



NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

STRATEGIC PLAN 2031 RELEASED

As you know, Council's Strategic Plan for the next ten years until 2031 has been completed and released to the Community. It can be viewed on the Council website. If you would like a hard copy, please feel free to contact Council Offices and request a copy.

UPDATE ON THE SAFE HARBOUR PROJECT

At the Ordinary Council meeting held on Tuesday 15th December, an update on the Safe Harbour Project was provided. The project is progressing well. Council resolved to award an Early Contractor Involvement contract, for the delivery of works required up to the submission of the grant application, to Bachelor Construction Group Pty Ltd.

POTENTIAL USE OF HOLLOWAY PARK

In recent months, Council has been in discussion with various stakeholders, including the Lady Barron Hall and Recreational Committee, on the potential staged development of Holloway Park for improved community benefit.

Currently the building at Holloway Park is used by the Flinders Lapidary Club only. Interest has been shown in future sharing of the facility for multi-functional use:

- Continuation of use by the Lapidary Club;
- Temporary use by the Furneaux Maritime History Association as an area to display artefacts that are significant to the maritime heritage of the islands;
- Possible staged development as an area for visitors holidaying with recreational vehicles / camper vans; and
- Use by the Tasmanian Fire Service as a staging area during emergencies and

where a future replacement shed could be built for fire vehicles from the southern end of the Island.

At the Ordinary Meeting on 15th December, Council gave 'in principle' support for TasFire Service to develop plans to establish a fire station, incorporating a training facility, at the Furneaux (Emita) Recreation Ground and at Holloway Park, Lady Barron.

Council also agreed to allow the Furneaux Maritime History Association Inc. to use the kitchen and adjoining room at the Holloway Park building, to house a maritime history display for a period of 12 months. The Association plans to find its own building in the future, but meanwhile, the Holloway Park building will enable display of maritime artefacts that speak volumes of the history of the islands.

COMPLAINTS REGISTER SHOWS IMPROVING CUSTOMER FOCUS

At the recent Ordinary Council Meeting, Council's Complaints Register was noted. Each time a complaint is expressed to the General Manager, it is recorded, dealt with and the outcome reported back to the Complainant. The Register showed a very manageable number of complaints from the Community, with each one addressed satisfactorily and reported back to the complainant. Of course, it would be wonderful if Council had no complaints at all – but, in the context of providing services to people, this is impossible. Council aims to be customer-focused and to work on improving its services continuously.

EXTENSION OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT TIME FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Council's Waste Management Strategy has been opened for public feedback. A few community members believed that a lack of time was given in which people could respond. Council believed it important that the Community engages with this very important aspect of Council services. As a result, the engagement time was extended until early January.

DUX OF THE SCHOOL

Usually, at this time of year, I have the privilege of presenting a cheque, donated by Council, to the Dux of Flinders Island District High School. Once again COVID-19 has exerted its influence and the procedures had to be changed.

Nonetheless, I am very happy to announce that this year's Dux is Sophie Allott.

Sophie was presented with her award on Monday of this week. Sophie is a committed learner and works tirelessly in all her subject areas. This commitment has produced outstanding educational outcomes. Sophie is a great role model for all our students. Sophie will be undertaking year 11 at Flinders Island District High School next year.

Congratulations to Sophie and well done. It is a privilege to offer you best wishes on behalf of Council and the Community.

HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

Christmas and New Year Celebrations are almost upon us. I take this opportunity to wish all islanders and their families and friends a happy festive season and a positive beginning to 2021.

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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 3rd 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.

Lady Barron Transfer Station.

Due to the implementation of the need for fire permits by the Tasmanian Fire Service, the Lady Barron Transfer Station will be closed for the dumping of green waste from Monday 21st December until restrictions are lifted.

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 19 January 2021. 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 6 January 2021.

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

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

PARKING ON FOOTPATHS

Council have recently received a complaint about people parking on the footpath outside Cate Cooks and the Butcher Shop on Walker Street in Whitemark.

To ensure that the footpath remains free of traffic, Council will be placing some bollards to mark the edge of the footpath. Please respect the bollards and keep the footpath clear for all.

This will be monitored by Police as parking on a footpath contravenes the road rules.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Council Offices will be closed from close of business Tuesday 22 December 2020 and reopen on Wednesday 6 January 2021.

Council provides essential services over the Christmas holiday period to ensure our residents and visitors continue to enjoy our beautiful island.

Whitemark Tip and Transfer Stations will continue to operate during the festive season – closed on public holidays.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and safe new year.

WHITEMARK TIP XMAS OPENING HOURS

WEDNESDAY	23rd Dec			8.30 - 11.30
THURSDAY	24th Dec			7.00 - 10.00
FRIDAY	25th Dec	CLOSED	Public Holiday	
SATURDAY	26th Dec	CLOSED		
SUNDAY	27th Dec			1.30 - 4.30
MONDAY	28th Dec	CLOSED	Public Holiday	
TUESDAY	29th Dec	CLOSED		
WEDNESDAY	30th Dec			1.30 - 4.30
THURSDAY	31st Dec			7.00 - 10.00
FRIDAY	1st Jan	CLOSED	Public Holiday	
SATURDAY	2nd Jan	CLOSED		
SUNDAY	3rd Jan			1.30 - 4.30
MONDAY	4th Jan			1.30 - 4.30
TUESDAY	5th Jan	CLOSED		
WEDNESDAY	6th Jan			8.30 - 11.30

CASH 4 CANS

The next Cash 4 Cans sorting day will be Monday 21st December at the Whitemark Tip 1:00pm – 3:00pm.

If you would like to volunteer a couple of hours to assist with can sorting to raise funds for Flinders Island District High School – please contact Sammi Gowthorp on 6359 5001 or sammi.gowthorp@flinders.tas.gov.au

KITCHEN / GARDEN PROGRAM

The 'Island Life' program will run over the Summer Holidays in the Kitchen / Garden at Flinders Island District High School. The program consists of cooking classes, community garden and food production workshops, bringing together community members to celebrate vitality, health and wellbeing.

Kitchen / Garden classes will be run by AK & Cate Hardman – learn the art of sourdough making and growing / cooking seasonal produce.

If you would like to register please visit www.furneauislands.com.au



** FURNEAUX ISLANDS FESTIVAL 2021 **

Twilight Market Street Party - Whitemark Friday 22nd January 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Patrick St will be closed off for the Twilight Street Party which will showcase a bounty of homegrown musical talent, island inspired arts and crafts and a feast of local food and produce.

StoryTelling Sessions - Whitemark Saturday 23rd January 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Come along and spin a yarn, play a song or sing a tune. Put your name on the blackboard on the day to join in the collective.

Party at the Tavern – Lady Barron Saturday 23rd January 5:00pm till late
Watch the sunset over Adelaide Bay and dance the night away with Well Strung & Tezmond.

Community BBQ Day - FIAAI Park Lady Barron Sunday 24th January 11:00am – 3:00pm
A community celebration with a FREE BBQ lunch. A superb line up of local musical talent, featuring a special tribute to Ronnie Summers.

This year's visiting performers for the festival include Luke Plumb, Fred Pribac and Rachel Gates along with the bands Well Strung and Tezmond.

Visit www.fifestival.com.au or visit our facebook page at facebook.com/furneauislandsfestival to keep up to date with announcements.

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 19 January 2021 at 2:00pm.

Public Question Time will be held between
2:00pm – 2:30pm

The Agenda will be available for perusal from Thursday 14 January 2021 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au.

Warren Groves | **GENERAL MANAGER**