



## NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

### MEETING WITH INTERESTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS

During the last month I have met with interested community members:

- On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April I attended the meeting of community members at Lady Barron to understand community thoughts on possible tourism development on Little Dog Island;
- On 21<sup>st</sup> April I met with a couple of community members at Emita;
- On 12<sup>th</sup> May I met with nine people at Killiecrankie.

I found the meetings excellent. I believe we all listened to each other well. We talked about many topics that included: tourism; waste; boat ramps; development on the outer islands; the approaching planning scheme exhibition stage; road signs; etc. I will be following up on questions asked and will keep in touch with people.

This is something I would like to do every few months. I hope others enjoyed it as much as I did. Annemarie Carnell's coffee and slice were a bonus! Thanks to all who met with me.

### MEETING WITH THE WHITEMARK COMMUNITY

I have made a time to be available for the Whitemark community as follows:

Where: Walkers  
When: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
Time: 10.30 – 12.00

All interested community members in Whitemark at that time please feel welcome to talk with me.

### SCHOOL STUDENTS WANT THE ISLAND TO GIVE UP PLASTIC STRAWS

Last week I had a visit from Flinders Island District High student, Sophie Edmunds, and science teacher, Helen Carnell. Sophie presented a Power Point presentation, explaining why she and fellow students have plastic straws in their sights. As we are all realizing, plastic is becoming one material that is causing havoc with the environment. Plastic is gathering in our oceans. It does not break down, but it does break up - into small particles which often are found in the gut of sea creatures. Plastic straws have also been found to cause damage to sea creatures and have been selected by our students as their number one target. If you have a local business, especially food and drinks, do not be surprised if you hear from Sophie and her student colleagues. They are on a quest to ban plastic straws from the Island.

I was so impressed with Sophie's presentation and with her confidence in communicating what she and fellow students want to do and why. Our planet seems to be in good hands when it comes to our young people. Thank you, Sophie and Helen. I enjoyed meeting with you.

### LIBERAL FLINDERS PACKAGE

You probably know that the Liberals now have a majority government. This means that the Flinders package, committed pre-election, and worth \$5 million, will be delivered. Of course we do not yet know when these funds will actually come into play – but we know that they will. Mid-June, I will spend a couple of days in Launceston working with our consultants to plan details of our 'Islander Way' visitor project. I am excited by the project and what it can do for our Island. As soon as I know more, I will communicate it.

ANNIE REVIE, MAYOR

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## COMMUNITY GRANT

Applications for funding are now being sought from Community Groups.

**Applications received by COB 24<sup>th</sup> May** will be considered by Council as part of the budget process for the next financial year.

Written applications for grant, 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**

## 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 June 2021 at 2:00pm.**

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

The Agenda will be available for perusal from Thursday 10 June 2021 on the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au).

**Warren Groves | GENERAL MANAGER**

## VISITOR INFORMATION APP



**Scan the QR code with your smartphone to download the Visitor Information App.**

## CASH FOR CANS WE NEED YOUR HELP



Come along and be part of the Flinders Island War on Waste, by helping sort Aluminium Cans at the Whitemark Tip before they get sent off Island for recycling.

Every can sorted and recycled = money for Flinders Island District High School.

### Save the Dates:

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May & Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June (weather dependent, times TBC)**

If you would like to participate in a Volunteer role with Council, a registration process is required.

Once complete, this registration will last for 2 years and covers many events and activities.

Please contact Sammi Gowthorp at Council to register: [sammi.gowthorp@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:sammi.gowthorp@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

## CHECK IN TAS APP



As of 1<sup>st</sup> May, all people entering our Council facilities will need to use the "Check in Tas" app (aged over 16 years and in the venue 15 minutes or more)

Check in TAS makes contact tracing easier by sending data directly to the Department of Health.

Details are kept for 28 days and only accessed if there is a case of COVID-19 in the community.

Please do your bit to ensure we keep our community safe

## WORKS DEPARTMENT

The gravel road resheeting program began with a section of Troulers Point Rd being the first road completed. Further sections of other roads will be completed over the next month.

A new section of concrete pipe was installed on the Bluff Track stormwater outlet and the track access was reinstated for pedestrian access. Further sections of the outlet pipe will be installed as the tides allow followed by removal of the old stormwater pipe and reinstatement of the track.

Road linemarking was undertaken by the state government from Lady Barron to Palana Rd.

## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 17-23 MAY 2021

RECOGNISE. RECONNECT.  
REIMAGINE.

Council recognises the generous support donated by our community members and organisations, which help deliver a variety of projects, programs and events that benefit our community and enhances everyday life on Flinders Island.

National Volunteer Week (NVW) Monday 17th to Sunday 23rd May 2021, is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteers.

NVW celebrates the significant contribution of Australia's almost six million volunteers. Each year these volunteers dedicate over 600 million hours to help others.

This year's National Volunteer Week theme 'wave your appreciation' acknowledges it is time to recognise, reconnect and reimagine volunteering in Australia.

So, this week, Flinders Council would like to extend its gratitude to ALL of you who give your time to support our community during the day, night, and/or weekends. We value the significant contribution you make to our lives on the Furneaux Islands.

### How to become a Volunteer

If you would like to participate and contribute to one of our many community organisations by volunteering, you can browse the Community Organisation section of our Furneaux Business Directory on the Council website.

If you would like to volunteer on Council's projects, programs or events please complete our Online Volunteer Safety Induction and complete a Volunteer Registration Form.

All details are at  
[www.flinders.tas.gov.au/volunteers](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/volunteers)