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Unconfirmed Minutes Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee Meeting 25 May 2026

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1 Attendance

Quorum = 5

DATE:	Monday 25 th May 2026
VENUE:	Rose Garden Room, Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre
TIME:	3.30pm – 4.15pm

ATTENDEES – STAFF & CONSULTANTS

MEMBERS		
Position/Organisation	Name	In-Attendance
Mayor - Chairperson (non-voting)	Rachel Summers	Yes
Councillor (1)	Garry Blenkhorn	No
Councillor (1)	Vanessa Grace	Apology
General Manager - Flinders Council (non-voting)	Warren Groves	Apology
Agriculture/Livestock Sector (1)	Jason Grimmer	Yes
Cape Barren Island Aboriginal Association Incorporated (1)	Kathryn Longey	No
Commerce/Business Sector (1)	Vacant	Vacant
Department of State Growth (non-voting)	Arun Kendall	Yes (teams)
Shipping Company – Bass Strait Freight (1)	David Harris	Yes (teams)
Shipping Company – Eastern Line (1)	Warren Dick	Yes (teams)
Farming Sector (1)	Jim Conn	Yes
Flinders Island Business Incorporated (1)	Tom Ambroz	Yes (teams)
TasPorts (1)	Scott Wood	Yes
Transport Sector (road on Flinders Island) (1)	David Gibbons	Yes
Community Representative (1)	Michelle Hirschfield	Resigned
Biosecurity Tasmania Representative (1)	Phil Smith	No
Nutrien (1)	Richard Mollineaux	Yes (teams)
GUESTS / OBSERVERS (Non-Voting)		
Elders	Gavin Coombe	No
Greenham's	Graeme Pretty	No
Manager Operations (North)	Andrew Wynter	Yes (teams)
Flinders Council Works and Services Manager and Acting General Manager	Oliver Ward	Yes
A/Principal Biosecurity Officer (Animal Welfare, Biosecurity and Product Integrity)	Stephanie Dowde	No
STAFF		
Executive Officer (Minute Taker)	Sue Mythen	Yes

In accordance with S-G10 Special Committee of Council Procedure s6.2 and the Committees Terms of Reference s7.1

All non-Councillor committee members are viewed as volunteers of Council for the purposes of the Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (Tas). All such members must be registered as Council volunteers and are required to complete Volunteer Induction.

Members Volunteer - Introduction to Local Govt can be completed at the following link:

<https://skytrust.co/app/Inductions/Guest/IndexQR.asp?UID=22D1791F26F04E1F96ED4659C3BEB0B2>

2 Standing Items

2.1 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest - Councillors Only

Nil

2.2 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee from 24 February 2026 be confirmed.

MOTION:

Moved: Jason Grimmer Seconded: David Gibbons

That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee from 24 February 2026 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.3 Correspondence

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| Annexures | 1. | 2026.05.25 - M Hirschfield - Resignation - Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee Meeting [2.3.1 - 1 page] |
| | 2. | 260428 - D Harris - Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee - Product Handlings [2.3.2 - 1 page] |

Correspondence In:

- 2026.05.14 - Resignation – M Hirschfield – Community Representative

Correspondence Out:

- 260428 - D Harris - Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee - Product Handling

2.4 Membership

Council continues to advertise for a Business Sector member. The Chair had discussions with a local business member and awaits a response.

The Community Sector Representative, Michelle Hirschfield, had tendered her resignation. The chair called for recommendations and the following motion was passed:

MOTION:

Moved: Jim Conn Seconded: Scott Wood

That the committee accepts the resignation of the Community Sector representative Michelle Hirschfield and recommends to Council that they advertise for a Community Sector representative to join the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.5 TasPorts Update

Scott Wood Provided the following update to the committee.

TasPorts had been doing work on the gravel areas near Eastern Line; now with the weekly service they are looking at traffic segregation and separation. The gravel hardstand is almost complete and then they will look at traffic management.

Andrew Wynter backed up the report, noting that it reduced the risk of any accidents and added that upcoming works to put in a retaining wall near cattle grid was being looked into.

Scott Wood added that this would provide a larger area for freight and the tidy up fell under continuous improvement.

Jim Conn asked for a timeline relating to the traffic management plan (TMP) and Scott Wood advised he had met with the General Manager and Works and Services Manager some time back and discussed the possible scope to widen the area that fed from Eastern Line onto the main road. TasPorts will draw up a proper TMP including photos and collate the submission to bring to the committee.

2.6 Freight Company Updates

- Bass Strait Freight
 - David Harris advised he had nothing to report.
- Eastern Line Shipping
 - Warren Dick reported that the Mutton bird season had gone well; there were no fatalities of birds on decks, they kept lights to a minimum and it had gone well. Things were busy and Eastern Line were doing their best to service the community.

Scott Wood confirmed TasPorts had asked the boats to keep lighting to a minimum at night and this year it had worked well.

2.7 Other Business

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| Annexures | 1. Other Business- 2026.05.15 Fuel Supply update [2.7.1 - 4 pages] |
| | 2. Other Business- 2026.05.13 - Letter A Stackhouse to J Conn [2.7.2 - 1 page] |

The Following Updates were provided by the sector representatives.

Fuel shortage update – (The Works and Services Manager, TasPorts and freight providers) See annexure 1 to this item

The Government is advising everything is operating as expected and they were comfortable on where the supply was at. They reported no immediate fuel supply issues and that they had stores of 40 days of diesel and 70 days of petrol, with no changes to the status since the last update.

Tom Ambrose queried whether the fuel levy would be changed at any stage. The Works and Services Manager noted that each business had rise and fall options built in and it was up to them. David Gibbons advised he had not charged a fuel levy as yet.

The Works and Services Manager noted that the Island had some of the cheapest fuel in the country at one stage; adding that the current supply was purchased at a higher rate and prices had followed the purchase price. He suggested Tom Ambrose had a conversation with the individual businesses around any fuel levy charges.

David Harris advised BSF had managed to buy fuel at the most expensive period and once that washed through the system any reduction in future purchase prices would reflect the price. He added that it was a bit of a lottery and they had 65,000L at the higher price.

Warren Dick added that the price fluctuates and Eastern Line were trying to keep the price down until they had to pass it on. He noted that they didn't raise the price when they experienced the first increase and had waited 2 weeks before passing on any increase.

Traffic Management Plan for Lady Barron Port – (The Works and Services Manager and TasPorts). The item was discussed above. They added that the area needed assessment, and the

TMP would evaluate the risk and explore funding opportunities. It was noted that it would be a good document and highlight the scope of the problem. They will work together to get the TMP done properly, noting that they had trucks backed up to the intersection in the past.

The inconsistency of fertiliser deliveries (Jim Conn) See annexure 2 to this item and additional annexure provided Friday 22/5/2026

Jim Conn noted this had been a problem for a few years now with dribs and drabs coming in. He suggested that if it could be bought across in full truck loads the process would operate more efficiently and not affect carters and spreaders. He added that farmers wanted to work with BSF to address any logistical issues; he believed large amounts were being delivered to Bridport but this was not getting across to the island. He had also had reports of broken bags and requested that more care be taken, noting that this could also be a biosecurity issue with fertiliser leaking into the sea. He added that fertiliser was a big cost, and farmers wanted to get the product off the wharf as soon as possible but it was not economical to get a truck to ship small amounts.

David Harris advised they had a lot of fertiliser in the Bridport yard. They used it as a ballast item to make up the load. Fertiliser was a heavy item and they had weight issues getting out of the river. He added that BSF now had a policy that if damage occurred then the cost came out of the crews' wages. He noted that the damage mostly happened at night as the pressure was to meet the tide to get back. He apologised and thanked Scott Wood for his assistance and advised he had come up with line marking on the concrete as an option. He added that since they had the toolbox meeting regarding the matter the crew were leaving space between bags now.

Scott Wood added that there needed to be care taken and TasPorts were trying to stay away from the painted line option.

David Harris noted that this was not happening in Bridport, adding that the place was immaculate, and bags were leaving Bridport intact. He advised that if they could get the river dredged it could work better and would cover costs better, adding that he had taken the feedback on board and they had a couple of crew members that were rough but they no longer worked for them.

David Harris queried whether he could have access to footage on the wharf at Lady Barron and Andrew Wynter advised they needed to follow procedure. David Harris added that BSF had CCTV on board and had addressed the poor behaviour, noting that sometimes casual skippers did not supervise appropriately. He added that on arrival at Lady Barron the skipper had to sleep, and the crew were unsupervised. He reiterated that often they loaded the boat and needed to ballast, so added 15 bags of fertiliser on the bow to even up the load to allow them to get out of the river. He advised that in the past there had only been one boat but now more cattle were going north and they had the Matthew Flinders V off for five weeks. The Matthew Flinders IV could take the freight but was not as efficient.

Jim Conn advised the loads were often arriving as split shipments for different farmers/orders. He considered it would be best if the shipments were full orders for a single farmer. Receiving 5, 5 and 5 or 10, 10 and 10 could make up a full order for 1 farmer rather than dribs and drabs split across different farmers.

Richard Mollineaux advised that Bridport often sent him a list and agreed it would be best to look at fulfilling one order at a time adding that this should be possible as Michelle and Trevor knew what they were doing but at 2am in the morning the crew were not aware or following the instructions on what to load.

David Harris advised he would get his team together and discuss, adding that if there was an exception then they would look to communicate to the client/farmer.

Supply change scheduling issues (J Conn) Welshpool

Warren Dick advised he struggled to understand the issue as both shipping companies had to book in and the captains were talking so their timing did not conflict. He added that Eastern line were letting customers know when they would be arriving and delivery times. They used Stoitse a lot and freight was stored there. He noted that it was the customer that organised Eastern Line freight and they did not talk with road freighters and that it was the customer that should let the road freight truck know when the boat would be there. He added that Stoitse are provided a weekly schedule, and that only changed if there was a delay or tide issue and they were advised when the boat left King Island. Both shipping companies were not aware of the issue with the road freight companies.

Jim Conn confirmed that it was the road freight companies that were advising they were not being informed of the date ships were scheduled to arrive.

Jason Grimmer advised there was an issue recently with a flow on affect, which involved the ship being two hours late leaving Welshpool and then four hours late arriving. He received a phone call at 08.30am Saturday and stock had already been loaded for the boat.

