



## MAYOR'S REPORT

It has been a bustling couple of weeks on the island, with fantastic weather gracing the running festival and drawing an impressive crowd to each event. Saturday's Park Run alone saw over 100 participants, and the Pub to Pub event showcased a diverse group of attendees, spanning all ages and abilities. It's wonderful to see this event back on our calendar!

Following that, the Furneaux Field and Game 2-day Super Shoot took place last weekend, boasting 75 shooters, including both locals and visitors from Tasmania and Victoria. Lyndon Nicholls emerged as the champion of the Furneaux 2 Day Super-Shoot Event, securing not only the top prize but also the handicap prize.

This past weekend at the Lions Market, Council set up a stall to engage the community in conversations about a range of issues. A frequent point of discussion was the recent speed limit changes on Gunter Street in Lady Barron which raised concerns among residents. While we acknowledge that these restrictions have been inconvenient for some, our primary concern is the safety of our community. To address these concerns, we have increased the speed limit to 15 km/h and raised the load limit to 20 tonnes. These measures were implemented due to concerns about dust from the unsealed road impacting residents and on driving conditions. It's worth noting that Gunter Street is scheduled to be sealed in the near future.

Speaking of infrastructure matters, we'd like to inform you that Chris Wilson, our Infrastructure Manager, has resigned and taken up a position with another Council in the far north of Australia. We extend our gratitude to Chris for his hard work during his tenure here. We've recently advertised for a Works Co-ordinator role and will be conducting interviews in the upcoming weeks.

On a different note, Councillors Ken Stockton and Carol Cox held a meeting with representatives from the Patient Travel Access Scheme Department. During the meeting, they gained clarity on some issues and raised several concerns that have arisen since changes were made to the policy. A detailed report on this matter is in this week's Island News, and rest assured, your Councillors will continue to advocate for our community regarding this crucial service.

Rachel Summers  
Mayor

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**JANUARY**  
**2024**

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**FURNEAUX ISLANDS FESTIVAL**

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# KIDS Holiday PROGRAM

## **GLOW PARTY - \$5**

**TUESDAY, 3rd October 2023**

**2pm-3.30pm @ FAEC, Whitemark**

Get Ready to groove and move at the kids Glow Party! Put on your dancing shoes and come boogie down to the latest kid-friendly tunes. Lights, music, and fun! Wear White!

## **ROCK POOL RAMBLES - \$5**

**WEDNESDAY, 4th October 2023**

**10.30am-11.30am @ Cave Beach, Emita**

Join us for an exciting exploration of Cave Beach's hidden treasures. Discover the fascinating creatures that call rock pools home. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with nature and learn about the wonders beneath the water! Transport from Whitemark available, limited spots so registrations are essential.

## **FIAAI NATURE TREASURE HUNT - free**

**FRIDAY, 6th October 2023**

**10.30am-12.30pm**

FIAAI are hosting a Nature Treasure Hunt at Wybalenna. Come along and explore nature on country. Bus transport available, limited places so bookings are essential. See event poster for more information.

**RVSP to FIAAI on 6359 3532 by the 3rd October 2023**

## **ANIMAL CUTOUT PAINTING - free**

**TUESDAY, 10th October 2023**

**11am - 12.30pm @ Whitemark Showground**

The Show society need you help to paint some animal cut outs so they can decorate the showground on Show Day. Come along and help make the show day as bright as possible!

## **CUTTLE FISH ART WITH FIONA**

**FRIDAY, 10th October 2023**

**11am-12midday @ Whitemark Library**

Come along and create an art piece on a cuttlefish which you can enter into the Flinders Island Show. Group numbers are limited.

**Register at [www.flinders.tas.gov.au/school-holiday-program](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/school-holiday-program)**

## **RECYCLING HUBS**

Council is taking action to make recycling easier for our community by establishing Recycling Hubs. These hubs are designed to collect items that are traditionally hard to recycle, such as skincare packaging, mobile phones, dental products, printer cartridges, and household batteries.

To make this happen, we're teaming up with organisations like TerraCycle, Close the Loop, MobileMuster, and B-cycle, which offer various recycling programs either for free or at a low cost.

We're excited to announce that the first Recycling Hub will be launching on Wednesday, 20th September, at Walker's IGA. This hub will accept a wide range of items, including household batteries, light bulbs, beauty and skincare packaging, mobile phones and accessories, and much more.

Please remember that cardboard or paper packaging isn't included in these programs. However, this initiative is a significant step forward in our ongoing commitment to sustainable waste management.

Stay tuned for more updates, and let's work together to make our community more environmentally friendly!

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## **WHITEMARK TIP – OPENING HOURS**

- **Monday** 1.30pm - 4.30pm
- **Tuesday** 7am -10am
- **Wednesday** 8.30am - 11.30am
- **Thursday** 7am -10am
- **Friday** 1.30pm - 4. 30pm
- **Saturday** CLOSED
- **Sunday** 1.30pm - 4.30pm

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## **CASH-4-CANS**

In August, Council hosted two Cash 4 Cans sorting days, and the results were outstanding. Our dedicated community members joined forces, and together, they sorted enough aluminium cans to create two bales, each weighing approximately 300 kilograms.

However, these events also served as a reminder to our community. While aluminium cans are a valuable recyclable, it's essential to keep them separate from tin cans, glass, and plastic. Additionally, please avoid placing cigarette butts or any foreign objects inside the aluminium cans. When these contaminants find their way in, it slows down the sorting process as our volunteers must manually open the cans and remove these items.

If you'd like to contribute to our island's sustainability while helping our school, please join us at one of our upcoming events:

- **Wednesday, 18 October 2023,  
from 11:15 to 13:30**
- **Saturday, 28 October 2023,  
from 10:00 to 12:00**
- **Wednesday, 15 November 2023,  
from 11:15 to 13:30**
- **Saturday, 25 November 2023,  
from 10:00 to 12:00**

All events will take place at the Whitemark Tip.

To get involved, contact Sabrina Carter at [wastemanagement@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:wastemanagement@flinders.tas.gov.au) or send an SMS to 0456 730 174 with your name and the dates you'd like to attend.