



NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

MEETING REGARDING BOAT RAMPS

Just a reminder that the second meeting regarding maintenance etc of Council-owned boat ramps will be held on Wednesday 21st July at 5.30 pm. The reason I made it 5.30 is that I know some of the interested people may have work commitments during the day. The purpose of this meeting is to set up a committee to address ongoing issues on this matter. At the last meeting we suggested a special council committee and, to be honest, I believe it will have to be addressed that way. You do not have to be a boat owner to attend – you simply should be a community member with a serious interest in boating. I look forward to catching up with you.

COUNCILLORS' PORTFOLIOS

I have been providing some detail on the portfolios of our buck – so please find information on those I have not covered yet.

Councillor Rachel Summers is committed to the overarching area of good governance as the way that Council functions. Basically good governance includes:

Transparency – enabling the community to understand how and why decisions are made;

Dealing with Conflict of Interest – ensuring that Councillors have no personal gains to be made from their Council work;

Making sure that Finances are well managed;

Being oriented towards Consensus wherever possible;

Enabling Community Participation when possible;

Ensuring Accountability to the community and to government;

Being Responsive to community needs.

Councillor Summers has quite a passion for these aspects of good governance and has played a big part in encouraging all of us to work with the community as much as possible. Rachel also represents Council on the Flinders District High School Community Committee.

If you are interested in these issues, of course you can talk with any one of the Councillors but please feel free to contact Councillor Rachel Summers in particular.

Deputy Mayor David Williams is chair of the Flinders Municipal Emergency Management Committee. This committee focuses on collaboration regarding emergency response: Fire, Accidents, SES-related events, Ambulance, etc. During the initial crisis with COVID-19 the MEMC played a big part in working with the Regional and State Emergency Management Committees to ensure safety on Flinders. Deputy Mayor Williams has also taken on Health & Wellbeing in his portfolio. If you have questions or ideas about these topics, then David is the main person to talk with.

OF COURSE, ALL COUNCILLORS CAN BE APPROACHED ABOUT ANY TOPIC

But this series of articles is simply to help community members decide who might be the best person to talk with at any given point.

RED HOT TIPS

On the 29th June Council worked with our Fire Brigade Captains and with State Leaders from Tas Fire and Parks & Wildlife on ways we can improve emergency management. All of those present thought the day very worth-while. Then in the evening at the Sports Club Island land-owners joined in for a workshop on Red Hot Tips. This is a State-run program that can:

Teach land-owners, including farmers of course, to ensure that they protect their land from fire as well as possible;

Visit the Island to work with land-owners and demonstrate the best ways to develop and carry out burn plans, mulching of areas, etc –

all to manage emergencies rather than let emergencies manage you.

TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PROGRAM INTERESTED PEOPLE MUST REGISTER

If you are interested in registering or in finding out more you can pick up a brochure and registration forms from reception at Council Office.

ACKNOWLEDGING NAIDOC WEEK

You probably know that last week was NAIDOC Week – a week for celebrating and considering related to Aboriginal and Islander issues. A few Councillors and Council staff attended the flag-raising ceremony and BBQ following. Three beautiful little aboriginal boys from lady Barron raised the flag with their proud parents looking on. The theme for this year is Heal Country. There is always room for healing and what is better than working together on healing!

VOLUNTEER AWARDS

The time has to come to advertise for nominations for the Volunteer of the Year Award presented at the Flinders Island Show in October, so please call in to Council to fill out a nomination form or download the form from the website.

THE ISLANDER WAY BRIEF HAS BEEN APPROVED

Today I received notice that the 'Islander Way' brief has been approved by the Department of State Growth. This means that a beginning can be made in the next month or so. When work begins with community members in general then as many interested people as possible will be included. Prior to that, the consultants will work with a group from Council and the FIBI Board as well as some community members who might wish to be a part of the early work. Check if you are interested in taking part in the early stages.

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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 20 July 2021 commencing at 2pm.

Public Question Time will be held between 2.00 – 2.30pm. Members of the public are invited to attend.

