



Confirmed Minutes Ordinary Council Meeting

15 June 2021



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Flinders Council Ordinary Meeting – Confirmed Minutes

Tuesday 15 June 2021

Venue	Furneaux Arts and Entertainment Centre, Whitemark
Commencing	2:01pm
Attendees – Councillors	Mayor Annie Revie Deputy Mayor David Williams Sharon Blyth Aaron Burke Peter Rhodes Rachel Summers
Apologies	Vanessa Grace
Attendees- Staff	Warren Groves General Manager (2.01pm – 3.36pm) Heidi Marshall Financial Organisational Performance Manager (time 2.22pm – 3.36pm) Rowena Nicholls Administrative Services Officer (minute taker) (2.01pm – 3.36pm) Chris Wilson Infrastructure and Airport Manager (2.01pm – 3.36pm)

1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor began by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet 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.

2 Confirmation of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held 18 May 2021 be confirmed.

DECISION

94.6.2021 Moved: Cr R Summers Seconded: Cr A Bourke

That the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held 18 May 2021 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor A Revie, Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

3 Public Question Time

Nil

4 Responses to Public Questions

16 March 2021

QUESTION 1 – Garry Blenkhorn

RE: Flinders Airport Long Runway

Did Council check or carry out checks of survey data to see if existing surface levels had correct crossfalls and levels to meet the upgrade works?

QUESTION 2 – Garry Blenkhorn

Can council please advise, why after the completion of the works the runway has failures in the following areas:

- 1 - Incorrect crossfall.
- 2 - Water ponding on runway.
- 3 - Corrugations in surface.
- 4 - Levels do not meet tender documents.
- 5 - Seal failure.

QUESTION 3 – Garry Blenkhorn

Tender documents and Council maintained that once the works was complete the runway would be good for 20 years plus. It now appears that we have a runway that will last no more than 5 to 7 years without major money being spent to rectify the problems or having C.A.S.A. giving Council exemptions. What plans does Council have to fix the problems to the long-term benefit of rate payers and at what cost to rate payers?

Mayor's Response

I apologise for the delay in finalising a formal response to you. The reason for the delay is based on further runway testing and a CASA inspection. These were scheduled independently by the involved organisations, after your letter. Both these actions had a potential direct bearing on the accuracy of our response to you. In this case it was a Falling Weight Deflectometer (FWD) survey of the runway as well as an inspection of the runway by a CASA aerodrome inspector. Each of these actions required extra time for the visits to be scheduled, testing/inspection to be completed and the results evaluated and reported back to Council.

In relation to the entire project, it is important to clarify that the runway upgrade works were improvements aimed at strengthening the pavement against the effects of the underlying soft and boggy ground. It was never within the conditions of the funding arrangements to upgrade the levels, crossfall or any other aspect of the cross-section shape of the runway to meet a modern runway specification requirement. Therefore, it was never part of the design or specifications of the tender. Rather, as stated, the design was to strengthen the runway and to match it to the existing runway. The reasons for this being the case include both the prohibitive costs as well as the length of time required to close the airport to conduct that level and complexity of works.

It is therefore important to differentiate between the existing crossfall and any new crossfall standards or requirements.

In relation to question one; the survey shows that the finished pavement surface is within tolerance of the pavement design nominated rate. Whether the pavement design nominated rate meets modern requirements is a different question.

It is also important to note that the reconstruction work was undertaken on the centre 15m of runway, not the entire width of the runway. The newly constructed section of runway must blend into the remaining outer sections on each side. If the centre section were reconstructed at a different level or crossfall then there would be major issues trying to blend this into the existing outer sections.

Further, I would add that the runway has been inspected by a CASA Aerodrome Inspector and deemed to be within the allowable tolerances.

In relation to question 2; I can advise -

- I. The runway has the correct crossfall. The final constructed levels are within the parameters of the pavement design and tender specifications. As stated above, the runway has been inspected by a CASA Aerodrome Inspector and deemed to be within the allowable tolerances.
- II. Minor issues with water ponding on a runway are common on all runways, as well as all bitumen roads. Ponding is caused by a slight depression in the surface. As these are identified, corrective works are undertaken, and the depression filled. Minor ponding caused by a minor depression cannot be described as a failure.
- III. Minor corrugations have been identified and corrective action undertaken. Some ponding and surface corrugations were identified after completion and these have been largely rectified. These two issues were predominantly caused by time and resource issues at a time when a re-sheeting program was also required to be completed on the road network. The runway was reconstructed in segments in order to maintain a regular schedule of passenger flights whilst conducting the works. This may have led to some corrugations. The alternative was to close the runway for six or more continuous weeks which was a less than ideal outcome for Islanders and I am sure you would agree, many residents would have considered this unacceptable.
- IV. The levels do meet the specifications in the tender documents. This is not the same as the design specifications meeting any new requirements.
- V. Council has not recorded any instance of a seal failure on the long runway since the completion of the works. There has been some loss of stone, but that does not constitute failure. Loss of stone is common on bitumen roads, as you would see driving along any sealed road on the island. Also, the tender was for the construction of the pavement. The bitumen seal which forms a wearing course on top of the pavement did not form part of the tender.

In regard to question 3; the runway pavement has been designed based on a “twenty-year life”, subject to a program of inspection and maintenance, and specifically maintenance of the seal. Excluding any adverse environmental factors, there is every reason to believe the runway pavement will last for more than the designed twenty years.

Over the years the airport has had a number of CASA inspections that have identified issues that needed to be addressed. Additionally, the airport has a number of CASA exemptions that allows the airport to operate safely within some clearly defined parameters. These are referred to as legacy or ‘grandfathered’ provisions and almost every airport in Australia has them. Typically, these provisions are historical issues that accept the fact that almost every airport in Australia was designed and constructed many decades ago and runway design specifications and airport operating regulations have changed substantially since then. These are not unique to this airport. In the Flinders Island Airport case, these are issues caused amongst other challenges by the siting of the runways in a low-lying area, extremely unsuitable underlying ground material, and being bordered on two sides by a river and coastal frontage.

Given these largely cost prohibitive challenges, the maintenance of the two runways is likely to always present a substantial maintenance requirement to the owner of Flinders Island Airport.

RECOMMENDATION

That the responses to the public questions from the 16 March 2021 Council Meeting be noted.

DECISION

95.6.2021 Moved: Deputy Mayor D Williams Seconded: Cr P Rhodes
That the responses to the public questions from the 16 March 2021 Council Meeting be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor A Revie, Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

5 Councillors Questions on Notice

None received.

6 Councillors' Questions Without Notice

Question 1: Cr Rachel Summers – Tip Opening Hours

On the first of March this year, the opening hours for the Whitemark Tip were changed due to staff shortages. Have additional staff been recruited and if so, when will the opening hours return to the pre-March times?

Mayor's Response:

We have been only partially successful in recruitment and not yet sufficient to return to normal working hours. The position will be advertised again. It is hoped to return to normal hours within a couple of months.

