



## MAYOR'S REPORT

On Halloween, Whitemark experienced an influx of monsters, ghosts, superheroes, princesses, and vampires as they embarked on a trick-or-treat adventure throughout the town. Following this, the participants enjoyed a tasty sausage sizzle and a spooky disco to burn off the energy from their lolly consumption. Over 70 children took part in this festive event, and the feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive, suggesting that we should do it all again next year.

Recently, along with Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Councillor Carol Cox, General Manager Warren Groves, and I, had the privilege of attending the annual conference of the Local Government Association of Tasmania. During the conference, we engaged in various informative sessions, including topics such as "it takes a village" to address community issues, the emerging wellbeing economy, the importance of using plain English (particularly beneficial for those with a fear of long words, aka Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia), and discussions on General and Senior Manager Recruitment and Performance Appraisals. Additionally, we had the opportunity to connect with King Island Mayor Marcus Blackie, Councillor Gina Green, and West Coast Council General Manager David Midson, who may be familiar to some on the island. This conference provided an excellent platform for networking and knowledge sharing with other councils.

Although our Recycling Hub was nominated for an innovation award and did not secure the win, it was truly rewarding to see our project recognised on the grand stage.

Looking ahead, the 10th Furneaux Festival is scheduled for January 2024, and preparations are already in motion. The Friday night Twilight food market and the Saturday morning Makers and Growers market will both make a return appearance. If you are interested in securing a stall at either of these events, please reach out to

our Community Development team to reserve your spot.

Furthermore, the Islander Portrait Prize is set to make a delightful comeback. It's time to start seeking inspiration within our island community. You can employ any form of media to present your chosen subject, provided that the subject has a known connection to the Furneaux Islands. With enticing prizes up for grabs, unleash your creativity with paintbrushes, easels, cameras, sewing machines, and hot glue guns.

Rachel Summers | Mayor

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**Attention:  
Lady Barron**

Please note:  
**Gunter St is CLOSED to  
all Traffic except  
Gunter St Residents**

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT:

- Gunter St is closed until further notice.
- Only open to residential traffic from Max's store side.
- The closure is due to roadworks and to reduce dust.
- Closed from Lady Barron Road.

## 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

## PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

In an effort to enhance efficiency regarding planning enquiries and assessments, Council has amended its process for planning enquiries and submission.

If you're interested in submitting an enquiry related to development, the available options are:

- Visit our website at [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) and navigate to the "Development" tab to find information about Council's planning processes.
- Access applicable zones and codes at [www.thelist.tas.gov.au](http://www.thelist.tas.gov.au).
- Visit the Council office on Davies Street, Whitemark, and pickup an info pack.
- Submit an enquiry via the PlanBuild website at [www.planbuild.tas.gov.au](http://www.planbuild.tas.gov.au).
- Complete a 001 Form with basic details at the Council office and a qualified planner will contact you regarding your development proposal.

For all other enquiries please contact our friendly Receptionists at the Council office by calling 63 595 001 or to submit a development application email: [development.services@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:development.services@flinders.tas.gov.au).

## DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL

On 21 July 2023, the Premier announced the development of new legislation to allow certain development applications to be determined by an independent Development Assessment Panel (DAP) appointed by the Tasmanian Planning Commission. The introduction of a DAP framework will provide an alternate approval pathway outside of Councils' decision-making functions and help 'take the politics out of planning' for more complex or contentious development applications.

Thank you to everyone who reviewed the Development Assessment Panel details and made submissions.

The State Planning Office will be hosting an information session on the topic for the public and Council will host the meeting (online) in the Rose Garden Room on Monday, 13 November 2023, from 2pm until 3pm.

**Please RSVP to Council regarding your attendance by calling 63 595 001.**



Making a choice to leave or stay when a bushfire threatens is too late. You and your loved ones' safety and survival during a bushfire will depend on how prepared you are, and the decisions you make. TFS recommends having a Bushfire Plan and sharing it with household members, neighbours and friends.

<https://www.fire.tas.gov.au/>



**FLINDERS  
COUNCIL**

### 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 22 November 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 17 November 2023 on the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) and at the Council Office.

**Warren Groves  
General Manager**



### **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:**

**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 remain open until Council receives sufficient nominations.

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

### **FIRE PERMITS**

Fire permits are now required for the  
Flinders Municipality.

A fire permit can be obtained by  
calling 1800 000 699



### **POLICIES 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 25 October 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting to adopt the following policies:

- Customer Service Charter, and
- Visits - Cape Barren Island Policy.

The policies will lie on the table for public comment until 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023. They are available to download from the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/policies) and a hardcopy is available from the Council Office.

Should you wish to make comment on these policies, please do so by addressing relative correspondence to:

**Warren Groves  
General Manager**

**PO Box 40  
Whitemark TAS 7255**



**POSITION VACANT**  
**Works and Services Coordinator**

**Flinders Council is seeking to appoint a Works and Services Coordinator.**

The role will provide practical and technical expertise to Council on roads and road related infrastructure, asset management, waste, quarries, and lead a great team of hardworking Works and Services staff.

Previous leadership experience is required, preferably within the Local Government sector. experience, strong communication skills and the ability to problem solve is essential.

This is a full time, permanent role, the salary offered is subject to negotiation and dependent upon qualifications and experience.

The position description is available on the Council website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) or by phoning Council on 6359 5001.

Applications addressing the knowledge, skills & experience section and a current resume are required by COB on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Applications marked **“Confidential” – Works and Services Coordinator**, should be forwarded to the **Corporate Services Coordinator, Flinders Council, PO Box 40, Whitemark, TAS 7255** or via email to [hr@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:hr@flinders.tas.gov.au)

**Warren Groves**  
**General Manager**



**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – CASUAL EMPLOYMENT POOL**

In order to provide flexibility to the Council to fill casual vacancies quickly as they may arise, a Casual Pool Register is open to suitable applicants who wish to express an interest in working for Council.

If you are a motivated and efficient individual seeking casual employment which may work in with your lifestyle, this would be a great opportunity to register your interest to join a Local Government Team.

Currently Council is seeking applicants who are interested in casual employment in the following areas:

- Works & Services
- Administration

If you are interested in being considered for Councils, casual pool register please forward your resume via email to [hr@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:hr@flinders.tas.gov.au)