



## NOTES FROM THE ACTING MAYOR

I'm writing the Mayor's Report for this issue of the Island News as unfortunately, Mayor Annie is unwell and Deputy Mayor David is off the Island. I wish a speedy recovery to Annie.

I'd like to start by just pointing out, in case anyone isn't aware, the water around here in winter is very cold. I'm not talking about just a bit cool but freeze your bones in seconds kind-of-cold. I was surprised that there were so many willing participants in the Winter Solstice Splash – more than 50! It was an incredible turn-out and money raised went towards the school's fruit bowl program. A big thanks to Kristy Sullivan and her band of merry splashers for the idea and helping organise this event.

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June, the Whitemark Community Gym Special Committee held a Trivia Night and what a great night it was. We had over 70 people in attendance. There was a last-minute MC change when our scheduled MC, Swaggy, had to pull out at the last minute. Justin Graham stepped up to the role with admirable enthusiasm. Some questions were easy, some hard, but the result was a tie between Squiz Games and King Quizzard. A best out of three Fantale Quiz showdown was the decider, with Squiz Games coming out on top. In third place came Trouser's Pointless.

All three teams who placed, kindly donated their winnings back to the Community Gym. We managed to raise over \$2000, which will go towards the design and construction of a new gym. The Flinders Island Sports and RSL Club has kindly donated a parcel of land to be the location of the gym.

On behalf of the Whitemark Community Gym Special Committee, I would like to thank everyone who came out on the night and joined in – especially those who took part in the on-stage activities. I would fill you in on those – but what happens at trivia night, stays at trivia night...

I would also like to give a big shout-out to the Whitemark Community Gym Special Committee, who put in hours and hours of their

time to organise and run these events. It will be through their hard work that we get a new gym built.

On to some serious stuff. Most will know that in October this year the Local Government elections will be held. The State Government has now passed legislation to make voting mandatory. Voting will still take place by post, so it is crucial that the Tasmanian Electoral Commission (TEC) have up to date details for each person in our municipality. TEC has advised that the closing date for enrolments and updates is the 8<sup>th</sup> September. You can update your details online through the TEC website ([www.tec.tas.gov.au](http://www.tec.tas.gov.au)), or pick up a hardcopy form from Service Tasmania or the Post Office.

If you are not eligible for the State electoral roll, you may apply for inclusion on the General Manager's Electoral Roll. This could be because you are not an Australian citizen, or you own property here, but do not reside in the municipality (e.g. land, holiday house, shop) or you are the nominated representative of a corporate body that owns or occupies land here.

You can contact Council on 03 6359 5001 to have the form sent to you or download it directly from the TEC website.

On Friday and Saturday of last week, Councillor Grace and I attend the Local Government Association of Tasmania's AGM and Elected Representative professional development training. It is always great to have the chance to meet up with councillors from other municipalities and discuss commonalities and solutions. Some issues others are dealing with are water tanks for new builds, short-stay accommodation and surprise, waste. There were sessions on the upcoming Local Government Review, workplace health and safety, strategic planning and dealing with personal attacks. There was a lot of useful information gleaned over the two days.

Whilst I was away, I was made aware of a tragic accident involving Megan Tulloch, a valued member of council's staff. I'm sure I speak for all of the Council team when I say how shocked and saddened I was to hear of Megan's accident and I wish her a speedy recovery. She will be sorely missed from our works team.

Lastly, one issue that people keep mentioning to me is that they feel Council is not communicating information to them sufficiently. We currently have this column in each Island News, plus Council's Facebook page, a monthly newsletter, our website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) and the Community Noticeboard (the one between the Interstate Hotel and Bowmans's - not the one on Facebook).

Given all these existing communication platforms, what other Council information would you like us to share? Let me know at [rachel.summers@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:rachel.summers@flinders.tas.gov.au)

Last thing I promise. I'm doing a little project and would love to speak to around 10 members of the Community – it is just two simple questions. If you have a few spare minutes, please give me a call on 0467 046 809 or at the above email and I'll call you back.

