



## MAYOR'S REPORT

Big news from the Tasmanian Government over the weekend! Premier Jeremy Rockliff announced that forced amalgamations are off the table. He said, "The Local Government Review Board is continuing their important work, but I want to make it clear, this will not result in forced amalgamations. Communities and councils will decide their own future."

Communities and councils across the state have been pushing back against the Future Local Government Review. They've been raising concerns about the lack of information and consultation, data errors, and especially the idea of forced amalgamations. It's great to see that the government is listening, but the battle isn't over just yet.

I'm asking everyone to please make a submission to the board. Let them know what you love about your community and council, why local representation matters to you, and how it could be affected if amalgamated. You can make your submission on the Future of Local Government Review website (<https://engage.futurelocal.tas.gov.au/make-submission>), or send it via email (Submissions.LGBoard@dpac.tas.gov.au) or snail mail (Future of Local Government Review, GPO Box 123, Hobart, Tasmania 7001).

If you need a hand with your submission, swing by the FAEC between 10am and 2pm on Saturday 22nd July. I'll be there to assist you.

On another note, our Council's Strategic Plan is getting a review. We're finalising the draft

and it will be on the agenda for endorsement at the July Council meeting. We've made some additions, such as embracing regenerative tourism principles for our visitor economy, setting targets for food security, and establishing a fishing zone around the Furneaux Group of islands. We want to restrict commercial fishing in our waters to those who live here and contribute to our community.

We're also presenting our Priority Projects to Council for endorsement. These projects represent our aspirations, where we seek funding or advocate for their realisation. We will continue to prioritise sealing the remaining portion of Palana Road and finding sustainable solutions to our waste and sewerage concerns. Our veterinary clinic project is back on the list, unfortunately, the initial funding received fell short of completing the endeavor. Nevertheless, we persist in our pursuit of making it a reality. We are dedicated to addressing important issues, such as housing initiatives, airport improvements, and advocating for effective solutions to overcome our childcare challenges.

That's it for now, folks! Stay engaged, keep fighting for what matters to our community, and let's make our voices heard.

Rachel Summers  
Mayor



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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

## 2023 DOG REGISTRATIONS

Please call council reception on 6359 5001 to make a payment to renew your dog registration.

If your dog is deceased, changed owner, is a new member of your family, or is currently unregistered, please drop by the council office to complete a form.



**FLINDERS**  
COUNCIL

### 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 Governance:**

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

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

The nomination period will remain open until Council receives sufficient nominations.

**Rachel Summers**  
**Chair | Whitemark Community Gym Special Committee**



### 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:

**Wednesday 26 July 2023 commencing at 1pm.**

Public Question Time will be held between 1:00 – 1:30pm. Members of the public are invited to attend.

The Agenda will be available for perusal from Friday 21 July 2023 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 28 June 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting to adopt the following policy, **Asset Disposal Policy**.

This policy will lie on the table for public comment until 4<sup>th</sup> August 2023. It is available to download from the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies) and a hardcopy is available from the Council Office.

Should you wish to make comment on this policy, please do so by addressing relative correspondence to:

**Warren Groves**  
**General Manager**  
**PO Box 40**  
**Whitemark TAS 7255**