



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

DATE: 14 December 2022

VENUE: Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre, Whitemark

COMMENCING: 5.00pm

CONCLUDING: 5.11pm

#### **Present**

Mayor Rachel Summers  
Cr Carol Cox  
Cr Gary Blenkhorn  
Cr Peter Rhodes  
Cr Ken Stockton

#### **Staff in Attendance**

Warren Groves	General Manager
Chris Wilson	Infrastructure Manager
Kyra Newman	Executive Assistant (Minute Taker)

#### **Members of the Public Present**

Diana Droog  
Gail Grace  
Ella Groves  
Tracey Groves  
Parn Rhodes

#### **Apologies Received**

Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace  
Cr Aaron Burke

#### **Welcome by the Mayor**

*Mayor Rachel Summers declared the meeting open at 5pm.*

The Mayor began by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we met today, the palawa people of the trawulwai Nation. She recognised their continuing connection to the land, waters and culture of this island, and paid respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

### **Confirmation of 2021 Annual General Meeting Minutes**

Moved: Cr Peter Rhodes

Seconded: Cr Ken Stockon

That the Minutes from the Flinders Council Annual General Meeting held on 13 December 2021 be received and confirmed.

**CARRIED**

### **Consideration of the Annual Report**

Moved: Cr Carol Cox

Seconded: Cr Peter Rhodes

That the Annual Report, prepared in accordance with Section 72 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, and the reports contained therein that relate to the 2021/2022 financial year, be received.

**CARRIED**

*Note: Cr Peter Rhodes made the following comment:*

*“I would like to compliment Council on the production of this Annual Report. There are a lot of photos and a small suggestion to add the name and location of the photo in the future.”*

### **Reports**

#### Mayor's Report

*“Firstly, I would like to welcome everyone who has taken the time to join us this afternoon for the 2022 Annual General Meeting.*

*I would like to take the opportunity to once again congratulate our new and returning Councillors on their election to Council. I look forward to working together for our community. To our Councillors who retired, David Williams, Sharon Blyth and Annie Revie, I thank you on behalf of our Community for your commitment and contribution over your term.*

*I would like to start by recognising the incredible effort undertaken by our staff both indoors and out, who keep our community running. We have the same legislative requirements as every other Council in the state including governance, workplace health and safety, standards and compliance. Our small but effective team ensure that we deliver where needed so thank you.*

*I would like to give a special thanks to Vicki Warden and Sammi Gowthorp for the creation, collation and presentation of the Annual Report.*

*Some highlights from our last year include:*

- *The award-winning sealing of Palana Road from Fairhaven to Five Mile Jim Road. A great start and hopefully we can secure further funding to complete all the way to Palana. A bonus from this project is Minister Michael Ferguson agreeing to take the entire sealed section from Airport through to Five Mile Jim Road as a State Government asset, relieving Council of maintenance and depreciation costs – and should we seal all the way to Palana they will take that on as well;*
- *Replacement of Bowmans Bridge on Lackrana Road – thanks to a State Government grant of over \$300,000.00, Council was able to start the design*

*and replacement process a lot quicker than otherwise could have been the case;*

- We have been successful in obtaining nearly \$4,00,000.00 in one-off grants not including election promises. As a Council with a small rate base which generates around \$2,500,000.00 per year, we rely on grants to deliver not only valuable and essential services, but many of the extras that make our Island a community; and*
- After many years our Local Provision Schedule for the Tasmanian Planning Scheme was declared operational. It may not be exciting to most, but this has been a huge undertaking of work by Council staff, and I would like to thank Robyn Cox and Jacci Smith for their work on this project.”*

### General Manager's Report

To follow on from Mayor Rachel Summers, Warren states that Council has a lot to be thankful for and he appreciates all that the Councillors, Community and Council staff contribute.

Warren expressed a special thank you to Annie Revie, David Williams and Sharon Blyth for their service to this community. He also thanked all Councillors from the previous term for their collegiate working style and professionalism. All Council staff were also thanked for customer service focus, community-based dedication and continuous improvement focus.

Warren would also like to highlight the grant achievements for the community including the re-building of Bowman Bridge on Lackrana Road and the award-winning reconstruction and sealing of Palana Road and transfer of maintenance to State Government.

Warren also noted significant change in how Council has negotiated the State Roads contract with State Growth focusing not only on how Council conducts maintenance, but also how to develop staff skills, knowledge and funding of required plant and equipment. The handover of maintenance along Palana Road is a significant step forward to reducing our maintenance burden and Council are very appreciative to Michael Ferguson for allowing this and further hand-over once Palana Road is further sealed.

Flinders Council has received highly beneficial grants such as the Black Summer Bushfire Grant, the Recycling Modernisation Fund, Tasmanian Weed Action Fund and the Veterinary Clinic, which Council is still working towards.

Warren looks forward to working with the current Councillors and within the new Council structure to continue to achieve and provide service excellence for and on behalf of our community.

Warren finished by thanking all those who are in attendance this afternoon.

### **Consideration of Community Submissions on Council's Annual Report**

No submissions were received.

### **Other Business**

*Note: Cr Peter Rhodes made the following comment:*

*“I would like to thank the General Manager and Council staff. I have the utmost confidence that we are moving in the right direction.”*

Moved: Cr Peter Rhodes      Seconded: Cr Carol Cox

Thank you to the General Manager and all of his leadership for Council.

**CARRIED**

*Mayor Rachel Summers closed the meeting at 5:11pm.*

**Closure 5:11pm**