

COUNCIL NEWS

NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

WHAT IS COUNCIL DOING TO AIRFARES?

Council is adding passenger tax and landing fee costs to a **total of \$3.50 per ticket**. I have no idea how Mal Sharp got this so wrong! You will remember that Senator Steve Martin announced last April that Flinders would receive a funding grant for \$1.8 million for the long runway upgrade. The total runway upgrade costs \$3.6 million. Council has to find the gap amount by itself - \$1.8 million – a huge amount for our small council!

COUNCIL'S MEETINGS WITH STATE CABINET WERE VERY FRUITFUL

Our whole council are so appreciative of our meetings with State Cabinet. We talked with Cabinet about all of the challenges we currently face, they listened so well and agreed to support us in so many ways. One of our issues of course is the airport. The airport runs at a loss of \$250,000 per year. It is too much for Council and yet it is so necessary for our Island's community. Safe Harbour is another major challenge. However, we are confident that the next few months working with State Government will offer us several key options. We will begin working on these matters very soon – we will also be engaging with you, our community. You will help us make the appropriate decisions I am sure.

RECRUITMENT OF A CONTRACTED GENERAL MANAGER is underway, but we are taking it relatively slowly. Council passed at the last ordinary meeting that we will engage in a partial in-house recruitment process. This means that we will engage our Human Resources consultant to place adverts, receive applications, and other tasks, as they arise. Council will assess the applications and interview the short-listed applicants. We will do our utmost to select the best applicant, for your sake and for ours!

THE FLINDERS ECONOMIC, BUSINESS AND SOCIAL REVIEW was recently published. The Review provides a review of the cost of the Island's isolation. The community has always known that isolation has a price. However this Review enables us to quantify the isolation: eg Households on Flinders earn between \$350 and \$600 less than households elsewhere in Tasmania and Australia. In addition, it costs us more to live here due to freight costs mainly. This document will enable Council to make improved claims for government grants. The review is available online for any community member who would like a copy. Ring Council reception and a downloaded copy will make its way to you.

CABINET GAVE US LOTS OF INFORMATION ON WHAT WE CAN DO TO ENSURE ENOUGH HOUSING ON THE ISLAND Council has recently formed a Housing Working Party jointly with FIAAI and FIBI, others may participate at times also. In the very near future the working party will be exploring the various options for improving the availability of affordable housing on the Island. Rachel Summers, Vanessa Grace and Sharon Blyth are the councillors on the committee. We will definitely keep you informed once we are further down the track.

DO YOU KNOW THAT COUNCIL MEETING AGENDAS COST \$11,000?

Council is going on a saving spree! Councillors are going to make better use of their computers in order to save money on printing. Additionally, only digital copies will be made available to the community. If you would like a digital copy sent to you, please ring Council to arrange.

TELSTRA LAUNCH WILL BE LATER IN THE YEAR

Unfortunately, there have been some hold-ups to the Telstra project. This means that the Telstra Launch has had to be postponed until later in the year possibly around September / October. Meanwhile I hope you are all enjoying the improved service that the majority of Flinders residents now have.

THE SHIPPING COMMITTEE MEETS ON JULY 9TH

Just a reminder that the Furneaux Shipping Committee meets on Tuesday 9th July at 10.00 am in the Rose Garden Room. There is a full agenda. I am pleased to announce that David Bellinger has been elected as Business Representative. Mark Pitchford has been nominated as Transport Representative and that election takes place at this coming meeting. It will be excellent to work with the full committee.

THIS WEEK I WILL BE ATTENDING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE along with Councillor Rachel Summers and Acting GM, Heidi Marshall. This is one of the main professional development events in the year. There is so much to learn about council work, professional development is vital.

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DOG REGISTRATIONS

Dog registrations are due for renewal from 1 July. A discount period will again be provided but will end on 31 July.

Reminder notices are being sent through the post. New dogs, deceased dog notifications or changes to dog ownership can be done at anytime by visiting Council's receptionist at the office at 4 Davies Street.

Failure to register a dog over 6 months of age or notify Council of it being deceased is an offence and infringement notices may be issued.

ROSE PRUNING

The annual pruning of the Roses is almost upon us! If you would like to join in our pruning day fun it will be held on Friday 26th July from 9am onwards. Please bring sharp pruning tools such as secateurs, loppers and saws as well as wearing gloves and boots to protect yourself. Newcomers can be inducted on the day for safety in the garden. We look forward to pruning with you! More notes from the garden include funding for roses. We received over \$250 in donations to put towards the garden with special thanks to David Anderson and Terence Ellwood for their continued support and encouragement! If anyone would like to purchase a rose this planting season please contact me through council front office. Thank-you kindly, Megan Morphett

LADY BARRON FITNESS CENTRE AND WHITEMARK GYM

If you would like to be inducted for either the Lady Barron Fitness Centre or Whitemark Community Gym, please contact David Heap on 0418 714 123 or Ryan on 0429 796 040 to arrange a time.

FURNEAUX COMMUNITY & BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Flinders Council encourages Community Organisations and Local Businesses to be listed in the Furneaux Community & Business Directory on the Council website.

If you would like to update your information or be added to the directory, please contact the Council Office on 6359 5001 or email your details to office@flinders.tas.gov.au

<https://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/furneaux-business-directory>

***PLEASE NOTE COUNCIL MEETING TIMES HAVE CHANGED**

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, Flinders Island on:

Tuesday 16th July commencing at 9.30am.

Public Question Time will be held between 9.30 – 10.00am. Members of the public are invited to attend.

The Agenda will be available for perusal from Thursday 11th July on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au and at the Council Office.

Heidi Marshall
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

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