

**FURNEAUX COMMUNITY HEALTH SPECIAL COMMITTEE
UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

DATE: Thursday 4th July 2019
VENUE: Strzelecki Room, Flinders Island Multi Purpose Centre
COMMENCING: 2.00pm

PRESENT:

Sharon Blyth

Chair

Darron Baker, Jane Bushby, Judy Clark, Carol Cox, David Grutzner, John Loudon, Allison Oliver

Guests: Lyndon Stephenson, Josh Madgwick

APOLOGIES:

Mayor Annie Revie

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Darron Baker

Executive Officer (Minute Taker)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillors are to advise if they have a pecuniary interest in respect to any matter appearing on the agenda, or any supplementary item to the agenda.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Last meeting held was an informal meeting – no official minutes to provide for confirmation.

CORRESPONDENCE IN

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

Nil

AGENDA ITEMS

Item 1 Introduce Lyndon Stephenson, CEO of the Community Transport Scheme Tasmania (CTST).

Welcome to Lyndon Stephenson and Josh Madgwick who are presenting to the Furneaux Community Health Special Committee

Item 2 Presentation by Lyndon Stephenson and Josh Madgwick about CTST and how the organisation operates.

Key elements to the CTST and its operation on Flinders Island:

- The role of CTST.
- The relationship between CTST and Flinders Island.
- The use of services provided by CTST and the communities engagement with the service on Flinders Island.
- Arising issues due to organizational growth, such as new methods for booking management and structural organization to streamline efficiency.

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Item 3 Questions from the group to clarify any issues in general

Questions in relation the role and effectiveness of CTST on Flinders Island

- How can CTST tailor its service requirements to the unique situation on Flinders Island?

How can CTST be flexible in tailoring its services to residents?

CTST is committed to tailoring its services to Flinders Island by providing altered costs for its service due to Flinders Island's geographical location and assisting registered users to enhance their experience with the service.

- Is there enough community support for the service and adequate volunteers for the operation of the service on Flinders Island?

Currently CTST has six to seven drivers on Flinders Island operating a 7 seat van. There are also 51 registered users of the service on Flinders Island, with 16 registered users frequently utilising the service.

- Does CTST provide its services to Flinders Island residents outside of Flinders Island?

CTST provides services to residents when travelling off island. Currently several residents have taken part in social outings organised by CTST in mainland Tasmania and utilising the service when on mainland Tasmania.

Item 4 Group to brainstorm what are the particular issues getting in the way of the service working well on the Island?

After an explanation of the current state of CTST services on Flinders Island, and clarification of service utilization, issues and concerns arising are being noted and provided to CTST. The service currently, is effective and showing positive benefits to community enhancement on Flinders Island.

Item 5 How can we solve these issues? Some suggestions:

The committee outlined the following methods to improve community engagement and effective of the CTST on Flinders Island:

- Open day to be held at the next Flinders Island Market and Flinders Island Show to allow for information to be provided to community about the service and register new users.
- Organise and facilitate social outings and gathering for registered users of the service, to enhance community engagement and provide social avenues to residents who find difficulty in travelling around Flinders Island.
- Organise a recruitment drive to sign up potential additional drivers and volunteers for the service.
- Advertising the service and providing further information about the service to the community through adds in the Island News, reporting in the Mayor's Column of Island News.

Item 6 If there is time following the guest speaker, members examine the Terms of Reference. Is there anything that should be suggested differently?

- a. Do we want Observers from the broader community?
- b. Other

The committee decided to examine the terms of reference and allow for discussion relating to possible changes and alterations as well as reaching out to other potential stakeholders to increase engagement in the Furneaux Special Health Committee.

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- a. PTAS – Jane Bushby
- b. Mental Health Services update – Judy Clark

PTAS

Jane Bushby raised the question on an update of the current situation with the PTAS scheme. John Loudon reported that changes to the PTAS scheme seem to occur every two years, around the changes of financial year. Usually through discussion, alterations to the scheme for Flinders Island residents are usually made. John stipulated that much of the community difficulty with the service is due to lack of meeting the criteria of the service by users. For example, not handing in the correct and completed documentation for reimbursement.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES UPDATE

Discussion about the discontinuation of RAW health services Flinders Island visits and the discussion of current mental health services on Flinders Island, as well as discussion of potential ideas to increase these services on the island.

Next meeting Thursday 12 September at 2.00pm

MEETING CLOSED 3.58PM