The Agenda will be available for perusal from Thursday 15 June 2021 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au and at the Council Office.

Warren Groves

GENERAL MANAGER

Flinders Draft Local Provisions Schedule (LPS) Additional Information Sessions

Council's Strategic Planning consultant, Mick Purves, is returning to the Island to run more community information sessions on the Draft LPS as follows:

Two sessions will be held with a focus on, *but not limited to*, the rural and agriculture zones:

- Tuesday 20 July from 11am until 1pm in Carpet Room of FAEC; and
- Wednesday 21 July from 9am until 12 noon in Rose Garden Room of FAEC

Other community sessions will be:

- Wednesday 21 July from 2pm until 4pm at Rose Garden Room of FAEC; and
- Thursday 22 July from 9am until 11pm in Rose Garden Room of FAEC

These sessions will include some tips for making a representation, including an explanation of the Guidelines that the TPC will be using to assess the representations that are submitted.

Sessions are casual in style and open to the public on a walk-in-basis, no appointments are necessary.

Flinders Council Local Provisions Schedule (LPS) and Zoning Strategy identified that extensive areas along the western coast of Flinders Island should be zoned Rural to accommodate a range of rural based activities and support diversification of the rural/agricultural economy on the Island.

This Strategy was established under the draft *Flinders Structure Plan 2016* and delivered through the zoning regime of the LPS. Detailed reports were adopted in early 2021 by Council supporting this zoning regime and include:

- *Flinders Structure Plan (draft 2016)*;
- *LPS and Zoning Strategy (January 2021)*;
- *FLI LPS Discussion Paper - Identifying Dwelling Demand paper Jan 21*;
- *FLI LPS Discussion Paper - truwana outer islands Jan 21*;
- *FLI LPS Discussion Paper – Identifying potential lot and dwelling yields Jan 21*;
- *FLI LPS Discussion Paper – Outcomes of RMCG review Jan 21*.

The notice issued by the Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC) under Section 35(5)(b) of LUPAA required modification of various parts of this document and the draft LPS.

In some cases, these changes depart from the Council strategies for the future of the Furneaux Group. Areas where the zoning was changed by the Commission include:

- Palana Road, Killiecrankie;
- Melrose Road, Woods Road, Palana Road, Fairhaven Road, Memana/Emita; and
- Palana Road, Blundstones Road, Memana Road, Lady Barron Road, Butter Factory Road and Lackrana Road, Whitemark/Lackrana.

In these areas, the Council Strategies and Reports have not been changed and continue to refer to provision of the Rural zone.

Council is likely to make its own representation on this issue but would be assisted by the affected landowners, also making representation, to support and retain the rural zone under the LPS.

We invite you to attend an information and consultation session with our strategic planning consultant Mick Purves on this issue to help understand the current situation and decide

whether you would like to make a representation to the LPS.

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VOLUNTEER 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 'Volunteer of the Year Award'. The recipient will be presented with a certificate and a monetary award of \$100 (or donated to the organisation of their choice) at the Flinders Island Show on 15 October 2021.

Please submit your nomination to the Council Office by C.O.B. 1 September 2021.

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

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

Warren Groves General Manager

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 Thursday 22nd July from 9am-3pm. 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!

Thanks so much,

Megan in the Gardens



2021 / 2022 DOG REGISTRATIONS

In an effort to help save the planet and reduce paper waste, Council are running a paperless dog registration renewal system this year.

To renew your current dog registration simply call Reception on 6359 5001 to pay over the phone or visit Council front office at 4 Davies Street in Whitemark.

As Council have adopted the "tag for life" system, please let Cashier when you call, or visit, if you are in need of a new tag.

Please note- New registrations must be applied for at the Council Office by completing an 'Application for Registration' form.

Policy to be 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 June 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting to rescind the **Asset Management Policy**.

This policy will lie on the table for public comment until 12 August 2021. The policy 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 this policy, please do so by addressing relative correspondence to:

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General Manager