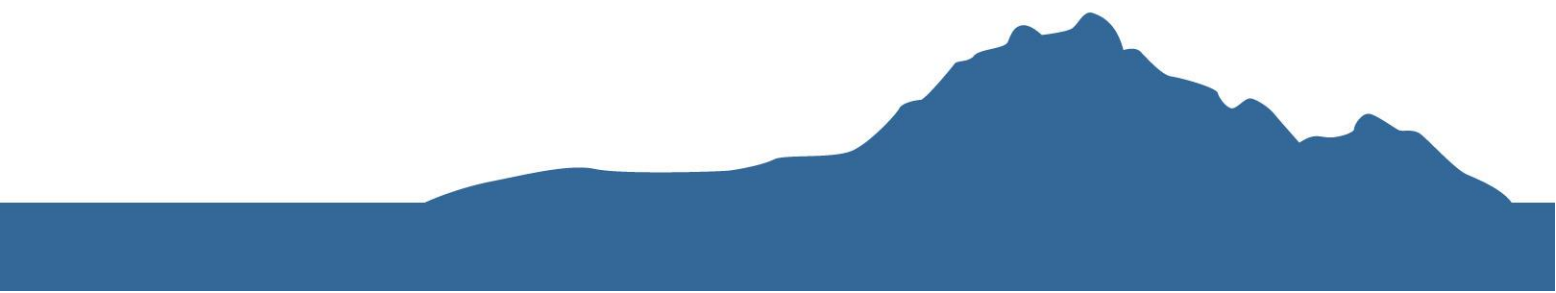




Agenda
Ordinary Council Meeting
19 July 2018



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Dated this 13th day of July 2018.



Bill Boehm
GENERAL MANAGER

FLINDERS COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

AGENDA

DATE: Thursday 19 July 2018
VENUE: Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre, Whitemark
COMMENCING: 1.00 pm

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Bill Boehm - General Manager
Heidi Marshall - Accountant
Dan Pitcher - Community Development Team Leader
Jacci Viney - Development services Coordinator
Vicki Warden - Executive Officer (minute taker)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting and the Closed Council Meeting held on the 21 June 2018 be confirmed.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

In accordance with Section 31 (1) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 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.*

RESPONSE TO PUBLIC QUESTIONS FROM 21 JUNE 2018 COUNCIL MEETING

Question 1: Grant Hall

In reference to Item A2: I preface this question by saying, I recently had a conversation with a retired shearer who commented that when he came up over the hill at "Fourwinds" 5 years ago, all he could see across Memana Flats was sheep. Now when he comes up over that same hill all he sees is Angus cattle.

In agriculture, change is the only constant. 12 years ago, you could drive through the Northern Midlands of Tasmania and all you could see was dry land grazing. Now you see centre pivots for cropping and grazing, which undoubtedly would have lifted the production in the Midland area. Here on Flinders, who dares say that over the next 25 years similar agricultural evolutions won't occur, as change is the only constant. In saying that, shipping, livestock handling facilities, animal welfare and people's expectations of how we treat farmed animals will continue to evolve. Maintaining the extended livestock handling space down at the Lady Barron wharf leaves the door open for the ever-evolving livestock standards and expectations of the general public.

So, my question is, does the Council support and assist in facilitating the ever-constant changes in farming on this Island, for today and tomorrow, or are you just here for yesterday?

Mayor's Response:

The simple answer to your question is yes, Council recognises change is inevitable and that we all need to plan and adapt.

Council's view of agriculture on Flinders Island is that it is essentially equated with the grazing of both sheep and cattle. This reflects land capability, land suitability and current market strength in these commodities. It is noted that agricultural production on Flinders has evolved since the major development by the Ag Bank in the 1950s and 60's, trending in recent decade(s) from being a high value wool producing region using high labour inputs, to an intensive, high quality grazing model with lower labour requirements and a completely different set of transport requirements.

Council acknowledges that agriculture on Flinders Island is the key economic driver of the Municipality. This is reflected in some way in the Flinders Council Strategic Plan 2015, in the current Planning Scheme and the future Local Provisions Schedule of the State Planning Scheme. The latter documents are based on land use strategy that seek to limit fragmentation of the east coast grazing land whilst encouraging the diversification of the local economy by opening up the opportunity for small scale agricultural activity in areas seemingly unsuitable for large scale grazing activity on the west side of the Darling Range.

To maintain a Council that recognises the needs and future opportunities of the agricultural sector there is an onus, not only on Council to be observant of change, but also on the agricultural sector to keep Council informed of developments/changes that occur or become apparent over time so that Council has the opportunity to be pro-active rather than re-active to the ever changing agricultural and small business environment.

With regard to Island access, Council recognises the importance of shipping and port operations in underpinning successful island trade and the economy and sees how important the role of the Furneaux Group Shipping Committee is to have a collective opportunity for the farming sector and Council to have a direct representative dialogue with TasPorts.

The strategic development of the Port at Lady Barron to facilitate trade is the responsibility of TasPorts which operates within the confined space of the land it owns there. Council, in both the current planning scheme and as intended in the State Planning Scheme, applies a "Port Zone" zoning to a wider area than the land owned by TasPorts and which encompasses four main land owners: i.e.

- historical residential uses;
- recreational land/tennis courts and toilet facilities;
- Crown land under Crown lease; and
- land managed by Tas Ports.

The recreational land was acquired from the Crown with a caveat that it remains in recreational use (or be handed back to the Crown), the historical residential uses have existing use rights, the Crown leases its own land autonomously and, similarly, TasPorts can decide what to do with their own land as they choose, notwithstanding the need for a development application when required. A development application is always for a use that is envisaged as suitable in the zone and denoted by inclusion in the planning scheme 'Use Table' as either permitted or discretionary; all other uses where no existing rights exist are prohibited.

The pattern of ownership in the Lady Barron Port Zone essentially means that Council has limited powers to mould the development of the area.

Council would very much welcome more interaction with the farming community in a way that is not onerous on either party but that provides a conduit for information flow between the parties. There will be a vital opportunity to do this once the new council settles in in 2019 and sets to work reviewing and resetting its Strategic Plan for the following four years.

COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Question 1: Cr Peter Rhodes

What is the amount (in cubic metres) of the Council's known reserves of usable, accessible gravel in the recently purchased Canns Hill quarry?

