



NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

BIDDING FOND FAREWELL TO PATRICK SIMMONS

Like many others, I was shocked and horrified when Patrick passed away last week. I met Patrick and Julie when I first came to the Island and played lawn bowls. They were so welcoming, full of fun, made people laugh. One St Patrick's Day, there was a dinner at the pub - Patrick came as a leprechaun! He was somewhat taller than your average leprechaun but somehow, he looked the part! I always joked about Patrick being my favourite leprechaun. Patrick was larger than life, always full of fun, and a local worthy in my opinion. And now he has gone! Farewell Patrick Simmons. On behalf of Council, I send love to Julie and to their family.

BUY LOCAL

Every now and then I will just send out a reminder to buy local when you possibly can. It is a little more expensive sometimes but so convenient. It is so important that we support our local businesses. We certainly would not be sustainable without them.

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ISLANDER WAY UPDATE

Following the business incubator workshops with Roberto Daniele at the end of April, community members are continuing to develop ideas for projects that will assist in addressing some of the Island's challenges and opportunities.

It is very clear from our engagement process, that the majority of the community view the hosting of visitors as part of a balanced and sustainable future and integral to the Island's economy. So, how can tourism be harnessed as a significant contributor to the wellbeing of the broader island community?

Several big picture issues were raised by the two groups attending the workshops, such as housing, waste disposal, health and wellbeing.

Other smaller and important project ideas were also raised. All in all, twenty or so people from the community identified project or

business ideas. Roberto will work further with these same people on his next visit. It is very exciting to have such strong interest in developing appropriate community enterprises designed to benefit both visitors and residents.

So, it is not too late to share **YOUR** ideas! Perhaps you are part of a group who've been thinking about some small projects that could benefit both visitors and / or residents but didn't know a way forward. Maybe you couldn't make it to a workshop and would like to know more about the program. We are very fortunate to have access to an expert in Roberto, so let's make the most of it!

As you may know, the Project Team – Dianne, Sarah and Claire – has left the Island for the time being. Since the Islander Way project officially commenced in October, we have collectively, spent more than four months in the community. During that time, we have had many conversations that have been wonderful, heartfelt and challenging; those conversations will continue while we are off island.

We are currently writing an interim report that details our community engagement activities and the information that has been provided through the postcards, community survey, hosted conversations, individual interviews, meetings and other interactions connected with the Islander Way. In due course, the report will be available on the project website at www.islanderway.co

Having said that, please feel free to get in touch with us – particularly if you've not become involved in the project yet. We understand that everyone is busy, but we are still keen to listen to a broad range of constructive ideas and opinions.

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WASTE MANAGEMENT UPDATE

As many of you would know, Council has been working on a Waste Management Strategy. This strategy is about how Council will deal with the various amounts and types of rubbish that residents dispose at the Whitemark landfill and the Lady Barron and Killiecrankie waste transfer stations.

In the last year, two key pieces of legislation have been passed by the Tasmanian Government that will have a significant effect on how waste is dealt with on the Island.

The first piece of legislation is the Container Refund Scheme (CRS). Under the scheme, consumers will receive a 10-cent refund for every eligible container they recycle through a refund point. This scheme is due to begin in 2022, however, the state government is still in the process of appointing a company to manage the scheme. As the scheme is yet to be finalised, Council is yet to receive the details on exactly how the scheme will operate.

Even though Council has minimal details on how the scheme will operate, it must still develop a range of plans that gives Council the flexibility to deal with the effect on the waste streams.

The second piece of important legislation is the Waste and Recovery Bill 2021. This is also referred to as the Landfill Levy. This legislation takes effect on 1st July 2022 and establishes a state-wide levy that applies to all waste that is deposited into a landfill.

The levy starts at \$20 per tonne with two increases of \$20 per tonne every second year. Therefore by 2026, the levy will be \$60 per tonne (excluding any CPI increases).

A key purpose of the new infrastructure at the Whitemark landfill, will be to separate the potential recyclable products from the waste to minimise the amount of waste being deposited into the landfill and therefore reduce the amount of money paid to the government under the levy.

Council has been successful in receiving grant funding through the Recycling Modernisation Fund from State and Federal Governments to purchase additional equipment to help with sorting the different recyclable materials from waste. The upgrade will include a sorting shed, sorting line and conveyor and a commercial glass pulveriser and shipping containers.

Regarding the recent works to the upgrade of the waste facility; the underground leachate pipework has been constructed, and construction of the new building commenced this week.

When the new landfill levy commences on 1st July, the landfill attendant will be inspecting every load, as Council will be required to provide a detailed report to the government each month on the quantity and type of materials that have been accepted. The information will also be used to calculate the landfill levy fee Council will pay for that month.

There are a lot of other matters happening at the same time, however Council is committed to improving the landfill and transfer stations.

In a nutshell, Council's objective is to reduce to a minimum, the amount of materials going into the landfill and maximise the amount of materials being recycled.

Chris Wilson - Manager Infrastructure & Airport

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

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 on:

Tuesday 14 June 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 9 June 2022 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au and at the Council Office.

AIRPORT

Residents and visitors to the airport are reminded to observe all road rules and signage.

The Airport pickup and drop off parking area is 2 hour maximum parking time, these are both the front rows.

Car park users are reminded NOT to park on the pedestrian crossing as this area must be kept clear at all times.

Due to parking limitation within the Airport grounds, all owners of vehicles currently parked at the airport on a long-term basis are to park in the area sign posted and fenced, on the river bank near the solar panels, any issues please contact Airport Operations on 0429 813 929.

No unauthorised vehicle or persons are permitted past the RFDS hanger located opposite the Operations Office.

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