David Harris advised the ship was late as there had been a job to do on the boat, adding that it should have been communicated. Jason Grimmer added that the cattle could have been in the paddock for another 4-5 hours had they been advised the ship would be late. They understood it was only two hours and had commenced carting so were happy to stand the cattle at the port for 2 hours but not the extra 5 hours that eventuated.

Andrew Wynter queried whether there was a timeframe window where the stock agents could ask if the ship was running on time. Jason Grimmer added that it would have been better to know earlier how late the ship would be.

Richard Mollineaux suggested that if there was a change to the schedule they all agreed to provide as much notification as possible, improved communication would be better, and all understood that delays happened but notice of delays was needed as soon as possible.

Jim Conn added that if a farmer had a breakdown and was delayed then they passed the information on to the stock agents to notify the boat; they were just asking for notification as soon as issues are known.

Richard Mollineaux advised it was a small proportion of the time delays happened, around 15% of the time only and it could be as simple as a phone call to advise those in the chain to delay loading as there was an issue, just better communication.

David Harris advised he would speak to the skipper and ask him to communicate as early as possible and Richard Mollineaux agreed that would fix the issue. David Harris suggested they

could use the marine tracker to see where the ship was; this could be monitored and advice could be passed on if there was a delay. He noted there could be a number of reasons for delays; it could be wind and the ship only making 4knots.

Jason Grimmer agreed that 85% of the time everything was good.

Warren Dick advised that Eastern Line used a group notification when they were leaving which notified of the ships ETA . The skipper could also use the group text if there were any delays once enroute. Jim Conn considered that was a great system, and a group text worked well, he added that all stakeholders were trying to work together to achieve a positive outcome.

2.8 Next Meeting Date

Date: Monday 24th August 2026

Time: 3.30pm

2.9 Closure of Meeting 4.15pm

Unconfirmed Gym Committee Meeting Minutes 18th May 2026 – 6pm Whitemark Community Gym

Attendance:

Nikki Jones
Tamara Pianta
Megan Tulloch
Dr. Lynne Davies
Rachel Summers

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Nikki Jones **Seconded:** Tamara Pianta
The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.

CARRIED

Business Arising

The committee discussed ongoing planning for the proposed relocation of the gym to the Hydro building. It was noted that further work is required before the building can be used as a gym, with accessible toilet facilities identified as the key priority.

The committee also discussed recent uncertainty in the community regarding whether the gym would proceed at the Hydro building based on talk of Council closing one or both gyms. It was noted that, to the committee's knowledge, the proposed move remains the current plan.

Finance Report

The current balance was noted as \$22,156.58.

The committee discussed the need to retain funds for upcoming commitments, including equipment purchases, freight, cabaret costs, and possible design costs associated with the new gym project.

It was noted that if up to \$5,000 was allocated for design work, approximately \$17,000 would remain available for equipment and other expenses. Estimated freight for gym equipment was discussed as likely being between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

Fundraising

The upcoming cabaret was discussed as a major fundraising activity.

The committee discussed possible cabaret themes, including Studio 54, Woodstock, Vegas, Moulin Rouge, Wild West, Under the Sea, Hollywood, Casino Night, Olympics, Ancient Civilisations, Medieval, Magical Beings and Book Week.

The committee agreed that the cabaret theme would be Book Week for Grown Ups.

Ticket pricing was discussed, with the committee indicating support for keeping tickets at \$30 per person, consistent with the previous year.

The committee discussed fundraising options for the night. It was agreed that a raffle would be preferable to an auction, as previous auctions had taken considerable time. Raffle prizes will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Decoration ideas were also discussed, including using books, book-themed displays, and possible school Book Week decorations if available. Prize categories may include best individual costume, best couple and best group or ensemble.

Travel arrangements for Well Strung. It was noted that flights had been booked for a band member travelling from Melbourne, including Sharp, Jetstar and Virgin flights. A Sharp flight had been changed by the airline for operational reasons, creating difficulties due to the performer's work commitments. A refund was processed.

Accommodation and car hire arrangements for the band have been made. It was noted that the Show Society may contribute half of these costs, subject to funding or grant outcomes.

New Gym Project

The proposed new gym at the Hydro building was discussed in detail.

The committee discussed current and future maintenance needs for the gym and the proposed Hydro building site.

Items discussed included:

- accessible toilet facilities
- possible conversion of the kitchen area into an accessible toilet
- conversion of the existing toilet into a toilet/shower/change room area
- removal of the mezzanine level
- removal of an internal wall
- painting
- additional lighting and power points
- rubberised flooring
- possible roof works
- safety treatment or replacement of thin window glass
- roller door improvements, replacement or electrification
- opportunities for volunteer assistance with painting and other suitable works

It was noted that some works, such as flooring and window treatment, may not be essential before the building is used as a gym, but accessible toilet facilities are considered essential.

There was also discussion about whether local tradespeople may be able to assist with removing the mezzanine or other non-specialist works.

It was noted that Council has received [REDACTED] in State Government funding, primarily intended for building works. The committee discussed the importance of showing that it is also contributing to the project, particularly given some concern about Council about supporting two gyms on the island.

[REDACTED]

The committee discussed the need to have design work prepared for the proposed accessible toilet and change room facilities. It was noted that this would support the development application process, which Council would manage.

Motion:

Moved: Lynne Davies **Seconded:** Megan Tullock

That the committee allocate up to \$5,000 for design work for accessible toilet and change room facilities at the proposed Hydro building gym site.

CARRIED

The committee then discussed equipment priorities for the gym. The following equipment was identified for purchase:

- Ski trainer – approximately \$1,445
- Stair climber – approximately \$5,945
- Commercial air bike – approximately \$1,185
- Landmine core trainer – approximately \$200
- Recumbent bike – approximately \$1,865
- Leg extension/curl machine – approximately \$3,080

The estimated total cost of the six equipment items was calculated at approximately \$13,718, excluding freight.

Freight was estimated at approximately \$1,500 to \$2,000. It was noted that delivery arrangements were being coordinated to reduce storage costs prior to transport to the island.

The committee discussed other possible equipment items, including an air rower, dumbbell rack, kettlebells and Smith machine. These were not prioritised for

immediate purchase. The Smith machine may be considered in future, including through possible discretionary funding once the new gym is established.

Motion:

Moved: Nikki Jones **Seconded:** Tamara Pianta

That the committee approve the purchase of six pieces of gym equipment, being a ski trainer, stair climber, commercial air bike, landmine core trainer, recumbent bike, and leg extension/curl machine, at an estimated cost of approximately \$13,718 plus freight.

CARRIED

Other Business

The committee discussed the equipment being purchased for the Lady Barron gym, including an interval timer, dumbbells, kettlebell rack and kettlebells, bumper plates and barbell package, leg extension/curl machine, squat rack with pull-down package, landmine trainer, ski trainer and air rower.

The committee also discussed the importance of retaining gym access in Whitemark due to convenience, proximity to services, and use by older residents and people attending health-related programs.

Meeting Closed 18:49pm

INFORMATION REPORT June 2026

Development Applications 1 to 31 May 2026

ENQUIRIES

APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE	ZONE	DEVELOPMENT/USE DESCRIPTION
2026 / 00010	4 May	Various	Signs - interpretive
2026 / 00012	18 May	Community Purpose	Emergency Services - alterations or extensions to an existing building
2026 / 00013	21 May	Particular Purpose Zone	Emergency Services - alterations or extensions to an existing building

ACCEPTED

APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE	ADDRESS	PID NO	DEVELOPMENT/USE DESCRIPTION	D or P*
2026 / 00015	14 May	1290 Palana Road, Blue Rocks	2087525	Change of Use - Residential to Visitor Accommodation	D

APPROVED NIL

EXEMPTION or NO PERMIT REQUIRED CONFIRMATION

APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE	ADDRESS	PID NO	DEVELOPMENT/USE DESCRIPTION	E or NPR*
2026 / 00010	15 May	Various	Various	Signs - interpretive	E

MINOR AMENDMENTS GRANTED NIL

PLANNING PERMIT EXTENSIONS NIL

APPEALS BEING PROCESSED NIL

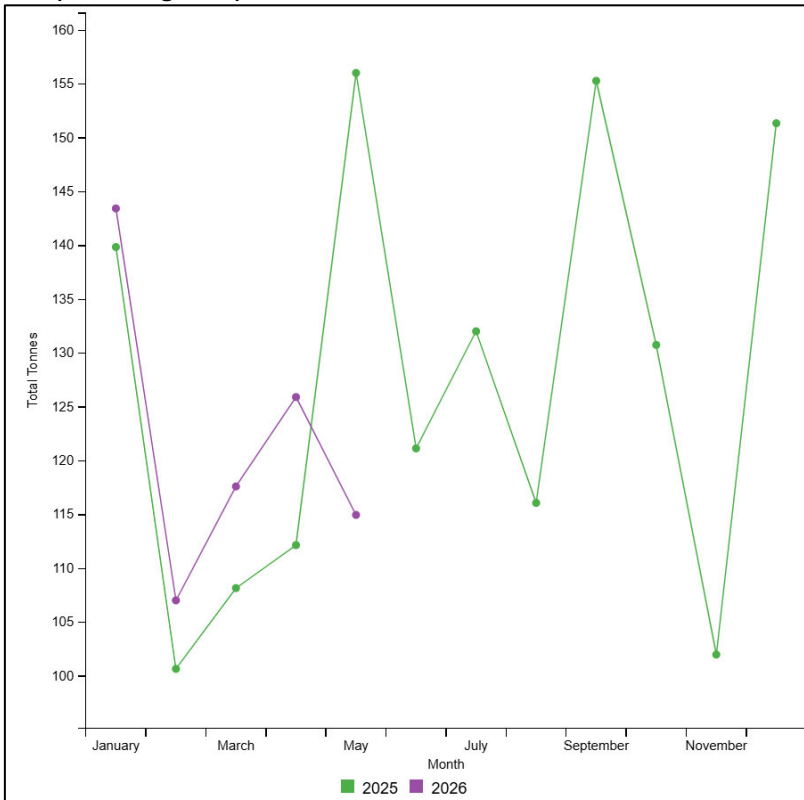
*The D, P column indicates if an application is Discretionary or Permitted.
Note that only Discretionary applications incur an advertising period.
No refusals were issued within the period.

WORKS AND SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT
For June 2026 Council meeting

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update on the Works and Services Department activities and work undertaken during the month of **May 2026**:

Work Health and Safety Committee (WHSC)	
Waste Management	Over the past 12 months, there have been sustained improvements in safety performance and operational procedures within this service area resulting from fortnightly safety meetings, improvements to layout, and upgrades in plant.
Vehicle and Plant Compliance Checks	Vehicle and plant checks were completed to audit pre-start inspections and location of compliant safety equipment such as first aid kits and fire extinguishers. The results were tabulated for a report to management and the June WHS Committee meeting.
WHS Committee Meeting Agenda	Agenda prepared and distributed to all Council staff for consultation for the scheduled June meeting in accordance with the WHS Committee Constitution (O-W2-C).
Roads and Drainage	
Maintenance Grading	Palana Road, West End Road, Killiecrankie Road, Edens Road, North East River Road.
Maintenance Grading Contractor,	Coast Road, Badger Corner Road, Trousers Point Road, Memana Road, Summer Camp Road, Walkers Lookout Road.
Bitumen Road Pothole Repairs	Memana Road.
Drainage	Palana Road, Harleys Road, Palana Road, Hines Road.
Guideposts	Palana Road, Coast Road, Dutchman's Road, Camerons Inlet Road, Reedy Lagoon Road, Pot Boil Road, Lees Road, Memana Road, Summers Road.
Capital Works	CAP2526-23 Gravel to Airport for dog Pound, CAP2425-28 - Waste Oil Facility – backhoe work to prepare site.
Lady Barron – Palana Road (Department of State Growth)	Bitumen Patching and edging /shoulder works. Weekly Inspections completed. Road kill removed and reported.

Town Maintenance	
Parks and Reserves	Mowing/Brush cutting: • Whitemark, • Lady Barron, • Whitemark Showgrounds, • Cemeteries. Edging - Whitemark
Footpaths	Inspections completed. Gutter Cleaning – Whitemark and Lady Barron.
Park and Street Furniture	Rubbish Bins – Emptied remote bins and town bins.
Signage	Whitemark Tip and Transfer Stations - Install new signs.
Boat Ramps	Inspected every 3 months.
Bluff Track Maintenance	Cut back branches.
Building Maintenance	SES – Replace broken glass in window.
Capital Works	CAP2526-11 Lady Barron Footpath - 75m of new footpath in Barr Street completed. CAP2526-12 Whitemark – 7m of new footpath in Robert Street.
Cleaning	Cleaning – Internal: • All Public Toilets, Council offices, Airport, Halls, Gyms. Cleaning – External: • Killiecrankie Public toilets. • All BBQs, tables and seats.
Other	Install filing cabinet and new cupboard at the Giving Shed.
Resource Recovery and Waste Management	
Facilities	• Recyclables and waste from Killiecrankie and Lady Barron Waste Transfer Stations (WTS) were transported to Whitemark Waste Facility (WWF) for further processing. • Waste at the active tipping area was compacted and covered as part of regular landfill management. • Recycling hubs and the Recycle Rewards machine were routinely serviced. • Entry signs were installed at all the waste facilities.

Landfill Levy	• The May data was collated, checked, and reported to Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE). • The classification breakdown, total tonnage and monthly levy were as follows: - o General Waste (WWF): 10.80 t - o General Waste (WTS): 48.90 t - o Hard waste (WWF): 6.78 t - o Hard waste (WTS): 11.70 t - o Cardboard: 7.69 t - o Commercial and Industrial: 23.17 t - o Construction and Demolition: 5.95 t - o Operational Material (landfill cover): Nil - o Total Leivable Tonnage: 103.49 - o Monthly Levy Payable: \$4,743.98 The below graph was prepared to help visualise disposal data. Please note this graph excludes operational materials, used for landfill cover, to improve legibility. <table><caption>Estimated Data for Landfill Levy Graph (Total Tonnes)</caption><thead><tr><th>Month</th><th>2025 (Green)</th><th>2026 (Purple)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>January</td><td>140</td><td>143</td></tr><tr><td>February</td><td>101</td><td>107</td></tr><tr><td>March</td><td>108</td><td>118</td></tr><tr><td>April</td><td>112</td><td>126</td></tr><tr><td>May</td><td>156</td><td>115</td></tr><tr><td>June</td><td>121</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>July</td><td>132</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>August</td><td>116</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>September</td><td>155</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>October</td><td>131</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>November</td><td>102</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>December</td><td>151</td><td></td></tr></tbody></table>	Month	2025 (Green)	2026 (Purple)	January	140	143	February	101	107	March	108	118	April	112	126	May	156	115	June	121		July	132		August	116		September	155		October	131		November	102		December	151	
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Recycling	• Cooking oil was decanted, lead acid batteries were palletised, and bulk bags were baled. • The recycling hubs collected 10.60 kg of eligible products in May, bringing the total diversion from landfill to 624.90 kg since launch. • Top Five performing programs are: - o Household Batteries: 203.0 kg - o Coffee Pods: 146.7 kg - o Printer Cartridges: 99.1 kg - o Hair Care: 31.6 kg																																							

	o Dish & Air Care: 26.1 kg
Administration	• Reviewed and updated the six-monthly Waste and Recycling Guide. • Progressed the Recycling Hub signage update. • Drafting traffic flow options for the Whitemark Waste Facility • Two staff members completed the AgSafe training for the drumMUSTER and bagMUSTER programs. • Meeting with representatives from NRE Tasmania to discuss the Recycling Modernisation Fund Grant • Preparing report for the acquittal of the Bulk Bag Baler, Scrap Metal Recovery, and Waste Oil Infrastructure Enhancement projects. • Reviewed the Landfill Operations Manual. • Correspondence with Environment Protection Authority (EPA) regarding the draft Environmental Protection Notice (EPN) provided informally for comment. • Communications materials, including Facebook posts, e-newsletter content, website updates, and Island News articles.
Quarries	
Quarries	Completed extraction for re-sheeting program
State Government	
Department of State Growth	Quarterly report submitted and contract management meeting held.
Other	
Specify	Works and Services Manager was Acting General Manager (18 th to 27 th May 2026)

Community and Economic Development Report

For activities and work undertaken during the month of May 2026.

Overview

This report provides a monthly update to Council on key activities, projects and emerging priorities across the Community and Economic Development Department.

The Department manages a broad portfolio spanning: communications, community events, information technology (IT) and digital systems, grants, strategic projects, community gyms, school holiday program, funerals and community wellbeing initiatives.

Communications and Digital

- 19 social media posts across the period.
- Develop promotional and submission materials for the Gunn Bequest and Community Grant programs.
- Explore Microsoft Suite Planning for the organisation
- Coordinating with contractors to install Wi-Fi in the new Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre (FAEC) section, with completion expected in early July.
- Monthly communications and planning support for the Waste Management Team.
- Produced image and written content for Island News, the monthly e-newsletter, website, and ad hoc community communications across print and digital channels.

Community Events and Activation

- Support Emily Sanzaro fundraiser performance for PAWS and workshop at the FAEC.
- Support Portals to Place Conference 4 May -7 May.
- Coordinated youth attendance for Sports and RSL Golf Trick Shot Show.
- Meeting with Flinders Island Aboriginal Association Inc (FIAAI) re 2026/2027 Furneaux Festival.

Community Facilities and Programs

- Coordinated with the freighting company and relevant committees following gym equipment arriving ahead of schedule.
- Reviewed gym fees and charges following the Royal Flying Doctors Service (RFDS) vacating the gym facility.

Grants, Capital Projects and Strategic Initiatives

- Milestone Report for Airport Runway project under Growing Regions Fund.
- Successful grant outcome for BioChar Unit through Circular North.
- Obtain quotes and submit grant for the Whitemark Exercite area resurface.
- Program redevelopment of Furneaux Save Water Challenge grant initiative.
- Further detailed information supplied to NRE for the Infrastructure Grant Round 3

Stakeholder Engagement and Partnerships

- Weekly meeting with Visit Northern Tasmania (VNT) and Tourism Tasmania regarding Flinders Visitor Survey.
- Tasmanian Access Strategy Consultation with Tourism Tasmania.
- Continued work on Population Profiling with Norther Tasmanian Development Corporation (NTDC) for upcoming June workshop.
- Participated in the Leadership and Development workshop, supporting professional development and leadership capability building across Council.

AIRPORT OPERATIONS COORDINATOR'S REPORT For June 2026 Council meeting

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update on the Airport activities and work undertaken during the month of **May 2026**:

Airport

1. Inspections

- Conducted all scheduled monthly airport inspections.
- Performed daily full serviceability inspections.
- Carried out runway inspections for Sharp Airlines prior to landings and departures.
- Carried out runway inspections for Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) prior to landings and Departures.
- Bio Security annual audit and inspection completed.
- Performed monthly airport inspections.
- Performed weekly fuel checks.
- Performed monthly fuel check.

2. Maintenance and Repairs

- Checked airside fence and removed debris.
- Airport Terminal main entrance glass sliding door maintenance completed.
- Vehicles and machinery washed / cleaned weekly.

3. Infrastructure and Works

- New dog pound area ready for the kennels.
- Works commenced on new office airside parking area.
- Minor repairs to workshop roof completed.

4. Groundskeeping

- Continued slashing landside areas.
- Mowing all airside areas.

5. Fuel and Aircraft Services

- Assisted World Fuel contractor with installing 24/7 self-serve fueling system. Expected to be operational in July.

6. Other Notes / Follow-Up

- Airport Operations Coordinator (AOC) continuing to work with the Australian Transport Safety Board (ATSB) on near miss event – 17/12/2025.
- Airport Master Plan update - AOC, meeting scheduled with contractor's representative on the 27 June 2026 (online meeting) to discuss full review of the current Masterplan.

