



MAYOR'S REPORT

Flinders Island Show

The Island enjoyed a spectacular weekend with splendid, albeit slightly warm, weather for the annual Flinders Island Show. In recent years, the days leading up to the Show have been plagued by torrential rain, resulting in a soggy show day. It was high time we had a great one. The entire day was a whirlwind of activity, featuring show bags, fire service awards, the dachshund dash, skydiving (still not my cup of tea), helicopter rides, laser tag, an abundance of food, livestock displays, and, of course, the pavilion filled with entries from home industries. The feedback from both residents and visitors has been overwhelmingly positive, and we eagerly anticipate the new surprises in store for next year's show.

Cabaret

On Saturday night, the weather perfectly matched the event with thunder and lightning illuminating the skies during the Halloween-themed cabaret. Our guest band, Hump, had the dance floor rocking, and it's worth noting that our Islanders went all out with their costumes. The range was astounding, from zombies and vampires, to witches and cheerleaders, and everything in between. Jan Lees' donated orchid raised an impressive \$600, while Pura Graham's clivia fetched \$100.

The prizes for the best costumes were awarded as follows: Holly Barnewall (most creative), Emily Brophy (best female and creepiest costume), Chris Murphy (best male and stayed in character throughout the night), and the title of the best couple went to Hannah Green and Zach Kilby, who came dressed as a bride and groom who must have had a particularly eventful wedding.

Halloween

To ensure the kids don't miss out on Halloween fun, Council is planning a "trick or treat" event around Whitemark, followed by a sausage sizzle and a disco (to burn off all the lollies). If you're willing to be a stop on the map for our young trick-

or-treaters, please let Council staff know by calling 6359 5001 before Friday 27 October.

Budget

The 2023/2024 Council budget has earmarked \$30,000 for projects on Cape Barren Island. If you're a resident on Cape Barren Island and have ideas about where or how these funds should be allocated, please reach out to me at 0467 0468 09 or rachel.summers@flinders.tas.gov.au.

Furneaux Festival

Preparations are already underway for the 2024 Furneaux Festival to be held in January next year, marking the 10th anniversary of this special event. Building on the success of this year's festival, the Islander Portrait Prize will return as a part of the 2024 Festival. The only requirement is that the subject must have a known connection to the Furneaux Islands. You can choose to draw, paint, photograph, sew, sculpt, or use any other creative method to present your subject.

Rachel Summers | Mayor

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**FLINDERS
COUNCIL**

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 22 November 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 17 November 2023 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au and at the Council Office.

**Warren Groves
General Manager**

Cash-4-Cans Update

Your assistance is needed! There's a substantial backlog of aluminium cans awaiting sorting. We're planning a large-scale Cash-4-Cans sorting day on Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 10:00 to 12:00 at the Whitemark Tip. When you attend, please remember to wear a hat, long sleeves, long pants, and sturdy shoes (gloves and safety goggles will be provided).

This initiative is incredibly worthwhile as it raises funds for our local school. If you're available, please register by emailing or texting Sabrina at wastemanagement@flinders.tas.gov.au or 0456 730 174. Your support will make a meaningful difference!

drumMUSTER Update

The tip's drumMUSTER cage has undergone a thorough cleaning. We successfully claimed 450 eligible drums and removed over 270 ineligible containers.

To enhance the program's efficiency, Council will now conduct drumMUSTER drop-off days every first Wednesday of the month, starting on November 1st, from 8:30 to 11:30 am. On these dedicated days, a designated staff member will assist with form completion and answer any questions. Please note that the cage will not be accessible at any other times.

Rates Reminder



**1st Instalment Rates are due
Tuesday 31st October 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
- 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

FIRE PERMITS

Fire permits are now required for the
Flinders Municipality.

A fire permit can be obtained by
free calling 1800 000 699



CALL FOR COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Nominations from the public are called for the position of **Transport Sector Representative** on the **Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee of Council**.

The Committee consists of council and community representatives and exists to provide recommendations to Flinders Council on shipping matters, including port and associated infrastructure where it relates to shipping.

Nominations can be sent to:

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

Or via email to governance@flinders.tas.gov.au

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

**Rachel Summers
Chair | Furneaux Group Shipping Special
Committee**