



Confirmed Minutes  
Ordinary Council Meeting  
22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015



## FLINDERS COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

### CONFIRMED MINUTES

**DATE:** Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015  
**VENUE:** Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre, Whitemark  
**COMMENCING:** 1.00 pm

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#### PRESENT

Mayor Carol Cox  
Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham  
Cr Peter Rhodes  
Cr Ken Stockton  
Cr David Williams  
Cr Gerald Willis

#### APOLOGIES

Cr Chris Rhodes

#### STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Raoul Harper	- General Manager	1.00 – 2.30pm
Sophie Pitchford	- Corporate Services Manager	1.00 – 2.30pm
Jacci Viney	- Development Services Coordinator	1.00 – 1.12pm
Vicki Warden	- Executive Officer	1.00 – 2.30pm

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 1.01.2015 Moved:** Deputy Mayor M Cobham      **Seconded:** Cr P Rhodes
1. That the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting and the Closed Council Meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014 be confirmed.
  2. That the Unconfirmed Minutes from the Annual General Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014 be noted.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

**For:** Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

#### PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from the public.

## LATE AGENDA ITEMS

**2.01.2015** Moved: Cr D Williams Seconded: Cr P Rhodes

That under *S8(6) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005*, the item

- Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) General Meeting

be considered as Item D5 at this meeting by absolute majority vote.

### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

**For:** Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

## DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Cr Marc Cobham declared a pecuniary interest in the Closed Council Item E1.

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Ken Stockton has requested a Leave of Absence from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> March in order to attend a family wedding in Sydney.

Under Section 39 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005*, this leave request is put forward for the consideration of the Council.

## DECISION:

**3.01.2015** Moved: Cr G Willis Seconded: Cr D Williams

That Cr Ken Stockton's request for Leave of Absence from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> March in order to attend a family wedding in Sydney be approved.

### CARRIED (5-1)

**For:** Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

**Against:** Cr Ken Stockton (abstained)

## PETITIONS

Nil

## **WORKSHOPS & INFORMATION FORUMS**

**File No: COU/0205**

### **Council Workshop held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

Council held a Workshop on Strategic Planning.

#### **Councillors Present:**

Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Chris Rhodes, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

#### **Apologies:**

Nil

#### **Staff and Consultants Present:**

Robyn Cox (Strategic Planner), Raoul Harper (General Manager), Nick Byrne (SED Advisory) and Tony Irish (SED Advisory).

### **Council Workshop held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

Council held a Workshop on the following subjects:

- Item 1: Half Yearly Budget Review
- Item 2: LGAT Elected Members Professional Development Weekend
- Item 3: Updated Fuel Report
- Item 4: Community Workshop on Amalgamation
- Item 5: Tasmanian Building Regulatory Framework Review
- Item 6: Telecommunications Update
- Item 7: Ideas and Innovations Special Committee

#### **Councillors Present:**

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

#### **Apologies:**

Cr Chris Rhodes and Cr David Williams.

#### **Staff and Consultants Present:**

Raoul Harper (General Manager) and Sophie Pitchford (Corporate Services Manager) (Item 1 only).

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

**DECISION:**

**4.01.2015 Moved:** Deputy Mayor M Cobham                      **Seconded:** Cr G Willis  
That the Councillor Workshops held on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014 and 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 are noted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

**For:** Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS**

Nil

## COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

### **Question 1 Cr Gerald Willis:**

I ask the General Manager to advise how many electors' names which were removed from the General Manager's Roll between the elections held in 2011 and those held in 2014 were re-instated to the Electoral Roll after the close off date for inclusion on the Electoral Roll in 2014?

I ask the General Manager to advise the electors in the Flinders Municipality what steps, if any, have been made to ensure electors' names are not incorrectly removed from the General Manager's roll in the future?

### **General Manager's Response:**

Two electors were removed from the General Manager's Roll between the 2011 and 2014 elections and re-instated to the General Manager's Roll after the closing date in 2014. Post each election the Tasmania Electoral Commission (TEC) advises Council of electors on the General Manager's Roll that are deceased or are on the State Electoral Roll and also forwards ballot papers to Council that have been 'returned to sender'. The General Manager's Roll is adjusted accordingly at the time this information is received. The removal and reinstatement made no material impact on the ability of those electors to cast a vote at the recent election.

In response to Councillor Willis' second question, the General Manager's Roll is held within a restricted section of Council's filing system and the file is password protected. As such any alterations to the Roll require the General Manager or Executive Officer to physically make the changes. The General Manager's Roll is informed and updated (as outlined above) by information received from the TEC and Officers' on-ground knowledge of the status of individuals or corporations living, owning property or operating a business in the Municipality. All efforts are made to ensure this information is accurate.

Those that are registered on the General Manager's Roll should at every election check to ensure their details are still correct and valid. Council advertises the availability of the General Manager's Roll prior to elections and voters should take the opportunity to check their status on the Roll at this time. A specific reference to direct those that believe they are enrolled to check their details and status will be included in the advertisements/notices prior to the next election. At times, mistakes and omissions can happen in the flow of information between the TEC and Council. As a final fail safe, Officers will in the future attempt to contact any person or corporation that the TEC directs should be removed from the Roll to ascertain if the information provided is correct.

**Question 2 Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham:**

Several community members have suggested the following improvements to the Furneaux Arts & Entertainment Centre facility. Could a solid / soundproof door be installed between the Rose Garden Room (RGR) and the bathroom facilities? This would enhance confidentiality during meetings held in the RGR and provide privacy for people using the bathroom facilities, when others are using the RGR. If the door included a glass (partially frosted?) panel, this would provide light to the corridor as well as safety when using the door. A phone connection point installed in the RGR would be a useful item for staff and in a later staged upgrade the foldable wall/door between the RGR and Main Hall could replace the existing damaged system. This would also need to be soundproofed.

**Corporate Services Manager's Response:**

Rob Holloway has provided the Council with a quote to install a door between the Rose Garden Room and the hall where the bathrooms are located. The door will be solid with a glass window which will allow for light and the ability to see when a meeting is taking place. The door will be installed by Rob during February.

