

**FURNEAUX COMMUNITY HEALTH SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**DATE:** Monday 3 July 2017  
**VENUE:** Strzelecki Room, Multi Purpose Centre  
**COMMENCING:** 3:15 pm

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Lyn Wilson and Maureen Riddle

**ATTENDANCE**

Alison Johnson  
Gerald Willis  
Judy Clark  
John Louden  
David Grutzner  
Bill Boehm  
Carol Cox  
Jane Bushby  
Claire Nicholl (minute-taker)

**LATE AGENDA ITEMS**

Sugar drinks in the MPC vending machine – raised by Judy Clarke.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The meeting received and accepted a letter from Gerry Willis to Michael Ferguson, MP, and a letter from John Kirwan, Chief Executive Officer, Royal Flying Doctor Service noting that a response has not yet been received from Michael Ferguson.

**CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Moved David Grutzner, seconded Jane Bushby  
That the meeting will approve the minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday 12 April 2017 as a true and correct record of proceedings.  
Carried

**MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Review of Terms of Reference for meetings

The Terms of Reference for this Special Committee were discussed. John advised the meeting that the MPC acknowledged the value in receiving the views of the community in relation to their service. He informed the meeting that the special committee does not represent an interface between health providers; rather it is an interface between health services and the community.

**Resolved:**

That Gerry, Bill, and John meet to set up a procedure with a view to consulting the community on the role of the special committee which probably require a facilitator to be selected to workshop the structure and goals of the Committee.

Information booklet for the community

The Launceston General Hospital (LGH), sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Services produced booklets which included information deemed valuable by the committee for Flinders residents who need to travel to Launceston to access health services. These booklets have become outdated and have been re-written. The MPC (courtesy of Anne Matthews) has produced an information sheet which expands on information for Flinders residents.

Resolved

That John request Anne Matthews to continue working on the insert to be placed in the 2017 edition prepared by LGH. John will circulate to committee members the new THS document by email.

Protocols for transfers of patients returning to Flinders Island.

The meeting received and accepted a letter from John Kirwan, Chief Executive Officer of Royal Flying Doctor Service explaining the procedure for repatriation and transfers of patients from the community.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Rural Health Tasmania rural primary health service commissioning.**

John provided a report on Rural Health Tasmania primary health service commissioning commenting that the program consists of three local positions, Mental Health Worker, Physical Health worker and Exercise Physiologist. Judy Clark has been engaged as a consultant by council to assist with the continued implementation of this program. Funding is for 18 months.

**Wheelchair access to beaches.**

Gerry reported that there is no mention in the Memorandum of Understanding between Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service ("Parks") and Council of wheelchair access to beaches. Claire advised the meeting that she has discussed the matter with local Parks staff who informed her they have been investigating constructing wheelchair access facilities at Allports Beach.

Resolved: Claire to follow up with Parks re timeline.

**Air travel for passengers with health issues.**

Following an enquiry Gerry advised that air travel arrangements for passengers with health issues are the responsibility of medicos in the first instance. Patients may be repatriated or transferred by the RFDS or commercial flights depending on medical assessment. Sharp Airlines has policies and procedures in place relating to these matters.

### **Meeting with representatives of Launceston General Hospital**

John reported on his meeting, which included other members of the special committee and the Hospital Auxiliary, with Gretchen Long, Program Co-ordinator, Consumer Engagement at the Launceston General Hospital. The main message from this meeting was that the Consumer Advisory Council of the Tasmanian Health Service exists for the Furneaux Special Health Committee to access if required.

### **LATE AGENDA ITEM**

#### **Sugar soft drinks in MPC vending machine.**

Moved Judy Clarke, seconded David Grutzner  
That this meeting request that the MPC Auxiliary to consider further reducing the number of drinks containing sugar in the vending machine in the Strzelecki Room of the MPC.  
Carried

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is to be advised.

### **CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 4:30 pm.