

ACTING MAYOR'S REPORT

Our Mayor, Annie Revie, is still recovering from the pain of her broken wrist so I am Acting Mayor until 5th July. We all wish Annie a swift return to normal and look forward to seeing her back at the council table!

Now that we are all returning to "limited normal", it has been good to have our council meetings and workshops face to face. We seem to get a lot more done and I must say how enjoyable it is to be working with a united council.

By now, the results of the Safe Harbour questionnaire are known to most of us with 280 votes in favour of proceeding with the \$3million project and 202 against. We have reported this result to the politicians including Minister Michael Ferguson (who is such a strong supporter of our island community) and look forward to moving on to the next stage of the project.

We will, of course, keep you informed of developments as they occur.

Talking of Michael Ferguson, it was fantastic to see him back on the island a couple of weeks ago and I know that a large number of the community got to talk to him about everything from the Safe Harbour project to weed management and boat ramps. He told me that he went home with a lot of potential projects to ponder!

The principal issues now before Council are the Strategic Plan and the Waste Management problem. As far as the Strategic Plan is concerned, we will shortly be having community consultation in various formats so that we can hear your thoughts on where this community would like to see itself in 2030. A survey will be the first step in this process and we hope that you can all take the time to consider the issues involved and let us have your feedback.

As far as the island's Waste Management issues are concerned, we again need to consult with you to discuss the way forward. This is a priority of Council which we will need to address sooner than later, so you will hear more about this shortly. Mayor Revie has

also provided some thoughts below on Waste Management.

Over the weekend our Mayor Annie Revie had an interview with the ABC as a result of which it seems her words were misunderstood. I would just like to make it clear that Council has certainly not agreed to any aggressive print marketing campaign in relation to attracting any tourists to the island, not even Elopers!! We are abiding by the State requirements relating to Covid-19 and are extremely conscious of the health and well-being of our community. The last thing we want is to see any breach in the strong controls put in place by the Tasmanian Government.

David Williams
Acting Mayor

JUST A FEW NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

FIRST OF ALL A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE DEPUTY MAYOR

I feel very lucky to have such a good team of councillors, and in particular, to have David Williams as Deputy Mayor. I have felt terribly silly with this recent accident. One of our dogs just loves toys. Unfortunately, she left a rubber ball just beside my foot for me to stand on – the rest is history. David stepped into the Mayor role very ably and I am very appreciative of this. Council is working as a team and it feels good to do so. Thanks to David and all councillors for their support, as well as to Warren and staff.

WE PROMISED TO CONSULT ON OUR FUTURE WASTE STRATEGY – AND WE WILL INDEED

On Wednesday of this week, I will be working with our council waste team towards identifying a basic framework for our waste strategy. Strategy, in the context of council, refers simply to long-term planning. We are aiming to identify a basic framework that will serve as a core for dealing with our waste. Such a framework would include:

- Compliance
- Support by the community
- Re-using & recycling
- Efficiency
- Leaving as low as possible carbon footprint

- Sorting into streams
- User friendly

WHAT DOES COMPLIANCE MEAN?

Each State in Australia has a government body called the Environment Protection Agency. The EPA sets standards for councils to meet when dealing with waste. When a council is meeting EPA standards, that council is said to be compliant. One of the key standards is to do with landfill. Going back a number of years, councils could dig a large hole in the ground and simply fill the hole with all manner of waste. This is no longer allowed. Any waste that is put in to landfill nowadays, must be put into a hole that is lined with a material that does not allow toxic substances to leach into the ground or the ocean.

At present, the Whitemark tip does not have a lined cell. Currently, almost all waste goes into the one hole in the ground.

HOW DOES A COMMUNITY SUPPORT ITS COUNCIL DEAL WITH WASTE WELL?

A community and its council work well together when they address their waste issues in such a way as to leave as small a carbon footprint as possible. They would do this when there are ways to re-use and recycle; sort into streams; have viable and compliant ways of dealing with each stream.

IS THERE AN IDEAL WAY OF DEALING WITH EACH WASTE STREAM?

There are many ideal ways of dealing with various streams – although in this country we are just beginning to identify them. You may remember that it was only last year that China and other Asian countries refused to accept waste from countries such as Australia. Our country simply put much of its waste into containers and sent it overseas!

AN ALMOST PERFECT WAY OF ADDRESSING WASTE IS TO ENABLE IT TO BECOME PART OF A CIRCULAR PROCESS.

