



NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE FIRST MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Council sent out the first of a monthly newsletter by email. This will give everyone the opportunity to access Council news through: The Island News; Council Website; Monthly emailed newsletter; our Facebook Page and the Facebook Community Notice Board. Council aims to be as transparent as possible and works hard to achieve this.

PLEASE CONSIDER

On the whole Flinders has a friendly, helpful, and appreciative community. Council aims to enable community participation in issues as much as possible. But it must be remembered that there are two objectives for this effort:

1. By enabling community participation, Council hopes that the community is as informed as possible;
2. Council also hopes the community will understand, by participating, that all wishes cannot be fulfilled – it is simply impossible!

CAMPING ON FLINDERS ISLAND

We simply do not have the facilities when campers visit the Island in large numbers. Recent successful grant applications mean that infrastructure at Council facilities such as Holloway Park, Emita Recreation Grounds and the Showgrounds will be significantly improved over the next 12 months. This is to support community wishes to maintain our precious beauty spots in as good condition as possible.

SOME GROUPS OF CAMPERS DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO VEHICLES

Kayakers and rock climbers are part of this group. Council supports these pursuits and is happy that they select convenient camping spots. We ask only that they leave no footprint: take as much waste away as possible when you leave.

WHY DO WE HAVE AN ISLANDER WAY STORY?

Dianne Dredge is back on Island for around six weeks to support the Islander Way project. The story was compiled by Islanders, with the help of Todd Babiak from Brand Tasmania. Its aim is to tell a clear message about island lifestyle – so that we can do our best to maintain it. Take a look at the story now and then – Enjoy!

The first thing you will notice, on Flinders and the Furneaux Group of islands, is the breathtaking scenery. In every direction, what you see is like nothing else in the world.

It's deeper than quiet beaches and coastlines, mountains, and mist. These islands have a rich and dark history, and an intensely passionate community that wants to reckon with its past and build the right future together. No one is here because it is the easiest place to live. Everyone is here because it's different. When something works on these islands it tends to be small and special. As the rest of the world chases growth, we chase meaning.

The core of our culture is to be true to who we are, to try to live on what we can find or grow on our rich land and in our waters, to support one another. When a crisis strikes one of us, it strikes all of us. Many of our family businesses have been here for generations, evolving yet never abandoning the spirit of this place. Artists and artisans are here to create and to connect.

We have a complex relationship with change because we understand what it can bring. It's different here and we make different invitations to visitors: for an unforgettable time on Flinders Island, learn to be one of us for a few days, a week, or the rest of your life. Slow down, listen, get lost, contribute.

Don't try to change this place. Let this place change you.

The Furneaux Islands Festival celebrates our Aboriginal history, our ancient and modern cultural traditions, our art, even our complications. Our council and community launched it as a gently provocative and intensely local alternative to Australia Day – the first in the country.

Quiet is a word you will hear a lot on Flinders Island. The Tasmanian story is the quiet pursuit of the extraordinary, and on Flinders it is aged and distilled: quieter, harder yet more rewarding,

more mysterious, more connected, more complicated, more extraordinary.

Annie Revie, Mayor, 0477 557 338

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KIDS Holiday PROGRAM



CASH 4 CANS

April 2nd 2022

11:00am - 1:00pm Whitemark Tip

Due to a delay in drain works at the Whitemark Tip this weekend's Cash 4 Cans sorting day has been cancelled.

Next sorting day is April 2nd Come along to help raise \$\$ for Flinders Island District High School by sorting aluminium cans saved from landfill.

Contact community@flinders.tas.gov.au if you would like to come along on the day or register and be involved 😊

Whitemark Tip – Opening Hours

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

CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

The Autumn School Holiday program will run from 14th April – 28th April

Activities will include Easter Bonnet Making for the Lady Barron Easter Saturday event. Art & Photography Portrait Workshop for the Islander Portrait Prize to be held on the June long weekend and a Task Master Challenge day.

Further information at:

flinders.tas.gov.au/school-holiday-program

Parking arrangements at the Airport

The new pedestrian crossing is working well as is the pickup and drop 2 hour maximum parking time in the front rows.

Car park users are reminded NOT to park on the pedestrian crossing as this area must be kept clear at all times.

Residents and visitors to the airport are reminded to observe all road rules and signage.

Due to parking limitation within the Airport grounds, we request all owners of vehicles currently parked at the airport on a long-term basis to contact Airport Operations on 0429 813 929 to discuss ongoing storage arrangements.

No unauthorised vehicle or persons are permitted past the RFDS hanger located opposite the Operations Office.

Chris Wilson

Manager Infrastructure and Airport

#slowthespread



There have been positive COVID cases recorded across the Island over the past week. While masks are not mandatory in certain settings, it is highly recommended that community members wear masks when in public indoor areas. This will help to keep our community safe and avoid widespread community transmission.

IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL 📌

If you have any symptoms such as a cough, cold, sore throat, runny nose, fever or loss of taste or smell, stay home and contact Ochre Health on 6359 2011 to book a phone consult with a doctor. FIAAI clients who have symptoms can contact FIAAI on 6359 3532.

You should isolate at home until you have received a negative result and have no symptoms.

Please support your friends, family and neighbours at this time and reach out to them if you can help with shopping, pickups, or anything else they may need.

#slowthespread. #keepourcommunitysafe

TACKLING WEEDS

Council recently received funding from NRM North as part of the Tasmanian Weeds Action Fund. This is a three-year project for Council to tackle priority weeds on the Furneaux Islands that are impacting valuable agricultural and environmental assets.

The first stage of this project is the development of a Furneaux Islands Weed Management Strategy and Action Plan. Eve Lazarus (EnviroDynamics) and Andy North (North Barker EcoSystem Services) have been engaged to assist with the first phase of this project.



A brief online survey has been created for those to share feedback on weeds. To participate, visit the link or scan the QR code.

<https://bit.ly/3MwkGvR>

There will be future opportunities for the community to engage in Weed projects on the Islands.

SAVE THE DATE

The Islander Portrait Prize has been rescheduled for the June long weekend.

Artists are invited to submit a work of art to the inaugural Islander Portrait Prize.

The subject matter should be a person who has a known connection to Flinders Island.



Entries can be submitted in any medium (painting, drawing, digital photography, sculpture, etc.), but the maximum dimensions cannot exceed 1.5m x 1.5m.

The exhibition will be held at the Lady Barron Hall.

More details soon!



CALL FOR COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Nominations from the public are called for the position of Community Representative on the Whitemark Community Gym Special Committee of Council.

The Committee consists of council and community representatives and exists to support, assist and advise in the management and operation of the Whitemark Community Gym.

**Nominations can be sent to the Committee Chair:
Councillor Rachel Summers**

**Flinders Council
PO Box 40, Whitemark TAS 7255**

**Or via email to
rachel.summers@flinders.tas.gov.au**



ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council will be held

**Tuesday 12 April 2022 commencing at 2pm
at Lady Barron Hall**

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 24 March 2022 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au and at the Council Office.

Warren Groves
General Manager



Policy to be Adopted

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 15 March 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting to adopt the **Dog Management Policy and Code of Responsible Dog Ownership**.

The policy and code will lie on the table for public comment until 20 April 2022. 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:

Warren Groves
General Manager



COMMUNITY GRANTS

Applications for funding are now being sought from Community Groups.

Applications received by C.O.B. 10th May 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. Applications must be received by C.O.B. Monday 10th May.

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> should be addressed to:

General Manager
Flinders Council
PO Box 40
Whitemark TAS 7255