General Manager's Response:

In regard to the known resource at Canns Hill Quarry, I can state that we have recently undertaken new test holes and have had difficulty in obtaining the quantity of resource that we originally estimated to be there due to rock reefs and some clay deposits. At this stage there appears to be in the order of 15-20,000 cubic metres as well as rocky fill that can be used in other areas (erosion/drainage) which is less than the 60-70,000 estimated before extraction began. We will continue to search the lease area for additional pockets of gravel.

COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Regulation 29 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 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.

RESPONSE TO COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM 21 JUNE 2018 COUNCIL MEETING

Question 1: Deputy Mayor M Cobham on behalf of Rosemary Amos

Relating to the noise disturbance caused by the Council owned flagpole lanyards during the night in times of windy weather, can Council investigate if there are any options to minimise the noise?

Mayor's Response:

I advise that the staff reacted quickly upon learning of the issue and devised a method of tying the lanyards so that they are tighter, reducing the ability for them to flap. All staff dealing with the lowering of the flags have been advised of the new method.

LATE AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

In accordance with Part 2 Regulation 8 (7) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, 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 2015.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

PETITIONS

Nil

WORKSHOPS & INFORMATION FORUMS

File No: COU/0205

Council Budget Workshop held on 28 June 2018

Council held a Workshop on the following subject:

- Item 1 2018-2019 Draft Budget - Part 1 Detail

Councillors Present:

Mayor Carol Cox, Cr Chris Rhodes, Cr Peter Rhodes and Cr Gerald Willis.

Apologies:

Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Ken Stockton and Cr David Williams.

Staff and Consultants Present:

Bill Boehm	General Manager
Brian Barnewall	Works & Services / Airport Manager
Robyn Cox	Strategic Planner
Heidi Marshall	Accountant
Jacci Viney	Development Services Coordinator
Stacey Wheatley	Community Development Team Leader

Council Workshop held on 5 July 2018

Council held a Workshop on the following subjects:

- Item 1 Flinders Island Tourism & Business Inc. Update
- Item 2 Flinders Business Economic Social Structural Review Project Activity Update
- Item 3 Strategic and Annual Business Plans - Minor Amendments
- Item 4 Support for funding for attendance of RSL & Councillor at Cape Barren Island
Dawn Service as an annual budget allocation
- Item 5 Budget Workshop - Part 1 – Follow Up
- Item 6 Veterinary Services
- Item 7 Museum Entrance Upgrade
- Item 8 General Managers Update

Councillors Present:

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

Apologies:

Cr Ken Stockton
Cr David Williams

Staff and Consultants Present:

Bill Boehm	General Manager
Kelly Blundstone	Executive Assistant
Michael Buck	Secretary, Flinders Island Tourism and Business Incorporated (Item 1 only)

Annie Revie	Acting President, Flinders Island Tourism and Business Incorporated (Item 1 only)
Heidi Marshall	Accountant (Item 5)
Dan Pitcher	Community Development Officer (Item 5 & 6)
Jacci Viney	Special Projects (Item 6 & 7)

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

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council Workshop held on 15 April 2018 be noted.

DECISION:

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Nil

PUBLICATIONS/REPORTS TABLED FOR COUNCIL INFORMATION

Nil

REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED

Furneaux Community Health Special Committee

File No: CSV/0912

Annexure 1: *Furneaux Community Health Special Committee 12 June 2018 Unconfirmed Minutes*

OFFICER'S REPORT (Bill Boehm, General Manager):

The unconfirmed minutes of the Furneaux Community Health Special Committee meeting held on Tuesday 12 June 2018 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 Furneaux Community Health Special Committee meeting held on Tuesday 12 June 2018 be noted.

DECISION:

Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee

File No: COM/0403

Annexure 2: *Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee 26 June 2018 Unconfirmed Minutes*

OFFICER'S REPORT (Bill Boehm, General Manager):

The unconfirmed minutes of the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee meeting held on Tuesday 26 June 2018 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 Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee meeting held on Tuesday 26 June 2018 be noted.

DECISION:

Furneaux Council Audit Panel

File No: FIN/0401

Annexure 3: *Furneaux Council Audit Panel 4 July 2018 Unconfirmed Minutes*

OFFICER'S REPORT (Bill Boehm, General Manager):

The unconfirmed minutes of the Furneaux Council Audit Panel meeting held on Wednesday 4 July 2018 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 Furneaux Council Audit Panel meeting held on Wednesday 4 July 2018 meeting held on Tuesday 26 June 2018 be noted.

DECISION:

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Report from Councillor Gerald Willis as the Flinders Council Representative on TasWater Owners' Committee

File No: COU/0312

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

DATE	WHO	SUBJECT
10 May 2018	Ailsa Sypkes, General Manager, Legal and Governance and Company Secretary	Email with attached presentation made that day to a General Meeting of Owners' Representatives
15 Jun 2018	Lynn Luckock, Executive Assistant to Mike Brewster, Chief Executive Officer	Email with information bulletin from Mike Brewster to Mayors and Owner Representatives re "Efficient delivery of our capital works program"
19 Jun 2018	Lynn Luckock, Executive Assistant to Mike Brewster, Chief Executive Officer	Email with attached letter from Chairman Miles Hampton regarding dates for regional briefings to elected members of council
19 Jun 2018	Ailsa Sypkes, General Manager, Legal and Governance and Company Secretary	Email re timing of briefing for Owners' Representatives
25 Jun 2018	Ailsa Sypkes, General Manager, Legal and Governance and Company Secretary	Email advising that a Special General Meeting of TasWater will be held at Windsor Park, Riverside on Thursday 27 September commencing at 11:30 am

This report includes all inwards correspondence received from TasWater by Cr Gerald Willis, Flinders Council Owners' Representative of TasWater from 7 May 2018 to 7 July 2018.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report from Councillor Gerald Willis as the Flinders Council Representative on TasWater Owners' Committee be received.