Question 2: Deputy Mayor David Williams – Two-hour parking limit at Airport

Could Council please look at ways of controlling the public use of the two-hour parking limit at the Airport? It has been pointed out to me that vehicles are parking there for several days.

Mayor's Response:

The question was taken on notice.

96.6.2021 Moved: Cr P Rhodes Seconded: Deputy Mayor D Williams
That the Councillors' questions without notice be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor A Revie, Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

7 Late Agenda Items

Nil

8 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Nil

9 Conflict of Interest

Nil

10 Workshops & Information Forums

Council Workshop – 25 May 2021

Council held a workshop on the following subjects:

- Item 1 Community Grant Applications
- Item 2 User Fees 2021/2022
- Item 3 Rates and Charges 2021/2022
- Item 4 Budget 2021/2022

Councillors in Attendance

Mayor Annie Revie	Cr Aaron Burke
Deputy Mayor David Williams	Cr Vanessa Grace
Cr Sharon Blyth	Cr Rachel Summers

Apologies

Cr Peter Rhodes

Staff and Consultants in Attendance

Warren Groves	General Manager
Chris Wilson	Infrastructure and Airport Manager
Heidi Marshall	Finance and Organisational Performance Manager (Items 2 - 4)
Sammi Gowthorp	Community Development / Council Engagement Officer (Item 4)
Rowena Nicholls	Administrative Services Officer

Council Workshop – 1 June 2021

Council held a workshop on the following subjects:

- Item 1 General Managers Update
- Item 2 Annual Plan Actions
- Item 3 Priority Projects
- Item 4 Councillor Portfolios
- Item 5 King Island mutual efficiencies
- Item 6 Inactive Committees

Councillors in Attendance

Mayor Annie Revie	Cr Peter Rhodes
Deputy Mayor David Williams	Cr Rachel Summers
Cr Vanessa Grace	

Apologies

Cr Aaron Burke
Cr Sharon Blyth

Staff and Consultants in Attendance

Warren Groves	General Manager
Rowena Nicholls	Administrative Services Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council Workshops held on 25 May and 1 June 2021 be noted.

DECISION

97.6.2021 Moved: Deputy Mayor D Williams Seconded: Cr P Rhodes
That the Council Workshops held on 25 May and 1 June 2021 be noted.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor A Revie, Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

11 Publications/Reports Tabled for Council Information

Nil

12 Reports to be Received

12.1 Flinders Island State Emergency Service

File Reference CSV/0400

Annexure 12.1.1 Flinders Island State Emergency Service Annual Report to Council 2019/2020

OFFICER'S REPORT (Warren Groves, General Manager):

The Annual Report of the Flinders Island State Emergency Service 2019/2020 has been provided for consideration. The report outlines what the Committee has been working on during 2019/2020 and can now be noted by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Annual Report of the Flinders Island State Emergency Service 2019/2020 be noted.

DECISION

98.6.2021 Moved: Cr A Bourke Seconded: Cr P Rhodes

That the Annual Report of the Flinders Island State Emergency Service 2019/2020 be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor A Revie, Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

13 Councillors' Reports

None received.

14 Mayor's Report

Action Information
Proponent Mayor A Revie
File Reference COU/0600
Annexures Nil

APPOINTMENTS

DATE	DIARY ACTIVITY
12/5/21	Meeting with community members in Killiecrankie
12/5	Sophie Edmunds and Helen Carnell regarding plastic straws
12/5	Administration
13/5	Administration
17/5	Meeting Cameron Moore from Scottsdale Football Club and Cr Aaron Burke
18/5	Council Workshop
19/5	Radio interview
19/5	Meeting Warren Groves and Kate Mirowski (Department of State Growth)
19/5	Catch-up Warren Groves
20/5	Administration and meeting with Michael Buck
21/5	Meeting with Police Commander, Warren Groves and Peter Rawlings
25/5	Council Workshop
26/5	Administration and meeting with boating community
31/5	Meeting with Alan Tuxworth, Warren Groves, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Vanessa Grace and Darren Grace
1/6	Council Workshop
2/6	Catch-up with Warren Groves, radio interview and administration
3/6	Engagement community members Whitemark
7/6	Administration
7/6	Flinders Island Business Incorporated General Meeting
8/21	Zoom meeting with Todd Babiak
8/21	Attended community meeting on Development Planning with Mick Purves
9/6	Meeting with Mick Purves and Councillors
10/6	Administration and meeting with Michael Buck
11/6	Project planning with Sarah Lebski and Dianne Dredge in Launceston

CORRESPONDENCE IN

DATE	FROM	SUBJECT
13/5/21	Anne Rae	Apology and notes from Killiecrankie community members
14/5	Dianne Dredge	Project planning meetings in June
14/5	Dion Lester Launceston Government	LGAT support for King and Flinders Islands

	Association Tasmania (LGAT)	
16/5	Patricia Hale	Regarding hunting season for Cape Barren Geese
17/5	Scottsdale Football Club	Flinders Island football players
19/5	Dion Lester LGAT	LGAT subsidy for Flinders Councillors attending conferences and meetings
19/5	Mayor Julie Arnold King Island Council	Support for my letter of thanks to LGAT
19/5	Dion Lester LGAT	LGAT Conference
19/5	Local Roads and Community Infrastructure	Local Roads and Infrastructure Grants phase 3
20/5	Kate Mirowski Department of State Growth	Thank you for meeting
20/5	Dion Lester LGAT	Claim forms regarding funding for conference
21/5	Esther Nunn	Regarding the Docks
24/5	SFMC	Red Hot Tips event at Sports Club 29 June 2021
24/5	Richard Broome	Suggestions regarding change process / transparency
27/5	Todd Babiak	Zoom conference on LGAT Conference presentation
1/6	Premier Peter Gutwein	Thank you for Tourism project funding
1/6	FIBI	Invitation to General Meeting
3/6	Marlee Jesson-Kerr	University of Tasmania – Research Project
4/6	Parks and Wildlife	Invitation to meet with Jason Jacobi
5/6	Bronwen Grutzner	Tourism

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

DATE	TO	SUBJECT
14/5	Dion Lester LGAT	Thanks for their support
16/5	Patricia Hale	Response to hunting season for Cape Barren Geese
19/5	Dion Lester	Attendance at conference
19/5	Vicki Harper Furneaux Field Game	Gunn Bequest
21/5	Cameron Moore Scottsdale Football Club	Encouraging application for Community Grant
20/5	Premier Peter Gutwein	Letter of congratulations and thank you
24/5	Richard Broome	Response regarding ideas for transparency
26/5	Michael Withers Flinders Island Golf Club	Gunn Bequest
26/5	Wendy Grabe	Gunn Bequest
26/5	Anthony Mitchell	Withdrawal of membership for NTDC

	Northern Tasmania Development Corporation (NTDC)	
2/6	Garry Blenkhorn	Response to public question on airport runway
2/6	Tasmania Talks	Radio Interview notes
3/6	Warren Groves	Forwarding good feedback on Graham Blyth

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor's report be received.

