



NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

THE ISLANDER WAY

The Islander Way Project is getting under way this week. The main aims of the project are:

- To enable interested community members to engage with the project leaders so that their values, wants and hopes for future tourism on the Islands are heard.
- To create a vision based on community hopes, values and wants for future tourism on the Islands.
- To co-design with leaders and community members a tourism system driven by community values, wants and hopes.
- To collaborate among the community to identify sub projects, including small businesses, that will support achievement of the vision.
- To provide skilled coaching for participating community groups so that their sub projects and business ideas may reach successful fruition.
- To find ways to monitor and assess project achievement.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WILL TAKE SEVERAL FORMS

It is important that the project leaders hold as many different methods of engagement with the community as possible. These will include working with community groups, individuals, self-formed groups, surveys, an interactive web site and so on.

THE COMMUNITY LAUNCH OF THE PROJECT IS ON OCTOBER 8TH

The launch will be held in the FAEC in Whitemark, beginning at 5.00 pm and going to around 7.00 pm. There will be an introduction to the Brand Story that led directly to the Islander Way Project. This will be followed by an

introduction to the Islander Way Project by Dr Dianne Dredge and her associate Sarah Lebski. This will include a focus on how the engagement will be facilitated. I believe the project will be an amazing opportunity for Islanders to create and manage a visitor economy that is community driven. There will be time for questions and then for informal conversations while enjoying nibbles and drinks.

THIS PROJECT DEPENDS ON YOU!

This project is not about consultants arriving on the Island/s, talking with a few, then going off to write a report. It depends totally on how the community shares hopes, fears and values. Without that, it will not succeed. I have high hopes that this can be a great start to a community-driven visitor economy. It may also influence other key aspects of life in the unique place that we call home. **Please try to attend.** If you can't, there will be many ways of participating as we proceed. Dianne is currently on the Island for just over four weeks and Sarah will come and go from Launceston but will spend valuable time here.

TALKING OF OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES

The State Government formed PESRAC – the Premier's Economic and Social Recovery Advisory Council. This is a group to advise on the State economic and social recovery from Covid-19. One aspect of the PESRAC advice is that Local Government be reformed as discussed in the Final Report released March 2021. See pages 74-79 of https://www.pesrac.tas.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/283196/Final_Report_WCAG2.pdf

Successful and effective reform depends on many factors. The Furneaux Group's small size, our isolation, and the particular issues of our small island municipality must be taken into account. At a future Council Workshop, Councillors will look at the impacts and the possibilities. In particular, we will examine these in order to focus on creating the best possible future for our unique situation.

I am simply raising this issue so that community members can remain up to date and informed. Council welcomes your thoughts.

ASSISTED DYING BILL

Quite a number attended a forum on Flinders 18 months ago, led by MLC Michael Gaffney, on the topic of assisted dying. His bill successfully passed both houses of Government. Michael has offered to revisit municipalities to share more about this topic and wonders of Flinders community is interested. If so, please ring me or send an email or a letter.

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Whitemark Tip – Opening Hours

- **Monday** 1.30pm - 4.30pm
- **Tuesday** 7am -10am
- **Wednesday** 8.30am - 11.30am
- **Thursday** 7am -10am
- **Friday** 1.30pm - 4.30pm
- **Saturday** CLOSED
- **Sunday** 1.30pm - 4.30pm

CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

RECYCLING AT FLINDERS COUNCIL

Mobile Muster

Dig out and recycle your old mobile phones. It's good for your home and the environment! You can drop your old phones into the Council front office.

Used Printer Ink Cartridges

Council has resumed collecting printer ink cartridges for Planet Ark. Please drop off any used cartridges to the Council front office. Do your bit to reduce landfill!



Ordinary Council Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the **19 October 2021** Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council will be held at the **FAEC, Rose Garden, commencing at 2pm.**

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

The agenda will be available for perusal from Thursday 14 October 2021 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au and at the Council Office.

Warren Groves
General Manager

Policies to be Suspended and Endorsed

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 21 September 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting to suspend the **Volunteer of the Year Policy** and endorse the **Enforcement Policy**.

These policies will lie on the table for public comment until 5 November 2021. They are 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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