



## MAYOR'S REPORT

We are now well into December, and Christmas is upon us. This will be the final Mayor's report for 2023, so I'll try and keep it brief so you can get back to the festivities.

Let's kick off with some great news! Council recently submitted an application to the Public Open Space Fund to construct a multi-functional sports surface at the Lady Barron tennis court, complete with basketball hoops, to cater to both tennis and basketball players. To complement this, a new fence and a sheltered BBQ area for families and friends to gather were also proposed.

We were pleased to be informed by Minister Nic Street that our application has been successful and the project will commence in the new year.

During November's Council meeting, Councillors voted to allocate Oregon Beams from the old fish factory in Lady Barron to both the Furneaux Islands Community Shed and the Furneaux Maritime History Association Inc.

Further, we've initiated an Expression of Interest process for the Whitemark Tennis Courts and a hangar at the Whitemark Airport. Detailed information on these opportunities is available on the Flinders Council website.

Housing is a real issue on Flinders Island. It is hard to get the trades needed, expensive to buy building supplies, and then to get them here. So, we are looking for new and innovative ways to help address our housing issues. Look below to see how you can share your ideas with us.

Also in the good news realm, we've progressed to the next round of the Growing Regions Fund, aiming to secure additional funding for our veterinary facility. Council staff are finalising the application, and we welcome letters of support from those recognising the vital importance of a veterinary service on the island. For details on how you can be involved, see the information below.

We have also developed a Waste Management Strategy to guide waste management practices for the next five years on the Islands. This strategy is currently open for community feedback before it gets adopted in early 2024.

Please scan the QR code below to download the strategy and give feedback.

That is all from me this year. I hope everyone has just the holiday celebration they are after, be it a quiet meal for two or a raucous family affair with all the cousins and friends joining in. Thanks for your support over the last year, and I look forward to what the New Year will bring us all.

Rachel Summers | Mayor

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We acknowledge that housing is a fundamental issue significantly impacting the well-being and growth of our island community. The limited availability of housing options for new and existing residents, workers and first home owners on Flinders Island presents challenges, and we believe that collectively, we can find innovative solutions to address this shortage.

With that in mind, we have decided to initiate a collaborative 'Community Brainstorming Project' focused on housing. Your insights and ideas are invaluable, and we encourage you to think creatively to help us explore new approaches to increase housing availability on the island.

To start, we'd love to hear your thoughts on this important question:

**✿ "What innovative ideas do you have to address the housing shortage on Flinders Island and make more housing options available in our community?" ✿**

Your insights will serve as the foundation for our future discussions, and we will coordinate a follow-up meeting where we can come together to further explore these ideas.

Send your emails through to [engage@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:engage@flinders.tas.gov.au) or pick up a form from the Council Office.

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#### 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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#### VET CLINIC UPDATE

We are thrilled to inform you that our Furneaux Islands Ark project has advanced to the second round of consideration under the Growing Regions Grant fund. This is a significant step forward in bringing this important project to life on Flinders Island.

The Furneaux Islands Ark project aims to establish a comprehensive veterinary clinic and wildlife rehabilitation facility on Flinders Island. It represents a collaborative effort involving Flinders Council, State Government, Tas Parks and Wildlife, and our local Flinders Island Community.

To strengthen our application and showcase the widespread community support for this initiative, we are seeking letters of support from our community members to demonstrate the project's importance and its positive impact on our island.

#### Submission Details:

- Send your letters of support to [engage@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:engage@flinders.tas.gov.au) by 20 December 2023.
- If you prefer a physical submission, you can drop off your letters to Flinders Council.
- The Furneaux Islands Ark project sits under Stage Two of the Growing Regions Program - Round 1
- Your letter should be addressed to "Department of Industry, Sciences and Resources"
- Please sign your letter.

**Visit the Flinders Council website to find an overview of the project, including key activities, expected outcomes, funding request and project duration.**



## LADY BARRON WASTE TRANSFER STATION

At Lady Barron Transfer Station, new signage has been installed to clarify accepted waste streams.