DECISION

99.6.2021 Moved: Cr A Bourke Seconded: Cr S Blyth

That the Mayor's report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor A Revie, Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

15 Development Services and Planning Applications

15.1 Development Information Report

Action	Information
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Jacci Viney Development Services Coordinator
File Reference	PLN/0105
Annexures	15.1.1 Development Information Report – May 2021

INTRODUCTION

This report provides Councillors with an overview of the applications for the current period as per motion 249.09.2015, passed at the 24 September 2015 Council Meeting when Council requested monthly data from the West Tamar Council planning consultancy service. As of July 2020, Flinders Council now generates the data and prepares the Development Application Report monthly.

Permitted applications are assessed under section 58 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (the Act) and are not advertised. If applications classified as Permitted meet all development and use standards, they must be granted a permit, with or without conditions.

Discretionary applications are assessed under section 57 of the Act and are exhibited for a two-week period during which submissions may be received from the public. If a submission is received, the planner's report for that application is considered by Council. Discretionary applications where no submissions are received, as well as applications with a Permitted pathway, are approved under delegation to the General Manager.

The numbering of applications relates to the electronic filing system. Numbers are allocated to Planning (DA), Building (BA) and Plumbing (PA) applications as they are received. This may mean that planning numbers are not sequential, if for example, a development requires a building application but is exempt from a planning application.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Some items may have been considered at meetings of Council while the remainder have been approved under delegation by the General Manager.

OFFICER'S REPORT

Refer to Annexure 15.1.1, Development Information Report – May 2021.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Development Information Report – May 2021 be received.

DECISION

100.6.2021 Moved: Cr S Blyth Seconded: Cr A Bourke

That the Development Information Report – May 2021 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor A Revie, Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

16 Infrastructure and Airport

16.1 Infrastructure and Airport Report – June 2021

Action	Information
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Chris Wilson Manager Infrastructure and Airport
File References	WOR/3000
Annexures	16.1.1 Manager Infrastructure and Airport Report – June 2021

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update of monthly activities undertaken by the Works and Services and Airport departments.

OFFICER'S REPORT

This report is provided on a monthly basis at the request of Council.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Infrastructure and Airport Manager's Report – June 2021 be received and accepted by Council.

DECISION

101.6.2021 Moved: Cr P Rhodes

Seconded: Cr R Summers

That the Infrastructure and Airport Manager's Report– June 2021 be received and accepted by Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor A Revie, Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

Mayor Annie Revie passed the chair to Deputy Mayor David Williams at 2.16pm.

17 Notice of Motions

17.1 Notice of Motion – Rescind Motion No. 250.09.2019 – Project Advisory Group for the Flinders Island Marine and Safe Harbour project

Action	Decision
Proponent	Mayor Annie Revie
Officer	Warren Groves General Manager
File Reference	COM/0402, ASM/0200
Annexure	Nil

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Council rescinds part 2 of the Flinders Island Marine and Safe Harbour project related motion number 250.09.2019:

“That Council:

- 2. Creates and supports a Project Advisory Group (Management Committee), with appropriate Terms of Reference and membership to oversee, monitor and advise the management of the project, that reports to the Council on a regular basis regarding project implementation.”*

COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

At a Special Council Meeting on 29 September 2020, parts two and three of motion no. 194.09.2020 resolved that Council:

- 2. Continues with the application for Federal Government funding of \$3 million to construct stage one of the original Flinders Island Marine and Safe Harbour project, being a breakwater (and additional associated structures, if money allows) at the originally identified site at Lady Barron; and*
- 3. That Council continues to advocate for external management and control of the infrastructure.”*

Council has continued to progress the grant application to the Federal Government Community Development Grant program to access the funding for the Flinders Island Marine Access and Safe Harbour project (FIMASH). The application has required detailed drawings, permits, licences, approvals and environmental studies to be completed to a tender ready stage (shovel ready). The marine environment is not core council business and Flinders Council does not have the in-house expertise to prepare the grant application, therefore suitably qualified contractors/consultants have been engaged through an Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) process to undertake this work. It is expected that the application will be submitted before 30 June 2021.

As the development of the grant application has taken considerable time to complete, an existing resolution in relation to FIMASH remains outstanding, being part two of motion number 250.09.2019:

“That Council:

- 2. Creates and supports a Project Advisory Group (Management Committee), with appropriate Terms of Reference and membership to oversee, monitor and advise the management of the project, that reports to the Council on a regular basis regarding project implementation.”*

This outstanding motion was discussed at a Workshop held 1 June 2021. As the nature and scope of the project has changed considerably since the 2019 motion was carried, a Project Advisory Group is no longer considered necessary or beneficial. I therefore ask your support for this motion to rescind part two of motion number 250.09.2019.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

57.02.2011	17 February 2011
120.04.2011	21 April 2011
128.04.2011	21 April 2011 Closed Council
598.07.2013	18 July 2013
232.09.2017	21 September 2017
300.12.2017	14 December 2017
292.10.2018	11 October 2018
33.02.2019	19 February 2019
76.03.2019	19 March 2019
77.03.2019	19 March 2019
88.03.2019	28 March 2019
117. 04.2019	16 April 2019
118.04.2019	16 April 2019
250.09.2019	17 September 2019
58.3.2020	24 March 2020
93.5.2020	19 May 2020
135.7.2020	28 July 2020
183.09.2020	22 September 2020
194.09.2020	29 September 2020 Special Meeting
249.12.2020	15 December 2020

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

6 July 2017	Council Workshop
31 August 2017	Council Workshop
28 March 2019	Council Workshop
28 June 2019	Council Workshop
11 September 2019	Council Workshop
25 February 2020	Council Workshop
12 May 2020	Council Workshop
7 July 2020	Council Workshop
6 August 2020	Council Workshop
25 August 2020	Council Workshop
24 September 2020	Meeting with Bridget Archer MP
27 October 2020	Council Workshop
1 June 2021	Council Workshop

OFFICER'S REPORT

If the motion to overturn part two of motion number 250.09.2019 is resolved in the affirmative, Council will be agreeing not to create a Project Advisory Group (Management Committee), with appropriate Terms of Reference and membership to oversee, monitor and advise the management of the project, that reports to the Council on a regular basis regarding project implementation. No work has been undertaken to date towards actioning this resolution.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

2. Accessibility/Infrastructure – Quality infrastructure and services for community benefit.
- 2.2 Safe and reliable air and sea access to the islands.
- 2.2.2 Engage with key stakeholders to support and improve commercial and community sea access.

