



## MAYOR'S REPORT

We had an interesting Council meeting at Emita Hall on 20 September 2022, as part of our plan to make it easier for non-Whitemark residents to attend.

A resolution was unanimously passed to approve a letter drafted by Judy Jacques, addressed to our State Premier and appropriate ministers about the issue of Fin Fish Farms in our pristine waters. The letter will bring to their attention the motion passed at our public meeting on 29th August, "That the Furneaux group of islands does not support fin fish farming in our island waters, ever." The letter is included here for everyone's information.

At the council meeting a resolution was also passed to initiate the leasing of the library building to the Department of Education as a component of purchasing the land. This matter has been ongoing for some time and Council is pleased with this progress.

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be my last as Mayor. Whilst I feel a certain sadness that my time serving the community as a councillor is coming to an end, my best wishes go to all the candidates standing at the upcoming election.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the General Manager, Warren Groves, and all his staff for their support. They have been terrific!

Best wishes

**David Williams | Mayor**



*"To The Tasmanian State Premier & Ministers*

*Dear Premier and Ministers  
Matters of Interest  
Flinders Island Aquaculture Meeting*

*On Monday evening, 29 August 2022, Flinders Council convened a public meeting to gauge community attitudes towards the proposed allocation of leases on the Furneaux Islands western coasts to the aquaculture industry for fin fish, shellfish and seaweed culture.*

*The meeting was informed that the west coast of the Furneaux Group has been identified as suitable for aquaculture.*

*According to government sources, leases which have been identified, mapped and now made available for fin fish aquaculture under the Furneaux Islands Marine Farming Development Plan include;*

- *Roydon Island;*
- *Bun Beetons Point;*
- *Tanners Bay;*
- *Prime Seal Island (2);*
- *South Arthur Bay;*
- *East Little Chalky Island;*
- *Dover Point;*
- *Vansittart Island West; and*
- *Deep Bay West.*

*Other leases cover shellfish and seaweed.*

*None of the leases are protected as 'no go areas.' Companies can swap leases elsewhere for them by simple agreement and licence. Potential leases cover around 1631.41 ha of seabed, restricting community use, with serious penalties for trespass, including the possibility of substantial fines and prison terms.*

*Over 110 of the approximately 920 islands' residents attended the meeting. The Mayor and Councillors, departmental officers, elected members and citizens participated in the information and action discussions. Residents' opinions were sought at the conclusion of the session and the following motion resolved "That the Furneaux group of islands does not support fin fish farming in our island waters, ever".*

*Will the Premier ensure that no aquaculture leases will be allocated in the Furneaux Group of Islands 'waterways, as did her/his predecessor in relation to the East Coast of Tasmania?*

*Yours sincerely,  
David Williams Mayor Flinders Council"*

### Upcoming Election

Everyone on the State roll is automatically enrolled and required to vote at the upcoming local government elections.

Elections will be conducted by postal ballot and will be held to fill councillor, mayor and deputy mayor positions.

| Event                                     | Date                     |
|---|--------------------------|
| Postal ballot packs delivered to electors | 3rd - 7th October 2022** |
| Close of poll                             | 2pm<br>25th October 2022 |

**\*\*This may be extended by the TEC.**



### Veterinary Clinic Project Update

The recent "request for tender" for the veterinary clinic project indicated that the State Government funding would not be sufficient to cover the full project. This is due to substantial increases in the cost of building works.

For the project to be finalised, Council is in the process of submitting an application to the State Government to request an increase in project funding.

Development Applications



Development applications are advertised on the Flinders Council website every Wednesday and are available for viewing via the link below.

<https://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/current-advertising>

# KIDS Holiday PROGRAM

### IT'S SHOWTIME!

We have two activities scheduled for the Holiday Program.

### Tuesday, October 4th, - SCARECROWS

With this year's Show theme of Makers & Producers; We will be building scarecrows! They will be entered into the competition and displayed on Show Day. Kids are welcome to bring old handbags, wigs, clothes, or shoes that they might like to use in dressing up their scarecrows - we will also have some supplies for them to use.

**Cost \$5 per child - includes materials and cost for entry.**

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October – SHOW ENTRIES

We will have activity stations for the kids to create some fantastic show entries. We will take care of transporting and submitting the master pieces for you, so you won't need to worry about that!

**Cost \$10 per child – includes all materials and cost for entries**

### How to Register?

Scan the QR code – please register by 3rd October 2022.



Every young resident and visitor between the ages of 6 (prep school) and 25 are welcome to participate in the Flinders Council School Holiday Program.

Register for our annual program of activities and we will keep you informed of our holiday activities over the year.

Alternatively contact Megan or Sammi for your registration forms by emailing [community@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:community@flinders.tas.gov.au) or via phone on 6359 5001

### 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 HOLIDAY



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#### 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 20 September 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting to rescind the **Aviation Policy** and to adopt the following policies, **Flinders Council Policy and Procedure Framework, Public Open Space Policy** and **Asset Disposal Policy**.

These policies will lie on the table for public comment until 28 October 2022. They are 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 these policies, please do so by addressing relative correspondence to:

Warren Groves  
**General Manager**