Rachel Summers  
**ACTING MAYOR**

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## DOG REGISTRATIONS DUE

Council have adopted the fees for dog registration for the 2022/2023 period as follows:

**Sterilised Dog**

\$22 (July)      \$31 (after July)

**Non-Sterilised Dog**

\$37 (July)      \$52 (after July)

**Working Dog**

\$22 (July)      \$31 (after July)

**Dangerous Dog**

\$145 (July)      \$206 (after July)

Pop in to see our friendly cashier at 4 Davies Street or call on 6359 5001 to make a payment.

Your dog should be equipped with a black tag. If the tag is missing, you may buy a new one for \$8

**Don't forget, July is the month for discounted dog registration fees!**

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### SAVE THE DATE

**19th March 2023** marks the 50th Anniversary to unveil the "Tomb of History" and open the Time Capsule.

If you would like to be involved in organising the weekend event next March – please contact [community@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:community@flinders.tas.gov.au)

### TENDER FOR BUILDING WORKS

#### Flinders Island Vet Clinic 🏠

Flinders Council is seeking the services of suitably qualified builders to quote on works associated with building a veterinarian clinic on Flinders Island. Tender documents are available at: <https://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/tenders> or by contacting Jacci Smith at: [jacci.smith@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:jacci.smith@flinders.tas.gov.au).

Tenders must be received no later than 3pm on Monday 25 July 2022.

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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 on:

**Tuesday 16 August 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 11 August 2022 on the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) and at the Council Office.

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 HOLIDAY**



## FLINDERS COUNCIL

### AUDIT PANEL INDEPENDENT CHAIRPERSON VACANCY

### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Flinders Council has established and maintains an Audit Panel under Section 85 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the associated Local Government (Audit Panels) Order 2014. Due to a resignation, a vacancy exists for an independent chairperson (a person who is not a councillor or employee of the Flinders Council) in addition to the two (2) existing independent Panel Members.

The role requires a person who possesses good business acumen and sound management and communication skills; knowledge and expertise in the areas of audit practices and financial management; knowledge of and experience in relevant industries; and experience with governance processes including, but not limited to, risk management.

Interested persons should contact the Council Office via phone 03 6359 5001 or email [office@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:office@flinders.tas.gov.au) to obtain a role outline.

Expressions of interest outlining qualifications and experience are now sought for the position by **5 August 2022**.

**Warren Groves**

**General Manager**

### MURAL FEST TASMANIA

Kentish Arts Commerce and Tourism is excited to announce Mural Fest will be taking place between Monday 7th November and Friday 11th November 2022.

The Furneaux Community Arts group are offering to pay the submission fee for any local (Flinders and Cape Barren Island) mural artist to submit their design and if they are selected as a finalist they will pay for their airfare off the island. Please contact Flinders Council if you have any questions about this financial assistance.

## AUGUST 12 @ FAEC

save the date!



**TSO (Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra)  
LIVE ON SCREEN**

**Tomasi Trombone Concerto (Full Concert)**

**Friday August 12<sup>th</sup>**

**FAEC – 5:00pm – Free Entry**

**A Furneaux Community Arts Event**

French composer Henri Tomasi is not exactly a household name but he's revered by brass musicians for his expertly written music for solo and ensemble brass, including his Trombone Concerto of 1956, which pays homage to various idioms, including jazz and blues. Stepping into the spotlight as soloist is David Robins, TSO Principal Trombone, who describes the concerto as 'an exciting musical journey in which the power, warmth, lyricism and playfulness of the instrument are all on show.'

Respighi's picturesque Trittico Botticelliano opens the concert, while the second half features music by two American legends: Charles Ives and Aaron Copland. Central Park in the Dark presents a tapestry of sounds from the 'green heart' of New York City while the Suite from Appalachian Spring, one of Copland's best-loved ballet scores, is tender, tuneful and transcendent.

# WILDERFEAST

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August.**

An evening of ART, FOOD & MUSIC at Emita Hall. Tickets available soon.