



NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

SPRING INTO SCAVENGE WAS A FABULOUS EVENT

On Saturday, 31st October, Aimee and Connor Wheatley, with voluntary assistance from many willing helpers, organised Spring into Scavenge. The event was held at the BBQ area at the Whitemark foreshore. The main aim was to collect trash from any area on the Island that needed rubbish pick-up and then to have it weighed at the central event waste station. When your rubbish was weighed you received tokens in exchange. The tokens then were used to exchange for bric-a-brac, clothes, books etc that had been donated. The whole system demonstrated what a true circular economy could look like. The weather was beautiful, local musicians performed amazingly for close to four hours, and people went home with a bit of treasure as a reward for collecting trash. What could be better?

WHAT IS A CIRCULAR ECONOMY?

The best way to explain this is to compare it with two other types of economy:

- **A Waste Economy** is when we purchase new things all the time. When these things have passed their useful life or we don't want them anymore, we throw them in the rubbish. In other words, when our belongings have served their useful purpose with each of us, we treat them as waste and dispose of them at the tip.
- **A Re-use, Re-cycle Economy** is when we recognise that an item we do not want anymore could be used by someone else. The Giving Shed is a facility for re-using and recycling.

- **A Circular Economy** is one that enables items to be re-used and re-cycled but more than that – it also enables used items to be treated, taken apart for components, made into something else, added to other things, and so on.

A CIRCULAR ECONOMY CAN CREATE SMALL BUSINESSES AS WELL AS JOBS AND HOBBIES

Some straightforward examples of this already happen on our Islands:

- Our school students collect aluminium cans and send them off to an aluminium recycler on mainland Tasmania. Each can returns up to 3 cents per can. The cans are made into other items that can be sold on and the students earn money that benefits their school. This enables a circular economy.
- The current Giving Shed enables a re-use, re-cycle economy. People drop off items they no longer want and others in the Community are invited to re-use them – clothes, books, bric-a-brac, etc. Our Buy Swap Sell Facebook page serves the same purpose.
- The current trash to artworks exhibition at the Strait Works Gallery is full of things that have been re-made from trash. These re-made items can be things of beauty, quirky things, useful things. Imagination is all you need on top of someone else's trash.

FOCUS GROUPS FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT

As another step in Council Engagement with the Community on our future waste management strategy, a group of Councillors will be running Focus Group Discussions. The aim of these will include:

- Working with a community group/s to enable understanding of what Council has in mind to improve this important operation;
- Listening to community responses and issues that could be taken into consideration; and
- Fostering relationships for ongoing work so that waste management improves continuously.

Some people have already expressed interest and I will be sending an email to them inviting them to the first meeting and discussions. Other interested community members who wish to support this important area of community / council working together are invited to attend.

DATE: Tuesday 24th November for 2 hours approximately

TIME: One workshop from 2 – 4 pm

A second workshop from 5 – 7 pm if there is a need.

SOME EXCELLENT NEWS FROM TASPORTS

At a recent meeting of the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee, Mark Cooper, Northern Manager of TasPorts, announced that he had been successful in gaining over \$200,000 to renew matting in the cattle pens at the Port of Lady Barron. This is excellent news for farmers, those involved in animal transport and those interested in improving animal welfare issues. The matting that is currently in place in the pens is no longer in good enough condition to mitigate slippage. When animals slip and lose their footing, it obviously can set up a whole chain of reactions:

- More animals losing their footing;
- Fear and panic among the herd;
- Injury;
- Damage to the meat product; and
- Loss of income to the cattle owners.

THERE ARE MANY ISSUES INVOLVED IN THE SAFE TRANSPORT OF LIVESTOCK FROM FARM TO DESTINATION - but suitable matting that supports safe cattle movement is one of them and an expensive item at that. The Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee, and all stakeholders in livestock transport, welcome this announcement.

ANOTHER EVENT PLANNED ON THE SAME TOPIC

The Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee is also looking at the possibility of organising a facilitated workshop in the new year to identify what can be done by all involved to bring about continuous improvement in cattle movement. Who better to identify what can be done to improve livestock movement, than those who work in the industry? The Committee will keep the community posted.

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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 17 November 2020 at 9.30am.

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

The Agenda will be available for perusal from Thursday 12 November 2020 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au.

Warren Groves | **GENERAL MANAGER**

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Development Applications are submitted to Flinders Council for the purpose of obtaining planning approval.

Applications that are determined as discretionary are advertised every Wednesday in the Examiner Newspaper. They are available for viewing at the Council office, and on the Council website.

If you would like to lodge a representation, it must be provided in writing, addressed to the General Manager and should state the reasons why you support or object to the application. You will find submission details for representations on the advertised Site Notices.

Keep up to date with what's happening at Flinders Council via our website at www.flinders.tas.gov.au or via our social media channel on Facebook at www.facebook.com/flinderscouncil

COUNCIL SURVEYOR MONTHLY VISITS

Council Building and Plumbing Surveyors visit Flinders Island on the first Wednesday of every month. If you have a current Building Permit (issued before July 2020) or Plumbing Permit requiring an inspection, please get in touch with Nicole Kennedy at Development Services on 63595001.

Next visit will be Wednesday 4th of November 2020.

POSITION VACANT
Infrastructure & Airport Manager

Download the Position Description from
<https://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/employment-and-business-opportunities>

Would you like to combine a rewarding career with a relaxed rural lifestyle in a friendly community environment? Do you dream of being part of a small but skilled team working to improve the economic and social wellbeing of a diverse island community?

Flinders Island, located in the Furneaux Group of Islands, in Tasmania's Bass Strait, is just an hour's plane trip from Melbourne and only 35 minutes to Launceston. The island is blessed with a clean, green environment, stunning landscapes and a close-knit, welcoming, and safe community.

Flinders Council is seeking to appoint a highly motivated Infrastructure & Airport Manager to provide managerial and technical expertise to Council on Roads & Infrastructure, Airport, Waste, Asset & Project Management. A degree or diploma in a related field or significant previous managerial experience is required, preferably within the local government sector. Excellent road infrastructure experience, communication skills, and the ability to problem solve is essential.

This is a full time, permanent role, the salary offered is subject to negotiation and dependent upon qualifications and experience.

Applications addressing the knowledge, skills & experience section and a current resume are required by C.O.B. on 20th November 2020.

Applications marked "Confidential" – Infrastructure & Airport Manager, should be forwarded to the Corporate Services HR Officer, Flinders Council, P.O. Box 40, Whitemark, Flinders Island, TAS 7255 or via email to jade.boyes@flinders.tas.gov.au

Warren Groves
GENERAL MANAGER

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 20 October 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting to adopt the **Special Committees of Council Policy and Procedure, Furneaux Islands Festival Policy, Airport Advertising Policy, and the Elected Members' Allowances, Reimbursements and Equipment Policy.**

These policies will lie on the table for public comment until 3 December 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 make comment on the policy, please do so by addressing relative correspondence to Warren Groves, General Manager, Flinders Council, P.O. Box 40, Whitemark TAS 7255.