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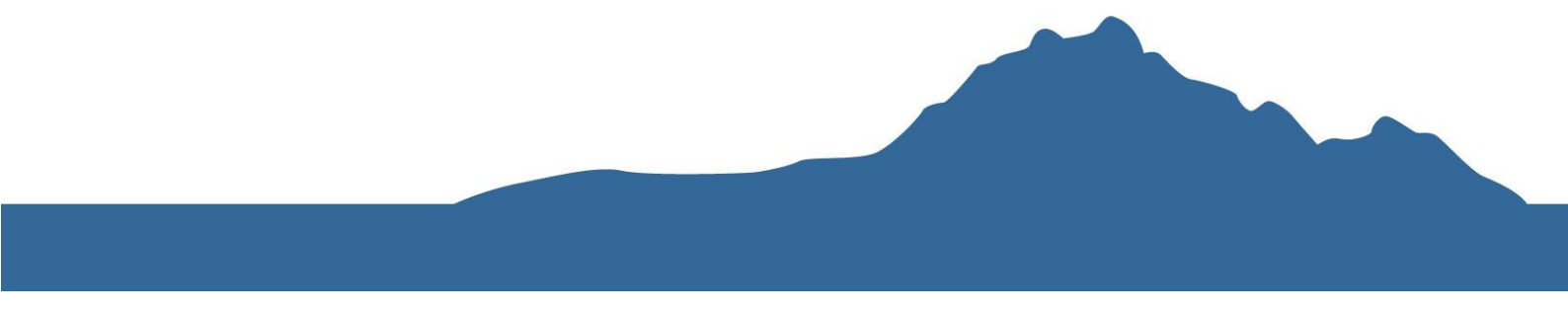


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FLINDERS COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING – CONFIRMED MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER 2022

Venue	Flinders Island Arts and Entertainment Centre
Commencing	1.06pm
Attendees – Councillors	Mayor Rachel Summers Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace (via Zoom) Garry Blenkhorn Carol Cox Peter Rhodes Ken Stockton
Apologies	Aaron Burke
Attendees- Staff	Warren Groves General Manager (1:06pm – 2pm) Chris Wilson Infrastructure Manager (1:06pm – 2pm) Sammi Gowthorp Community Services Coordinator (1:28pm – 2pm) Kyra Newman Executive Assistant (minute taker) (1:06pm – 2pm) Rowena Gill Development Services Officer (1:06pm – 2pm)

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor began by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we met today, the palawa people of the trawulwai Nation. She recognised their continuing connection to the land, waters and culture of this island, and paid respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes from the Ordinary and Closed Council Meetings held 22 November 2022 and the Minutes from the Special Council Meeting held 30 November 2022 be confirmed.

DECISION

250.12.2022 Moved: Cr G Blenkhorn Seconded: Cr C Cox

That the Minutes from the Ordinary and Closed Council Meetings held 22 November 2022 and the Minutes from the Special Council Meeting held 30 November 2022 be confirmed.

CARRIED (5-1)

For: Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Peter Rhodes.

Abstained: Cr Ken Stockton.

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

5. LATE AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

6. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil

7. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

8. WORKSHOPS & INFORMATION FORUMS

File No. COU/0205

Council Workshop – 22 November 2022

Council held a workshop on the following subjects:

- Item 1 Visit Northern Tasmania Funding Agreement
- Item 2 Reallocation of Community Grant
- Item 3 General Manager's Update
- Item 4 Tenders
- Item 5 Council Meeting Agenda

Councillors	In Attendance
Mayor Rachel Summers	Yes
Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace	Yes
Councillor Aaron Burke	Yes
Councillor Carol Cox	Yes
Councillor Gary Blenkhorn	Yes
Councillor Peter Rhodes	Yes

Staff and Consultants in Attendance

Warren Groves	General Manager (items 1 – 9)
Chris Wilson	Infrastructure Manager (items 1 – 9)
Kyra Newman	Executive Assistant (items 1 – 9)
Sammi Gowthorp	Community Services Coordinator (items 1 – 3)
Vicki Warden	Executive Officer (items 1 – 5)