A phone connection in the Rose Garden Room can be arranged so that council staff do not have to plug the phone into the point in the Main Hall when it is in use.

There is no budget allocation in the 2014-15 Budget for replacing the foldable doors between the Rose Garden and the Main Hall. A quote can be obtained before the 2015-16 Budget is set, so that an allocation can be considered.

**DECISION:**

**5.01.2015 Moved:** Cr G Willis                      **Seconded:** Cr P Rhodes

That the Councillor's questions and responses be noted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

**For:** Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

## **COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

### **Question 1 from Cr Gerald Willis:**

In the response to my question on notice above, paragraph two refers to the Executive Officer. Who holds that position?

### **Response from the General Manger:**

Vicki Warden

## **PUBLICATIONS/REPORTS TABLED FOR COUNCIL INFORMATION**

Nil



## REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED

### Furieux (Emita) Hall Special Committee

File No: AME/0502

*Annexure 1: Furieux (Emita) Hall Special Committee Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup>  
December 2014 Unconfirmed Minutes*

### OFFICER'S REPORT (Raoul Harper, General Manager):

The unconfirmed minutes of the Furieux (Emita) Hall Special Committee meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014 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 Furieux (Emita) Hall Special Committee meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014 be noted.

### DECISION:

**6.01.2015 Moved:** Deputy Mayor M Cobham **Seconded:** Cr D Williams

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Furieux (Emita) Hall Special Committee meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014 be noted.

### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

**For:** Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

**Furneau (Emita) Hall Special Committee**

**File No: AME/0502**

***Annexure 2: Furneau (Emita) Hall Special Committee Annual General Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014 Unconfirmed Minutes***

**OFFICER'S REPORT (Raoul Harper, General Manager):**

The unconfirmed minutes of the Furneau (Emita) Hall Special Committee Annual General Meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014 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 Furneau (Emita) Hall Special Committee Annual General Meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014 be noted.

**DECISION:**

**7.01.2015 Moved:** Cr D Williams      **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor M Cobham  
That the unconfirmed minutes of the Furneau (Emita) Hall Special Committee Annual General Meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014 be noted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

**For:** Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

**Audit & Finance Special Committee**

**File No: FIN/1300**

*Annexure 3: Audit & Finance Special Committee Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015  
Unconfirmed Minutes*

**OFFICER'S REPORT (Raoul Harper, General Manager):**

The unconfirmed minutes of the Audit & Finance Special Committee meeting held Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 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 Audit & Finance Special Committee meeting held Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 be noted.

**DECISION:**

**8.01.2015 Moved:** Cr K Stockton **Seconded:** Cr G Willis

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit & Finance Special Committee meeting held Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 be noted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

**For:** Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

## COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

### Deputy Mayor's Report

File No: COU/0600

### ACTIVITIES: December 2014 – January 2015

DATE	ITEM
02/12/14	Furneaux (Emita) Community Hall Special Committee AGM & General Meeting
04/12/14	Council AGM
16/12/14	Strategic Planning Workshop
17/12/14	Tourism North Tasmania "Champions of Tourism" Awards, Launceston
18/12/14	Council Meeting
19/12/14	Council Christmas Party Function
23/12/14	Meetings with various Council staff re 2015 Emita Sports Day
24/12/14	Outdoor Staff end-of year break-up function
02/01/15	Collecting equipment for Emita Sports Day
03/01/15	Assisting with set-up, undertaking and clean-up of Emita Sports
04/01/15	Attend Funeral Service at Lady Barron
07/01/15	Return equipment used at Emita Sports Day
10/01/15	Attend Music in the Vines Festival, Lady Barron
12/01/15	Interim Chairperson, Audit & Finance Special Committee Meeting
12/01/15	Councillor Workshop
13/01/15	Attend "Mountain Seas" Art Gallery Opening
14/01/15	Attend Funeral Service at Furneaux Arts & Entertainment Centre, Whitemark

### DECISION:

**9.01.2015 Moved:** Cr P Rhodes                      **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor M Cobham  
That the Deputy Mayor's report be received with the 2014 dates amended to read 2015.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

**For:** Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

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

**REPORT:**

**APPOINTMENTS:**

16/12/14	Strategic Planning Workshop
17/12/14	Flinders Island District High School End of Year Assembly
18/12/14	Flinders Island Aboriginal Association Inc. Smoking Won't Crush US Flinders Island launch
18/12/14	Council Meeting
19/12/14	Council Christmas BBQ
03/01/15	Emita Sports
09/01/15	ABC Radio Interview
10/01/15	Music in the Vines
12/01/15	Council Workshop

**CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>
12/12/14	Kathleen Ives-Heap and Dave Heap	Thanking Council for use of areas within the Furneaux Arts & Entertainment Centre
16/12/14	Rod Huskins, Returning Officer, Tasmanian Electoral Commission	Receipt and acceptance of nomination for Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) By-election
16/12/14	Peter Gutwein, MP, Minister for Planning and Local Government	Invitation to attend the Voluntary Council Amalgamations Regional Meeting - 12/2/15 (acceptance sent)
17/12/14	Cr Ken Stockton	Application for leave of absence
18/12/14	Julian Type, Electoral Commissioner	LGAT 2014 By-election postal ballot material
19/12/14	Lyn Mason, Chairwoman, Tasmania Community Fund	Tasmanian Community Fund Annual Report 2013/14
19/12/14	Miles Hampton, Chairman, TasWater	Chairman's address to GBE Scrutiny Hearing
19/12/14	Local Government Association of Tasmania	Elected Members Professional Development Weekend - 28/2 - 1/3/15

