



MAYOR'S REPORT

Did you head out to one of the incredible events during the Furneaux Islands Festival? There was so much to do - Twilight Market, Growers and Makers Market, Social Circus School Holiday Workshop, Music at the Tavern, a great big Community BBQ and for the first time, the inaugural Islander Portrait Prize.

It was great to see so many locals and visitors alike taking part in the many events on offer. Our Council staff, FIAAI and volunteers spend months bringing this event to you and I look forward to what they plan for our 2024 festival.

It is a busy time for Council over the next month or so, starting this week with a visit from Deputy Premier Michael Ferguson. We will host the Legislative Council and Premier in mid-February as well as a delegation from TasWater to formally open the new Henderson Dam.

Part of the visit of the Legislative Council includes a public reception where members of the community can meet and chat with the Legislative Council. This will take place on Monday, 20th February from 4:15pm to 5:30pm at the FAEC. Hope to see you there.

Waste – the least glamourous subject that anyone could write about – except for maybe sewerage. The State Government introduced a Waste Levy payable from the 1st July 2022, Council now pays for every tonne of waste that goes into landfill, at a fee of \$20 per tonne. This will increase to \$65 per tonne over the next few years. Council currently has an integrated waste management system as one of our Priority Projects. Should our advocating be successful we will be able to implement processes that will see very little actually end up in the ground with most being recycled, reused or composted.

Just to end on something more cheery, in March we will be unearthing the time capsule. Sunday March 19th is the big day and more details will be coming out in the next few weeks about the event. Put it in your diary!

Rachel Summers - Mayor
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WHITEMARK TIP – OPENING HOURS

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| • 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 |



Rates Reminder

**2nd Instalment Rates are due
Tuesday 28th February 2023**

Rate Payment options are listed on the back of your Rates Notice and can be paid:

By Credit Card Online - at Council's website www.flinders.tas.gov.au/make-a-payment

By Phone –
03 6359 5001 with your Visa or Mastercard.

By Cheque or Money Order –
post to PO Box 40, Whitemark, TAS 7255.

By BPay – See your rates notice for details.

By EFT –
Electronic Funds Transfer to our bank account – See your rates notice for details.

In Person – Visit Council's Customer Service Centre, 4 Davies St, Whitemark.
Mon-Fri 9.00am – 4.30pm



FLINDERS ISLAND FOOD NETWORK

The Flinders Island Food Network is a group of passionate locals who care about local food production. The group sprouted from the regenerative tourism project, The Islander Way.

"The Islander Way project seeks to work with the community to identify, co-design and incubate innovative, place-based, and community-driven projects."

Over the past eight months, the Network has had several workshops and meetings led by the Islander Way team, with community members sharing their thoughts, feedback, concerns and vision for opportunities around local food production and supply. A small group have continued to meet regularly and are now known as the 'Edible Core'.

The group has designed a survey to understand what quantities of fresh fruit and vegetables are currently grown on the Island.

If you have a few minutes to spare – please follow the survey link below.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO FILL IN SURVEY

Visiting service

If you need help with Centrelink, Medicare and Child Support payments and services, we plan to visit your community soon.

Services Australia's remote services team will be visiting Flinders Island from **Monday 13 February 2023 to Thursday 16 February 2023**.

The team will be located at the following Flinders Island venues and times:

Monday
Service Tasmania, Whitemark - 11:00am to 15:00pm

Tuesday
FIAAI Lady Barron - 08:30am to 16:30pm

Wednesday
Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre - 09:00am to 16:30pm.

Thursday
Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre - 09:00am to 15:50pm.

Please phone **0499 792 373** to book a specific appointment time or alternatively walk-ins are welcome.



FURNEAUX FUTURES FORUM

The Furneaux Futures Forum (previously Fert-Isle Forum) is an initiative committed to identifying and bringing together new ideas, opportunities, and resources to stimulate innovation in business and social opportunities for the Furneaux Islands community.

The Forum will strive to:

- Stimulate entrepreneurship and innovation within our island community.
- Connect fresh ideas and enterprise potential with practical skills, expertise and experience.
- Build upon existing business structures to value-add on what we already have.
- Identify new business opportunities.
- Connect

The project team for the event is Sammi Gowthorp (Flinders Council), Jana Monnone (FIBI – Flinders Island business Inc), Kelsey Thomas (VDP - Van Dieman Project)

Proposed schedule of events

A key feature of the Furneaux Futures Forum is that it will offer a variety of opportunities for the local community to engage in various ways. The theme of the 2023 Furneaux Futures Forum is “Regeneration”

Coordinated events will be held over Wednesday 8th March and Thursday 9th March.

Contact community@flinders.tas.gov.au
Save the Date - Schedule of events coming soon!

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY 2023

The International Women's Day Luncheon 2023 will give our local community members an opportunity to hear from Angela Driver – CEO of the Tasmanian Leaders organisation.

“Embracing diversity is a behaviour; not a slogan. It is the practice of ensuring fair treatment, opportunities, and access for all people. This is deeply important to me as a leader and to our organisation Tasmanian Leaders which has at its core a value of inclusion and respect for diversity – of people, thought and opinions. As polarisation intensifies and we face rising inequalities these values are as important now as they have ever been. I welcome the opportunity to talk more about this at the International Women’s Day luncheon as part of the Furneaux Futures Forum on Flinders Island.”

**Save the Date – Wednesday March 8th
Tickets available soon!**