Council Workshop – 30 November 2022

Council held a workshop on the following subjects:

- Item 1 Community Comments – Weed Management Strategy
- Item 2 Healthy Tasmania Local Lift Grant
- Item 3 Safe Harbour
- Item 4 Draft Furneaux Islands Weed Management Strategy
- Item 5 Planning Authority and New Planning Scheme – Session 1
- Item 6 Planning Authority and New Planning Scheme – Session 2
- Item 7 Tender Process
- Item 8 Airport Septic System
- Item 9 Council Contribution to Show Society

Councillors	In Attendance
Mayor Rachel Summers	Yes
Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace	Yes
Councillor Aaron Burke	Apology
Councillor Carol Cox	Yes
Councillor Gary Blenkhorn	Yes
Councillor Peter Rhodes	Apology
Councillor Ken Stockton	Yes

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Warren Groves	General Manager (items 1 – 9)
Chris Wilson	Infrastructure Manager (items 1 – 9)

Kyra Newman	Executive Assistant (items 1 – 9)
Sammi Gowthorp	Community Services Coordinator (items 1 – 4)
Eve Lazarus	Enviro-dynamics (via zoom) (item 4)
Andrew North	North Barker (via zoom) (item 4)
Jacci Smith	Development Services Coordinator (items 5 – 8)
Mick Purves	Consultant Planner (items 5 – 8)

Information Session – 5 December 2022

An information session was held on the Sea Country project.

Councillors	In Attendance
Mayor Rachel Summers	Yes
Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace	Yes
Councillor Aaron Burke	No
Councillor Carol Cox	Apology
Councillor Gary Blenkhorn	No
Councillor Peter Rhodes	Yes
Councillor Ken Stockton	No

Staff and Consultants in Attendance

Warren Groves	General Manager
Zoe Cozens	Sea Country IPA
Fiona Maher	Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council Workshops held on 22 and 30 November 2022 and the information session held on 5 December 2022 be noted.

DECISION

251.11.2022 Moved: Cr Carol Cox Seconded: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace
That the Council Workshops held on 22 and 30 November 2022 and the information session held on 5 December 2022 be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Carol Cox, Cr Peter Rhodes and Cr Ken Stockton.

9. PUBLICATIONS/REPORTS TABLED FOR COUNCIL INFORMATION

Nil

10. REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED

10.1 FLINDERS COUNCIL AUDIT PANEL

File Reference FIN/0401

Annexure 10.1.1 Flinders Council Audit Panel meeting 29 September 2022
Unconfirmed Minutes

OFFICER'S REPORT (Warren Groves | General Manager)

The unconfirmed minutes of the Flinders Council Audit Panel meeting held 29 September 2022 have been provided for consideration. The minutes outline what the Committee has been working on to date and can now be noted by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Flinders Council Audit Panel meeting held 29 September 2022 be noted.

DECISION

252.12.2022 Moved: Cr Peter Rhodes

Seconded: Cr Carol Cox

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Flinders Council Audit Panel meeting held 29 September 2022 be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Carol Cox, Cr Peter Rhodes and Cr Ken Stockton.

Note: The fourth audit panel meeting did not happen this year.

Note: Cr Carol Cox requested that Councillors receive an update on the quarries at the next Council workshop.

