



MAYOR'S REPORT

On Friday, 19th May, a Public Meeting was held to discuss the **Proposed rule changes for the Tasmanian Scalefish Fishery**. These changes will apply to commercial, recreational, and Aboriginal fishing and include:

- reviewing size, bag and possession limits for depleted and depleting species for all fishers – for example for Sand Flathead in Bass Strait, is proposed to have the minimum size increased from 32cm to 35cm, with the bag limit dropping from 20 fish to 5;
- introducing regional and state wide rules for depleted and depleting species;
- introducing two new commercial calamari licence types;
- reviewing recreational gillnetting arrangements; and
- introducing registration of charter fishing operations and reporting requirements.

Species that are assessed as depleted or depleting include sand flathead, calamari, striped trumpeter, bastard trumpeter, blue warehou, garfish and jackass morwong.

Fishing Tasmania is seeking submissions from communities on the proposed rule changes. This can be done, online, by email or post until the 29th of May.

Further information, including the proposed rule changes, are available from Fishing Tasmania – www.fishing.tas.gov.au.

Council's Community Grants program has been extended and now closes 9am Tuesday 13th June. A total pool of \$10,000 has been allocated and grants are available

to not-for-profit community organisations, community groups and individuals to:

- empower our community to identify and respond to issues;
- support the needs and aspirations of all our communities within the municipality;
- increase community connections and belonging to increase participation; and
- build community capacity.

I encourage anyone who has an idea to get in contact with our Community Development team and/or complete an application.

The Furneaux Futures Forum is a collaborative project between Council, Flinders Island Business Inc. and the Van Dieman Project and runs from the 7th – 9th June.

The forum is designed to encourage entrepreneurship and business development throughout the Furneaux Islands community, to promote positive impact and provide actionable steps towards achieving success and building a bright future for the Furneaux Islands.

More info can be found at furneauxfutures.com.au

Rachel Summers
Mayor

REGISTER FOR THE FURNEAUX FUTURES FORUM



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



COMMUNITY GRANTS EXTENDED TO TUESDAY 13th JUNE 9:00am

Got a great idea for a project? Need equipment for your community group?

Flinders Council is committed to provide funding for projects that support our Furneaux Islands communities through increased community connection, access and participation.

Total project pool funding for 23/24 financial year is \$10,000.

Applications open – please contact the Community Development Team at community@flinders.tas.gov.au to discuss your project, details on the Council website.

The Local Government Review Board need to know Council has your support.

Do you want:

- Local Representation?
- Local Workforce?
- Local Services?

We need your reasons and support to present a compelling case about why we shouldn't be consumed into a larger council area.

Email: governance@flinders.tas.gov.au with the subject heading LG Review; or

Post: Flinders Council PO Box 40, Whitemark, Tas 7255; or

Drop it in to the Council Office: 4 Davies St 9am-4.30pm - Mon-Fri.

Our recent success with the Salmon Farm Issue has shown that when we work together as a community, we can achieve what some see as impossible!

FURNEAUX FUTURES

Participation in the Furneaux Futures Forum is by voluntary donation. Your donation will assist with catering costs over the two-day event. Lucky Door Prizes on offer with a return trip to Bridport sponsored by Flinders Island Aviation and a \$200 'Spend Local' Voucher from The Perch.

Schedule for the Furneaux Futures Forum

Wed 7th June 10am – 4pm FAEC

- **Dianne Dredge - Tourism Co-Lab**
'Regeneration Rising'
- **Island Vision Talks**
Community Platform - Sharing innovative ideas and inspiring stories.
- **Todd Babiak - Brand Tasmania**
Using the Islander Way Story in your Brand Story.
- **Gin Wag Networking Event**

Thursday 8th June 10am – 4pm FAEC

- **Chris Bishop & Tony Scherer**
Regeneration Rising'
- **Island Vision Talks**
Community Platform - Sharing innovative ideas and inspiring stories.
- **The Panel**
Let's talk Regeneration

Friday 9th June

- **Composting & Market Garden Workshop** with Chris Bishop and Tony Scherer
- **Van Dieman Project**
"Let's Talk Sessions".
- **Illuminate Challenge Presentation**
Flinders Island District High School Students

The Furneaux Futures Forum is supported by Flinders Council, FIBI, Van Dieman Project, The Islander Way project, Flinders Island Aviation, The Perch, Flinders Island Distillery.

Safe Harbour Update

There have been some recent positive developments with the Safe Harbour project and I thought it timely to update the community on where the project is at.

Funding of the \$3.6M project was secured on 27 April 2023 when Council received a signed and executed copy of the grant deed from the funding body.

The funding has been provided to Council on the basis that the funding body assessed the submitted project as meeting the requirements of the original Government funding commitment. Council has not received any money from the funding body as yet.

The grant deed has a staged payment schedule and payments are only made on proof of achieving specified milestones. The project is due for completion 20 March 2025.

As far as further funding opportunities to extend the rock wall, I have had relatively positive ongoing discussions with both Minister Ferguson's Office and TasPorts.

Council will now be considering how to progress the construction phase of this project at the May Council meeting.

I will provide further updates as the project progresses.

Warren Groves
General Manager



The Flinders Boating Special Committee was established to advise Flinders Council regarding boating matters and associated infrastructure, as they apply to the Flinders Municipality.

The Flinders Boating Special Committee recently called for feedback from all users of the Council-owned boat ramps at Whitemark, Emita and Palana.



POLICY TO BE ADOPTED

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 26 April 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting to adopt the following, **Communication Policy**.

These policies will lie on the table for public comment until 9 June 2023. The policy is available to download from the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies and hard copies are available from the Council Office.

Should you wish to make comment on this policy, please do so by addressing relative correspondence to:

Warren Groves
General Manager



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:

Wednesday 28 June 2023 commencing at 1pm.

Public Question Time will be held between 1:00 – 1:30pm. Members of the public are invited to attend.

The Agenda will be available for perusal from Friday 23 June 2023 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au and at the Council Office.

Warren Groves
General Manager