

DEPUTY MAYOR'S COLUMN

ANZAC Day Dawn Service:

This year's Dawn Service was held on a very mild morning with the same large attendance as per previous years. Sharon Blyth delivered a very informative and well researched speech on the role of animals in times of war. The Flinders Island Branch of the Lions Club delivered breakfast at Frost's nearby home and the complimentary nip of rum was well received! Thanks to all those involved in organising this annual commemoration of all our nation's soldiers.

Whitemark Gym Success:

Since the start of 2018 the community gym has had 1120 individual visits. This is an excellent result for a community of our size and it is good to see the wide range of ages utilising this great resource. As the trial period will soon be at an end, Council will soon be deciding on the future of this very popular facility.

Local Government Elections:

Date Reminder 31st May: Candidates information session and Land Use Planning session run by the Local Government Association of Tasmania.

The terms of the current Councillors are due to expire on the 1st of November of this year and I encourage those interested in standing to attend the above sessions (see advertisement elsewhere in Island News).

The *Local Government Act 1993* states that the Councillors collectively have the following functions:

“(2)(a) to develop and monitor the implementation of strategic plans and budgets; (b) to determine and monitor the application of policies, plans and programs for – (i) the efficient and effective provision of services and facilities; and (ii) the efficient and effective management of assets; and (iii) the fair and equitable treatment of employees of the council; (c) to facilitate and encourage the planning and development of the municipal area in the best interests of the community; (d) to appoint and monitor the performance of the general manager; (e) to determine and review the council's resource allocation and expenditure activities; (f) to monitor the manner in which services are provided by the council.”; and that in “performing any function under this Act or any other Act, a councillor must not – (3)(a) direct or attempt to direct an employee of the council in relation to the discharge of the employee's duties; or

(b) perform any function of the mayor without the approval of the mayor.

(4)A councillor is to represent accurately the policies and decisions of the council in performing the functions of councillor.”

Marc Cobham
Deputy Mayor

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council will be held at the Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre, Whitemark on: **Thursday 17 May 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, 11 May 2018 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au and at the Council Office.

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.

CALL FOR COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Nominations from the public are called for the position of Community Representative on the Whitemark Community Gym Special Committee of Council. The Committee consists of council and community representatives and exists to support, assist and advise in the management and operation of the Whitemark Community Gym.

Nominations will be received up to 14 May and can be sent to the Committee Chair:

Marc Cobham, Deputy Mayor
Flinders Council
PO Box 40
Whitemark TAS 7255

Or via email to Executive Officer, Vicki Warden at vicki.warden@flinders.tas.gov.au
Marc Cobham
Deputy Mayor

Request for Tender

Flinders Council invites suitable tenderers to submit for the supply of materials and works associated with the construction of approximately 7km of new animal proof fencing to be erected at the Flinders Island Airport.

The fence is to be 1.5metres high and comprise of 11-90-15 apron wire, two electrified wires on top and one standard electrified wire on the lower outside of the fence. Existing gates are to remain; however, the existing 7 kilometres of fence will also have to be removed and costed as part of this tender.

Tenders are to be clearly marked:

“**AIRPORT FENCING TENDER**” and addressed to PO Box 40, WHITEMARK TAS 7255.

Hard copies may be hand delivered to Flinders Council or posted to the above. Email tenders may be sent to Jacci.viney@flinders.tas.gov.au

Tenders close at 5pm - Friday 11 May 2018.

- Install toilet and BBQ on Cape Barren Island
- Upgrade Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre (FAEC) and Emita Hall on-site waste water systems
- Develop a 3-Year rolling program for roads, streets, bridges, buildings & facilities
- Develop Stormwater Management Plan for all townships
- As part of Whitemark Structure Plan develop a concept plan for Council's Lagoon Road site (between Lagoon Road and the Cattle Track)
- Install new wallaby proof fence at airport
- Minor one room extension of Council offices
- Finalise new Planning Scheme
- Review of Regional Land Use Strategy

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***

Public Input - 2018/19 Budget

Council is currently developing the next financial year's Annual Plan and Budget and invites community members and organisations to provide input. Your ideas to be considered for possible inclusion in the 2018/19 Budget or for future reference can be sent to the General Manager via mail or via email to vicki.warden@flinders.tas.gov.au and will be received up to close of business 10 May. All submissions will be formally acknowledged and treated in confidence. Your suggestion may or may not be agreed to but is certainly welcome.

In addition to Council's normal maintenance, reconstruction and community programs, some of the actions/projects that council is already considering for inclusion in its 2018-19 annual plan and budget estimates are:

- Addressing housing needs of the Island (waiting on recommendations from the State Governments Housing Needs Analysis Report)
- Flinders Business Economic and Social Structural Review Project (quantifying Island disadvantage)
- Lady Barron Safe Harbour (subject to funding)
- Define scope of works for Whitemark Structure Plan
- Support investigations by the Flinders Sports and RSL Club with respect to potential site development plans
- Badger Corner boat ramp (if grant application successful)

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 19 April 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting to adopt the **Furneaux Islands Festival Policy**.

This policy will lie on the table for public comment until 8 June 2018. The draft policy 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 this policy, please do so by addressing relative correspondence to:

Bill Boehm
General Manager