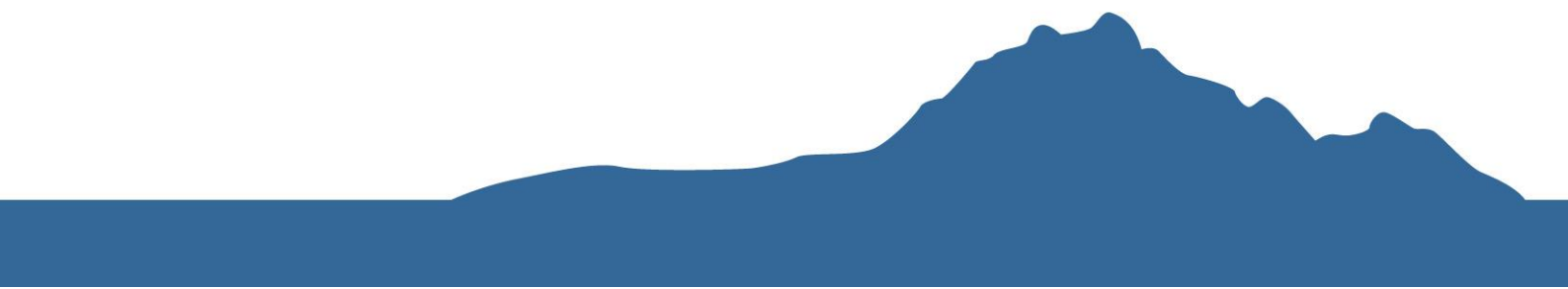




Agenda
Ordinary Council Meeting
22nd January 2015



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Dated this 16th day of January 2015.



Raoul Harper
GENERAL MANAGER

FLINDERS COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

AGENDA

DATE: Thursday 22nd January 2015
VENUE: Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre, Whitemark
COMMENCING: 1.00 pm

PRESENT

Mayor Carol Cox
Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham
Cr Chris Rhodes
Cr Peter Rhodes
Cr Ken Stockton
Cr David Williams
Cr Gerald Willis

APOLOGIES

Nil

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Raoul Harper - General Manager
Sophie Pitchford - Corporate Services Manager
Jacci Viney - Development Services Coordinator
Vicki Warden - Executive Officer

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. That the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting and the Closed Council Meeting held on the 18th December 2014 be confirmed.
2. That the Unconfirmed Minutes from the Annual General Meeting held on the 4th December 2014 be noted.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

In accordance with Section 31 (1) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005 and the Flinders Council Policy the following procedures be adhered to at public question time:-

It is the policy of the Flinders Council to allow a 'Question Time' at Ordinary Council Meetings, during which members of the public may ask questions of the Council relating to Flinders Council matters.

The basis on which questions may be asked is:

1. *All questions will be addressed through the Chair (being the Mayor in normal circumstances) who will answer them as she/he sees fit. Under no circumstances will members of the gallery be permitted to address or question either elected members or officers of the Council. The Chair may delegate answers to the appropriate Councillor or staff member if appropriate.*
2. *Persons addressing the Chair must pay the respect due to that office. Failure to do so may mean their address is terminated without notice.*
3. *Where the answer cannot be provided immediately, it will be provided in writing within 14 days and tabled at the following Ordinary Council Meeting.*
4. *All questioners are encouraged to register their intent to question with the General Manager before the meeting. Preference will be given to those who have so registered.*
5. *Question time shall not extend longer than 30 minutes and may be divided into two 15 minute sessions.*
6. *The actual timing of the session(s) is to be immediately after the opening of the meeting and advertised with the notice of meeting.*

LATE AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

In accordance with Part 2 Regulation 8 (7) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005, the Chairman of a meeting is to request Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have, a pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda.

Accordingly, Councillors are requested to advise of a pecuniary interest they may have in respect to any matter appearing on the agenda, or any supplementary item to the agenda, which the Council has resolved to deal with, in accordance with Part 2 Regulation 8 (6) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Ken Stockton has requested a Leave of Absence from the 19th to the 29th March in order to attend a family wedding in Sydney.

Under Section 39 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005*, this leave request is put forward for the consideration of the Council.

DECISION:

PETITIONS

Nil

WORKSHOPS & INFORMATION FORUMS

File No: COU/0205

Council Workshop held on 16th December 2014

Council held a Workshop on Strategic Planning.

Councillors Present:

Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Chris Rhodes, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

Apologies:

Nil

Staff and Consultants Present:

Robyn Cox (Strategic Planner), Raoul Harper (General Manager), Nick Byrne (SED Advisory) and Tony Irish (SED Advisory).

Council Workshop held on 12th January 2014

Council held a Workshop on the following subjects:

- Item 1: Half Yearly Budget Review
- Item 2: LGAT Elected Members Professional Development Weekend
- Item 3: Updated Fuel Report
- Item 4: Community Workshop on Amalgamation
- Item 5: Tasmanian Building Regulatory Framework Review
- Item 6: Telecommunications Update
- Item 7: Ideas and Innovations Special Committee

Councillors Present:

Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton and Cr Gerald Willis.

