

**FURNEAUX COMMUNITY HEALTH SPECIAL COMMITTEE
UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

DATE: Wednesday 17 February 2016
VENUE: Rose Garden Room, FAEC, Whitemark
COMMENCING: 3:15 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor Gerry Willis (Chair)
Mayor Carol Cox (Council)
John Loudon (Director of Nursing Flinders Island Multi-Purpose Centre)
Alison Johnson (Community)
David Grutzner (Community)
Maureen Riddle (Community)
Jane Bushby (Community)
Mary Bushby (Flinders Island Aboriginal Association Incorporated)
Lyn Wilson (Community)

APOLOGIES:

Joy Robinson (Community)

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Jana Harper (Community Economic Development Manager) (Ex-officio - Minute Taker)

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved: Mauren Riddle

Seconded: John Loudon

That the minutes from the meeting held on the 9th December 2015 are a true record.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE IN

Patient Advice and Liaison Service; Launceston General Hospital.

- Understanding Grief and Bereavement
- Understanding the Dying Process

Navigating the new aged care system; Peter Lorraine.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

Nil

MATTERS ARISING

Asset register

John Loudon confirmed that the asset register of the RFDS physiotherapy equipment has been completed.

John informed members that a MPC room is being reconfigured to accommodate the equipment.

Information booklet for the community

John Loudon and Mary Bushby updated members on the progress for the health service information booklet. John presented the old Health Directory example and also a brochure distributed by the Tasmanian Health Service (THS) "A handbook for patients, their families, or carers travelling to (either Royal Hobart or Launceston General Hospital)". These handbooks are distributed from the General Practice, the Flinders Island Multi Purpose Centre, and also given to patients by health service staff when required.

John suggested that this handbook contained similar information Members are seeking in the 'Information booklet for the community' such as accommodation, however, does not include many ancillary health services such as oral health, radiography etc.

Members were supportive of John's suggestion that he could write to THS on behalf of the Committee thanking and showing appreciation to the THS for the production of the information booklet with a suggestion of reviewing the booklet (last updated August 2012) and for the THS to consider incorporating health services and support services that are not currently included.

Members discussed the importance of reminding the community about costs to access RFDS services if required and how to help create awareness to community (particularly new residents) of how to access health service related information.

The Mayor suggested that it maybe timely for another reminder on RFDS service access to be included in the Mayor's column in the next edition of Island News. Members were all supportive.

Discussion also occurred by members that the Council rates notice could be a good means of disseminating health service information.

Disability Access Facility Plan for Launceston Airport

Mayor Carol Cox informed members that a self opening door to the Launceston Airport Sharp Terminal has been installed; Sharp Terminal directional signage is installed in the main terminal where baggage collection is located; the Sharp directional sign at the round about is being reconsidered; and more directional signs from the main terminal to Sharp is also being considered. Annual cardholders also have a 10-minute grace to drop bags off whilst in the car park. The Chair congratulated the Mayor for the work that has gone on to help facilitate these positive changes. The Mayor recognised that the Flinders Island Tourism & Business Incorporated has also been very active in this space.

Suicide prevention.

The Chair recognised that 'suicide prevention' was now an item that has been covered by the recent new fortnightly visits by RAW. John added that the Community Health Nurse would also be attending a suicide prevention type training course in Launceston.

Palliative care

The peak body for palliative care in Tasmania, the Tasmanian Association for Hospice and Palliative Care (TAHPC) are providing a number of training courses to help increase

community awareness and understanding of grief and loss and to help support community recognition that death is a natural party of life.

The 2016 TAHPC training schedule and information session was sent to members post the last meeting and was discussed by Members at this meeting. The Committee acknowledged that the session “Advance Care Planning and the Tasmanian Advance Care Directive” education and training topic would be of value to the community.

Jana Harper will follow-up with TAHPC to help facilitate and coordinate this training session opportunity offered by TAHPC.

Integrated Living

John Loudon provided extra detail to Members on the Integrated Living facilitated sessions to be held on Flinders Island Monday 29th February at the Flinders Island Multi-Purpose Centre that members have been invited to.

The “Aging at Home – Navigating the new Aged Care system” forum, to be hosted by ‘integratedliving Australia Ltd’ an in-home care services operator, will outline the expansion of services the organisation will now offer on Flinders Island, and how customers can best access the new commonwealth government aged care system, My Aged Care. Representatives from the Department of Health, Centrelink and COTA will also be on hand at the information sessions to answer all questions from participants.

There are two sessions to be held, one for community 12pm – 2:30pm that includes lunch and another specific for service provider’s 2:45 – 4:45pm. John suggested to Members that it would also be of value attending the service provider session.

John also informed Members that Centrelink would be offering ‘free seminars for your financial future’ on Tuesday 1st March at the Flinders Island Multi-Purpose Centre. (Members are provided a copy of the flyer in the Appendix for detailed information.)

OTHER BUSINESS

Item 1 RAW Rhonda Gee-Mackrill Visit

RAW outreach worker north, north east Tasmania, Rhonda Gee-Mackrill provided members with a briefing on the services provided to rural, remote and isolated areas on mental and physical health support service.

Rhonda is very open to suggestions on how RAW can be of value to the community whether this is by providing training to community, such as psychological training, or being present at local events to increase community awareness of RAW and the assistance that the can provide.

Alison Johnson invited Rhonda to have a stall at the next Lions Club market held in early March.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held Wednesday 6th April in the Strzelecki Room, Flinders Island Multi-Purpose Centre at 3:15pm

CLOSURE

Meeting Closed at 4:55pm.

Appendix 1.



Financial Information Service

Free seminars for your financial future

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS & SERVICES

- Presented by Centrelink's Financial Information Service
How income and assets are assessed, Rates of Payments,
Budget Changes, Superannuation and Income Streams
Concessions & other services

Date: • Tuesday 1st March 2016

Time: • 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Venue: • Multipurpose Centre 4 James Street, Whitemark.
Seminar suitable for those planning for future or entitled now.

AGE PENSION ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Presented by Centrelink's Financial Information Service
- How income and assets are assessed, Rates of Payments,
Budget Changes, Superannuation and Income Streams
and rights and obligations.

Date: • Tuesday 1st March 2016

Time: • 12:00 noon 1:00 p.m.

Venue: • Multipurpose Centre 4 James Street, Whitemark.
Seminar suitable for those on pension or other entitlements.

Bookings are essential.

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