



NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

INFORMATION FOR THE ISLAND BOATING COMMUNITY

The Island Boating community will know that Council set up the Flinders Boating Special Committee in 2021. The Boating Committee comprises:

- * Anne Rae
- * Robin Walker
- * Kevin Haines
- * Richard Harley
- * Rob Holloway
- * Norm Hunt
- * John Holloway
- * Dennis Cooper
- * Annie Revie – Chair
- * Warren Groves – General Manager
- * Chris Wilson – Infrastructure Airport Manager
- * Aaron Burke – Councillor
- * Vanessa Grace – Councillor

COMMITTEE PURPOSE

In May 2021, Council was promised \$120,000 from the State Government to maintain Council boat ramps and to build further boat ramps if considered necessary. Members of Flinders boating community had been seeking boat ramp maintenance for several years and Council considered it appropriate to create a Committee that included community members. At one of the first meetings, the Committee examined its priorities and decided that the Whitemark Boat Ramp should be the first focus for attention.

SO FAR, THE COMMITTEE HAS IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING AS FIRST PRIORITIES

- Car and trailer parking to the area
- Improved access way from the Esplanade to the car park
- Car park marking so that the best use can be made of the space
- Fenders all round the jetty so that boats can be retrieved safely
- Access steps of some kind
- Lifebuoy on a stand for safety
- Rubber edging on the ramp itself

- An additional ramp on the northern side of the jetty to enable improved boat launch and retrieval when challenging weather is coming from the south or south-west.
- Chris Wilson, Council Infrastructure Manager, created a concept plan at the recent meeting, with \$52,096 the current total.
- Work will be done by Island volunteers, so the total above is an estimate only.

THE NEXT STEP

Chris Wilson will take the concept plan to Marine and Safety Tasmania so that they can recommend who will draw up accurate plans. The Committee is very enthusiastic about getting the project under way.

If you are interested in input or further information on this project, please talk to one of the Committee members.

FLINDERS ROADS

Last Island News and the monthly Council Newsletter included an article on Flinders roads – the issues and Council's thoughts on how we proceed. Please take the time to read it thoroughly and, if you have queries, talk to a Councillor or Chris Wilson.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE OWED TO OUR GENERAL MANAGER, WARREN GROVES

Warren has now been heading up operations at Council for two years. You may know that the *Local Government Act 1993* ensures that there are accountability structures in place in order that the community is well served. There is a General Manager Performance Review Committee that carries out a full performance review annually. The committee comprises:

- Mayor Annie Revie – Chair
- Deputy Mayor David Williams
- Councillor Rachel Summers

The review was carried out in recent weeks and, for obvious reasons, the contents are confidential they were approved by Council during the 12th of April Closed Council Meeting. I would like the community to know that Warren came through the review with flying colours. As part of the review the Council has also approved key performance indicators to drive the General Manager's achievement over the next twelve months.

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ISLANDER WAY UPDATE

The Islander Way project has been full steam ahead including, delivering the following:

- An update on the project at a Council Workshop on 29th March;
- A day of community workshops on 31st March;
- A Business Forum on 11th April.

It's been wonderful catching up and deepening the conversations around the future of tourism on the Island.

WE HAVE ALSO HAD THE CHANCE TO ENGAGE WITH THE COMMUNITY'S ART GALLERY PROJECT

The project was developed in response to the Islander Way project. The extraordinary range and depth of contributions reflects the community spirit and commitment to the Island.

KICKING OFF THE BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY PHASE

At the end of this month (26-30 April). Roberto Daniele will visit the Island to kick off the business and community projects incubator. We will host two workshops to introduce this next stage of the project (dates to be confirmed):

- Workshop 1 - Introduction to program
- Workshop 2 - Mapping project ideas

This next stage of the Islander Way project is to help develop ideas for re-generative projects and business ideas that can help us build a stronger and more connected community of business and community. Those who have ideas for creating business opportunities and / or community projects are warmly invited to attend.

The aim behind such projects and business ideas is to help the future visitor economy re-invest back into the Island, the community and the environment. Come along with your ideas – big or small.

Following on from these initial workshops, Roberto and the project team will build on these discussions with small groups wishing to

collaborate. The Accelerator program will then work with these projects

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Whitemark Tip – Opening Hours

- **Monday** 1.30pm - 4.30pm
- **Tuesday** 7am -10am
- **Friday** 1.30pm - 4.30pm
- **Wednesday** 8.30am - 11.30am
- **Thursday** 7am -10am
- **Saturday** CLOSED
- **Sunday** 1.30pm - 4.30pm

CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

ISLANDER PORTRAIT PRIZE

The Islander Portrait Prize has been rescheduled for the June long weekend.

Artists are invited to submit a work of art to the inaugural Islander Portrait Prize. The subject matter should be a person who has a known connection to Flinders Island.



Entries can be submitted in any medium (painting, drawing, digital photography, sculpture, etc.), but the maximum dimensions cannot exceed 1.5m x 1.5m.

The exhibition will be held at the Lady Barron Hall and submissions due 8th June.



SCAN ME

<https://flindersisland.app>

School Holiday Program - Competition Time!

We are running a couple of competitions for kids over the Easter holiday.

ISLANDER PORTRAIT -

When capturing portraits, the possibilities are endless. You can take a picture of anyone in your family, friends, Aunt, Uncle, next door neighbour, your favourite teacher...your least favourite teacher, depending on what type of picture you want to take. The picture is your chance to tell a story about someone. Its up to you as to whether you would like the picture to be taken inside or outside.



We can't wait to see all of your amazing pictures. Just remember to ask permission and let the person know that the picture will be loaded onto the Kids App.

PET PORTRAIT - Do you secretly think your pet is better-looking than all the other pets out there? Can your pet do tricks? Take a photo and upload it to the gallery in the Islander Kids App!

There are prizes for the best pics!

SCAN THE QR CODE
WITH YOUR PHONE
TO DOWNLOAD THE
APP or VISIT -
islandkids.glideapp.io



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 May 2022 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 May 2022 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au and at the Council Office.

Warren Groves
General Manager



COMMUNITY GRANTS

Applications for funding are now being sought from Community Groups.

Applications received by C.O.B. 10th 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. Monday 10th 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

POLICY TO BE ADOPTED

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 29 March 2022 Special Council Meeting to adopt the **Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy and Fitness for Work Policy**.

The policy and code will lie on the table for public comment until 6 May 2022. It 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 the policy, please do so by addressing relative correspondence to:

Warren Groves
General Manager