



I'd like to remind you of the upcoming election on March 23rd. We've had the privilege of visiting representatives from both the Liberal Party and the Labor Party here on Flinders Island, each presenting their vision and proposals for our community in the event they are elected.

Please note that while the deadline to update your details with the Tasmanian Electoral Commission has passed, postal votes will close 15 March.

On another note, last Friday, 8th March, our island joined in the global celebration of International Women's Day, embracing the theme of 'Heritage & Horizon'. The event was beautifully catered by the dedicated women of the Country Women's Association, who served up a delightful array of cakes, sandwiches, and other tasty treats. We shared in the rich stories of the women who have shaped the past and present of Flinders Island—stories that remind us of our collective strength and resilience. Such community-led events are a testament to the spirit of our island and would not be possible without the generous contributions of our residents.

I am also pleased to announce that the Flinders Municipality is now eligible for drought relief funding, alongside our sister island of King Island. Advocating for equal treatment for other Tasmanian areas has been a significant effort, largely championed by our Deputy Mayor, Vanessa Grace.

Let's stay informed and engaged as we approach the election and continue to work together for the betterment of our community.

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HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF DROUGHT RESILIENCE ON FLINDERS ISLAND: TAKE THE RESILIENCE SURVEY!

Your voice matters in building a more resilient future for our communities. As climate change brings more frequent and severe droughts, the Tasmanian Government is taking proactive steps to ensure farmers and communities are better prepared.

Your contributions will help to understand better Flinders Island's and the northern region's challenges and opportunities.

<https://droughtready.tas.gov.au>

Please take the survey below to help us understand what's happening in your area.

FLINDERS ISLAND WASTE UPDATES

Upcoming Cash-4-Cans Sorting Days



Calling all Islanders! We're on a mission to tackle 67 bulk bags stuffed with aluminium cans, and we need YOUR help to make it happen. Whether you prefer beer or soft drinks, come lend a hand and let's transform this waste into support for our local school.

Grab your friends and join us on:

- Sunday, 17th March, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
- Thursday, 28th March, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
- Wednesday, 10th April, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Wearing long sleeves, a hat, and closed-toe footwear is a must for safety. Your RSVP would be greatly appreciated!

For more information or to RSVP, reach out to Sabrina Carter on 0456 730 174 or wastemanagement@flinders.tas.gov.au.

Together, we'll conquer this backlog and keep our island clean and green.

Upcoming Skip Bin Refurbishment

Please be advised that the skip bins at both waste transfer stations (WTS) are scheduled for refurbishment over the next month. During this period, there will be a temporary reduction in bin availability.

To minimise inconvenience, we kindly request users of the Lady Barron WTS who do not reside within this community to consider disposing of their waste at the Whitemark Waste Facility whenever possible.

Additionally, all commercial users should utilise the Whitemark Waste Facility to ensure adequate space is available for residents.

Whitemark Waste Facility

Please be advised that effective Friday, 21st March, the Whitemark Waste Facility will temporarily stop accepting vehicle for disposal.

Over recent months we have seen a significant increase in vehicle and hard waste disposal. We find ourselves facing space constraints, compromising the accessibility and safety of the disposal area.

We appreciate your understanding as we work to ensure the safety of all users and staff.

Recycling Hub

One-hundred and fourteen kilograms of difficult to recycle products have been collected through the Community Recycling Hub. This is a fantastic effort, and we can now do even more! We are excited to introduce two new programs:

- Cling wraps & small zip lock bags (clean please!)
- Brita Maxtra+ water filters.

These can now be dropped off at the **tip gatehouse**.

Unfortunately, we did experience a small set back. The contamination rate has gone up to 11% in the last month. Please read and follow the suggestions on the provided signs. Please remember we cannot recycle **non-genuine** printer cartridges, **laundry** bottles or juice bottles.

Wish-cycling, where people add material into the recycling bin in the hope that it will be recycled, **does more harm than good**. Instead, we suggest reaching out to your favourite brands and ask them to offer recycling programs through TerraCycle, Planet Ark or other free initiatives.

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
- **CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY

On International Women's Day, Friday 8 March, the Furneaux Islands celebrated the contributions and achievements of local women who have helped shape our vibrant community.

The day was marked by a gathering of forty women, connected through their shared experiences and the island's unique offerings of adventure, beauty, and security.

Women of all ages and backgrounds came together to share stories, highlighting the deep-rooted connections within the community.

The event served as a platform for honouring the strength and resilience of our island's women. With the theme of 'Heritage & Horizon', it provided an opportunity to reflect on the progress made and the road ahead. The day concluded with a strong sense of unity and a collective resolve to ensure a supportive and inclusive community for the current and future generations of women on the Furneaux Islands.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Furneaux Friends and Marg Barnewall for generously sharing their inspiring stories, enriching our International Women's Day with personal narratives of life on the islands. Gratitude is also extended to the Country Women's Association for their exceptional catering, which added a warm and delightful touch to the celebrations. Many thanks to Sue and Jana from the MPC for their assistance in putting on the event.



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

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 20 March 2024
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 15 March 2024 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au and at the Council Office.

**Warren Groves
General Manager**