



NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

COUNCIL AIMS TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION

Communication is one of life's most important tools. It seems easy but it is far from it. Council is always looking to improve its communication. For many years the Island News has been the main source of community and Council information. However, I hear that some people do not read it as much as we would like.

Council will soon begin an email service that will go out once a month. It will include the Council information from Island News but will also include other topics. If Council does not have your email address and you would like to receive the monthly information, please contact community@flinders.tas.gov.au.

OTHER COMMUNITY INFORMATION SOURCES

There are other Council information sources that you should keep an eye on so that you know what is going on:

- Council website holds all public Council information and is regularly updated;
- Community Notice Board on Facebook is used by Council to bring attention to information Council wants most people to get as soon as possible;
- Island News will include the latest information every fortnight.

NEWS FROM THE FLINDERS BOATING SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The Flinders Boating Special Committee is working with Council to maintain and improve Council-owned boat ramps. Council owns 3 boat ramps on Flinders Island at: Whitemark, Lady Barron, and Port Davey. At last year's State election, \$120,000 was granted through this Committee to improve and maintain boat ramps.

The priority is to improve the Whitemark boat ramp that boaties have had trouble with for a long time. Things to be improved **include** the following:

- access from the Esplanade
- boat / car parking area;
- fender system on the southern side of the current ramp so that boats can be launched and landed easier;
- a lifebuoy on a stand in case of emergencies; and
- investigate the potential for a second boat ramp to be built on the northern side of the jetty – sheltered from south westerlies.

These recommendations are yet to be presented to Council and will be discussed in more detail at the next Flinders Boating Special Committee Meeting planned for the 30th of March.

ISLAND KIDS LOVE JUMPING FROM THE JETTY

If you look at the Facebook Community Notice Board, you can't help noticing how much fun many of our kids have jumping from the jetty. We wish children and parents to know that when boats are being launched or retrieved, safety is the priority at the boat ramp. Children and parents – to be safe, please stay off the boat ramp and jetty, when boats are going in or out of the water. We love that you have such a great time, but safety is vital.

THE ISLANDER WAY STORY

Soon, there will be workshops and forums so that the community can begin to identify what we value about tourism and ways we can improve how it is managed. Please look out for the dates so you can participate.

THE ISLANDER WAY

- The Islander Way is a way to manage how our island/s are shared with visitors;
- The beauty of these Islands is wonderful and sharing it is important;
- It will encourage Islanders to identify tourism ideas that will benefit Islanders as well as visitors.

THEREFORE

- The Islander Way does **not** aim to reduce visitation;
- Visitors support our businesses and the overall economy;
- They also help us to know what goes on in the rest of the world.

ANNIE REVIE MAYOR

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Talking Weeds

Council recently received funding from NRM North as part of the Tasmanian Weeds Action Fund. This is a three-year project for Council to tackle priority weeds on the Furneaux Islands that are impacting valuable agricultural and environmental assets.

The first stage of this project is the development of a Furneaux Islands Weed Management Strategy and Action Plan. Eve Lazarus (EnviroDynamics) and Andy North (North Barker EcoSystem Services) have been engaged to assist with the first phase of this project.



A brief online survey has been created for those to share feedback on weeds. To participate, visit the link or scan the QR code.

<https://bit.ly/3MwkGvR>

There will be future opportunities for the community to engage in Weed projects on the Islands.



CASH 4 CANS

**Saturday 26th March & April 2nd 2022
11:00am - 1:00pm Whitemark Tip**

Come along to help raise \$\$ for Flinders Island District High School by sorting aluminium cans saved from landfill.

Contact community@flinders.tas.gov.au if you would like to come along on the day or register and be involved 😊

Giving Shed Update

Due to the kindness of the community, the Giving Shed is continually receiving donations. As there is only a limited amount of display and storage room, it is only possible to display items for a limited amount of time. Once donations have been available for 4 weeks, excess items will be bagged up by the volunteers and sent to charities in Launceston, to make room for the new donations.

The volunteers at the Giving Shed respectfully request the following:

- No electrical items
- Clothing must be in good condition
- No socks or underwear
- New donations
 - Please place any new clothing donations in the bag at the front of the shed.
 - All other donations on the floor in front of this bag
 - There is now a section for painting/ gardening/ birding clothes, and a section for Flinders Island District High School uniforms.

Visitors to the Giving Shed are also reminded to please abide by COVID restrictions:

- Please use sanitiser provided
- Maintain social distancing

Visitors are also reminded the landfill closes promptly at the indicated time.

COVID Update from Ochre Health

On the 16th and 17th of March, Pfizer vaccinations for children aged 5-11 will be available. To schedule an appointment, please call Ochre Health at (03) 6359 2011.

Please continue to contact Ochre Health for COVID vaccine-related questions. Vaccination clinics will be held on an ongoing basis, and staff will be able to provide you with dates or place you on a waiting list.

Rapid Antigen tests are available for free for concession card holders, please call Ochre Health to order.

If you have an irritated or sore throat, cough, fever, runny nose, loss of taste or smell please stay home and call the doctors surgery for a telephone appointment.



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 15 March 2022 commencing at 2pm.

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

The Agenda will be available for perusal from Thursday 10 March 2022 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au and at the Council Office.

Warren Groves
General Manager



CALL FOR COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Nominations from the public are called for the position of Community Representative on the Whitemark Community Gym Special Committee of Council.

The Committee consists of council and community representatives and exists to support, assist and advise in the management and operation of the Whitemark Community Gym.

**Nominations can be sent to the Committee Chair:
Councillor Rachel Summers**

**Flinders Council
PO Box 40, Whitemark TAS 7255**

**Or via email to
rachel.summers@flinders.tas.gov.au**



Policy to be Rescinded

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 15 February 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting to rescind the **Sponsorship of Third Party Projects and Events Policy**.

The policy will lie on the table for public comment until 23 March 2022. It is available to download from the Council Website 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

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

CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS