



## MAYOR'S REPORT

On the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of June, in collaboration with FIBI and the Van Dieman Project, Council presented the Furneaux Futures Forum (the re-invigorated Fert-Isle Forum).

This well-attended event was a journey of transforming ideas into actions for a bright future. There were speakers from near and far, with locals sharing their Island Visions and how the Furneaux Group of islands feature in their plans.

There were presentations from Dianne Dredge, co-lead of the Islander Way project, who presented an interesting perspective on the 'Tipping Point' a follow up to the work that was done in 2018 by FTI Consulting. (Known as the FTI Report and available on the Flinders Council website.)

Todd Babiak from Brand Tasmania delivered a wonderful presentation on "Kate Mooney and the Wombats." He then conducted a storytelling workshop, where he guided attendees on incorporating the Islander Way Brand Story into their own narratives. The workshop encouraged active participation from community members, who courageously shared their ideas and perspectives. Notably, among all the municipalities in Tasmania, Flinders Island stands alone in having a finalised brand story resulting from Brand Tasmania's efforts in state-wide consultation that commenced in 2019.

Tony Scherer (Sprout) and Chris Bishop (Tasmanian Women in Agriculture) presented a detailed overview on the science of composting on Thursday, then headed up to Rob & Libby's Farm on Friday for a morning

session on the land with a hands-on workshop around composting and market gardens.

The forum was a wonderful vision of how 'Community, Stakeholders and Council' can work together. Thank you to all who participated and contributed to the event. Videos of the presentations will soon be available on the Council website for those who were not able to attend.

The Local Government Review is in full-swing and Council is wanting YOUR feedback. Our Deputy Mayor, Vanessa Grace and I headed to the Lions Market recently, to start gathering opinions and giving out hard copies of surveys. We had a great response on the day, with around 40 surveys being completed. Hard copies are available at Council reception, or you can head online to [www.futurelocal.tas.gov.au](http://www.futurelocal.tas.gov.au). There is also a wealth of information on the website if you are interested in the reports, supporting documents or the information pack provided to Councils.

We have set 3 community information sessions, for residents, visitors or interested people to get some more information and tell us which scenario they prefer – or come up with a new one altogether.

- **12pm, Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> July**  
**FAEC, Whitemark**
- **3pm, Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Emita Hall**
- **11am, Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Lady Barron Hall**

We hope you can join us at one, or all these sessions. As our success with the Salmon Farming Review has shown, our voices matter. Even if you have already completed a survey, or emailed a submission, please come along and show your support for our community.

In our previous issue, we highlighted our commitment to enhancing community engagement. The response thus far has been fantastic, with numerous valuable ideas shared. However, we strive for even more input from our community. To participate, you can scan the provided QR code, visit the Flinders Council website, or pop into the office to tell us how you want to be informed.

There are a number of events that happen on the island each year that only come about due to the incredible work of our volunteer committees and even then, need more help in the lead up to and on the day. Our Flinders Island Agricultural Show is one of these.

The small Committee toil away to bring our community an event that has something for everyone. Showbags, entertainment, food, trade stands, livestock, home industries – it all takes time and effort, and needs people to show up to help pull it all together.

If groups can't get sufficient community assistance, then there is a real chance that these events may not go ahead.

The Show Committee has a few critically important roles that are yet to be filled as well as needing help closer to the day. If you can help out in any way contact Darnielle Fenn on 0408 800 147.

Have a great fortnight.

Rachel Summers  
Mayor



## RATES UPDATE

### Have you changed your postal address?

To update your postal address for rates notices with Flinders Council, you can:

**Email:** Send a message to [rates@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:rates@flinders.tas.gov.au) with your full name, old address, and new address.

**Written request:** Write a letter to the Rates Officer at Flinders Council, P O Box 40, Whitemark 7255, including your full name, old address, and new address.

**In-person visit:** Go to the Council Office and inform them that you need to update your postal address for rates notices.

## COMMUNICATIONS & FEEDBACK



## SURVEY LINK



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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



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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 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023. They are available to download from the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies) and hardcopies are available from the Council Office.

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

**Warren Groves**  
**General Manager**  
PO Box 40  
Whitemark TAS 7255



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### **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 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 | Whitemark Community Gym Special Committee**



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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](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) and at the Council Office.

**Warren Groves**  
**General Manager**