

## **MAYOR'S COLUMN:**

### **Visitor Information Centre:**

Many of our local businesses supply information to island visitors on request or just during the course of business. The Council office is the Island's official Visitor Information Centre (VIC) with the number of uses and time taken to attend each visitor being recorded.

Whilst the winter months are quiet, the summer months become quite busy with 51 uses of the VIC being recorded in January of 2018 taking up approximately 4 hours of staff time in 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 several being sent out over the year.

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

### **School Holiday Program:**

I congratulate the 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 them there - 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 have 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 about a 001 Form for you to provide the information that the advice from the planners and building surveyors etc. can 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://dpiipwe.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/cat-management-in-tasmania>

### **Local Government Elections Voting Eligibility:**

If you are currently on the Tasmanian state 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 the Australian Electoral Commission website <https://www.aec.gov.au/enrol/>
- ❖ get an enrolment form from any post office, or
- ❖ ring 1800 801 701 and ask for one to be mailed to you.

If you are not eligible to be on the state electoral roll, you are 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 enroll under these special provisions, you need to apply to be added to the General Manager's roll and complete the appropriate enrolment form. Application forms are available from Council's front office or from the website.

**Local Government Election roles close on Thursday 13 September at 6 pm.**

Act now and save the last-minute rush. Every person's vote counts.

Carol Cox  
**Mayor**

## **LADY BARRON RESIDENTS**

Informal Consultation  
for township planning.

**Wednesday 1 August**  
**6.30pm Lady Barron Hall**

### **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.

### **Rose Garden Pruning Day 2018**

The annual pruning of the roses is upon us and will be held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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

### **WHITEMARK TIP OPENING HOURS**

**SUN, MON, FRI 1.30pm - 4.30pm**  
**TUES +THURS 7.00am - 10.00am**  
**WEDNESDAYS 8.30am - 11.30am**

**CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**