

NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

Flinders Island Has a Wonderful Community – doesn't it?

One of the things that I love about living on Flinders Island is the warmth and friendliness of the community. When I leave the Island, even for a short time, I miss the smiles, waves, and welcoming greetings. I love to get back to Flinders where everyone speaks and smiles.

The Food and Crayfish Festival is Fast Approaching!

The Festival was never designed just as a mere Festival. **It has a very big purpose that supports this Island in meeting two of its key goals!**

The key goals it helps us meet are:

- Increases visitor numbers; and
- Helps grow the population.

As I sit here writing this, I can hear some people saying: "We don't want that!" But I have to ask you to take a reality check.

The population of Flinders Municipality is now around 900. A few years ago, it was 720. We need the population to continue to rise to around 1200 so that:

- Our businesses continue to grow;
- There are jobs now and in the future for our children;
- Our services are afforded;
- Our trades people are able to train others to take their place; and
- Flinders Island is nurtured.

If we do not enable these things to happen, our beautiful, amazing community will simply age and die. **Is that what we want?** Not me! I want this lovely island paradise to not only survive – but to **THRIVE!**

So How Does the Food and Crayfish Festival Support These Goals Being Met?

The Festival is a marketing event. It is targeted at those tourists who reject the idea of simply visiting another beach resort and seeing the same old tourist products, the same old take away food and night clubs. The Festival attracts people who want to do something special and authentic in a special location – a place like Flinders Island where they can enjoy:

- A BBQ with the local community;
- An art walk, where you can take a guided evening walk to see local artistic

endeavours and enjoy some food and drink along the way;

- Lunch with the Country Women's Association;
- A very special long table lunch in the pristine outdoors, created and cooked by guest chefs using local produce; and
- A market with local craft, arts and food and drinks to sample.

Of Course There Will Be Some Things You Don't Like About It!

Isn't that always the case. I hear that some have even felt angry and tried to shoot the messenger! Anger is a normal human emotion. But we are all supposed to be emotional adults – aren't we. Get on top of the negativity! If you can't bring yourself to appreciate it all – remind yourself of what it does for the Island's future.

I Am Personally Asking That Community Members make a special effort to support the festival that, in the end, helps us to help our home.

Annie Revie

Mayor

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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. Monday 29th April and should be addressed to:

General Manager
Flinders Council
PO Box 40
Whitemark TAS 7255

**CALL FOR COMMITTEE
REPRESENTATIVE**

Nominations from the public are called for the positions of **Transport Representative** and **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.

Nominations can be sent by C.O.B. 8 April to:

Mayor (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

Annie Revie
Mayor

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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

Tuesday 19 March 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, 14 March 2019 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au and at the Council Office.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES UPDATE

Mandatory Building and Plumbing Inspections

The Building and Plumbing Surveyors from West Tamar Council will be over next Wednesday the 6th of March.

If you have a mandatory inspection that needs to be completed, please contact Council or email

development.services@flinders.tas.gov.au

State the inspection required, the address of the required inspection and the name and phone number of the contact for the site. If available a time slot will be allocated.

If you are unsure of which inspections your development requires, all mandatory inspections are stated on the building and plumbing permits.

Building and Plumbing Regulations

A friendly reminder for anyone involved in or wanting information on anything regarding Building and Plumbing work in Tasmania, the CBOS webpage has up to date information including;

- Fact sheets on changes to legislation, regulations and licencing.
 - The *Directors Determination* of Building and Plumbing work.
 - Requirements for Building in bushfire prone areas.
 - Standards and Safety for Gas, Electrical, Building and Plumbing.
 - Approved Forms
 - Applying for Owner Builder
 - Tasmanian Legislation including the *Building Act 2016* and the *Occupational Licencing Act 2005*.
 - Examples of design documentation.
- Go to the link below

www.cbos.tas.gov.au

Community Gyms

It is great to have so many members using the community gym on a regular basis. We are continually working on improvements to maintain a quality gym for all to use.

Below are a few items and reminders for members to be aware of.

Fees

In 2018, Council decided to raise the gym fees for both gyms to \$5 per session or \$10 per week. This will come into effect as from 19 March 2019.

Buddy System

Please always have a buddy when using the gym. Council's insurance cover is conditional on the buddy system. The risk of losing the gym is high if an incident occurs whilst a user is unaccompanied.

Inductions

A reminder that all gym users must have an induction prior to using the gym. Whitemark - Inductions are available on Mondays or Fridays.

Lady Barron by appointment.

Please contact David Heap on 0418 714 123 to confirm a time for either gym.

Key Code

The key code is for your own use only. Sharing with people who are not inducted may trigger gym closure.

If you would like any further information, please contact:

Debbie Steer on 03 6359 5012, email debbie.steer@flinders.tas.gov.au or Sammi Gowthorp on 03 6359 5006, sammi.gowthorp@flinders.tas.gov.au

Dry Gravel Roads

Summer is here again and the gravel roads will become more corrugated as time goes on. The roads cannot be graded until we receive sufficient rain to soften them so that the gravel re-knits to the road surface without becoming loose and sandy. There is no decent rainfall predicted for the foreseeable future so please be patient and observant of deteriorating road conditions.

Remember that speed limit on all gravel roads is 80kph and if you feel that your driving skills or vehicle are not sufficient to travel that fast then please slow down to a speed you feel comfortable with.

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Works and Services 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



AUDIT PANEL INDEPENDENT MEMBER VACANCY

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Flinders Council has established and maintains an Audit Panel under Section 85 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the associated Local Government (Audit Panels) Order 2014. Due to a resignation, a vacancy will soon exist for an independent member to supplement the other two (2) existing independent Panel Members.

The role requires a person who possesses good business acumen and sound management and communication skills; knowledge and expertise in the areas of audit practices and financial management; knowledge of and experience in relevant industries; and experience with governance processes including, but not limited to, risk management.

Interested persons should contact the Council Office via phone 03 6359 5001 or email office@flinders.tas.gov.au to obtain a position and role outline.

Expressions of interest outlining qualifications and experience are now sought for the position by the **2 April 2019**.

Bill Boehm
General Manager