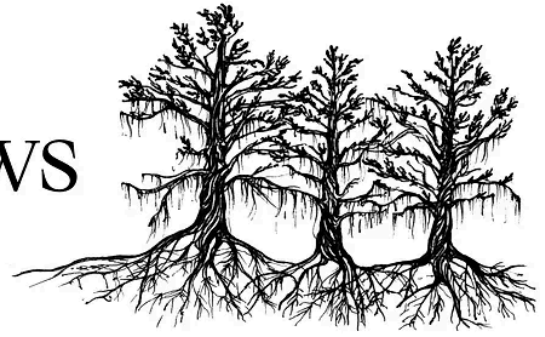


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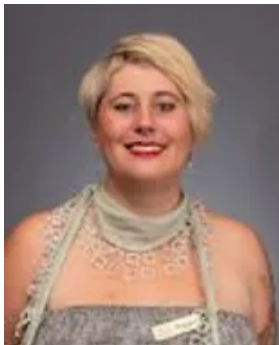
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Islands Trust

Mikaila Lironi

Islands Trustee

Spring has sprung and I even heard the birds chirping this morning. Not a lot to report, but I did attend a Regional Planning Committee where we discussed the changes coming into effect for Short Term Rentals (STRs) in May 2024. As these changes are not mandatory for communities with a population fewer than 10,000 people, the trust area isn't automatically included. Whether the trust area is going to opt in will be under discussion in the coming months.

We also discussed freshwater sustainability strategy implementation in the trust area which includes mapping, water management, policy and ground water availability. As our water levels seem to be getting lower each year, this is an important strategy to consider. We have our Local Trust Committee meeting coming up on March 4th and our quarterly Trust Council meeting the week after.

Happy planting,

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