

**FURNEAUX COMMUNITY HEALTH SPECIAL COMMITTEE
CONFIRMED MINUTES**

DATE: Tuesday 21st January, 2014

VENUE: FAEC, Whitemark

COMMENCING: 3.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mary-Anne Roberts(Council), Carol Cox (Council), Jane Bushby, Wendy Reid, David Grutzner, Joy Robinson, Lyn Wilson (community), Maree Crawford (FIAAI), Karen Schnitzerling (FIMPC (DoN) DHHS), Jana Harper (Council)

APOLOGIES: none

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

01.01.14 Moved David Grutzner Seconded Jane Bushby
That the minutes of the previous meeting be confirmed as being correct.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: none declared

CORRESPONDENCE: none

GENERAL BUSINESS:

ESSENDON AIRPORT DISABILITY LIFTER

Resolution from Council's December 2013 meeting:

“That on successful conclusion of negotiations with Sharp Airlines for the housing and operation of a lifter, Council commits to the purchase of a passenger lifter for the Essendon Airport and commits to funding the balance required for the purchase and delivery to Essendon of up to \$7,000.

Moved: Mayor Carol Cox **Seconded:** Cr R Wise”

This resolution is ‘in progress’. The balance of the cost of the lifter has been pledged from Lions Club and Hospital Auxiliary, also private contributions.

COUNCIL NEWS

Council's Community Development Coordinator reported that Council staff have been developing an induction course for all Council volunteers, which includes members of all Council Special Committees, including this committee. This has been triggered by changes to the Work Health & Safety Act. Part of the process will also include a review of Special Committee's Terms of Reference. This activity is to ensure all Council Volunteers are aware of the policies and guidelines of Council and to ensure that all Council volunteers when undertaking the work of Council are covered by insurance. Jana will provide draft Terms of Reference for the Committee to consider. Carol suggested that the Volunteer Induction for Special Committee members could be included in a committee meeting.

Needs Assessment – The Community Development Coordinator is waiting to hear more from the Rural Primary Health Service fund holder, Tasmania Medicare Local (TML) with respect to moving forward with this activity.

The Acting Director of Nursing, Karen, at the FI MPC and Jana, Council's Community Development Coordinator, have been developing an outline for a Furneaux Islands Service Providers group, including police and teachers, which Karen reported has been very successful on the West Coast of Tasmania. Attached is the Roles and Functions draft.

The Committee voted in support of the Chairperson taking the motion to an ordinary meeting of Council.

02.01.14 Moved David Grutzner

Seconded Wendy Reid

That this committee recommends that council provides support and participates in the FISP network, and provides an allocation of \$400 for catering purposes out of the Community Development budget 2013-14.

CANCER COUNCIL PROJECT

Mary-Anne reported that there will be informal community training and health professional (including police and teachers) psychological screening training on 19th -20th March 2014.

HOSPITAL UPGRADE NEWS

Karen announced that the new DON for the hospital will be John Loudon, starting 17th February.

Hospital Auxiliary raised approx \$3000 at last weekend's auction of obsolete equipment.

Part of Stage 2 is partially complete, with the remainder of Stage 2 hopefully finished by the end of the month. There are 4 Stages altogether.

Rehabilitation equipment is professionally managed by the DHHS physiotherapy service. Placement, storage and ongoing maintenance of this equipment is the responsibility of FIMPC Management. Due to the redevelopment, currently some of this equipment is in storage. Karen explained that this equipment had been funded by the Australian Government (through the RFDS and Tasmanian Ambulance Service) to be available for rehabilitation services conducted by DHHS physiotherapy services.

There are 4 separate lots of exercise equipment on the island- DHHS Rehabilitation Equipment (which includes some items for fitness), Fitness on Flinders, Lady Barron Hall.

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Neither Mary-Anne nor Karen has anything to report.

WHITEMARK FOOTPATHS

The motion put to Council at the November Ordinary Council meeting was:

“That council directs the General Manager to engage an Engineer with specific experience in footpath design and disabled access to undertake a basic assessment of the existing footpath network in Whitemark and provide a series of recommendations for formal Council consideration.”

This is in progress; refer to the council’s Resolution Report in the council agenda on the Flinders Council website.

The meeting close at 4.20 p.m., next meeting on Wednesday 19th February, 2014 at 3.30 p.m. at MPC community room. This will be a short meeting to also meet the new DON and farewell Karen, also afternoon tea and tour of work to date at the MPC.

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ROLES AND FUNCTIONS

FURNEAUX ISLANDS SERVICE PROVIDER MEETINGS

1. Aim

The aim of the Furneaux Islands Service Providers (FISP) Meeting is to provide an opportunity to create effective interagency and organisational links, promote services and events and identify any service gaps that may be of benefit to the Furneaux Islands Community.

2. Objectives:

The objectives / functions of the Furneaux Islands Service Providers Forums are:

- To create an informal environment to build effective interagency links between all Agencies and Organisations providing services to the Furneaux Islands;
- To raise awareness for all health professionals of what services are available on the Furneaux islands;
- To create an informal environment for promotion of services and events between all Agencies and Organisations providing services to the Furneaux Islands;
- To create an informal environment between all Agencies and Organisations to allow for the identification of any service gaps or duplication of services;
- To create an informal environment between all Agencies and Organisations to allow for the sharing of information and networking;
- To promote best practice principles as related to consultation and cooperation;
- Perform other functions as agreed to by the meetings.

3. Strategies for Achieving Objectives:

3.1 Attendance:

Representatives from Agencies and Organisations providing services to the Furneaux Islands are to register interest in participation through the Secretary.

3.2 Chairperson:

To allow for maximum participation, the role of Chairperson will be decided by the previous meeting.

3.4 Secretary:

The Secretary shall be provided by the Furneaux Community Health Special Committee of Council (Flinders Council) to take and distribute minutes and to collate and distribute agendas.

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