



I'm thrilled to invite each of you to celebrate International Women's Day with us this year. The theme for 2024, "Inspire Inclusion," is all about celebrating the amazing contributions of women and pushing for a community where everyone feels valued and included.

This year, we're also focusing on a local theme, "Heritage & Horizon." It's a way for us to look back at the incredible women who've shaped our islands while also looking forward to the bright future we want to build together.

We've got something special planned: a slideshow showcasing the inspiring women from our community. It's a chance for all of us to celebrate the remarkable stories of the women of the Furneaux Islands. This will be a highlight of our International Women's Day event on March 8 at the FAEC, and I can't wait to see it come together.

Purchase tickets and make your submissions through scanning this QR code or on the Council website.



You may have spotted a new parking space designated for those with mobility challenges has been introduced in front of the Bakery. This has been clearly marked with yellow lines and temporary signage for now. We kindly request that this spot be left available for individuals requiring closer access to the bakery, cate cooks cafe, or chemist. Permanent signage will be installed next week.

Rachel Summers  
Mayor

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## APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2024 HYDRO COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM!

Hydro Tasmania offers grants for not-for-profit community organisations based in Tasmania to help fund projects that make a real difference for people and communities. ----->



**Open date - 5 February 2024**

**Close date - 5pm 29 March**

**Grants awarded - 30 June**



## ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANTS FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED ENTERPRISES

Small and medium businesses can start preparing applications now for energy efficiency grants valued between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

Up to \$41.2 million in funding will be available in Round 2 of the Australian Government's Energy Efficiency Grants for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises.

The grants can fund a range of activities to help reduce pressure on energy bills and lower emissions, including:

- upgrading inefficient technologies, such as replacement of display fridge cabinets with more efficient models, or gas cookers with electric equivalents
- improving space and water heating systems
- conducting energy audits
- installing energy monitoring systems.

Further information available by scanning the QR Code --->



## CURIOUS ABOUT COMMUNITY COMMITTEES?

The **Grassroots Community Governance** program is a fully funded initiative of the **Tasmanian Community Fund**.

The course will cover the below topics:

- Role of committee members and office bearers
- Key responsibilities of committees
- How to have effective committee meetings
- Recruiting volunteers and committee members
- Finances and budgeting
- Decision making
- Risk and conflict of interest



Save the date:  
March 15th, 2024



Where: FAEC  
(Carpeted Room),  
Whitemark



Register now by scanning the QR Code or come into the Council Office and pick up a paper registration.



## HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF DROUGHT RESILIENCE ON FLINDERS ISLAND: TAKE THE RESILIENCE SURVEY!

Your voice matters in building a more resilient future for our communities. As climate change brings more frequent and severe droughts, the Tasmanian Government is taking proactive steps to ensure farmers and communities are better prepared.

Your contributions will help to understand better Flinders Island's and the northern region's challenges and opportunities.

**Please take the survey below to help us understand what's happening in your area.**



<https://droughtready.tas.gov.au>



### 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**



### 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 20 March 2024**  
**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 15 March 2024 on the Council Website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au) and at the Council Office.

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

## FLINDERS ISLAND WASTE UPDATES

### Upcoming Cash-4-Cans Sorting Days



We are seeking the support from community members to sort the large number of aluminium cans that have accumulated over the summer months. To register for any of our upcoming sorting days, please contact Sabrina Carter on 0456 730 174 or email [wastemanagement@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:wastemanagement@flinders.tas.gov.au).

- Sunday, 17th March from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm
- Thursday, 28th March - 9am to 12pm

Volunteers are reminded to wear long sleeves, a hat, and closed-toe footwear.

### Upcoming Skip Bin Refurbishment

Please be advised that the skip bins at both waste transfer stations (WTS) are scheduled for refurbishment over the next month. During this period, there will be a temporary reduction in bin availability.

To minimise inconvenience, we kindly request users of the Lady Barron WTS who do not reside within this community to consider disposing of their waste at the Whitemark Waste Facility whenever possible. Additionally, all commercial users should utilise the Whitemark Waste Facility to ensure adequate space is available for residents.

#### 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
- **CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

## ASTHMA AUSTRALIA

Playing sport and keeping active are important for everyone's health and well-being, especially for the 1 in 9 people with asthma. If your players have their asthma symptoms under control, it means they won't have to be sidelined or risk having an asthma flare-up. Make sure your club is asthma smart and come along to an Asthma and First Aid education session by Asthma Australia hosted by Clubs Tasmania. Sessions are for club staff, volunteers, coaches and trainers. Receive a FREE Asthma Emergency Kit for your club. Launceston Thurs 11 April Register at

<https://events.humanitix.com/asthma-educational-session>



### Rates Reminder

**2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment Rates are due  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Rate Payment options are listed on the back of your Rates Notice and can be paid:**

**By Credit Card Online** - at Council's website [www.flinders.tas.gov.au/make-a-payment](http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/make-a-payment)

**By Phone** – 03 6359 5001 with your Visa or Mastercard.

**By Cheque or Money Order** – post to PO Box 40, Whitemark, TAS 7255.

**By BPay** – See your rates notice for details.

**By EFT** – Electronic Funds Transfer to our bank account – See your rates notice for details.

**In Person** – Visit Council's Customer Service Centre, 4 Davies St, Whitemark. Mon-Fri 9.00am – 4.30pm