



MAYOR'S REPORT

I'm pleased to announce our Annual Plan has been endorsed by Council and is now available for viewing.

This comprehensive document outlines our strategic objectives, planned initiatives, and budget for the upcoming year. It serves as a roadmap to ensure the development and well-being of our community. Copies are available at the Council Office, and the plan can also be downloaded from the Council website at flinders.tas.gov.au

Excitement is in the air as we approach the Flinders Island Running Festival this weekend. This annual event offers various races catering to runners of all levels and has been a highlight in our community calendar for years. It's not just a sporting event, but a celebration of community spirit. Whether you are a participant or a spectator, we invite everyone to come out and enjoy the festivities over the weekend.

EARLY LEARNING INITIATIVE

The Early Learning for Three Year Olds (EL3) initiative is one of the first steps towards achieving the Tasmanian Government's commitment to provide access to early learning for every child in the year before kindergarten.

Following extensive engagement with families, service providers and community members across Tasmania in March and April this year, five Tasmania communities, including Flinders Island and Cape Barren

Island, have been selected to establish trial early learning services for three-year-olds in 2024 to meet local community needs.

This initiative is built on collaboration and inclusivity. The development and execution of the program will be a joint effort, involving parents, community members, and experts in early childhood education and care. Unlike a one-size-fits-all approach, this initiative will be tailored to meet the unique needs of our diverse community. The anticipated launch is set for 2024.

A productive session took place on Tuesday, 17th August, where we delved deeper into our aspirations for the early learning service. We explored who could operate it, days and times of attendance, and more. To ensure that this initiative truly represents our needs, a dedicated working group will be established to finalise the specifics. Over 50% of this group will consist of parents from our community – a rare opportunity for direct community involvement in service design.

Stay tuned for more updates on this remarkable journey as we pave the way for accessible and tailored early learning experiences that truly reflect our communities' needs.

Rachel Summers
Mayor

WHITEMARK TIP – OPENING HOURS

- **Monday** 1.30pm - 4.30pm
 - **Tuesday** 7am -10am
 - **Wednesday** 8.30am - 11.30am
 - **Thursday** 7am -10am
 - **Friday** 1.30pm - 4. 30pm
 - **Saturday** CLOSED
 - **Sunday** 1.30pm - 4.30pm
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2023/2024 FOOD REGISTRATIONS DUE

A friendly reminder to encourage all businesses and organisations that engage in food handling or services to renew their food licenses for the 2023 / 2024 year.

An email was sent to all registered businesses at the end of July. If you have any questions or require additional information, please don't hesitate to contact our Environmental Health Officer on 6359 5001.

2023 DOG REGISTRATIONS DUE

Please call council reception on 6359 5001 to make a payment to renew your dog registration.

If your dog is deceased, changed owner, is a new member of your family, or is currently unregistered, please drop by the council office to complete a form.

In compliance with Council's regulations on unregistered dogs, it is essential your dogs are promptly registered. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

CASH 4 CANS THIS SATURDAY!

Contribute to a greener future and help raise funds for Flinders Island District High School, while saving aluminium cans from the landfill.

Join us on Saturday, 2nd September from 12pm to 2pm at the Whitemark Waste Facility.

To register, please reach out to Sabrina Carter on 0456 730 174.

CASH 4 CANS SORTING DAY

**SATURDAY
2ND SEPTEMBER**

12pm - 2pm



JONATHAN BÉKÉS CELLO RECITAL



Saturday 16th September - 6pm Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre

Jonathan Békés, beloved Principal Cello with the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra, performs a live and intimate recital of works for solo cello, including music by Dutilleux, Kodály, and JS Bach's Suite No 3.

Békés is in great demand as a solo artist, chamber musician, orchestral musician and educator: nationally and internationally. Jonathan frequently performs with the Australian World Orchestra, is a founding member of the acclaimed Tasmanian String Quartet and regularly presents recitals across the world having performed in 5 different continents.

There will also be a free, hour-long workshop for Flinders Island residents at 11am on Saturday 16 September, Jonathan will then be performing the solo recital at 6pm that evening.

PURCHASE TICKETS



Supported by Flinders Council and Furneaux Community Arts



CALL FOR COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Nominations from the public are called for the position of **Community Representative** on the **Whitemark Community Gym 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 Whitemark Community Gym.

Nominations can be sent to:

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

Or via email to governance@flinders.tas.gov.au

The nomination period will remain open until Council receives sufficient nominations.

**Rachel Summers
Chair | Whitemark Community Gym Special Committee**



CALL FOR COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Nominations from the public are called for the position of **Transport Sector Representative** on the **Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee of Council**.

The Committee consists of council and community representatives and exists to provide recommendations to Flinders Council on shipping matters, including port and associated infrastructure where it relates to shipping.

Nominations can be sent to:

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**Rachel Summers
Chair | Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee**



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 27 September 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 22 September 2023 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au and at the Council Office.

**Warren Groves
General Manager**