



## NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

### REVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Review of Local Government was recommended by the Premier's Economic and Social Recovery Advisory Council (PESRAC). The initial word from PESRAC was that the current 29 Municipalities be reduced by Parliament – possibly to 15. “By Parliament” meant that there would have to be agreement among the whole parliament, not by the State Government alone.

The Hon Roger Jaensch, State Minister for Local Government, will address a Special Local Government Association meeting, to be held in Devonport next week, on how the State Government plans to approach a review of Local Government. Council General Manager and myself find it important that we attend.

At this meeting Minister Jaensch will discuss how and why the Government seeks to proceed with the review. It is Council's preference that Flinders Municipality is not forced to merge with any other Mainland Municipality. Our reasons for this include:

- Flinders' level of isolation and remoteness is not readily understood by other Councils. Neither is our small size and low rate base.
- It is only during 2021 that The Local Government Association has shown significant growth in understanding of Flinders' and King's unique situation, and of the very different circumstances that our isolated and remote island communities face.
- Being so remote, as well as separated from mainland Tasmania by the Bass Strait, means that things often need to be addressed in innovative ways.

This Council is committed to transparency with its community. Over the next few weeks we will be sharing with residents what we have learned.

If anyone has important ideas to share with us, please feel free to do so.

### COUNCIL KNOWS THAT CAMPING ISSUES CONCERN THE COMMUNITY

We continue to work on improving the camping experience for both campers and locals alike.

Parks & Wildlife Services recently shared the Council information link for camping on Flinders Island on their 'Know Before You Go' page on the PWS website.

Information on the Council website can be found at <https://flinders.tas.gov.au/camping-on-flinders-island>

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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

### CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

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### RECYCLING AT FLINDERS COUNCIL

#### Mobile Muster

Dig out and recycle your old mobile phones. It's good for your home and the environment! You can drop your old phones into the Council front office.

#### Used Printer Ink Cartridges

Council has resumed collecting printer ink cartridges for Planet Ark. Please drop off any used cartridges to the Council front office. Do your bit to reduce landfill!

### **Policies to be Suspended and Endorsed**

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 21 September 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting to suspend the **Volunteer of the Year Policy** and endorse the **Enforcement Policy**.

These policies will lie on the table for public comment until 5 November 2021. They are available to download from the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies) and hardcopies are available from the Council Office.

Should you wish to make comment on the policy, please do so by addressing relative correspondence to:

Warren Groves

**General Manager**



### **Ordinary Council Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the **16 November 2021** Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council will be held at the **FAEC, Rose Garden, commencing at 2pm.**

Public Question Time will be held 2.00 – 2.30pm. Members of the public are invited to attend.

The agenda will be available for perusal from Thursday 11 November 2021 on the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) and at the Council Office.

Warren Groves  
**General Manager**