DECISION:

MAYOR'S REPORT:

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

REPORT:**APPOINTMENTS:**

18.06.18	Municipal Emergency Management Committee Meeting
19.06.18	Site visit with General Manager and staff to the site of the proposed Aquatopia development
21.06.18	Council Meeting
22.06.18	Meeting of Councillors with FTI Consulting re the Flinders Business Economic and Social Structural Review
22.06.18	Lunched with Ryan Talsma & Peta Seaton of FTI Consulting
26.06.18	Meeting of Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee
28.06.18	Council Budget Workshop
30.06.18	Attended Flinders Lion's changeover dinner
04.07.18	Attended funeral of Mrs Frances Rhodes
05.07.18	Council Workshop

Emergency Management - Coordinator and Deputy Coordinator appointed by the Minister:

Local Government plays a large role in emergency management within its municipal area, much of which is legislated and mandatory, such as the existence and role of the Municipal Emergency Management Committee, the Municipal Emergency Management Plan, the Recovery Plan and the positions of Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator and Deputy Coordinator and much more. I was pleased to receive confirmation that the Minister has appointed Council's nominees to the coordinator positions and welcome Jacqui Viney as the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator and Kelly Blundstone as the Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

DATE	WHO	SUBJECT
12.06.2018	Australia Day Program Staff	Australian of the Year Awards 2018
12.06.2018	Megan Gledden	Email re: DA 2018/035
15.06.2018	Christine Agostinelli, Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT)	Mayor's Workshop - change of date
15.06.2018	Will Hodgman, Premier of Tasmania	Copy of Treasurer's Speech re: State Budget
15.06.2018	Andrew Lea, Director, State Emergency Service	Appointment of Municipal Emergency Management Coordinators
15.06.2018	Michael Brewster, Chief Executive Officer, TasWater	Efficient delivery of capital works program
15.06.2018	Dion Lester, LGAT	State Budget Fact Sheet

DATE	WHO	SUBJECT
19.06.2018	Lynn Luckock, TasWater	Email re: briefing sessions regarding Memorandum of Understanding with State Government
20.06.2018	Catherine Viney, Co-Chair, Anti-Poverty Week	Anti-Poverty Week 2018
22.06.2018	Rebecca White, MP, Labor Leader	My Vision for Tasmania
22.06.2018	Katrena Stephenson, LGAT	Seeking expressions of interest for mentoring program
26.06.2018	Clifford Craig Foundation	Donation Request
27.06.2018	Dion Lester, Policy Director LGAT	Important update regarding the announced review of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>
27.06.2018	Jo Archer - Linking Tasmania	Peace Trust Invitation to a Tea Party for Peace and Jean
02.07.2018	Johanna Ellis, Parliamentary Liaison, Tasmanian Youth Parliament 2018	Invitation to 2018 Tasmanian Youth Parliament Reception
05.07.2018	Annie Willock, Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA)	ALGWA: 40th Anniversary Dinner 25th July
05.07.2018	Will Hodgman, Premier of Tasmania	First Quarter & First Hundred Days Report
10.07.2018	Rural Primary Health Team	Rural Primary Health Services Update
11.07.2018	Donna Hardman, Primary Health Tasmania	Update from Primary Health Tasmania
12.07.2018	Michael Buck	Email re: Café in the North project

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

DATE	WHO	SUBJECT
05.07.2018	Annie Willock, Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA)	Apology re: inability to attend the ALGWA: 40 th Anniversary Dinner 25 th July
11.07.2018	Jim Hughes, Flinders Island Lions Club	Response re: Lions request to place plaques in Rose Garden
11.07.2018	Rosemary Amos	Response re: Flag lanyards outside Council office
12.07.2018	Grant Hall	Response to Public Question

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor's report be received.

DECISION:

OPERATIONAL BUSINESS OF COUNCIL
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A. FINANCE

Item A1: June 2018 Investment Summary Report
File No: FIN/0100
Annexure 4: June 2018 Quarterly Investment Summary Report

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Item B1: Furneaux Islands Festival Committee
File No: CDV/0701

C. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Item C1: Notice of Motion from Mayor Carol Cox – Appointment of Furneaux Group Shipping Committee Representative
File No: COM/0403

D. GOVERNANCE

Item D1: Revision of 2015 Strategic Plan
File No: ADM/0500
Annexure 5: Revised 2015 Strategic Plan

Item D2: Federal Government Regional Telecommunications Review
File No: GOV/0600
Annexure 6: Regional Telecommunications Review 2018 Issues Paper

Item D3: Use of the Flinders Council Common Seal
File No: GOV/1000
Annexure 7: Common Seal Register 13.04.2018 – 11.07.2018

Item D4: Local Government of Tasmania Annual General Meeting and General Meeting
File No: COU/0303
Annexure 8: LGAT General Meeting July 2018 - Agenda
Annexure 9: LGAT General Meeting July 2018 - Attachments
Annexure 10: LGAT Annual General Meeting July 2018 - Agenda
Annexure 11: LGAT Annual General Meeting July 2018 - Attachments

Item D5: Council's 4th Quarterly Report
File No: COU/0600
Annexure 12: Council's 4th Quarterly Report (April - June 2018)

Item D6: Appointment of the Municipal Coordinator and the Deputy Municipal Coordinator of the Municipal Emergency Management Committee
File No: CSV/0400
Annexure 13: Confirmation letter dated 15 June 2018

Item D7: Councillor Resolution Report
File No: COU/0600
Annexure 14: Councillor Resolution Report July 2018

E. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Item E1: Requirement for Biosecurity Officer Position
File No: ENV/0901, ENV/0902

Item E2: Requirement for Veterinary Position
File No: CSV/1800
Annexure 15: Support for Procurement of Veterinary Services (for elected members only)

F. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Item F1: Development Application Report
File No: PLN/0105
Annexure 16: Planner's Information Report – June 2018

G. CLOSED COUNCIL

Item G1: Closed Council Item – Land Purchase
File No: CSV/1200
Annexures 17 - 20: For Elected Members only

Meeting Closed

A.	FINANCE
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Item A1: June 2018 Investment Summary Report

ACTION	Decision
PROPONENT OFFICER	Council Officer
FILE REFERENCE	Heidi Marshall, Accountant
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	FIN/0100
	<i>Annexure 4: June 2018 Quarterly Investment Summary Report</i>

INTRODUCTION:

On a quarterly basis, Council is normally presented with a Financial Report which includes a summary of investments.

At the end of each financial year however, a quarterly financial report is not normally provided as it forms part of separate budget considerations. For completeness however, an Investment Summary Report for the fourth quarter is still relevant.