19/12/14	Michael Ferguson MP, Minister for Health	Release of the Delivering Safe and Sustainable Clinical Services Green Paper
23/12/14	Alderman Albert van Zetten, His Worship the Mayor of Launceston	Invitation to attend the Pacific Patrol Boat Replacement Project information event (apology sent)
23/12/14	Steve Old, Tasmanian Hospitality Association	Congratulations on re-election and introduction of the Association
23/12/14	Andrew Fisher, Director Tasmania, ABC	New initiatives being implemented by the ABC
23/12/14	Simon Bischoff	Isle of Rock - climbing movie - featuring Flinders Island
23/12/14	Terry Travers	Cancellation of the 2015 3 Peaks Race
23/12/14	West Tamar Council	Windsor Park Opening - 5 & 7 February
23/12/14	Local Government Association of Tasmania	The Hon Peter Gutwein as speaker at Regional Breakfast - Launceston - 27/2/15
24/12/14	Mercury Newspaper	Response to request for article input
02/01/15	Kris Poria, Invest in Australia	Invitation to write a welcome message on behalf of Council
05/01/15	Jara Dean, Assistant Auditor, Tasmanian Audit Office	Draft Commentary on Local Government Operation Efficiency
05/01/15	University of Tasmania	Research to Reality publication
06/01/15	Emma Mancey, TasWater	Invitation to the TasWater Owner Representatives Quarterly Briefing - 6/2/15
08/01/15	David Tresemer, Mountain Seas	Invitation to Councillors to famil tour of Enchanted Way at Mountain Seas Retreat
09/01/15	Stephen Douglas - Launceston Airport	Discussion and Disability Access Facilitation Plan review
12/01/15	Tasmanian Water	Industry News, Issue 1, January 2015
12/01/15	Multicultural Council of Tasmania	Introduction and multicultural calendar
13/01/15	Cr Alwn Friedersdorff	Reminder of Australian Local Government Women's Association National Conference
13/01/15	Local Government Association of Tasmania	December Report & Survey

**CORRESPONDENCE OUT:**

DATE	WHO	SUBJECT
16/12/14	Tasmanian Electoral Commission	Nomination for LGAT General Management Committee representative for small northern Councils (faxed)
17/12/14	Cr Ken Stockton	Acknowledgement of receipt of application for leave of absence
23/12/14	Vic Epstein	Response to Public Question at December Ordinary Council Meeting
23/12/14	Garth Smith, TasPorts	Request for update on Fishermen's Memorial at Lady Barron
23/12/14	Fran Bryson, Lady Barron Hall Special Committee	Cancellation of the 2015 3 Peaks Race
23/12/14	Tony Mulder MP, Member for Rumney	Response regarding deliberative vote for meeting Chair
23/12/14	Ms Anne-Maree Wilkens	Congratulations on Tourism North Tasmania award of "Best Northern Welcome"
23/12/14	Mr James Madden	Congratulations on Tourism North Tasmania award of "Trailblazing Innovator"
23/12/14	Mr G Rorison	Response to letter re investment in golfing
24/12/14	Mercury Newspaper	Flinders Council's response to questions to all Tasmanian Councils
07/01/15	General Manager, Launceston Airport	Request for discussion on access to Sharp Terminal
14/01/15	Jara K Dean, Assistant Auditor-General Financial Audit, Tasmanian Audit Office	Thanking the Auditor-General for the opportunity to respond to the Auditor-General's report and advising that Flinders Council has no comment on the report

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Mayor's report be received.

**DECISION:**

**10.01.2015 Moved:** Deputy Mayor M Cobham      **Seconded:** Cr K Stockton  
That the Mayor's report be received.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

**For:** Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.



## A. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES & PLANNING

### Item A1: Planning Applications Report

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>Information</b>
<b>PROPONENT</b>	Council Officer
<b>OFFICER</b>	Jacci Viney, Development Services Coordinator
<b>FILE REFERENCE</b>	PLN/0105
<b>ASSOCIATED PAPERS</b>	<i>Nil</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 period July – December 2014.

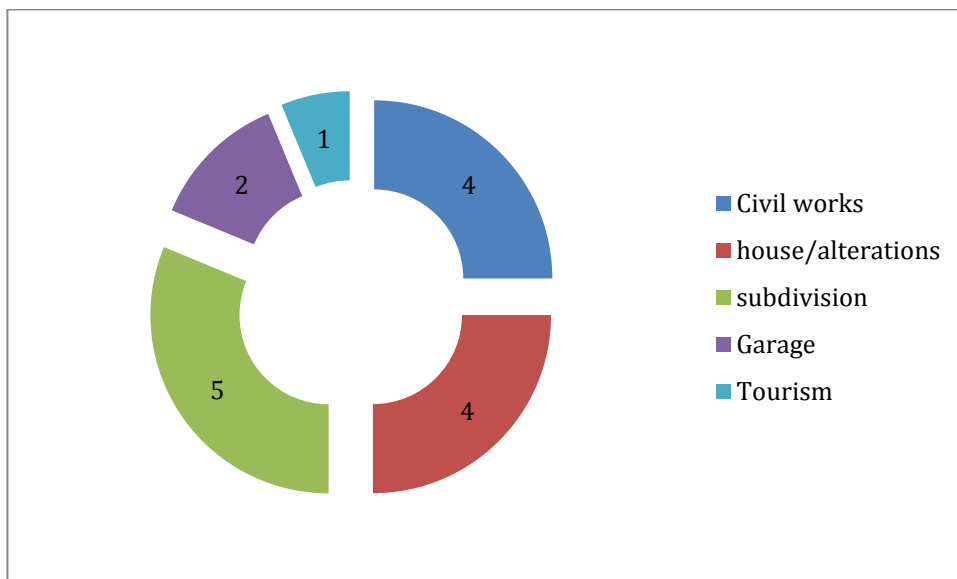
#### PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

