

NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

EMERGENCY TRAINING

Flinders Island Emergency Services volunteers have been working so hard, with many of them engaging in additional training over weekends. This weekend past has seen training sessions arranged with Flinders Emergency Service volunteers, run by trainers from Northern Headquarters of Fire and SES. I have been most impressed by:

- The quality of the training sessions;
- The expertise of the trainers; and
- The dedication and commitment from our Flinders volunteers.

These sessions have upgraded the qualifications and leadership of our firefighters and SES volunteers. These groups already work closely together in certain emergency operations. Their improved knowledge and skills will guarantee higher levels of success and safety. I thank all our volunteers and trainers for the amazing work they do to keep us all safe in emergency situations.

THERE HAS ALSO BEEN RECRUITMENT OF NEW VOLUNTEERS

I am told that, over this last weekend, several new volunteers, have joined the emergency services teams and have participated in training. A special thanks must go to them. Recruitment and ongoing training are vital to our emergency teams' success. Well done to those who have recently joined up. We appreciate you as well as the teams you have joined up with. Good luck with your ongoing success.

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 15 December 2020 at 1:00pm.

Public Question Time will be held between 1:00pm – 1:30pm

The Agenda will be available for perusal from Thursday 10 December 2020 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au.

Warren Groves | **GENERAL MANAGER**



COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC PLAN – THANKS FOR COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Council is very grateful to all those who have engaged with Council over the last months in our Strategic Planning process. Community members have:

- Completed surveys that have let us know where they want the Municipality to be heading over the next ten years;
- Met with Councillors to provide opinions and ideas;
- Read the drafts of the strategic plan document;
- Provided valuable feedback on the drafts;
- Enabled much of the planning to be based directly on community wants and needs.

The final version of the 2020-2030 Strategic Plan is nearing completion and will be made available online and/or in hard copy.

COUNCIL IS LOOKING INTO HOW WE CATER FOR CAMPERVANS ON THE ISLAND

Several interested community members have been bringing the increased campervan visitations to Council's attention – and rightly so. I am happy to report that we are now actively exploring this issue. I will keep you posted as we make progress.

COUNCIL'S 2021 – 2025 WASTE STRATEGY

I am also pleased to report that Council's 2021-2025 Waste Strategy is progressing well. On the 24th November there will be a Community Focus Group in the Rose Garden Room from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Councillors will be sharing with participants Council's draft Waste Management Strategy document and seeking their opinions and ideas on this. We hope that

those who attend will consider being part of a group that continues to work with us into the future, maybe meeting every 2 or 3 months to monitor progress and support ongoing improvement.

This week I will be emailing those who have so far volunteered to be part of the focus groups. If anyone else is keen to join please email me or give me a ring. Your interest is appreciated. The Lady Barron and Killiecrankie Transfer Stations are part of the strategy but specific details around manning, opening times etc are still to be finalised.

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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 6359 5001.

Next visit will be Wednesday 2nd of December 2020.

FURNEAUX ISLANDS FESTIVAL 2021 **#reflectsharecelebrate**

Planning for the 2021 Furneaux Islands Festival is well underway. Dates for the festival weekend are Friday 15th Jan – Sunday 17th Jan.

A Twilight Market Street Party in Patrick St Whitemark is planned for the Friday evening and the Community BBQ Day will be held at FIAAI Park in Lady Barron on Sunday.

The Furneaux Islands Festival is an opportunity to come together and celebrate where we live, our local community and our shared cultures. If you are planning a January event and would like to be included in the Calendar–contact sammi.gowthorp@flinders.tas.gov.au

Visit www.fifestival.com.au or visit our facebook page at [facebook.com/furneauxislandsfestival](https://www.facebook.com/furneauxislandsfestival) to keep up to date with announcements.

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

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GENERAL MANAGER

WHITEMARK TIP OPENING HOURS	
SUN, MON, FRI	1.30pm - 4.30pm
TUES +THURS	7.00am -10.00am
WEDNESDAYS	8.30am - 11.30am

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

The Annual General Meeting of the Flinders Council will be held in the Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre on Tuesday 15 December 2020, commencing at 5.00pm. All are welcome to attend.

The Annual Report of the Council will be available during office hours at the Council Offices, Davies Street, Whitemark and also on the Council website <https://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/annual-reports> from Monday 23 November 2020.

Submissions on the Report from members of the public are welcome and can be made in writing and forwarded to the General Manager no later than 5.00pm, Wednesday 9 December 2020.

Warren Groves | **GENERAL MANAGER**

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

A reminder to all tourism operators/businesses that the Visitor Information Centre located at the Council Office has an area to display visitor information. You are welcome to drop in any brochures relevant to your business for us to include in our display.

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 and available to download from the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies 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.