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

Action	Information
Proponent	Mayor Rachel Summers
File Reference	COU/0600
Annexures	Nil

APPOINTMENTS

DATE	DIARY ACTIVITY
18/11	Office of the Co-Ordinator General – Waste Management Meeting and circular economy lab
24/11	Tasmania Audit Office – Stakeholder Meeting
26/11	Elected Members Professional Development Day
5/12	Fiona Maher and Zoe Cozens – Sea Country Project
6/12	Mayor's Professional Development
7/12	Local Government Association Tasmania Annual Conference
8/12	Local Government Association Tasmania Annual Conference

CORRESPONDENCE IN

DATE	FROM	SUBJECT
11/11	W Askew	Letter of Congratulations
15/11	R Colbeck	Letter of Congratulations
16/11	M Blackie	Greetings from King Island Mayor
17/11	TasPorts CEO	Congratulations Mayor Flinders Island
18/11	Minister J Palmer	Fin Fish Farming around the Furneaux Group
18/11	RSL CEO - J Hard	Veteran Suicide - Aust Institute Health & Welfare
21/11	S Darke on behalf of the Tasmania Community Fund	Letter of Congratulations
21/11	E Beswick	Thrive Group Education and Care
22/11	R White	Letter of Congratulations
22/11	Senator C Bilyk	Letter of Congratulations
22/11	Tassal CEO - G Cooke	Tassal Group Acquisition
22/11	Tasmanian Fire Service	Request for assistance regarding Summer Bushfire Readiness Roadside Verge Management
22/11	M Patterson	Telstra Service
22/11	L MacGregor	Flying by the Seat of Their Pants Pioneering Aviation Invitation
23/11	R Rogers	Community Transport of Flinders Island
23/11	C Brown	Letter of Congratulations
24/11	Mayor M Duniam	Congratulations
28/11	C Brown	Letter of Congratulations
28/11	Tasmanian Audit Office	Flinders Council Audit of Financial Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2022
28/11	Biosecurity Tasmania - N Carmichael	Letter to Flinders Council regarding Flinders Island Feral Pig Project Steering Committee
29/11	Department of Premier and Cabinet	Regional Planning Framework Discussion Paper and draft Structure Plan Guidelines
29/11	K Prescott	Community Grant for Flinders Trails
29/11	Tasmanian Audit Office	Report to Those Charged With Governance - Cover Letter

29/11	Tasmanian Audit Office	2022.11.29 TAO - Report to Those Charged With Governance - Report
29/11	Tasmanian Audit Office	Audit Opinion Cover Letter
30/11	Flinders Island District High School	Invitation to the Presentation Evening
30/11	C Griffin	Farewell
30/11	R Galloway	Request for meeting with Janie Finlay MP
1/12	N McGovern	Premier's Christmas Function

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

DATE	TO	SUBJECT
15/11	Premier J Rockliff MP	Northern Flood Recovery Advisory Group
15/11	Flinders Island District High School	Sponsorship of the 2022 DUX Award
24/11	Flinders Island Business Incorporated	Flinders Council Representative
24/11	Flinders Island District High School	Flinders Council Representative
24/11	Local Government Association of Tasmania	Flinders Council Representative
24/11	Natural Resources Management North Association	Flinders Council Representative
24/11	TasWater	Flinders Council Representative
25/11	Biosecurity	Flinders Council Representative

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor's report be received.

DECISION

253.12.2022 Moved: Cr Peter Rhodes
That the Mayor's report be received.

Seconded: Cr Garry Blenkhorn

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Carol Cox, Cr Peter Rhodes and Cr Ken Stockton.

12. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

12.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REPORT

Action	Information
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Jacci Smith Development Services Coordinator
File Reference	PLN/0105
Annexures	12.1.1 Development Applications Report – November 2022

INTRODUCTION

This report provides Councillors with an overview of the applications for the current period as per motion 249.09.2015, passed at the 24 September 2015 Council Meeting when Council requested monthly data from the West Tamar Council planning consultancy service. As of July 2020, Flinders Council now generates the data and prepares the Development Application Report monthly.

Permitted applications are assessed under section 58 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (the Act) and are not advertised. If applications classified as Permitted meet all development and use standards, they must be granted a permit, with or without conditions.

Discretionary applications are assessed under section 57 of the Act and are exhibited for a two-week period during which submissions may be received from the public. If a submission is received, the planner's report for that application is considered by Council. Discretionary applications where no submissions are received, as well as applications with a Permitted pathway, are approved under delegation to the General Manager.