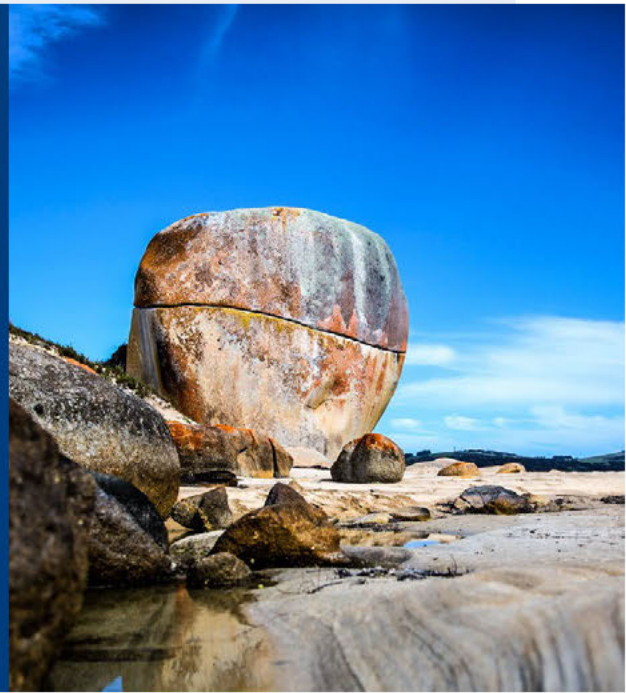
7. Lighting Project Update

- New ARO Office building on schedule – expected to be at lockup stage 30 June 2026. Council IT Technician commencing data works 18 June 2026. Contractor installing radio aerials and cabling to the new office on 18 June 2026.
- Runway Lighting Upgrade – Trenching and laying of cables in conduit is approximately 75% (main conduit/cable) completed and approximately 25% of secondary trenching and cabling completed.

Sharp Airlines Passenger Numbers	May 2025: 1291			May 2026: 1266	
Air Transport Operations (ATO) Movements	ATO-Sharp Air	ATO Other	Private	RFDS	Helicopters
May 2025	53	26	16	3	4
May 2026	49	47	15	4	6



Priority Projects



June 2026



Island Snapshot



FURTHER INFORMATION

RESIDENT POPULATION

Population
933

ABS Estimated Resident Population 2023

average age
58 years

149
aboriginal people

252 families

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Local Jobs

424

Unemployment

3%



economic output

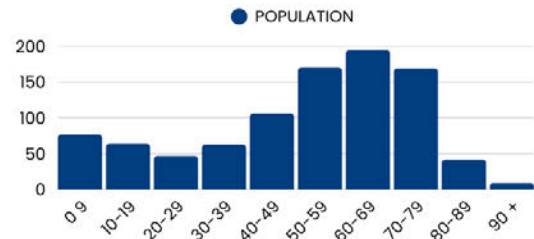
158 million

Flinders contributes

72 million GRP

Volunteers

38%



HOUSING TENURE

683
private dwellings



40%
residents renting

43%
residents own home outright

owned with a mortgage
17%

EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRIES

Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	27.6%
Health Care & Social Assistance	12.7%
Construction	11.8%
Public Administration & Safety	8.7%
Education & Training	7.5%



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Flinders Council



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This document highlights critical priority projects essential for securing a long-term, prosperous future for our community. Success depends on strong collaboration between State and Federal Governments, working alongside Flinders Council to address the unique needs of our Islands. These projects are strategically designed to maximise Council resources, delivering broad and lasting benefits to all communities across the Furneaux Islands.

VISION & MISSION

A vibrant, welcoming, and sustainable community, full of opportunity, celebrating and preserving our unique way of life and natural environment.

Working collaboratively with the communities of the Furneaux Group of islands to preserve the Islands' way of life, whilst embracing future opportunities.

OUR FOCUS AREAS

1

LIVEABILITY

To protect and build upon our islands' way of life.

2

ACCESSIBILITY / INFRASTRUCTURE

Quality infrastructure and services for community benefit.

3

ECONOMY / BUSINESS

An environment where a variety of businesses can thrive and integrate.

4

GOOD GOVERNANCE

Effective, efficient and transparent management and operations.

SUSTAINING ESSENTIAL SERVICES IN REMOTE COMMUNITIES

The Case for Federal Assistance:

Flinders Council plays a crucial role in sustaining the health, wellbeing, and viability of its remote island community. Situated in Bass Strait, Council's responsibilities extend far beyond those of a typical local government. In the absence of private sector capacity and limited state-level presence, Council is often required to step in to deliver and coordinate critical services that underpin daily life, community safety, and economic participation.

Beyond Traditional Local Government Functions

In addition to managing roads, waste, and planning, Flinders Council is deeply involved in areas such as community and economic development, tourism, and environmental management. Council's role has evolved to fill service gaps that are critical to community wellbeing and resilience.

Essential Services Provided by Flinders Council

- **Sole Funeral Director:** Council provides comprehensive bereavement services, including preparation of the deceased, family support, and coordination of ceremonies — ensuring that residents can be laid to rest with dignity without leaving the island.
- **Airport Operations and Infrastructure Maintenance:** Council operates and maintains the island's airport, a critical gateway for emergency medical evacuations, freight, and connectivity.
- **Public Health and Safety:** Through its Environmental Health Officer, Council safeguards public health by administering programs such as school-based immunisations, food safety monitoring, and compliance with the *Public Health Act 1997*.
- **Community Health and Wellbeing:** Council provides and manages community gyms, delivers health and wellbeing programs, and supports local leadership and civic engagement to foster a resilient, vibrant community.

Strategic Focus and Vision

Council's actions are guided by its Strategic Plan, which prioritises population growth, housing, tourism, and primary industry support, while maintaining the island's unique lifestyle and environmental integrity. This approach reflects the Council's commitment to both community sustainability and economic vitality.

The Benefits of Federal Partnership

Delivering these expanded services within the constraints of a small ratepayer base and limited revenue streams is not sustainable. The logistical costs of service delivery, combined with workforce shortages, shipping reliance, and geographic isolation, place an extraordinary burden on Council operations.

Federal investment is essential to:

- Sustain and strengthen essential community services.
- Upgrade critical infrastructure such as the airport and housing.
- Ensure equitable access to health, transport, and wellbeing services.
- Build resilience and long-term economic participation for island residents.

Flinders Council stands ready to partner with the Australian Government to deliver shared outcomes for regional Australia - ensuring that even the most remote communities remain connected, resilient, and thriving.

Priority Projects

The following priority projects outline the key areas where Flinders Council requires partnership and investment to maintain essential services, address infrastructure shortfalls, and secure the island's long-term sustainability. Each project responds directly to challenges identified through community feedback, Council planning, and operational necessity.

These projects represent **practical, high-impact investments** that will strengthen liveability, connectivity, and resilience - ensuring that the island remains a thriving and self-sustaining part of regional Australia.

Infrastructure



Reconstructing and Sealing 62 kilometres of Main Arterial Roads



Upgrade the Airport Runways and associated infrastructure

Advocacy



Develop long-term residential accommodation for rental and purchase.



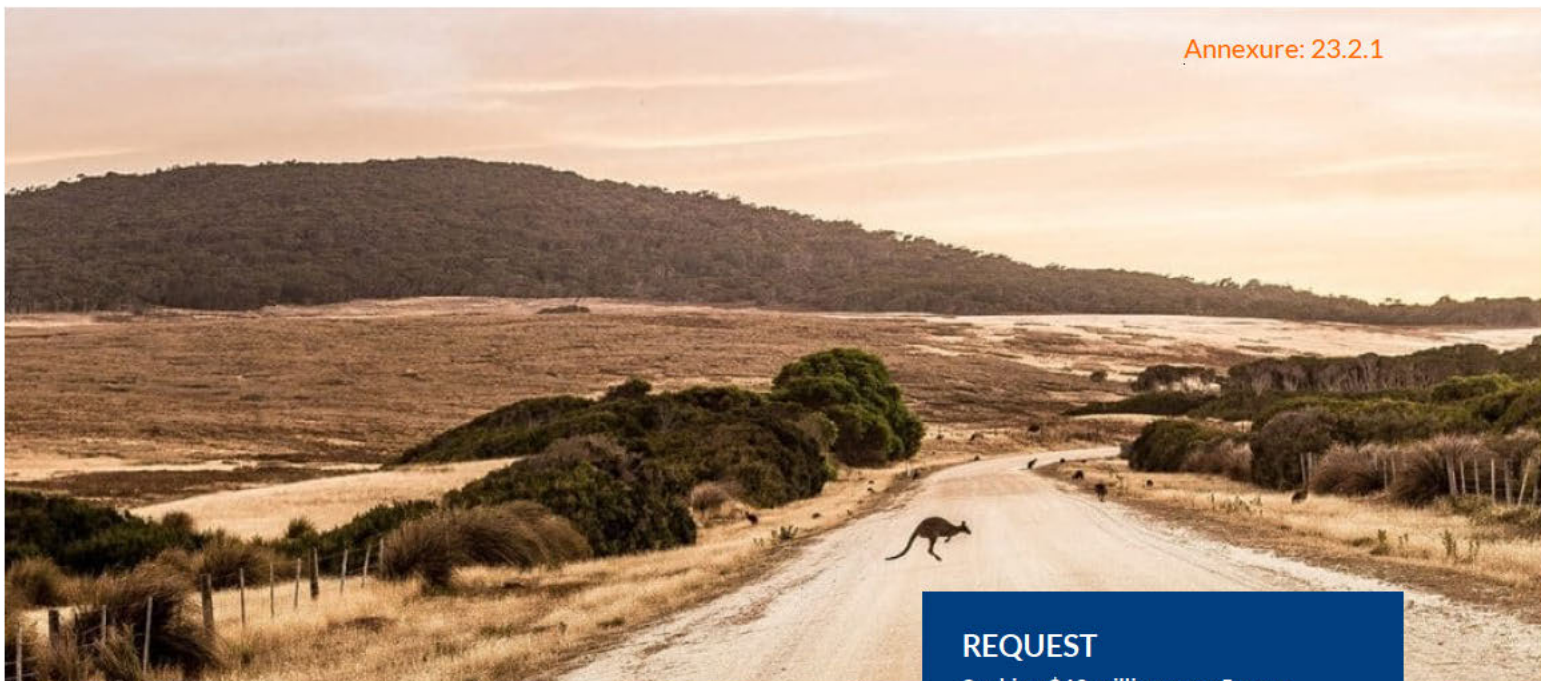
Advocate for the provision of reliable childcare and early childhood education facility and services.