Apologies:

Cr Chris Rhodes and Cr David Williams.

Staff and Consultants Present:

Raoul Harper (General Manager) and Sophie Pitchford (Corporate Services Manager) (Item 1 only).

As workshops and information sessions are for information and discussion purposes only, no decisions are made or foreshadowed at these proceedings.

DECISION:

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Nil

COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Question 1 Cr Gerald Willis:

I ask the General Manager to advise how many electors' names which were removed from the General Manager's Roll between the elections held in 2011 and those held in 2014 were re-instated to the Electoral Roll after the close off date for inclusion on the Electoral Roll in 2014?

I ask the General Manager to advise the electors in the Flinders Municipality what steps, if any, have been made to ensure electors' names are not incorrectly removed from the General Manager's roll in the future?

General Manager's Response:

Two electors were removed from the General Manager's Roll between the 2011 and 2014 elections and re-instated to the General Manager's Roll after the closing date in 2014. Post each election the Tasmania Electoral Commission (TEC) advises Council of electors on the General Manager's Roll that are deceased or are on the State Electoral Roll and also forwards ballot papers to Council that have been 'returned to sender'. The General Manager's Roll is adjusted accordingly at the time this information is received.

In response to Councillor Willis' second question, the General Manager's Roll is held within a restricted section of Council's filing system and the file is password protected. As such any alterations to the Roll require the General Manager or Executive Officer to physically make the changes. The General Manager's Roll is informed and updated (as outlined above) by information received from the TEC and Officers' on-ground knowledge of the status of individuals or corporations living, owning property or operating a business in the Municipality. All efforts are made to ensure this information is accurate.

Those that are registered on the General Manager's Roll should at every election check to ensure their details are still correct and valid. Council advertises the availability of the General Manager's Roll prior to elections and voters should take the opportunity to check their status on the Roll at this time. A specific reference to direct those that believe they are enrolled to check their details and status will be included in the advertisements/notices prior to the next election. At times, mistakes and omissions can happen in the flow of information between the TEC and Council. As a final fail safe, Officers will in the future attempt to contact any person or corporation that the TEC directs should be removed from the Roll to ascertain if the information provided is correct.

Question 2 Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham:

Several community members have suggested the following improvements to the Furneaux Arts & Entertainment Centre facility. Could a solid / soundproof door be installed between the Rose Garden Room (RGR) and the bathroom facilities? This would enhance confidentiality during meetings held in the RGR and provide privacy for people using the bathroom facilities, when others are using the RGR. If the door included a glass (partially frosted?) panel, this would provide light to the corridor as well as safety when using the door. A phone connection point installed in the RGR would be a useful item for staff and in a later staged upgrade the foldable wall/door between the RGR and Main Hall could replace the existing damaged system. This would also need to be soundproofed.

Corporate Services Manager's Response:

Rob Holloway has provided the Council with a quote to install a door between the Rose Garden Room and the hall where the bathrooms are located. The door will be solid with a glass window which will allow for light and the ability to see when a meeting is taking place. The door will be installed by Rob during February.

A phone connection in the Rose Garden Room can be arranged so that council staff do not have to plug the phone into the point in the Main Hall when it is in use.

There is no budget allocation in the 2014-15 Budget for replacing the foldable doors between the Rose Garden and the Main Hall. A quote can be obtained before the 2015-16 Budget is set, so that an allocation can be made.

COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Regulation 29 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005 specifies that in putting a Question Without Notice a Councillor must not offer an argument or opinion, draw any inference or make any imputations except so far as may be necessary to explain the question. The Chairperson must not permit any debate of a Question without Notice or its answer.

PUBLICATIONS/REPORTS TABLED FOR COUNCIL INFORMATION

Nil

REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED

Furneau (Emita) Hall Special Committee

File No: AME/0502

*Annexure 1: Furneau (Emita) Hall Special Committee Meeting 2nd
December 2014 Unconfirmed Minutes*

OFFICER'S REPORT (Raoul Harper, General Manager):

The unconfirmed minutes of the Furneau (Emita) Hall Special Committee meeting held 2nd December 2014 have been provided for consideration. The minutes outline what the committee has been working on to date and can now be noted by Council.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Furneau (Emita) Hall Special Committee meeting held 2nd December 2014 be noted.

DECISION:

Furneau (Emita) Hall Special Committee

File No: AME/0502

*Annexure 2: Furneau (Emita) Hall Special Committee Annual General
Meeting 2nd December 2014 Unconfirmed Minutes*

OFFICER'S REPORT (Raoul Harper, General Manager):

The unconfirmed minutes of the Furneau (Emita) Hall Special Committee Annual General Meeting held 2nd December 2014 have been provided for consideration. The minutes outline what the committee has been working on to date and can now be noted by Council.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Furneau (Emita) Hall Special Committee Annual General Meeting held 2nd December 2014 be noted.

