



## NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

### NEXT MEETING OF FLINDERS BOATING SPECIAL COMMITTEE

At the last meeting of this committee, members went to the Whitemark boat ramp site, to identify items for consideration to modify the boat ramp. All items have to be costed prior to our next meeting in order that we can make informed decisions. Chris Wilson, Council Infrastructure and Airport manager, has been doing the costings and they will be completed soon. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 5.30 to 7.30 pm, in the carpet room of the FAEC.

### SOME GOOD NEWS

At the end of 2021, Council applied to the State Government for a Camping / Fishing Grant. In the last couple of weeks, Minister Jaensch wrote to Council letting us know that Council has been granted \$90,000. We have accepted Minister Jaensch's offer and thanked him. The money will be used to improve fishing and camping facilities on the Island. Our Community Development team will provide further details for the community in the near future.

### SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF ARTIE WITHERS

On behalf of Council and the community, I offer sincere condolences to the family of Artie Withers, on his recent death. Artie was indeed a gentleman. Along with others, I got to know Artie through delivering Mobile Meals to him each week. He was always so appreciative of this service and was a pleasure to visit. Artie was an amazing storyteller. His tales of his time working at the airport for many years were fascinating. He did that at a time when there were no lights installed for night landings. Every time the RFDS plane had to fly in or out, Artie would have to go out to set up lights to guide the landing and take-off. It was wonderful that he was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for his long and

excellent service to the Islands. Vale Artie. The Islanders will be missing you already.

### STAY SAFE EVERYONE – WE NEVER KNOW WHEN COVID-19 WILL STRIKE NEXT!

Please be sure to wear a mask in public buildings, to get vaccinated if you haven't yet done so, and take a test if you become symptomatic.

### THE ISLANDER WAY CHAMPIONS GROUP

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, there was a meeting of the Islander Way Champions group. Sarah Lebski and Dianne Dredge attended the meeting by zoom. Please read the update from Sarah and Dianne in this Island News.

### ANNIE REVIE

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**Grassroots  
Community  
Governance**

The Tasmanian Community Fund (TCF) knows all too well that volunteers are vital to community connection, safety, health, and wellbeing.

Many communities and organisations are reliant on volunteers to take on committee or board positions to support effective governance, and in many cases operations of their organisation.

As the TCF team travels around the state meeting communities and organisations, one issue is regularly raised - the difficulty of recruiting volunteers and ensuring that existing and new volunteers have the knowledge and skills to take on the roles required to keep

organisations and initiatives running. These concerns are more pronounced in rural and regional areas.

To help meet this need in the community, the TCF is implementing a new program to strengthen the governance capability and confidence of the many volunteers working in community organisations around the state by running a state-wide series of governance workshops.

The TCF's Grassroots Community Governance program aims to build knowledge and give people the confidence to take on and stay in volunteer roles.

Latrobe-based Alkas Consulting has been awarded the grant to conduct the 45 workshops over three years in all corners of the state. A workshop will be conducted Flinders Island in Whitemark on 30 April 2022.

Booking and event details available soon. Keep an eye out on the Grassroots Community Governance Tasmania facebook page.

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## **WATER RESTRICTIONS**

**Stage two water restrictions are now in place for Whitemark.**

This is to ensure the community has a continuous water supply over the warmer months due to the Henderson Dam upgrade.

**For information on water restrictions and what it means to you visit:**  
[www.taswater.com.au/news/restrictions](http://www.taswater.com.au/news/restrictions)

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## **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

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## **CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

## **PALANA RD – UPDATE**

### **Updates to Palana Rd project**

Work has commenced on the Palana Rd project and this past week has seen the addition of crushed rock, grading and levelling of the road in preparation for pavement stabilisation /strengthening.

Stage 1 - The stabilisation of 5km of pavement starting at Five Mile Jim Rd and heading south.

- This process involves mixing cement into the base layers of the road to provide longer-lasting road base and preparation for bitumen surfacing.

Stage 2 - complete the remaining 1.5km of stabilisation on Palana Rd.

- Spray sealing will be completed in two layers to seal the prepared surface and provide a wearing surface to the pavement.

Between stabilising and sealing there will be water carts operating along the length of completed works to keep dust down and preserve the surface.

Line marking and pavement marker installation to complete delineation and finalise the works.

Please follow traffic directions and signage.

Completion date will be late March/early April

Chris Wilson  
**Manager Infrastructure and Airport**

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## **PAYMENT OF RATES**

**2nd Instalment  
due Monday 28th February 2022**

**Rate payment options are listed on the back of your Rates Notice and can be paid:**

- by Credit Card Online at Councils Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au/make-a-payment](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/make-a-payment)
- or by phoning our Customer Service Centre on 6359 5001
- by Cheque or Money order mailed to GPO Box 40, Whitemark, TAS 7255

**Following Councils COVID Safety Plan, if you need information or to make a payment in person, please ring the front office on 6359 5001 to arrange a time to visit.**

## PALANA ROAD COMMUNITY SURVEY

Sealing Palana Road is a priority project for Flinders Council and we are inviting community members to assist in developing a case study to apply for state and federal funding.

This survey will close Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb at 5:00pm and findings will be used in a roads funding application to be submitted by the 19<sup>th</sup> Feb.

This funding opportunity if successful, will enable further sealing of Palana Rd, from Five Mile Jim Rd to the Palana boat ramp

Community engagement will play an important role in preparing our funding application and we would like to hear from as many community members as possible.

## Palana Rd Community Survey



**PLEASE SCAN**

or visit the link at  
<https://bit.ly/3Jftc05>

### Casual Register

Did you know that Council maintains a Casual Employment Register?

We are currently accepting Expressions of Interest for casual administration positions with flexible hours at Flinders Council. Those with computer literacy and administrative skills are encouraged to submit a resume and cover letter to [jade.boyes@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:jade.boyes@flinders.tas.gov.au)

Flinders Council is an equal opportunity employer.



**FLINDERS  
COUNCIL**

### ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Notice is hereby given that the 2022 Ordinary Meetings of Flinders Council will be held at the Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre, Whitemark on the following Tuesdays unless stated:

- 18 January
- 15 February
- 15 March
- 12 April (at Lady Barron Hall)
- 17 May
- 14 June
- 19 July
- 16 August
- 20 September (at Emita Hall)
- 18 October
- 15 November
- 13 December

Council Meetings will start at 2:00pm and Public Question Time will be from 2.00pm – 2.30pm.

Each meeting agenda will be available for perusal on the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) or at the Council Office on the Thursday before the meeting.

Warren Groves  
**General Manager**