



NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

RECENT FEDERAL ELECTION

Understanding the outcomes of the recent Federal Election and how the Parties will work together in the future is very interesting. The results may seem confusing, but already, for Local Government, there are signs of some excellent things beginning to change, for example:

- A letter to Mayors and General Managers across the Nation from the Australian Local Government President confirms that the Australian Local Government Association will soon return to having representation on National Cabinet;
- It is looking possible that the Local Government Financial Assistance Grants will be returned to a level they were at some years ago;
- There is a commitment to have all Local Governments able to improve their capacity to be sustainable and to better meet community needs.

If these things come into play the role of Local Government will be made significantly easier.

THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDS FLAGS NOW FLY IN THE PRESS ROOM IN THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

You may or may not know that Flinders Island Airport was the first in the Country to fly the Aboriginal flag. The population of this Municipality includes 17% of people of Aboriginal heritage. I found it hard to understand that, until last weekend, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands flags were not in place in the National Parliament - given the percentage of Aboriginal people in the Country's population. On Flinders, at the Furneaux Islands Festival each year, we gather to celebrate the diverse culture of the islands. Now the nation's capital is catching up at last - something to celebrate indeed.

SPEAKING OF THE ABORIGINAL FLAG...

This week is Reconciliation Week. It is a week set aside for considering how people of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage consider past wrongs as well as envision a future working

together. I wish our Aboriginal people to know that moving on together is something I and many other Islanders stand for.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT VOTING

I received a letter from the state Minister for Local Government, Nic Street, advising that there will be a Bill going through Parliament in the near future making voting in Local Government elections compulsory. One way of looking at this move is that there has been no consultation with the Tasmanian community regarding this big step. Another way to look at it is that Local Government is the level of government closest to the people. Federal and State Government voting is compulsory while Local Government voting is not. Is the underlying message that the various local governments across the country do not really matter so why bother? Of the Bass Strait Islands population around 81% of those eligible vote but in Launceston, for example, the percentage last time was just under 50%. I am simply providing this information because it is your right to know what is being considered at state level.

LEARNING PACKAGES FOR NOMINATING COUNCILLORS

Something I have learned in the past week is that State Government is planning to put together a learning package to support those standing in the October Local Government elections. This is potentially a good thing, as there is so much to learn. Councils have many more responsibilities now than in previous years and the expectations on them are high. In order to address the issues of tomorrow, Councillors should be supported with up-to-date learning experiences. Maybe this planned package will help.

TALKING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

This current Council's term of office concludes at the end of October. Time has galloped along. It is important that some of our Island population consider nominating for the next council term. Following the end of the financial year, Council will be organising a public forum (or two) to provide information on how councils work. If you are at all interested in representing the people of this amazing Municipality, please give some thought to nominating. More on this in a few months.

SERVICE REQUESTS

I just want to remind our Community of the importance of service requests. Council relies on its community to inform, via a service request, about important things that need to be attended to. So, if you have experienced an important issue regarding any of Council's buildings,

roads, or services - please do not take it to Facebook. Instead, ring Council or go to the Council Website and report the issue in the Service Request section under the "Live" tab. Then the issue will be recorded. It will be attended to as soon as it can be done. A council officer will contact you when the job is complete. Please take this invitation seriously and do the right thing!

BUY LOCALLY WHEN YOU ARE ABLE TO

It keeps our local businesses going and enables them to better provide for Islander needs.

MAYOR ANNIE REVIE

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The Tomb of History

In March 1973 Flinders Island celebrated the bi-centenary of Tobias Furneaux "discovering" the Furneaux Group.

It was a week-long fanfare –

- A Civic Reception was held
- 2 Navy Boats were in the port and the Navy Band visited
- The CWA held a "Bridal Fashion Parade" and a dance with the Navy Band afterwards
- There was a non-denominational church service with the Navy Band at Vinegar Hill
- A Regatta at Yellow Beach – boats, sandcastle building, family fun
- A Gymkhana and horse / sports events at Emita / Showgrounds
- Decorated floats travelled from Pats River into the main town of Whitemark
- The "Furneaux Sector" of the library was officially opened
- And a Time Capsule was buried outside the Council chambers!

19th March 2023 marks the 50th Anniversary to unveil the "Tomb of History" and open the Time Capsule.

In celebration of this upcoming event, If you have memories, photographs, videos or stories to share - we'd love to hear from you!

Contact community@flinders.tas.gov.au.



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<https://flindersisland.app>

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 on:

Tuesday 14 June 2022 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 9 June 2022 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au and at the Council Office.

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 17 May 2022 Special Council Meeting to adopt the **Debt Collection Policy**.

The policy will lie on the table for public comment until 1 July 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



**Position Vacant:
Executive Assistant**

Are you looking for a rewarding, community-focused administrative role, within a flexible and supportive workplace? Then this is the role for you.

Flinders Council is seeking a highly organised person with great communication and computer skills to join our busy team.

The position is within the Governance Department, which manages the day-to-day operations of the General Manager and provides administrative support to the Mayor and Councillors.

Working days and hours are negotiable with 30 hours per week preferred. Council would consider a trainee for this role with full training provided.

A position description can be obtained by contacting Council on 6359 5001 or by visiting the Council website www.flinders.tas.gov.au/employment-and-business-opportunities.

Applications must be received by close of business on the **17th June 2022** and include a current resume along with a written application that specifically addresses each of the 'Knowledge, Skills & Experience' criteria.

Applications are to be marked "Confidential" – Executive Assistant, and should be forwarded to the Corporate Services HR Officer, Flinders Council, PO Box 40, WHITEMARK, TAS 7255 or email directly to jade.boyes@flinders.tas.gov.au

Warren Groves
GENERAL MANAGER



**Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993
Approval and commencement of Flinders
Council Local Provisions Schedule (LPS)**

Flinders Council advises that the Tasmanian Planning Commission has approved the Flinders LPS. The LPS and Tasmanian Planning Scheme will formally commence operation on 1 June and replace the Flinders Planning Scheme 2000.

The Flinders LPS and associated decisions are available from the assessment section of the Commission website www.planning.tas.gov.au.

The Flinders LPS will be available from the Iplan website (www.iplan.tas.gov.au) and information on the zoning and overlays will be available from the listmap service (www.listmap.tas.gov.au) from 1 June 2022.

Enquiries can be directed to the Tasmanian Planning Commission on (03) 6165 6828 or email tpc@planning.tas.gov.au.

Dated this 1st day of June 2022.

Warren Groves
General Manager

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