This report provides a summary of investments at the end of June 2018 as well as a consolidated snapshot for the 2017/18 year.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DECISION:

Council considers investment reports on a quarterly basis.

OFFICER'S REPORT:

The attached report provides a summary of investments as at the end of June 2018 including a summary of the BT Investment Portfolio as well as a consolidated snapshot for the 2017/18 year. Please note that the figures used are preliminary year end amounts which are not yet finalised.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT:

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

- 4 Strategic and Effective Organisation – Responding to risks and opportunities.
 - 4.2 Support processes, accountability and project delivery through transparent reporting.
 - 4.2.1 Priorities, actions and achievements are planned and reported through an integrated governance and management framework.
 - 4.2.1.2 Provide quarterly reporting to Council on Council's financial investments.
 - 4.3 Ensure Council meets its statutory obligations and manages corporate and community risk.
 - 4.3.12 Annual budget estimates and reviews.
 - 4.3.12.1 Budget estimates and reviews delivered within required timeframes.
 - 4.4 Drive continuous improvement through a focus on customer service, community engagement, efficient systems and processes, capacity building and workforce development.
 - 4.4.2 Continuous improvement program.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

It needs to be noted that, whilst this snapshot is relevant for the 2017/18 year, this will likely alter for the 2018/19 financial year, given the Council's operational requirement including funding of the substantial Telecommunications Upgrade Project.

RISK/LIABILITY:

Council has resolved to discuss certain aspects associated with the Investment Policy with Council's Audit Panel.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives and accepts the Quarterly Investment Summary Report for the period ending 30 June 2018.

DECISION:

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Item B1: Furneaux Islands Festival Committee

ACTION	Information
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Dan Pitcher, Community Development Team leader
FILE REFERENCE	CDV/0701
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Nil</i>

INTRODUCTION:

This report briefly outlines the background to the current arrangements that are in place whereby an ad hoc group comprising community members and representatives of the Flinders Island Aboriginal Association Inc. (FIAAI) have been assisting Council staff to manage Council's Furneaux Festival and provides a framework to transition this group into a wider support committee.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

5 April 2018 Council Workshop

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

167.07.2016 7 July 2016
76.04.2018 19 April 2018
119.06.2018 21 June 2018

OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Furneaux Islands Festival, now in its 5th year, is a major community event held annually by Flinders Council. The Festival highlights our local history, embodies our community spirit and provides an opportunity to come together and celebrate our unique island lifestyle.

Each year, Flinders Council aims to deliver an event that highlights our local history, celebrates the diverse cultural and community spirit, increases local participation and creative expression, provides local economic benefit and stimulates tourism. Since it began in 2014, the Festival has become one of the most important community events conducted on Flinders Island. The Flinders Island Aboriginal Association Inc. (FIAAI) has also been a creative and financial partner in the delivery of the Festival since 2016.

The Festival is directly managed by Councils' Community Development Team and for the past five years ably assisted by an ad hoc working group comprising community members and representatives of FIAAI. However, there has been a lack of role definition due to it being an informal group.

Under Council's recently adopted Furneaux Islands Festival Policy the purpose of the Committee is to assist in coordinating and delivering the annual Furneaux Islands Festival in partnership with the Community as an event that fulfils the core objectives of *"highlighting the Furneaux Islands history, culture and community spirit, increasing local participation and creative expression and providing local economic benefit and stimulus to tourism."*

Amongst other things it is Council Policy that:

- 4.1 Council will manage, coordinate and deliver an annual Furneaux Islands Festival in partnership with the Community.
- 4.2 Council will allocate recurring financial support, sufficient to deliver the Festival on an annual basis, to provide surety for planning.
- 4.3 Council will carry full responsibility and risk management for the event.
- 4.4 Council will form a Committee to help coordinate the Festival.
- 4.5 Council will be provided with a comprehensive Festival report in conjunction with the third quarterly report.

The current ad hoc committee arrangements have operated successfully but without a broader representative base and role definitions that are considered by Council and the current group as being desirable.

A recent meeting of the group on 6 July 2018 discussed a broader representation model with FIAAI, the Flinders Island Business and Tourism Association, Flinders Island High School, Furneaux Historical Research Association, Furneaux Regional Arts and a Community Member being identified. Council staff regularly support these organisations in a range of activities and it is considered appropriate that the favor be returned.

Festival manager, Council's Community Development Team, has successfully operated within an approved budget allocation and keep Council regularly informed through the normal Council processes including the quarterly report framework. In these circumstances a separate Council Special Committee is unnecessary.

Council staff will commence seeking expressions of interest from persons interested in participating as volunteers with tasks assigned by Council Staff. A recruitment process where broad roles and responsibilities are set out in a simple position description, much like that associated with Council's normal recruitment processes, is considered appropriate.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT:

Workplace Health & Safety Act 2012

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

5. Liveability

5.2 Support cultural activities that foster social engagement and emotional wellbeing and provide opportunities for creative expression.

5.2.2 Community events and activities are supported, encouraged and delivered.

5.2.2.2 Develop a policy, manage, coordinate and deliver the Furneaux Islands Festival.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil. The Festival has a separate budget allocation which staff manage internally.

RISK/LIABILITY:

A wider membership base with a public expression of interest process will aid in broadening community input and enhancing the aim to successfully plan for the Festival, create and maintain valuable partnerships and develop a long-term vision for the event. Council's exposure to risk will also be minimised. Whilst the liability for running the Festival will remain with Council, an

expanded community input will be valuable. Without this committee, there is a risk that a well-liked and sustainable festival will not flourish and expand with the consequence of potential adverse community reaction.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives and notes the Furneaux Islands Festival Committee Report.

DECISION:

C. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Item C1: Notice of Motion from Mayor Carol Cox – Appointment of Furneaux Group Shipping Committee Representative

ACTION	Decision
PROPONENT	Mayor Carol Cox (Chair of the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee)
OFFICER	Bill Boehm, General Manager
FILE REFERENCE	COM/0403
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Nil</i>

NOTICE OF MOTION:

That Ms Michelle Hirschfield be appointed forthwith as the community representative on the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

At the meeting of the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee held on 26 June 2018, it was resolved that the Committee recommend to Council that Michelle Hirschfield be appointed to the vacant position of community representative. The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting having been received for noting by Council earlier in this Council meeting. The vacant position was advertised, with the result that Michelle nominated to fill the position.

