



NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

It would not come as a surprise to the Community that most countries of the world were glad to see the end of 2020. It was a year like no other. In Australia there were the immense fire issues in the first few months of 2020, directly followed by the world-wide COVID-19 pandemic. We had our own fire issues in the Flinders Municipality but, with a touch of good luck mixed with some good management, we have managed to avoid an outbreak on the islands – so far. However, if you pay attention to the news media, you will recognise that the danger is not over. Some of the world's most powerful countries are experiencing new strains of the disease along with unprecedented numbers of deaths. I take this opportunity to wish all community members a happy 2021. At the same time, I urge you to continue to be vigilant: handwashing; keeping appropriate distance from others; and covering mouths and noses when coughing / sneezing. Let's continue to do it well on our islands so that we are all protected into the future.

TALKING OF WHICH

The National Cabinet working in hand the airline industry, would like masks to be worn in all airports and on all planes. As airport owners, Council urges all those visiting our airport, and / or travelling by plane, to wear a mask when doing so. Please see further information in this Island News edition from Council. I urge everyone to cooperate – once again to protect our small community, as well as those visiting.

NEWS FROM TASPORTS

You will remember that, late in 2020, I reported that TasPorts, supported by the State Government, would be providing new quality rubber matting in the livestock pens at the Lady Barron Port. The purpose of this is to prevent livestock slippage – thus to prevent as much injury to animals as possible.

The good news is that I had a call from Mark Cooper, Northern TasPorts Manager and TasPorts representative on the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee, to say that the matting has arrived on Flinders Island. We can expect to see the matting installed within the next couple of weeks.

THE FLINDERS COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN was approved by Council at its December Ordinary Meeting. We still have significant work to do in order to see completion of the financial and asset management aspects of the planning. This is an enormous project for Council management, particularly for our Finance Organisational Performance Manager, Heidi Marshall. We have until June 2021, to complete the whole package, but it is wonderful to achieve our current planning position. Well done and thanks to all who have played such a major role in this, including those in the Community who engaged with Council in the process.

FURNEAUX MARITIME HISTORY ASSOCIATION ARE ALSO PLANNING

You are probably aware that the Flinders Municipality is rich in maritime history.

The Furneaux Maritime History Association, made up of a group of enthusiastic community members, have been collecting information and artifacts that have survived some of the maritime disasters and incidents in the surrounding waters of the Bass Strait. They now wish to make plans for the ongoing display of the artifacts and approached Council for support. At the December meeting, Council, in collaboration with representatives of the Lady Barron Hall and Recreation Special Committee, approved a twelve-month lease of part of the Holloway Park building. The Furneaux Maritime History Association will be seeking future funds to create a permanent display area, but the

Holloway Park building will be used as an interim location. This is good news for Lady Barron.

CONTINUED TRIAL OF HOBART FLIGHTS

The State Government requested that King Island and Flinders Councils support the extension of the current trial period of the Hobart Flights. These flights form a major role in the Government's COVID-19 Recovery Plan and are having a positive effect on the restoration of the State economy. Council agreed to support the continuation of the Hobart Flight Trial until April 2021.

A REVIEW OF OUR FUTURE TOURISM DIRECTIONS WILL BE PART OF THE PLAN

Council is committed to working with FIBI and our community to review our approach to tourism. First and foremost in Council's purpose is the health and well-being of our Community. This means that we must try to find a positive balance between health and wellbeing and the economy. At a December meeting of 25 community members, Council and FIBI accepted the need to work together with community members in order to achieve such a balance. Keep your eye on this space.

OTHER THINGS ARE UNDER DISCUSSION FOR BOTH THE EMITA RECREATION GROUND AND HOLLOWAY PARK AREAS

There has been ongoing interest in expanding the use of these Council facilities:

- The Lapidary Society currently use the Holloway Park building.
- At the December Council Meeting approval in principle was given to Tasmanian Fire Services to plan future relocation of Fire Stations, first to Emita Hall and grounds and later to include Holloway Park. This would mean that Emergency Services Personnel would be able to locate vehicles etc. at these sites, as well as use the nearby buildings for training, for meetings, and as staging areas in an actual emergency. None of this has been decided yet, but in-principle approval has been granted.

- The Furneaux Maritime History Association have been given a 12-month lease of part of the Holloway Park area – see earlier in this report.
- The concept is also being tossed around to make Holloway Park a multi-function-area that could include a designated camping ground for camper vans.

Council, along with members of the Lady Barron Hall and Recreation Committee, believe that a multi-functional approach could be possible. Lots of decision-making still to be done and planning permission would need to happen. I am sharing with you how Council sees the possibilities.

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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.

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.furneauxislands.com.au

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**

WHITEMARK TIP OPENING HOURS

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

ROAD CLOSURE

FURNEAUX ISLANDS FESTIVAL

* Please note Patrick St will be closed between Bowman St and Robert St from 4:30pm – midnight Friday 22nd January.

COVIDSAFE INFORMATION FOR THE FURNEAUX ISLANDS FESTIVAL

* Please stay home if unwell, in close contact with unwell people with flu-like symptoms, or if in contact with COVID-19 patient in the last 14 days.

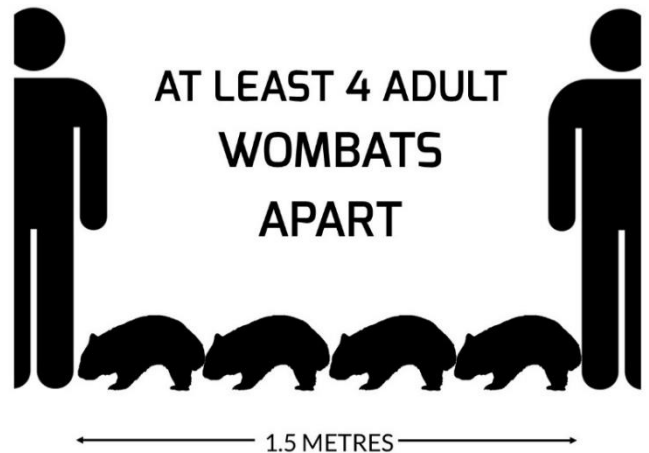
* Avoid hugs, kisses and handshakes.