Annual Plan Action AP1920-17 Work with the State and Federal Governments to facilitate the Flinders Island Marine and Safe Harbour Project.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK/LIABILITY

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority

MOTION

102.6.2021 Moved: Mayor A Revie Seconded: Cr R Summers

That Council rescinds part 2 of the Flinders Island Marine and Safe Harbour project related motion number 250.09.2019:

“That Council:

- 2. Creates and supports a Project Advisory Group (Management Committee), with appropriate Terms of Reference and membership to oversee, monitor and advise the management of the project, that reports to the Council on a regular basis regarding project implementation.”***

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor A Revie, Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

Note: Deputy Mayor David Williams commented that a lot of workshops have been held on this matter.

17.2 Notice of Motion – The Islander Way Project

Action	Decision
Proponent	Mayor Annie Revie
Officer	Warren Groves, General Manager
File Reference	CSV/1706
Annexure	Letter from Premier Peter Gutwein

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Council engages the Tourism Colab Consultancy, Principal Dr Dianne Dredge and Associate Sarah Lebski, to develop a project brief for ‘The Islander Way’ funding application.

COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

At the April 2021 Ordinary Meeting, Flinders Council approved the recently amended Destination Action Plan, (DAP). The original Destination Action Plan was an initiative of the State Government in 2015/16 and was the work of the Flinders Island Tourism and Business Association (FITBA), now the Flinders Island Business Inc (FIBI). The main objective of the DAP was to encourage visitor growth to Flinders Island as a way of supporting and building the Island economy. The FIBI Board has put much effort into enacting the DAP, resulting in the following key outcomes:

1. Flinders Island has become a well-reputed destination for visitors; and
2. There has been a significant increase in visitor numbers since pre-DAP years.

‘Visit Northern Tasmania’ (VNT), a tourism-focused association of Northern Tasmanian Councils, sponsored, encouraged, and actively supported FIBI’s work on the DAP, as it did with DAPs from other Northern Regional municipalities. In 2020/21 Flinders Council collaborated with the FIBI Board on a review of the DAP. At a Council Workshop on 30th March 2021, Councillors, some Council staff, Kirsten Bach from VNT, Jayne Cooper representing Parks & Wildlife, and members of the FIBI Board, collaborated on this review.

At the same March workshop Todd Babiak presented the final version of a Brand Story for the Island, produced from comments and feedback received from a significant number of the Flinders Island Community. The Brand Story was received very positively by the workshop participants, who also generally approved a DAP action to explore a model of tourism closely aligning with the values and principles of the Flinders Community, as expressed in the Brand Story, (since re-named as ‘The Islander Way’) as well as aligning with Council’s 2031 Strategy Plan.

Dr Dianne Dredge is Principal of the Tourism Colab, a Brisbane Tourism Consultancy that specialises in regenerative tourism. She and her Launceston associate, Sarah Lebski, have expressed a strong desire to take a joint leadership role with Flinders Council and key stakeholders, to compile and enact a model of visitation that aligns with ‘The Islander Way’. They have both worked extensively in the exploration of regenerative tourism and Dr Dianne Dredge is globally renowned in this area. Dr Dredge has drafted preparative documents that have been approved by VNT, whose Board has agreed to collaborate with the project leaders.

Prior to the 2021 Tasmanian State Election the State Government committed \$300,000 to Flinders Council to “enable a compilation of a comprehensive Regenerative Tourism Plan (and so) provide a pathway to deliver positive social and economic outcomes”. (letter from Premier Gutwein – included as annexure)

In his letter received 1st June 2021 Premier Gutwein confirmed his government's commitment to the project funding and acknowledged that the funding would be expedited following receipt of a project brief. I ask Council to approve the motion.

Previous Council Consideration

Nil

Previous Council Discussion

30 March 2021 Council Workshop

Officer's Report

There has been much discussion within the community over recent months about both what acceptable visitor levels to the island might be and also what type of tourism or visitation the community is comfortable with.

The recent State Government funding offering of \$300,000 enables the proposed project to specifically examine these issues, developing an island-centric and inclusionary visitation model that benefits all stakeholders.

Statutory Requirements

Nil

Policy/Strategic Implications

1. Liveability - To protect and build upon our island's way of life.

1.4 Our natural environment protected and enhanced through land management activities -

1.4.1 Promote and support sustainable activities to conserve the islands' natural and agricultural environments.

Budget and Financial Implications

Limited

Risk/Liability

Low

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

MOTION

103.6.2021 Moved: Mayor Annie Revie Seconded: Cr S Blyth

That Council engages the Tourism Colab Consultancy, Principal Dr Dianne Dredge and Associate Sarah Lebski, to develop a project brief for 'The Islander Way' funding application.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor A Revie, Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

Deputy Mayor David Williams passed the chair to Mayor Annie Revie at 2.21pm.

18 Finance

18.1 Schedule of Fees & Charges 2021/22

Action Proponent Officer	Decision Council Officer Heidi Marshall Finance Organisational Performance Manager
File Reference Annexure	FIN/0701 18.1.1 Fees & Charges Schedule 2021/22

INTRODUCTION

Under Section 205 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council can impose fees and charges with respect to the listed activities within the Act. These activities include the use of any property or facility owned by Council; and any application, licence, permit, registration granted by the Council.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

4 May 2021	Council Workshop
25 May 2021	Council Workshop

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Nil

OFFICER'S REPORT

Fees and Charges have been assessed, and for most cost segments, there are no fee increases with the exception of two areas:

- Airport Users Fees are recommended to increase by 3% CPI to align with cost increases in this area.
- Private works has had a major change, where detailed plant hire rates have been removed.
 - It is recommended that Private Works is limited to State Growth Private Works (which is dealt with separately under a contractual agreement),
 - and Local Private Works jobs, are limited to road-related works where it is not possible for residents to contract other local businesses.

The Private Works User Fees section has been amended to 'Price On Application (POA) - Cost plus 15%' for road-related works.

The reasoning behind the change in Private Works is due to an aim to concentrate on the core business of Council.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

4. Good Governance – Effective, efficient and transparent management and operations.

4.1 An organisation that provides good governance, effective leadership and high-quality services within our means.

4.1.1 Ensure Council meets its statutory obligations to manage risk, achieve financial sustainability and model good governance.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

High. The adoption of 2021/2022 Fees and Charges are required to perform the next phase of the Budget process for 2021/2022.

RISK/LIABILITY

From a fees and charges perspective, the risks and liabilities in the upcoming year are mainly associated with 'activity' (the level of usage) rather than the actual 'cost of the fee charged'.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to Section 205 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, that Council adopts the Fees & Charges as per the attached schedule (Annexure 18.1.1).

DECISION

104.6.2021 Moved: Cr R Summers Seconded: Cr S Blyth

Pursuant to Section 205 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, that Council adopts the Fees & Charges as per the attached schedule (Annexure 18.1.1).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor A Revie, Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

Note: Deputy Mayor D Williams expressed his concerns over Private Works being no longer available to the Community.

18.2 Rates and Charges for 2021/22

Action Proponent Officer	Decision Council Officer Heidi Marshall Financial Organisational Performance Manager and Kate Blyth Finance Officer
File Reference Annexure	FIN/0701 and FIN/1205 18.2.1 Rates Summary 20021/22

INTRODUCTION

Section 82 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), requires the General Manager to prepare Budget Estimates of the Council's revenue and expenditure for each financial year.

As part of these Budget Estimates, and pursuant to section 90 of the Act, Council can raise rates on all rateable land (i.e. all land excepting the land set out in section 87 of the Act) within the Flinders municipal area.

Rates may vary from year to year based on a combination of changes in the capital value of properties, changes in the rate in the dollar applied, and changes in fixed charge component.

This report puts forward a proposed rate rise of 5% for the 2021/22 Budget which is in accordance with the revised Draft 1 Long-Term Financial Management Strategy, Plan and Policies 2021 to 2031.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

4 May 2021	Council Workshop
5 May 2021	Council Workshop
18 May 2021	Council Workshop
25 May 2021	Council Workshop

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Nil

OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Draft 1 Long-Term Financial Management Strategy, Plan and Policies 2021 to 2031 requires an annual minimum of 7% rates increase (2% derived through natural growth, and 5% through rate increases).

The Budget 2021/22 recommended rate rise complies with the Long-Term Financial Strategy, in respect of a 5% rate rise.

Although natural growth in 2020/21 (as compared to the projected plan) has only achieved a 0.52% increase, resulting in an annual \$29,000 deficit as compared to the Draft 1 Long-Term Financial Management Strategy, Plan and Policies 2021 to 2031, this deficit has been adjusted through reducing future operational costs.

Councils are grouped into five classifications, in line with the Australian Classification of Local Governments. Flinders Council is grouped under the classification 'Rural agricultural, small and medium councils (RASM) with a population under 5000, and density less than 30 people per km².

The 5% rate rise is also in alignment with the compound annual average increase for the RASM Councils for the period 2009-10 to 2018-19 (refer to Rates Summary).

Fire Services Contribution

Pursuant to the *Fire Service Act* 1979, Council is required to collect funds for firefighting services throughout the State.

S.93A of the Act grants Council the power to make one or more service rate for the purpose of collecting those funds.

The amount generated, less legislated collection costs, will be forwarded to the State Fire Commission who has indicated that the minimum levy will be \$42 per assessment.

Payments

The payment provisions within the proposed resolution including penalty and daily interest charges are in accordance with the Act, consistent with previous years, in accordance with Council's Rating and Charges Policy and in line with practices in other Councils.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

4. Good Governance – Effective, efficient and transparent management and operations.

4.1 An organisation that provides good governance, effective leadership and high-quality services within our means.

4.1.1 Ensure Council meets its statutory obligations to manage risk, achieve financial sustainability and model good governance.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council is tasked to review its Strategic Plan, the Strategic Long-Term Financial and Asset Management Plans and Policies of the Council within the Budget 2021/22. During this financial year the future operational and capital requirements have been reviewed and identified in the revised Draft 1 Long-Term Financial and Asset Management Strategy, Plan and Policies 2021 to 2031, and the proposed impacts on rates have been identified.

RISK/LIABILITY

High.

At present, to address our financial needs and sustainability, we have few options available. Government grants require long-term relationship building and advocacy with no sure outcomes. Therefore, our only reliable mechanisms remain with rates and user fees.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

In accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act* 1993, the Flinders Council hereby makes the following rates and charges for the period commencing 1 July 2021 and ending 30 June 2022:

1. Definitions & Interpretations

- (a) 'Act' means the *Local Government Act* 1993;
- (b) 'Council' means the Flinders Council;
- (c) 'land' has the meaning given to that term in section 86 of the Act;
- (d) 'Land Use Codes' means the relevant subcategories, of the use or predominant use of the land, set out as uses of land in the most recent Land Use Codes provided to the councils by the Valuer-General and published on the internet by the Tasmanian Government as part of the Land Information System Tasmania;

- (e) 'Municipal Area' means the municipal area of the Council as defined in section 3 of the Act;
- (f) 'rateable land' means all land excepting land exempt by operation of section 87(1) of the Act; and
- (g) Super Land Use Group means the groups of Land Use Codes set out in column B of 19.2.3 to this resolution.

2. General Rates & Variations

2.1. Pursuant to sections 90 and 91 of the Act, Council makes the following two-component general rate for all rateable land within the Municipal Area for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2021 and ending on 30 June 2022:

- (a) a rate 0.4329484 cents in the dollar of Capital Value; and
- (b) a Fixed Charge in the amount of \$420.

2.2. Pursuant to section 107(1) of the Act, Council hereby varies the general rate (as previously made) according to one or more of the following factors:

- (a) the use or predominant use of the land;
- (b) the non-use of land;
- (c) the locality of the land; and/or
- (d) the prescribed factor of Land Use Codes pursuant to r.33(c) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2015* (here referred to as Land Use Codes), in accordance with the following Variation Table:

VARIATION TABLE		
Locality	Use/Non-use/Land Use Codes	Variation
Flinders Island Bass Strait Islands	Rateable land subject to any Land Use Code within the Super Land Use Group "Commercial" EXCEPTING the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C40 (Hotel / Motel); • P32 (Transport – Aviation); • P321 (Transport-Aviation-Private); and • V2 (Vacant-Commercial). (i.e. Non-Vacant Commercial) 	5% increase from 0.494798 to 0.5195379 cents in the dollar of Capital Value
Flinders Island Bass Strait Islands	Rateable land subject to the Land Use Code C40 (Hotel / Motel). (i.e. Non-Vacant Commercial – Hotel / Motel)	5% increase from 0.536031 to 0.5628325 cents in the dollar of Capital Value
Flinders Island Bass Strait Islands	Rateable land subject to any of the following Land Use Codes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P32 (Transport – Aviation); and • P321 (Transport-Aviation-Private). (i.e. Non-Vacant Commercial – Aviation) 	5% increase from 0.556648 to 0.5844804 cents in the dollar of Capital Value

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Cape Barren Island	Rateable land subject to any Land Use Code within the Super Land Use Group "Commercial" EXCEPTING V2 (Vacant-Commercial). (i.e. Non-Vacant Commercial)	5% increase from 0.453564 to 0.4762422 cents in the dollar of capital value
Cape Barren Island	Rateable land subject to the Land Use Codes within the Super Land Use Group "Residential" EXCEPTING the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V5 (Vacant-Rural Residential); • V4 (Vacant-Englobo/Broad Hectares); • V1 (Vacant-Residential); and • V (Vacant Land). (i.e. Non-Vacant Residential)	5% increase from 0.350482 to 0.3680061 cents in the dollar of Capital Value
Cape Barren Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rateable land subject to any of the Land Use Codes within the Super Land Use Group "Community Services" that is not vacant. (i.e. Non-Vacant Community Services) • Rateable land subject to any of the Land Use Codes within the Super Land Use Group "Industrial" that is not vacant. (i.e. Non-Vacant Industrial) • Rateable land subject to any of the Land Use Codes within the Super Land Use Group "Primary Production" that is not vacant. (i.e. Non-Vacant Primary Production) • Rateable land subject to any of the following Land Use Codes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ V2 (Vacant-Commercial); 	5% increase from 0.371098 to 0.3896529 cents in the dollar of Capital Value

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3 Fire Service Contribution

3.1 Pursuant to Section 81 of the *Fire Service Act* 1979 and Section 93A of the Act, for the period commencing 1 July 2021 and ending 30 June 2022 Council hereby makes the following service rate for the purposes of collecting the fire service contribution from all rateable land in the Municipal Area:

- (a) a rate of 0.3686040 cents in the dollar of Assessed Annual Value with a minimum amount payable of \$42.00.