Michelle is an active member of the Community, is the convener of the “community notice board” Facebook page, a member of Tasmanian Women in Agriculture and as a parent, a farmer, a sub-contractor of Elders Livestock and an active supporter of community groups, Michelle is well placed to fill the role of community representative on the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee of Council and I recommend that this Notice of Motion is supported by the meeting.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

OFFICER'S REPORT:

The motion is supported.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS:

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

3. Access and Connectivity

3.1 Maintain or better the standard of sea access to the Islands.

3.1.1 Advocacy for improved port and freighting operations.

3.1.1.1 Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee of Council advocates on behalf of the community.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

RISK/LIABILITY:

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Ms Michelle Hirschfield be appointed forthwith as the community representative on the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee.

DECISION:

D. GOVERNANCE

Item D1: Revision of 2015 Strategic Plan

ACTION	Decision
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Bill Boehm, General Manager
FILE REFERENCE	ADM/0500
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexure 5: Revised 2015 Strategic Plan</i>

INTRODUCTION:

While developing the Draft 2018/19 Annual Business Plan, it became apparent that from an administrative perspective it would be beneficial to undertake a minor revision of one section of the current 2015 Strategic Plan.

This report identifies this minor revision and recommends an amendment.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

5 July 2018 Council Workshop

OFFICER'S REPORT:

Strategic Direction No. 4.3 of Council's current Strategic Plan; "*Ensure Council meets its statutory obligations and manages corporate and community risk.*", includes as Outputs a list of 31 legislative and statutory compliance requirements. Replacement of 23 of these Outputs with one new Output that encompasses the intent of the 23, would significantly reduce some of the reporting burden on staff.

This change would also enable the development of a more streamlined 2018/19 Annual Plan and allow staff to develop a more effective reporting tool relating to legislative and regulatory compliance.

Annexure 5 shows the proposed changes to the Plan on pages 24 to 25.

A complete review of the Strategic Plan is not considered necessary nor appropriate at this time as a new Strategic Plan will be developed following election of the new Council in November 2018.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT:

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

4. Strategic, Efficient and Effective Organisation
 - 4.3 Ensure Council meets its statutory obligations and manages corporate and community risk.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

RISK/LIABILITY:

Low Risk

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council agrees to a minor administrative amendment of the 2015 Strategic Plan under Strategic Direction No. 4.3 "*Ensure Council meets its statutory obligations and manages corporate and community risk*" by removing the following Outputs:

- Development undertaken in accordance with relevant development standards and legislative requirements;
- Regulatory building processes comply with Department of Justice requirements;
- Annual Plans and Reports prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*;
- Code of Conduct reviewed as per S28 2 (c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*;
- Register of Interests for staff and Elected members maintained as required under the *Local Government Act 1993*;
- Municipal Revaluation and valuation adjustment factors;
- Requirements of the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2002* complied with by responding to disclosures;
- Requirements of the *Right to Information Act 2009* complied with by responding to applications for information disclosure;
- Annual budget estimates and reviews;
- Financial management processes comply with Tasmanian Audit Office requirements;
- Input into the State Government "Sustainability Indicators" project provided;
- Public officers educated and trained in ethical conduct to comply with Section 32 of the *Integrity Commission Act 2009*;
- Compliance of airport operations with requirements of CASA and other regulators;
- Financial Statements include Financial and Asset Management Sustainability Indicators in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*;
- Create annual rates invoice, supplementary valuations and annual adjustment factors processed;
- Roads to Recovery reporting requirements met;
- Mineral Resource returns to Mineral Resource Tasmania;
- Superannuation and Taxation obligations met;
- Annual Fire Levy returns submitted to the State Fire Commission;
- Requirements of the *Public Health Act 1997* are met;
- Requirements of the *Dog Control Act 2000* are met;
- Requirements of the *Building Control Act 2000* are met; and
- Requirements of the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) regulations are met;

and replacing them with the following Output:

- All legislative and regulatory compliance related to Council activities met.

DECISION:

Item D2: Federal Government Regional Telecommunications Review

ACTION	Decision
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Bill Boehm, General Manager
FILE REFERENCE	GOV/0600
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexure 6: Regional Telecommunications Review 2018 Issues Paper</i>

INTRODUCTION:

The 2018 Regional Telecommunications Review has released an issues paper and is calling for public submissions by 5 August 2018.

This report brings the matter to the attention of Council to determine if a submission is desirable.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Nil

OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee is established every three years to undertake an independent review of telecommunications services in regional, rural and remote Australia. The commencement of the 2018 Regional Telecommunications Review was announced on 30 April 2018.

The Committee will review telecommunications services in regional, rural and remote parts of Australia and will:

- consider how regional communities can maximise the economic benefits of digital technologies;
- consider how regional consumers use their broadband services and how they might derive more benefits; and
- analyse the coverage outcomes achieved through the Mobile Black Spot Program and examine the extent of the existing gaps in mobile coverage in regional Australia.

The Committee has released an issues paper (Annexure 6) which provides an outline of key interest areas and invites submission by 5 August 2018.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT:

Nil

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

3. Access and Connectivity – work with service providers and other relevant stakeholders to improve security, reliability and cost effectiveness.
 - 3.3 Improved telecommunications for the benefit of local community and economy.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

RISK/LIABILITY:

Low Risk

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Council to decide if it wishes to lodge a submission.

DECISION:

Item D3: Use of the Flinders Council Common Seal

ACTION	Information
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Bill Boehm, General Manager
FILE REFERENCE	GOV/1000
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexure 7: Common Seal Register 13.04.2018 – 11.07.2018</i>

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update on the use of the Flinders Council Common Seal, as per the council motion 216.09.2016 passed at the 22 September 2016 Council Meeting.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

216.09.2016 22 September 2016
From January 2017, considered quarterly.

OFFICER'S REPORT:

The use of the Flinders Council Common Seal binds the Council to act in accordance with the provisions of the document to which it is attached and it is important that Councillors know the details of those documents so that they are aware of commitments to which the Council has become obligated.

The Flinders Council Common Seal Register was created on 26 September 2016 and is available to Councillors on request at any time. A report on the use of the Flinders Council Common Seal will be included in Council Meeting Agendas on a quarterly basis.

Annexure 7 details the use of the Flinders Council Common Seal from the 13 April – 11 July 2018.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT:

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

No policy exists on this matter.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

RISK/LIABILITY:

Minimum

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the report on the use of the Flinders Council Common Seal from 13 April – 11 July 2018 be received.

DECISION:

Item D4: Local Government of Tasmania (LGAT) Annual General Meeting and General Meeting

ACTION	Decision
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Bill Boehm, General Manager
FILE REFERENCE	COU/0303
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexure 8: LGAT General Meeting July 2018 - Agenda Annexure 9: LGAT General Meeting July 2018 - Attachments Annexure 10: LGAT Annual General Meeting July 2018 - Agenda Annexure 11: LGAT Annual General Meeting July 2018 - Attachments</i>

INTRODUCTION:

The LGAT General Meeting and Annual General Meeting will be held on the 25 July 2018. The meetings' Agendas and attachments are provided as Annexures 8 - 11 and can also be accessed at the LGAT website at the following links:

General Meeting papers: <http://www.lgat.tas.gov.au/page.aspx?u=840>

AGM papers: <http://www.lgat.tas.gov.au/page.aspx?u=333>

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council considers the LGAT General Meeting and Annual General Meeting Agendas at the Ordinary Council meeting prior to the LGAT General Meeting and Annual General Meeting to allow Council to inform the Mayor of what position it wishes the Mayor to take in relation to voting on specific matters.

OFFICER'S REPORT:

A number of motions are included in the LGAT General Meeting Agenda and decisions sought in the Annual General Meeting Agenda. Council provides direction to the Mayor in relation to voting on these matters.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT:

Nil

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

4. Strategic, Efficient and Effective Organisation - Responding to risks and opportunities.
 - 4.1 Remain actively engaged with internal and external stakeholders providing regional leadership.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

No known budget implications at this time.

RISK/LIABILITY:

Minimal

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the Local Government of Tasmania General Meeting and Annual General Meeting Agendas and provides the Mayor with direction in relation to the following items listed for a decision:

General Meeting - Motions Requiring Decision		
8.1	Waste Management	That Members agree to a feasibility study into the establishment of a state-wide Waste Management arrangement.
8.2	Review of Councillor Allowances	That the Meeting note the update on the Review of Councillor Allowances. That the Meeting agree that LGAT pursue a review of the further areas identified. That the Meeting agree that any such review should be completed in the next 12 months.
8.3	Board of Enquiry Recommendations	That Members determine that the feedback to the Director of Local Government on the sector wide recommendations arising from the Glenorchy City Council Board of Inquiry (below) is that they are not system issues and a legislative response is not endorsed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide the Mayor with the power to approve the agenda prior to its release by the General Meeting; - Provide the Mayor with the power to approve the release of draft minutes to other councillors; - Provide the power to the Mayor to approve the General Manager's leave; - Mandatory requirement for all council meetings to have audio recordings; - The Minister may direct a council to terminate the employment of a General Manager; and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The General Manager is to consult with the Mayor and councillors on senior executive appointments.

8.4	Sale of Anglican Churches	<p>That Members note the actions taken since the May General Meeting with respect to the sale of churches and cemeteries.</p> <p>That Members note that LGAT will coordinate a response to any proposed changes to the <i>Burial and Cremation Act 2002</i>.</p> <p>That Members agree that LGAT should provide appropriate support to Mayors of affected areas as requested.</p> <p>That Members note the request from a member of the Uniting Church that Local Government explore taking over control of Tasmanian Cemeteries.</p> <p>That Members agree that it is not the role of Local Government to take over cemeteries established by religious organisations.</p> <p>That Members discuss and determine any further actions for LGAT.</p>
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Annual General Meeting - Decisions Sought		
3	Financial Statements to 30 June 2017	That the Financial Statements for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 be received and adopted.
4	LGAT Budget and Subscriptions 2018/2019	That the Meeting endorse the adoption of the Budget and Subscriptions as presented.
5	President and Vice President Honorariums	That the President's and Vice President's allowance for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 be adjusted in accordance with the movement in the Wages Price Index.
6	Rules of the Local Government Association of Tasmania	That Members agree to amend the Rules to reflect electronic voting practices as outlined in Option One.
7	LGAT/LG Professionals Conference	<p>That Members note the intent to undertake scoping work with LG Professionals Tasmanian with respect to combining our conferences in future.</p> <p>That Members further note, that should conferences combine, it may be prudent to shift the AGM and General Meeting to a separate date.</p>

8	Annual Plan	That Members note the following report.
9	Reports from Board Representatives	<p>(a) That the reports from representatives on various bodies be received and noted.</p> <p>(b) That Conference acknowledges the time and effort put in by all Association representatives on boards, working parties, advisory groups and committees etc.</p>

DECISION:

Item D5: Council's 4th Quarterly Report

ACTION	Information
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Bill Boehm, General Manager
FILE REFERENCE	COU/0600
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexure 12: Council's 4th Quarterly Report (April - June 2018)</i>

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with progress updates on the various Annual Plan actions undertaken by the whole of Council for the final quarter of the financial year.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Previously provided as departmental monthly reports then departmental quarterly reports.

OFFICER'S REPORT:

Council has engaged the Institute of Project Management (IPM) to develop a new quarterly reporting system for Council that adds value to what has previously been generated. The report, Annexure 12 – Council's 4th Quarterly Report (April - June 2018), is the fourth report to be generated via the new process. The reporting process is still in development and Councillors are encouraged to provide feedback on the format of the report at any time.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council's 4th Quarterly Report (April - June 2018) be received and accepted by Council.

DECISION:

Item D6: Appointment of the Municipal Coordinator and the Deputy Municipal Coordinator of the Municipal Emergency Management Committee

ACTION	Information
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Bill Boehm, General Manager
FILE REFERENCE	CSV/0400
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexure 13: Confirmation letter dated 15 June 2018</i>

INTRODUCTION:

Each Council in Tasmania is charged with hosting a Municipal Emergency Management Committee (MEMC) for their Municipal Area. The MEMCs are governed by the State Emergency Services (SES), under the Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management, and facilitated by the Regional Managers.

The MEMC is responsible for emergency management procedures, training, communications as well as development and review of the Municipal Emergency Management Plan (MEMP).