DECISION:

Audit & Finance Special Committee

File No: FIN/1300

*Annexure 3: Audit & Finance Special Committee Meeting 12th January 2015
Unconfirmed Minutes*

OFFICER'S REPORT (Raoul Harper, General Manager):

The unconfirmed minutes of the Audit & Finance Special Committee meeting held Monday 12th January 2015 have been provided for consideration. The minutes outline what the committee has been working on to date and can now be noted by Council.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit & Finance Special Committee meeting held Monday 12th January 2015 be noted.

DECISION:

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Deputy Mayor's Report

File No: COU/0600

ACTIVITIES: December 2014 – January 2015

DATE	ITEM
02/12/14	Furneaux (Emita) Community Hall Special Committee AGM & General Meeting
04/12/14	Council AGM
16/12/14	Strategic Planning Workshop
17/12/14	Tourism North Tasmania "Champions of Tourism" Awards, Launceston
18/12/14	Council Meeting
19/12/14	Council Christmas Party Function
23/12/14	Meetings with various Council staff re 2015 Emita Sports Day
24/12/14	Outdoor Staff end-of year break-up function
02/01/15	Collecting equipment for Emita Sports Day
03/01/15	Assisting with set-up, undertaking and Clean-Up of Emita Sports
04/01/15	Attend Funeral Service at Lady Barron
07/01/15	Return equipment used at Emita Sports Day
10/01/15	Attend Music in the Vines Festival, Lady Barron
12/01/15	Interim Chairperson, Audit & Finance Special Committee Meeting
12/01/15	Councillor Workshop
13/01/15	Attend "Mountain Seas" Art Gallery Opening
14/01/15	Attend Funeral Service at Furneaux Arts & Entertainment Centre, Whitemark

DECISION:

MAYOR'S REPORT:

ACTION	Information
PROPONENT	Mayor C Cox
FILE REFERENCE	COU/0600
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	Nil

REPORT:**APPOINTMENTS:**

16/12/14	Strategic Planning Workshop
17/12/14	Flinders Island District High School End of Year Assembly
18/12/14	Flinders Island Aboriginal Association Inc. Smoking Won't Crush US Flinders Island launch
18/12/14	Council Meeting
19/12/14	Council Christmas BBQ
03/01/15	Emita Sports
09/01/15	ABC Radio Interview
10/01/15	Music in the Vines
12/01/15	Council Workshop

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

DATE	WHO	SUBJECT
12/12/14	Kathleen Ives-Heap and Dave Heap	Thanking Council for use of areas within the Furneaux Arts & Entertainment Centre
16/12/14	Rod Huskins, Returning Officer, Tasmanian Electoral Commission	Receipt and acceptance of nomination for Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) By-election
16/12/14	Peter Gutwein, MP, Minister for Planning and Local Government	Invitation to attend the Voluntary Council Amalgamations Regional Meeting - 12/2/15 (acceptance sent)
17/12/14	Cr Ken Stockton	Application for leave of absence
18/12/14	Julian Type, Electoral Commissioner	LGAT 2014 By-election postal ballot material
19/12/14	Lyn Mason, Chairwoman, Tasmania Community Fund	Tasmanian Community Fund Annual Report 2013/14
19/12/14	Miles Hampton, Chairman, TasWater	Chairman's address to GBE Scrutiny Hearing
19/12/14	Local Government Association of Tasmania	Elected Members Professional Development Weekend - 28/2 - 1/3/15

19/12/14	Michael Ferguson MP, Minister for Health	Release of the Delivering Safe and Sustainable Clinical Services Green Paper
23/12/14	Alderman Albert van Zetten, His Worship the Mayor of Launceston	Invitation to attend the Pacific Patrol Boat Replacement Project information event (apology sent)
23/12/14	Steve Old, Tasmanian Hospitality Association	Congratulations on re-election and introduction of the Association
23/12/14	Andrew Fisher, Director Tasmania, ABC	New initiatives being implemented by the ABC
23/12/14	Simon Bischoff	Isle of Rock - climbing movie - featuring Flinders Island
23/12/14	Terry Travers	Cancellation of the 2015 3 Peaks Race
23/12/14	West Tamar Council	Windsor Park Opening - 5 & 7 February
23/12/14	Local Government Association of Tasmania	The Hon Peter Gutwein as speaker at Regional Breakfast - Launceston - 27/2/15
24/12/14	Mercury Newspaper	Response to request for article input
02/01/15	Kris Poria, Invest in Australia	Invitation to write a welcome message on behalf of Council
05/01/15	Jara Dean, Assistant Auditor, Tasmanian Audit Office	Draft Commentary on Local Government Operation Efficiency
05/01/15	University of Tasmania	Research to Reality publication
06/01/15	Emma Mancey, TasWater	Invitation to the TasWater Owner Representatives Quarterly Briefing - 6/2/15
08/01/15	David Tresemer, Mountain Seas	Invitation to Councillors to famil tour of Enchanted way at Mountain Seas Retreat
09/01/15	Stephen Douglas - Launceston Airport	Discussion and Disability Access Facilitation Plan review
12/01/15	Tasmanian Water	Industry News, Issue 1, January 2015
12/01/15	Multicultural Council of Tasmania	Introduction and multicultural calendar
13/01/15	Cr Alwn Friedersdorff	Reminder of Australian Local Government Women's Association National Conference
13/01/15	Local Government Association of Tasmania	December Report & Survey

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

DATE	WHO	SUBJECT
16/12/14	Tasmanian Electoral Commission	Nomination for LGAT General Management Committee representative for small northern Councils (faxed)
17/12/14	Cr Ken Stockton	Acknowledgement of receipt of application for leave of absence
23/12/14	Vic Epstein	Response to Public Question at December Ordinary Council Meeting
23/12/14	Garth Smith, TasPorts	Request for update on Fishermen's Memorial at Lady Barron
23/12/14	Fran Bryson, Lady Barron Hall Special Committee	Cancellation of the 2015 3 Peaks Race
23/12/14	Tony Mulder MP, Member for Rumney	Response regarding deliberative vote for meeting Chair
23/12/14	Ms Anne-Maree Wilkens	Congratulations on Tourism North Tasmania award of "Best Northern Welcome"
23/12/14	Mr James Madden	Congratulations on Tourism North Tasmania award of "Trailblazing Innovator"
23/12/14	Mr G Rorison	Response to letter re investment in golfing
24/12/14	Mercury Newspaper	Flinders Council's response to questions to all Tasmanian Councils
07/01/15	General Manager, Launceston Airport	Request for discussion on access to Sharp Terminal
14/01/15	Jara K Dean, Assistant Auditor-General Financial Audit, Tasmanian Audit Office	Thanking the Auditor-General for the opportunity to respond to the Auditor-General's report and advising that Flinders Council has no comment on the report

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor's report be received.

DECISION:

OPERATIONAL BUSINESS OF COUNCIL

A. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES & PLANNING

Item A1: Planning Applications Report
File No: PLN/0105

B. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Item B1: Notice of Motion from Mayor Carol Cox – General Manager
Review Committee
File No: PER/1200

Item B2: Notice of Motion from Mayor Carol Cox - External Councillor
Representation
File No: COU/0303, WAT/0200

Item B3: Notice of Motion from Cr Peter Rhodes – Ideas and Innovations
Committee
File No: COU/0600

C. CORPORATE

Item C1: Quarterly Financial Report for October - December 2014
File No: FIN/0100, ADM/0600
Annexure 4: Quarterly Financial Report October – December 2014

Item C2: Half Yearly 2014-15 Budget Review
File No: FIN/0702
Annexure 5: Half Yearly 2014-15 Budget Review

D. GOVERNANCE

Item D1: Local Government Association of Tasmania Voting Delegates
File No: COU/0303

Item D2: Flinders Island Fuel Supply Investigation
File No: COM/0200
Annexure 6: Fuel Supply Investigation Report, July 2014
*Annexure 7: Australian Island Community Retail Fuel Price Summary -
9 January 2015*

Item D3: Council's 2nd Quarterly Report
File No: COU/0600
Annexure 8: Council's 2nd Quarterly Report (October - December 2014)

Item D4: Councillor Resolution Report
File No: COU/0600
Annexure 9: Councillor Resolution Report January 2015

E. CLOSED COUNCIL

Item E1: Closed Council Item
File No: COM/0300

Item E2: Closed Council Item
File No:
Annexures 10 & 11 For Elected Members only

Meeting Closed

A. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES & PLANNING

Item A1: Planning Applications Report

ACTION	Information
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Jacci Viney, Development Services Coordinator
FILE REFERENCE	PLN/0105
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Nil</i>

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update of the applications which have been dealt with by the Planning Department for the period July – December 2014.

