



NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOU MAY THINK TO BUY LOCAL

I am aware that everyone on the Island sometimes make purchases by ordering on-line. I certainly buy goods on-line myself sometimes. But I do try to only buy things that cannot be bought on the Island. I simply want to encourage our community to consider a few points:

- Yes – purchasing goods on Island is always a little more expensive than buying on-line. But our business proprietors have to pay for freight charges.
- Our business owners also have to make a living. I do know that they keep prices as low as they possibly can.
- If more and more people purchase on-line, especially from the big stores like Coles and Woolworths, our local proprietors will eventually not manage to keep their businesses open. How will that affect residents I wonder?

I apologise if this sounds like a lecture. But living on an Island can be tricky for us all. Just a reminder then, to myself and to residents, to buy local when we possibly can!

THE ISLANDER WAY

Learning about the Islander Way is a gradual process. Everyone learns at different speeds and in different ways. We all learn better when we are interested in what we are learning about. All of that is OK. Every single person is good at things that other people might be hopeless at. I just ask everyone to hang in. Everyone will understand the basics in their own time and way.

The last seven or eight months have focused on consulting with the Community.

There are mixed feelings on the Island about how tourism is managed. The Islander Way first Principle is that visitors are important to the Island - for many reasons.

CONSIDER THESE REASONS:

- Yes - tourism supports Island economy, but the money visitors bring to the Island is not the only important thing.
- The Island Community and the Island Environment are every bit as important.
- The Island Lifestyle that we all enjoy is the main reason we live here after all.
- Very few people want to lose the excellent lifestyle we have through living in this 'paradise' we call home.
- Tourism has to be managed in ways that allows for the residents to maintain their much-loved lifestyles.
- Tourism must be managed, as far as possible, according to Flinders values.

Dianne Dredge and Sarah Lebski are leading the Islander Way Project, assisted by Roberto Daniele. Over the last six or so months:

- Islanders have completed surveys.
- Islanders have answered questions on post cards and sent them in.
- Islanders have agreed to be interviewed – both in groups and individually.
- As a result, over 400 Islander beliefs and values have been written and gathered.
- At the Whitemark Gallery, people have written comments about how they would like tourism to be managed.
- What Islanders have said is currently being analysed - both the positive and the negative
- In the near future, the data collected will be shared with the community.

Community projects will help attract visitors who really “get” what this Island is about.

This is why the project is called 'the Islander Way'. There is a special culture here and your data informs what we value and what we do not want. The data tells the story and I look forward to it's being shared so that everyone will gradually understand how this project will protect the Islander Way!

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ISLANDER WAY UPDATE

The past week has seen the Islander Way project move into an exciting new phase identifying regenerative tourism projects. Roberto Daniele from the Changemakers' Lab joined us to kick off the business incubator program. We will talk more about Roberto's workshops in the next edition of the Island News, and there will be information added to the Islander Way website.

A community workshop on 31 March explored the potential use of a visitor pledge or code of conduct which has been a popular topic raised in consultations. Examples of pledges were discussed along with options about how one might be established for Flinders Island. Participants identified visitor behaviours that they want to encourage or 'design in' along with those behaviours the community would like to discourage or 'design out'. There were thoughtful ideas about who would write the pledge, who it would apply to, and how and where it could be used.

The second community workshop on 31 March focussed on coming to a common understanding of what regenerative tourism could look like for Flinders Island. Through the community postcards, surveys, and interviews, we have gained a comprehensive understanding about what Islanders value, and your vision for the future. Some possible projects, actions and ideas for regenerative tourism based on these values and vision were identified and discussed by participants at the workshop.

A business forum attracted 15 participants, with six businesses represented. Discussions continued around a pledge as an educational and behavioural tool. Some kind of pledge could be part of a broader approach to managing visitor behaviour. Attendees learned that a pledge would only be an effective tool to support regenerative tourism as an important contributor to a diverse economy on the Island if its main focus is to educate visitors about Flinders community values. It was also agreed that it is very important to adopt a collaborative approach to a visitor economy, particularly on such a small island – i.e. enabling the community to understand the visitor products, experiences and services.

This brings us briefly to the business incubator program. The first two workshops were held on 27 and 29 April by Roberto Daniele. Approximately 40 participants shared some really positive and creative ideas as to how a regenerative visitor economy could help address the Island's broader challenges and

opportunities, through both business and community-led projects.

This business incubation, or acceleration phase, will continue to run over several months and is another layer in the project. However, it doesn't signal the end of our community engagement, which will be ongoing.

Thanks to everyone who came along to the community workshops, business forum and business incubator workshops. We genuinely appreciate your time and contributions. We know Islanders are very busy so, if you couldn't get along to Roberto's upcoming sessions, and have an idea you would like to discuss, please contact us – we'd really like to hear from you!

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ISLANDER PORTRAIT PRIZE

The Islander Portrait Prize has been rescheduled for the June long weekend.

Artists are invited to submit a work of art to the inaugural Islander Portrait Prize. The subject matter should be a person who has a known connection to Flinders Island.



Entries can be submitted in any medium (painting, drawing, digital photography, sculpture, etc.), but the maximum dimensions cannot exceed 1.5m x 1.5m.

The exhibition will be held at the Lady Barron Hall and submissions due 8th June.



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<https://flindersisland.app>

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



**FLINDERS
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COMMUNITY GRANTS

Applications for funding are now being sought from Community Groups.

Applications received by C.O.B. 10th May will be considered by Council as part of the budget process for the next financial year.

GUNN BEQUEST

Applications for funding are now being sought from sporting organisations under the Gunn Bequest.

These funds are provided to suitable projects for the promotion or improvement of sporting facilities on the Island. Applications must be received by C.O.B. Monday 10th May.

Written applications for both grants, using the forms available from the Council Office or the Council website <http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/community-grants-and-awards> should be addressed to:

General Manager
Flinders Council
PO Box 40
Whitemark TAS 7255

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 on:

Tuesday 17 May 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 12 May 2022 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au and at the Council Office.

Warren Groves
General Manager

FLINDERS PLANNING SCHEME UPDATE

The Tasmanian Planning Commission has issued its decision to Flinders Council, regarding the Local Provisions Schedule (LPS), after hearings were conducted in February. To find out more head to:

<https://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/draftscheme>

AIRPORT

Residents and visitors to the airport are reminded to observe all road rules and signage.

The Airport pickup and drop off parking area is 2 hour maximum parking time, these are both the front rows.

Car park users are reminded NOT to park on the pedestrian crossing as this area must be kept clear at all times.

Due to parking limitation within the Airport grounds, all owners of vehicles currently parked at the airport on a long-term basis are to park in the area sign posted and fenced, on the river bank near the solar panels, any issues please contact Airport Operations on 0429 813 929.

No unauthorised vehicle or persons are permitted past the RFDS hanger located opposite the Operations Office.

Chris Wilson
Manager Infrastructure and Airport

