



NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

THANKS TO THE COMMUNITY

In recent months, Council has engaged with the Community on several occasions and in various ways:

- A community survey on Safe Harbour;
- Initial community consultation on a future waste strategy framework; and
- Councillors meeting with the Community at the last Lions Market, at a special engagement session at Lady Barron Hall, and the same at Erita Hall this past Saturday.

The response to the survey was excellent and Councillors talked with many people at the three engagement events. Thank you to all who took the time to respond in some way. We listened.

COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUPS ON WASTE MANAGEMENT

At the market I approached several community members about being part of a Community Focus Group regarding waste management. The objectives behind this include the following:

- To share Council's Waste Strategy Framework with groups of interested community members;
- To understand community response to the Framework;
- To encourage the sharing of ideas; and
- To encourage Focus Group members to act as Waste Champions in the Community – share ideas, answer questions, act as a conduit between Council and the Community at times.

I already have some eight names of people happy to engage in this. If you would like to take part, please give me a ring or ring reception at Council and leave a message - or, of course, email. Groups will be small so all ideas will be listened to. Think about it and put your name forward if interested.

COUNCIL AND PARKS & WILDLIFE ARE PLANNING SOME INFORMAL ENGAGEMENT

Parks & Wildlife and Council each have their own roles and responsibilities, however, there is quite a lot of cross-over. Both organisations understand that better communication between the two would be beneficial. Our GM, Warren Groves, and I will be having an informal catch-up with the Ranger-in-Charge, Dominique Couzens, this week to touch base on ongoing talks – a positive step in the right direction for both groups.

EMERGENCY VOLUNTEERS, COUNCIL STAFF AND COUNCILLORS HAVE HAD A BUSY TIME

Four officers from SES and Tas Fire Service visited the Island from Thursday, 20th August, to Monday, 24th August. They engaged people in discussion, training and problem-solving scenarios:

- They met with Council to improve our knowledge on the Emergency Services Act;
- Approximately 60 emergency service volunteers took part in training to improve safety during hard events;
- They met with the Municipal Emergency Management Committee to give and receive updates on key safety issues; and
- They worked for two days training eight TFS volunteers in Crew Leadership.

The feedback from everyone has been excellent. The training delivered was top quality and provided all participants with renewed enthusiasm for the vital job they all do.

I want to thank all volunteers, council officers and councillors for the time they gave and the quality engagement in the events. It is great to recognise that their improved knowledge makes us all feel safer in any future hazardous event.

A very big thank you to our Trainers: Mhairi, Peter and Neil from SES, and Rick from TFS. You certainly put in the effort for our community's sake and the involvement of our people surely added to your satisfaction for a job well done.

LAND PLANNING

I read in the Strategic Plan community feedback where at least one person said: "For goodness sake get the new planning scheme completed and done with!" I couldn't agree more. However, these things are not in Council's control. There is a new State Government planning framework. This has been changed from time to time. Then it had to be translated into what it means to a Local Planning Scheme. The result of that work by Robyn Cox was then sent to the State Planning Commission and, as a result of further changes at that level, must have more change! The whole business is costly, challenging and hard to understand. This week, Councillors are engaging in two workshops on this, including a bus trip to help us match the theory to the actual locations. Sorry that this work stretches on – it simply does!

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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 22 September 2020 at 9.30am.

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

The Agenda will be available for perusal from Thursday 17 September 2020 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au.

Warren Groves | **GENERAL MANAGER**

Policies to be Adopted and Rescinded

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 28 July 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting to endorse the **Enforcement Policy and Procedure, Flinders Council Policy Manual Policy, Corporate Credit Card Policy and Rates and Charges Policy** and rescind the **Investment Policy and Customer Service Charter Policy**.

The policy will lie on the table for public comment until 10 September 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

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