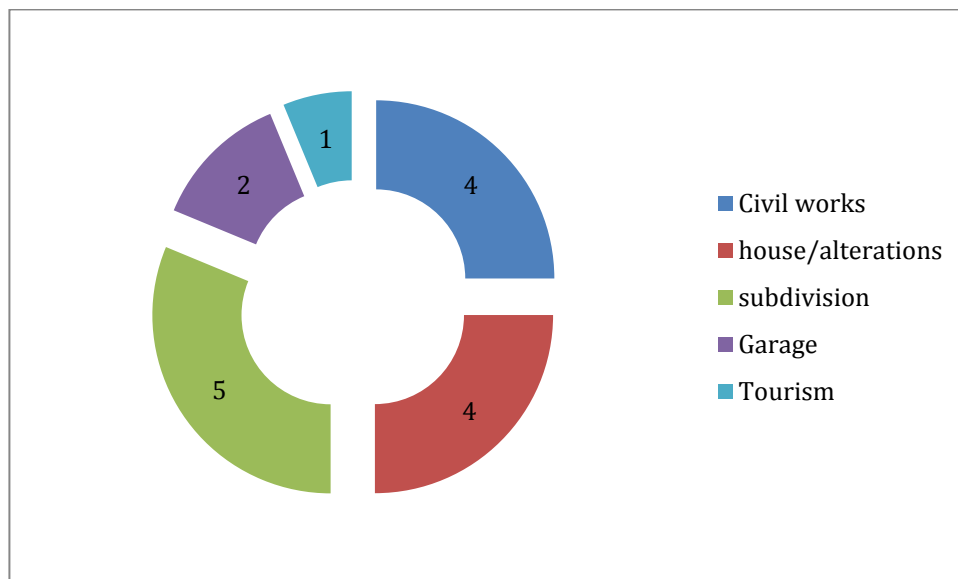
PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

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

OFFICER'S REPORT:

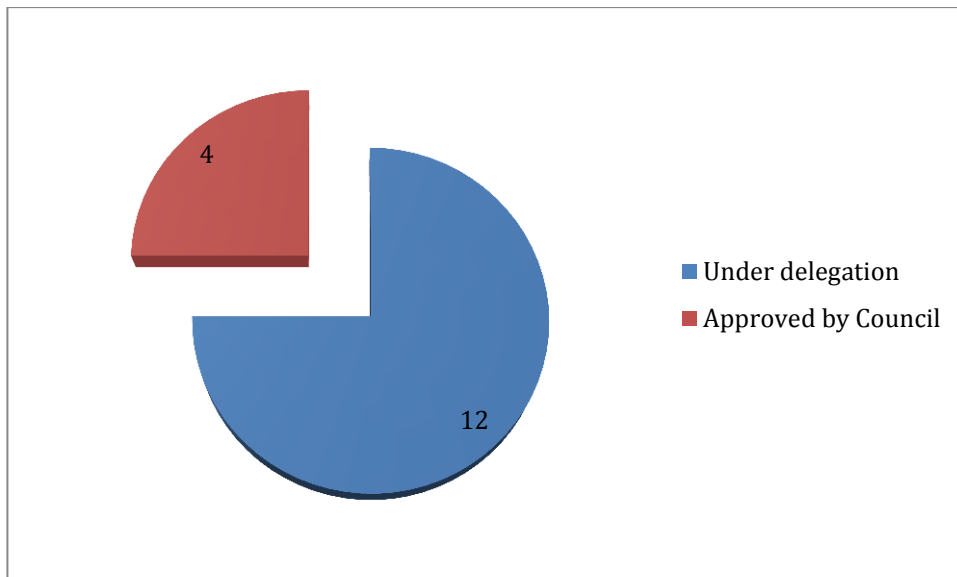
The number of applications approved during the July – December period of 2014 was 16; one more than the same time last year. The varying types of development applied for during the period are shown in the following graph:

Types of development approved



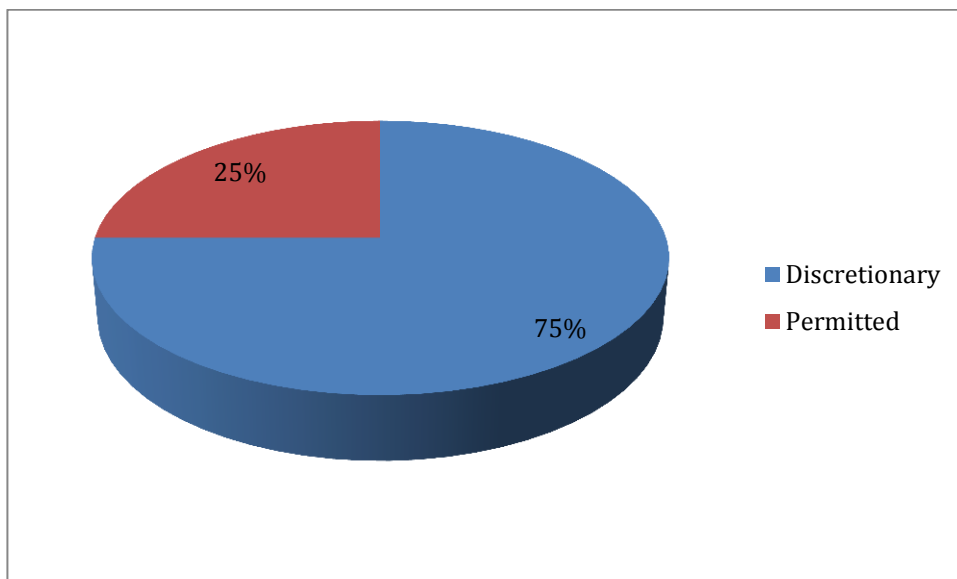
The following pie graph shows the number of applications that were referred to a Council meeting and those that were approved by Council's General Manager by delegation:

Council approved and delegated applications



As a matter of interest the following chart shows the ratio of applications which are treated as permitted.