Implementing an Integrated Waste Management Solution for Flinders Island



Collaborate with TasWater to identify and establish a wastewater solution.



REQUEST

Seeking \$40 million over 5 years

Council Contribution In preparation for securing funding, Council will focus on sealing the remaining gravel road intersections and the on/off ramps to remaining bridges.

Reconstructing and Sealing 62 Kilometres of Main Arterial Roads

This project is crucial for ensuring the safety, economic vitality, and sustainability of Flinders Island's Road network and broader infrastructure.

Flinders Island's road network covers 382 kilometres, with 73 kilometres sealed and 309 kilometres unsealed. Of these, 62.15 kilometres of main arterial gravel roads are crucial for tourism and local traffic but have deteriorated significantly over the past 30 years. This decline is due to the depletion of on-island gravel supplies, leaving only poor-quality, clay-based material available from existing quarries. Additionally, limited resources have resulted in insufficient upgrades and maintenance, rendering the infrastructure inadequate to support the heavy traffic from primary industry vehicles.

Key Initiatives:

- **Sealing Main Arterial Roads:** Invest \$40 million over 5 years to seal 62 kilometres of critical gravel roads.
- **Utilising Remaining Gravel:** Use remaining high-quality gravel from Lughrata for secondary roads, preserving gravel stocks and improving road quality.
- **Transfer of Palana Road:** Transition ownership of Palana Road to the State Government for better maintenance and management.

Key Benefits:

- **Improved Road Quality and Safety:** Enhances road conditions, reducing accidents and vehicle damage.
- **Reduced Maintenance Costs:** Sealed roads require less frequent and less costly maintenance.
- **Development Opportunities:** Better roads boost economic growth by attracting tourism and supporting local businesses.
- **Sustained Gravel Resources:** Efficient use of existing gravel resources prolongs their availability for secondary roads.
- **Enhanced Infrastructure:** Upgrading roads to support heavy traffic and primary industry needs strengthens the island's infrastructure.
- **Support for Primary Industry:** Ensures sustainability for the island's beef production industry, which supplies 20% of Tasmanian beef, by providing roads capable of handling heavy trucks without damage.
- **Cost Efficiency:** The initial investment leads to long-term savings through reduced maintenance and transport costs.



REQUEST

We are seeking the following support:

Stage 2 Funding: Significant investment required for runway and apron reconstruction.

Upgrade the Airport Runways and associated infrastructure

Flinders Island Airport is a vital lifeline for the island community, providing essential access for residents, emergency services, medical evacuations, freight, and tourism. However, the airport has operated under multiple exemptions since the late 1990s, allowing key systems to fall below Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) standards.

To address these long-standing compliance issues and ensure the airport's ongoing viability, Council has developed a two-stage upgrade plan.

- Stage 1 focuses on critical electrical and operational upgrades.
- Stage 2 will deliver structural and surface improvements to the runway and apron.

Stage 1 is currently in development and progressing on track. Flinders Council is now seeking funding support to deliver Stage 2.

Stage 1 – Funded and Underway

Total Cost: \$3 million

Scope of Works:

- Full electrical system upgrade, including runway and apron floodlighting
- Installation of *Precision Approach Path Indicators (PAPI)*
- New standby generator and electrical switchboard
- Construction of a new operations office

These works will modernise core infrastructure, address safety risks, and bring electrical systems closer to CASA compliance standards.

Stage 2 – Funding Required

Cost: subject to updated design and costings

Scope of Works:

- Asphalt grooved overlay to reshape and seal the main runway and apron, ensuring compliance with CASA's required transverse gradient standard
- Construction of a new turning node at the northern end of the main runway
- Ancillary drainage and surface works to improve long-term resilience

Stage 2 will ensure the airport meets full CASA standards and provides a safe, compliant, and reliable facility for decades to come.

Key Benefits

- **Safety and Compliance** Brings the airport into alignment with CASA standards, removing long-standing exemptions and improving operational safety for passengers, aircraft operators, and emergency services.
- **Essential Services** Supports *Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS)* operations, air ambulance services, and search and rescue missions that rely on the airport for rapid response.
- **Economic and Community Impact** Enhances connectivity, supports the visitor economy, and strengthens local business supply chains by ensuring reliable access to and from the island.
- **Regional Development Alignment** Directly aligns with state and federal priorities for investing in critical regional infrastructure that supports safety, accessibility, and economic resilience in remote communities.





Develop long-term residential accommodation for rental and purchase

This initiative is crucial for securing Flinders Island's future by providing the housing necessary to support a thriving, sustainable community.

Flinders Island faces a critical housing shortage, posing significant challenges to the community's growth and sustainability. The lack of available housing makes it difficult to attract and retain professionals and skilled workers, essential for supporting local industries and services. This shortage has led to a transient workforce and a decline in population, threatening the Island's long-term social and economic stability.

A recent housing study has highlighted these issues, and Council is prepared to contribute land to help address them. The plan is to develop long-term residential accommodation for both rental and purchase, with a focus on creating affordable options that meet the needs of a diverse population.

Key Initiatives:

- **Housing Strategy Development:** Align with the Council's Structure Plan to promote sustainable development tailored to the Island's unique challenges.
- **Infrastructure Investment:** Enhance roads and utilities to support new housing projects.
- **Affordable Housing Initiatives:** Ensure housing options are accessible to a wide range of income levels.
- **Community Involvement:** Engage the community in housing development decisions to ensure solutions reflect their needs and aspirations.

Key Benefits:

- **Sustained Population Growth:** Supports the continuity of essential services.
- **Increased Housing Availability:** Encourages settlement, boosting economic activity.
- **Viable Population:** Strengthens the community's sustainability.
- **Balanced Development:** Promotes harmony between built and natural environments.
- **Economic Diversification:** Attracts new businesses and industries, fostering a resilient local economy.

REQUEST

Funding to construct affordable housing to sell to stimulate population growth.

Council contribution: Council land and strategic planning.

Addressing housing issues on Flinders Island will require a multi-faceted approach that involves collaboration between the Federal and State Government, Council, our local community and stakeholders.



Advocate for the provision of reliable childcare and early childhood education facility and services

Addressing the childcare challenges on Flinders Island is crucial for maintaining a vibrant and sustainable community, ensuring that families have the support they need to thrive.

Flinders Island has recently seen the arrival of over 25 new infants in the past few years, bringing joy to our community but also placing immense strain on our only childcare centre, affectionately known as "Duckpond."

Operated by Thrive Group Tas Inc., the centre, originally built in the early 1960s as a Health Care Centre, is now operating beyond its capacity with no room for expansion. The current infrastructure limits the ability to offer additional services like before and after-school care, resulting in a long waiting list that significantly impacts local families and businesses.

Key Initiatives:

- **New Facility Construction:** Develop a fully equipped early childhood education facility next to the existing school, creating an integrated education precinct that serves children from infancy to age 18. This will streamline drop-offs and ensure seamless transitions between school stages, operating from 8 am to 5 pm.
- **Educational Collaboration:** Work with the Department of Education to implement creative solutions, such as reallocating Teacher's Aides during staff shortages and using specialised teachers to develop unique learning packages for Centre staff.

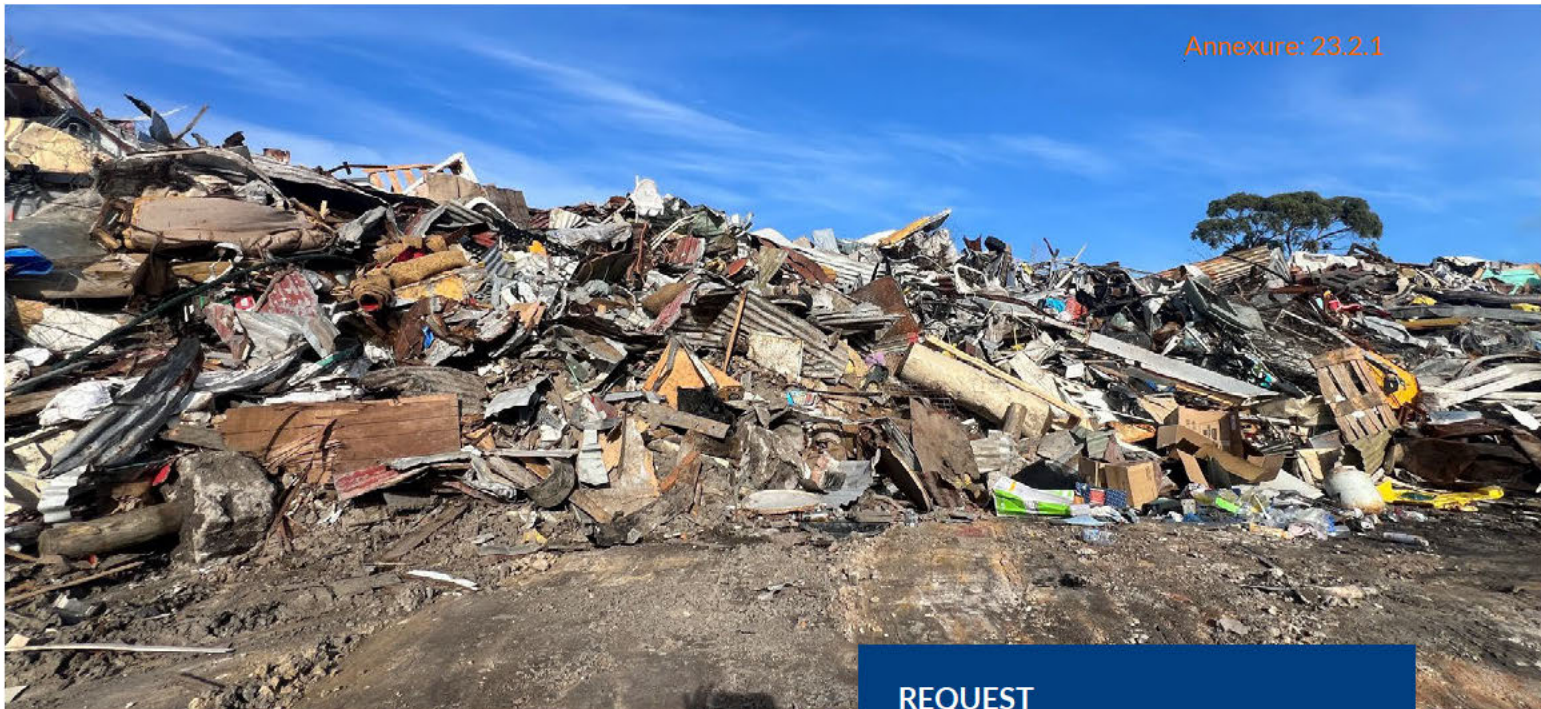
Key Benefits:

- **Enhanced Liveability and Population Growth:** Reliable childcare is essential for attracting and retaining families on the island.
- **Job Creation:** Expands employment opportunities within the community, supporting economic growth.
- **Enriched Early Childhood Education:** Collaboration with specialised educators enhances the quality of care and education provided.
- **Unified Learning Path:** Provides a continuous educational journey from infancy to age 18, all within one centralised location.

