



TasWater are implementing Stage 1 Water Restrictions for Whitemark from 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Even though we have had some very much-needed rain in recent weeks, it does follow what has been a largely dry winter and summer. February and March have been the driest on record for Whitemark, so it may come as no surprise that, unfortunately, our dam levels are not as high as we would like.

Stage 1 restrictions involves just small changes to our day-to-day routine, and aims to reduce non-essential water use by 20 per cent by encouraging more conscious use of water at home and at work.

Hopefully, with further rain predicted, we can quickly move out of restrictions. It does highlight the need for, even those on the town water system, to keep a water tank for times when our water supply may be restricted further.

There are a number of Automated external defibrillators (AED) devices located around the island from Lady Barron to Palana, however most are not registered, so unless you know where they are, you may not be able to locate them in a time of need. Heart of the Nation is a national register of AED devices, with an app that can be used to search where the devices are, and when they are available – for example some are located inside a business and not available outside of business hours. When every second counts, chasing down an available device could be life or death.

It is also a good time to remind those who do own an AED, to check whether the battery needs replacing (depending on the model, it may last between 2 and 5 years), and the

electrodes generally need to be replaced every two years.

Although I mentioned this in the last issue, I'd like to remind everyone about Council's annual Community Grants program which is currently open. This year, a total of \$10,000 is available to assist community groups and individuals in fostering greater community connection, accessibility, and participation.

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Whitemark will begin **stage 1 water restrictions** on April 29, 2024, to manage the town's water supply.

TasWater will monitor the situation and update residents via The Examiner, TasWater's website, and social media.

**Message from TasWater**



### 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 May 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 17 May 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**



### 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**



### 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 17 April 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting to adopt the following policies:

- S-HR15 Personal Information Protection Policy, and
- S-HR14-P Fraud and Corruption Control Plan

The policies will lie on the table for public comment until 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024. They are also 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**

### Waste Update

The waste team has been putting dedicated efforts to maintaining and operating the facilities. Significant milestones have been achieved, including the refurbishment of transfer station skip bins and shipping 4,400 kilograms of recyclable materials off the island for recovery.

To maintain this momentum, the waste team has been actively exploring solutions for waste motor oil storage and transportation, refrigerant reclamation, and recycling solutions for mixed hard waste, while also preparing grant submissions.

Council extends its gratitude to the community for ongoing support as we work towards enhancing waste management practices and infrastructure.

## Recycling Hub

The Tip office is now collecting some difficult to recycle items. Here is an update on all the current programs accepted:

### Tip (attendant's office):

- Household batteries
- Fluorescent tubes and bulbs
- Mobile phones
- Maxtra+ water filters
- Clean cling wrap & plastic snack bags
- Razor blades

### Walker's IGA:

- Household batteries
- Light bulbs
- Empty makeup and perfume
- Skincare containers
- Hair care containers
- Oral care products (excluding mouthwash)
- Mobile phones and accessories
- Writing equipment
- Bread bag tags
- Plastic bottle caps
- Dish and air care containers (excludes laundry liquid containers)
- Coffee capsules
- Printer cartridge from the following brands:
  - Brother, Canon, Epson, HP, Konica Minolta, Kyocera, Lexmark, Roland, Samsung, Sharp, Toshiba, Dell, Avery Dennison, and Cartridge World.

If you have questions about any of the programs, please contact [wastemanagement@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:wastemanagement@flinders.tas.gov.au)



## drumMUSTER Drop-off Day

Do you have farm chemical drums awaiting disposal?

Flinders Council's next drumMUSTER drop-off day is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 1st, 2024, from 8:30 to 11:30 am** at the Whitemark Waste Facility. Please ensure all drums are triple rinsed thoroughly with no residual chemicals before drop-off.

If you have a large accumulation and are unable to attend the event, please contact [wastemanagement@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:wastemanagement@flinders.tas.gov.au) to arrange a suitable drop-off time.



## Cash-4-Cans Sorting

The aluminium can backlog at the tip is coming to an end! With one more well-supported event, this recycling initiative can transition to hosting events every two to three months. The next event is on **Wednesday, May 15th, from 9:30 am to 12 pm**.

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

[wastemanagement@flinders.tas.gov.au](mailto:wastemanagement@flinders.tas.gov.au).



## Community Grants & Gunn Bequest Program NOW OPEN visit the Council website

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