

NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ON DEALING WITH WASTE

A few months ago, Council made a commitment to engage with the Community on how to address the Island's waste issues. This week, a Waste Management Framework will be discussed at a Council Workshop. As part of that discussion, Council is expected to make decisions on how the Community engagement will happen. As soon as possible following that, engagement processes will begin.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE FIRST PART OF ENGAGEMENT IS INFORMATION-SHARING

In order to participate in engagement processes between Council and Community, it is important that people are as informed as possible about the key issues. Last Island News I shared quite a few of the important waste concerns that Council has to consider. In this edition, I am sharing a few more.

THE LANDFILL CELL

As you know, for future, we will not be compliant unless we use a specially lined cell in the ground. Each cell costs approximately \$120,000. It is therefore important that we make the cell last as long as possible, so we must make very careful decisions about what goes into the cell.

AT THE MOMENT, LOTS OF WASTE GOES IN THE LANDFILL HOLE

Once we have worked with interested people in the Community, the Whitemark tip-site will be reorganised. Council and Community members will talk about the importance of the waste being thoroughly sorted before it is dumped in specially-built bays and bins. In the short term, until such a system is in place, lots of waste will continue to be unsorted and will go into the hole. **Sorting is key to the Council's baling machine working successfully.** It is possible that the Whitemark tip-site and transfer stations may have to be manned at open times to ensure appropriate sorting happens. Give this some thought so that the best possible decisions can be made around this issue.

MANNING → SORTING → BALING → COMPLIANCE

Obviously, manning at open times will cost money.

WHEN THE TIP SITE AND TRANSFER STATIONS ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

That is when the Council workers will deal with the sorted waste that has been dumped. Some will be:

- Baled into cubes, for example cardboard and aluminium cans;
- Mulched, for example green waste;
- Crushed, for example glass; and
- Composted.

IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL IF AS MANY COMMUNITY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE COULD DO THE FOLLOWING AT HOME:

- Sort your waste into the streams we decide on;
- Feed your food scraps to your own or neighbouring chickens;
- Make your own compost, if possible, for use on your gardens; and
- Recycle – making good use of the recycle shed – giving, taking, reusing, volunteering.

THESE ARE THE MAIN ISSUES WE WOULD LIKE PEOPLE TO THINK ABOUT

Give some thought to the simplest ways of doing these things. Watch this space for how Council and the Community will work together on these issues and offer to participate in one way or another. One day, working together, we will succeed.

LET'S CONTINUE TO KEEP OUR ISLAND SAFE FROM CORONAVIRUS

Just when businesses are reopening and people are beginning to meet up again, Several States are seeing a resurgence of this virulent virus. As we learn from the daily news, coronavirus is hitting our neighbouring State, Victoria, very badly indeed. This terrible health hazard is by no means gone – it is likely to continue until a suitable vaccine has been discovered. So far, we have had no cases on our islands – but that does not make us immune. Let's keep up the efforts to stay safe.

CONTINUE WITH

- Social distancing – it is hard not to have hugs and handshakes – but it is worth it. Stay 2 metres apart from all except those you live with.

- Following instructions from businesses about how many are allowed in at the one time.
- Keeping the rules about numbers allowed in gatherings – including your home.
- Hand-washing – many thanks to businesses such as Walkers and Roberts, who have installed sinks with soap & water and paper towel.
- Being a responsible community member – if you see visitors approach a shop without handwashing or sanitising – please ask them in a friendly manner to do so. This would greatly help our business owners as well as all the Community.

Just confirming that the borders of Tasmania, including the islands of the Furneaux Group, are closed until the end of July. The Premier has said that will be extended if necessary.

STAY SAFE! BUY LOCAL IF YOU CAN.

Thank you all for everything you do to help our community flourish!

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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 dog registrations 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, 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.

Policy to be Adopted

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.

Submissions on the policy, may be addressed 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 2020**.

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 Volunteer of the Year Award during their lifetime.

Warren Groves
General Manager