A sub-committee of the MEMC is the Recovery Committee which deals with the aftermath of an emergency and includes displacement, mental first aid, trauma counselling etc.

The chair of the MEMC is usually the local Mayor. The Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services appoints a Municipal Coordinator and Deputy Municipal Coordinator for the MEMC.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

227.09.2017 21 September 2017

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Nil

OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Municipal Coordinator and Deputy Municipal Coordinator positions became available after the loss of Ben Foot from Council's workforce and the resignation of Chris Bowman from the MEMC. It was decided at the September ordinary meeting of Council that the recommendations of the MEMC, to fill the positions, should be ratified by Council. The motion of the September meeting was:

"That Council advises the State Controller that it nominates Jacci Viney to fill the Flinders Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator position and Kelly Blundstone the Deputy Coordinator position."

This item serves to advise Council that the appointment has been made and authorisation has been received from the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT:

Emergency Management Act 2006

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

1. Population Growth - Focusing on strategies, projects and policy initiatives that support the community, economic development, innovation and investment attraction.

2. Infrastructure and Services - An Islands' specific approach to planning and delivery to ensure community and environmental values are maintained.
4. Strategic, Efficient and Effective Organisation - Responding to risks and opportunities.
5. Liveability - Protect, improve and promote the safety, creativity, health and wellbeing of the Islands' communities.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil – these positions have always been filled.

RISK/LIABILITY:

Low risk as acknowledgement only.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council acknowledge the appointment of the Municipal Coordinator and the Deputy Municipal Coordinator of the Municipal Emergency Management Committee.

DECISION:

Item D7: Councillor Resolution Report

ACTION	Information
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Bill Boehm, General Manager
FILE REFERENCE	COU/0600
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexure 14: Councillor Resolution Report July 2018</i>

INTRODUCTION:

This report identifies the actions taken to implement resolutions passed by elected members up to July 2018.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

The report is presented on a monthly basis.

OFFICER'S REPORT:

Please read Annexure 14 – Councillor Resolution Report July 2018.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the Councillor Resolution Report July 2018 be noted.

DECISION:

E. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Item E1: Requirement for Biosecurity Officer Position

ACTION	Decision
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Jacci Viney, Environmental Health Officer
FILE REFERENCE	ENV/0901, ENV/0902
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Nil</i>

INTRODUCTION:

Whilst biosecurity remains an issue of significant importance to the Flinders Municipality, it is also relevant that the Furneaux group of islands provide a gateway from the mainland to Tasmania. As can be seen from the recent fruit fly incursion on Flinders Island, a matter for the Islands, is a matter for the State.

By the Government's own admission: "Biosecurity is the protection of industries, the environment and public well-being, health, amenity and safety from the negative impacts of pests, diseases and weeds. DPIPW's Biosecurity Tasmania is responsible for leading the biosecurity effort in Tasmania in partnership with the community and industry."

This item briefly highlights the issue and suggests that Council formally requests a dedicated resource be provided on a continuing basis as a core State Government responsibility.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

36.02.2018 15 February 2018

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Matters around biosecurity have been discussed at various Council workshops.

OFFICER'S REPORT:

Biosecurity Tasmania (BT) is a division of the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and the Environment (DPIPWE). In recent times the Island has been afforded a full-time BT officer (previously appointed State Government veterinarian), however uncertainty remains around the continuation of the position.

Queensland Fruit Fly was primarily detected in Lady Barron, the southern-most township of Flinders Island. The response was the deployment of around 40 BT officers to the Island to mitigate the outbreak and prevent further spread of the pest around the Island and into mainland Tasmania.

Clearly, significant funds were provided for the Fruit Fly response, whilst Flinders Council seeks support for better preventative methods.

Flinders Island acts as a gateway to Tasmania from mainland Australia and can therefore serve as a barrier to protect the State from the quarantine issues only known to mainland Australia.

The Regular Passenger Transport (RPT) service provided from Essendon to Flinders Island has a BT inspector present at Flinders Island, to remove any incoming fruit and vegetables from passengers, to limit the high-risk product that is brought onto the Island. However, there are a number of unregulated access points contained on Flinders Island that present a risk to the biosecurity of the Island and also the State of Tasmania. Killiecrankie airstrip remains unregulated and is the main “private” strip that services the north of the Island, along with many other private airstrips. Visitors coming via private airstrips are unregulated.

From approximately 2009 until 2014, a Quarantine Officer position was provided by the State Government on the Island to meet all incoming planes and sea vessels. It is believed that approximately 90% of incoming traffic was checked for food and plant stuffs over that time. The officer reports that pilots were in the habit of contacting him to arrange a landing inspection and he met most of the incoming sea vessels to Lady Barron. Log books for the period were maintained, which are impressive, however funding was cut for the position and instead, amnesty bins were positioned at the private airstrips and all ports. Since that time the amnesty bins have been checked regularly but very little waste has been discarded as quarantine waste.

It is suspected that the recent fruit fly incursion started from a visiting recreational vessel that had their own food on board. It appears that the question is not how will another breach occur, but when?

At the February Council Meeting, Council authorised a small brief on matters of importance to the Flinders Island Community to be prepared and be sent to all electoral candidates for the Bass Electorate. This list was provided to the General Manager for his approval and circulation. The brief included, amongst other things, reference to Council support for securing a full-time biosecurity officer to the Island.

A submission was subsequently sent to all electoral candidates and the Deputy Premier, Minister Rockcliff, advising that Council has been working with Biosecurity Tasmania to improve quarantine capability and expects the State Government to provide adequate on-Island resources for the long term.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT:

State Government responsibility to provide for biosecurity measures.

Plant Quarantine Act 1997 (Tas)

Biosecurity Act 2015 (Cth)

Animal Health Act 1995 (Tas)

Seeds Act 1985 (Tas)

Weed Management Act 1999 (Tas)

Vermin Control Act 2000 (Tas)

Animal (Brands and Movement) Act 1984 (Tas)

Animal Farming (Registration) Act 1994 (Tas)

Animal Welfare Act 1993 (Tas)

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

2. Population Growth - Focusing on strategies, projects and policy initiatives that support the community, economic development, innovation and investment attraction.