The numbering of applications relates to the electronic filing system. Numbers are allocated to Planning (DA), Building (BA) and Plumbing (PA) applications as they are received. This may mean that planning numbers are not sequential, if for example, a development requires a building application but is exempt from a planning application.

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 12.1.1, Development Applications Report – November 2022.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Planning Department Application Report – November 2022 be received.

DECISION

254.12.2022 Moved: Cr Garry Blenkhorn Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton
That the Planning Department Application Report – November 2022 be received, noting the error in DA2021/065.

CARRIED (5-1)

For: Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Carol Cox, and Cr Ken Stockton.

Against: Cr Peter Rhodes

13. INFRASTRUCTURE

13.1 INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGER'S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2022

Action	Information
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Chris Wilson Infrastructure Manager
File References	WOR/3000
Annexures	13.1.1 Infrastructure Manager's Report – November 2022

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update of monthly activities undertaken by the Works and Services and Airport departments.

OFFICER'S REPORT

This report is provided on a monthly basis at the request of Council.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Infrastructure Manager's Report – November 2022 be received and accepted by Council.

DECISION

255.12.2022 Moved: Cr Peter Rhodes Seconded: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace
That the Infrastructure Manager's Report – November 2022 be received and accepted by Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Carol Cox, Cr Peter Rhodes and Cr Ken Stockton.

Note: The following comment was made by Cr Peter Rhodes:

"This report is always good to see. I would like to request more information regarding works in the next report."

Infrastructure Manager Chris Wilson to provide November and December Airport landings in January 2023 Council Agenda and an update on the purchase of a suitable drum roller. Regarding water damaged areas totally 570 metre squared identified on runway 05/23 (East West runway,) east of the taxi way, the section is approximately 1.5 - 2m wide, on the edge of runway not in a critical location. Over the years water has been seeping into pavement.

Mayor Summers requested an update on regular maintenance on the gym equipment at both gyms. A town maintenance person is yet to be employed, Infrastructure Manager to follow up.

14. GOVERNANCE

14.1 EXEMPTION FROM PECUNIARY INTEREST FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Action	Decision
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Warren Groves General Manager
File Reference	COU/0600
Annexures	Nil

INTRODUCTION

Flinders Council currently has a number of special committees that were established to allow communication, discussion and community input into decision-making on specific areas or activities of community and Council importance.

Special Committees include community members who are often nominated for membership due to their expertise in an activity and their involvement in the activity could be perceived as a pecuniary interest. Under the *Local Government Act 1993*, councils are authorised to provide exemption for community committee members for a period of 12 months.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Council Workshop 1 December 2016

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

326.12.2016	15 December 2016
297.12.2017	14 December 2017
344.12.2018	18 December 2018
328.12.2019	17 December 2019
250.12.2020	15 December 2020
248.12.2021	14 December 2021

OFFICER'S REPORT

The membership of all Special Committees includes community members who are often nominated for membership due to their expertise in a business, community group or activity specifically related to the Special Committee. Under the *Local Government Act 1993*, this expertise could be perceived as a potential pecuniary interest in which case the committee member would not be entitled to vote on matters being dealt with by the Committee.

Section 52(3) of Part 5 of the *Local Government Act 1993* enables a council to exempt community members who are Special Committee members from pecuniary interest for a period of 12 months if the community member has a potential pecuniary interest in a matter only because of being appointed as a member due to expertise arising from direct involvement in an activity that gives rise to that potential pecuniary interest.

Providing community members on Special Committees with an exemption from pecuniary interest supports their right to vote on matters being dealt with that might otherwise appear as though an interest should be declared.