Examples of such a process include when:

- # Household putrescible waste, together with garden waste, is turned into compost, which can be used for gardens and / or farms;
- # Clothes are re-cycled or re-made for wear by other owners;
- # Cardboard is baled and sold for re-use.

Certain waste streams, such as scrap metal or plastics, are sold to recyclers for profit.

Businesses or individuals are supported to take waste from our sites and upcycle it.

Container deposit schemes that reduce litter and generate local funds are supported.

WE HAVE TO GO ONE STEP AT A TIME

The business of dealing with waste is complex. It cannot meet excellent efficiency and effectiveness all at once. Hence, we aim to begin with a manageable framework. We plan to invite interested community members to work with us. We hope that, in the near future, we will have waste champions working with council towards a future when our waste will be dealt with beneficially.

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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 28 July 2020 at 9.30am.

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

The Agenda will be available for perusal from Thursday 23 July 2020 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au.

Warren Groves | **GENERAL 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 sammi.gowthorp@flinders.tas.gov.au

DOG REGISTRATIONS

Reminder to dog owners with young dogs, dogs new to the Island or dog currently unregistered

- ALL dogs are to be registered by 31 July each year.
- A discounted fee is available for dogs registration in the month of July. Council is required to issue infringement notices for unregistered dogs after 31 July.
- Dogs aged 6 months or less are not required to be registered. A pro-rata amount may be charged once the dog turns 6 months of age. Check that it is not cheaper to register your puppy under the discounted July fees.
- ALL dogs, apart from 'working dogs', need to be microchipped. This can be done on the Island by contacting our local vet. Documentation will need to be provided to Council.
- If your dog is desexed then documentation will also need to be provided.
- 'Working dogs' must suit the classification as provided under the *Dog Control Act 2000* – as stipulated on the reverse side of the dog registration renewal form.
- ALL dogs MUST wear their registration tag at all times. Replacement tags are available for \$7 from Council reception. Registered dogs that are lost or away from home may be returned to their registered address, unregistered dogs may be impounded and additional fees will apply.

THE STORY OF PLASTIC

Kick off Plastic Free July by learning about plastic pollution and what you can do to help combat the issue.

Flinders Council is bringing you a thought-provoking experience that'll change your relationship with plastic!

Learn about the issue of plastic pollution and hear from those fighting for change at our virtual screening of The Story of Plastic.

Attendees will receive a link to stream the film from June 27th to July 9th. The link will be delivered to the email address used to RSVP.

Register at flinders.tas.gov.au or contact sammi.gowthorp@flinders.tas.gov.au

About the film:

Produced by The Story of Stuff Project, THE STORY OF PLASTIC takes a sweeping look at the man-made crisis of plastic pollution and the worldwide effect it has on the health of our planet and the people who inhabit it. Spanning three continents, the film illustrates the ongoing catastrophe: fields full of garbage, veritable mountains of trash, rivers and seas clogged with waste, and skies choked with the poisonous emissions from plastic production and processing. With engaging original animation, archival industry footage beginning in the 1930s, and first-person accounts of the unfolding emergency, the film distills a complex problem that is increasingly affecting the planet's and its residents' well-being.

This event is a part of Plastic Free July, the month-long campaign challenging people to think about the plastic they use in their own lives and take action to reduce it.

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!

Policy to be Adopted

Council's Policy Manual is an important document of Council as it provides direction to Staff, Management and Councillors. Many of the policies are required by, or relate to, legislation and in most instances help manage Council's exposure to risk.

Council resolved at the 23 June 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting to adopt the **Volunteer of the Year Award Policy**. The policy will lie on the table for public comment until 27 July 2020. It is available to download from the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies and hardcopies are available from the Council Office.

Should you wish to make comment on the policy, please do so by addressing relative correspondence to:

Warren Groves
General Manager

Flinders Council Volunteer of the Year Award

Nomination forms are now available from the Council Office and on the Council website for people wishing to nominate an individual for the Flinders Council Volunteer of the Year Award. The recipient will be presented with a certificate and a monetary award of \$100 (or donated to the organisation of their choice) at the Flinders Island Show on 16 October 2020.

Please submit your nomination to the Council Office by C.O.B. **1 September 2019.**

The following criteria will be used to select the award recipient:

- Only individuals are eligible to be nominated, not organisations.
- Nominees must be over sixteen (16) years of age as of the 1st day of July in the year of the nomination.
- The award will be given to the person who has made the most significant voluntary contribution, in quality and quantity, for the benefit of the Furneaux Community, organisations or individuals.
- Recipients can receive only one Citizen of the Year Award during their lifetime.

Warren Groves
General Manager