



## NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

### PLEASE NOTE – VOTING IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS HAS NOW BEEN MADE COMPULSORY

In the last Island News, I referred to the bill before parliament to make voting compulsory in Local Government elections. This bill has now been passed. In the next Local Government elections in October of this year, voting will be compulsory. In its supporting statements, the Government argued that this bill will improve democracy. In some of the bigger municipalities, less than 50% of the population voted, including a significant percentage of young people. Of the populations of the Bass Strait Islands, over 80% voted in the last Local Government elections. The final 20% will have to vote this time around.

### INSURANCE FOR VOLUNTEER WORKERS

Recently a volunteer worker in one of the Island's emergency services was driving to a vehicle accident in his own car and experienced an accident that damaged his vehicle. A sympathetic community member contacted me with concern for whether volunteers are covered by insurance. I did not know the answer and had to explore the situation with Volunteering Tasmania. This is what I have found out so far:

- Volunteering Tasmania offered to contact Ambulance, Fire, and SES Tasmania to see what the case is for volunteers within these organisations. I will let you know when she gets back to me.
- If your business or organisation uses volunteers, then you should consider the questions:
  - Are your volunteers covered against accidents?
  - If you have volunteer insurance, is it adequate?
- Volunteering Tasmania will not help find volunteer situations for people unless the people have taken out their own insurance cover.
- Council has insurance cover for several contexts, but it can only cover volunteers who work for Council – no other.

### CHECK YOUR INSURANCE COVER

There is plenty to think about here, whether you are a volunteer, or a business / organisation that uses volunteers.

### GENERAL MANAGER, WARREN GROVES, AND I DID SOME IMPORTANT LOBBYING OVER THE LAST WEEK

- 1) We met with Paul Seaman, Chair of the Visit Northern Tasmania (VNT) Board, to clarify how VNT can support Council – in particular regarding the Islander Way Project. We were pleased with the outcomes, including the following:
  - a. VNT can promote the Project with State and Federal Governments so that the criteria used to assess grant funding for Islanders aligns with how we manage Island Visitation.
  - b. They can support the project in helping Council to identify valid key performance indicators for use in monitoring and assessing the effectiveness of the project.
  - c. They can share official data on tourism numbers so Council understands the Project impacts.
  - d. They will provide us with the new Destination Management Plan so that we can monitor Council's progress in meeting its objectives.
- 2) We met with Premier Jeremy Rockliff in his role of Tourism Minister, and with his Tourism adviser, Tony Mayell. They both expressed appreciation of our current progress with the project. The Premier has instigated a Wellbeing Framework for Tasmania and praised what Flinders Council is doing to manage the visitor economy in line with community values. Working with significant community members in the way we are doing supports improved community wellbeing.
- 3) Thirdly, we met with the Deputy Secretary of the Department of State Growth, his business / tourism project manager Claire Fitzgerald, and his business and project officer, Ben Marquis. They were delighted with the Flinders Islander Way Project and what it can do to support business and community projects.

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### ROSE GARDEN PRUNING DAY

Due to planned maintenance works in the Rose Garden, the annual Rose Garden Pruning Day will not be going ahead this year.

## Local Government Elections in October 2022

To be eligible to vote in the upcoming Local Government elections, you must either be on the Tasmanian state electoral roll or the Flinders Council General Manager's roll.

If you are currently on the Tasmanian state electoral roll, you are automatically on the Local Government roll **for the municipal area (council) in which your enrolled address is located.**

If you are eligible to be on the state electoral roll but are not correctly enrolled, you can:

- get an enrolment form from a post office;
- visit the Australian Electoral Commission website <https://www.aec.gov.au/enrol/> ; or
- call 1800 801 701 and ask for one to be mailed to you.

If you are not eligible to be on the state electoral roll, you are eligible to be on the Flinders Council General Manager's roll if:

- you own or occupy land in a municipal area different from where you are enrolled on the state electoral roll, or
- you are the nominated representative of a corporate body which owns or occupies land in the municipal area.

To apply to be added to the General Manager's roll, contact the Flinders Council's front office for an application form, or request a form via email [governance@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:governance@flinders.tas.gov.au)

Act now and save the last-minute rush. Voting in the Local Government election is now compulsory.

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## WINTER SOLSTICE SPLASH

Congratulations to the 50 brave souls who celebrated the Winter Solstice with a splash at Allports Beach! Conditions were perfect 🌊

Many thanks to the Lions Club of Flinders Island Robyn from our volunteer ambulance, Chris Parr, Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service, Justin, Ben and Dolly from Flinders Island District High School and Kristy Sullivan for a fab morning!

Splashers raised over \$340 to support the Flinders Island District High School Fruit Bowl initiative which will assist in supplying bottomless fruit bowls in all classes for our school children.

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## 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

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## DOG REGISTRATIONS DUE

Council have adopted the fees for dog registration for the 2022/2023 period as follows:

### Sterilised Dog

\$22 (July) \$31 (after July)

### Non-Sterilised Dog

\$37 (July) \$52 (after July)

### Working Dog

\$22 (July) \$31 (after July)

### Dangerous Dog

\$145 (July) \$206 (after July)

Pop in to see our friendly cashier at 4 Davies Street or call on 63 595 001 to make a payment.

Your dog should be equipped with a black tag. If the tag is missing, you may buy a new one for \$8

**Don't forget, July is the month for discounted dog registration fees!**

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## SAVE THE DATE

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

If you would like to be involved in organising the weekend event next March – please contact [community@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:community@flinders.tas.gov.au)



### **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 19 July 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 14 July 2022 on the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://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 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](http://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**