

## MAYOR'S COLUMN

### Community Development:

Claire Nichol has completed her stint as Community Development Officer and I wish to thank her for her hard work and input into community events during that time.

Stacey (Dolly) and Dan continue to bring work in this area and are providing an exciting School Holiday Program including a Shape and Ride Kids' Mountain Bike Clinic. Other Activities include a beach hike and BBQ; roller blading at the Emita Hall, beach fishing, progressive painting and a murder mystery event. Age restrictions apply for some events. Please refer to the flier just released.

### Lady Barron Fitness Facility and Whitemark Community Gym:

If you wish to use one of the community gyms, you must first attend an induction session. Bookings are now being taken for induction sessions for each facility in April, as advertised elsewhere in IN. If you wish to use both facilities, you will need to attend an induction session at each gym – as the equipment in each facility is very different. Session times are filling fast so get in quick. If you miss out on this round of inductions, you will go on a waiting list. Additional sessions will be arranged if required. Please note that the Council's RFDS program operates out of the Whitemark Community Gym on Mondays and Fridays from 8am – 2pm, meaning that the gym is closed to general use at those times.

### Airport:

The Council has received a \$55,000 grant to assist with the renewal and strengthening of the wallaby proof fencing protecting the runway areas from incursions by wild life.

The grant was made available by the federal government through the Remote Airstrip Upgrade program.

### Outcomes from March Council Meeting:

In a short meeting several Council associated reports were received and public questions answered. The actions undertaken by staff in relation to motions passed by Council can be viewed in the Resolution Report received at this and each other Council Meeting.

Council declined the offer to have a Councillor on the Site Selection Committee for the "Café in the North Project". The site selection Committee reports to Flinders Island Tourism and Business Inc. (FITBI) which is the grant recipient and manager of the project. For concerned members of the public please be aware that the use of

Council owned or leased Public Land for this purpose would require public consultation and consideration by Council in addition to any requirements under the planning scheme.

I congratulate FITBI on attaining the grant and for the volunteer hours that have and are being put into this project to achieve an outcome identified in the Destination Action Plan.

### 2018 Local Government Elections

#### Save the Date - 31<sup>st</sup> May:

There will be an information session on being a councillor as well as a session on "Land use Planning" for councillors that is open to all interested people. Land Use Planning is an important part of a councillor's role. The sessions will run from 3.00pm through to 7.30pm starting with the Land Use Planning session. Finger food will be provided for those attending both sessions.

Carol Cox

**Mayor**

### ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the second Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council for 2018 will be held at the Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre, Whitemark, Flinders Island on: **Thursday 19 April 2018 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, 13 April 2018 on the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) and at the Council Office.

Lady Barron residents are reminded that no green waste is to be deposited at the Lady Barron Waste Transfer Station during the fire permit period.

This service will recommence once the fire restrictions are lifted.

### WHITEMARK GIVING SHED THUMBS UP

Council would like to thank the giving shed organisers who generously spend their time sorting, folding and cleaning the space so it is less of a mess!! You know who you are. We are thrilled the "Giving Shed" serves a purpose and is a valued asset to the Community and appreciate everything you do in keeping it presentable.



## Expressions of Interest

Flinders Council are seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified personnel to carry out the roles of **Community Education & Mobile Garbage Bin (MGB) roll out** for the Flinders Island Community.

The project will be made up of two elements. The first being an extensive community education consultation period, outlining to the Island Community the pending changes in waste management; and the second is the technical aspect of issuing each residential property with three MGBs and recording the relevant numbers accurately.

If you have conducted this type of work previously you are encouraged to contact Jacci Viney at Flinders Council on 6359 5001 to obtain a briefing document or arrange for discussion.

Closing date for applications is 13 April 2018.

## Rural Addressing Numbers

Those with rural addressing numbers are advised that the condition of the numbers is the responsibility of the land owner.

If your street side number is lost, broken or requires replacing, you may purchase new ones from council for \$2 each. New posts can also be purchased for \$40 each.

## COMMUNITY GRANTS

Applications for funding are now being sought from Community Groups.

Applications received will be considered by Council as part of the budget process for the next financial year.

## GUNN BEQUEST

Applications for funding are now being sought from sporting organisations under the Gunn Bequest.

These funds are provided to suitable projects for the promotion or improvement of sporting facilities on the Island.

Written applications for both grants, using the forms available from the Council Office or the Council website

<http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/community-grants-and-awards> will be received no later than C.O.B. Friday 20 April 2018 and should be addressed to:

### General Manager

Flinders Council  
PO Box 40  
Whitemark TAS 7255

## 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\*\***