

## NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

### Ordinary Council Meetings - Dates

At its first Ordinary Council Meeting, the new Council set dates and times for 2019 meetings. Meeting days have changed to Tuesdays, mainly because new councillors have a range of life activities – most of them have a job of some kind; a couple have young children; and all have commitments of one kind or another.

So, 2018/19 Council Meeting dates are as follows:

- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00 am
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 9.00 am
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00 am
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00 am
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 9.00 am
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 9.00 am
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 9.00 am
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 9.00 am
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 9.00 am
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00 am
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 9.00 am
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 9.00 am
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00 am

There will be *30 minutes public question time at the beginning of each meeting*. Community members are also welcome to attend simply to observe, so please feel welcome to do so.

### The Difference Between Ordinary Meetings and Council Workshops

Council workshops will be held each month, with occasionally 2 in a month depending on need. Workshops are much less formal than ordinary meetings. The workshops are arranged for a number of reasons:

- To enable councillors to learn about a number of topics: to have information - sharing and question / answer sessions;
- To enable councillors to have discussion about all manner of things;
- To brainstorm how certain things could be done;
- To have guest speakers from the Community and beyond who may want to share with councillors on a specific event; or a particular organisation; or a special need. For example, the Safe Harbour working party and the Hydro will both be attending a workshop soon to let us know about their ideas.

- Professional Development: we will be hearing from Alex Tay, State Director of Local Government later this week.
- To hear from Council staff about issues we need to learn about: for example, we will be hearing soon from Heidi Marshall, Council Accountant, on finance-related matters.

Decisions are never made at workshops. Of course, we are human like everyone else and each councillor carefully discusses, questions and considers what s/he thinks. But the decisions are all made at the Ordinary Council Meetings.

Sometimes the decisions are made quickly: for example, the decisions at the beginning of meetings are about accepting / receiving reports from various council committees and / or staff. But ordinary council meetings are where councillors also debate issues and put forward motions for consideration and decision-making.

### Council Committees

One way in which councillors and community members work together is on Special Council Committees. There are several of these committees and the councillors on each are as follows:

- Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee – Councillors Revie, Burke and Rhodes;
- Furneaux Community Health Special Committee – Councillors Revie and Blyth;
- Furneaux (Emita) Hall & Recreation Ground Special Committee – Councillor Summers;
- Lady Barron Hall and Recreational Special Committee – Councillor Williams;
- Whitemark Community Gym Special Committee – Councillor Summers;
- Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee – Councillors Revie, Blyth & Rhodes; and
- Municipal Emergency Management Committee – Councillor Williams.

If you need to talk with a councillor about something to do with one of the above committees, please talk with one of the relevant councillor/s or of course a community representative.

Notices are in this edition of Island News calling for community reps on committees and future notices are also expected. Keep a look out for these and apply if you are interested.

### Office Closure

Council Offices will close between close of business on the 21<sup>st</sup> December to close of business on 1<sup>st</sup> January – opening again on 2<sup>nd</sup> January. In the case of an emergency during closure, the Works and Airport Manager can be contacted on 0427 592 069. The Whitemark Tip opening hours will be as normal and closed on public holidays.

### Many of our Secondary Students are Engaging in a Week-Long Forum

On Monday I was privileged to give the welcoming and opening speech at this event. Our secondary students are facing the challenge of deciding on a business idea that is appropriate to our Island. They have to work in groups to develop a business plan, a budget, a marketing plan, and a trade display. I could never have done that at their age. They are lucky to have the opportunity – but it will also provide them with lots of challenges. Wish them well.

Annie Revie

**Mayor**

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 2018 Annual General Meeting of Flinders Council will be held at the Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre, Whitemark on:

**Wednesday 12 December 2018  
commencing at 4.30pm.**

The Annual Report of the Council will be available during office hours at the Council Offices, Davies Street, Whitemark and also on the Council website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au/agendas](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/agendas) from Monday 26 November 2018. Submissions on the Report from members of the public are welcome and can be made in writing and forwarded to the General Manager no later than 5.00pm, Friday 7 December 2018.

Bill Boehm

**GENERAL MANAGER**

### WHITEMARK TIP OPENING HOURS

**SUN, MON, FRI 1.30pm - 4.30pm  
TUES +THURS 7.00am - 10.00am  
WEDNESDAYS 8.30am - 11.30am  
CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

### CALL FOR SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Nominations from the public are called for Community Representative positions on the **Whitemark Gym Special Committee** of Council.

The Committee provides Council with support, assistance and advice in the management and operation of the Whitemark Community Gym.

Nominations can be sent by 28 January 2019 to:

Cr Summers (Committee Chair)

Flinders Council

PO Box 40

Whitemark TAS 7255

Or via email to Executive Officer, Vicki Warden at

[vicki.warden@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:vicki.warden@flinders.tas.gov.au)

### Furneaux Group Shipping & Aviation Special Committees Submissions

The Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee and the Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee consist of business and community representatives and exist to consider and make recommendations to Council concerning issues related to Shipping and Aviation. The public are invited to make submissions for consideration by the Committees. Submissions may be sent to the Chair of the relevant Committee at Council by close of business 11 January 2019.

### ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council for 2018 will be held at the Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre, Whitemark, Flinders Island on **Tuesday 18 December 2018 commencing at 9.00am.**

Public Question Time will be held between 9.00 – 9.30am. Members of the public are invited to attend.

The Agenda will be available for perusal from Thursday, 13 December 2018 on the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) and at the Council Office.

## CALL FOR SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Nominations from the public are called for a number of Community Representative positions on the **Furneaux Community Health Special Committee** of Council. Past committee members are encouraged to reapply.

The Committee advises the Council of matters related to health in the community and supports and lobbies for the broad health and wellbeing needs of the Community.

Nominations can be sent by 22 January 2019 to:  
Mayor Revie (Committee Chair)  
Flinders Council  
PO Box 40  
Whitemark TAS 7255  
Or via email to Executive Officer, Vicki Warden at [vicki.warden@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:vicki.warden@flinders.tas.gov.au)

*Bowman, Rosemary Walker, Steve Neville, Vicki Harper.*

There are many more people not on the list, who greatly enhance the social fabric of our island and Flinders Council recognises the generous support donated by all our community members and organisations.

With almost 40% of our community volunteering on Flinders Island, it certainly makes for a special place to live. Thank you for your contributions!



## International Volunteer Day 2018

We held the inaugural celebration on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December on Flinders Island with a wonderful afternoon tea at the CWA Tea Rooms.

Mayor Annie Revie recognised the importance of volunteering in our small community, to celebrate the unsung heroes and those who fly under the radar, aligning with the 2018 theme of "Volunteers Build Resilient Communities."

With boxes placed around the Island the week before, the community 'nominated' others just to say "Thank you" for their contributions.

We'd like to acknowledge: *Aimee Wheatley, Alison Johnson, Anne Campbell, Carol Crute, Dale Wells, Dale Williams, David Heap, Fran Bryson, Frances Henwood, Judy Walker, Kat Hopkins, Kate Mooney, Mary Bushby, Maureen Riddle, Peter*