Proportion of discretionary permits and permitted permits



VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received.

DECISION

B. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Item B1: Notice of Motion from Mayor Carol Cox – General Manager Review Committee

ACTION	Decision
PROPONENT	Mayor Carol Cox
OFFICER	General Manager, Raoul Harper
FILE REFERENCE	PER/1200
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	Nil

NOTICE OF MOTION:

That Council elect, at this Ordinary Meeting of Council, the Mayor and two other Councillors as the General Manager Review Committee.

That the General Manager Review Committee, as a sub-committee of Council, develops Terms of Reference for the committee for consideration at the February 2015 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

The election to this committee was deferred at the November 2014 Council Meeting as point 7 in motion 936.11.2014, that it be discussed at a workshop:

“7) That Council discuss the General Manager’s Review Committee at a future workshop prior to Council considering the matter.”

The issue was discussed at a workshop on the 26th November 2014 as noted in the unconfirmed minutes of the December 2014 Ordinary Meeting of Council and is now due for council consideration.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

936.11.2014	13 th November 2014
Councillor Workshop	26 th November 2014

OFFICER'S REPORT:

The General Manager’s performance review is a component of the existing contract of employment. The establishment of a General Manager Review Committee and new/revised Terms of Reference should be ratified by Council.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS:

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

No policy on the matter is in place.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

RISK/LIABILITY:

Council should review the performance of the General Manager on an annual basis.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council elect, at this Ordinary Meeting of Council, the Mayor and two other Councillors as the General Manager Review Committee.

That the General Manager Review Committee, as a sub-committee of Council, develops Terms of Reference for the committee for consideration at the February 2015 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

DECISION

Item B2: Notice of Motion from Mayor Carol Cox - External Councillor Representation

ACTION	Decision
PROPONENT	Mayor Carol Cox
OFFICER	General Manager, Raoul Harper
FILE REFERENCE	COU/0303, WAT/0200
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	Nil

NOTICE OF MOTION:

1. That Council supports and votes for Councillor Cox in the current election of a member to the General Management Committee of the Local Government Association of Tasmania.
2. The Council supports and votes for Councillor Willis in the current election of members to the Selection Committee of the Owners Representatives.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

In general, for Flinders Councillors to be active in the state-wide activities related to both Local Government and TasWater, keeps Flinders Council connected and informed and is also an avenue for promoting awareness of Flinders and the Furneaux Group.

With the election of Mayor Barry Jarvis as the President of the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT), the position on the General Management Committee (GMC) of the Northern Smaller Councils' representative has become vacant. Councillor Cox has nominated for the position. Votes are required to be lodged by the 30th January.

The Selection Committee of TasWater has two representatives from the northern region and both positions are currently open. Councillor Willis has nominated for one of these positions. There are only two nominations for the two vacancies, but TasWater has asked that member councils of the northern region confirm their agreement to appointing the two nominees. The selection committee undertakes the process of selecting directors when required.

It is not expected that either of these positions will have any cost to Council over and above the costs already associated with the said Councillors current representation of Flinders Council on each body. The minutes of the GMC indicate that they meet by teleconference when meetings do not coincide with the General Meetings of LGAT.

The Selection Committee has an important role but its activities are intermittent, only meeting when a change of director is required.

Should the Councillors be successful then the experience and knowledge they gain can only compliment their representation on the Flinders Council.

I ask that both Councillor Cox and Councillor Willis be supported in their nominations.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

OFFICER'S REPORT:

The motion as written is supported.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS:

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

5.0 Corporate Governance and Intergovernmental Relations - decisions are professionally and transparently made, communicated and implemented to achieve defined outcomes in the interest of the community.

5.3 Actively participate in local government, industry and regional organisations.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Minimal

RISK/LIABILITY:

Minimal

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Absolute Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

As per the notice of motion.

DECISION

Item B3: Notice of Motion from Cr Peter Rhodes – Ideas and Innovations Committee

ACTION	Decision
PROPONENT	Councillor Peter Rhodes
OFFICER	General Manager, Raoul Harper
FILE REFERENCE	COU/0600
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	Nil

NOTICE OF MOTION:

1. That Council establishes an Ideas and Innovations Committee to facilitate community suggestions for improvement to be processed into a format accessible by the community.

