



NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

MEETING HELD WITH MEMBERS OF THE BOATING COMMUNITY

On Wednesday 26th May, Council met with members of the Island boating community. The aim of the meeting included:

- To let our boat users know that Council wants to listen and to work collaboratively, to ensure that Council-owned boat ramps are in as good condition as we can afford to keep them;
- To find ways of identifying processes to do the above.
- To identify how the \$120,000, committed by government in the lead up to the State election, will provide the best outcomes for boat users and the community.

It was a cold evening and yet around ten people attended. Thank you to these folks – Council appreciates your dedication.

It was generally agreed that working together would be helpful. Council suggested that a Special Committee of Council be formed, to be responsible for providing recommendations to Council on boat ramps. It was agreed that another meeting would be organized for late June to consider:

- A Special Committee of Council;
- An appropriate alternative.

If you are interested in boating and boat ramps keep an eye on the next Island News where I will advertise the date of the proposed meeting.

WHEN A COUNCIL OWNS ASSETS, IT IS OBLIGED TO TAKE CARE OF THEM

Like other organisations, Council's accounts are audited. One thing the auditor general's office looks for is how Council is showing that it cares for its assets. Council's three halls, in

Whitemark, Emita and Lady Barron, are examples of community assets that are in great shape – and yet, the halls are only used minimally. I want to encourage all sectors of the community to use the halls. Meetings, markets, judo, dancing, and more can happen in our halls. Simply contact Council to book.

COUNCIL DECIDED TO WITHDRAW ITS MEMBERSHIP OF THE NORTHERN TASMANIAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (NTDC)

NTDC was formed several years ago so that Northern Councils could work together to benefit the development (mainly economic) of the Northern Region. In the beginning all 8 Northern Councils were members. A couple of years ago Dorset Council withdrew its membership. At the May Council Ordinary Meeting, Flinders Council decided to withdraw also. Our payment share, because we are so small, was around \$7000 per annum. The cost was one aspect of Council's decision. The main issue for Council, however, was that Councillors believe unanimously that NTDC is of little relevance to Flinders Municipality. One size does not fit all. The six member councils are all close to Launceston. They, and their communities, benefit from Launceston and its facilities. Also, being larger, they have similar issues one to the other. Flinders Municipality is small and isolated. Our issues and projects are very pertinent to us, but of little interest to the Launceston region. A recent example is NTDC held a forum to share projects of regional significance in readiness for lobbying for the next Federal Government Election. We have lots of projects of high significance to the Islands but of little significance to the region in general. We have much more in common with King Island. Both King and Flinders are small, isolated and have scarce resources – we cannot afford wastage. That wastage includes the time spent travelling to meetings that are of little importance to us. We cannot afford the cost, the time, or the energy. We will continue our collaborative efforts with King.

COUNCIL, ON BEHALF OF OUR COMMUNITY, SENDS LOVE

Guy Ireland and Andrew Sykes have both been involved in bad accidents of late. Council, on behalf of this close community, sends love to them, their families, and close friends, as well as to other islanders currently struggling with serious illness. Take care everyone.

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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 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.

Warren Groves | GENERAL MANAGER

VISITOR INFORMATION APP



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

WHITEMARK TIP HOURS

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

CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

CHECK IN TAS APP



As of 1st 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

Gravel re-sheeting was completed on Trousers Point Rd, Coast Rd, Badgers Corner Rd, and Cameron's Inlet Rd.

Council started re-sheeting gravel sections of Palana Rd last week and will continue all this week. We will be undertaking some maintenance grading as well.

Work has begun on improving the wooden edging at the Whitemark boat ramp.

Roadside weed spraying was completed on; Summer Camp Rd, Memana Rd, Melrose Rd, Wingaroo Rd, Fairhaven Rd, Trousers Point Rd, Badgers Corner Rd, Coast Rd, Maynard Rd, Cook Rd, and sections of Lees Rd and Big River Rd.

FLINDERS DRAFT LOCAL PROVISIONS SCHEDULE – EXHIBITION

The *Flinders Draft Local Provisions Schedule (LPS)* commenced public exhibition on 2nd June 2021 and will remain so until the close of business, 2nd August 2021.

The exhibition documents for the Draft Flinders LPS and supporting documents can be viewed:

- During business hours at the Flinders Council offices, from 9am until 4:30pm, Monday to Friday at 4 Davies St, Whitemark
- Anytime via Flinders Council website: www.flinders.tas.gov.au/draftscheme

Council's Strategic Planning consultant, Mick Purves, will also be running a range of open community sessions as follows:

1. Tuesday 8th June 2021, 2pm – 4pm, at FAEC Rose Garden Room
2. Wednesday 10th June 2021, 9am – 11am, at Lady Barron Hall
3. Friday 11th June 2021, 9am – 11am, at Emita Hall

*Everyone is welcome to attend these sessions on a walk-in basis. No appointments necessary.

Private sessions are available at other times throughout the week. Should anyone wish to meet privately with Mick, please book via development.services@flinders.tas.gov.au or by calling reception on 6359 5001.

Representations are invited on the contents of the LPS can be made in writing to the General Manager, Flinders Council marked 'CONFIDENTIAL – PLANNING EXHIBITION REPRESENTATION' until close of business Wednesday, 2 August 2021 and submitted:

- in person 4 Davies St, Whitemark TAS 7255; or
- posted to PO Box 40, Whitemark TAS 7255; or
- emailed to development.services@flinders.tas.gov.au

**Representations must include your name and contact details and clearly identify your concerns with the Draft LPS. Representations will be loaded onto the Commission website and are public documents.*

Many Hands Make Light Work!

Big thank you to the community members who came along on Saturday to sort cans for FIDHS Can 4 Cans project.

Over 1 tonne of aluminium cans were sorted and ready to be baled and sent off island for recycling.

This important project not only raises funds for our school, but saves waste from landfill.

The next Cash 4 Cans Day will be on Saturday 26th June from 11:30am - 1:00pm at the Whitemark Tip.

Everyone welcome - please visit flinders.tas.gov.au/cash4cans to register

FLINDERS ISLAND REGIONAL ARTS FUND INFORMATION NIGHT

RANT Arts are hitting the road to provide information on current opportunities available for Tasmanians through the Regional Arts Fund! Grants on offer are designed to benefit regional and remote arts practitioners, art workers, audiences and communities.

**FRIDAY 18TH JUNE
FURNEAUX ARTS &
ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE
ROSE GARDEN ROOM
4:30PM**

Australian Government
Regional Arts Fund

WWW.RANTARTS.COM

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