

NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

Happy New Year – I would like to wish everyone in the Flinders Municipality a very happy New Year. In Scotland, one of the favourite greetings to people when I was young was: Lang may yer lum reek!

This means: may your fire be lit and your chimney smoke – and may you always be warm!

Waste Management Update

The path to better ways of managing waste on the Island is a long one – as it is for governments everywhere. But we have made a start – we are in the process of forming a partnership with Hydro to begin addressing the plastics problem. Councillors Blyth, Grace and Rhodes will join a working party, along with some Hydro personnel. The object will be to consider how we can work together to identify ways of dealing with plastics first and foremost, followed by other challenging products. I am hoping that interested community members will be invited to come on board with excellent ideas in this direction. Watch this space.

Please Enjoy the Furneaux Islands Festival

This will be the sixth year of the Furneaux Islands Festival. Its goal is to celebrate the mixture of all cultures that have added to the flavour of our beautiful Island home – from Aboriginal culture to European cultures. When a land is peopled from many corners of the globe, people share ideas, eat different foods, engage in many arts endeavours, and so on. This sharing adds to the richness of the land. Council's Community Development staff have been working with FIAAI and with other community members to plan the various experiences the Festival weekend has to offer. Enjoy!

Community Attendance at Council Meetings is excellent. It helps people to understand the issues that are being addressed. Think about attending the occasional meeting. If you wish to ask a question of council, we ask that you write it down if possible and hand it to our Executive Officer, Vicki Warden. That way your question will be dealt with accurately.

Recent Questions have been to do with:

- Potential relocation of the Community Shed to the showgrounds complex;
- Update on the Safe Harbour Project;

- Dealing with rubbish at the airport.

If You Have a Question you have several options:

- Ask it at a meeting;
- Ask a councillor;
- Write a question prior to the meeting and send it to the General Manager, Bill Boehm; or
- Ask a councillor to assist you in clarifying your question and even in helping you to write it.

Your questions will be answered as quickly as possible.

Dogs!

Last Island News I asked people to ensure that their dogs do not roam the streets or beaches unleashed. I know this may be unpopular with some. However, dogs roaming unleashed is also unpopular. It is not difficult to spot the dog poo on the nature strips. Dog poo in places where children play and adults walk is far from pleasant. Please at least try to be vigilant.

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Parking Over Disabled Crossings

Motorists are to be reminded once again to please not park over disabled crossings. It makes it difficult for residents in wheel chairs etc. to get around town.

Outside the FAEC, people are parking their cars along the footpath making it difficult to get past. Please park on the road.

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the first Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council for 2019 will be held at the Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre, Whitemark, Flinders Island on:

Tuesday 22 January 2019 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, 17 January 2019 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au and at the Council Office.

**CALL FOR COMMITTEE
REPRESENTATIVE**

Nominations from the public are called for Community Representative positions on the **Whitemark Community 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

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