



## MAYOR'S REPORT

The Future of Local Government Review Final Report has been released and the recommendation for Flinders Municipality is that of no change, stating *"Flinders should likewise retain its own representation rather than be merged into a new North East council."* This is great news for our community, and I thank everyone who took the time to write a submission, speak to a Councillor or otherwise engage with the process. We do have until the end of February to submit feedback on this report before the Minister of Local Government, Nic Street.

The report also has 34 recommendations around voluntary amalgamation, shared services, community engagement, rating and revenue, elected member conduct and capability, performance monitoring and continuous improvement, partnering with the Tasmanian Government and developing the Council workforce.

Some Councils have expressed an interest in, or continuing discussions around amalgamations, and the report recommended reducing the state's current 29 Councils to 15.

The report is available on the Council website, or you can visit the Future of Local Government website. The main report is a short 200-page document, though a 14 page summary is also available. Flinders municipality-specific information starts on page 124 of the main report. Once Council has had time to assess the information presented, we will likely hold some information sessions (in late January/early February) before collating our final submission.

Some may have noticed new yellow lines around the "pram ramps" in Whitemark. These are designed to clearly mark where people with wheelchairs, prams, or those who need level access can cross the road more easily. Please refrain from parking in areas marked with yellow lines to ensure accessibility for everyone.

There have been some changes within our development services department recently which include the option to discuss your (potential) development directly with Council's qualified Planner. This can be done via a 001 Form lodged at reception. Further details on the new process can be found on the Council website or drop in to the office where our staff will be happy to help.

Rachel Summers | Mayor

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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

## WASTE UPDATE

### Cash-4-Cans

Between August and October, Flinders Council successfully organised four Cash-4-Cans sorting events. These received support from **14 remarkable community members**, some generously volunteering multiple times. Together, these events resulted in the creation of five bales of sorted aluminium cans, all of which have now been shipped off the island for recycling! The profits earned will directly benefit the Flinders Island District High School.

To further improve this initiative, Council staff cleared and relocated the stockpile of cans to the

concrete slab. This cleanup provided an opportunity to assess the quantity of cans awaiting sorting, revealing a total of 103 bulk bags and two small skip bins, estimated to be around 80 cubic meters of cans.

To close out the year and reduce this stockpile, we've arranged two additional sorting events:

- Saturday, 25 November 2023, from 10:00 to 12:00
- Wednesday, 6 December 2023, from 10:00 to 13:30

If you haven't had the chance to join us yet, feel free to come down for an hour or two! Every contribution counts. Register your interest by contacting Sabrina via email or text 0456 730 174 ([wastemanagement@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:wastemanagement@flinders.tas.gov.au)).

A special acknowledgment is due to Nicole Schubert from Killiecrankie, a driving force behind the success of this initiative.

### Recycling Hubs

Since its launch, the Community Recycling Hub has successfully collected a total of 59.869 kilograms of eligible products. During this time, we received only 3 kilograms of ineligible items, accounting for just under 5% of contamination (predominantly non-genuine printer cartridges). Although our aim is to reduce this to 0%, this serves as a great starting point.

Here are the top five performing programs:

- 🔋 Battery: 21.311 kg
- 🖨️ Cartridges: 18.017 kg
- ☕ Nespresso Capsules: 7.177 kg
- 📱 MobileMuster: 6.805 kg
- 👩 Beauty & Skincare: 2.045 kg

This effort by our community is truly commendable!

### drumMUSTER

Our drumMUSTER drop-off days are exclusively hosted on the first Wednesday of every month. The next event is scheduled for 6th December 2023 8:30 – 11:30 am. Please be advised that the January 2024 event will not take place due to the Council Christmas closure.

We kindly request that drums are not left in front of the closed gate. Doing so not only creates additional work for staff but also poses a risk to other visitors. Please ensure that all drums are thoroughly triple rinsed with no remaining chemicals before drop-off.

### PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

In an effort to enhance efficiency regarding planning enquiries and assessments, Council has amended its process for planning enquiries and submission.

If you're interested in submitting an enquiry related to development, the available options are:

- Visit our website at [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) and navigate to the "Development" tab to find information about Council's planning processes.
- Access applicable zones and codes at [www.thelist.tas.gov.au](http://www.thelist.tas.gov.au).
- Visit the Council office on Davies Street, Whitemark, and pickup an info pack.
- Submit an enquiry via the PlanBuild website at [www.planbuild.tas.gov.au](http://www.planbuild.tas.gov.au).
- Complete a 001 Form with basic details at the Council office and a qualified planner will contact you regarding your development proposal.

For all other enquiries please contact our friendly Receptionists at the Council office by calling 63 595 001 or to submit a development application email: [development.services@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:development.services@flinders.tas.gov.au).



Making a choice to leave or stay when a bushfire threatens is too late. You and your loved ones' safety and survival during a bushfire will depend on how prepared you are, and the decisions you make. TFS recommends having a Bushfire Plan and sharing it with household members, neighbours and friends.

<https://www.fire.tas.gov.au/>



### 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](mailto:governance@flinders.tas.gov.au)

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

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



### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

The Annual General Meeting of the Flinders Council will be held in the Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre on Wednesday 13 December 2023, commencing at 5.00pm. All are welcome to attend.

The Annual Report of the Council will be available during office hours at the Council Offices, Davies Street, Whitemark and also on the Council website <https://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/annual-reports> from Monday 20 November 2023. Submissions on the Report from members of the public are welcome and can be made in writing and forwarded to the General Manager no later than 5.00pm, Monday 4 December 2023.

**Warren Groves**  
**General Manager**



### POLICIES 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 25 October 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting to adopt the following policies:

- Customer Service Charter, and
- Visits - Cape Barren Island Policy.

The policies will lie on the table for public comment until 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023. They are 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 these policies, please do so by addressing relative correspondence to:

**Warren Groves**  
**General Manager**

**PO Box 40**  
**Whitemark TAS 7255**



### 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 13 December 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 8 December 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**



### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – CASUAL EMPLOYMENT POOL

In order to provide flexibility to the Council to fill casual vacancies quickly as they may arise, a Casual Pool Register is open to suitable applicants who wish to express an interest in working for Council.

If you are a motivated and efficient individual seeking casual employment which may work in with your lifestyle, this would be a great opportunity to register your interest to join a Local Government Team.

Currently Council is seeking applicants who are interested in casual employment in the following areas:

- Works & Services
- Administration

If you are interested in being considered for Councils, casual pool register please forward your resume via email to [hr@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:hr@flinders.tas.gov.au)



### POSITION VACANT Works and Services Coordinator

**Flinders Council is seeking to appoint a Works and Services Coordinator.**

The role will provide practical and technical expertise to Council on roads and road related infrastructure, asset management, waste, quarries, and lead a great team of hardworking Works and Services staff.

Previous leadership experience is required, preferably within the Local Government sector. experience, strong communication skills and the ability to problem solve is essential.

This is a full time, permanent role, the salary offered is subject to negotiation and dependent upon qualifications and experience.

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

Applications addressing the knowledge, skills & experience section and a current resume are required by COB on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

Applications marked “**Confidential**” – **Works and Services Coordinator**, should be forwarded to the **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)**

**Warren Groves  
General Manager**