2. That the following Purpose be adopted for the Committee:

- to act as a clearing house for community ideas and suggestions for potential activities that could enhance the quality of life, including safety, health and well-being, of municipality residents;
- to record and share input received on an ongoing basis to facilitate community discussion and concept development of possible new initiatives; and
- to provide Council with consolidated information for consideration in the context of strategic and annual plans, budget determinations and workshop discussions, if needed.

3. That the Committee be a Council Committee formed under section 23 of the *Local Government Act*.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

The purpose of the proposed Committee is to provide a mechanism for the municipality's residents and ratepayers to make suggestions or share ideas for improving our community. By maintaining a register of input received in a consistent format and making this accessible to the public for comment, questions, additions or enhancements, community discussion can be facilitated. Ideally it would allow the Community to register their support or otherwise in relation to the suggestions registered.

There is a concern that the Committee may generate community expectations for change. It should be made clear that Council, in promoting the Committee, has no obligation to endorse or act upon any of the suggestions made to the Committee.

It is not envisaged that this will have any impact on Council staff other than the possible uploading of information to the Council's website, say once a month. A hard copy of the register should be maintained by the Committee for public scrutiny and social media could be investigated as a means of communication.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

OFFICER'S REPORT:

The value or otherwise of such a Committee to the community and Council is a matter for elected members to deliberate upon.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS:

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Unknown

RISK/LIABILITY:

Council does not have a policy on the use of social media by Committees or Chairs to garner community input and engagement. If the proposed Committee is to utilise social media to engage with the community, Council should consider how and who would moderate such and what parameters in relation to its use would be required.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Absolute Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council considers the matter.

C. CORPORATE SERVICES

Item C1: Quarterly Financial Report for October - December 2014

ACTION	Information
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Sophie Pitchford, Corporate Services Manager
FILE REFERENCE	FIN/0100, ADM/0600
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexure 4: Quarterly Financial Report October - December 2014</i>

INTRODUCTION:

Presented to Council is the second Quarterly Financial Report for the period commencing 1st October 2014 and ending 31st December 2014.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council considers the Quarterly Financial Report on a quarterly basis.

OFFICER'S REPORT:

The new report structure provides a summary of income and expenditure for the second quarter across all departmental divisions as individual finance reports. The Statement of Comprehensive Income includes actuals from the previous financial year, for comparison against current actuals as well as the 2014-15 Annual Budget.

The Capital Works Report highlights each project and the expenditure incurred to date as well as projects carried forward as Works in Progress arising from the previous financial year.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT:

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

5.0 Corporate, Governance and Intergovernmental Relations

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Annual Plan - all areas

RISK/LIABILITY:

No foreseen risks or legal obligations identified as a result of this financial report.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the Quarterly Financial Report for the period commencing 1st October 2014 and ending 31st December 2014 be received and accepted.

DECISION

Item C2: Half Yearly 2014-15 Budget Review

ACTION	Decision
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Sophie Pitchford, Corporate Services Manager
FILE REFERENCE	FIN/0702
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexure 5: Half Yearly 2014-15 Budget Review</i>

INTRODUCTION:

The half yearly budget estimates have been reviewed at 31st December 2014 and are now presented to full Council. This enables a revision of Council's overall financial performance to date as well as an opportunity for budget items to be amended if necessary.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council adopted the 2014-15 Budget on 19th June 2014.

OFFICER'S REPORT:

Budget items have been revised to reflect actual income or expenditure which Council is expected to incur for the remainder of the financial year. Other items of expenditure or capital works previously approved by Council during the first half of 2014-15 have also been included.

Council does have limited cash and reserve funds that have not been transferred within this revised budget to offset any increase in expenditure and this should be considered when approving a budget variation. The proposed variation will still record an estimated deficit balance at year end.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS:

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

5.0 Corporate, Governance & Intergovernmental Relations

BUDGET & FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Annual Plan – all areas

RISK/LIABILITY:

No foreseen risks or legal obligations identified as a result of this Budget Review.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Absolute Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopts the half yearly 2014-15 Budget Review at 31st December 2014 as the Budget for 2014-15.

DECISION

D. GOVERNANCE

Item D1: Local Government Association of Tasmania Voting Delegates

ACTION	Decision
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	General Manager, Raoul Harper
FILE REFERENCE	COU/0303
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Nil</i>

INTRODUCTION:

The Local Government Association of Tasmania has requested the names of Flinders Council's Voting Delegate and Proxy for voting at General Meetings of the Association.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

OFFICER'S REPORT:

As per the Local Government Association of Tasmania's Rules of the Association, following each ordinary Council election they request the names of the Voting Delegate and the Proxy for voting at General Meetings of the Association. Traditionally, the Mayor has represented Flinders Council as the Voting Delegate and the Deputy Mayor the Proxy.

Council is asked to ratify these appointments.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT:

Nil

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

5.0 Corporate Governance and Intergovernmental Relations - decisions are professionally and transparently made, communicated and implemented to achieve defined outcomes in the interest of the community.

