



NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

BE SURE TO TAKE A LOOK AT COUNCIL'S ANNUAL PLAN

The June Ordinary Council Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 15th June. One agenda item under consideration by Council, and hopefully approve, is the Annual Plan 2021/2022. The *Local Government Act 1993* legislates that each Tasmanian council identifies a ten-year Strategic Plan that is closely based on the expressed needs of the Community. Each financial year, councils must plan what they hope to achieve from their strategic plans. The Annual Plan drives Council's work over the financial year. It is an important document; in that it also includes the annual budget that will fund the year's operations. The Plan will be published on Council's website following its approval and a copy available at the front desk.

I FEEL VERY PROUD OF THE COMING ANNUAL PLAN

In preparation for Tuesday's Ordinary Meeting, I have just completed my reading of the Annual Plan. I believe its goals are of high quality and align and connect clearly with the Strategic Plan 2021/2031. The goals are also achievable and highly relevant to current needs. I wish to thank those community members who contributed to the Strategic Plan and who thus contributed to the Annual Plan. I also wish to thank all Councillors and staff, whose work has led to these important documents. In advance I thank them also for the work they will put in to ensure the objectives are achieved.

PUBLIC FINANCIAL FORUM

Councils' Finance Department officers have been working so hard to achieve:

- Year-end processes and procedures;
- User Fees, Rates and Budget;

- Completion of the Long-Term Financial and Asset Management Plans and Strategies.

This is the first time that all of these long-term documents have been completed. Thanks to the work of our leadership team and their staff, Council is now in a good position to take on the next ten years' planning and budgeting. By the 30 June, Council will have fulfilled its legislative obligations completely. I am so pleased to welcome this and offer profound thanks to all, especially to Heidi Marshall and her team.

To enable transparency with our community, Council will be offering a public forum in the coming month or two. Please make every effort to attend.

COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIOS

Over future editions of Island News I aim to provide information on Councillor Portfolios. As I have explained above, the main work of Council is linked directly to its Strategic and Annual Plans. Other work arises over the year of course. To make Council's work for the community more effective and efficient, each Councillor has taken on one or more portfolios. In previous Island News editions, I have published these portfolios. In future copies I will be providing a bit more information on each so that the Community knows who to contact for what.

BEGINNING WITH THE MAYOR

I am not putting my role above that of other Councillors. Simply – I am working away from home this weekend and do not have details of other Councillors' portfolios with me.

MY PORTFOLIO IS BASED ON MY INTERESTS AS WELL AS ON THE SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL I CHAIR.

1. SHIPPING

Chair of the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee. This committee's purpose is to provide recommendations to Flinders Council on shipping matters, including port and associated infrastructure where it relates to shipping. This is quite a large committee and includes a range of representatives for various island sectors: farmers; stock agents; transporters; Furneaux Freight Shipping Company; Department of State Growth; Councillors and Council staff; the general community; Flinders Island Business; TasPorts; commerce. The committee is working well, and members work hard to ensure effectiveness and efficiency.

2. AVIATION

Chair of the Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee. This committee's purpose is to

provide advice to Flinders Council on aviation matters with the involvement of members that represent the municipality and to provide advice on matters relating to the airport and associated infrastructure where these matters apply to and affect aviation matters. It has representatives of Council, with special knowledge and responsibility for the airport and aviation. It also includes Councillors, a representative from community, Flinders Island Business Incorporated, Sharp Airlines and Department of State Growth.

3. FISHING/BOATING

Investigating forming a Special Committee of Council to make recommendations to Council on issues related to boat ramps.

4. VISITOR ECONOMY shared with Councillor Blyth.

This currently involves working with several stakeholders in setting up the 'Islander Way Project'. Council successfully lobbied the Premier, who is Minister for Tourism, for \$300,000 to set up and implement this project. I recently went to Launceston working with stakeholders on the project brief and planning framework. In the near future, I hope we will begin work directly with our community to implement objectives: the key objectives will come directly from community work.

5. WASTE MANAGEMENT

My portfolio also includes waste disposal.

Having the above portfolio and membership of various committees does not mean I have all the expertise – no way. Councillors must work together to make decisions which means we must continuously keep each other informed, sharing information and being accountable to each other. Staff members also have special responsibilities across topics and various areas. If community members wish to be in touch with any councillor at all, this is welcome. But the above are particular topics and areas that I am working on. If you wish to provide input, clarify or receive information, or work more closely on any of these topics, please feel free to contact me. This Council is committed to engaging with its community. Other Councillors' portfolios will be published in future editions of Island News.

SPEAKING OF COUNCIL WASTE STRATEGY

I was asked recently to clarify why Council's Waste Strategy is so far showing few signs of coming into being. I admit to feeling slightly embarrassed that implementation of the Waste Strategy has been so slow. There are several

reasons as to why this is the case. Please do not interpret the reasons as excuses. They are very real and have held up work in a very real way.

