



## **NOTES FROM THE MAYOR I AM BACK AS MAYOR – AT LAST!**

Hi everyone. I am now back in the role of Mayor after a nine-week absence on sick leave. I am so glad – for a couple of weeks I was wondering if I was ever going to get well. So now I am actually feeling better than I have been for ages. Right into work again but with a lot to catch up on! Thanks must go to David Williams and Rachel Summers, both of whom acted for a time as Mayor in my absence.

## **WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

Just before I went on leave, Council made the decision to begin each Ordinary Council Meeting with a 'Welcome to Country' statement. Flinders Island has a 17% aboriginal population and a significant history of aboriginal people living on Flinders Island, as well as other islands within the Furneaux Group. In order to acknowledge the importance of the Islands' First Nations People, the decision on Welcome to Country was made. I feel pleased that this is now happening.

## **HAVE A LOOK AT THE BEAUTIFUL PHOTOS IN THE FAEC FOYER.**

Some months ago, the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery donated some beautiful Tasmanian landscape photos to the Furneaux Museum. The Furneaux Museum in turn donated four of these to Council. These have now been hung in the foyer of the FAEC. The photos were taken by the late Peter Dombrovskis, a Tasmanian photographer, whose collection is noted nationally and internationally. The biggest of the Council four is very special, used as the iconic centre of the "Save the Franklin Campaign". Have a look sometime. We are so fortunate to have been given such a brilliant and important gift.

## **FLINDERS HAS RECENTLY ENJOYED THE POPPING-UP OF SEVERAL FOOD BUSINESSES.**

I have made a note to make mention of our Island businesses occasionally – just to keep them in the mind's eye.

It just so happens that I had a birthday recently and to celebrate it I had drinks and dinner with friends at the Wharf Shed. There were two

guest chefs who produced a five-course celebration of the palate based on native ingredients. The experience was wonderful. Thank you to the Wharf Shed staff, guest chefs and Jo for this food experience to be proud of. Wonderful way to celebrate my birthday – 55 again!

## **INTERVIEWS FOR THE GENERAL MANAGER POSITION**

We were fortunate to have 15 applications to select from. We decided on the first short list a couple of weeks ago. Then on 25 November, Council had a skype interview with 5 candidates. As a result of that, we are interviewing four applicants on Wednesday 4 December. Interviews will be conducted for most of the day. Hopefully, all being well, we could be selecting the successful applicant very soon and he (all 4 short-listed applicants are male) may take up the GM role early next year. I will keep you posted on this.

## **DOGS SHOULD ONLY BE OUTSIDE OF YOUR YARD ON A LEAD**

A reminder that dogs should not be wandering the streets / roads on their own. We dog lovers cannot understand why some people do not like untethered dogs approaching them – maybe even are afraid of them. Please make sure that your dog is not one of these.

## ***THIS CHRISTMAS – SUPPORT FLINDERS LOCAL BUSINESSES!***

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## **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, Flinders Island on:

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 9.30am.**

Public Question Time will be held between 9.30 – 10.00am. Members of the public are invited to attend.

The Agenda will be available for perusal from Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December on the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) and at the Council Office.

Heidi Marshall | **ACTING GENERAL MANAGER**

## LADY BARRON TRANSFER STATION

Due to fire restrictions, Lady Barron waste transfer station will no longer accept green waste from Wednesday 11 December. All green waste products must be taken to the Whitemark tip.

## OPTIONS FOR PAYMENTS OF COUNCIL RATES

There are several ways that rates can be paid:

- Phone - Mastercard or Visa 03 6359 5010
- In Person - Mastercard, Visa or Cheque, 4 Davies Street Whitemark
- Post - Cheque or Money Order, PO Box 40, Whitemark, 7255
- Internet - visit Flinders Council's website at [www.flinders.tas.gov.au/make-a-payment](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/make-a-payment) and follow the links to pay with Mastercard or Visa. Ensure 'Payment Reference Number' found on Rates Notice (seven-digit number found on your rates notice starting with 9) is quoted on payment.
- Direct Debit Agreement – Funds deducted from the rate payer's nominated bank account on a Fortnightly, Monthly, or Standard Instalment Date, or Payment in Full on 1<sup>st</sup> Instalment Date. Direct Debit Request Forms are available at Flinders Council Office or by email [accounts@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:accounts@flinders.tas.gov.au)

If none of the above payment methods suit, please call 03 6359 5004 and speak with the Rates Officer or call at the Council Office to discuss a payment arrangement which suits.



This year, the Furneaux Islands Festival Weekend will be held January 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. Flinders Council will be hosting a Twilight Market on the evening of Friday 17<sup>th</sup> at the Whitemark Showgrounds and the Free Community BBQ Day on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> at the Furneaux Museum.

The weekend will feature a wonderful program of events and activities to take part in. Australian singer Neil Murray will be headlining the Festival Weekend with visiting performers

"The Band Who Knew Too Much", alongside our talented local musicians. Social Circus Tasmania will be running circus workshops over the weekend for young and old.

The entire month of January will feature a bounty of musical and performing talent, locally inspired arts and craft and delicious local produce - all in celebration of our laid-back island lifestyle.

If you would like a market stall at the Twilight Market or have an event planned for January to include on the Festival Calendar, please contact [sammi.gowthorp@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:sammi.gowthorp@flinders.tas.gov.au)

Up to date information is on our website at [www.fifestival.com.au](http://www.fifestival.com.au) or via our facebook page



### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Casuals and Contractors for the Airport Runway Upgrade Project

Flinders Council is seeking casual employees and suitably qualified contractors to work during the Airport Runway Upgrade Project in February 2020.

If you wish to express interest in working for Council during this project, please forward a copy of your resume and cover letter to the Corporate Services Officer, Flinders Council, PO Box 40 Whitemark TAS 7255 or email directly to [lauren.moraitis@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:lauren.moraitis@flinders.tas.gov.au)

#### Contractors:

If you wish to express interest in working for Council during this project, please forward a cover letter including:

- availability and areas of expertise;
- copies of insurance details (including airside insurance coverage); and
- copy of ASIC for personnel (or willingness to obtain such).

The opportunity to be considered for casual or contract work remains open throughout the year. No engagement of services is guaranteed.

**BRIAN BARNEWALL**

**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**