



# FLINDERS COUNCIL NEWS

## NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

### JOINT WORK INTENTIONS WITH KING ISLAND

In November, the Mayors and General Managers of Flinders and King Island Municipalities signed a Statement of Intent committing to working together more closely. Councillors Grace and Blyth made a professional development trip to King Island in January of 2020. The Councillors believed that King and Flinders Islands had much in common: both are isolated; small population; small rate base, etc. They were hosted by King Island Councillors and staff and given familiarity tours of Council assets and projects. It did not take long to ascertain that there were many potential benefits in the two councils working together. King's GM, Greg Alomes, then visited Flinders. During that visit, Councillors and Staff shared many issues. Out of that came the Statement of Intent. We all look forward to what our work together will bring.

### WE ALMOST HAD NO FROZEN GOODS FOR A WHILE

About ten years ago, Council purchased four refrigerated shipping containers that, over all these years, have been transporting the Islands' frozen goods from Bridport to and from Lady Barron. The refrigeration units finally came to the end of their lives and had to be condemned. In collaboration with Furneaux Freight, Council asked the State Government for \$28,000 to provide four new refrigeration units from the shipping contingency fund. On the same day as we asked, the funding was granted. Furneaux Freight has kindly offered to make the purchase and be paid when the funding is paid. All in all, an excellent situation,

for which we thank the State Government and Furneaux Freight.

### COUNCIL SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Council has recently revoked three of its special committees:

- The Furneaux Community Health Special Committee: There is now a Flinders Health Organisation Committee that has representatives of all the health professionals that service the Islands as well as Council representation. We believe this is in an excellent position to meet the islands' health needs.
- The Furneaux Islands Festival will now be organised in collaboration between Council and FIAAI so there is no need for an ongoing committee.
- The Furneaux (Emita) Hall and Recreational Grounds Special Committee: The Emita Hall has an incorporated committee and has decided that it meets their needs going forward so the special committee is not required.

### THE SPECIAL COMMITTEES GOING FORWARD

We have four special committees assisting Council into the future:

- **The Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee** meets at least 4 times a year and its main purpose is to facilitate the operation of the shipping of freight between Flinders and mainland Tasmania. Freight is mainly livestock but also all the goods freighted for local businesses. This committee has representatives from Council, DPIPWE, State Growth, Local Farmers, Transport (especially for livestock), livestock agents, TasPorts, FIBI, Furneaux Freight, local community, agricultural business, Cape Barren Island. This is the main committee that the State Government works with when maritime issues arise.
- **The Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee** advises Council on all things related to the airport and air services for the Island. This committee has not met for 12 months as negotiations between Council and the State Government have been at a bit of a standstill. However, Council plans that this committee will meet early in 2021. The committee has representatives from Council, FIBI, the Community, Cape Barren Island, State Growth, MPC.

- **The Lady Barron Hall and Recreational Special Committee** has stewardship over Lady Barron Hall, grounds, tennis courts and Holloway Park. Representatives include from Council and the Lady Barron community.
- **The Whitemark Community Gym Special Committee** advises Council on the operations of the Whitemark Gym. Representatives include from Council, Gym users, and physical health professionals.

#### **COUNCIL WASTE STRATEGY**

Last week saw the first meeting of an ongoing focus group regarding Council's Waste Strategy 2021-25. There was only a small community representation at the meeting but the interaction among them and Councillors and Council staff was excellent. We are hoping that more will join this group that is planned to meet at least four times per year. The intent is to have this joint Council / Community Group make recommendations on joint waste ideas and operation, as well as keep their ears to the ground for community feedback.

#### **COUNCIL'S 2030 STRATEGIC PLAN**

At the Council Workshop on Tuesday of this week we made the final tweaks to the 2030 Strategic Plan, following feedback from the community. The Plan will be formally considered by Council at the December Council Meeting. If you have not already read this vital planning document, it will be available as an Annexure to the December Council Meeting. Interested people may also have it emailed to them or receive a hard copy, once it has been adopted by Council. I invite you to refer to the plan. It is evidence of Council's transparency and engagement with its community.

#### **FLINDERS MUNICIPALITY FEATURED IN THE RECENT STATE BUDGET**

- \$640,000 towards Flinders Island health infrastructure and patient transport – over two years.
- \$4.1 million to ensure essential air freight and passenger services across Bass Strait.
- \$295,000 for infrastructure, refurbishment and Fire Services upgrades at Flinders Island District High School.
- \$480,000 for additional support for bio-security officers on Flinders and King Islands.

- In addition, there are significant amounts dedicated to improving waste management that we hope Flinders Municipality may benefit from.

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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 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](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au).

Warren Groves | **GENERAL MANAGER**

#### **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 is available from the Council Offices, Davies Street, Whitemark and also on the Council website  
<https://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/annual-reports> .

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**



## 2021 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Notice is hereby given that the 2021 Ordinary Meetings of Flinders Council will be held at the Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre, Whitemark, Flinders Island on the following Tuesdays:

- 19 January
- 16 February
- 16 March
- 20 April
- 18 May
- 15 June
- 20 July
- 17 August
- 21 September
- 19 October
- 16 November
- 14 December

Council Meetings will start at 2:00pm and Public Question Time will be held between 2:00pm – 2:30pm

Each meeting agenda will be available for perusal on the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) or at the Council Office on the Thursday before the meeting.

Warren Groves | **GENERAL MANAGER**

## FURNEAUX ISLANDS FESTIVAL 2021 \*\*\* FESTIVAL DATES NOW CHANGED \*\*\*

Planning for the 2021 Furneaux Islands Festival is well underway. **New dates for the Festival weekend are Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 Festival Calendar – contact [sammi.gowthorp@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:sammi.gowthorp@flinders.tas.gov.au)

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

## CALL OUT FOR INSPECTIONS

Council contracted Building and Plumbing Surveyors *generally* visit Flinders Island on the first Wednesday of each month. If we do not have sufficient jobs booked in, we may delay surveyors until the following month.

**Next visit will be Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2021.**

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.

## WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Council's process to develop a Waste Management Strategy for the Furneaux Islands that guides the way forward for the next four years, has now reached the stage that it can be reviewed by the Community for comment.

The document is scheduled for consideration by Council at its Ordinary Meeting, to be held on 15 December. To provide time for the waste management strategy to be updated with any input from the Community, all submissions must be received no later than close of business on 8 December.

The Strategy can be viewed on Council's website at <https://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/waste-management-strategy-2021-2025-draft> and copies are available by contacting Council on 63 595 001 or [office@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:office@flinders.tas.gov.au)

Should you wish to discuss the draft and its content, please contact Jacci or Sammi on 6359 5001.