Council resolved to grant exemption from pecuniary interest for Special Committee community members for a period of 12 months at the December 2021 Council Meeting and it is again time to consider this matter.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT

Local Government Act 1993

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

No policy exists on this matter

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK/LIABILITY

Low

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council agrees to grant an exemption from pecuniary interest to the community members appointed to all its Special Committees for a period of 12 months, from December 2022 to December 2023.
2. That Council again considers the pecuniary interest of community members on its Special Committees at the December 2023 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

DECISION

256.12.2022 Moved: Cr Carol Cox

Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton

- 1. That Council agrees to grant an exemption from pecuniary interest to the community members appointed to all its Special Committees for a period of 12 months, from December 2022 to December 2023.**
- 2. That Council again considers the pecuniary interest of community members on its Special Committees at the December 2023 Ordinary Meeting of Council.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Carol Cox, Cr Peter Rhodes and Cr Ken Stockton.

14.2 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH VISIT NORTHERN TASMANIA (VNT) INCORPORATED

Action	Decision
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Warren Groves General Manager
File Reference	COU/0305
Associated Papers	14.2.1 VNT Funding Agreement (Elected Members only)

INTRODUCTION

Visit Northern Tasmania (VNT) is the regional tourism representative body relevant to Flinders Island. It forms an information and advocacy conduit between the Island and state level tourism authorities such as State Growth and Tourism Tasmania. In matters pertaining to tourism, it is therefore essential that the working relationship with VNT is collaborative and relevant to our Municipality.

VNT is seeking a continued relationship with Flinders Council as per the 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2025 funding agreement, Annexure 14.2.1.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

234.11.2020 11 November 2020

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Council Workshop 3 November 2020
Council Workshop 16 August 2022
Council Workshop 6 September 2022
Council Worksop 4 October 2022
Council Workshop 22 November 2022

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In June of 2022, Mayor Annie Revie and the General Manager met with Paul Seaman, the chair of VNT to discuss opportunities for improving the relationship between, and relevance of, VNT to Council. These discussions centred around a greater involvement of Council in matters relating to tourism, positive development for the Municipality along with structured information sharing and advocacy.

In particular, negotiated outcomes specific to the Flinders Municipality sought during the 2022/23 financial period include:

- Advocating for the Islander Way project assisting with connection to Tasmania Visitor Economy Network;
- Communicating directly with Council with monthly updates between the CEO of VNT and the General Manager of Council;
- Continuing to work collaboratively with Flinders Island Business Inc. (FIBI) and Council in partnership; and
- Working with Flinders Council, the Islander Way team, FIBI and local industry to inform an annual tourism plan, aligned to the Destination Management Plan and State Tourism 2030 Strategy.

The following requirements would also be associated with the agreement:

- Bi-annual reporting for the northern region, provided to Flinders Council;
- Destination Performance, including;
 - Visitation measures (visitor numbers, average length of stay & daily expenditure)
 - Market conditions; and
 - Anecdotal feedback from industry and visitors as relevant;
- VNT Organisation Performance, including;
 - Organisation Effectiveness;
 - Tourism 21 Strategy;
 - Destination Management and Local Planning;
 - Regional Stakeholder Advocacy and Support;
 - Visitor Experience Development;
 - Industry Development and Capacity Building;
 - Partnership Marketing; and
 - Cool Season Events Strategy.
- A report outlining the results of an annual review of VNT's operations.

Following the recent discussions, it is apparent that an amended relationship with VNT will be of value to the Furneaux region.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

1. Liveability - To protect and build upon our island's way of life.
 - 1.1 A viable population that enables the necessary services and activities required for the Community to prosper.
 - 1.1.2 Promote the islands' authentic lifestyle, business and entrepreneurial opportunities to attract 'working age' population and families.
 - 1.1.3 Collaborate with stakeholders to enable a variety of training and employment opportunities, including local skills and knowledge sharing.
 - 1.1.4 Promote and support sustainable activities to conserve the islands' natural and agricultural environments.
 - AP-4 Support the 'Islander Way' project.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK/LIABILITY

The industry specific experience, information and support provided through membership of Visit Northern Tasmania in newly negotiated terms will enable Council to work more effectively within the tourism sector and thereby reduce risk pertaining to Tourism.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council continues its relationship with Visit Northern Tasmania Incorporated (VNT), under the terms and conditions detailed in funding agreement (Annexure 14.2.1) for the period 01 July 2022 to 30 June 2025 and that the appropriate funding be allocated in the budget for the next three years.

