

MAYOR'S COLUMN:

Local Government Elections:

By the time this edition of the Island News is released the nominees for the 2018 Local Government Elections will have been announced. There are seven positions of Councillor to be filled on the Flinders Councils with successful candidates being appointed for a four year term. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor positions are also decided through the election process.

Voting is through postal ballot and voting papers will be distributed in October with polling closing on the 30th October.

School Holiday Program:

Council and FIAAI again come together to offer an interesting and varied school holiday program this coming holiday period, that includes a show exhibit making day, a kite making and flying day, a commando challenge day, a chef challenge and a movie day.

To register SMS 0437987863 or email, daniel.pitcher@flinders.tas.gov.au.

Outcomes from September meeting:

Petition:

A petition was tabled. Under section 60(2) of the "Local Government Act 1993" the council, at a council meeting held within 42 days of the petition being tabled, is to determine any action to be taken in respect of the petition. In this instance this will be at the October Ordinary meeting of Council.

Reports:

A report is received each month on the number of development applications dealt with in the preceding month. In August 2018, 22 applications were received, 11 for discretionary and 11 for permitted uses. 16 planning permits were issued for a range of uses including dwellings and dwelling additions, telecommunications structures, sheds and a subdivision boundary adjustment. The report is public as an annexure to the agenda for each meeting.

Furneaux Islands Festival Committee:

The terms of reference for this special committee of Council were approved. The purpose of the committee is to assist in

coordinating and delivering the annual Furneaux Islands Festival. The committee will consist of council 's community development staff Dolly and Dan and a community representative, along with community members put forward as representatives from the Flinders Island Aboriginal Association (FIAAI), the Flinders Island district High School (FIDHS), the Flinders Island Tourism and Business Association (FITBI), the Furneaux Historical Research Association (FHRA) and the Furneaux Community Arts (FCA) should those entities wish to provide a representative to this committee.

Planning for the Furneaux Festival for 2019 is already well underway. Save the date. 18 – 20th January 2019.

Schedule 8 of the Flinders Planning Scheme 2000 – North East River:

Council gave authority to the General Manager to action the removal of unauthorised structures, including mobile caravans, from the area referred to in Development Plan, North East River, being Schedule 8 of the Flinders Council Planning Scheme 2000. The owners have been contacted individually by council.

The area was put aside and planned for the translocation of shack activity beside the river to move to this area. The Planning Scheme, as approved in 2000, sets out strict requirements for development on the site including structures and planning permits have not been issued for any of the current structures.

Council has agreed not to carry Schedule 8 that applies to this site through to the new planning scheme and instead will develop a management plan for the site. The development of the management plan is an action for council in its 2018-19 Annual Plan.

Lady Barron Memorial Hall:

Council supported the proposal by the Lady Barron Hall Special Committee to landscape the grounds of the hall including the committee applying for a grant to move the memorial rock from its current isolated site on the southern side of Franklin Parade near the Police Station to the hall grounds. The plaque on the rock commemorates local men who served in WW1 and WW2. The committee has consulted the local RSL which is supportive of the move. The

committee will oversee and contribute funds to the landscaping project.

Instrument of Delegation:

Changes to the instrument of delegation were approved representing the recent change in staff structure. Changes incorporate a qualification to the delegation to the General Manager regarding discretionary development applications. This applies when no representations have been received during the advertising period for the development.

Local Government Legislation Review:

The Tasmanian Government is undertaking a major review of Tasmania's local government legislation and has requested feedback on the review's Draft Terms of Reference. Council agreed to make comment that the review should include a look at the specific issues facing smaller municipalities.

Review of Land Return Model:

A review of the model for returning land to the Aboriginal community in Tasmania is being undertaken by the Department of Communities Tasmania. To date, the Tasmanian Government has returned 55,617 hectares Tasmania wide of culturally significant Crown land to the Aboriginal community. Council agreed to dot points to be incorporated into a submission based on the questions raised within the issued discussion paper "Improving the Land Return Model in Tasmania".

For more detailed information the Agenda and Minutes as well as a host of other information is available on the Council website.

Mayor
Carol Cox

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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

Thursday 11 October 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, 5 October 2018 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au and at the Council Office.

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