5.3 Actively participate in local government, industry and regional organisations.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

RISK/LIABILITY:

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be nominated as the Voting Delegate and Proxy respectively for the Local Government Association of Tasmania.

DECISION:

Item D2: Flinders Island Fuel Supply Investigation

ACTION	Information
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	General Manager, Raoul Harper
FILE REFERENCE	COM/0200
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexure 6: Fuel Supply Investigation Report, January 2015</i> <i>Annexure 7: Australian Island Community Retail Fuel Price Summary 9 January 2015</i>

INTRODUCTION:

For a number of years there have been concerns regarding the price of fuel on Flinders Island, as compared to Tasmanian and Australian mainland prices.

While it is reasonable that in a remote island location like Flinders Island, transport costs are always going to impact on final wholesale and retail prices, Council and the community have struggled to understand why the price differential is so high, often as much as 40 cents/litre.

Following a Notice of Motion put forward by Mayor Carol Cox at the December 2013 Council meeting, Council's infrastructure consultant Resonance Consulting, was engaged to undertake an investigation into the fuel supply so as to identify, at a high level, opportunities to reduce the cost of fuel on the Island.

This report has been finalised, presented to Council previously and following a process of review with Council and TasPorts is now ready to be received, adopted and released to the public.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

At the Council meeting held 19th December 2013, Council passed the following motion:

"That Council engage with TasPorts to investigate if the cost of distribution of fuel to Flinders Island can be reduced and that Council allocates \$10,000 to such a project at the half year budget review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor David Williams, Cr Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Mary-Anne Roberts, Cr Gerald Willis and Cr Ronald Wise."

At the Council meeting held 21st August 2014, Council passed the following:

870.08.2014 Moved: Cr M Cobham Seconded: Cr M Roberts
Council receives and notes the report.

CARRIED (4-2)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor David Williams, Cr Marc Cobham
and Cr Mary-Anne Roberts.

Against: Cr Gerald Willis and Cr Ronald Wise.

871.07.2014 Moved: Cr M Cobham Seconded: Cr R Wise
That the Fuel supply study be discussed at an upcoming workshop.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor David Williams, Cr Marc Cobham,
Cr Mary-Anne Roberts, Cr Gerald Willis and Cr Ronald Wise.

2nd October 2014 Councillor Workshop
12th January 2015 Councillor Workshop

OFFICER'S REPORT:

Council has previously received the Flinders Island Fuel Supply Investigation Report at its August 2014 meeting. The report was also discussed at a workshop in October 2014 and a request for clarification and revision of specific areas was forwarded to the Consultant.

The report was revised and discussed by Council at its January 2015 workshop and is now ready to be received, adopted and released to the public.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT:

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

6.0 Furneaux Future

6.4 Encourage catalytic development that is consistent with the strategic objectives and contributes to Council's Vision.

6.4.1 Develop and implement specific projects that will strategically advance economic opportunities for Council and Community.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

RISK/LIABILITY:

The report calculates the potential margins typically achieved by fuel retailers on the Island and other components of the fuel supply chain. Officers are

unaware of any risks associated with the production of such figures and dissemination to the public.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. Council receives and notes the revised report and directs the General Manager to make the report available to the public via the Council website.
2. Council directs the General Manager to send the report to the Federal Member for Lyons and the Federal Member for Bass and seek their support in requesting the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) to investigate the high price of fuel in the islands.

DECISION:

Item D3: Council's 2nd Quarterly Report

ACTION	Information
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Raoul Harper, General Manager
FILE REFERENCE	COU/0600
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexure 8: Council's 2nd Quarterly Report (October - December 2014)</i>

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update of the various actions taken by the whole of Council for the first quarter of the financial year.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Previously provided as a departmental monthly report then departmental quarterly reports.

OFFICER'S REPORT:

Please read Annexure 8 – Council's 2nd Quarterly Report (October – December 2014).

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council's 2nd Quarterly Report (October – December 2014) be received and accepted by Council.

DECISION:

Item D4: Councillor Resolution Report

ACTION	Information
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Raoul Harper, General Manager
FILE REFERENCE	COU/0600
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexure 9: Councillor Resolution Report January 2015</i>

INTRODUCTION:

This report identifies the actions taken and actual costs associated with implementing resolutions passed by elected members up to January 2015.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

The report is presented on a monthly basis.

OFFICER'S REPORT:

Please read Annexure 9 – Councillor Resolution Report January 2015.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the Councillor Resolution Report January 2015 be noted.

DECISION:

E. CLOSED COUNCIL

Items E1 & E2: Closed Council Items

ACTION	Decision
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICERS	Raoul Harper, General Manager
FILE REFERENCE	COM/0300 +
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexures 10 & 11: For Elected Members only</i>

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

REASON FOR CLOSED COUNCIL:

Item E1 and E2 are **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 15(2) (j) and (e) respectively of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005*.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council move into Closed Council.

DECISION:

Meeting Closed