

## NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

### Condolences

On 17<sup>th</sup> December, I and many others attended the funeral of Leigh Cox. On Behalf of Council, I extend to Carol Cox, our past Mayor, and her family, our most sincere condolences and the hope that time will soften and bring healing to their sorrow. Meanwhile, I know that many on the Island will support Carol and her family – this Island shows love well!

### A Personal Thank You to Carol and members of the Former Council

Just over a week ago, I sat down for a coffee with Carol so that we could do a handover of important council issues. It was extremely helpful. I value her thoughts, her care for this community and her willingness to share. She and the former council put so much into addressing Island issues and I thank them for that. I know that I can call on them if and when I need to, it is always good to have back-up!

### Congratulations to our Wonderful Council Accountant, Heidi Marshall

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December, I carried out one of the most pleasurable mayoral events. On that day, Heidi Marshall became an Australian Citizen. It was such an honour and privilege to lead the ceremony. It is something I will never forget. Please welcome Heidi to our broader Australian Community, I promise you that she is a wonderful asset.

### We Love Dogs But.....!

I have two dogs and I love them to the moon and back. They are a big part of my life. Their love for me is unconditional. Flinders is a community where lots of people own dogs, some work dogs and others family pets. This is recognised.

However, not everyone loves dogs! Some people in our community are afraid of them, some do not like them jumping all over them, invading their personal space. Flinders Community members would say that they value and respect others, I am sure. This means, in relation to our dogs, that we train our pets as best we can and do not allow them to roam the streets unleashed.

**Please, please show mutual respect!**

### The 2018 Local Government Elections

You may or not be aware of the following facts about the 2018 Local Government Elections:

- There was very broad community interest in the election right across the State.
- It was the biggest percentage vote in 22 years.
- There was a rise in the percentage of women voted into office. 40% of councillors are now women.
- There were 11 new mayors across the State with 36% of mayors being women.
- A broader age range of councillors were elected.
- Councillors were elected from a range of backgrounds.

So what we saw on Flinders was replicated all over Tasmania.

On Flinders, our Council Team are taking their role seriously. We have been, and still are, on a steep learning curve – but our aim to serve our community is solid.

### Working Together

Never before has it been more important for the Community and Council to work more closely together. Council alone cannot achieve much in today's age without community support.

I believe that you will see more evidence of this as we gain momentum in the coming year. I call for you to engage with Council when you can. Together we can move mountains!

### Use of Social Media

You may have noticed that Council has been posting quite a few things on social media recently. I was interested to learn in the lead-up to the election, that many people learn most of their local news from Facebook. So now we are posting! However, we are posting in bite sizes rather than in great chunks. Let us know what you think.

### IF THERE ARE ISSUES YOU WANT ME TO ADDRESS IN FUTURE MAYOR'S NOTES FEEL FREE TO LET ME KNOW.

I can only know if you tell me – and I am happy to listen!

### MAY CHRISTMAS JOY BE YOURS

**I wish you all a happy & positive festive season. May your joys be obvious to you and your sorrows decrease.**

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### **Office Closure**

Council Office will be closing on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 4:30pm and will re-open Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 at 9:00am.

We would like to wish you all a happy Christmas and safe New year.

### **CALL FOR COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE**

Nominations from the public are called for Community Representative positions on the **Whitemark Community Gym Special Committee** of Council.

The Committee provides Council with support, assistance and advice in the management and operation of the Whitemark Community Gym.

Nominations can be sent by 28 January 2019 to:

Cr Summers (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](mailto:vicki.warden@flinders.tas.gov.au)

### **Furneaux Group Shipping & Aviation Special Committees Submissions**

The Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee and the Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee consist of business and community representatives and exist to consider and make recommendations to Council concerning issues related to Shipping and Aviation.

Members of the public are invited to make submissions for consideration by the Committees. Submissions may be sent to the Chair of the relevant Committee at Council by close of business 11 January 2019.

### **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

#### **Building Inspections**

This is a friendly reminder that if you are undertaking any building work under a Certificate of Likely Compliance or Substantial Compliance, it states on your certificate which inspections are mandatory. The inspections are mandatory

under the Building Act. If it states on your certificate that a footings inspection is mandatory and Flinders Council is your building surveyor, please ensure Council is notified at least 2 working days prior to building work proceeding so that an inspection can be organised by a qualified surveyor. If inspections are not completed correctly then completion certificates cannot be issued once building work has been completed.

#### **Expressions of Interest**

Council is planning to organise an information session in conjunction with West Tamar on everything to do with Planning, Building and Plumbing in early 2019.

This is an opportunity for anyone who has any questions regarding how the development process works, what is required for development applications, understanding the new Director's Determination and an opportunity to raise any concerns you have with the process and how it can be improved.

If you are interested in attending this session, please send your expression of interest and preferred dates to [development.services@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:development.services@flinders.tas.gov.au) or contact Kara on 6359 5007.

### **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the first Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council for 2019 will be held at the Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre, Whitemark, Flinders Island on:

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 commencing at 9.00am.**

Public Question Time will be held between 9.00 – 9.30am. Members of the public are invited to attend. The Agenda will be available for perusal from Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 on the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://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**