

ABOUT THE MAYOR

Mayor Annie managed to take a tumble on Monday night and has broken her wrist. Regrettably, Annie was unable to prepare her notes for this issue of Island News. She had hoped to provide an update on Council's work so far on the Waste Management Strategy. This will now have to wait for the next issue of Island News.

All at Council wish Annie a speedy recovery and a return to the office soon.

A Note from the General Manager

It has been quite the interesting journey since I first commenced working with Council in early February this year.

I had no idea at that stage that the world would soon be entering a global pandemic. Nor did I have any appreciation of any of the health, social, and financial implications that we have since experienced together as a community.

Since arriving on the Island, I have been consistently impressed and appreciative of the welcoming, friendly, thoughtful and helpful nature of people that I meet and deal with. This is as equally applicable to work-related, as well as personal interactions with people on the street, car drivers, shop and business, staff, emergency service personnel and of course fishos. I have come to know this welcoming and inclusive nature as 'the Island Way' and I think it is brilliant.

Just recently, I have self-isolated with my children on their first visit to Flinders after not seeing them since I moved here. This has been quite difficult, however no more difficult than the experience of many other people throughout Tasmania because of COVID-19.

What continues to amaze me, is the generosity and caring nature of the Community.

Since being in isolation, quite a number of people have offered to assist with providing home-made meals, dropping off telephoned shop orders, providing board games, sporting equipment and even a tip run. My children and I have been quite overwhelmed with the generosity shown to us by not only

my colleagues, neighbours, friends, but by people I have met, some only once.

I believe that this community spirit is what has helped us navigate the COVID-19 challenges of the past and will help with whatever the future holds for us.

I look forward to getting back out into the Community, having freedom of movement and getting to see more of the Island and meet more of it's amazing people.

Thank you to all for being so welcoming and helpful to a new family and I hope we can contribute in no small fashion to the Island Way.

Warren Groves| General Manager

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 23 June 2020 at 9.30am.

Public Question Time will be held between 9.30 – 10.00am.

The Agenda will be available for perusal from Thursday 18 June 2020 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au.

Warren Groves | **GENERAL MANAGER**

Save the Date

The annual pruning of the Roses is almost upon us! If you would like to join in our pruning day fun, it will be held on Friday 17th July from 9am onwards. Please bring sharp pruning tools such as secateurs, loppers and saws as well as wearing gloves and boots to protect yourself. Newcomers can be inducted on the day for safety in the garden. We look forward to pruning with you!

Dog Registration

It's that time of year again! Your dog registration renewal notices are about to arrive in the post. Fees remain the same as last year, as does the discount period for those who pay in the month of July. Please ensure your dog details on the form are correct and notify Council of any changes.

Gravel Roads

It's the time of year again when gravel roads deteriorate quickly with the wet weather. Our graders have been working on the northern end of the Island and, this week, will continue in the central area (Melrose, Fairhaven, Wingaroo roads), before working their way south for all the eastern roads (Memana to Goldern Mile), and then heading back up the western side. We are aware that all roads need grading, but have to work through them in a systematic way, so will get to them all as soon as we can. Thanks everyone for your patience.

Butch Barnewall | Works and Services Manager

Island Life - Furneaux Healthy Foods & Lifestyle program

Council has been successful in receiving grant funding to deliver a program for the 40+ age group promoting the benefits of healthy eating and positive lifestyle choices.

The 'Island Life' program will consist of cooking classes, community garden and food production workshops, food education and exercise classes, bringing together community members to celebrate the vitality, health, and the wellbeing of our island community.

If you would like to register your interest, please contact
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