

MAYOR'S COLUMN:

Visitor Information Centre:

Many of our local businesses supply information to island visitors on request and during the course of business. The Council office is the islands official Visitor Information Centre (VIC). The number of visits and time taken to attend each visitor is recorded.

Whilst the winter months are quiet, the summer months become quite busy with 51 uses of the VIC recorded in January this year, taking up approximately 4 hours of staff time, directly attending to the visitors. The average length of stay seems to be 4 days or more, year round.

Information packs are also distributed on request with many being sent out over the year.

If you are operating a business that has information to disseminate or advertise to visitors such as fliers or business cards please let the front office girls know. The better the information they have the better the visitor information centre works.

School Holiday Program:

I congratulate Council staff, Dolly and Dan, on the School holiday program that has been put together for this school holidays; movies, roller blading, a visit from Spider Everett and more. The school holiday program is run by Council but the greatness of it could not be achieved without the collaboration and help of both the Flinders Island Aboriginal Association Inc and the Flinders Island District High School. A huge thank you also to the participants and the parents who get their children to the events, you make the program worthwhile.

Citizen of the Year:

The search for the municipality's citizen of the year is on. If you know a person that contributes to the community and way of life on Flinders by giving of their time and skills in a volunteer manner for the betterment of community members please put their name forward. The Nomination Form is available from the front office or on Council's website.

Nominations close 24 August.

Planning and building:

With the changes to the building code the requirements for approvals and permits for some building and development activities changed.

Council has developed a process where, **at no cost to you**, you can receive advice as to whether you need planning, building, or plumbing permits through a simple process designed to **help community** members understand the permits required or not for simple development works on their properties.

Just ask at the council office for the Building Work enquiry Form 001 so that you can provide the information for the advice from the planners and building surveyors etc to be based on.

Cat Management:

Feral cats are damaging to our wildlife. The Tasmanian Government promotes responsible cat ownership and the [Cat Management Act 2009](#) and the [Cat Management Regulations 2012](#) provide support for the community in managing the health, welfare and impacts of cats.

Under the *Act* only registered breeders are permitted to breed cats. Cats sold or given away must be more than eight weeks old, desexed and microchipped. The *Act* also introduces powers to trap, seize or destroy stray and feral cats in certain circumstances and gives land owners and managers the statutory power to control cats found on their land. More information can be found at:

<http://dpiw.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/cat-management-in-tasmania>

Local Government Elections Voting Eligibility:

If you are currently on the electoral roll, you are automatically on the Local Government roll **for the municipal area (council) in which your enrolled address is located.**

If you are eligible to be on the state electoral roll but are not correctly enrolled, you can:

- ❖ visit: [Enrol to vote - Australian Electoral Commission](#)
- ❖ get an enrolment form from any post office, or
- ❖ ring 1800 801 701 and for one to be mailed to you.

You are also eligible to be on the Local Government roll if:

- ❖ you own or occupy land in a municipal area different from where you are enrolled on the state electoral roll, or
- ❖ you are the nominated representative of a corporate body which owns or occupies land in the municipal area.

To enrol under these special provisions you need to complete the appropriate enrolment form:

- ❖ [Local Government enrolment form for owner/occupiers](#), or
- ❖ [Local Government enrolment form for corporate bodies](#)

To be enrolled under these special provisions you need to ensure that the General Manager for the Council in which you are enrolling has your completed enrolment form before the close of rolls for an election.

For the 2018 Local Government Election roles close on Thursday the @ 6 pm on the 13th September.

Act now and save the last minute rush. Every persons vote counts.

Carol Cox

Mayor

Deputy Mayors Column

At the June 2018 meeting Council approved the following Development Applications: -

DA2018/028 - Port Zone Whitemark Wharf Shed – Demolition and Re-Development .

DA2018/035 - Port Zone Lady Barron. Land based part of an Aquaculture operation within the TasPorts precinct of Lady Barron wharf.

DA2018/025 - Rural Zone with a Visually sensitive overlay. Holiday Cabin , Leeka.

Council also agreed to continue to operate the **Whitemark Community Gym** given the very successful initial trial period.

Council declined to support the proposal to allow additional Memorial Plaques to be placed in the **Rose Garden**, however agreed to assist with identifying another site.

Fees and Charges for the 2018/19 financial year were adopted. These include an increase in the Regular Passenger Transport (RPT) passenger landing tax of \$3.00. This was agreed upon, considering the fact that, the Airport Facility incurs an annual loss in excess of \$200,000. This tax has not seen an increase in 3 years.

Council voted to take over the **Airport Fuel Facility** following a request from the current operators, Sharp Airlines.

More details of the above matters can be found on Council's website in the unconfirmed minutes of the June meeting.

Nominations for the **2018 Citizen of the Year Award** are now open – forms can be found on Council's website or from the Council Office.

Cr Marc Cobham
DEPUTY MAYOR

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the seventh Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council for 2018 will be held at the Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre, Whitemark, Flinders Island on:

Thursday 19 July 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 July 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 streetside number is lost, broken or requires replacing, you may purchase new ones from the council front office for \$2 each. New posts can also be purchased for \$40 each.

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**

Rose Garden Pruning Day 2018

The annual pruning of the roses is upon us and will be held on Friday 27th July from 8am-12pm with morning tea provided at 10am.

Please bring clean and sharp secateurs, gardening gloves, warm clothes and anything else you need to enjoy a morning of pruning.

See you in the garden!

Megan & Shayne