



NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

SERVICE REQUEST REGISTER

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20th July, Councillors approved the latest Service Request Register report. Council had been working hard over the last year and a half to improve its focus on customer service. Part of that has been encouraging the community to report service requests. When community members see the need for repairs or maintenance to infrastructure, including roads, we encourage them to report it as a service request. This can be done in two ways:

- Go to the Council's web site and click the 'Live' Menu near top of page. On the next menu click Service Request. Complete the form with details asked for; or
- Contact Council Reception tel: 6359 5001 or email office@flinders.tas.gov.au

In both cases your request will be logged. A Council Officer will get back to you to report how your request is being dealt with.

THANKS TO COMMUNITY AND STAFF

I want to thank the community for reporting service needs. Doing so means that issues are logged and attended to as quickly as possible. Politeness all round means that both staff and customers gain satisfaction.

I also want to thank all staff for dealing with service requests well:

- Taking the calls and internet reports and logging them so that the appropriate personnel will get the information;
- Addressing the request as quickly and as well as possible;
- Getting back to customers to keep them informed about how the requests are being addressed and completed.

I have had a fair bit of very positive feedback on the above and on how well it is being received in the community.

CURRENTLY THE STATE DIVISION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS REVIEWING THE CODE OF CONDUCT FRAMEWORK

Each council must have a Code of Conduct Framework in line with the Framework published by the State Government Local Government Division. The Framework identifies Conduct Standards as follows:

- Decision-Making – engage in decision making processes and procedures with no bias;
- Conflict of Interest – be aware when you may have something to gain from a particular decision and withdraw from the procedure if this is the case;
- Use of Office – never use your role in Council to bring gains to yourself;
- Use of Resources – never use Council resources for your own gain;
- Use of Information – never use information that you acquire from your Council role to benefit yourself;
- Gifts & Donations – it is not appropriate to accept gifts and / or donations; any gift or donation over \$50 must be entered in a register;
- Relationships with Community, Councillors and Council Employees – active listening and mutual respect must be shown in all relationships that form part of the Council role;
- Representation – represent as clearly and honestly the interests of the community you serve.

IF YOU WISH TO ACCESS THE DISCUSSION PAPER AND POSSIBLY COMMENT

A discussion paper has been published to aid the review. If you wish to find out more and / or contribute to the Code of Conduct Review you can email the Local Government at

LGARReview@dpac.tas.gov.au

COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIOS

I have two Councillor Portfolios remaining to remind the community about.

Councillor Sharon Blyth, like all Councillors, has several particular responsibilities. Councillor Blyth is Chair of the Lady Barron Hall and Recreation Special Committee, as well as a member of the Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee. In addition to these responsibilities, Councillor Blyth shares the Tourism portfolio. Councillor Blyth has a strong interest in Aboriginal affairs on the Island/s and has taken on the portfolio in this area. If you wish to find out more or contribute to the above areas, please feel free to contact Councillor Sharon Blyth.

Councillor Aaron Bourke is part of the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee. As a local farmer he understands the issues around transporting livestock. Councillor Bourke has the portfolios of Business / Industry and Infrastructure. Infrastructure includes all of our roads. Councillor Bourke is often the one people ring if they wish to seek information on roads. Community members who would like to find out more about or contribute to these should feel free to contact Councillor Bourke.

BOATING MEETING

On Wednesday 21st of July there was the second meeting of community members with an interest in boat ramps. Once again there was a good turnout of around fifteen people. It was proposed that a Special Committee of Council for Boating interests be formed, a nomination to this affect will be put forward at the 17th of August Ordinary Council Meeting.

I think the formation of a committee between Council and Community would be excellent progress towards the boating community's having an important say in the future maintenance and creation of boat ramps.

Nine people expressed interest to serve on a committee should Council approve creation of one. Mayor Annie Revie would chair, General Manager Warren Groves, Infrastructure and Airport Manager Chris Wilson and possibly one other Councillor would be non-voting members. Interested community members included Anne Ray, Ken Clarkson, Norman Hunt, Dennis Cooper, Robin Walker, John Holloway, Rob Holloway, and Kevin Haines.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th August from 5.30 pm to possibly 7.30 pm. It will be held in the Rose Garden Room.

MANY PEOPLE LOVE AND KEEP A DOG

I have two dogs, as you probably know. I love them to bits. However, not everyone loves dogs. When you take your dog/s into the street and other public places, please consider the feelings of others:

- Keep your dog on a lead;
- Carry plastic bags to pick up your dog's faeces.

