



FLINDERS ISLAND FMAC MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held at the Flinders Art & Entertainment Centre

1st July 2014 commencing at 10am

CHAIRPERSON: Raoul Harper, Flinders Council

1. Attendance and apologies

Present:

Dave Cleaver	TasFire Project Officer
Robyn Cox	Council Rep
Graeme Gardner	Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania Rep
Jim Grace	Furneaux Group Volunteer Rep
Raoul Harper	Council Rep (Chair)
Stephen Lowe	Tas Fire Rep
Rochelle Richards	Senior Fire Planner – State Fire Management Council
Steve Summers	Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service Rep

Apologies:

Darren Grace	Agricultural Rep
Nigel Binns	Hydro Tasmania Representative

2. Previous minutes and action items

The minutes from the meeting held 25 March 2014 were accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

3. Bushfire Ready Neighbourhoods Program – TasFire Project Officer Dave Cleaver

This program aims to engage face-to-face with residents to educate them to be better prepared within their own property in the face of bushfire. Three community development officers have been appointed to work throughout Tasmania with nominated communities. This program will work in conjunction with the community fire management plans being developed for Flinders Island. While on Flinders, Dave Cleaver will be investigating fuel loads and population densities within the areas of Mt Tanner, West End, Blue Rocks and Lady Barron.

4. Strategic Bushfire Risk Assessment and Priority Treatment for Fuel Reduction Burning – briefing with Senior Fire Planner Rochelle Richards

Rochelle provided an overview of the results of a state-wide bushfire risk analysis, highlighting the results for Flinders Island which can be applied at the FMAC level. Various bushfire risk and fuel management scenarios have been modeled and tested. More strategic analysis will be undertaken over the next 12 months including looking at different weather patterns for Flinders Island. More records are needed to better inform the analysis – particularly information from private land holders on Flinders, records of lightning strikes and bushfire records for Cape Barren and Clarke Islands.

Action: Graeme Gardiner to liaise with Steve Summers to provide information relating to cultural burning and other bushfires on Cape Barren, Clarke and surrounding islands.

5. Flinders Fire Management Plan – Steve Summers

Steve Summers has commenced work on the Flinders Fire Management Plan and intends to integrate into the plan the Bushfire Ready Neighbourhood Program and the results of the Strategic Bushfire Risk Assessment. Steve presented three conceptual maps for discussion showing:

- strategically located fire trails and roads that need upgrading and/or extending
- 1km protection zones around communities and critical infrastructure/assets
- prioritised strategic burn plan for treatable vegetation

Discussion ensued around prioritising risk areas, mitigation works and trail upgrades; location of critical assets; and funding options for trail upgrades. Decision to include in the plan a 5 year costed schedule for trail upgrades/extensions and strategic burning. The plan needs to be completed by 1st October and submitted to the State Fire Management Council.

Action: Steve Summers will complete the first draft of the plan, circulate it to members for comments, and present the plan to the next FMAC meeting for finalisation.

Action: Raoul Harper will work up cost estimates for trail upgrades/extensions.

6. Existing works within the FMAC

- a. Fire Management Plans
- b. Mitigation Works
- c. Community Protection Plans

Final drafts for all settlement areas are now available for comment.

- d. Burn Programs
- e. Fire assets (breaks, tracks, detection etc)

7. General Business

- Graeme Gardner spoke with Lyell Dean about adopting his community action plan template for use in their plans.

Action: Steve Lowe and Graeme Gardner to discuss the possibility of using the template.

- Need to build a mechanism for notification for controlled burns on the outer islands, including notifying Council.

8. Next Meeting

Tuesday, 9 September 2014 at 10am

Meeting Closed 12.15pm

Minute Taker: Vicki Warden, Executive Officer