



## NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

### FLINDERS COUNCIL SPECIAL AVIATION COMMITTEE – PLEASE NOTE

The Aviation Committee will meet on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00 am in the Rose Garden Room.** The change of date is to enable Council's new Infrastructure and Airport Manager Chris Wilson to attend as he will soon become part of the Council team. It is a good idea to hold the first meeting for a while so he can attend. Chris comes from Ceduna, South Australia. Welcome Chris.

### WASTE LEVY BILL

When Warren Groves, Vanessa Grace and I visited King Island recently we met with an officer from DPIPWE, employed on the writing of a new State Waste Levy Bill. It was an excellent opportunity as representatives from Flinders and King Councils were able to discuss the implications of the Bill thoroughly. Both Councils joined to write a submission to State Government asserting that imposing a levy on the two island councils will only serve as an added burden. We see no benefits at all. Even the administration load it would put on us would be an enormous burden. We have pointed out that our small size, small population, our isolation and our island status be taken into consideration. We have pointed out that one size does not fit all. We have also spoken to Dion Lester, Chief Executive Officer of the Local Government Association Tasmania, who agrees with our assertions. Let's hope that our submission is listened to. It is possible that representatives from both Councils may lobby Government ministers on the topic.

### TERMS OF REFERENCE SPECIAL COUNCIL COMMITTEES

I believe I mentioned a few months ago that Council had drawn up and approved a set of

non-negotiable terms of reference that apply to all Council Special Committees. The reason for this is to make sure that risks to Council are as low as possible. However, Council built in that, although the Council-imposed terms of reference are non-negotiable, Special Committees could add some of their own so long as Council approves them. At the March Council Meeting, both Whitemark Gym Special Committee and the Lady Barron Hall and Recreational Special Committee had their revised terms of reference adopted.

### FLINDERS LOCAL PLANNING SCHEDULES ARE ALMOST COMPLETE

Flinders current Local Planning Schedule go back some way. In the last few years, the State Planning Commission introduced a State Planning Scheme that all municipal planning schemes must align with. You will remember that Robyn Cox worked on writing the Flinders Structure Plan that would begin the process of aligning the Flinders Local Planning Schedule with the State Planning Schedule. The Structure Plan was submitted to the State Planning Commission, whose job is to check and ask questions. Council then employed Mick Purves, a planning consultant, to explore how the Flinders Planning Schedule would align with the Flinders Strategy Plan as well as with the State Schedule. The revised documents were submitted to the Commission for assessment in late January, with advice received by Council in late February that they were largely acceptable. There remain only one or two matters that require further clarification, which can be addressed by the General Manager under delegation.

Should Council carry a favourable recommendation, it is likely that the Commission and the Minister for Planning will issue a series of Notices under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* that instruct Council to revise its Local Provisions Schedule and then when and how to complete the exhibition process for the Local Provision Schedule. The exhibition process gives the community an opportunity to have points clarified / modified if appropriate.

### AN ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COMMUNITY TO SEEK INFORMATION ON THE PLANNING SCHEDULE

I recently heard that Dion Lester, Chief Executive Officer of the Local Government Association Tasmania as well as a qualified Strategic Town Planner, is hoping to visit Flinders in the next couple of months. I asked if he would be willing to talk with a community

forum while on the Island. Dion agreed to answer community queries on strategic town planning. So, if there are issues that may cause future concern, this will be an ideal opportunity to achieve clarification. I will keep you posted.

**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT DECREES THAT EVERY COUNCIL GENERAL MANAGER ENGAGES IN A PERFORMANCE REVIEW ANNUALLY**

Each Council has a General Manager's Performance Review Committee. At Flinders Council, I chair the committee which includes Deputy Mayor, David Williams, and Councillor Rachel Summers. At the March Ordinary Meeting the General Managers' Performance Review was approved and I am pleased to note that Warren Groves passed with flying colours after his first year with us.

