



## MAYOR'S REPORT

On Monday the 20th February 2022, the Legislative Council of Tasmania will visit our shores, and bring with them Premier Jeremy Rockliff and Deputy Premier Michael Ferguson. They are visiting with a number of groups and organisations whilst here and will hold a civic reception at the Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre from 4:15pm until 5:30pm. Come along to meet your local representatives, have a chat, or ask a question.

It is always a great opportunity to share our islands, our ways, our wants and needs with those who drive the decision-making that impacts us..

Monday will also see the official opening of the Henderson Dam project. Another project hampered by the pandemic, it is great to see it finally completed.

There has been some chatter over the last few weeks about the Safe Harbour project. I'd like to clear up a few bits of misinformation floating around the community.

1. Design plans have been viewed and discussed by Councillors on a number of occasions, including in the lead up to the submission of the grant application, and during the tender process for parts of the project. We are still investigating some funding opportunities, so the design may change.
2. Council does not already have the money for the project. An election promise was made in March of 2019 by Steve Martin. Council then had to undertake considerable work to ensure we met the grant criteria. COVID-19 unfortunately

impacted on this and it wasn't until June of 2021 that we were able to submit the grant. Council was notified in October 2022 that our Community Development Grant had been approved (16 months after submission). Council is still in the process of finalising the deed for this grant.

3. The project was not shovel-ready. Council has had to undertake further studies such as bathymetry, develop detailed plans, a business case etc. Council has already incurred costs of over \$128,000 on the project.
4. It was quickly evident that the original funding promise was not going to deliver the original safe harbour concept plan. The boat ramp, rock wall, and associated facilities were deemed the most critical and were deemed stage 1.

As and when more funding becomes available, Council will continue developing the site. There is always the potential for a private developer/operator to get involved.

Please contact your Councillors if you have any questions regarding this or any other Council project.

Thanks,

Rachel Summers - Mayor  
Phone 0467 046 809





## Rates Reminder

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment Rates are due Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

Rate Payment options are listed on the back of your Rates Notice and can be paid:

By Credit Card Online - at Council's website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au/make-a-payment](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/make-a-payment)

By Phone – 03 6359 5001 with your Visa or Mastercard.

By Cheque or Money Order – post to PO Box 40, Whitemark, TAS 7255.

By BPay – See your rates notice for details.

By EFT – Electronic Funds Transfer to our bank account – See your rates notice for details.

In Person – Visit Council's Customer Service Centre, 4 Davies St, Whitemark. Mon-Fri 9.00am – 4.30pm

## COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDING

### **Tas Ports Community Grant Program Next round: April 2023 to September 2023**

Applications close: 21 February 2023

TasPorts is committed to operating in a socially responsible manner to support sustainable economic and social growth for Tasmania.

The Community Grant Program allows TasPorts to give back by supporting organisations, community groups and events that benefit communities surrounding port operations and across Tasmania.

**Grants up to \$5,000 are available, as well as in-kind support for venue hire fees and civic banner installation.**

#### **Visit**

<https://www.tasports.com.au/grant-program>

## **Neighbours Every Day and Healthy Tasmania Community Grants**

Applications close: 16 March 2023

Relationships Australia and Healthy Tasmania have partnered to support and encourage people to connect with their neighbours to increase belonging and decrease loneliness.

Tasmanian community members, groups and organisations are invited to apply for grants up to \$2,000 that can be used to host neighbourly activities in our community.

**Written applications can be written in 250 words or less:**

- **About your group and why this grant would be beneficial to your community.**
- **How will you use the funding.**

#### **Visit**

<https://tas.relationships.org.au/neighbours-every-day/>

## **Hydro Community Grants Program**

Applications close: 30 March 2023

Hydro Tasmania offers grants for not-for-profit community organisations based in Tasmania to help fund projects that make a real difference for people and communities.

#### **Visit**

<https://www.hydro.com.au/community/community-grants>

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## **RESPONSIBLE OWNERSHIP OF DOGS**

Council has received a number of complaints regarding dogs recently. Primarily the complaints relate to dogs no under effective control of the owner or at large.

It is the "Flinders way" to be relaxed and enjoy the great outdoors. Dog registration fees are very low and there is not restricted areas etc where dogs must be managed differently ie: on lead only. All we ask is that your dog is on a lead or under your effective control at all times that your dog is in a public place. 🐾

## 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



### POSITION VACANT

#### TOWN MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

This is an exciting opportunity for a suitably skilled person to supervise and coordinate a small operational team to develop and maintain Flinders Council's parks, streetscapes, cemeteries, recreation infrastructure and buildings.

This position involves a mix of outdoor and indoor maintenance work and the proportion of each may vary depending on seasonal maintenance schedules.

We are looking for a motivated, reliable, and hard-working person, and the position is offered as an ongoing full-time role, with salary dependent upon qualifications and experience.

Please forward your resume along with an application addressing the key selection criteria in the position description to:

Att: Corporate Services Coordinator  
Flinders Council  
PO Box 40

**WHITEMARK TAS 7255**

Or via email to [hr@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:hr@flinders.tas.gov.au)

The position description is available on Council's website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) or by phoning reception on 6359 5001.

Applications will remain open until a suitable applicant is sought.

Warren Groves  
**GENERAL MANAGER**



### POSITION VACANT WASTE MANAGEMENT SUPERVISOR

#### Do you want to make a difference?

Flinders Council is seeking to appoint a Waste Management Supervisor to oversee Council's municipal waste management operations.

A passion for the environment and sustainability with an interest in innovative recycling opportunities, waste diversion and resource recovery would be highly desirable.

The role will require an organised, forward thinker who can be "hands on" as well as lead a team, ensuring operations are compliant with environmental standards and regulative requirements.

The position is offered as an ongoing full-time role, with salary dependent upon qualifications and experience.

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