

MAYOR'S COLUMN:

Citizenship Award:

Mrs Vicki Harper is the deserving recipient of the 2018 Flinders Council Citizenship Award. Vicki is currently well known for her work with the Furneaux Field and Game Association and the Furneaux Tavern Raffle Club, both strong and ongoing activities. In times past Vicki has also given considerable time and support to the local fishermen, doing twice daily 'scheds' (radio connections) to fishing and other vessels in the waters around the Furneaux Group. Vicki also used this expertise to voluntarily man the radios for the Three Peaks Races as the yachts approached and left Lady Barron. Vicki has also contributed to the Bowls Association as secretary and President, and assisted in community fund raising events, such as the "gala" Ladies Melbourne Cup days held in Lady Barron in the 1980's.

Vicki's name will be added to the record of Citizenship recipients on the plaque in the Rose Garden room.

Lady Barron Waste Transfer Station:

A transformation has taken place. Thank you to the Works staff for the clean-up of the transfer station site. Please respect this and ensure ALL YOUR WASTE is placed within the containers provided. The more it costs Council to maintain the site the greater the impost on your rates. Reminder: The transfer station will be **closed to the dumping of green waste on the introduction of the Fire Permit period.**

Roadside Verge Plantings:

Residents and landowners are reminded that roadside verges are public land and Council requires that any plantings on roadside verges are to be approved by Council as per its Roadside and Reserve Vegetation Management Policy.

"Planting of any species of tree or shrub on roadsides is not to be carried out without first obtaining the written permission of Council, and any trimming or removal of approved plantings will be done at the cost of the land owner."

October Meeting Outcomes:

Planning - Approved a planning application by Markarna Grazing Company Pty. Ltd. for an Extractive Industry (quarry) and crusher/concrete batching plant at the north east corner of Palana Road and Five Mile Jim Road, Memana respectively. The

application indicated the products from the activities are for on property use only.

Long Term Asset Management Strategies and Plans

were adopted. These in-depth documents have been developed by Council with the assistance of Heidi Marshall and whilst fulfilling a legal requirement they are detailed documents that clearly indicate where Council is at and outline strategies to take the Council forward in a viable manner. These are living documents and will change over time as Council decisions and unforeseen or unpredicted events impact.

Approved the updated **Priority Projects** list that Council uses to lobby other levels of government for assistance. There are four long term projects in this document, the re-making of the long runway, the safe harbour, the sealing of the Palana Road and development of the Sports and RSL Club. These are projects that Council believes will benefit the Island both economically and socially.

Supported the **Furneaux Community Shed's** desire to relocate their operation to the Whitemark Showgrounds, specifically in the area of the netball court, subject to further evaluation and a successful relocation of the existing netball operation to the Flinders Island Sports and RSL Club.

Safe Harbour - Following on from the unsuccessful grant application to the Building Better Regions Fund, Council reconfirmed that the construction of a Marine Access and Safe Harbour at Lady Barron is ranked highly as a Council Economic Development Project and that Council would lobby State and Federal Governments and other political parties at a national level for an externally funded breakwater for the Project; and undertake work to improve the economic case for a future funding submission.

The **Petition** tabled at the September Meeting was delegated to the General Manager to deal with.

Reports were received from the Audit Panel, Whitemark Community Gym Special Committee, Furneaux (Emita) Hall Special Committee, Cr Willis as the TasWater representative, along with the monthly reports on planning applications, the Mayor's activity, and quarterly reports on Council staff activity as related to the

Annual Plan, finance, and common seal usage.

Island Visitation:

Airport movements as reported by the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities by the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics (BITRE) in its Airport Traffic Data 1985–86 to 2017–18 report. In the twelve months ending 30 June 2018 the number of regular transport passengers passing through the Flinders Island Airport was 21,737; this is 200 more than the previous year. The number has been rising year on year for the past 4 years. Ref: https://bitre.gov.au/publications/ongoing/airport_traffic_data.aspx

These figures do not include those visitors to the Island arriving by charter flights or by private aircraft which we also welcome. The mixture of air access, RPT charter and private contributes to a healthy visitation to the Island that supports our visitor economy and local employment. Thank you to Sharp Airlines for the great, regular and reliable service you provide.

Flinders Show:

I join the many who congratulate the Show Committee on bringing us a bonanza show, that had entertainment and information for all. Congratulations to all involved and thank you.

Local Government Election - Voting Closes 10.00am 30 October:

Postal Votes in the return paid envelope MUST reach the returning officer (Hobart) by 10.00am 30 October 2018.

Elected Candidates are required to make a legal *declaration of office* before they can be recognised and serve as a councillor, deputy mayor, or mayor. The Declaration of Office has been amended so that, following the October 2018 election, all councillors will swear to engage in ongoing professional development and to abide by the principles of good governance.

The date and time of the first meeting of the new Council has not yet been set.

Last Mayor's Column:

Thank you to all who have read my efforts to keep you informed through this column over the last 11 years. This is a great community to serve, you have taught me much over my time as Mayor, and as a parting request I ask that you support your

new councillors in the same manner as they strive to guide the islands forward.

Carol Cox
Mayor

Whitemark Airport

Next week an emergency exercise will be conducted at the Airport. A plane crash scenario will be set up at the airport site which may be visible from the road. You may also see emergency services around the site.

CALL FOR COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Nominations from the public are called for the position of Commerce/Business Representative on the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee of Council. The Committee consists of business and community representatives and exists to consider and make recommendations to Council concerning issues related to Shipping.

Send nominations by 20 November to:
Shipping Committee Chair
Flinders Council
PO Box 40
Whitemark TAS 7255
Or via email to Executive Officer, Vicki Warden at
vicki.warden@flinders.tas.gov.au

Carol Cox
Current Committee Chair

Waste Update

Loose litter is becoming a major issue at the Whitemark landfill. Please ensure that all waste is bagged before being deposited. This also applies to the transfer stations as the litter is blown around when the bins are emptied.

Please cover your loads of rubbish when transporting them to the deposit areas to stop litter on road verges (and bagging rubbish will definitely help).

The landfill and transfer stations are **NOT** the place to dump your wood fired heater or stove ash and coals (these have been found in the green waste areas still smoldering lately). Fire permits are due to come into force this week therefore the green waste area at Lady Barron Transfer Station will be closed until restrictions are lifted.