REQUEST

The Dept of Education continue to work with Council, Childcare provider (Thrive Inc) and the community to create an education precinct.

Addressing childcare issues on Flinders Island will require a multi-faceted approach that involves collaboration between Council, State Government, Education Department, our local community and stakeholders.



Implementing an Integrated Waste Management Solution for Flinders Island

REQUEST

Seeking **\$18 million**

Remediation and associated works: **\$2.5 million**

Cell design, EPA applications & construction of infrastructure: **\$11 million**

Operational plant: **\$3 million** (compactor, telehandler, composter)

Circular Economy Lab: **\$1.5 million**

To ensure Flinders Island adopts a modern, sustainable waste management system that benefits both the environment and the community.

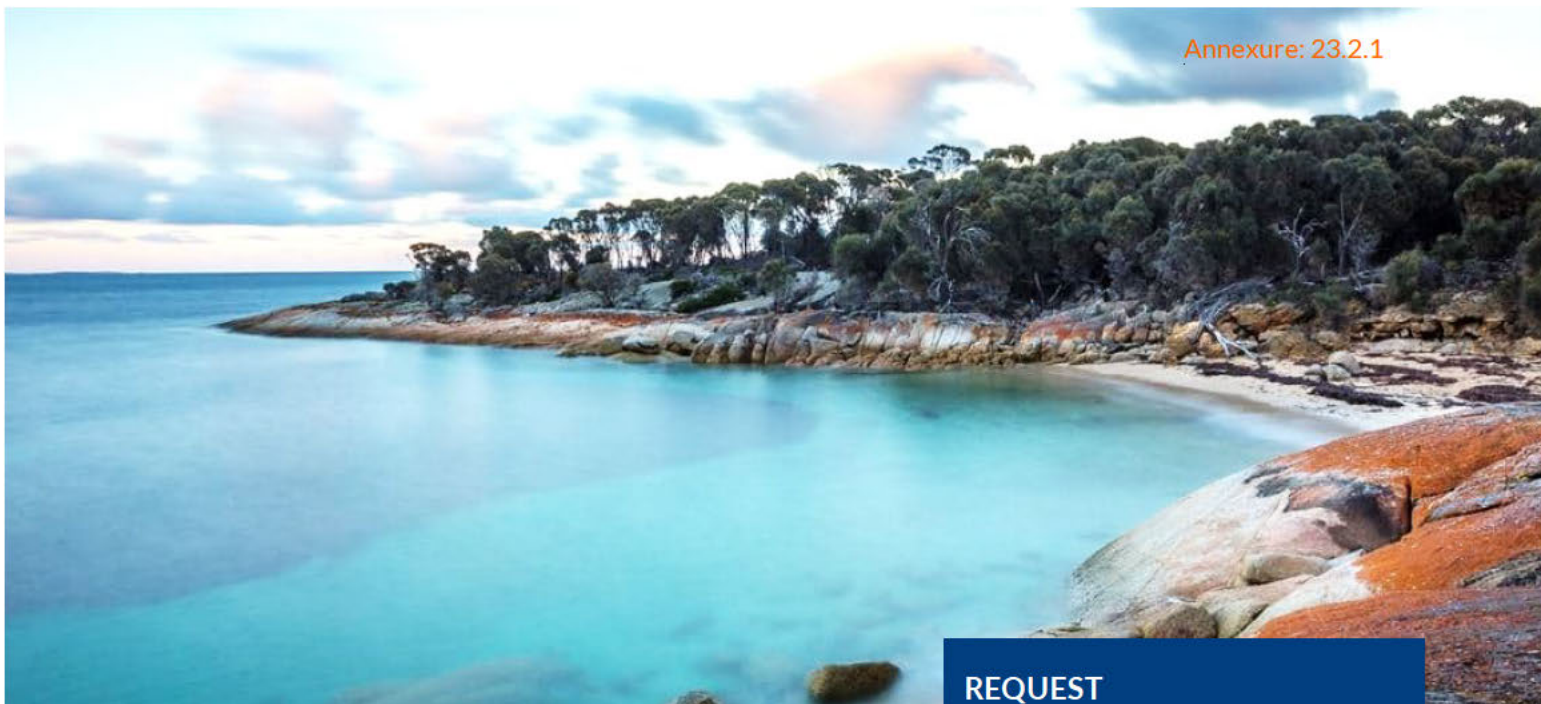
The Whitemark Waste Facility, operational since 1988, is the only active landfill on Flinders Island. With the Tasmanian Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) set to impose stricter obligations this year, it's clear that the current management of the site falls short of compliance standards. Additionally, the existing landfill cell is nearing capacity, highlighting the urgent need for a sustainable waste management solution.

Key Initiatives:

- **Stage 1:** Conduct a compliance review, develop a remediation plan, and perform necessary compliance works. Prepare a cost-benefit analysis of waste management options and create a master plan based on these findings.
- **Stage 2:** Finalise cell engineering design and submit applications to the EPA for a composting system and a new putrescible cell.
- **Stage 3:** Construct the approved infrastructure and develop a Circular Economy Lab—a community-driven initiative focused on waste repurposing, local manufacturing, and innovation.

Key Benefits:

- **Sustainable and Compliant Waste Management:** Minimises environmental impact and ensures the island meets EPA requirements.
- **Reduced Landfill Dependence:** Increases resource recovery, diverting waste from the landfill.
- **Compost Production:** Provides material for Council gardens, reducing the need for imported resources.
- **Commercial Returns:** Creates potential revenue streams through resource recovery operations.
- **Innovative Blueprint:** Establishes Flinders Island as a model for circular economy practices and advanced waste management.



Collaborate with TasWater to identify and establish a wastewater solution

REQUEST

Suitable funding be made available to TasWater to enable them to provide an appropriate solution for Flinders Island.

Council contribution – Previous feasibility studies.

This collaboration is crucial for ensuring the Island's public health, environmental protection, and sustainable development.

Flinders Island currently lacks a compliant sewage disposal system, leading to environmental issues such as effluent overflow and wastewater system flooding. There is a growing concern that a public health crisis may arise if action is not taken promptly. While an island-wide reticulated sewerage system would cost in the \$100's million, a more feasible solution involves establishing a containerised treatment facility, serviced by a public health compliant pump truck, to meet the Island's needs.

Key Initiatives:

- **Upgrade Wastewater Systems:** Implement a modern, containerised wastewater treatment facility to address current deficiencies and ensure compliance with environmental and health standards.
- **Collaborate with TasWater:** Leverage Council's local knowledge to assist TasWater, the only regulated entity capable of implementing a suitable wastewater solution for all properties on the Island.

Key Benefits:

- **Public Health Protection:** Prevents infections and biological diseases resulting from inadequate wastewater systems, mitigating the risk of a public health crisis.
- **Environmental Safeguards:** Reduces the environmental impact of overflowing or poorly treated wastewater, protecting the Island's natural resources.
- **Supports Housing Development:** Facilitates much-needed housing development by eliminating wastewater-related barriers.
- **Economic Growth:** Enables local businesses and industries to thrive by providing access to suitable wastewater treatment options.

