



## MAYOR'S REPORT

Welcome to 2023! What an exciting start to the year we have had already. Last week we had three information sessions on fin-fish farming which were all well attended. It would seem that, as a community, we are still saying NO to the prospect of fin-fish farming in the waters of the Furneaux Islands. After our public meeting on fin-fish farming in August of last year, our Community were invited to make submissions to express their thoughts on the matter of salmon farming. A total of 275 submissions were received for the entire state, with 172 from the Furneaux Group. What a great response from our Community! Two of the information sessions showed movies that had been produced both locally and internationally showing the effects of salmon farming.

Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> of January, was the launch of the inaugural Islander Portrait Prize. Over 40 works were entered to the exhibition, in a range of mediums from photography, painting, charcoal and even quilting! There is such an incredible amount of talent in our community, I am sure that judge, Rick Amor, had a difficult time choosing a winner.

Justine Wallace for her portrait of Judy Jacques got the top prize with Jan Chritchley's portrait of Bill Riddle. There were also three Packing Room prizes awarded to:  
Rob McMahon - Sandro Donati portrait  
Jana Monnone - Graeme Boyes portrait  
Lindsay Bourke - Annie Revie portrait

**The exhibition is open at the Lady Barron Hall from 1pm until 4pm Friday and Saturday, and 11am until 3pm on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January. There is an Audience Choice Award which will be announced at the Festival Community BBQ on Sunday, at FIAAI Park, so get down and vote for your favourite!**

Lastly, I would just like to touch on Lady Barron Road. Council staff are working closely with the Department of State Growth to finalise contracts to ensure that the road is maintained to a considerably better standard. As with anything in the State Government, it takes time but there is a definite light at the end of the tunnel. We hope to have everything finalised in the very near future and I thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we have been working on this.

The Furneaux Islands Festival will be in full swing when this edition of the Island News comes out. I hope that everyone is able to find something to enjoy from music, great food, art, or just joining in and celebrating our community spirit.

Rachel Summers  
**Mayor**

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## Policy to be Adopted

Council's Policy and Procedure Framework 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 14 December 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting to adopt the Roadside and Road Reserve Vegetation Management Policy.

The policy will lie on the table for public comment until 17 February 2022. It is available to download from the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies](http://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 via email to: [governance@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:governance@flinders.tas.gov.au)

Warren Groves

**General Manager**

## Intention of Temporary Road Closures during the Furneaux Islands Festival

### Saturday 21st January 2023

8:00am – 1:00pm

Bowman St, Whitemark  
(between Patrick St & Esplanade)

### Sunday 22nd January 2023

10:00am – 4:00pm

(section of West St, outside FIAAI Building)

Bowman Street, Whitemark will be temporarily closed to all traffic from Patrick St to the Esplanade from **8:00am to 1:00pm on Saturday 21 January for the Furneaux Islands Festival Market Day.**

A section of West St, Lady Barron (in front of Flinders Island Aboriginal Association and Lady Barron Hall) will be temporarily closed to all traffic from **10:00am to 4:00pm on Sunday 22 January for the Community BBQ Day.**

During the closure, traffic barriers and signage will be in place.

For any concerns on the above, please contact Chris Wilson, Infrastructure Manager on 0487 548 049

### 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



### CALL FOR COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Nominations from the public are called for the position of Community Representative on the Lady Barron Hall and Recreational Special Committee of Council.

The Committee consists of council and community representatives and exists to support, assist and advise in the management and operation of the Lady Barron Hall, Holloway Park and the Tennis Court. This role also involves raising funds and initiate projects from time to time and as needed, which shall be for the enhancement of the facilities and betterment of the Lady Barron community and visitors to the town of Lady Barron.

### Nominations can be sent to Governance:

**Flinders Council**  
**PO Box 40, Whitemark TAS 7255**

Or via email to  
[governance@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:governance@flinders.tas.gov.au)

**The nomination period will close at 4.00pm  
Friday 3 February 2023.**