

Flinders Council is dedicated to supporting projects that enhance community life in the Furneaux Islands through the annual Community Grants Program. This year, a total of \$10,000 is available to assist community groups and individuals in fostering greater community connection, accessibility, and participation.

In addition to this, Flinders Council administers the Gunn Bequest Grant, tailored for sporting clubs in need of support for equipment, infrastructure, uniforms, and more. The grant offers a total pool of \$2,000 this year. Detailed information about both grant opportunities can be found on the Council's website.

As Easter approaches, excitement is building. The Lady Barron Hall Special Committee is hosting the annual Easter celebration at Lady Barron Hall on Saturday, 30th March 2024, from 8 am to 11 am. Join us for the 'Barron Big Breakfast' featuring egg & bacon sandwiches, pancakes, coffee, tea, and cake, all in support of the Lady Barron Hall and Recreation Facilities. It's a wonderful opportunity to come together, enjoy delicious food, and contribute to a great cause.

The festivities will include an Easter Bonnet Parade at 9:45 am, possibly judged by the Easter Bunny himself if the weather allows his visit to the island. To prepare for this, Council's Community Development Team is hosting an Easter Bonnet-making workshop on Thursday, 28th at 3:30 pm at the FAEC.

One of the many joys of living on Flinders Island is the freedom to take our dogs almost anywhere. However, there are certain places where dogs are not permitted, such as Strzelecki National Park, which includes Mount Strzelecki and Trousers Point Beach. It's

important to note that fines can be imposed if dogs are found unattended or not under suitable control in conservation areas. Recently, there have been reports of dogs roaming freely. It is essential to remember that any dog found at large on land used for livestock-related activities may be destroyed by the landowner—a fate no one wishes for their beloved pet.

Rachel Summers Mayor

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FLINDERS ISLAND WASTE UPDATES Upcoming Cash-4-Cans Sorting Days



Calling all Islanders! We're on a mission to tackle the bulk bags stuffed with aluminium cans, and we need YOUR help to make it happen. Whether you prefer beer or soft drinks, come lend a hand and let's transform this waste into support for our local school.

Grab your friends and join us on:

Wednesday, 10th April, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Wearing long sleeves, a hat, and closed-toe footwear is a must for safety. Your RSVP would be greatly appreciated!

For more information or to RSVP, reach out to Sabrina Carter on 0456 730 174 or wastemanagement@flinders.tas.gov.au.

SAFE HARBOUR UPDATE

We're excited to share progress on the Safe Harbour Project, with a significant milestone reached thanks to an additional \$900,000 funding.

This injection of support paves the way for further enhancements for the project, including an extended break wall, an expanded safe boating area, and the potential for a (future, second stage) small-medium sized marina, promising a safer and more vibrant community space.

The engineering and design phase has been completed, marking a critical step forward. Additionally, the Development Application process has seen significant advancement, with ongoing efforts to secure the necessary approvals from Crown Land Services.

Further work remains, such as finalising the funding agreement with TasPorts, addressing delays caused by a grant amendment for the wall extension, ensuring the availability of additional rock, and securing Crown Land Lease agreements.

In achieving these tasks, we remain committed to pushing forward with the project, driven by the significant benefits it will bring to our community.

We appreciate your ongoing support and patience as we work through these project requirements.

Warren Groves General Manager







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



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 17 April 2024 commencing at 1pm.

Public Question Time will be held between $1:00-1:30\,\mathrm{pm}$. Members of the public are invited to attend.

The Agenda will be available for perusal from Friday 12 April 2024 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au and at the Council Office.

Warren Groves General Manager