



MAYOR'S REPORT

I'll start with the very serious issue of Fin-Fish Farming. I have received a reply from Jo Palmer MLC, Minister for Primary Industries and Water to our letter sent by David Williams. Unfortunately, Ms. Palmer reasserted the Government's commitment "to ensuring our salmon industry remains sustainable and world-leading." They feel the industry "provides a substantial economic contribution to our regional communities through employment, transport, manufacture of feed and other supplies." They re-iterated that there has been no interest thus far in fin-fish farming in our waters. This is the same response we have had from the Government in general. It does not mean that we stop fighting to have our waters excluded from any potential plans for fin-fish farming.

There will be another round of consultation to the 10-year Salmon Plan. Ms. Palmer has advised that Council will be contacted by NRE Officers to arrange a public presentation where we can once again voice our disapproval. In the meantime, we will continue working with groups such as Neighbours of Fish Farming to keep our waters pristine.

Now for some fun - what a time for entertainment on our island. Two weeks ago, the FIDHS School Association held their bi-annual Gala fundraising event (excluding the COVID years). The event was filled with fabulous entertainment, incredible food and an auction that had something for everyone. The evening was a great success and attended by over 100 supporters. I think the total profit for the night for around \$30,000 which will be used by the School Association over the next few years to help students

attend off-island events, school camps, providing on-island experiences and purchasing additional resources.

Following up that spectacular, on Saturday, Flinders Island Sports and RSL Club held a Sports Day, giving everyone, young and old, the opportunity to try out a few of our favourite sports – golf, lawn bowls, tennis and netball. All the events were well attended. I took my youngest, Hannah, to golf and she joined around twenty other kids looking to connect the club with a little white ball. As nighttime hit, kids and grown ups alike rocked out to the ever-popular Well-Strung, in their first island appearance in a few years.

The Flinders Island Sports and RSL Club have asked that I pass on a special thanks to Sammi Gowthorp and Megan Boyes from Council for all their hard work both in the lead up to the event and on the day.

Onto official Council business. Today (22nd November), the first Council meeting was held with our newly elected Council. Going forward, Ordinary Council Meetings will be held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 1pm. A workshop will be held two weeks prior to each meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Also at this meeting, Councillors were elected to each of the various Council Committees and external organisations. Have a look at the Councillor Profiles on the Council website to see which Councillor is heading up or involved with each committee – they are your go to person with any queries or comments.

Just on the subject of committees and community groups, have a think about what events you enjoy, or what groups you rely on. Many community groups are facing declining membership numbers or are no longer able to do as much as they used to due to age. Without getting new members, it may be that something you enjoy may no longer happen. If you would like to get involved, give me a call and I can put you in contact with the appropriate group – or go direct!

That's all for this fortnight. Have a great one!
Rachel Summers
Mayor

Phone 0467 046 809

FURNEAUX ISLANDS FESTIVAL

Planning for the 2023 Furneaux Islands Festival is well underway and this year, the festival weekend will be held 20th – 22nd January.

The Festival will feature a wonderful program of events and activities to take part in. Once again we will be hosting a Night Market at the Whitemark Showgrounds on the evening of Friday 20th and the Community BBQ Day on Sunday 22nd at FIAAI Park. The Islander Portrait Prize will be held at the Lady Barron Hall from the 14th January and a bounty of musical and performing talent, locally inspired arts and crafts and delicious local produce -will feature throughout the festival weekend - all in celebration of our laid-back island lifestyle.

If you would like to register your interest and reserve a market stall for the Friday evening, or hold an event during the Festival weekend please contact Sammi or Megan at community@flinders.tas.gov.au

VISITOR INFORMATION APP

There are many events and activities on Flinders Island throughout the year.

You can see what's going on now and what's coming up by downloading our free Community Information Web App.

The app also lets you keep in touch with community groups and local businesses, with opening times and .

Contact community@flinders.tas.gov.au if you want to be on the app or if your contact information needs to be changed.



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

Rhapsody in Blue - Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra Live on Screen



When - Friday 25th November

Where - FAEC

Time - 5.00pm drinks, snacks with the performance commencing at 6.00pm

From its opening clarinet glissando to its sublime piano melodies, Rhapsody in Blue is immediately recognisable and quintessentially American. A musical equivalent of The Great Gatsby, Gershwin's rhapsody captures the jazzy spirit of the roaring 1920s. Gershwin had many famous fans, among them French composer Maurice Ravel. Gershwin even performed his hugely popular rhapsody at Ravel's 53rd birthday party in New York.

For further information contact Sandro Donati – Furneaux Community Arts on 0429 383 375



**Position Vacant
Works Officer-Town Maintenance**

Flinders Council is seeking to appoint a Works Officer to join our Infrastructure team.

We are looking for a motivated, reliable, hard-working person, preferably with qualifications and experience or the desire to learn a range of skills including day-to-day gardening and maintenance activities to maintain council's parks, gardens, open spaces, and recreation facilities to a high standard.

The position is offered as permanent fulltime, and the salary will be dependent upon qualifications and experience.

A position description can be obtained by contacting Council on 6359 5001 or by visiting the Council website

www.flinders.tas.gov.au/employment-and-business-opportunities

Applications must be received by close of business on **Friday the 9th December 2022** and include a current resume along with a written application that specifically addresses each of the 'Knowledge, Skills & Experience' criteria.

Applications are to be marked "Confidential" – Works Officer-Town Maintenance, and should be forwarded to the Corporate Services Coordinator, Flinders Council, PO Box 40, WHITEMARK, TAS 7255 or email directly to **jade.boyes@flinders.tas.gov.au**

**Warren Groves
GENERAL MANAGER**



**Position Vacant
Reception**

Are you looking for a rewarding, community-focused administrative role, within a flexible and supportive workplace? Then this is the role for you.

Flinders Council is seeking a customer focused superstar to join our corporate team.

This position is responsible for providing a first point of contact between the community and Council, providing excellent customer service and administrative support.

This is a job share position, working 3 days a week. Council would consider a trainee for this role with full training provided.

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ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Notice is hereby given that the 2022 - 2023 Ordinary Meetings of Flinders Council will be held at the Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre, Whitemark on the following Wednesdays:

- 14 December 2022
- 25 January 2023
- 22 February 2023
- 22 March 2023
- 26 April 2023
- 24 May 2023
- 28 June 2023
- 26 July 2023
- 23 August 2023
- 27 September 2023
- 25 October 2023
- 22 November 2023
- 13 December 2023

Council Meetings will start at 1:00pm and Public Question Time will be from 1.00pm – 1.30pm.

Each meeting agenda will be available for perusal on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au or at the Council Office on the Friday before the meeting.

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Development Applications



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>

The ONLINE MAPPING TOOL is back!

For anyone interested in checking out their planning zoning and any applicable overlays, go to: <https://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/planning-development/>

CALL FOR COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Nominations from the public are called for the position of Community Representative on the Lady Barron 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 Lady Barron Hall, Holloway Park and the Tennis Court. This role also involves raising funds and/or initiate projects from time to time and as needed, which shall be for the enhancement of the facilities and/or betterment of the Lady Barron community and visitors to the town of Lady Barron.

Nominations can be sent to Governance:

Flinders Council
PO Box 40, Whitemark TAS 7255

Or via email to
governance@flinders.tas.gov.au

The nomination period will close at 4.00pm
Monday 19 December 2022.