

COUNCIL NEWS

NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

WELCOME TO THE NEW STATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT MINISTER

You probably all are aware that we have a new State Local Government Minister. Mark Shelton has significant knowledge of this area, having been Mayor of Meander Valley Council in recent years. Councillor Summers and I spent time talking with Mark at the recent Local Government Association Conference. We updated him with our recent talks with State Cabinet on their Island visit and made him aware of the various issues and options we are working on with Cabinet.

REVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

You may remember that a review of the Local Government Act is underway. A Reform Directions Paper has now been released. If you are interested in how the review is proceeding, please find it at www.dpac.tas.gov.au/lgreview. I encourage you to read the report and have your say. You can have your say by contacting local councillors or by sending in your own submission. You will find more about how to have your say on the link above.

FLINDERS WAR ON WASTE

The War on Waste Group is going well. I would like to remind community members of the following:

- Remember to take your own bags to the supermarket or use their boomerang bags;
- Sort all your aluminium cans from the steel ones. Aluminium cans may be dropped off at the school or at the tip;
- The School will soon hold a zero-waste day – the aim is to have nothing at all that just goes into the ‘hole in the ground at the tip’. Try it at home.
- The school students have a weekly action group meeting on the war on waste. Great work, all at the school!
- At our next War On Waste Group meeting we will possibly be discussing community gardens and composting.

Congratulations on all those who are working hard to address improved ways of dealing with waste on the Island.

Remember that “one person’s waste is another person’s treasure!”

COUNCIL HAS A TRIED AND TRUE PROCESS OF ENABLING COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO SUMIT ENQUIRIES / COMPLAINTS

I have been working with Council staff to make sure that I am familiar with how community members effectively report problems and / or make enquiries. I encourage you all to use this process if you need to report an issue or make an enquiry:

- Ring the Council office and let the receptionist know your details and the issue you are raising. If it is urgent, let that be known also.
- An alternative is to use the form on the Council website.
- Your issue will be given to the appropriate staff member and entered on a spreadsheet.
- Staff will notify you when your issue has been dealt with.
- If you have not had a response, ring to enquire.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Councillor Summers and I, along with our Acting General Manager, Heidi Marshall, recently attended the LGAT Conference. True to say that we all learned so much. As well as the various speakers and workshops, we were able to build networks with other Council staff and Councillors – so necessary in this age when Council work is complex and so legislated.

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Zoning of Flinders Island Properties on ‘the LIST’

Development Services receive numerous enquiries about the zoning of their property or properties they are potentially going to purchase.

You can now find out the zone of your property on Flinders Island and if there are any special area overlays on ‘the LIST’ website.

A step by step guide has been made and is available on our website, go to <https://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/planning-scheme/>

click on the link circled below.

DEVELOPMENT

PLANNING SCHEME

Flinders Council Planning Scheme 2000 is the legal document regulating development in the Municipality. If you are planning to develop your land or property, it must meet the use and development standards of the Planning Scheme.

Each parcel of land has what is known as a "zone". Depending on what "zone" your land is in determines what use and development standards you are required to meet. Zone maps are available on Council's Planning Scheme webpage. To find out your properties current zoning and overlays, follow the written instructions to 'The LOST' [here](#) or contact the Development Services Department at the Flinders Council and quote your property ID number.

A video tutorial is available to watch on Flinders Council Facebook page.
<https://www.facebook.com/flinderscouncil>

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 Morphet

LADY BARRON FITNESS CENTRE AND WHITEMARK GYM

Inductions: 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 20th August 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 15th August 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