



I'm concerned with the growing number of community members who have fallen victim to scams. It seems that every day there is something new to be watching out for, and the scammers are getting very clever, making their emails and text messages almost indistinguishable from the real thing.

We are currently looking at co-ordinating some Cyber-awareness sessions which will be free for community members to attend. At these sessions, you will be able to learn what to look out for, how to check if something is legit and what to do if you think you have been scammed.

Quite often, time is of the essence in these matters. Once all the details have been finalised, dates, time and venue will be advertised.

The other issue that has been raised with me a few times in the past few weeks is dog poo! Apparently, people have been stepping in some canine deposits and, rightly so, are less than pleased. Could all dog owners please ensure they pick up after their pet has pooped. Council provides doggy doo bags at the Golf Club end of the foreshore.

School has started for 2024 (finally!!) and this is just a gentle reminder to be aware of kids crossing Palana Road just near Thule Road between 8am and 9am, and then again from 3pm to 4pm.

Rachel Summers  
Mayor

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## APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2024 HYDRO COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM!

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. ----->



**Open date - 5 February 2024**

**Close date - 5pm 29 March**

**Grants awarded - 30 June**



## ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANTS FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED ENTERPRISES

Small and medium businesses can start preparing applications now for energy efficiency grants valued between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

Up to \$41.2 million in funding will be available in Round 2 of the Australian Government's Energy Efficiency Grants for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises.

The grants can fund a range of activities to help reduce pressure on energy bills and lower emissions, including:

- upgrading inefficient technologies, such as replacement of display fridge cabinets with more efficient models, or gas cookers with electric equivalents
- improving space and water heating systems
- conducting energy audits
- installing energy monitoring systems.

Further information available by scanning the QR Code --->





## Rates Reminder

**2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment Rates are due  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**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

## CURIOUS ABOUT COMMUNITY COMMITTEES?

**The Grassroots Community Governance  
program is a fully funded initiative of the  
Tasmanian Community Fund.**

The course will cover the below topics:

- Role of committee members and office bearers
- Key responsibilities of committees
- How to have effective committee meetings
- Recruiting volunteers and committee members
- Finances and budgeting
- Decision making
- Risk and conflict of interest



Save the date: March 15th, 2024



Where: FAEC (Carpeted Room), Whitemark

Register now by  
scanning the QR  
Code or come into  
the Council Office  
and pick up a  
paper registration.



**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 21 February 2024  
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 16 February 2024 on the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) and at the Council Office.

**Warren Groves  
General Manager**



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## 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**

## FLINDERS ISLAND WASTE UPDATES

### Cash-4-Cans

We kicked off the year on a positive note with the shipment of six bales (992 kilograms) for off-island recycling. Once again, Eastern Line Shipping generously transported the aluminium at a reduced fee as a donation to the school.

During the festive season, our collection of aluminium cans grew significantly, as expected. Therefore, we are pleased to announce three sorting events at the Whitemark Waste Facility:

- Thursday, 29th February - 9:30am to 12pm
- Sunday, 17th March – 2pm to 4pm
- Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March - 9am to 12pm

To volunteer, please contact Sabrina Carter on 0456 730 174 or email


[wastemanagement@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:wastemanagement@flinders.tas.gov.au).

Volunteers are reminded to wear long sleeves, a hat, and closed-toe footwear.

### Recycling Hub





In January, our hub collected 21 kg of eligible products, bringing the total diverted from landfill to over **100 kilograms** in less than 4 months. What a fantastic achievement! We're also pleased to note a decrease in the proportion of ineligible products, with only 4% in January compared to 4.8% in December. Here are the top five performing programs to date:

 Battery: 34.1 kg (please remember to tape both terminals to keep our supermarket safe!)

 Cartridges: 21.2 kg

 Nespresso Capsules: 15.7 kg

 MobileMuster: 8.7 kg

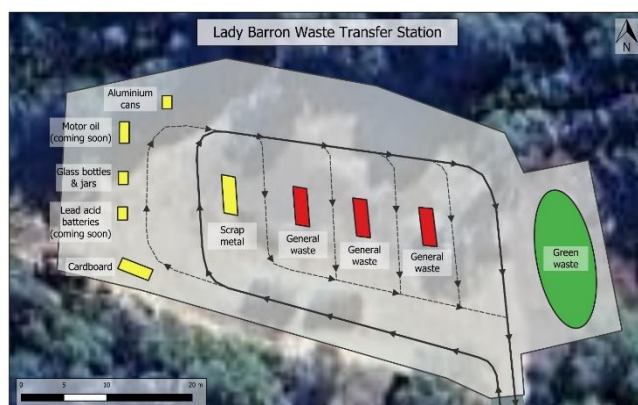
 Skincare: 5.1 kg

To enhance the hub's success, we've placed Recycling Hub stickers on the price tags of all eligible products sold at Walker's Supermarket. This initiative aims to clarify product eligibility and encourage more sustainable choices.

## Lady Barron Waste Transfer Station

The LB WTS recently underwent a makeover, with resurfacing and gravel addition, to improve traffic flow and operational activities. While we continue to enhance this facility, please note that currently only the following streams are accepted:

- General Waste
- Cardboard (flattened, please!)
- Glass
- Aluminium cans
- Scrap metal
- Green Waste



Please be aware that disposal of motor oil and lead acid batteries is suspended until containment areas are implemented. Additionally, mixed builders' waste, white goods, tyres, and cooking oil are no longer accepted at this facility. However, these items can be disposed of at the Whitemark Waste Facility during its opening times:

### 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
- **CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**