Stepping in dog faeces is disgusting! Be a responsible dog-owner! **Think Of Others When You Walk Your Dog!**

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Policy to be Rescinded

Council's Policy Manual is an important document of Council as it provides direction to Staff, Management and Councillors. Many of the policies are required by, or relate to, legislation and in most instances help manage Council's exposure to risk.

Council resolved at the 28 June 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting to rescind the **Asset Management Policy**.

This policy will lie on the table for public comment until 12 August 2021. The policy is available to download from the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies and hardcopies are available from the Council Office.

Should you wish to make comment on this policy, please do so by addressing relative correspondence to:

Warren Groves

General Manager

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 17 August 2021 commencing at 2pm.

Public Question Time will be held between 2.00 – 2.30pm. Members of the public are invited to attend.

The Agenda will be available for perusal from Thursday 12 August 2021 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au and at the Council Office.

Warren Groves
GENERAL MANAGER

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nomination forms are now available from the Council Office and on the Council website for people wishing to nominate an individual for the Flinders Council 'Volunteer of the Year Award'. The recipient will be presented with a certificate and a monetary award of \$100 (or donated to the organisation of their choice) at the Flinders Island Show on 15 October 2021.

Please submit your nomination to the Council Office by C.O.B. 1 September 2021.

The following criteria will be used to select the award recipient:

- Only individuals are eligible to be nominated, not organisations.
- Nominees must be over sixteen (16) years of age as of the 1st day of July in the year of the nomination.
- The award will be given to the person who has made the most significant contribution, in quality and quantity, for the benefit of the Furneaux Community, organisations or individuals.
 - Recipients can receive only one Islander of the Year Award during their lifetime.

Warren Groves General Manager



Filmmaking Workshops

Flinders Flicks and Flinders Council this week have a visiting filmmaker Cara Lipson Dvorjak on the island to work with those in the community who are interested in learning how to make a short film. from start to finish and have offered to do a little film about the Flinders Island Junior football club as part of this learning process.

There will be filming at the Training Session at the School on Wednesday afternoon (28th July) and the at the Footy Games on Saturday morning (31st July) at the Showgrounds.

On Friday (30th July) 4-6pm @ The Showground Tea rooms we will have a tech session with Cara and talk about the importance of storyboards, and planning finished with pizzas please let us know if you wish to attend.

On Saturday (31st July) after football, learn how to edit the footage and apply the finishing touches to movies.

If anyone would be interested in learning any of the techniques involved in putting together a short film so you can get inspired to make your own for this year film festival, please contact Sammi at Flinders Council sammi.gowthorp@flinders.tas.gov.au or 0421 667157 for more information.



Community Gym Training Sessions

Every Sunday from 2:00pm to 5:00pm Justin Graham is in Whitemark Gym offering the following:

- Gym circuit to participate in
- Advice/correction of form on exercises
- Discussion of goal setting
- Setup clients with programs

Contact Justin on 0407 844 439

Every Thursday Michelle Parker is in the Lady Barron Gym.

Michelle offers 2 sessions on a Thursday.

Session 1 – Strength Class is 8am-10am

Session 2 - HIIT class (High Intensity Interval Training Class) 5pm-6pm

Contact Michelle on 0448 590 000

Cost: Clients will pay their usual \$10 gym fee for the week, as well as paying a \$10 fee as a trainer is in the gym.

Hope to see you at the Gym!

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

LAST CALL!

Flinders Draft Local Provisions Schedule (LPS) – Exhibition Closes Monday 02 August 2021

The exhibition documents for the Draft Flinders LPS and supporting documents can be viewed, during business hours, at the Flinders Council offices and via the Flinders Council website at www.flinders.tas.gov.au/draftscheme.

Representations can be made in writing to the General Manager, Flinders Council marked '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.*



2021/22



DOG REGISTRATIONS DUE

In an effort to help save the planet and reduce paper waste, Council are running a paperless dog registration renewal system this year.

To renew your current dog registration simply call Reception on 6359 5001 to pay over the phone or visit Council front office at 4 Davies Street in Whitemark.

As Council have adopted the "tag for life" system, please let Cashier when you call, or visit, if you are in need of a new tag.

Please note- New registrations must be applied for at the Council Office by completing an 'Application for Registration' form.