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BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK/LIABILITY

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VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council continues its relationship with Visit Northern Tasmania Incorporated (VNT), under the terms and conditions detailed in funding agreement (Annexure 14.2.1) for the period 01 July 2022 to 30 June 2025 and that the appropriate funding be allocated in the budget for the next three years.

MOTION

257.12.2022 Moved: Cr Carol Cox

Seconded: Cr Peter Rhodes

That Council continues its relationship with Visit Northern Tasmania Incorporated (VNT), under the terms and conditions detailed in funding agreement (Annexure 14.2.1) for the period 01 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, subject to funding agreement being accepted at a future Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Carol Cox, Cr Peter Rhodes and Cr Ken Stockton.

14.3 FURNEAUX REGIONAL WEED MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2022-2037 AND 5-YEAR ACTION PLAN

Action Proponent Officer	Decision Council Officer Sammi Gowthorp Community Services Coordinator
File Reference	ENV/0902
Annexures	14.3.1 Furneaux Regional Weed Strategy 2022-37 and 5-year Action Plan 14.3.2 Roadside and Road Reserve Vegetation Management Policy

INTRODUCTION

The Furneaux Regional Weed Management Strategy 2022-2037 and 5-year Action Plan provides an overarching strategy and framework for best practice weed management within the Flinders Municipality.

The Strategy aims to protect the environment, community, and economy from the adverse impacts of weeds. The strategy will guide weed management planning, control and funding now and into the future.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Nil

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Council Workshop 6 September 2022
Council Workshop 30 November 2022

OFFICER'S REPORT

The previous Furneaux Regional Weed Management Strategy of 2002 was prepared by Anne Duncan, who served as the Flinders Natural Resource Management (NRM) Officer at the time. The Furneaux Weed Management Group was also established and operated for several years, during which time significant achievements were made towards the implementation of many actions outlined in the 2002 Strategy. The Weed Management Group was disbanded in 2007 and the NRM Officer role discontinued in 2013.

At the end of last year, Flinders Council was successful in receiving \$139,000 in grant funding from the State Government's Weed Action Fund for a period of three years.

Scope of the grant funding was to:

Year 1

- Develop a Furneaux Islands Weed Strategy and Action Plan;
- Re-establish a Furneaux Weed Management Group (FWMG); and
- Improve Council management of roadside maintenance operational procedures.

Year 2 & 3

- Implementation of Actions out of Furneaux Islands Weed Management Strategy and 5-year Action Plan.

Environmental consultants Eve Lazarus (enviro-dynamics) and Andy North (North Barker) were engaged to deliver the first year of program activities. The Scope and Objective of the Strategy is as follows:

"The Furneaux Regional Weed Management Strategy aims to deliver a strategic, cost-effective and long-term approach to weed management that enhances environmental

condition within the Furneaux Group and Flinders Municipality and improves social and economic outcomes for the broader community. It intends to involve all relevant community, industry and government stakeholders working together to reduce the economic, social and ecological impact of weeds within the Furneaux Group. This Strategy also aims to improve communication and collaboration with other weed management agencies and groups.”

The Furneaux Regional Weed Management Strategy 2022-2037 and 5-year Action Plan is intended to be in effect for 15 years, with a review and update of the Actions and species classifications every five years.

Council’s Roadside and Road Reserve Vegetation Management Policy was last reviewed and updated in December 2021. If Council adopts the Furneaux Regional Weed Management Strategy 2022-2037 and 5-year Action Plan, some minor changes to the Policy will be required to ensure both documents are aligned.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT

Tasmanian Weed Management Act 1999

Tasmanian Biosecurity Act 2019

Tasmanian Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Act 1995

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

1. Liveability - To protect and build upon our island's way of life.
- 1.4 Our natural environment protected and enhanced through land management activities.
- 1.4.1 Promote and support sustainable activities to conserve the islands’ natural and agricultural environments.

