



NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE ORIGINAL SAFE HARBOUR PLAN

At a Council meeting in March 2019, Council approved a motion stating that it could not afford to own or operate the safe harbour project. Council was prepared to facilitate the funding from the grant promised prior to the 2019 federal election. Council needed MAST or TasPorts to build, own and operate the project.

Around 4 months ago, Flinders Island Business Incorporated (FIBI) approached the State Government to take over the project. As a result, the Minister for Infrastructure, Michael Ferguson, asked TasPorts to consider the options for delivering the project.

TasPorts put forward a new proposal that included the following:

- It would be built at Lady Barron Port by TasPorts, owners of the Port;
- It would be designed, built, owned and operated by TasPorts;
- The \$3m committed by Federal Government to Flinders Council would be used in full to complete the project; and
- TasPorts would also use a portion of the additional \$900,000, committed by the State Government to create a sheltered boat ramp.

THE TASPOTS PROPOSAL WOULD ENABLE:

- A jetty, pontoon and berths;
- **No ongoing depreciation, maintenance or operational costs to Council;**
- A sheltered boat ramp;
- Improvements to the Port, paid for by the State's contribution of \$900,000; and
- Wave attenuation structures to mitigate wave and tide action.

SUCH A STRUCTURE IS VERY ATTRACTIVE TO COUNCIL BECAUSE IT TAKES OVER THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY INTO THE FUTURE

But of course, the safe harbour structure itself must be just that – safe.

UP TO 18 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

They shared their concerns about such things as:

- The safety of such a structure within the Port;
- The possible added risk of having recreational vessels sharing the Port with freight vessels;
- The loading and unloading of livestock close to recreational vessels and the public;
- The noise, smells and dust of a working Port;
- The safety of the boat ramp to boat users unless it is sufficiently sheltered;
- The adequacy of the depth of water for keel boats; and
- The need to discuss plans fully with other Port users.

AT THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2020, COUNCIL PASSED THE FOLLOWING MOTION:

“That Council defers making a decision on the Safe Harbour so that the recent community concerns can be worked through with the State Government and TasPorts, and that Council organises meetings with key stakeholders, as a matter of priority, to seek the best outcome possible for the community.”

I believe this was the right decision for this time. All these matters, and more, will be discussed with Port users and with TasPorts over the next few weeks in the hope of seeking solutions to the above issues.

WHITE BEACH DEVELOPMENT

At the same Council Meeting on the 22nd September Council approved the following motion:

“That, for agenda item 18 (at the meeting on 25th August) in closed council, regarding the Resolution of Appeal – Development Application 2019/027, for the dwelling on lot 4, Pot Boil Road, White Beach, CT 153145/4, the annexures remain confidential, and that all discussions held and motions past be made public.”

Approval of the above motion allows Council to share with the Community aspects of this case that are causing concern. Council will discuss, next week, how this will be done.

Through this process, Council has an improved awareness of whether to go into closed council and what can or should be released to the public. Council continues to strive to maintain as much transparency as possible without breaching confidentiality regulations.

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SAFETY AND WORKS

Now the weather is warming up, our Council Road Crew will be out and about on island roads, patching, sealing and pot holing!!

Please observe all Road Work speed signs, and keep our workers safe 😊

Angela Harley
Safety and Works Admin Officer

POLICIES 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 22 September 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting to approve the Uniform Policy, Flying of Flags at Council Property Policy and the Employee External Employment Policy.

These policies will lie on the table for public comment until 22 October 2020. They are 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 comment on a policy, please address relative correspondence to:

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 20 October 2020 at 9.30am.

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

The Agenda will be available for perusal from Thursday 15 October 2020 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au.

Warren Groves | **GENERAL MANAGER**

WHITEMARK TIP OPENING HOURS

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WEDNESDAYS	8.30am - 11.30am



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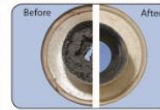
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