



MAYOR'S REPORT

Lately, we've been seeking feedback on significant matters that could impact our island, community, and way of life. For example, the Department of Natural Resources and Environment is considering changes to size, bag, boat, and daily limits of various scalefish species and calamari, affecting recreational, commercial, and charter fishers. We recently held a public meeting on this topic, and though attended by a small group, the input we received was truly valuable and multiple submissions have been submitted.

Additionally, we've been actively engaging the community regarding the potential effects of the Future of Local Government Reform. This reform could involve our Council being part of a new super-council alongside Georgetown, Dorset, Break O'Day, and Glamorgan Spring Bay Councils. We're keen to hear your thoughts on the proposed amalgamations. Your perspective is important, and it matters!

We understand that when implementing changes as significant as those mentioned above, it's important to involve and consult the Community. We genuinely want to understand your preferred methods of informing and engaging with you.

We also understand that everyone has their preferred communication channels, and Council strives to make information available through multiple avenues. We are committed to finding innovative ways to improve our

communication efforts, so have devised a "Communications & Feedback Survey" which I hope you will participate in.

Here is the link, and for those not online, hard copies are available in the Council Office.

COMMUNICATIONS & FEEDBACK



SURVEY LINK



Speaking of engagement, mark your calendars for Saturday, 10th June – we'll be at the Lions Market. Swing by our table, and let's have a friendly chat about the Local Government Reform and the review of our Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan review will help us align our Priority Projects list with the needs and aspirations of our community.

Now, let's touch on the importance of respectful and positive behaviour. There is legislation in place that dictates how a Councillor can behave, and Council has policies around staff behaviour. We believe in fostering a community where everyone treats each other with kindness and respect.

If you have any questions, comments, or issues you would like to discuss, Councillors are always available to assist you. Please feel free to reach out to them directly or contact our General Manager, Warren Groves. We don't engage in debates on social media, but we'd love to hear from you via a call, email, or even a handwritten letter. Your input matters greatly to us, and we genuinely want to hear from our community in a respectful and appropriate manner.

Rachel Summers
Mayor

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.



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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 24 May 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting to adopt the following policies, **Asset Management Policy** and **Risk Management Policy**

These policies will lie on the table for public comment until 7th July 2023. They are available to download from the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies and hardcopies are available from the Council Office.



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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:

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