**Please note: Mixed builders waste, white goods, tyres, and cooking oil are no longer permitted to be deposited at Lady Barron Transfer Station.** These items can be disposed of at the Whitemark Waste Facility during its opening times.

### Accepted waste streams at Lady Barron Transfer Station:

- General Waste
- Green Waste
- Cardboard
- Glass
- Aluminium cans
- Vehicle batteries
- Engine Oil
- Scrap metal
- Treated and untreated timber

We've also repositioned the bins to enhance operational efficiency and user convenience. Additionally, to improve separation efforts, we've allocated one open skip bin specifically for cardboard. A red mobile trailer has also been positioned at the Transfer Station to streamline the collection of aluminium cans.



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/>



### 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 13 December 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 8 December 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**



### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

The Annual General Meeting of the Flinders Council will be held in the Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre on Wednesday 13 December 2023, commencing at 5.00pm. All are welcome to attend.

The Annual Report of the Council will be available during office hours at the Council Offices, Davies Street, Whitemark and also on the Council website <https://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/annual-reports> from Monday 20 November 2023. Submissions on the Report from members of the public are welcome and can be made in writing and forwarded to the General Manager no later than 5.00pm, Monday 4 December 2023.

**Warren Groves  
General Manager**



## **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)**

### **Lease of aircraft hangar**

Flinders Council seeks expressions of interest regarding lease of an existing aircraft hangar on land known as the Flinders Island Airport, located at 351- 355 Palana Road, Whitemark.

The hangar is conveniently located airside of the terminal facility with a dedicated access to the site from Palana Road and lends itself to a variety of commercial or private aviation uses.

Further information and the information pack regarding the hangar can be obtained from Council's website:

[www.flinders.tas.gov.au/tenders](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/tenders).

Any questions regarding this project can be made by contacting Richard Harley on 0448 953 514 or at [richard.harley@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:richard.harley@flinders.tas.gov.au)

Expressions, including offer of fees and intended use of building, must be marked "EOI – Hangar" and submitted to Council via email to: [jacci.smith@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:jacci.smith@flinders.tas.gov.au) or mailed to PO Box 40, WHITEMARK TAS 7255 or delivered to Council's offices at 4 Davies Street in Whitemark by close of business on Monday, 22 January 2024.



## **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)**

### **Land purchase & development**

Flinders Council seeks expressions of interest regarding the purchase and development of land at 7 Walker Street, Whitemark (PID 6427160).

The land is conveniently located within an ideal distance to the MPC and Whitemark facilities and lends itself to use and development associated with the need for housing to support the Community's ageing population.

Copies of the Information Memorandum regarding this project can be obtained from Council's website:

[www.flinders.tas.gov.au/tenders](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/tenders)

Any questions regarding this can be made by contacting Jacci Smith on 63 595 001 or emailing [Jacci.smith@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:Jacci.smith@flinders.tas.gov.au)

Expressions must include purchase offer amounts and associated development plans. They are to be marked "EOI – Land Purchase & Development" and submitted to Council via email to [jacci.smith@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:jacci.smith@flinders.tas.gov.au) or mailed to PO Box 40, WHITEMARK TAS 7255 or delivered to Council's offices at 4 Davies Street in Whitemark by Monday 22 January 2024.



### **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 22 November 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting to adopt the following policy:

- S-O2 Public Open Space Policy.

The policy will lay on the table for public comment until 26 December 2023. It is 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 this policy, please do so by addressing relative correspondence to:

Warren Groves  
**General Manager**  
**PO Box 40**  
**Whitemark TAS 7255**



### **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Notice is hereby given that the 2024 Ordinary Meetings of Flinders Council will be held at the

Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre, Whitemark

on the following Wednesdays unless stated otherwise:

- 24 January
- 21 February
- 20 March
- 17 April
- 22 May
- 26 June
- 24 July
- 21 August
- 25 September
- 30 October
- 20 November
- 11 December

Council Meetings will start at 1:00pm and Public Question Time will be from 1.00pm – 1.30pm.

Each meeting agenda will be available for perusal on the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) or at the Council Office on the Friday before the meeting.

Warren Groves  
**GENERAL MANAGER**