



The Islander Way, a state government funded project focusing on tourism through a regenerative lens, continues to make waves even after its conclusion. Sammi Gowthorp, Council's Community Services Co-ordinator, has been invited to present at the Local2030 Islands Network conference in Hawaii at the end of April.

Sammi will showcase the Islander Way as a case study of regenerative tourism. Her presentation will delve into the project's inception, the political and community support, as well as the challenges faced, and valuable insights gained.

The community is proud to have one of its own representing them on the global stage, with the costs generously covered by the US Government. We extend our best wishes to Sammi for a successful presentation!

In ongoing Council news, various projects are underway, some of which are partially supported by grants, while others are fully funded by grants. Among these is the long-awaited vet facility, which has been a Priority Project for several years. Thanks to an election promise of \$980,000 from the 2021 State elections, significant progress has been made. A portion of these funds has already been allocated for an x-ray machine, which is currently in use, and for the design of the vet clinic and associated structures.

However, during the tender process, it became apparent that our initial cost estimates were significantly below market rates thanks to the rapid increase in inflation. Rather than abandoning the project, Council has actively pursued additional funding support. It is important to note that this project is beyond the scope of Council's standalone financial capabilities, residing firmly in our Priority Projects list—a compilation of community-benefitting endeavours that require external funding.

Annually, the Council conducts a Community Survey to gather feedback on our performance, strategic plans, priority projects, and to gather ideas from the community. This feedback is instrumental in guiding future plans and initiatives. Keep an eye out for the survey in May, providing everyone an opportunity to have their voices heard.

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**Community Grants & Gunn Bequest Program  
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This year, a total of \$10,000 is available to assist community groups and individuals in fostering greater community connection, accessibility, and participation.

# KIDS *Holiday* PROGRAM

The Flinders Council Holiday Program invites all young residents and visitors aged 6 to 18 years to enjoy a variety of engaging activities. Whether you're a local or here on holiday, we have something exciting for you!

**How to Get Involved:** Participating is easy! Simply complete a 'Permissions Form' for each child participating in the 2024 Program at the Council website. The online form is quick and straightforward.

If you prefer, you can also get in touch with our Community Development Team to request your registration forms. Email us at [community@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:community@flinders.tas.gov.au) or give us a call at 6359 5001.

#### Important Information:

- Some of our activities may offer or require transport, so please make sure to enquire about this when you register.
- Please be aware that certain activities necessitate that participants are accompanied by a parent or guardian.

**Support and Contributions:** Flinders Council provides financial and staffing support to ensure the success of the Holiday Programme. We're also grateful for the invaluable help we receive from various local organisations, including the Flinders Island District High School and Flinders Island Aboriginal Association.

**We Want to Hear from You!** Your input helps us make the School Holiday Program better every year. If you have any ideas or suggestions for future activities, or if you're interested in contributing or volunteering, please don't hesitate to contact us. Your feedback is essential in creating a fun, safe, and exciting environment for our young community members.

Join us for a holiday filled with fun, learning, and adventure!



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#### 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**



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#### 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 17 April 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 12 April 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**