

**FURNEAUX COMMUNITY HEALTH SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
CONFIRMED MINUTES**

**DATE:** Wednesday 8 June 2016  
**VENUE:** Rose Garden Room, Arts & Entertainment Centre  
**COMMENCING:** 3:15 pm

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**PRESENT:**

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

**APOLOGIES:**

Lyn Wilson (Community)  
David Grutzner (Community)  
Joy Robinson (Community)  
Youdit Deane (Flinders Island District High School)  
Maureen Riddle (Community)

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

Dolly Wheatley (Community Development Officer) (Ex-officio - Minute Taker)

**CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**Moved:** Jane Bushby      **Seconded:** Alison Johnson  
That the minutes from the meeting held on the 17th February 2016 are a true record.

**CARRIED Unanimously**

**CORRESPONDENCE IN**

- Flyer promoting a workshop; TAHPC (Tasmanian Association for Hospital and Palliative Care) Understanding Advance Care Planning & Advanced Care Directives on Thursday 2 June at the MPC.
- Two brochures from Sarah McDonald at National Broadband Network; one being medical alarms and the nbn® and the second how to switch to nbn®. The brochures were forwarded by email to members on 23 May.

**CORRESPONDENCE OUT**

Nil

**MATTERS ARISING**

**Item 1** Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) physiotherapy equipment  
John Loudon informed the members that all RFDS equipment asset register has been completed. John updated members of a proposed community gym that will be privately run; the Lions lodge is being explored as a possible site for the community gym. It has been proposed that some of the RFDS equipment be utilised in this space. RFDS is

open to the equipment being used in a gym setting and the proposal is currently being explored at this point in time.

**Item 2 Information booklet for the community**

Opportunity to comment was provided to John Loudon members gave suggestions. Members were supportive and provided John with feedback and suggestions for the information booklet. John will provide the Launceston General Hospital with these comments.

**Mayor's Column February 26<sup>th</sup> 2016**

***New residents:***

*Welcome to all recent and new residents to the Island. As you settle into life in the Furneaux Group I urge you to register on the Electoral Roll as residing at your Furneaux Group address.*

*Registration on the Electoral Roll is used as proof of Tasmanian residency for the Tasmanian Ambulance system that is funded by the State Government for Tasmanian residents. Proof of residency is also required for eligibility for the Patient Transport Assistance Scheme (PTAS) should you be referred to Launceston for medical reasons.*

***Visitors and sometime residents:***

*Non-Tasmanian visitors should ensure they are covered for emergency evacuation by Air Ambulance from the Islands either through travel insurance or their own state ambulance cover. Air ambulance costs are expensive and patients not covered by the Tasmanian Ambulance scheme are expected to pay the cost should they be unfortunate enough to require air evacuation from the Island.*

Members also suggested that this reminder could be put on the Council Community Noticeboard on the Council website, and also be posted to the Council Facebook page.

Carol left at 3.48pm

**Item 3 Palliative care: Tasmanian Association for Hospice and Palliative Care (TAHPC) delivering customised education and training on Flinders Island**

John identified that it was well worthwhile but poorly represented. It was relevant for a lot of community and it is hoped that the September event will be well subscribed.

**Item 4 Integrated Living**

Mary Bushby mentioned that it was still unclear on their message. John mentioned concern over the national structure and it is not the ideal model for us at this point in time. John discussed that the structure of the age care model is so that the duplicate services will not be visiting the same area. John suggested there is good rationale behind it however it has not gone as smoothly as first hoped.

**Item 5 Free seminars for financial advice**

The Chair gave an overview that they were well attended and feedback was positive.

**Item 6 Attendance by Rural Alive and well (RAW) at the Lions Market day**

It was discussed that Rhonda from Raw has visited every fortnight since servicing the Island. It was reported that she was well received at the Lions club market.

**Item 7 Disability Access Facility Plan for Launceston Airport**

Mayor Carol Cox informed members that the self-opening door to the Launceston Airport Sharp terminal has installed and completed. Members were pleased to hear that this has been completed.

## **LATE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **Item 1 Community consultation by the State Department of Health & Human Services to discuss the Healthy Tasmania Five Year Strategic Plan: Healthy Tasmania Five Year Strategic Plan**

The chair reported that he attended a video conference on the 5 year plan to reduce obesity and smoking in Tasmania. Two community members provided input into the plan.

### **Item 2 Rural Health Outreach Fund – Cuts from 4million to 1.4 million**

Jane Bushby raised concerns over the Rural Health Outreach Funding cuts; John Loudon gave assurance that the Flinders community would not be heavily affected by the cuts. Mayor Carol Cox thanked health workers for their hard work in securing other funds in these areas.

### **Item 3 New Women’s Toilets at the Sharp terminal – Flinders Airport**

Jane Bushby raised concerns over the state of the women’s toilets at the Flinders Island Airport. Jane suggested this may need to be upgraded. Mayor Carol Cox will investigate the current state of the toilets.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Item 1 Coordinated Care**

Mary Bushby and John Loudon updated members on the current work regarding coordinated care from service providers on the Island. Mary reported that a more collaborative approach to client care is being delivered. There is now a regular clinical meeting between FIAAI staff and MPC staff. John and Mary informed the members that FIAAI and the MPC staff must have consent from patients to share their health information and that this is particularly relevant in an emergency situation.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held Wednesday 10 August 2016 commencing at 3:15pm in the Rose Garden Room, FAEC.

## **CLOSURE**

**Meeting Closed at 4.19 pm.**