Roadside and Road Reserve Vegetation Management Policy

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK/LIABILITY

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- Adopts the Furneaux Regional Weed Management Strategy 2022-2037 and 5-year Action Plan; and
- Accepts the amended Roadside and Road Reserve Vegetation Management Policy as a strategic document and allows it to lay on the table for 28 days for public comment.

DECISION

258.12.2022 Moved: Cr Carol Cox Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton

That Council:

- **Adopts the Furneaux Regional Weed Management Strategy 2022-2037 and 5-year Action Plan; and**
- **Accepts the amended Roadside and Road Reserve Vegetation Management Policy as presented in annexure 14.3.2 with the following change in section 4.9: the words “declared and noxious weeds are replaced with the words “declared weeds, non-declared agricultural and environmental weeds as listed in the**

Department of Natural Resources and Environment website and parramatta grass,”; and that the amended strategic policy lays on the table for 28 days for public comment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Peter Rhodes.

Noted by Cr Carol Cox

It is important that Parramatta Grass is also included as a weed. It is important to encompass all weeds on the Island in this strategy.

Noted by Cr Vanessa Grace

Thank you to the Community Engagement Coordinator Sammi Gowthorp, for all the work put into this project. It is great that Council is acknowledging there is a problem with weeds and how they have spread. Old practices were not addressing the spread, and it is hoped this Strategy will be part of the solution.

14.4 COUNCILLOR RESOLUTION REPORT

Action	Information
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Warren Groves General Manager
File Reference	GOV/0300
Annexures	14.4.1 Councillor Resolution Report December 2022

INTRODUCTION

The Councillor Resolution Report identifies resolutions passed by elected members and the actions taken to implement the decisions.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

The Report is presented on a monthly basis.

OFFICER'S REPORT

Please read 14.4.1 – Councillor Resolution Report December 2022.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Councillor Resolution Report December 2022 be noted.

DECISION

259.12.2022 Moved: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace Seconded: Cr Peter Rhodes
That the Councillor Resolution Report December 2022 be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Carol Cox, Cr Peter Rhodes and Cr Ken Stockton.

Noted regarding:

194.09.2020 The presentation by Council regarding funding and advocacy to the Community Development Grant (CDG) body was well received.

222.11.2021 The paintings have been cleaned and will be back on island next week, ready for public display.

15. CLOSED COUNCIL

15.1 REALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDING

Action	Decision
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Warren Groves General Manager

REASON FOR CLOSED COUNCIL

15.1 is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 15(2)(g) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council moves into Closed Council.

DECISION

260.12.2022 Moved: Cr Peter Rhodes Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton
That Council moves into Closed Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Carol Cox, Cr Peter Rhodes and Cr Ken Stockton.

Council moved into Closed Session at 1.48pm

Council moved out of Closed Session at 1.59pm

The following motion for the Open Minutes was passed in Closed Council:

"MOTION

262.12.2022 Moved: Cr Carol Cox Seconded: Cr Peter Rhodes
That for Agenda Item 15.1 Reallocation of Community Grant Funding, the discussions held, in Closed Council remain confidential and the decision be made public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Carol Cox, Cr Peter Rhodes and Cr Ken Stockton.

"DECISION

261.12.2022 Moved: Cr Peter Rhodes Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton
That Council accepts the revised budget allocation from the letter dated 28 November 2022 from Kerrie Prescott.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Carol Cox, Cr Peter Rhodes and Cr Ken Stockton.

Note: A community grant of \$750 was awarded to Kerrie Prescott for the Flinders Trail Team under the 2022 Community Grants Program. Due to timeframe limitations, Ms. Prescott requested the funds be reallocated to a project that still aligns with the purpose of the original grant application.”

At 2.00pm Mayor Rachel Summers announced that the meeting was closed.

MEETING CLOSED 2.00PM
