQs on Flinders Island are provided free to users on the basis that they are respected and cleaned after use.

Failure to clean the BBQs after use may result in coin-operated devices being fitted to supplement costs incurred to ensure they are clean.

Please respect our free BBQs and ensure they are left clean after you use them.

Council Meeting 21st September:

The Agenda for the Council meeting next week will be on Council's website by Saturday the 16th.

Community members are welcome to attend the meeting and we would love to see you there, in the Rose Garden Room, 1.00pm on Thursday 21st September.

Carol Cox
Mayor

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

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the date of the September Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council has changed and will now be held at the Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre, Whitemark, Flinders Island on **Thursday 21st September 2017 commencing at 1pm.**

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

The Agenda will be available for perusal from Friday 15th September 2017 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au and at the Council Office.

Bill Boehm
GENERAL MANAGER