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2026 Councillor Resolution Report			Jun-26	
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Minute	Resolution	Activity	Status	Date Completed
172.09.2021	Moved: Cr V GraceSeconded: Cr A Burke That Council a)Authorises the General Manager, Warren Groves to sign the Flinders Island Vet Facility grant deed under Common Seal for the purpose of constructing and equipping a new veterinarian facility, b)Approves the investigation and use of appropriate Council land to site the facility and; c)Approves the receipt of the veterinary facility onto Council's asset register upon completion.	01/10/21 Initial meeting of Project committee - recommendation to undergo a risk assessment process to determine the most appropriate location for the proposed Vet facility per (b). 09/12/21 This project progresses well with detailed designs expected from Project Architects in the new year. 06/01/22 The Grant has been signed and a substantial amount of the funding has been received. Work is well underway with the successful architectural design team who aim to have a Development Application to Council in late January 2022. 08/03/22 DA expected to be submitted by week ending 18.03.22. 07/04/22 DA submitted and in process - advertising for DA and Community Consultation to commence together in second week of April. 09/05/22 Awaiting outcome of discretionary advertising period. 27/06/22 Tender pack for construction of facility advertised. 9/8/22 Two tenders were received and council is currently negotiating with the successful tenderer. Council negotiating with grant provider re the allocation of more funds to complete the project. Project currently on hold until these negotiations have been concluded. 11/10/22 Due to rising building costs, the funding is no longer sufficient to cover the entire project. Currently seeking direction from State Government on how it wishes to progress the project. 15/11/22 Council has submitted a request for further assistance to the State Government Committee charged with assessing State Government funded project cost over-runs. 16/03/23 Project Manager continues to follow up with Funding Committee without meaningful update to date. 15/05/23 Discussion with RDA Tas 11.05.23. Just released and upcoming Federal funding may assist with the progression of this project. 14/06/23 Considering funding application - Growing Regions to secure additional funding for this project. 17/08/23 Federal funding EOI for Veterinary Facility submitted 01.08.2023. 20/09/23 Awaiting release of grant application process, expected within the next month. 18/10/23 Still awaiting release of grant application process. 15/11/23 Expecting release of grant application around 28.11.23. 27/11/23 Advised funding application for Stage 1 of EOI Process successful. 15/01/24 Stage 2 of EOI process submission lodged 15/1/2024. 21/02/24 & 20/3/2024 Outcome of stage 2 expected March 2024 17/4/24 & 22/5/2024 Outcome still awaited,17/5/24 Advised Growing Regions grant application unsuccessful 26/6/24 Advocating with NRE re extension and future funding opportunities. 24/07/24: Extension of existing funding confirmed, advocacy continues for additional funding. Alternative building options being investigated. 25/09/24: Meetings with Ministers has secured option for interim existing facility to be utilised. New Facility building options being investigated. 30/10/24: Negotiations with building contractor are continuing to find resolution within budget. 18/11/24: Ongoing advocacy with State Government Ministers. Negotiations continue with building contractor to find suitable options within budget. Jan 2025: Advocating to State Government to reallocate funds from election promises to Vet Project. Contract signed with building contractor. Feb 2025: Advocacy continues March 2025: Advocacy continues for additional funding, Building manufacture scheduled. April 2025: Manufacture of Building commenced in Factory, Advocacy continues for extra funding. May 2025: The new Vet Clinic is currently being built and due to be placed in situ on 29 May 2025. Expressions of Interest for Vet to provide services has been issued, closing 2 July. June 2025: Contractors due to return late June to complete installation. EOI's close 2 July 2025 July 2025: Vet clinic arrived and in-situ. First round EOI's have been sent to Council for review, discussed during 9 July 2025 workshop. Second round invitations sent out to selected applicants. Aug 2025: Electrical installation completed, TasBuilt to commence finalisation of building early September. Sept 2025: Works continued with the contractor and local trades. October 2025: Contract finalisation with contractor. Local trades to complete plumbing and drainage works. November, December 2025 and January 2026: Working with local trades to complete plumbing and drainage works.TasBuilt has advised that expected completion by 31/03/2026. February 2026 & March 2026: Plumbing works commenced and remains on track to complete by 31/03/2026 April 2026: Handover with contractor completed 8 April 2026. May 2026: Construction complete and occupancy certificate achieved. Equipping of facility and operational model discussions in process. June 2026: Facility fitout and operational model discussions progressing.	a) Completed b) Completed c) in progress	
142.03.2023	Moved: Mayor Rachel Summers Seconded: Cr K Stockton That Council works with relevant stakeholders, including our current childcare provider; Thrive Group, to: a)investigate options for the provision of reliable early childhood education and childcare services (including before and after school care and school holiday care); and b)advocate to both State and Federal governments for appropriate support and funding. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)	21/06/23 Council has participated in a number of meetings with Island and Tasmania mainland based stakeholders in furtherance of this project over the past few months. The Thrive Group is currently in the process of applying for federal funding to construct a purpose-built facility on Island. 20/09/23 Cr. Summers continues contact with Principal of FDHS regarding this matter. 2023.09.21 Flinders Island has been selected as a trial site for the Early Learning for 3 year old program to be started in early 2024. Whilst this should help alleviate concerns around the waiting list, there are still staffing issues that are being attended to by Thrive. Thrive have submitted an application to the Growing Regions Fund to construct a fit for purpose facility on school grounds. 27/9/23 DOE not happy to hand over land now project is in writing. M Fergusson proposed he could help but DOE have said no. Talks around DOE building re trial of 3YO's at school. Thrive will provide the 10% required for the EOI/Grant if successful 27/11/23 Thrive advised that stage 1 of EOI process - application was successful. 15/01/24 & 21/02/24 No Progress 20/03/24 included in State election promises 17/04/24 & 22/05/24 Awaiting clarification of likely outcomes based on election-based promises. Mayor is in process of writing to all elected members re same. 26/06/24 & 24/7/24 & 21/8/24 & 25/9/24: Ongoing advocacy with State and Federal Ministers 08/05/26: Letter of Support provided to Childcare operator for new proposal	In Progress	
SUBSTANTIVE (244.10 2024)	Moved: Cr Garry BlenkhornSeconded: Cr Rachel Summers That Council: a)accepts the donation of vermin resistant fencing from Waratah and others and works with the various community volunteers to install a vermin resistant perimeter fence, with an electronic entry gate with associated opening mechanism and solar power connection at the Lady Barron Cemetery . b)approves a budget of up to \$23,000, to come from the Public Open Space funds for the Council related costs of the proposed upgrade to the Lady Barron Cemetery fencing. Eighteen thousand dollars is to cover works and equipment as detailed in a), and up to \$5,000 to cover survey costs. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0) Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Mayor Rachel Summers	18/11/24: Tap signage installed. Project Code allocated (CAP2425-32). Jan 2025: Surveying works ordered Feb 2025: Survey works complete. Mar 2025 : Councillors and Council Officers scheduled to meet at Lady Barron Cemetery to discuss project requirements. April 2025: Meeting undertaken Fri 28th March 2025. June 2025: Up to having the fence line cleared. Crs Grace and Cox met with Works and Services Coordinator about how that might be done and what trees to leave. July 2025: Effected landowner letters in draft, clearing works and fence construction planning in progress August 2025: Neighbouring landowners letters sent prior to engaging contractor to undertake works. Sept 2025: Awaiting written quotes from contractors for fence line clearing. Oct, Nov & Dec 2025: Contractor works scheduled to align with volunteers to do fencing in January 2026. January 2026: Contractor engaged on other works, will commence when outside commitments are complete. Feb 2026: Contractor has provided tentative start date of March 2026 March-April 2026: Works deferred to May 2026 to align removal of existing fence with availability of volunteers who will install immediately to protect integrity of graves from any possible damage. May 2026: This is in the hands of volunteers and contractor and will likely carry over to the next financial year. June 2026: Contractor and Volunteers continue to work together to progress the project with likelihood of overrun into the 2026-27 financial year.	In Progress	

2026 Councillor Resolution Report				
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SUBSTANTIVE (104.04.2025)	Moved: Cr Garry BlenkhornSeconded: Cr Chris Rhodes That Council: •Supports the installation of a new community time capsule; •Endorses the formation of a working group comprising of Councillor(s) and interested community members/groups to develop the project, and coordinate planning and installation at a future Council event; •Approves the inclusion of a \$10,000 allocation in the 2025/26 budget for the project should there be enough community support; and •Supports pursuing grant opportunities to assist with funding. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0) Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Chris Rhodes and Cr Ken Stockton.	May 2025: Community Survey is scheduled to be released for consultation following NE River Masterplan survey closure (9/6/25) June 2025: Mayor took to Lions Market 7/6/2025 for community interest. Community Grant funding opportunities to be explored. July 2025: Mayor exploring community interest and support to implement and look at funding options. August 2025: Discussed at Council Workshop 13 August 2025, Mayor to readvertise for community support/input. Sept 2025: Advertisement shared again to invite community support / input. October 2025- June 2026: Mayor and Deputy Mayor to work with interested community to develop possible project plan.	In Progress	
161.06.2025:	Moved: Deputy Mayor Vanessa GraceSeconded: Cr Ken Stockton That the Planning Authority: •Endorse preparation of AM2025-01 to the Flinders Local Provisions Schedule under section 40D(b) of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 to remove FLI-S3.0 Coastal Areas Specific Areas Plan from the titles and properties identified in tables 1 through 5 inclusive, for Palana, Killiecrankie, Pats River, Lady Barron and Samphire River, as per Annexure 1 to this agenda item, and note the correction of the word 'Village' to 'Area' in section 2.8 in Annexure 1 to this item; and •Pursuant to Section 40F of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993, certifies that AM2025-01 meets the LPS criteria; and •Instructs that affected property owners as per Annexure 1 to this item, be notified of draft amendment AM2025-01; and •Pursuant to Section 6 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993, delegate to the General Manager the authority to: oauthorise final revisions to the documentation for AM2025-01; osubmit notice of the decision to initiate and certify AM2025-01 to the Tasmanian Planning Commission; ocomplete the 28 day statutory notification of AM2025-01; and owhere no representations are received during the statutory notification of AM2025-01, submit report under 40K of Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993, to the Tasmanian Planning Commission. CARRIED (5-1) For: Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton. Against: Cr Garry Blenkhorn	July 2025: Report prepared and advertised, representations close 6/8/2025 August 2025: To September 2025 workshop for discussion Sept 2025: Presented at 10 September 2025 Council Workshop, for consideration at 24 September 2025 Council Meeting. October 2025: See 261.09.2025 below November 2025: Hearing date tentively booked for January 2026 with Commission. January 2026: Hearing Scheduled with Commission 22/1/2026 February & March 2026: Directions from Commission received, extension of time for response submission approved to 18 March 2026. NB See item 261.09.2025 also April 2026: Submitted response and awaiting decision from the Commission. May 2026: Response recieved from the Commission 15/4/2026 detailing decision and reasons for substantial modifications. June 2026: 1/6/26 TPS Direction to exhibit notification received to publicly exhibit the draft amendment for 28 days. All representors and affected landowners notified. Exhibition commences 6/6/26 and closes 6/7/26.	In Progress	
261.09.2025:	Moved: Cr Carol CoxSeconded: Cr Ken Stockton That the Planning Authority determines under section 40K of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 in respect of representations received to the statutory notification of AM2025-01: 1Representation 1 is determined to: •have merit as it raises matters relevant to consideration of AM2025-01, •not alter the assessment of AM2025-01; •not require modifications to AM2025-01; •not raise any matters that impact assessment or implementation of the policies and requirements of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme and Guidelines; and •not impact assessment of AM2025-01 against the LPS criteria; and 2Representations 2 and 3 are determined to: •not have merit as they raise matters outside the scope of AM2025-01, •not alter the assessment of AM2025-01; •not require modifications to AM2025-01; •not raise any matters that impact assessment or implementation of the policies and requirements of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme and Guidelines; and •not impact assessment of AM2025-01 against the LPS criteria; and 3Representation 4 is determined to: •have merit as it raises matters relevant to consideration of AM2025-01, •require modifications to AM2025-01 to include the removal of FLI-S3.0 Coastal Areas Specific Area Plan from the following properties adjoining the Bootjack Flats drain: oCoast Road, Lady Barron, CT 139505/1, PID 2205333; oCoast Road, Lady Barron, CT 134868/3, PID 2017893; o2146 Lady Barron Road, Lady Barron, CT 134868/1, PID 2205341; oCoast Road, Lady Barron, CT 177061/1, PID 3556629; oCoast Road, Lady Barron, CT 211956/1, PID 3556629; oLot 1 Lady Barron Road, Lady Barron, CT 165957/1, PID 3227892; and oCoast Road, Lady Barron, CT 134868/3, PID 2017893; •not raise any matters that otherwise impact assessment or implementation of the policies and requirements of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme and Guidelines; and •not otherwise impact assessment of AM2025-01 against the LPS criteria; and 4that Annexure 5 to this report, Flinders LPS Amendment 40K Report on Representations – AM2025-01 Corrections to application of FLI-S3.0 Coastal Areas Specific Area Plan, is submitted to the Tasmanian Planning Commission. CARRIED (4-0) Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox, Cr Chris Rhodes and Cr Ken Stockton	See 161.06.2025 also. October 2025: AM2025-01 submitted to the Commission. November - December 2025: Hearing date tentively booked for January 2026 with Commission. January 2026: Commission Hearing scheduled for 22/1/2026. February & March 2026: Directions from Commission received, extension of time for response submission approved to 18 March 2026. April 2026: Submitted response and awaiting decision from the Commission. May 2026: Response recieved from the Commission 15/4/2026 detailing decision and reasons for substantial modifications. June 2026: 1/6/26 TPS Direction to exhibit notification received to publicly exhibit the draft amendment for 28 days. All representors and affected landowners notified. Exhibition commences 6/6/26 and closes 6/7/26 .	In Progress	

