

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Welcome to the first Mayor's column for the new Council. We are all thrilled to be given the opportunity to represent our community. Contact details for all Councillors are available from Council and will soon be available on the council website. Feel free to get in touch with any of the Councillors should you have questions, concerns, suggestions or just want an update on what Council is working on. We are here to be your voice!

Today, our new council had it's first workshop. This was where we went over the why's and what's of Council, Code of Conduct and confidentiality and gave some thought to things such as when meetings will be held, who will represent Council on the various Committees, professional development opportunities and the like. Decisions on these will be made at the Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 22nd November 2022 at 5pm.

A new Council also means that over the coming months, we will re-visit some documents such as the Priority Projects and the Strategic Plan. This will ensure that our plans and projects are a true reflection of our community's needs and wants. Council will engage with the community to get your feedback and ideas.

Childcare is a critical service to the island. Our childcare provider Thrive Group Tasmania spoke with Councillors around issues they have in recruiting and retaining staff here on the island. This isn't an issue that is exclusive to us but is one affecting childcare facilities across the country. However, we have only one service provider on the Island and parents in the community are already facing long waiting lists. The main contributing factor to this is staff recruitment. Do you or someone you know have an interest in working in childcare? Do you have housing available should an off-island recruit need it? Please contact either myself or Sebastian Tuttle at Thrive on 6341 1555 or stuttle@thrivegroup.org.au

Rachel Summers 0467046809 Rachel.summers@flinders.tas.gov.au Positive Impact Tourism: Tasmania's New 2030 T21 Visitor Economy Strategy - FLINDERS ISLAND



The Tasmanian tourism industry and the Tasmanian Government are finalising a new joint T21 Tourism Strategy to 2030.

The new T21 strategy will continue the work progressed through the T21 Visitor Economy Action Plan, while establishing a vision for Tasmania's tourism evolution though the remainder of the decade, and beyond.

At the heart of this vision, is a commitment to a positive impact agenda - where tourism contributes to delivering a positive impact on the lives of Tasmanians, our visitors and our island.

Throughout October and November, workshops with tourism operators and industry stakeholders will be held across the state exploring what a positive impact agenda means for the industry at both a state and local level, and for individual businesses.

The innovation and creativity of the Tourism industry is well known and this will be your opportunity to contribute your ideas to inform a shared vision for the future of Tasmanian tourism.

Joining this session will be senior representatives from Tourism Tasmania, TICT, the Department of State Growth, and your regional tourism organisation.



**REGISTER VIA QR CODE** 

When – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November Where - FAEC Time - 5.00pm – 7.00pm

# **Development Applications**



Development applications are advertised on the Flinders Council website every Wednesday and are available for viewing via the link below.

https://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/current-advertising

## The ONLINE MAPPING TOOL is back!

For anyone interested in checking out their planning zoning and any applicable overlays, go to: <a href="https://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/planning-development/">https://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/planning-development/</a>



## 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 HOLIDAY**



# Rhapsody in Blue TSO EVENT



When - Friday 25th November Where - FAEC Time - 5.00pm for pre performance drinks, snacks and music in the foyer with the

performance commencing at 6.00pm

From its opening clarinet glissando to its sublime piano melodies, Rhapsody in Blue is immediately recognisable and quintessentially American. A musical equivalent of The Great Gatsby, Gershwin's rhapsody captures the jazzy spirit of the roaring 1920s. Gershwin had many famous fans, among them French composer Maurice Ravel. Gershwin even performed his hugely popular rhapsody at Ravel's 53rd birthday party in New York.

For further information contact Sandro Donati

– Furneaux Community Arts on 0429 383 375



## **Our New Council**



Left to right Councillor Garry Blenkhorn, Councillor Carol Cox, Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Councillor Aaron Burke, Councillor Peter Rhodes.

The Certificate of Election for the Flinders Municipality was issued last week by the Tasmanian Electoral Commission and Flinders Council hosted a formal Declaration of Office ceremony for six of the Councillors and their families. Ken Stockton is currently overseas and will declare upon his return.

Three new Councillors have been elected, with four Councillors retaining their seats. Voting was compulsory for the first time in the State's local government history and 715 voter ballots were returned in the Furneaux Islands equating to a response rate of 85.73% per cent.

Incumbent Councillor Rachel Summers has been elected as Mayor of Flinders Municipality and becomes the 35th person to represent the community, while Vanessa Grace has been elected Deputy Mayor.

