



NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

THANKS FOR ANSWERING QUESTIONS ON COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

Council is very appreciative that close to 10% of community members have answered questions regarding Council's strategy to take us through the next ten years. We had around seventy surveys returned. Then some councillors took a stall at the Lions market a couple of weekends ago. As well as enjoying the great market, Councillors talked with many people:

- On what people would like to see for the Islands by 2030;
- About the upcoming waste strategy;
- About service requests;
- About some who are interested in being part of focus groups on waste.

All in all, it felt very successful

COUNCILLORS WILL ALSO SPEND TIME AT LADY BARRON AND AT EMITA

On Friday 14th August – this coming Friday – some councillors will be at Lady Barron Hall from 11.00 am till 1.00 pm. Come along, have a cup of coffee and a barbecued sausage – and talk to councillors about what interests you as well as about plans for waste and what you want for the Islands.

On Saturday 22nd August, some councillors will be at Emita Hall from 11.00 am till 1.00 pm. Coffee, tea, barbecued sausage and chat. Councillors will appreciate your making the effort and your voice will be heard.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

In the future we intend to put some FAQs on the Council website so that people can easily understand what they need to know about Council.

IN THE LAST ISLAND NEWS

Someone suggested that the best and most obvious solution to the Island's "antiquated waste system" was for Council to purchase a compacting waste collection truck so that waste can be collected from homes. This idea was thought of a few years ago. But when it came to be explored it turned out to be an impractical solution to our waste disposal issues.

COUNCIL AIMS TO DO BETTER THAN THAT

If in fact all waste was compacted together, it would all have to go to landfill. We are aiming to have much less go to landfill in the future. Landfill can only continue if a lined cell is used. If all waste is put into the cell, even if it is compacted, the cell would fill very quickly. New cells would have to be purchased within a short time span. This would be very costly – for Council and thus for ratepayers. We want to put as little in the cell as possible so that each cell can last a good number of years.

LET'S HEAD TOWARDS A CIRCULAR ECONOMY

A circular economy is one in which there is as little waste thrown into landfill as possible. One person's waste can become another person's treasure. We have plans to start with a small number of sorted waste streams – but they will just be the beginning.

Possibilities could include:

- Reuse, recycle, repair, rebuild.
- Green waste could become compost and mulch to be reused in gardens and farms.
- Cardboard and paper can be stored and then shipped to businesses that recycle it – even pay for it!
- All manner of other items can be collected and sent off for recycling, e.g.: the clips from bread packets; all sizes of batteries; oil; printer cartridges; aluminium cans; etc

- Keen, innovative islanders could start small successful businesses based on other people's waste: e.g. spare parts; a proper tip shop or op shop; compost and mulch. Who knows?
- Give it some thought. Who knows what good ideas people may come up with!

KEEP YOUR EYES AND EARS OPEN FOR THE SEASIDE SCAVENGE!

Connor and Aimee Wheatley have had a great idea. The date is still to be decided – probably late Spring or early summer. They are going to organise a '**Seaside Scavenge**'. This will probably be held on a Saturday and it will be lots of fun. Watch the Island News and the Community Notice board. Look out for ads from Connor and Aimee. '**Seaside Scavenge**' is what you will be looking for.

COUNCIL AIMS TO BE A CUSTOMER-CENTRED ORGANISATION.

If you have an issue that is Council's responsibility to solve – let Council know. Angela Harley is our Officer for Safety and Customer Service. Angela will make sure that safety in the workplace is a priority. She will also follow up on all customer requests that are Council's responsibility. Angela will get back to customers to let them know what has been done to solve a problem.

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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 25 August 2020 at 9.30am.

Public Question Time will be held between 9.30 – 10.00am.

The Agenda will be available for perusal from Thursday 20 August 2020 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au.

Warren Groves | **GENERAL MANAGER**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YOUTH!

Well done to the Flinders Island Secondary Students who participated in the 2020 illuminate:nextgen Challenge with VIC/TAS schools last week. The challenge was to look at a new opportunity for technology to be implemented in our community.

Our Flinders Island Team took out the winning awards for:

- Best Overall Business
- Student Choice: Best Business
- Best Business Launch Presentation

Congratulations also to Ziggy Killengray, Asher McQueen and Poppy Pitchford for selection in the 2020 Country Gold Team to represent Flinders Island in Football and Soccer.

FURNEAUX GROUP SHIPPING SPECIAL COMMITTEES SUBMISSIONS

The Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee consists of business and community representatives and exists to consider and make recommendations to Council concerning issues related to Shipping. Members of the public are invited to make submissions for consideration by the Committee. Submissions may be sent to Council by 16 August 2020.

ROSE GARDEN THANK YOU

Thank-you to our volunteers who pruned the Rose Garden. Sandy who was well prepared and confidently got stuck in and Carole who still loves her role of tidying up! To Noel who volunteers all the time & Sharon, our pruner extraordinary alongside Newcomers Ange & Kerrie were all there. To Janet who fit us into her busy day and Oli our littlest helper made it a wonderful time! Thank-you so much and we look forward to a beautiful growing season.

Kind Regards, Megan

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

Policies to be Adopted and Rescinded

Council's Policy Manual is an important document of Council as it provides direction to Staff, Management and Councillors. Many of the policies are required by, or relate to, legislation and in most instances help manage Council's exposure to risk.

Council resolved at the 28 July 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting to endorse the **Enforcement Policy and Procedure, Flinders Council Policy Manual Policy, Corporate Credit Card Policy and Rates and Charges Policy** and rescind the **Investment Policy and Customer Service Charter Policy**.

The policy will lie on the table for public comment until 10 September 2020. It is available to download from the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies and hardcopies are available from the Council Office.

Should you wish to make comment on the policy, please do so by addressing relative correspondence to:

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