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

#### OFFICER'S REPORT:

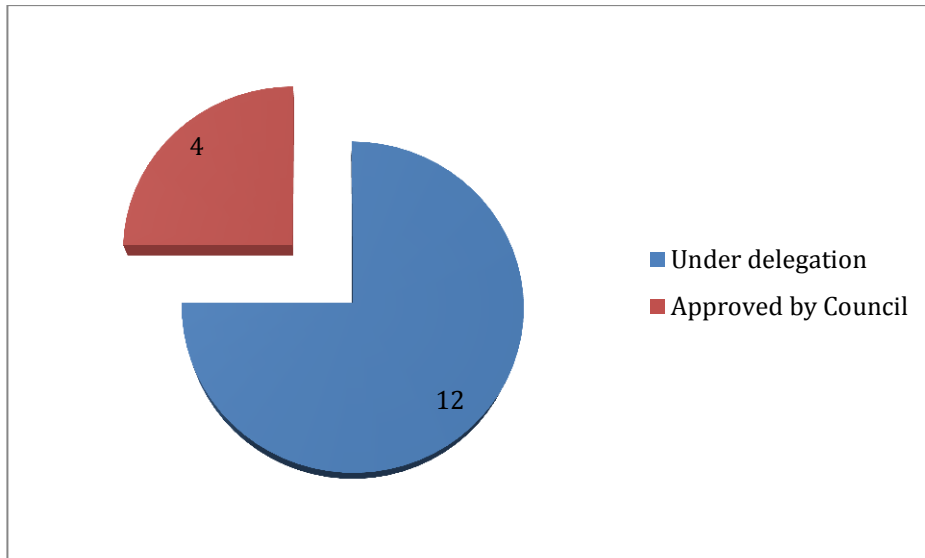
The number of applications approved during the July – December period of 2014 was 16; one more than the same time last year. The varying types of development applied for during the period are shown in the following graph:

#### Types of development approved



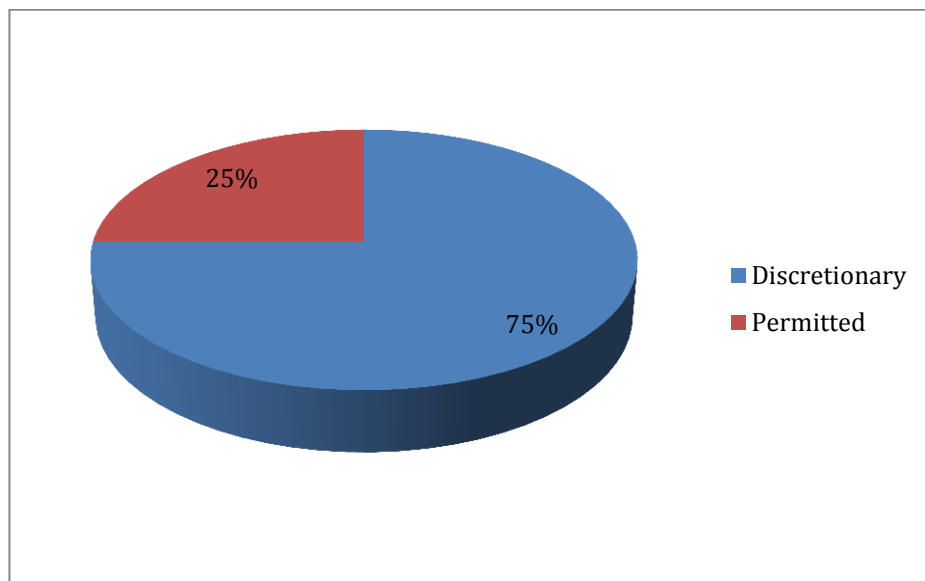
The following pie graph shows the number of applications that were referred to a Council meeting and those that were approved by Council's General Manager by delegation:

### Council approved and delegated applications



As a matter of interest the following chart shows the ratio of applications which are treated as permitted.

### Proportion of discretionary permits and permitted permits



**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That the report be received.

**DECISION**

**11.01.2015 Moved:** Cr P Rhodes      **Seconded:** Cr K Stockton

That the Planning Applications Report be received.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

**For:** Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

*Mayor Carol Cox passed the chair to Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham at 1.12pm.*

<b>B. NOTICE OF MOTIONS</b>
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Item B1: Notice of Motion from Mayor Carol Cox – General Manager Review Committee

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>PROPONENT</b>	Mayor Carol Cox
<b>OFFICER</b>	General Manager, Raoul Harper
<b>FILE REFERENCE</b>	PER/1200
<b>ASSOCIATED PAPERS</b>	Nil

**NOTICE OF MOTION:**

That Council elect, at this Ordinary Meeting of Council, the Mayor and two other Councillors as the General Manager Review Committee.

That the General Manager Review Committee, as a sub-committee of Council, develops Terms of Reference for the committee for consideration at the February 2015 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

**COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:**

The election to this committee was deferred at the November 2014 Council Meeting as point 7 in motion 936.11.2014, that it be discussed at a workshop:

*"7) That Council discuss the General Manager's Review Committee at a future workshop prior to Council considering the matter."*

The issue was discussed at a workshop on the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014 as noted in the unconfirmed minutes of the December 2014 Ordinary Meeting of Council and is now due for council consideration.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

936.11.2014	13 <sup>th</sup> November 2014
Councillor Workshop	26 <sup>th</sup> November 2014

**OFFICER'S REPORT:**

The General Manager's performance review is a component of the existing contract of employment. The establishment of a General Manager Review Committee and new/revised Terms of Reference should be ratified by Council.

**STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS:**

*Local Government Act 1993*

**POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

No policy on the matter is in place.

**BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

**RISK/LIABILITY:**

Council should review the performance of the General Manager on an annual basis.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council elect, at this Ordinary Meeting of Council, the Mayor and two other Councillors as the General Manager Review Committee.

That the General Manager Review Committee, as a sub-committee of Council, develops Terms of Reference for the committee for consideration at the February 2015 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

**DECISION**

**Moved:** Mayor C Cox      **Seconded:** Cr D Williams

That Council elect, at this Ordinary Meeting of Council, the Mayor and two other Councillors as the General Manager Review Committee.

That the General Manager Review Committee, as a Council Committee, develops Terms of Reference for the committee for consideration at the February 2015 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

**LOST (3-3)**

**For:** Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham and Cr David Williams.

**Against:** Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton, and Cr Gerald Willis.

*Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham passed the chair to Mayor Carol Cox at 1.14pm.*

*The Mayor advised that Councillors should try amendments to motions if they consider a motion does not reflect their position on an issue.*

*Mayor Carol Cox passed the chair to Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham at 1.16pm.*

**Item B2: Notice of Motion from Mayor Carol Cox - External Councillor Representation**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>PROPONENT</b>	Mayor Carol Cox
<b>OFFICER</b>	General Manager, Raoul Harper
<b>FILE REFERENCE</b>	COU/0303, WAT/0200
<b>ASSOCIATED PAPERS</b>	Nil

**NOTICE OF MOTION:**

1. That Council supports and votes for Councillor Cox in the current election of a member to the General Management Committee of the Local Government Association of Tasmania.
2. The Council supports and votes for Councillor Willis in the current election of members to the Selection Committee of the Owners Representatives.

**COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:**

In general, for Flinders Councillors to be active in the state-wide activities related to both Local Government and TasWater, keeps Flinders Council connected and informed and is also an avenue for promoting awareness of Flinders and the Furneaux Group.

With the election of Mayor Barry Jarvis as the President of the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT), the position on the General Management Committee (GMC) of the Northern Smaller Councils' representative has become vacant. Councillor Cox has nominated for the position. Votes are required to be lodged by the 30<sup>th</sup> January.

The Selection Committee of TasWater has two representatives from the northern region and both positions are currently open. Councillor Willis has nominated for one of these positions. There are only two nominations for the two vacancies, but TasWater has asked that member councils of the northern region confirm their agreement to appointing the two nominees. The selection committee undertakes the process of selecting directors when required.

It is not expected that either of these positions will have any cost to Council over and above the costs already associated with the said Councillors current representation of Flinders Council on each body. The minutes of the GMC indicate that they meet by teleconference when meetings do not coincide with the General Meetings of LGAT.

The Selection Committee has an important role but its activities are intermittent, only meeting when a change of director is required.

Should the Councillors be successful then the experience and knowledge they gain can only compliment their representation on the Flinders Council.

I ask that both Councillor Cox and Councillor Willis be supported in their nominations.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Nil

**OFFICER'S REPORT:**

The motion as written is supported.

**STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS:**

*Local Government Act 1993*

**POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

5.0 Corporate Governance and Intergovernmental Relations - decisions are professionally and transparently made, communicated and implemented to achieve defined outcomes in the interest of the community.

5.3 Actively participate in local government, industry and regional organisations.

**BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Minimal

**RISK/LIABILITY:**

Minimal

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Absolute Majority

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

As per the notice of motion.

**DECISION**

**12.01.2015 Moved:** Deputy Mayor M Cobham      **Seconded:** Cr P Rhodes

1. That Council supports and votes for Councillor Cox in the current election of a member to the General Management Committee of the Local Government Association of Tasmania.
2. The Council supports and votes for Councillor Willis in the current election of members to the Selection Committee of the Owners Representatives.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

**For:** Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

*Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham passed the chair to Mayor Carol Cox at 1.17pm.*



**Item B3: Notice of Motion from Cr Peter Rhodes – Ideas and Innovations Committee**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>PROPONENT</b>	Councillor Peter Rhodes
<b>OFFICER</b>	General Manager, Raoul Harper
<b>FILE REFERENCE</b>	COU/0600
<b>ASSOCIATED PAPERS</b>	Nil

**NOTICE OF MOTION:**

1. That Council establishes an Ideas and Innovations Committee to facilitate community suggestions for improvement to be processed into a format accessible by the community.

2. That the following Purpose be adopted for the Committee:

- to act as a clearing house for community ideas and suggestions for potential activities that could enhance the quality of life, including safety, health and well-being, of municipality residents;
- to record and share input received on an ongoing basis to facilitate community discussion and concept development of possible new initiatives; and
- to provide Council with consolidated information for consideration in the context of strategic and annual plans, budget determinations and workshop discussions, if needed.

3. That the Committee be a Council Committee formed under section 23 of the *Local Government Act*.

**COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:**

The purpose of the proposed Committee is to provide a mechanism for the municipality's residents and ratepayers to make suggestions or share ideas for improving our community. By maintaining a register of input received in a consistent format and making this accessible to the public for comment, questions, additions or enhancements, community discussion can be facilitated. Ideally it would allow the Community to register their support or otherwise in relation to the suggestions registered.

There is a concern that the Committee may generate community expectations for change. It should be made clear that Council, in promoting the Committee, has no obligation to endorse or act upon any of the suggestions made to the Committee.

It is not envisaged that this will have any impact on Council staff other than the possible uploading of information to the Council's website, say once a month. A hard copy of the register should be maintained by the Committee for public scrutiny and social media could be investigated as a means of communication.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Nil

**OFFICER'S REPORT:**

The value or otherwise of such a Committee to the community and Council is a matter for elected members to deliberate upon.

**STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS:**

*Local Government Act 1993*

**POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

**BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Unknown

**RISK/LIABILITY:**

Council has embarked on a Furneaux Futures project and the development of a new Strategic Plan. These are the projects where new ideas and innovations from the community should be directed and a risk exists that the development of this new Committee at the same time may well create a level of confusion within the community.

Council does not have a policy on the use of social media by Committees or Chairs to garner community input and engagement. If the proposed Committee is to utilise social media to engage with the community, Council should consider how and who would moderate such and what parameters in relation to its use would be required.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council considers the matter.

**DECISION**

*The motion was withdrawn by the proponent.*

<b>C. CORPORATE SERVICES</b>
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**Item C1: Quarterly Financial Report for October - December 2014**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>Information</b>
<b>PROPONENT</b>	Council Officer
<b>OFFICER</b>	Sophie Pitchford, Corporate Services Manager
<b>FILE REFERENCE</b>	FIN/0100, ADM/0600
<b>ASSOCIATED PAPERS</b>	<i>Annexure 4: Quarterly Financial Report October - December 2014</i>

**INTRODUCTION:**

Presented to Council is the second Quarterly Financial Report for the period commencing 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 and ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Council considers the Quarterly Financial Report on a quarterly basis.

**OFFICER'S REPORT:**

The new report structure provides a summary of income and expenditure for the second quarter across all departmental divisions as individual finance reports. The Statement of Comprehensive Income includes actuals from the previous financial year, for comparison against current actuals as well as the 2014-15 Annual Budget.

The Capital Works Report highlights each project and the expenditure incurred to date as well as projects carried forward as Works in Progress arising from the previous financial year.