- **Applying for the relative funding has been extremely complex and time consuming.**
- **The availability of local tradespeople to carry out the necessary tasks in setting up the new tip and transfer station infrastructure has created delays.**
- **Within Council there has been a significant number of our skilled workforce who have been affected by serious and debilitating illness.**

We therefore made a recent decision to delay several actions:

- **The building of the new lined cell for landfill has been delayed for a few months.**
- **As a result, the closing and covering of the current cell has been delayed. All landfill is still going into this cell.**
- **The work involving setting up the new waste disposal infrastructure will begin in the period between June and December.**
- **An education program will also take place in the period between June and the end of the year.**

I apologise for the above delays and am so looking forward to Council making a big start to this much-needed work.

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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 20 July 2021 at 2:00pm.

Public Question Time will be held between 2:00pm – 2:30pm

The Agenda will be available for perusal from Thursday 15 July 2021 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au.

Warren Groves | GENERAL MANAGER

SAFE HARBOUR PROJECT UPDATE

I am very pleased to advise the Community that Council submitted the Safe Harbour grant application last Friday 11 June, prior to the closing date of 30 June 2021.

Following submission, an assessment period will follow, prior to formal notification of the success of the application. Council and the funding body will then conduct a grant formalisation (Grant deed) process prior to commencing the second, construction, phase of the project.

The ideal period for construction of this project is over the summer months. Subject to the requirements and time frames of the grant deed, it is Council's preference to commence construction as soon as practicable.

Following the approval of the grant council will exhibit the initial design for community consideration.

Warren Groves
General Manager

WORKS DEPARTMENT

Council is currently undertaking approximately 4km of gravel road resheeting on Palana Rd to be completed by the end of June, weather permitting.

Council will also be undertaking maintenance grading across the Island over the next few weeks weather permitting.

Council is aware that numerous potholes have appeared on various bitumen roads around the Island due to the recent rain. Council's road maintenance crew will be working on repairing the potholes once we get a few dry days without rain.

Council works crews were busy cleaning up downed trees after the recent stormy weather. They also prepared the showground facilities prior to the Lion's market on Saturday, 12th June.

Many Hands Make Light Work!

The next Cash 4 Cans Day will be on Saturday 26th June from 11:30am - 1:00pm at the Whitemark Tip.

Everyone welcome - please visit flinders.tas.gov.au/cash4cans to register

VISITOR INFORMATION APP



Scan the QR code with your smartphone to download the Visitor Information App.

WHITEMARK TIP HOURS

Monday	CLOSED
Thursday	CLOSED
Saturday	CLOSED
Tuesday	9:30 – 1:00pm
Wednesday	9:30 – 1:00pm
Friday	9:30 – 1:00pm
Sunday	1:30 – 4:30pm

CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

CHECK IN TAS APP



As of 1st May, all people entering our Council facilities will need to use the "Check in Tas" app (aged over 16 years and in the venue 15 minutes or more)

Check in TAS makes contact tracing easier by sending data directly to the Department of Health.

Details are kept for 28 days and only accessed if there is a case of COVID-19 in the community.

Please do your bit to ensure we keep our community safe.

FLINDERS DRAFT LOCAL PROVISIONS SCHEDULE – EXHIBITION

The *Flinders Draft Local Provisions Schedule (LPS)* commenced public exhibition on 2nd June 2021 and will remain so until the close of business, 2nd August 2021.

The exhibition documents for the Draft Flinders LPS and supporting documents can be viewed:

- During business hours at the Flinders Council offices, from 9am until 4:30pm, Monday to Friday at 4 Davies St, Whitemark
- Anytime via Flinders Council website: www.flinders.tas.gov.au/draftscheme

Representations are invited on the contents of the LPS and can be made in writing to the General Manager, Flinders Council marked 'CONFIDENTIAL – PLANNING EXHIBITION REPRESENTATION' until close of business Wednesday, 2 August 2021 and submitted:

- in person 4 Davies St, Whitemark TAS 7255; or
- posted to PO Box 40, Whitemark TAS 7255; or
- emailed to development.services@flinders.tas.gov.au

**Representations must include your name and contact details and clearly identify your concerns with the Draft LPS. Representations will be loaded onto the Commission website and are public documents.*

FLINDERS DRAFT LPS



Scan the QR code with your smartphone to download.



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COUNCIL**

FREE DEVELOPMENT ENQUIRY SERVICE 001 FORM

If you are looking to undertake building works in the Municipality, Council encourages you to complete a Development Enquiry Form (001 Form).

This is a free service offered to advise if any development will require Planning, Building or Plumbing permits.

You can access the 001 Form online at www.flinders.tas.gov.au/applications-forms or printed copies are available from Council's reception. **Please make sure to include as much detail as possible and attach drawings.** Council Officers will conduct a preliminary assessment of the details and provide a written response with regards to the required process to gain permits or exemptions for work.

Council is unable to provide verbal advice. If you wish to commence work on any project you must ensure you have confirmation in writing from Council.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Council's Development Services department on 6359 5001 or at development.servcies@flinders.tas.gov.au

FLINDERS ISLAND REGIONAL ARTS FUND INFORMATION NIGHT

RANT Arts are hitting the road to provide information on current opportunities available for Tasmanians through the Regional Arts Fund! Grants on offer are designed to benefit regional and remote arts practitioners, art workers, audiences and communities.

**FRIDAY 18TH JUNE
FURNEAUX ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE
ROSE GARDEN ROOM
4:30PM**

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