



MAYOR'S REPORT

Work on the contents of the Time Capsule is continuing at pace, with Joanna Lang and her group of volunteers slowly sorting, cataloguing, and preserving the items. There are many items in varying condition and a lot to go through to try and save what is possible. Hopefully, in the not-too-distant future, we will be able to start sharing some of the contents, so everyone can see what was hidden away all those years.

Council has been made aware that, unfortunately, our local Bendigo Bank Agency, along with those across the country, will be shut down by Bendigo Bank at the end of July this year. We are working with Kylie Clifford and Lyndon Nicholls to hopefully find a way to enable our community to have on-island access to banking services.

At a Special Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd April, Council voted to rescind a motion recently passed to make changes to the proposed Safe Harbour design. Unfortunately, the funding body did not feel the new design met the criteria of the grant. Council will revert to the original design by Rare and continue to advocate for further funding to complete the project.

The results of the recent Boating Survey have been published on the Council website and the Flinders Boating Special Committee will use these answers to make recommendations to Council as to how grant money received from the State Government should be spent. There were a lot of suggestions and comments especially around the Emita and Palana boat ramps. It was great to read about people's memories of using the facilities and how we might be able to better service those who use the ramps and surrounding areas owned by Council.

Council is looking to review its Strategic Plan 2021-2031 and Priority Projects. We will undertake some community engagement in the coming months to gauge whether our current Strategic Plan is still where our community wants

to be heading, or if changes needed. This is something that will happen each time a new Council is sworn in, with smaller reviews taking place annually.

It is important that everyone has the chance to comment on these documents. I will update through this column, the Council website and our social media when and how you can be heard.

Rachel Summers – Mayor
Phone 0467 046 809

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

Autumn KIDS Holiday PROGRAM

Origami Day with Fiona Stewart - Friday 14th April, 11am until 12midday @Whitemark Library (FREE) (6yrs & up)

Polymer Clay Key Rings & Craft Day – Wednesday 19th April, 10am until 12midday @FAEC, Whitemark (\$10) (6yrs & up)

Movie Day - Friday 21st April
* Trolls, World Tour (G) (6yrs & up) 10am until 11:45 @FAEC, Whitemark (\$10)
* Go! (PG) (6yrs & up) 12:30pm until 2:15pm @FAEC, Whitemark (\$10)

Registrations are essential!



FURNEAUX FUTURES

FURNEAUX FUTURES FORUM
2023 Theme - Regeneration

Save the Date – June 7-9

Bringing together new ideas, resources, and opportunities to foster creativity and innovation in the business, social, and environmental spheres for the Furneaux Islands Community.

Visit www.furneauxfutures.com.au

Regenerative Agriculture - Tasmanian Women in Agriculture Survey

Tasmanian Women in Agriculture, TWiA has been approached by the Furneaux Futures Forum organisers to provide support in promoting and educating attendees on the principles and practices of Regenerative Agriculture.

To ensure that we provide the most effective assistance, we need your input! Please take a few minutes to complete our confidential survey, which will guide us on how to best support the initiatives included in the Forum's programming.

Your responses will remain anonymous and will be used to inform the programming at the Forum.

Tasmanian Women in Agriculture Survey



SURVEY LINK

COMMUNITY GRANTS



Got a great idea for an innovative project?

Need equipment for your community group?

Would you like to put on an event?

Flinders Council is committed to provide funding for projects that support our Furneaux Islands communities through increased community connection, access and participation.

Total project pool funding for 23/24 financial year is \$10,000.

Applications open – please contact the Community Development Team at community@flinders.tas.gov.au to discuss your project, details on the Council website.



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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 15th May 2023.

Further information is available on the Flinders Council website <http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/community-grants-and-awards>



AUDIT PANEL INDEPENDENT MEMBER VACANCIES

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Flinders Council has established and maintains an Audit Panel under Section 85 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the associated Local Government (Audit Panels) Order 2014. Due to a conclusion of term, Council seeks applicants for two upcoming vacancies for independent panel members. As the panel is independent from Council, staff and Councillors are ineligible to apply. Local residents with an understanding of finance and risk management are encouraged to apply.

The role requires a person who possesses good business acumen and sound management and communication skills; knowledge and expertise in the areas of audit practices and financial management; knowledge of and experience in relevant industries; and experience with governance processes including, but not limited to, risk management.

Interested persons should contact the Council Office via phone 03 6359 5001 or email office@flinders.tas.gov.au to obtain a position and role outline.

Expressions of interest outlining qualifications and experience are now sought for the position by **28 April 2023**.

Warren Groves
General Manager
PO Box 40 Whitemark TAS 7255



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:

Wednesday 26 April 2023 commencing at 1pm.

Public Question Time will be held between 1:00 – 1:30pm. Members of the public are invited to attend.

The Agenda will be available for perusal from Friday 21 April 2023 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au and at the Council Office.

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General Manager



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 22 March 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting to rescind the **Wybalenna Policy**.

This policy will lie on the table for public comment until 28th of April 2023. They are 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 these policies, please do so by addressing relative correspondence to:

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