**STATUTORY REQUIREMENT:**

*Local Government Act 1993*

**POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

5.0 Corporate, Governance and Intergovernmental Relations

**BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Annual Plan - all areas

**RISK/LIABILITY:**

No foreseen risks or legal obligations identified as a result of this financial report.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Quarterly Financial Report for the period commencing 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 and ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 be received and accepted.

**DECISION**

**13.01.2015 Moved:** Deputy Mayor M Cobham      **Seconded:** Cr G Willis  
That the Quarterly Financial Report for the period commencing 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 and ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 be received and accepted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

**For:** Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

**D. GOVERNANCE**

Item D1: Local Government Association of Tasmania Voting Delegates

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>PROPONENT</b>	Council Officer
<b>OFFICER</b>	General Manager, Raoul Harper
<b>FILE REFERENCE</b>	COU/0303
<b>ASSOCIATED PAPERS</b>	<i>Nil</i>

**INTRODUCTION:**

The Local Government Association of Tasmania has requested the names of Flinders Council’s Voting Delegate and Proxy for voting at General Meetings of the Association.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Nil

**OFFICER’S REPORT:**

As per the Local Government Association of Tasmania’s Rules of the Association, following each ordinary Council election they request the names of the Voting Delegate and the Proxy for voting at General Meetings of the Association. Traditionally, the Mayor has represented Flinders Council as the Voting Delegate and the Deputy Mayor the Proxy.

Council is asked to ratify these appointments.

**STATUTORY REQUIREMENT:**

Nil

**POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

5.0 Corporate Governance and Intergovernmental Relations - decisions are professionally and transparently made, communicated and implemented to achieve defined outcomes in the interest of the community.

5.3 Actively participate in local government, industry and regional organisations.

**BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

**RISK/LIABILITY:**

Nil

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be nominated as the Voting Delegate and Proxy respectively for the Local Government Association of Tasmania.

**DECISION:**

**14.01.2015 Moved:** Cr D Williams      **Seconded:** Cr K Stockton

That the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be nominated as the Voting Delegate and Proxy respectively for the Local Government Association of Tasmania.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

**For:** Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

## Item D2: Flinders Island Fuel Supply Investigation

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>Information</b>
<b>PROPONENT</b>	Council Officer
<b>OFFICER</b>	General Manager, Raoul Harper
<b>FILE REFERENCE</b>	COM/0200
<b>ASSOCIATED PAPERS</b>	<i>Annexure 6: Fuel Supply Investigation Report, January 2015</i> <i>Annexure 7: Australian Island Community Retail Fuel Price Summary 9 January 2015</i>

### **INTRODUCTION:**

For a number of years there have been concerns regarding the price of fuel on Flinders Island, as compared to Tasmanian and Australian mainland prices.

While it is reasonable that in a remote island location like Flinders Island, transport costs are always going to impact on final wholesale and retail prices, Council and the community have struggled to understand why the price differential is so high, often as much as 40 cents/litre.

Following a Notice of Motion put forward by Mayor Carol Cox at the December 2013 Council meeting, Council's infrastructure consultant Resonance Consulting, was engaged to undertake an investigation into the fuel supply so as to identify, at a high level, opportunities to reduce the cost of fuel on the Island.

This report has been finalised, presented to Council previously and following a process of review with Council and TasPorts is now ready to be received, adopted and released to the public.

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

At the Council meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> December 2013, Council passed the following motion:

*"That Council engage with TasPorts to investigate if the cost of distribution of fuel to Flinders Island can be reduced and that Council allocates \$10,000 to such a project at the half year budget review.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)*

*For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor David Williams, Cr Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Mary-Anne Roberts, Cr Gerald Willis and Cr Ronald Wise."*

At the Council meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> August 2014, Council passed the following:

*870.08.2014 Moved: Cr M Cobham Seconded: Cr M Roberts  
Council receives and notes the report.*

***CARRIED (4-2)***

*For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor David Williams, Cr Marc Cobham  
and Cr Mary-Anne Roberts.*

*Against: Cr Gerald Willis and Cr Ronald Wise.*

*871.07.2014 Moved: Cr M Cobham Seconded: Cr R Wise  
That the Fuel supply study be discussed at an upcoming workshop.*

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)***

*For: Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor David Williams, Cr Marc Cobham,  
Cr Mary-Anne Roberts, Cr Gerald Willis and Cr Ronald Wise.*

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 Councillor Workshop  
12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 Councillor Workshop

**OFFICER'S REPORT:**

Council has previously received the Flinders Island Fuel Supply Investigation Report at its August 2014 meeting. The report was also discussed at a workshop in October 2014 and a request for clarification and revision of specific areas was forwarded to the Consultant.

The report was revised and discussed by Council at its January 2015 workshop and is now ready to be received, adopted and released to the public.

**STATUTORY REQUIREMENT:**

*Local Government Act 1993*

**POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

6.0 Furneaux Future

6.4 Encourage catalytic development that is consistent with the strategic objectives and contributes to Council's Vision.

6.4.1 Develop and implement specific projects that will strategically advance economic opportunities for Council and Community.

**BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

**RISK/LIABILITY:**

The report calculates the potential margins typically achieved by fuel retailers on the Island and other components of the fuel supply chain. Officers are



unaware of any risks associated with the production of such figures and dissemination to the public.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Council receives and notes the revised report and directs the General Manager to make the report available to the public via the Council website.
2. Council directs the General Manager to send the report to the Federal Member for Lyons and the Federal Member for Bass and seek their support in requesting the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) to investigate the high price of fuel in the islands.

**DECISION:**

**15.01.2015 Moved:** Deputy Mayor M Cobham      **Seconded:** Cr K Stockton

1. Council receives and notes the revised report and directs the General Manager to make the report available to the public via the Council website.
2. Council directs the General Manager to send the report to the Federal Member for Lyons and the Federal Member for Bass and seek their support in requesting the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) to investigate the high price of fuel in the islands.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

**For:** Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

Item D3: Council's 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Report

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>Information</b>
<b>PROPONENT</b>	Council Officer
<b>OFFICER</b>	Raoul Harper, General Manager
<b>FILE REFERENCE</b>	COU/0600
<b>ASSOCIATED PAPERS</b>	<i>Annexure 8: Council's 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Report (October - December 2014)</i>

**INTRODUCTION:**

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update of the various actions taken by the whole of Council for the first quarter of the financial year.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Previously provided as a departmental monthly report then departmental quarterly reports.