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166.06.2025:	Moved: Cr Carol CoxSeconded: Cr Garry Blenkhorn That during the 2026 Financial year that Council holds discussions on the current exemption of the outer Bass Strait Islands from paying the waste levy. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0) Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, and Cr Ken Stockton.	July - December 2025: Scheduled for future workshop discussion Jan/Feb 26 (Prior to Rates setting for 2026/27) January 2026: Discussed at 7/1/2026 Council Workshop - to be included in 2026/27 Rates discussions. February-June 2026: Included in 2026/27 budget discussions			In Progress	
167.06.2025:	Moved: Cr Carol CoxSeconded: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace •That by absolute majority, Council adopts the Budget Estimates 2025/26, as presented in Annexure 1 to this item; and • That an in depth mid-year budget be undertaken in Jan/Feb 2026 and that in the lead up in the review Council staff identify any cost saving options for Council to consider; and • Reviews the Long Term Financial Management Plan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0) Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, and Cr Ken Stockton.	July - December 2025: Scheduled for future workshop discussion Jan/Feb 26. Long Term Financial Management Plan and Long Term Financial Asset Management Plan scheduled for November 2025 workshop. January 2026: Draft presented at 21 January 2026 Council Workshop. February 2026: Efficiencies achieved and opportunities for future savings report in progress. March 2026: Budget discussion for 2026-27 commenced and LTFMP review commenced at Council Workshop 11/3/2026. April-May 2026: Budget discussion for 2026-27 commenced and LTFMP review ongoing.			In Progress	
301.10.2025	Moved: Cr Carol CoxSeconded: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace That Council: 1.Rescind motion 127.06.2024, item 1. 'Approves the Committees recommendation to Council that the funds on hand for the improvements to the Boat ramps (approx. \$110,000) be put towards installing a boat ramp on the northern side and an extension to the Jetty, noting that the funds will not cover the entire project but that the committee seek further funding opportunities. '; and 2. Allocates the remaining funding to: oApplication for a Crown Land consent to lodge and Development Application (DA) for a three-stage development to: i. Extend the existing jetty by 12metres in two 6metre stages; and ii.Construct a new boat ramp on the northern side of the jetty; o Extending the existing Whitemark jetty by 6 metres as stage one. 3.Undertake betterment of the boat ramp on the southern side of the Whitemark jetty; 4.Seeks additional funding for a boat ramp on the northern side of the jetty and the second stage 6metre jetty extension, noting that following successful application for the Crown Land consent to lodge and DA, this will be a shovel ready project. CARRIED (5-1) Mayor Rachel Summers, Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Carol Cox, Cr Chris Rhodes and Cr Ken Stockton Against: Cr Garry Blenkhorn	November and December 2025: Development Application requirements and additional funding opportunities to be sought. January 2026: Improvements (SS Ladders and Rubbers) installed. Project Management discussions with MAST. Boating Committee meeting scheduled for 9/2/2026. February 2026: Boating committee meeting was deferred due to not meeting quorum. Rescheduled to 2/3/2026. March 2026: Boating Committee Meeting held 2/3/2026. Discussions continue with MAST Project Manager regarding project and repair works. April - June 2026: MAST Project Manager has been liaising with engineering company regarding drawings for proposed works.			In Progress	
331.11.2025	Moved: Cr Carol CoxSeconded: Cr Aaron Burke That Council consult the community regarding future development at Holloway Park. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0) Mayor Rachel Summers, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox, and Cr Ken Stockton	December 2025: Lady Barron Special Committee asked to provide suggested consultation questions. January 2026: Lady Barron Special Committee meeting scheduled for 27/1/2026 to inform survey consultation questions. February 2026: Feedback from unconfirmed minutes of 10 February 2026: (i) F.Henwood has requested that Council brief the Committee on the proposal it has received from a Private Investor. (ii) Noted that there seems to be some confusion as to who owns/controls the site. (iii) The Committee requests, with regard to the community survey, that hard copies of the survey be made available at FIAAI, the Tavern and the Lady Barron Store (among other venues). (iv) Suggested questions for the Survey will be developed by email conversation and forwarded to Council. March 2026 - June 2026: Awaiting survey question suggestions from Lady Barron Special Committee.			In Progress	
345.12.2025:	Moved: Cr Carol CoxSeconded: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace That Council: •Approves and adopts the Strategic Asset Management Plan (The Plan) at Annexure 1 to this item; • That it is acknowledged that the maintenance table on page 31 of the document is outdated and will be revised prior to 30 June 2026; •Councillors acknowledge that some of the information this document is dated and that the accuracy and reliability will be improved over time; and •Authorises the General Manager to make a copy of the Strategic Asset Management Plan available on the Council Website and for public inspection at the Council Office during ordinary business hours. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Carol Cox, and Cr Ken Stockton	January 2026: Author and Contract accountant inform of decision and review of Maintenance table on pg 31 of document required. February 2026: Work has commenced to update the maintenance table on page 31 of the SAMP toward meeting the timeline of 30/6/26. March 2026: Work continues on upgrading SAMP maintenance table. April - May 2026: The Asset maintenance table has been reviewed and updated by Works and Services Department. At final review, on track to meet 30 June 2026 timeline. June 2026 - Updated Asset table discussed at 10 June Workshop			In Progress	
35.02.2026	Moved: Cr Ken StocktonSeconded: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace That Council by absolute majority approves up to \$5,000 excluding GST from the 2025-2026 budget for trenching works and electrical cable installation across the Port Davies Road in two sections, to be completed by the Aboriginal Land Council (ALCT) nominated contractor at Wybalenna to facilitate the installation of electricity to the site. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0) Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, and Cr Ken Stockton	March 2026: ALCT CEO advised of Council decision April 2026: Awaiting invoice from ALCT May 2026: Funds allocated and contractor engaged by ALCT. Start date to be confirmed, coordinating road access and will make good. June 2026: ALCT advised contractor delayed due to Airport works and will undertake Wybalenna works upon completion. Like will need to carry over funding to 2026-27 year.				
41.02.2026	Moved: Cr Carol CoxSeconded: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace That Council approves the use of Public Open Space funds as a co-contribution to support a grant funding application for improvements to the Whitemark Exercise area up to 50% of the full cost of the improvements or a maximum of \$25,000. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0) Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, and Cr Ken Stockton	March & April 2026: Council monitoring grant opportunities May 2026: Continue to monitor grant opportunities. June 2026: Grant Application submitted to the TasPorts Community Grants program				

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75.04.2026	Moved: Cr Rachel Summers Seconded: Cr Garry Blenkhorn That Council: 1. Endorses the Mayor's attendance at the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly to be held in Canberra from 23–26 June 2026 ; 2. Approves Council funding of 50% of associated registration, travel and accommodation costs, with the Mayor contributing the remaining 50% ; and 3. Requests the Mayor provide a report to Council following attendance, outlining key outcomes, advocacy opportunities, and relevance to Flinders Council. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (4-0) Mayor Rachel Summers, Cr Carol Cox, Cr Garry Blenkhorn and Cr Ken Stockton	May 2026: Mayor will book and submit expense claim to Council for 50%. June 2026: Travel arrangements confirmed 22-26 June 2026.			
SUBSTANTIVE (93.04.2026)	Moved: Cr Garry Blenkhorn Seconded: Cr Carol Cox That Council: 1.Resolves to undertake community consultation to seek feedback on whether the Flinders community supports or opposes a reduction in councillor numbers ; and 2. A report be presented to Council following consultation , summarising community feedback and outlining options for Council's consideration. 3.Given the impending election in September 2026, that the c onsultation be held over until the new Council and Council communicates to the public that the legislation has changed. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (4-0) Mayor Rachel Summers, Cr Carol Cox, Cr Garry Blenkhorn and Cr Ken Stockton	May 2026: Consultation scheduled post 2026 Council elections.			
296.12.2024	Moved: Cr Ken Stockton;Seconded: Cr Garry Blenkhorn That For item 20.2 the following motion be released to the public: That the Code for Tenders and Contracts is reviewed to remove conflicting advice regarding the tender process. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace and Cr Ken Stockton	Jan 2025: Review of document in progress. Feb 2025: Review ongoing. Draft in progress. March & April 2025: Progressing at Management Team level for input. June 2025: Management Team reviewing, considering feedback and other template documents. July - October 2025: Management Team continue to revise, considering feedback and other template documents. November, December 2025, January 2026 and February 2026: Review in progress, draft scheduled to be present early 2026 March 2026: Review completed by Senior Management team and will go to April Council meeting for review. April 2026: Workshopped on 15 April in preparation for next Council meeting. May 2026: April Workshop item deferred to 13 May 2026 workshop. June 2026: Adopted at 27 May Council Meeting, laying on table for community feedback.	Complete	27/05/26	