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MAYOR'S COLUMN

Funeral Director Services:

After 11 years as Funeral Director, Dianne Walsh has decided to step down from the position. Thank you Dianne for filling this role so well for so many years, your care and thoughtfulness has been sincerely appreciated by the community.

Vicki Warden has agreed to take on the role. Vicki usually works at the Council office from 8.30am – 4.30pm, Monday – Thursday and can be contacted outside these hours on 0418 763 307. Council staff will also assist you to contact Vicki. It is Council's intention to also provide other staff with training in the role to provide assistance and back up when needed.

The Council staff and Councillors recognise that this is a difficult job, especially in a small community and sincerely thank Di for doing it so well and with great compassion, even occasionally cutting short a holiday.

We also thank Vicki and the other staff members involved for taking on the role and enabling Council to continue this very unique Council Service to the Community.

July Council Meeting Outcomes:

Public Question Time:

I thank the community members in attendance and for your participation in public question time. Whilst I was restrained from fully answering many of your questions as they related to discussions and decisions made in Closed Council or they referred to personnel information that Council does not disclose, I believe your questions quite strongly conveyed your opinion as community members and ratepayers of the recent action of Council. The questions asked and answered are printed in the unconfirmed minutes. Question taken on notice, will be addressed in the August Ordinary Meeting of Council Agenda.

Petition:

A petition from community members was tabled that requests Council to petition the Minister regarding the separation of the General Manager. As per legislation the petition will be considered by Council at the August Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Mayor's recognition of General Manager's contribution:

As Mayor I recorded my thanks and appreciation for the achievements and dedication to the Island that Raoul displayed during his almost seven year tenure as general manager of Flinders Council.

Flinders Island SES:

Council received the SES's annual report and on behalf of the Community I publically thank all the members of the SES for their contributions to events and support for this community in emergency situations. Just the 1762 hours of training undertaken by the 14 members last year is testament to their commitment to having the skills to assist the Community when needed. Two emergency callouts were attended- one vehicle accident and a search. The search for a missing fisherman at the NE River was over 9 days, covering an estimated 4,000 kms over 324 operational hours.

A further 161 hours was notched up assisting at community events such as the running festival and assisting Council with night lighting equipment when the large barge delivered blue metal.

It was also notable that during the year several members were presented with medals for long service, the most notable being Les Pitchford, for 40 years. Les started with the Civil Defence which undertook emergency assistance prior to the SES being formed.

Solid Waste Management:

In line with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements Council adopted the "Whitemark Landfill Environmental

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Management Plan Review” (Annexure 4 to the July Meeting Agenda on the Council website).

Planning - Structure Plan:

The draft structure plan was approved to go out for public comment. The Structure Plan when approved will be the document that underpins the Local Area provisions that Council can include in the new State Wide Planning Scheme for the Flinders Council Area.

I strongly urge you to review the draft Structure Plan and make comment.

Recruitment of General Manager:

Council will consider the appointment of a management recruitment consultant company at a Special Council Meeting to coincide with the August 4th workshop.

Flinders Island Tourism and Business Incorporated (FITBI):

Cr Gerald Willis was appointed as a Council Representative to FITBI in a liaison role. This position has been moved to a non-voting role.

Council approved a budget allocation of \$74,500 to support year 1 of the Marketing Strategy, with further support to be considered for year 2.

Rates and Fees and Charges:

Fees and Charges were approved as presented to the Council Meeting.

An increase of \$2 was applied to the service charge for Waste Management bringing it up to \$154. An increase of 2% to the rate in the dollar was approved and set as the general rate for the 2016-17 year.

Council revaluations will take place later this year and will apply to the 2017-18 rate demands.

Business Continuity Plan:

The plan outlining actions to be used in the case of an emergency situation that prevents normal use of the council office was adopted and will be tested later in the year, but hoping it will never have to be used.

Furneaux Islands Festival:

A budget allocation was agreed to enable the festival to be held in each of the coming three years with Council to develop a policy for provision of the festival in the future.

Annual Plan and Budget Estimates:

Annual Plan and Budget Estimates for the 2016-17 year passed easily through Council with Councillors recognising and thanking the staff for all their work and effort in producing the Budget and Annual Plan.

The Annual Plan supported by the budget estimates defines the activities and capital projects to be undertaken this financial year and has been developed with the input of the elected members at a number of workshops.

For further information, refer to the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting on the Council website.

Winter School Holiday program – Dance Fit workshops to come!

The Winter School Holiday Program definitely kept our young people moving with loads of activity to keep us warm! Unfortunately the Dance Fit classes had to be cancelled at the last minute; we look forward to bringing Dance Fit over to the Island in the coming months. Toddler, school aged sessions and adult dance classes will be available. We would like to thank the School who will be helping us to deliver the program, dates and program to be advised soon. The Council School Holiday Program is delivered by Flinders Council, Flinders Island Aboriginal Association Incorporated and the Flinders Island District High School.

