



## ACTING MAYORS REPORT

There is a book, written by Lemony Snickett, titled "A Series of Unfortunate Events" and recent goings on could easily have been a chapter within. Our Mayor, Annie Revie, is currently on sick leave, and whilst this would normally see the Deputy Mayor act up into the head role, Councillor Williams decided it would be far more exciting to break a bone. So it is up to me, the Acting Acting Mayor, to report to you what has been going on in Council Land for the past few weeks.

### 85th Flinders Island Show

Show time is always a busy time for many people, including our Works staff who in the weeks leading up to show day can be found cleaning, repairing and setting up. A big thank you to all staff involved with getting the showgrounds ready for its biggest event.

The Show Committee once again presented a day for all with a variety of trades, entertainment, exhibitors and food, despite a bit of wind. But is it really a day on Flinders if there isn't a breeze? Like so many community groups on the island, it is only through the hard work and dedication of volunteers that events such as this are able to be held. If you have a few hours to spare, there are many groups that would love a new member or two.

### 2019 Flinders Council Citizen of the Year Award

This year, Gerald Dilger was announced as the recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award. Gerald has been involved in almost every sport on the island including football, cricket, badminton, target shooting, lawn bowls and of course golf - mentoring younger players, organising events and co-ordinating sponsorship. He has also raked up a number of years with community groups such as the Show Society (40 years), Flinders Sports & RSL Club (30 years) and Little Athletics to name a few. He has even been with the Tasmanian Fire Service as a volunteer for almost 50 years.

I'm sure we can all agree, he is a worthy recipient.

Flinders Island has one of the highest volunteer rates in Australia, and the majority of people aren't doing it for the kudos, however, it is important to recognise and celebrate the extraordinary contributions that are made to and by our community. It is just one way that people are able to say 'thank you'.

### Councillor Blyth's Kokoda Trek

In October, Councillor Sharon Blyth travelled to Papua New Guinea to trek the Kokoda Trail. This mountainous, jungle trail was the scene of many battles between the Allied forces and the Japanese during WWII. The purpose of the trek was to help win a battle faced by many, including a number of Islanders. Sharon raised over \$10,000 for the Cancer Council to go towards research and support services for those touched by cancer. Congratulations to Councillor Blyth for completing such an arduous journey.

### General Manager Recruitment

Recruitment is well underway for our new General Manager. Advertisements have gone out through local, state and national media as well as online through websites such as Seek and Indeed. An application pack is available on Council's website if you, or someone you know is interested in applying.

**Acknowledgement of Country** At the September Ordinary Council Meeting, Council voted unanimously to include an Acknowledgement of Country at the beginning of each meeting. The motion was brought forward by Councillor Blyth and will acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Owners of the land in our municipality.

That is all I have for this report. I wish Annie a speedy recovery, and look forward to handing the reins back to Councillor Williams later this week.

Rachel Summers (Acting, Acting Mayor)

## WE'RE UPDATING THE LOCAL BUSINESS DIRECTORY ON THE COUNCIL WEBSITE

If you'd like to be included or update your existing details - please send us through an email at [office@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:office@flinders.tas.gov.au) and we'll get right to it!

<http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/furneaux-business-directory>

### 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, Flinders Island on:

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 9.30am.**

Public Question Time will be held between 9.30 – 10.00am. Members of the public are invited to attend.

The Agenda will be available for perusal from Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November on the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) and at the Council Office.

Heidi Marshall | **ACTING GENERAL MANAGER**

### WHITEMARK TIP OPENING HOURS

**SUN, MON, FRI 1.30pm - 4.30pm**  
**TUES +THURS 7.00am -10.00am**  
**WEDNESDAYS 8.30am - 11.30am**  
**CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

### POSITION VACANT: GENERAL MANAGER

#### The location:

The Flinders Municipality includes the communities within the Furneaux Group and the islands of eastern Bass Strait up to the Victorian border, including the Hogan Group and the Kent Group. It is home to 900 residents. Flinders Island, the largest of the Furneaux Group, features over 120 pristine beaches, stunning mountain peaks, rolling countryside and native bushlands with an abundance of wildlife

#### The role:

The General Manager is responsible to the Mayor and Councillors for the delivery of Council's strategic plan and its ongoing development. The position calls for a strong leader that connects with all levels of community and government and empowers staff to achieve and exceed expectations.

The applicant will be well versed in Local Government, appreciative of the challenges a small municipality offers and driven by the need to develop unique and sustainable outcomes for Council and the community. Technically all applicants will be well educated and experienced in business management, particularly as it relates to risk and compliance across finance, human resources, economic and community development.

#### More information and to apply:

For more information about the role access the applicant information pack here or contact Council's Human Resource Consultant, Kristy Scott on 0419 534 470 or [kristy@hrisesp.com.au](mailto:kristy@hrisesp.com.au)