**OFFICER'S REPORT:**

Please read Annexure 8 – Council's 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Report (October – December 2014).

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Council's 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Report (October – December 2014) be received and accepted.

**DECISION:**

**16.01.2015 Moved:** Cr D Williams      **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor M Cobham  
That the Council's 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Report (October – December 2014) be received and accepted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

**For:** Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

**Item D4: Councillor Resolution Report**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>Information</b>
<b>PROPONENT</b>	Council Officer
<b>OFFICER</b>	Raoul Harper, General Manager
<b>FILE REFERENCE</b>	COU/0600
<b>ASSOCIATED PAPERS</b>	<i>Annexure 9: Councillor Resolution Report January 2015</i>

**INTRODUCTION:**

This report identifies the actions taken and actual costs associated with implementing resolutions passed by elected members up to January 2015.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

The report is presented on a monthly basis.

**OFFICER'S REPORT:**

Please read Annexure 9 – Councillor Resolution Report January 2015.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Councillor Resolution Report January 2015 be noted.

**DECISION:**

**17.01.2015 Moved:** Cr G Willis                      **Seconded:** Cr P Rhodes

That the Councillor Resolution Report January 2015 be noted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

**For:** Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

Item D5: **LATE AGENDA ITEM - Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) General Meeting**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>Information</b>
<b>PROPONENT</b>	Council Officer
<b>OFFICER</b>	Raoul Harper, General manager
<b>FILE REFERENCE</b>	COU/0303
<b>ASSOCIATED PAPERS</b>	<i>Annexure 12: LGAT General Meeting 13 February 2014 - Agenda</i> <i>Annexure 13: LGAT General Meeting 13 February - Attachments</i>

**INTRODUCTION:**

The LGAT General Meeting will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015. The meeting Agenda and attachments are provided for elected members as Annexures 12 & 13.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Nil

**OFFICER'S REPORT:**

A number of motions are included in the LGAT General Meeting Agenda. Council provides direction to the Mayor in relation to voting. The agenda can be accessed at the LGAT website through the following link:  
<http://www.lgat.tas.gov.au/page.aspx?u=725>

**STATUTORY REQUIREMENT:**

Nil

**POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

5.0 Corporate Governance and Intergovernmental Relations  
5.4 Actively participate in local government, industry and regional organisations.

**BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

No known budget implications at this time.

**RISK/LIABILITY:**

Minimal

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Council notes the Local Government Association of Tasmania General Meeting Agenda and provides the Mayor with direction in relation to the items listed for a decision.

Items for Decision		
2.1	TIMING OF GENERAL MEETING PAPERS	That the Meeting agree that, with the exception of the July (conference) General Meeting, papers be provided to LGAT members two weeks in advance of the meeting and that for the July meeting, papers be provided four weeks in advance.
2.2	COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That the Meeting note that it is intended to undertake the biennial State-wide Community Satisfaction Survey around May this year;</li><li>2. That Members discuss whether they would like LGAT to explore expanding the State-Wide Community Satisfaction survey to allow for individual council level;</li><li>3. That Members advise LGAT if they are considering commissioning an add-on to the State-Wide Community Satisfaction survey (that is additional questions or bigger sample); and</li><li>4. That Members determine what, if any, new issues should be covered in the State-Wide Community Satisfaction survey, particularly in relation to the future conversations on voluntary amalgamation.</li></ol>
2.3	FOLLOW UP OF OUTSTANDING MOTIONS REPORT	That the Meeting endorse the changed format for Follow-Up Of Outstanding Motions report and note the process will be used in relation to monitoring legacy motions.
2.4	ROLE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROJECT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That the Meeting note that in relation to the Role of Local Government Project, there will need to be a significant resource commitment by LGAT if key actions are to be progressed; and</li><li>2. That the Meeting endorse this as a priority area for the Association.</li></ol>
2.5	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SURVEY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That the Meeting note the preliminary findings of the second Tasmanian Local Government workforce development survey;</li><li>2. That the Meeting note that in relation to a sectoral report, each council which participated in the second Tasmanian Local Government workforce development survey will receive a report and recommendations relevant to them;</li><li>3. That the Meeting agree that participating councils will review the workforce development reports and provide feedback on the usefulness of the data and recommendations; and</li><li>4. That Members encourage a greater level of participation</li></ol>

		for the 2016 survey.
2.6	PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION/EXTENSION OF TERM	That the Members approve the extension of tenure of the incumbent LGAT President for a further two years.
2.7	FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON GMC	That the Members note the action taken in respect of filling the vacancy on the General Management Committee from Northern Region Councils with populations of less than 20,000 people and endorse the proposal to seek to have the successful candidate extended for a further two year period.
2.8	VOLUNTARY AMALGAMATIONS	That the Meeting consider the matters raised in this item and discuss issues of concern, possible strategies and/or tactics in relation to taking this process forward.
2.9	STATE BUDGET CONSULTATIONS	That the Meeting discuss the key priorities for the sector that should be included in the State Budget considerations.
3.1	ELECTED MEMBER CENSUS	That the Meeting note the LGAT elected member census is to be undertaken shortly and agree to actively encourage the participation by all elected members.
3.2	LEGISLATION UPDATE	That the meeting note the report on current legislative activity and in particular: 1. There will be a continued strong focus on changes to planning legislation during 2014; and 2. That it is anticipated the new Code of Conduct provisions will be tabled during the Autumn 2015 session of Parliament.
3.3	POLICY UPDATE	That the meeting note the report on current policy activity and in particular: 1. The process for finalising the unmetered public lighting contract; and 2. The growth in guides, tools and templates available through the LGAT extranet.
3.4	GENERAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ELECTIONS	That the Meeting note the arrangements and timetable associated with the election of members of the General Management Committee.
3.5	BASS STRAIT SHIPPING UPDATE	That the Meeting review the information contained in documentation received from the State Government and note the recent developments in relation to International shipping.
3.6	STATE OWNED PUBLIC LAND	That the Meeting note the advice received from the relevant Minister.
<b>Items for Discussion</b>		
4.1	ONE VOTE PER COUNCIL - Derwent Valley Council	
4.2	MINUTING OF COUNCIL VOTES - Derwent Valley Council	

