

## FLINDERS COUNCIL SPECIAL COMMITTEE

**FURNEAUX MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE****Unconfirmed Minutes**

**DATE:** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017  
**VENUE:** FAEC, Whitemark  
**COMMENCING:** 3.30pm

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**PRESENT:**

Deputy Mayor M Cobham, B Barnewall (Council – Works), R Dilger (CWA), C Fenner (Recovery Coordinator), J Loudon (MPC), S Pitchford (GM Proxy), M Bradley (SES), A Tuxworth (Volunteer Fire), J Viney (Council – EHO), Constable Matt Smith (TasPol), Sergeant C Parr (TasPol), C Burrows (TasFire), Debra Ong (Red Cross) and M Withers (Ambulance, SES and Fuel).

**APOLOGIES:**

Mayor C Cox, S Neville (Ambulance), M Cooper, S Lowe (TasFire), Inspector Michael Johnston (TasPol) and C Bowman (Deputy Coordinator)

**CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Moved: B Barnewall                      Seconded: C Fenner

The minutes from 3 October 2016 meeting are confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

**AGENDA ITEMS:****Item 1                      NDRP Funding**

The State receives 1.75 million in NDRP Funding and Flinders has an opportunity to submit an application.

There are two levels of funding – Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) & Emergency Volunteer Fund (EVF)

The objective of the NDRP & EVF funding is recruitment, retention and training. It was suggested that an exercise regime for other hazards be developed other than hazards at the Airport. Some suggested training ideas included: committee and volunteer training; and communication training.

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There was discussion about funding for a portable fuel tank at the October meeting, however it was agreed that a shared state portable fuel tank would cover Flinders in the event that it was required.

Council are currently reviewing the fuel facility at the Airport. Until Council establishes ownership and any upgrade costs that are required, this won't fall into the timeframe before the funding application is due.

The NDRP funding is \$1 for \$1 which can include in-kind support. Grant application below \$100,000 would be more competitive.

**ACTION:** Jacci Viney and Mhairi Bradley work together to finalise the funding application once the Grants have been announced.

Any further ideas for the grant application can be forwarded to the Emergency Management Coordinator, Jacci Viney.

## Item 2 Review of Flinders MEMP

The Emergency Management Co-ordinator Ben Foot has stood down from the role due to taking another position off Island. The Committee thanks Ben for all his hard work and commitment during his time as the Co-ordinator.

The General Manager, Bill Boehm has put forward Jacci Viney for the position of the Co-ordinator.

The decision to appoint Jacci Viney as the new Emergency Management Co-ordinator was ratified by the Committee.

Chris Bowman who is currently the Deputy Co-ordinator has asked to step down from the position.

Kelly Blundstone's name was put forward as the Deputy Co-ordinator. The Committee were in agreeance on the proviso that the General Manager was happy with the appointment.

It was agreed that the new Co-ordinator and Deputy Co-ordinator would require some training for their new positions.

**Action:** Jacci Viney to request the General Manager to email confirmation that he was happy for Kelly Blundstone to be appointed as the Deputy Co-ordinator.

Mhairi Bradley to meet with the General Manager to look at training options for Jacci Viney & Kelly Blundstone.

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The review of the Emergency Management Plan is overdue.

It was agreed that the committee meet in October to review the plan. It was also suggested to plan the meeting for the same day as the FMAC meeting so that all relevant parties can take part in the review.

**Action:** Jacci Viney to email the plan to all committee members.

### **Item 3      Review of Flinders Emergency Risk Assessment**

The Flinders Emergency Risk Assessment needs to be reviewed in line with the National Risk Requirements.

It was suggested that the committee meet in Feb/March to review the whole process in line with training, which could contribute to the in-kind support for a funding application.

### **Item 4      Standing Report**

#### Tasmanian Police

Sergeant Chris Parr raised the ongoing issue of the Island's connectivity status. The current capability is not there to support the use of mapping software which would be vital to the community in the event of an emergency.

#### Recovery

Chris Fenner pointed out there is a need to meet with all accommodation owners. A meeting is to be arranged.

#### Red Cross

Debra Ong from the Red Cross provided an overview of training and resources available. A brochure was also handed out to all committee members.

Debra went through the Register.Find.Reunite service, which is a national system run by Red Cross for Federal and State governments. In Tasmania, it is activated by Tasmanian Police state command.

The service provides details on the whereabouts of people affected by an emergency to their family, friends and loved ones, and to approved authorities supporting the emergency response and recovery.

It was suggested that Disaster Ready might be a fantastic training option for Council.

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Debra also put forward her wish to setup a Red Cross team on the Island. It was suggested to Debra that Red Cross have a site at the Flinders Island Show in October to help facilitate this process.

TasFire

Chris Burrows provided a brief overview of the planned reduction burns that still need to take place on the Island.

Chris also explained that over the next two to three years the Fire Trucks will be upgraded to dual cabs.

TasFire would like to have a stall at the Flinders Island Show to engage the community regarding reduction burns and recruit new volunteers.

SES

Mhairi provided an update on the new SES Truck Flinders Island has just received and explained that it was the first one in the State.

Mhairi also acknowledged Council's contribution towards the cost of the truck and the combined efforts of all parties involved in securing the funding to purchase the truck.

**Meeting Closed - 4.56 pm**

**Next Meeting: October 2017**