* Wash your hands frequently with soap and water, or with hand sanitizer at the stations provided.

* Maintain social distance and keep at least 1.5 metres away, two big steps, from people you don't live with.

* Cover a sneeze or cough with a tissue or bent elbow, and immediately dispose of tissue in a closed-lid bin. Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE



BE COVIDSAFE



FLINDERS COUNCIL

FURNEAUX ISLANDS FESTIVAL 2021

THURSDAY 21st JANUARY

MAKING NOIZE with DR FRED
10:00am - 12:00pm
FAEC WHITEMARK



Dr Fred, Tasmania's banjo playing scientist, shows you some of his favourite do-it-yourself sound experiments using a whole lot of bits and bobs. Make a sound cannon you can honk, hoot, twang, buzz and whistle!

Under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Text 0437 987 863 to book. **\$5.00 per child.**

FRIDAY 22nd JANUARY

TWILIGHT STREET PARTY
PATRICK ST, WHITEMARK
5:30pm til late

Come along to the Twilight Market in Patrick St, Whitemark for the Best Street Party of the New Year!

A wide variety of local stalls with lots of food options and pop-up entertainment Market – 5:30pm – 8:00pm

Judging of the Island Pie competition on the Interstate Hotel verandah.

Music till late!

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visit the website at www.fifestival.com.au or our facebook page for updates!

SATURDAY 23rd JANUARY

STORYTELLING SESSIONS
Sports & RSL Club – Whitemark
1:00pm – 4:00pm

Spin a yarn, play a song or sing a tune. Put your name on the blackboard on the day to join in the collective.

ROUND ROBIN NETBALL DAY for kids
Sports & RSL Club – Whitemark
1:00pm – 4:00pm
BYO snacks and drinks
Call Mel Mollineaux on 0427 596 553

PARTY AT THE TAV
Furneaux Tavern – Lady Barron
5:00pm till late

Watch the sunset over Adelaide Bay and dance the night away with Well Strung & Tezmond.

SUNDAY 24th JANUARY

COMMUNITY BBQ DAY
FIAAI PARK LADY BARRON
11:00AM – 3:00PM

A FREE lunchtime family concert and BBQ featuring the best of our local musicians and visiting musicians Fred Pribac, Rachel Gates, Luke Plumb, Tezmond and Well Strung.

Festival events cont - Sunday 24th January...

BYO drinks, a hat, sunscreen and a blanket or chair to sit on! Bring your dancing shoes, but please leave your dogs at home.

RONNIE SUMMERS TRIBUTE

With the passing of Tasmanian Songman, Ronnie Summers, earlier this year, an important link to the unique music of the Cape Barren Island has gone.

Fortunately, his place in the history of Cape Barren Island music is secure along with other musicians from that community, Neuto Everett, Clive Beaton and the Brown Brothers in particular Les Brown. All natural, talented, self-taught musicians who instinctively performed their music from the heart and soul of the Community.

With the formation of the Island Coes in the late 1990's early 2000's, Ronnie and the Island Coes took Cape Barren Island Music to major festivals in Tasmania and nationally, playing the National Folk Festival 2010 in Canberra, with a line-up that included Merinda Sainty and Fred Pribac. On this occasion, he was interviewed and recorded for the National Library of Australian Music Archives.

Other musicians that played and were influenced by his music include Steve Lowery, Dwayne Everett-Smith, Dave Dixon and later Judy Jacques and Sandro Donati (who were very honoured to accompany Ronnie at the Cygnet Folk Festival in 2016).

This tribute to Ronnie will bring together some of the musicians that loved him, and his music, for a special performance of that music and original material from Dyan Summers, that will celebrate his life and music and the joy he brought to all who heard him.

SCENIC FLIGHTS

9am-3:30pm.

Text 0477406450 to pre-book your ticket.

Unique Charters and Flinders Island Aviation will be offering scenic plane and helicopter flights leaving from the Lady Barron airstrip.

Flights for sale on the day at the FIAAI Park with transfers to the airstrip!

ISLAND PIE COMPETITION

Shout Out to the Bakers and Pie Makers of the Furneaux Islands.

Join in the inaugural 2021 Furneaux Islands Festival Pie Competition.

Serve us up your best 'island inspired pie' to be in the running for some amazing prizes and bragging rights for at least a year.

Pies will be judged at the Twilight Market Street Party by an expert panel of cooks – Anne Campbell, Vicky Harper and Fiona Wynwood Robertson. Well known around Flinders Island for their witty banter and cooking prowess.

COMPETITION RULES

1. Furneaux Islands Festival Pie Competition is open to all community members of the Furneaux Islands.
2. All entries must be homemade – you can use premade pastry if you like.
3. 1 entry per person allowed into the contest.
4. Each entry includes 2 pies of the same kind and a \$5 entry fee.
5. **Entries may be sweet or savoury.**
6. Entry forms and entry fee of \$5 per entry must be submitted by **4:30pm on Thursday January 21st to Flinders Council office.**
7. Pies must be delivered on **Friday 22nd January from 4:00pm – 5:00pm at the CWA Rooms.**
8. Judging will take place at the Interstate Hotel Festival Stage during the Twilight Festival Street Party and the winners announced after that.
9. Prizes will be given after winners are announced.
10. Pies will be judged on creativity, taste and overall appearance!