

## FLINDERS BOATING SPECIAL COMMITTEE UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

**DATE:** Wednesday 17 May 2023  
**VENUE:** Whitemark Boat Ramp  
**COMMENCING:** 5.05pm

### 1. PRESENT:

MEMBERS		
Position/Organisation	Name	In-Attendance
Mayor - Chairperson (non-voting)	Rachel Summers	Yes
Councillor (1)	Councillor Aaron Burke	Yes
Councillor (1)	Councillor Carol Cox	Yes
General Manager - Flinders Council (non-voting)	Warren Groves	yes
Manager Infrastructure (1)	Chris Wilson	Yes
Community Representative (1)	Richard Harley	Yes
Community Representative (1)	John Holloway	Yes
Community Representative (1)	Kevin Haines	Yes
Community Representative (1)	Robert Holloway	No
Community Representative (1)	Anne Rae	Apology
Community Representative (1)	Dennis Cooper	Yes
Community Representative (1)	Norm Hunt	No
Community Representative (1)	Robin Walker	Yes
Community Representative (1)	Justin Nicholls	Yes
Community Representative (1)	Aronn Daw	Yes
Community Representative (1)	Andrew Donnellan	Yes
Community Representative (1)	Craig Wheatley	No

### 2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (Councillors only):

Nil

### 3. CONCEPT PLAN BY DENNIS COOPER

As per the Motion from the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2023 Flinders Boating Special Committee meeting

***“Moved: A Rae***

***Seconded: J Holloway***

***The Committee endorses Dennis Cooper to develop a concept plan for a second smaller boat ramp on the north side of the Whitemark jetty, and to bring the concept plan back to the committee for consideration.”***

*Attachments: 8.1.1 2015 Design Drawing Flinders Island Whitemark Ramp P1  
8.1.2 Whitemark Foreshore detail plan 18-12-13  
8.1.3 Previous Whitemark Boat Ramp  
8.1.4 Previous Whitemark Jetty  
8.1.5 Engineering Plus Quote provided by Dennis Cooper  
8.1.6 Dennis Cooper Concept Drawings*

Dennis Cooper provided a draft concept plan prepared with assistance from Mick Rose, showing the proposed boat ramp on the northern side of the jetty as 5 metres wide. Justin Nicholls, using the concept plan marked out the point where the fall would finish and marked a second point at which the flat piece finishes so the committee could easily see where the proposed Ramp would go.

Proposed Ramp on the southern side, that a flat piece 3 metres past end of Jetty be installed to stop the hole being dug. The hole needs to be filled back in with cement and reo, as it causes damage and creates a safety issue when entering and exiting the boat ramp.

The committee would also like to extend the jetty by 6 metres, in two three metre sections, allowing room for two boats to come in at once on both sides, whilst also allowing swimmers to jump off, it would give room for everyone.

Aronn Daw raised concerns if the committee spends all the funding at Whitemark Boat Ramp on the current proposal, they are neglecting what boat users who completed the survey have said. There is risk with all Council owned ramps, all ramps need to be assessed before committing to one ramp. Andrew Donnellan suggested we assess every ramp and assess the risks with each. It was suggested researching of previous decisions on what the money was for and making a list of issues with Port Davies Ramp, which may not have been built for the current purpose, look at blasting rocks at Palana Ramp. Fenders from the existing Whitemark Boat Ramp could potentially be used at Palana Boat Ramp.

#### Badger Corner Boat Ramp

John Holloway enquired about legal access over parks land to get to access Badger Corner Boat Ramp. Chris Wilson proposed removing Council signage at the ramp.

#### **MOTION**

**Moved: Cr Carol Cox    Seconded: Kevin Haines**

**That the Committee request approval from Council to have plans drawn up for Whitemark Boat Ramp for:**

**Stage 1 – Repairs to the existing ramp fix big hole;**

**Stage 2 – A ramp on northern side; and**

**Stage 3 – Extension of current jetty by 6 metres.**

#### **CARRIED**

**For: Cr Carol Cox, Chris Wilson, Richard Harley, John Holloway, Kevin Haines, Dennis Cooper, Robin Walker, Justin Nicholls, Andrew Donnellan.**

**Against: Cr Aaron Burke and Aronn Dawe.**

#### **4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

That the minutes from the 1 March 2023 meeting of the Flinders Boating Special Committee be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Aaron Burke    Seconded: Cr Carol Cox

#### **5. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Rachel and Warren to provide the committee with an update on the recommendation taken to Council on 22 March 2023.

The Deed for Professional Engineered Services of \$30k has been extended to 30 June 2023.

The Deed for \$17k has been signed, sent to Marine and Safety Tasmania (MAST), the invoice and purchase order have been raised, approval has been given by the General Manager to proceed with the works.

An extension until June 2023 has been given to use the total funds promised.

#### **6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

##### **6.1 Chris to update Committee on progress of procurement for Whitemark jetty.**

Waiting on Mick to return to the Island to undertake the work, the floatation device has arrived, pole post and box that it sits in has been ordered, need to arrange to bolt in once ordered.

**6.2 Warren to update the Committee on the current proposal for the Safe Harbour, which includes a Boat Ramp.**

Current design includes double boat ramp and floating pontoon and rock wall. Final length of the rock wall may vary depending on further funding.

**6.3 Warren to advise the result of legal advice in relation to the signage for swimmers.**

Cautionary appropriate signage to be installed that states there are operating boats in the area, have signage, and provide lifesaving ring. Chris sourcing quotes as per the Australian Standard. As this is a long-standing cultural practise, signage to act as reminder.

**7. BOATING SURVEY UPDATE:**

Results of the Boating Survey were discussed, these have been published on the Council Website.

*Attachment: 6.1.1 Boat Ramp Survey March 2023*

There was a good response rate from community. No questions were raised. Consensus from the Community was that all the Council owned boat ramps to be maintained to a similar standard and be safe to use.

**8. PALANA BOAT RAMP VISIT**

Justin Nicholls and Andrew Donnellan to report to the committee on the audit of maintenance requirements at Palana Boat Ramp.

No one has had time to visit Palana as yet, Justin and Andrew still plan to look at the Palana Boat Ramp at low tide one afternoon, just need to organise a time.

Carol Cox asked who will look at Port Davies Ramp? Suggest looking at Port Davies and Palana on the same day. Justin to supply a bus and arrange to go on a Friday when there is a Rostered Day off (RDO) at Hydro. Rachel to come back to the committee with options.

**9. OTHER BUSINESS:**

**9.1 Membership**

John Holloway, Rob Holloway and Norm Hunt verbally advised their resignation from the Committee.

**MOTION**

**Moved: Cr Carol Cox    Seconded: Aronn Daw**

**That the verbal resignations of membership from Norm Hunt, John Holloway and Robert Holloway to the Flinders Boating Special Committee be accepted and thank you letters sent to members.**

**CARRIED**

**10. NEXT MEETING: to be advised**

**11. CLOSE OF MEETING 5.40pm**