



## MAYOR'S REPORT

Let's start with some good news. After considerable efforts by Council, State Government and Tasports, we have managed to secure the additional State Government contribution to the Safe Harbour Project. Up to \$900,000 has been allocated to deliver much of the shore-side infrastructure, allowing more from the Federal Grant to be used to extend the rock wall further. This is a positive move forward for the project.

Now the bad news. We've had a couple of instances recently where folks thought it'd be fun to tear up our recreation grounds with their cars. First, it was the footy ground at Whitemark in the middle of footy season, and just the other day, the cricket pitch at Emita Sportsground got hit too.

Regardless of Council's ownership of these areas, it's just plain disrespectful to the community. We have reported this to the police as it's not fair to those who put in their time and effort in volunteering to make these spaces enjoyable for everyone. It's disheartening to see all that hard work wasted because a handful of individuals choose to show off by doing burnouts with their cars.

There have been significant changes made to the Patient Transport Scheme and it is affecting many people in the community. Councillors Ken Stockton and Carol Cox are voicing Islanders concerns on this matter and are meeting with Patient Travel in early September. If you have been adversely affected by the recent changes to the policy, please get in contact with either Ken.stockton@flinders.tas.gov.au - 0428 855 022 or Carol.cox@flinders.tas.gov.au - 0428 992 417.

Quick heads-up – I might be a tad late in mentioning this, but if you haven't squared away your taxes yet, remember this gem: we're in a specific remote area, which means you're eligible to snag a "zone tax offset." If you live in the Flinders Municipality, you can claim Zone B (Special Area) offset when you're filing your taxes. The nitty-gritty on who's eligible and a handy offset calculator can be found on the Australian Tax Office (ATO) website: [www.ato.gov.au](http://www.ato.gov.au).

Speaking of taxes and tax returns, this time of year tends to bring out all those scams about tax refunds. If you get a text telling you to click on a link, STOP! The ATO doesn't do text message links. If you need to reach out, call a number you found independently (for individuals, it's 132861) or go through the MyGov website. You can find more contact info on the ATO website above.

And just to be super clear, no one's going to arrest you because someone stole your identity. And you aren't going to be hauled away for owing a bit of tax (they'd give you a heads-up way before it gets to that point). If anyone's asking you for payment in gift cards, that's just a big ol' scam. No government trades in iTunes credits. Stay sharp, folks!

Rachel Summers  
Mayor



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## 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

## 2023 DOG REGISTRATIONS

Please call council reception on 6359 5001 to make a payment to renew your dog registration.



If your dog is deceased, changed owner, is a new member of your family, or is currently unregistered, please drop by the council office to complete a form.

In compliance with Council's regulations on unregistered dogs, it is essential your dogs are promptly registered. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter!



### CALL FOR COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Nominations from the public are called for the position of **Transport Sector Representative** on the **Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee of Council**.

The Committee consists of council and community representatives and exists to provide recommendations to Flinders Council on shipping matters, including port and associated infrastructure where it relates to shipping.

#### Nominations can be sent to:

**Governance  
Flinders Council  
PO Box 40, Whitemark TAS 7255**

Or via email to [governance@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:governance@flinders.tas.gov.au)

The nomination period will remain open until Council receives sufficient nominations.

**Rachel Summers  
Chair | Furneaux Group Shipping Special  
Committee**



### 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 23 August 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 18 August 2023 on the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) and at the Council Office.

**Warren Groves  
General Manager**



### CALL FOR COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Nominations from the public are called for the position of **Community Representative** on the **Whitemark Community Gym 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 Whitemark Community Gym.

#### Nominations can be sent to:

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**Rachel Summers  
Chair | Whitemark Community Gym Special  
Committee**



**POSITION VACANT**  
**Works and Services Coordinator**

**Flinders Council is seeking to appoint a Works and Services Coordinator.**

The role will provide practical and technical expertise to Council on roads and road related infrastructure, asset management, waste, quarries, and lead a great team of hardworking Works and Services staff.

Previous leadership experience is required, preferably within the Local Government sector. experience, strong communication skills and the ability to problem solve is essential.

This is a full time, permanent role, the salary offered is subject to negotiation and dependent upon qualifications and experience.

The position description is available on the Council website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) or by phoning Council on 6359 5001.

Applications addressing the knowledge, skills & experience section and a current resume are required by COB on 1st September 2023.

Applications marked **“Confidential” – Works and Services Coordinator**, should be forwarded to the **Corporate Services Coordinator, Flinders Council, PO Box 40, Whitemark, TAS 7255** or via email to [hr@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:hr@flinders.tas.gov.au)

**Warren Groves**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**