4 Separate Land

4.1 For the purposes of these resolutions, the rates and charges shall apply to each parcel of land which is shown as being separately valued in the valuation list prepared under the *Valuation of Land Act* 2001.

5 Adjusted Values

5.1 For the purposes of each of these resolutions, any reference to Capital Value and Assessed Annual Value includes a reference to that value as may be adjusted pursuant to section 89 of the Act.

6 Payment of Rates & Charges

6.1 Pursuant to section 124 of the Act, the rates and charges as set out in parts 2 and 3 of this resolution will be payable in two instalments with the following payment schedule:

- (a) the first instalment must be made on or before the 31st day of October 2021; and
- (b) the second instalment must be made on or before the 28th day of February 2022.

6.2 Pursuant to section 124(5) of the Act, where a ratepayer fails to pay any instalment within 21 days of the date on which that instalment falls due for payment, Council may require the ratepayer to pay the full amount owing for the financial year.

6.3 Pursuant to section 128 of the Act, if any rate or instalment is not paid on or before the date it falls due for payment Council imposes the following penalties:

- (a) a penalty of 5% of the amount of the unpaid rate or instalment; and
- (b) a daily interest charge 0.00547945% (2% per annum) in respect of the relevant outstanding amount.

DECISION

105.6.2021 Moved: Deputy Mayor D Williams Seconded: Cr S Blyth

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(c) a penalty of 5% of the amount of the unpaid rate or instalment; and

(d) a daily interest charge 0.00547945% (2% per annum) in respect of the relevant outstanding amount.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor A Revie, Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

106.6.2021 Moved: Deputy Mayor D Williams Seconded: Cr P Rhodes

That Council gives a vote of thanks to the Financial Organisational Performance Manager, Heidi Marshall.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor A Revie, Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

18.3 Budget Estimates 2021/22

Action	Decision
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Heidi Marshall Financial Organisational Performance Manager
File Reference	FIN/0701
Annexure	18.3.1 Budget Estimates 2021/22

INTRODUCTION

Section 82 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, (the Act), requires the General Manager to prepare Budget Estimates of the Council's revenue and expenditure for each financial year which include the estimated revenue, expenditure, borrowings and capital works plus other details required by the Minister.

This report puts forward the proposed Budget Estimates for the 2021/22 year.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Nil

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

4 May 2021	Council Workshop
5 May 2021	Council Workshop
18 May 2021	Council Workshop
25 May 2021	Council Workshop

OFFICER'S REPORT

Budget 2021/22 forms the base year of the Long-Term Strategic Financial Plan, and as such has been reviewed in detail to assess Council's ability to meet its obligations and service level requirements.

2021/22 follows the COVID-19 budget year, and therefore shows above normal operational cost and income rises over the previous year. This is due to the assumption that most activities will return to normal levels. Costs have assumed in most cases a CPI increase of 3%, but in some areas, this is significantly higher.

This year efforts will be made to maximise usage of the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grants. LRCI phase 2 of \$225,000 will be used to assist in maintaining Council's buildings and facilities, and the recently released LRCI phase 3 of \$597,000, has a budget of 50% of \$300,000 in 2021/22 for the Road Maintenance Programs.

Capital additions are aligned to the requirements as per the Long-Term Asset Management plan, and the decline in Roads Reconstruction Capital this year, is compensated by spending Grant Income on the General Maintenance of the roads.

The total Rates and Fire Levy for Budget 2020/2021 has an overall 5.44% (0.52% relating to natural growth), and the Financial Grant Assistant Grant has a 2% increase over last year.

The five-year cashflow forecast is an extract from the Long-Term Financial Strategy Plan, and though the declining trend continues, the Long-Term Financial and Asset Management Plans endeavour to maintain cash reserves above the minimum base requirement.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

4. Good Governance – Effective, efficient and transparent management and operations.

4.1 An organisation that provides good governance, effective leadership and high-quality services within our means.

4.1.1 Ensure Council meets its statutory obligations to manage risk, achieve financial sustainability and model good governance.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

At present, we are operating under Section 82A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, which authorises the General Manager to utilise reserves to meet the current and accruing requirements of the Council for the period 1 July to 31 August, or until the adoption of the Budget Estimates 2021/22 if sooner than 31 August. The Budget Estimate deadline for adoption by Council is 30 June 2021.

RISK/LIABILITY

Very High in relation to pre June 30 2021 adoption.

Budget 2021/22 forms the basis of the Long-Term Financial and Asset management Strategy, Policy and Plans, which are due for adoption on or before the 30 June 2021, and as such, the Budget 2021/22 requires adoption by the 30 June 2021.

In other years, where the Long-Term Strategy is not hinged to the budget, Section 90(1) of the Act requires Council to pass the Budget Estimates for the 2021/22 financial year no later than 31 August 2021.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 82 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, adopts the Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

DECISION

107.6.2021 Moved: Cr R Summers Seconded: Cr P Rhodes

That Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 82 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, adopts the Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor A Revie, Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

19 Governance

19.1 Community Grants 2021/22

Action	Decision
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Warren Groves General Manager
File Reference	FIN/0905
Annexure	19.1.1 Community Grant Applications (For Elected Member's only)

INTRODUCTION

Volunteer groups are a vital component of the social fabric that makes up the Furneaux Community. Regrettably, their ability to raise adequate funding from within our small community, as well as pay for additional capital costs required to undertake their activities, is limited. In previous years, Council has provided financial assistance in the form of Community Grants for local projects to assist community groups to remain viable and continue to provide services and activities to the broader community.

This approach has been well supported and a further round of funding applications for the 2021/22 financial year is now submitted for consideration.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Community Grants are decided annually by Council.

OFFICER'S REPORT

Notices were placed in the Island News, and on the Council's website, calling for community organisations to submit applications for funding by 24 May 2020.