2. Infrastructure and Services - An Islands' specific approach to planning and delivery to ensure community and environmental values are maintained.
4. Strategic, Efficient and Effective Organisation - Responding to risks and opportunities.
5. Liveability - Protect, improve and promote the safety, creativity, health and wellbeing of the Islands' communities.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

RISK/LIABILITY:

The economic risk to the Community is potentially high and although it lies primarily with Biosecurity Tasmania, all of the Furneaux Group is affected. From a reputation perspective it would be expected that the Council make a submission to DPIPWE to uphold decisions of Council.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council requests the State Government provide a written undertaking that at least one full-time biosecurity officer be provided to Flinders Island on a continual basis to service the Furneaux Group.

DECISION:

Item E2: Requirement for Veterinary Position

ACTION	Decision
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Jacci Viney, Environmental Health Officer
FILE REFERENCE	CSV/1800
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexure 15: Support for Procurement of Veterinary Services (for elected members only)</i>

INTRODUCTION:

It has been brought to Council's attention that a local vet is no longer engaged to provide a veterinarian service to the Islands. Over time the Government appointed vet position has been eroded into a full-time Biosecurity Tasmania Officer position which allows for a very limited after-hours vet availability.

This report formally highlights the issue and suggests that Council makes a formal submission to the State Government to rectify the situation.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

36.02.2018 15 February 2018

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

The matter has also been discussed at various workshops over the past 18 months.

OFFICER'S REPORT:

Flinders Island and its surrounding Islands are currently without a veterinary service. If it were not for the kindness and dedication of the previously appointed vet, who is now employed full-time as a biosecurity officer, the Island(s) would not have any service at all. The current veterinarian service is provided out of working hours and weekends.

The State Government had, in the past, appointed a full-time position to service the Islands. A car and clinic also formed part of the package. Over time the position has lessened. The appointed vet had to change his status from 'state appointment' to private vet some years ago. He was still afforded the car and the clinic and State Government officers would advise Council of times of leave and positions of cover. Even this is no longer the case. At the time of writing there is access to a clinic, but not a car. There is no ability to access veterinary services between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

At the February Council Meeting, Council authorised a small brief on matters of importance to the Flinders Island Community to be prepared and be sent to all electoral candidates for the Bass Electorate. This list was provided to the General Manager for his approval and circulation. The brief included, amongst other things, reference to Council support for securing a local veterinary service.

A submission was subsequently sent to all electoral candidates and the Deputy Premier, Minister Rockcliff, advising that Council was looking at options which include a full-time veterinary practice funded by the State Government or to establish and maintain the necessary infrastructure to attract a suitable operator. Council is open to providing some in kind-support.

At the 26 June 2018 meeting of the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee of Council, the issue of animal welfare relating to the shipping of stock was discussed. Discussion continued around the dual role of the current vet and the inability to operate in both roles at any one time.

The following motion was put and carried by the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee of Council:

"The Committee notes that TasPorts supports Council's lobbying to keep a permanent vet on the island to support and verify that the transport of livestock to and from the Furneaux Group meets animal welfare standards and community expectation."

In response to these comments, Council officers have prepared a report entitled 'Support for procurement of veterinary services' which is attached as Annexure 15. The report aims to provide a more detailed background to the issue and also provides some options to resolve the matter. The report provides the following suggestions to the State Government, to enable a satisfactory outcome:

1. Develop, maintain and operate a veterinary practice and service; or
2. Provide the buildings and equipment for a sustainable veterinary practice which is then leased to an external provider.

It is considered that any lesser measure would be unsuitable.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT:

Nil

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

1. Population Growth - Focusing on strategies, projects and policy initiatives that support the community, economic development, innovation and investment attraction.
2. Infrastructure and Services - An Islands' specific approach to planning and delivery to ensure community and environmental values are maintained.
4. Strategic, Efficient and Effective Organisation - Responding to risks and opportunities.
5. Liveability - Protect, improve and promote the safety, creativity, health and wellbeing of the Islands' communities.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Limited. A Council submission would open dialogue with State Government for the matter to be addressed and funded by them. Council may play some role in the implementation of the resolve if successful which would equate to some staff time.

RISK/LIABILITY:

High risk to the Community, population growth, livability and animal welfare if the service is not available. Significant loss of reputation if Council is not seen as being a strong advocate on this issue.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Adopts the report entitled 'Support for procurement of veterinary services; (Annexure 15); and
2. Lobbies the State Government, via the Minister for Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and the Environment (DPIPWE), The Hon Sarah Courtney, to take action to secure a full time veterinary service on Flinders Island by either one of the following two options:
 - i Develop, maintain and operate a veterinary practice and service; or
 - ii Provide the buildings and equipment for a sustainable veterinary practice which is then leased to an external provider.

DECISION:

F. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND PLANNING APPLICATIONS
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Item F1: Development Application Report

ACTION	Information
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Jacci Viney, Development Services Coordinator
FILE REFERENCE	PLN/0105
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexure 16: Planner's Information Report - June 2018</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 current period as per the council motion 249.09.2015, passed at the 24 September 2015 Council Meeting.

Council has requested that the planning consultancy service (West Tamar Council) provide this detail to Council on a monthly basis.

Permitted applications are assessed under s58 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* and as such are not advertised nor are the applicant's details made public. Applicants retain the right to privacy having met all development and use standards applicable within the current planning scheme. Applications made under this section must be granted a permit, with or without conditions.

The numbering of applications relates to the allocation provided by the 'Regulatory Applications' (RegApps) electronic filing system. Numbers are allocated in order to Planning (DA), Building (BA) and Plumbing (PA) applications. This may mean that planning numbers are not sequential.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

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

OFFICER'S REPORT:

Refer to Annexure 16 Planner's Information Report - June 2018, provided by West Tamar Council.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the Planner's Information Report - June 2018 be received.

DECISION:

G. CLOSED COUNCIL

Item G1: Closed Council Item - Land Purchase

ACTION	Decision
PROPONENT	Council Officer
OFFICER	Bill Boehm, General Manager
FILE REFERENCE	CSV/1200
ASSOCIATED PAPERS	<i>Annexures 17 - 20: For Elected Members only</i>

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

REASON FOR CLOSED COUNCIL:

Item D1 Land Purchase is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 15(2) (f) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council moves into Closed Council.

DECISION:

Meeting Closed