

## **NOTES FROM THE MAYOR**

### **COUNCILLORS VISIT KING ISLAND**

Councillors Vanessa Grace and Sharon Blyth have recently returned from a trip to King Island. King and Flinders Municipalities are very different – but they also have a great deal in common. Both Councils believe that they can learn from each other and support each other. Vanessa and Sharon came back with a lot of information. Councillors had the information shared with them at a recent workshop. It was interesting and important. Thanks to our councillors for taking the time to do this.

### **COUNCIL IS MEETING THIS WEEK WITH MINISTER MARK SHELTON**

The Hon Mark Shelton MP is State Minister for Local Government, Police, Fire and Emergency Services. Minister Shelton is coming to the Island on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February to meet with groups that come under his portfolio, including Council. It will be interesting to share with him Council's current direction, as well as our plans for engaging with our community on Strategic Planning.

### **END OF LIFE CHOICES**

Remember to put Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March in your diary if you are interested in a forum on End of Life Choices. Legislative Councillor for Mersey, Michael Gaffney, is introducing a bill on this topic to State Parliament. In order that the Tasmanian Community has input, Michael is running forums in each of the 29 municipalities. On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, Michael will run two forums in Whitemark. The forums will be held in the FAEC in Patrick Street, Whitemark:

- 1.30 pm
- 7.00 pm

If you have interest in the topic, please feel welcome to attend one of the forums.

### **TANIA RATTRAY WILL ALSO ATTEND**

Tania Rattray is the member of the Legislative Council for McIntyre, in which Flinders Municipality is situated. Tania is accompanying Michael Gaffney and will be present at the above forums. Please feel free to take this opportunity to catch up with Tania and Michael – even if you wish to discuss another topic than EOLC.

### **BRAND TASMANIA OFFICERS ARE VISITING THE ISLAND**

Tasmania is doing very well with its tourism economy. Part of that is the Government Department: Brand Tasmania. In order to successfully market the state or part of a State, it is important to have a Brand. The Brand can be made up of words and / or graphics. The objective of a Brand is to provide a quick description of a place and instil in people's minds what the place has to offer.

On the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of March, officers from Brand Tasmania are visiting Flinders Island. They plan to meet with individuals and groups to glean from the Community the things that are important about the Island. They will be working with Councillors and Council staff on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Lookout for further details in the near future so that you can participate – by yourself or with others.

### **UNLEASHED DOGS ARE NOT WELCOME**

Almost every person who owns a dog believes that it is OK for that dog to be off leash at times. However, unfortunately unleashed dogs can behave dangerously.

There was a recent incident in which unleashed dogs, in a reserve area near Lady Barron, attacked wild swans – to the point that some of the swans had to be euthanised. Allowing dogs to be out of control and to harm people and / or other animals, is against the law.

Please only take your dog out on a leash – you may think your dog is always controlled but others may not agree.

### **IS THE NBN WORKING WELL FOR ISLAND BUSINESS?**

One of the main ways that Islanders have access to the National Broadband Network (NBN) is via the satellite system, Skymesh. NBN Local Manager, Tasmania, is keen to learn if local businesses are receiving good service from the satellite system. Officers from NBN Tasmania are interested to visit in the future. Drop me an email and let me know if your business is benefitting or not.

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## THANK YOU

Council appreciates the patience of the Community whilst the Airport Runway Upgrade Project is ongoing. The majority of Council's outside workforce have been working phenomenal hours, seven days a week, to complete the runway upgrade within very strict time constraints. Critical routine jobs such as rubbish collection are also being undertaken at the same time. Unfortunately, this means staff have been unavailable to attend to other less critical matters, including service requests from community members. Please be patient – things will return to normal very soon and requests will be attended to. A big thank you must go to the workers on the project for their dedication and diligence, working long shifts in sometimes less than perfect weather. We also thank the families of the workers who have had to manage without them while working such long hours for this project to be realised.

## COMMUNITY GRANTS

Applications for funding are now being sought from Community Groups. Applications received will be considered by Council as part of the budget process for the next financial year.

## GUNN BEQUEST

Applications for funding are now being sought from sporting organisations under the Gunn Bequest.

These funds are provided to suitable projects for the promotion or improvement of sporting facilities on the Island.

Written applications for both grants, using the forms available from the Council Office or the Council website <http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/community-grants-and-awards> will be received no later than C.O.B. Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May and should be addressed to:

**General Manager**  
Flinders Council  
PO Box 40  
Whitemark TAS 7255

## 2020 marks the 30th anniversary of Clean Up Australia Day!

**SUNDAY MARCH 1 2020**

What was started thirty years ago, by an "average Australian bloke" who had a simple idea to make a difference in his own backyard, has now become the nation's largest community-based environmental event.

Come along on Sunday and join in at MARSHALL BAY - 10:00am for a beach walk and clean-up, followed by a sausage sizzle for the family.

Please BYO gloves & garbage bags.

### Options for Payment of Council Rates

**Pay by hone:** with Mastercard or Visa  
03 6359 5010

**In Person:** Mastercard, Visa or Cheque,  
4 Davies Street Whitemark

**By Post:** Cheque or Money Order:  
PO Box 40, Whitemark, 7255

**By Internet:** visit Flinders Council's website at [www.flinders.tas.gov.au/make-a-payment](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/make-a-payment) and follow the links to pay.

### Ladies 'Lichen' Breakfast 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020

The Ladies 'Lichen' Breakfast celebrating International Women's Day 2020, gives us an opportunity to enjoy a wonderful breakfast catered for by Cate Hardman and hear from three local women who hail from different backgrounds and cultures. The theme for IWD 2020 is #EachforEqual

**Tickets are limited. Please contact [sammi.gowthorp@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:sammi.gowthorp@flinders.tas.gov.au) to book your place.**

Date: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March

Time: 7:30 am

Cost: \$15 per head Where: Flinders Island Sports & RSL Club

Men are welcome to attend too.

## **New Year, New Goals!**

**Brush up on all your fitness with Michelle  
and Get Physical at Lady Barron.**

Drop in and see Michelle, a qualified personal trainer, at the Lady Barron Fitness Centre on Thursdays 5:00pm – 6:00pm for a HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) class or Saturdays 1:00pm- 3:00pm for Strength Training. This is a wonderful opportunity to improve your fitness, strength and wellbeing. The classes will be running for 4 weeks.

**Dates: Thursdays & Saturdays  
20<sup>th</sup> February – 14<sup>th</sup> March  
Cost - \$5 per session for the Gym**

### **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 24 March 2020 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 19 March 2020 on the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) and at the Council Office.

Warren Groves | **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**