**ANNIE REVIE  
MAYOR**

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**COMMUNITY GRANTS**

Applications for funding are now being sought from Community Groups. Applications received by C.O.B. 24<sup>th</sup> May will be considered by Council as part of the budget process for the next financial year.

**GUNN BEQUEST**

Applications for funding are now being sought from sporting organisations under the Gunn Bequest.

These funds are provided to suitable projects for the promotion or improvement of sporting facilities on the Island.

**Applications must be received by  
C.O.B. Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May.**

Written applications for both grants, using the forms available from the Council Office or the Council website <http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/community-grants-and-awards> should be addressed to:

**General Manager**  
Flinders Council  
PO Box 40  
Whitemark TAS 7255



**Position Vacant - Works Officer**

Flinders Council is seeking to appoint a Works Officer to join our outdoor Infrastructure team.

We are looking for a motivated, reliable, hard working person, preferably with qualifications and experience in driving heavy trucks and operating machinery such as graders and excavators.

The position is offered as permanent fulltime, and the salary will be dependent upon qualifications and experience.

The position description is available on the Flinders Council website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) or by telephoning the Council on (03) 63595001.

Applications addressing the knowledge, skills & experience section and a current resume are required by C.O.B. on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021

Applications marked "Confidential" – Works Officer 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](mailto:jade.boyes@flinders.tas.gov.au)

**WHITEMARK TIP HOURS**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:30 – 1:00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:30 – 1:00pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:30 – 1:00pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1:30 – 4:30pm</b>

**CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

**WHITEMARK TIP EASTER HOURS**

**GOOD FRIDAY – CLOSED**  
**EASTER SATURDAY - CLOSED**  
**EASTER SUNDAY - 1:30 – 4:30pm**  
**MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> April – CLOSED**  
**TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> April - CLOSED**

## 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 20 April 2021 at 2:00pm.**

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

The Agenda will be available for perusal from Thursday 15 April 2021 on the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au).

Warren Groves | **GENERAL MANAGER**



## Expressions of Interest – Casual Employment Register

Flinders Council is currently seeking applicants who are interested in casual employment in the following areas:

**Works & Services  
Airport  
Cleaning**

For position descriptions and details on how to apply, visit [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) or call Council on (03) 6359 5001.

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Corporate Services HR Officer,  
Flinders Council,  
P.O. Box 40, Whitemark TAS 7255  
or [jade.boyes@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:jade.boyes@flinders.tas.gov.au)

Flinders Council is an equal opportunity employer.

Warren Groves  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

# Autumn KIDS Holiday PROGRAM

**Thurs 1st April - 10am-12pm**

### **Easter Bonnet Making @ FAEC**

It's time for the Easter Parade! We're making Easter Bonnet decorating easy with everything you need in one place! Choose a hat or ears and let your creativity run wild. Whip up a creation to wear at the Easter Bonnet Parade at Lady Barron Hall on Saturday 3rd April. All crafts supplied.

**Wed 7th April - 10am-12pm**

### **Movie Day @FAEC - Trolls on World Tour**

Poppy and Branch discover that there are six different troll tribes scattered over six different lands. Each tribe is also devoted to six different kinds of music -- funk, country, techno, classical, pop and rock. When rockers Queen Barb and King Thrash set out to destroy the other music, Poppy and Branch embark on a daring mission to unite the trolls and save the diverse melodies from becoming extinct.

**Tues 13th April - Rollerblading at Emita Hall**

**6-10 years: 10:30am to 12:00pm**

Bus leaves Bakery Park 10am returns 12:30pm

**11 & over: 1:30pm to 3:00pm**

Bus leaves Bakery Park 12:45pm returns 3:30pm

Get your skates on and get down to the Emita Hall for rollerblading. Please advise of shoe size when booking or if kids have their own roller blades.

Bus bookings essential.

BYO snacks and drinks.

Contact [sammi.gowthorp@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:sammi.gowthorp@flinders.tas.gov.au) for all enquiries. Text 0437 987 863 for all bookings.

All activities \$5 per child. Ages 6 & under to be accompanied by an adult for all activities.