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Mums on the Move (MOM)

Round 3 of Mums on the Move kicked off on Thursday 21st July with eleven mums signed up to participate in the program. We were fortunate enough to have Janene Glover from the Women Get Active Program (WGAP) attend the session and meet the new round of participants. The Mums on the Move consists of a 2hr health program for mums that includes free childcare and a bit of 'me time'. Please get in contact with Dolly to either book a spot or to receive some further information P: 63 595006 or 0437 987 863 or via email:

stacey.wheatley@flinders.tas.gov.au The Get Active Program is an initiative of Womensport and Recreation Tasmania Inc. with support from the Tasmanian Department of Health and Human Services. This program has been made possible by the provision of a grant from the Womensport and Recreation Inc. Get Active Small Grants Program

If you would like to check out some of the photos of this program please visit the Flinders Council Facebook page.

Working on Women (WOW)

If you would like to get active in your lunch break Kathleen and Council have teamed up to provide a 35 minute lunch time session on a Tuesday and Thursday from 1pm -1.35pm. The program will run for 6 weeks, participants can choose to do one session a week or two and the start date is July 26th. If you would like to register or receive more information contact Dolly on P: 63 595006 or 0437 987 863 or via email:

stacey.wheatley@flinders.tas.gov.au

Pause for Census 9th August 2016

Tuesday, 9 August 2016 is Australia's Census night. It's our moment to pause and make a difference, and help shape the future of our communities. It's our moment to tell our stories and be counted as part of our Community.

Remember to check out the Structure Plan and make comment – refer to the advertisement in this addition.

Community Online Calendar

The Council website includes an online calendar of local events to help promote all the activities and events happening on Flinders. The calendar includes details of visiting health professionals, training opportunities, as well as local events. If you are planning on holding an event or activity on Flinders, you are able to add this to the calendar easily.

Please visit:

<http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/community-calendar/>

Carol Cox
Mayor

WHITEMARK TIP

Opening Hours

MON, FRI & SUN 1.30pm- 4.30pm
WED 8.30am- 11.30am



CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Rose Garden Pruning Day

Saturday the 23rd of July was freezing! Gardeners met, pruned and swept up to our abilities in the beautiful community garden. Can't thank you enough, Alison and Tess, Carole, Judy, Jan, Kim and Spud, Gerald, Pura, Gary, Danny and Bill for your support and to Robyn and Samantha who warmed us up with a bowl of pumpkin soup and a cuppa after. That was a real treat! Really appreciate you coming along and can't wait to show off Gary's Rose name plaques throughout the 2016-2017 flowering season. We hope to identify every rose. Please stop me in the garden if you can 'name that rose' – Thanks!

Megan Morphett

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Seeking Comments on the Structure Plan for Flinders Island.

A draft Structure Plan for Flinders Island has been released for exhibition and you are invited to consider it and to provide comments. The Structure Plan is a proposed land use strategy for the Island. It is designed to contribute to the Council's aim of increasing the population. Among other things, the final Structure Plan will be the basis of the Flinders Planning Scheme. It will provide the strategic direction for the choices to be made when applying the State Planning Scheme template to Flinders Island.

The draft Structure Plan for consultation provides a number of pink text boxes throughout. These contain Discussion Points. The Discussion Points are matters on which your feedback is specifically sought. Feel free to raise any other issues as well but please address the discussion points and let us know whether you agree with them or not.

If you would like to discuss any matters arising from your consideration of the Structure Plan, please call the Council office (6359 5001) and make an appointment with the Strategic Planner, Robyn Cox. There will be an **'Information Open Day'** when Robyn will be in attendance from 9.00am -3.00pm in the *Rose Garden Room* on *Wednesday 10th August*, so drop in and have a chat on that day.

Submissions on the Structure Plan are welcomed and will be received as hard copy by post to:

Strategic Planner, Flinders Council, PO Box 40, WHITEMARK, TAS, 7255; by email to planner@flinders.tas.gov.au or by dropping them at the Council office during office hours. Please ensure you include your name and phone or email details so that Robyn can contact you if required.

Submissions close 2nd September 2016

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council will be held at the Furneaux Arts & Entertainment Centre Whitemark, Flinders Island on

Thursday 18th August 2016, commencing at **1pm**.

The Agenda will be available for perusal on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au and at the Council Office from Friday 12th August 2016.

Public Question Time will be held between 1.00pm – 1.30pm.

Members of the public are invited to attend.

Sophie Pitchford

ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

FLINDERS COUNCIL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nomination forms are now available from the Council Office and on the Council website for people wishing to nominate an individual for the Flinders Council Citizen of the Year Award. The award will be presented at the Flinders Island Show on 14th October 2016.

Please submit your nomination to the Council Office by C.O.B. **29th August 2016**.

Selection Criteria for the Award

The following criteria will be used to select the award recipient:

1. Only individuals are eligible to be nominated, not organisations.
2. Nominees must be over sixteen (16) years of age as of the 1st day of July in the year of the nomination.
3. The award will be given to the person who has made the most significant voluntary contribution for the benefit of the Furneaux Community, organisations or individuals.
4. Recipients can receive only one Citizen of the Year Award during their lifetime.

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5. Selection will be based on the quality of the contribution along with the quantity of the contribution.

Sophie Pitchford
Acting General Manager

DOGS

You would have received your dog registrations in the mail a few weeks back – this is just a reminder that the early bird rate for dog registrations for 2016/17 ends on the **31st July 2016**.

For those that need to register new dogs to their property or residence please pop in to Council to fill in a form and have your dog registered. **REMEMBER** to bring along your dog's microchipping details.