



ACTING MAYOR'S REPORT

This month saw the start of the "Want a seat at the table" campaign, run by the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT), Tasmanian Electoral Commission (TEC) and our State Government. Flinders Council is hosting an information session with LGAT on 23 August for anyone who might be interested in running in the upcoming election – please email governance@flinders.tas.gov.au if you would like to attend. There is also online training available that gives a good overview of what the requirements and expectations are of a Councillor, as well as how to run for Council.

Just another reminder that voting is now compulsory for local government elections. If you need to enrol or update your details with TEC, you can do so at <https://www.tec.tas.gov.au/Info/Enrolment.html>

For those not eligible to be listed on the Electoral Roll for this municipality (e.g. non-resident property owner, non-citizen etc) you can apply for inclusion on the General Manager's Roll, by contacting Council. Changes or updates to either roll must be done by 6pm on Thursday, 8th September.

It's that time of year where Council sets the rates for the 2022/23 financial year. There has been significant increase in Capital Values (CV), the model under which Council currently charges rates. This is across the state and country as property prices have risen astronomically over the last year or so. At the Council meeting on 16th August 2022, Councillors resolved to change our rating model to the Assessed Annual Value (AAV) which has had less movement than the Capital Values. This should reduce the impact of the Office of the Valuer General's new valuation adjustment factors.

Also adopted at the meeting was the Annual Plan, which spells out what Council plans to achieve in the coming financial year. It is against this plan that Council's budget, user fees, rates and strategic objectives are decided. It is one of

our most important documents alongside the budget which was the third job on the list for Councillors at the meeting.

The Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda comes out on the Thursday prior to the meeting. If you have any questions or comments about the motions, recommendations, or reports, get in contact with one of your Councillors. We are here to represent the community so let us know your thoughts.

I don't know about you, but I certainly feel as though I have boarded the express train to Christmas - we have Lions market, elections, show, Cabaret, School Gala Night, Sports Club Family Day, markets again, Santa coming to town and before I know it, I will have eaten too much turkey and have no room for pavlova.

Rachel Summers
Acting Mayor



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 20 September 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 15 September 2022 on the Council Website 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



Furneaux Islands Community Grants are open to:

- **Community Groups**
- **Not-for-profit Community Organisations**
- **Individuals**
- **Sole Traders**

Projects should support our Furneaux Islands communities through increased community connection, access and participation, by:

- empowering our community to identify and respond to issues;
- supporting the needs and aspirations of all our communities within the Furneaux Islands; and
- increasing community connections and belonging by increasing participation and building community capacity.

Grant pool offering is \$6,000 for the 2022/2023 financial year.

Applications must be received no later than C.O.B. Monday 29th August.

Contact community@flinders.tas.gov.au to discuss your project idea.

For more information – visit the **Council website** www.flinders.tas.gov.au



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UPCOMING ELECTIONS

The local government elections give you the opportunity to nominate to become a councillor or elect councillors who you think best represent you.

Changes to the legislation earlier this year mean that voting in local government elections is now compulsory.

Important dates to note for the 2022 election

Event	Date
Notice of elections	3rd September 2022
Candidate nominations open	5th September 2022
Candidate nominations close	19th September 2022
Nomination period	5th - 19th September 2022
Polling period (at least)	3rd - 25th October 2022**
Closing day	25th October 2022

****This may be extended by the TEC.**

Want a seat at the table?



Run for your local council

Candidate Training

Want a seat at the table? Information Session

Community members are invited to a free information session hosted by the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) and Flinders Council.

When: Tuesday 23rd August, 5.30pm-7.00pm

Where: Furneaux Arts and Entertainment Centre

Hear from LGAT CEO Dion Lester, Flinders Council General Manager Warren Groves and Mayor David Williams on what it means to be a Councillor in the Flinders Municipality.

Refreshments and nibbles will be served.

Please RSVP on 6359 5001 or via email: governance@flinders.tas.gov.au

🔥 WILDERFEAST ANNOUNCEMENT 🔥

“When something doesn’t go to plan, just yell “Plot Twist!” and move on.” – Unknown

Due to low ticket sales and high costs associated with holding the event, we’ve had to make the very difficult decision to postpone Wilderfeast 2022.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 has turned out to be one almighty party pooper. There’s no doubt that our community’s transition in and out of COVID will be an ongoing process for quite a while yet as we adjust to a ‘new normal’.

On the bright side, major events such as Wilderfeast will return to our lives soon, because, frankly, they’re too important for us to do without for long....

Development Applications



FLINDERS COUNCIL

Development applications are advertised on the Flinders Council website every Wednesday and are available for viewing via the link below.

<https://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/current-advertising>

Youth Network of Tasmania



TO SIGN UP – SCAN QR CODE

Are you a young person aged 18-25 years and living in Tasmania? We need your help to unearth the

Tasmanian Youth Story!

We want to have a conversation with you about what it is like being a young person living in Tasmania - both the good and the bad.

Your unique experiences are essential for us to create an authentic Tasmanian Youth Story. Together, we will help decision-makers better understand what young people 18-25 years want from Tasmania - making it a fairer and finer place for everyone.

Participants will be remunerated a \$100 e-gift voucher in recognition of your time and contributions. Scan the QR code above or contact joanne.horton@ynot.org.au



FLINDERS ISLAND SPORTS AND RSL & FLINDERS COUNCIL

FLINDERS ISLAND SPORTS DAY

SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2022

BAND: WELLSTRUNG from 8pm