The following applications were received for consideration by Council:

No.	Applicant	The Project	Amount Requested
1	Esther Nunn	Purchase of two Microplastic Australia Testing Kits for community participation in the Australian Microplastic Assessment Project	\$800
2	Flinders Flicks	Financial: Purchase of 200 branded drink coolers and webhosting and domain for flindersflicks.com In kind: Emita Hall and FAEC hire; AV technician; printing and promotional materials	\$800 \$580 (in-kind)
3	Furneaux Historical Research Association	Part funding of phone box restoration	\$1,500
4	Skate Park Interest Group	Travel costs and fee for Ramp Wizard to assess the feasibility of a skate park in Whitemark	\$2,300
5	Furneaux Field and Game Association	Purchase of championship sashes for Supershoot and Tasmanian Championships	500
TOTAL of Grant Applications			\$5,900 \$580 (in-kind)

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

1. Liveability - To protect and build upon our island's way of life.

1.2 A harmonious and healthy community actively engaged in recreation, volunteering, arts and culture.

1.2.2 Maintain and develop partnerships with Arts and Cultural organisations and support activities, projects and events that provide opportunities for community involvement and creative expression.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Minimal

RISK/LIABILITY

No foreseen risks

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

For Council to decide.

DECISION

108.6.2021 Moved: Cr R Summers Seconded: Cr S Blyth

That Council suspends the operation of Regulation 22 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, in accordance with Regulation 22 (9).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor A Revie, Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

109.6.2021 Moved: Cr R Summers Seconded: Deputy Mayor D Williams

That Council accepts the Community Grant 2021/2022 applications and allocates the amount of \$2,200 and \$300 in-kind support to the applicants, as per their applications:

- **Esther Nunn - \$400**
- **Flinders Flicks - \$400 and \$300 worth of in-kind support**
- **Furieux Historical Research Association - \$0**
- **Skate Park - \$1000**
- **Furieux Field and Game Association - \$400**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor A Revie, Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

19.2 Priority Projects 2021

Action	Decision
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Warren Groves General Manager
File Reference	CSV/1708
Annexure	19.2.1 Priority Projects List 2021

INTRODUCTION

From time to time Council prepares a Priority Projects List so as to have an agreed document that can be provided to prospective politicians or government entities to provide a snapshot of what Council considers are important development initiatives.

This report updates the project list in light of changed circumstances and ahead of potential Australian Government Elections and follows on as an update from the 2018 version.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

17.01.20210	17 January 2010
224.09.2017	21 September 2017
282.10.2018	11 October 2018

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

6 July 2017	Council Workshop
31 August 2017	Council Workshop
27 September 2018	Council Workshop
2 February 2021	Council Workshop
1 June 2021	Council Workshop

OFFICER'S REPORT

The purpose of the Priority Projects List is to have an agreed document that can be provided to prospective politicians or government entities to provide a snapshot of what Council considers are important development initiatives within the Municipality. Essentially it is a "positional" or advocacy document that does not at this stage bind the Council but does outline the current issues. Only those significant projects that are generally beyond the immediate scope of Council have been included. The focus of these projects is on our self-help, from a constructive and proactive perspective. The projects are determined as an update to those previously endorsed and used by Council.

1. Reconstruct and seal Palana Road then transfer ownership to the State Government extending the current state road to form the main transport backbone for Flinders Island.
2. Scope with TasWater wastewater treatment for the whole of Flinders Island.
3. Investigate an island based integrated multi-faceted waste management solution. E.g., Anaerobic digestors, glass crushers, green waste/cardboard shredder.
4. Scope the rehabilitation requirements of Council Depot land to develop affordable housing options in Whitemark.
5. Investigate the requirements of camping facilities at Holloway Park and North East River.

For future consideration

1. Accommodation for long-term residential rental and purchase - Tennis courts, Canns Hill and Mann's Pit.
2. Airport Short Runway.

3. Reconstruction of Road Pavements and additional works on resealing. Current ten-year plan aims to resheet 74%, reseal 65% and reconstruction 67% of the asset requirements. Additional works above the ten-year plan levels will require grant funding.
4. Advocate for freight equalisation to TAS and VIC, with waste eligible for rebates.
5. Investigate with other remote, small councils' opportunities to address the burden of depreciation and other financial legislation. Collaborate with King Island then further afield as appropriate.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

3. Economy/Business – An environment where a variety of business can thrive and integrate.
 - 3.1 Ongoing opportunities across all business sectors.
 - 3.1.2 Advocate federal and state governments for improved availability of critical services and industries on the Island and equalisation schemes, to benefit the Community and economy.
4. Good Governance – Effective, efficient and transparent management and operations.
 - 4.1 An organisation that provides good governance, effective leadership and high-quality services within our means.
 - 4.1.4 Collaborate with King Island Council, other Councils and stakeholders to improve efficiencies and advocacy.

Annual Plan Action AP1920-20 Revise Council's Priority Projects list with research and supporting detail to enable effective lobbying for funding sources.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Essentially nil at this stage, unless grant funding is obtained in which case a Council financial contribution may be required.

RISK/LIABILITY

There is minimal risk and liability as the projects are largely aspirational.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the following Priority Projects list, revised June 2021:

1. Reconstruct and seal Palana Road then transfer ownership to the State Government extending the current state road to form the main transport backbone for Flinders Island.
2. Scope with TasWater wastewater treatment for the whole of Flinders Island.
3. Investigate an island based integrated multi-faceted waste management solution. E.g., Anaerobic digestors, glass crushers, green waste/cardboard shredder.
4. Scope the rehabilitation requirements of Council Depot land to develop affordable housing options in Whitemark.
5. Investigate the requirements of camping facilities at Holloway Park and North East River.

DECISION

110.6.2021 Moved: Cr S Blyth Seconded: Cr P Rhodes

That Council endorses the following Priority Projects list, revised June 2021.

- 1. Reconstruct and seal Palana Road then transfer ownership to the State Government extending the current state road to form the main transport backbone for Flinders Island.**
- 2. Scope with TasWater wastewater treatment for the whole of Flinders Island.**
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- 5. Investigate the requirements of camping facilities at Holloway Park and North East River.**

AMENDMENT

111.6.2021 Moved: Cr R Summers Seconded: Deputy Mayor D Williams

That Council endorses the following Priority Projects list, revised June 2021 and develops business cases for all short-term Priority Projects

Short-Term Priority Projects:

- 1. Reconstruct and seal Palana Road then transfer ownership to the State Government extending the current state road to form the main transport backbone for Flinders Island.**
- 2. Scope with TasWater wastewater treatment for the whole of Flinders Island.**
- 3. Investigate an island-based, integrated, multi-faceted waste management solution. E.g., Anaerobic digestors, glass crushers, green waste/cardboard shredder.**
- 4. Scope the rehabilitation requirements of Council Depot land to develop affordable housing options in Whitemark, and**
- 5. Investigate the requirements of camping facilities at Holloway Park and North East River.**

Medium to Long-Term Priority Projects:

- 1. Accommodation for long-term residential rental and purchase - Tennis courts, Canns Hill and Mann's Pit.**
- 2. Advocate for freight equalisation to Tasmania and Victoria, with waste eligible for rebates.**
- 3. Investigate, with other remote, small councils, opportunities to address the burden of depreciation and other financial legislation. Collaborate with King Island then further afield as appropriate.**
- 4. Reconstruction of Road Pavements and additional works on resealing. Current ten-year plan aims to resheet 74%, reseal 65% and reconstruct 67% of the road asset requirements, in line with the Long-Term Asset Management Plan. Additional works above the ten-year plan levels will require grant funding.**
- 5. Funding for upgrades to Airport Short Runway, in line with the Long-Term Asset Management Plan.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor A Revie, Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

SUBSTANTIVE

112.6.2021 Moved: Cr R Summers Seconded: Deputy Mayor D Williams
That Council endorses the following Priority Projects list, revised June 2021 and develops business cases for all short-term Priority Projects

Short-Term Priority Projects:

- 1. Reconstruct and seal Palana Road then transfer ownership to the State Government extending the current state road to form the main transport backbone for Flinders Island.**
- 2. Scope with TasWater wastewater treatment for the whole of Flinders Island.**
- 3. Investigate an island-based, integrated, multi-faceted waste management solution. E.g., Anaerobic digestors, glass crushers, green waste/cardboard shredder.**
- 4. Scope the rehabilitation requirements of Council Depot land to develop affordable housing options in Whitemark, and**
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Medium to Long-Term Priority Projects:

- 1. Accommodation for long-term residential rental and purchase - Tennis courts, Canns Hill and Mann's Pit.**
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- 5. Funding for upgrades to Airport Short Runway, in line with the Long-Term Asset Management Plan.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor A Revie, Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

19.3 Annual Plan 2021/22

Action	Decision
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Warren Groves General Manager
File Reference	ADM/0200
Annexure	19.3.1 Annual Plan 2021/22

INTRODUCTION

Section 71 of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires Council to prepare an Annual Plan for the municipal area each financial year. An Annual Plan is to be consistent with the Strategic Plan and include a statement of the manner which Council is to meet the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan. A summary of the major strategies to be used in relation to its public health goals and objectives, is also required.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Annually

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

25 May 2021 Council Workshop

1 June 2021 Council Workshop

OFFICER'S REPORT

The Annual Plan is the document upon which Council's operations and service delivery will be based for 2021/2022. The Plan sets out actions, tasks and projects to be undertaken in the year ahead and how these relate to Council's Strategic Plan.

Of utmost importance is that this document forms part of the budget process. The Annual Plan identifies Council's significant service delivery activities and provides the link between the budget, strategic objectives and measurement tools to track achievements towards these outputs.

The 2021/2022 year will see Council continue to provide cost-effective and community-focused service provision, combined with the development and implementation of important strategic documents to guide the Council, Community and service provision in the years ahead.

Council has a statutory requirement to align its services and operations with a Strategic Plan. This Plan is critical to ensuring that the goals and aspirations of the Municipality are taken into account when Council sets its annual priorities, operational plans and budget allocations.

Adoption of the Annual Plan is recommended.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

4. Good Governance – Effective, efficient and transparent management and operations.

4.1 An organisation that provides good governance, effective leadership and high-quality services within our means.

4.1.1 Ensure Council meets its statutory obligations to manage risk, achieve financial sustainability and model good governance.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Minimal. Budget implications are contained in the Budget Estimates.

RISK/LIABILITY

No unforeseen risks based on the adoption of the Annual Plan.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and adopts the Flinders Council Annual Plan 2021/2022 and authorises the General Manager to:

1. Make a copy of the Annual Plan available for public inspection at the Council office during ordinary business hours; and
2. Provide the Director of Local Government and the Director of Public Health with a copy of the Annual Plan.

DECISION

113.6.2021 Moved: Deputy Mayor D Williams

Seconded: Cr S Blyth

That Council receives and adopts the Flinders Council Annual Plan 2021/2022 and authorises the General Manager to:

1. **Make a copy of the Annual Plan available for public inspection at the Council office during ordinary business hours and online, and**
2. **Provide the Director of Local Government and the Director of Public Health with a copy of the Annual Plan.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor A Revie, Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

Note: Deputy Mayor David Williams congratulated senior staff and the whole staff team for producing such a good Annual Plan.

19.4 TasWater Quarterly Report to Owners Representatives March 2021

Action	Decision
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Warren Groves General Manager
File Reference	COU/0312
Annexure	19.4.1 TasWater Quarterly Report to Owners Representatives 31 March 2021

INTRODUCTION

TasWater has presented its third quarter (Q3) FY 2020-21 Quarterly Report to Owners' Representatives in accordance with the requirements of the Shareholder's Letter of Expectations.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Nil

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Nil

OFFICER'S REPORT

The report outlines key aspects of the performance for the quarter ending 31 March 2021. These are followed by scorecards reflecting the status of the performance against key performance indicators and the actual performance compared to the FY2019–20 result.

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK/LIABILITY

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the TasWater Quarterly Report to Owners' Representatives third quarter report ending 31 March 2021 be noted.

DECISION

114.6.2021 Moved: Cr S Blyth Seconded: Cr A Burke

That the TasWater Quarterly Report to Owners' Representatives third quarter report ending 31 March 2021 be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor A Revie, Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

19.5 Councillor Resolution Report

Action	Information
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Warren Groves General Manager
File Reference	GOV/0300
Annexure	19.5.1 Councillor Resolution Report June 2021

INTRODUCTION

The Councillor Resolution Report identifies resolutions passed by elected members and the actions taken to implement the decisions.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

The Report is presented on a monthly basis.

OFFICER'S REPORT

Please read Annexure 19.4.1 – Councillor Resolution Report June 2021.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Councillor Resolution Report June 2021 be noted.

DECISION

115.6.2021 Moved: Cr R Summers Seconded: Cr A Burke
That the Councillor Resolution Report June 2021 be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor A Revie, Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

20 Closed Council

20.1 Tender Evaluation Report – Bowman’s Creek Bridge

Action	Information
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Warren Groves General Manager

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

20.1 Nil

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

20.1 Nil

REASON FOR CLOSED COUNCIL

20.1 is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 15(2) (d) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council moves into Closed Council.

DECISION

116.6.2021 Moved: Cr A Burke Seconded: Cr P Rhodes

That Council moves into Closed Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor A Revie, Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.

Council moved into Closed Session at 3.21pm.

Council moved out of Closed Session at 3.36pm.

The following motion for the Open Minutes was passed in Closed Council:

**“116.6.2021 Moved: Cr R Summers Seconded: Cr P Rhodes
That for Agenda Item 20.1 Tender Evaluation Report – Bowman’s Creek Bridge, the discussions held, and motions passed in Closed Council remain confidential except to note that a preferred tenderer for Bowman’s Bridge construction has been selected subject to negotiations.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor A Revie, Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr S Blyth, Cr A Burke, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers.”

Meeting Closed 3.36pm