**DECISION:**

**18.01.2015 Moved:** Cr G Willis                      **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor M Cobham  
That Council discuss this item under section 22 (9) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

**For:** Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

**19.01.2015 Moved:** Cr G Willis                      **Seconded:** Cr D Williams  
That Council notes the Local Government Association of Tasmania General Meeting Agenda and provides the Mayor with the following direction in relation to the items listed for a decision:

Items for Decision			Decision
2.1	TIMING OF GENERAL MEETING PAPERS	That the Meeting agree that, with the exception of the July (conference) General Meeting, papers be provided to LGAT members two weeks in advance of the meeting and that for the July meeting, papers be provided four weeks in advance.	yes
2.2	COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY	1. That the Meeting note that it is intended to undertake the biennial State-wide Community Satisfaction Survey around May this year; 2. That Members discuss whether they would like LGAT to explore expanding the State-Wide Community Satisfaction survey to allow for individual council level; 3. That Members advise LGAT if they are considering commissioning an add-on to the State-Wide Community Satisfaction survey (that is additional questions or bigger sample); and 4. That Members determine what, if any, new issues should be covered in the State-Wide Community Satisfaction survey, particularly in relation to the future conversations on voluntary amalgamation.	More information on costs needed
2.3	FOLLOW UP OF OUTSTANDING MOTIONS REPORT	That the Meeting endorse the changed format for Follow-Up Of Outstanding Motions report and note the process will be used in relation to monitoring legacy motions.	yes
2.4	ROLE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT	1. That the Meeting note that in relation to the Role of Local Government Project, there will need to be a significant resource commitment by	noted

	PROJECT	LGAT if key actions are to be progressed; and 2. That the Meeting endorse this as a priority area for the Association.	
2.5	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SURVEY	1. That the Meeting note the preliminary findings of the second Tasmanian Local Government workforce development survey; 2. That the Meeting note that in relation to a sectoral report, each council which participated in the second Tasmanian Local Government workforce development survey will receive a report and recommendations relevant to them; 3. That the Meeting agree that participating councils will review the workforce development reports and provide feedback on the usefulness of the data and recommendations; and 4. That Members encourage a greater level of participation for the 2016 survey.	noted
2.6	PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION/EXTENSION OF TERM	That the Members approve the extension of tenure of the incumbent LGAT President for a further two years.	yes
2.7	FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON GMC	That the Members note the action taken in respect of filling the vacancy on the General Management Committee from Northern Region Councils with populations of less than 20,000 people and endorse the proposal to seek to have the successful candidate extended for a further two year period.	yes
2.8	VOLUNTARY AMALGAMATIONS	That the Meeting consider the matters raised in this item and discuss issues of concern, possible strategies and/or tactics in relation to taking this process forward.	Yes - concern that it will become more than voluntary
2.9	STATE BUDGET CONSULTATIONS	That the Meeting discuss the key priorities for the sector that should be included in the State Budget considerations.	yes
3.1	ELECTED MEMBER CENSUS	That the Meeting note the LGAT elected member census is to be undertaken shortly and agree to actively encourage the participation by all elected members.	Noted
3.2	LEGISLATION UPDATE	That the meeting note the report on current legislative activity and in particular: 1. There will be a continued strong focus on changes to planning legislation during 2014; and 2. That it is anticipated the new Code of Conduct provisions will be tabled during the Autumn 2015 session of Parliament.	noted



3.3	POLICY UPDATE	That the meeting note the report on current policy activity and in particular: 1. The process for finalising the unmetered public lighting contract; and 2. The growth in guides, tools and templates available through the LGAT extranet.	noted
3.4	GENERAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ELECTIONS	That the Meeting note the arrangements and timetable associated with the election of members of the General Management Committee.	noted
3.5	BASS STRAIT SHIPPING UPDATE	That the Meeting review the information contained in documentation received from the State Government and note the recent developments in relation to International shipping.	noted
3.6	STATE OWNED PUBLIC LAND	That the Meeting note the advice received from the relevant Minister.	noted
<b>Items for Discussion</b>			<b>Comment</b>
4.1	ONE VOTE PER COUNCIL - Derwent Valley Council		Not if councils are expected to pay equal amounts.
4.2	MINUTING OF COUNCIL VOTES - Derwent Valley Council		Unnecessary.

### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

**For:** Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

*Mayor Carol Cox called a break in meeting at 2.01pm and resumed the meeting at 2.07pm.*

<b>E. CLOSED COUNCIL</b>
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Items E1 & E2: Closed Council Items

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>PROPONENT</b>	Council Officer
<b>OFFICERS</b>	Raoul Harper, General Manager
<b>FILE REFERENCE</b>	COM/0300, FIN/1300, REA/0300
<b>ASSOCIATED PAPERS</b>	<i>Annexures 10 &amp; 11: For Elected Members only</i>

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Nil

**REASON FOR CLOSED COUNCIL:**

Item E1 and E2 are **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 15(2) (j) and (e) respectively of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005*.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Absolute Majority

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council move into Closed Council.

**DECISION:**

**20.01.2015 Moved:** Deputy Mayor M Cobham      **Seconded:** Cr P Rhodes  
That Council move into Closed Council.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

**For:** Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton, Cr David Williams and Cr Gerald Willis.

*Council moved into Closed Session at 2.07 pm.*

*Council moved out of Closed Session at 2.25pm.*

**26.01.2015 Moved:** Cr G Willis **Seconded:** Cr K Stockton

That the discussions had and motions passed in Closed Council remain confidential.

**CARRIED (5-1)**

**For:** Mayor Carol Cox, Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham, Cr Peter Rhodes, Cr Ken Stockton and Cr Gerald Willis.

**Against:** Cr David Williams

**Meeting Closed 2.30pm**