



Confirmed Minutes Ordinary Council Meeting

26 July 2023



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FLINDERS COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING – CONFIRMED MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 26 JULY 2023

Venue	Flinders Island Arts and Entertainment Centre
Commencing	1.00 pm
Attendees – Councillors	Mayor Rachel Summers Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace Garry Blenkhorn Carol Cox Peter Rhodes Ken Stockton
Apologies	Aaron Burke
Attendees- Staff	Warren Groves General Manager (1pm – 2.13pm) Chris Wilson Infrastructure Manager (1pm – 2.13pm) Sammi Gowthorp Community Services Coordinator (1:03pm – 2.11pm) Jacci Smith Development Services Coordinator (1:03pm – 1.39pm) Vicki Warden Executive Officer (minute taker) (1pm – 2.28pm)

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 28 June 2023 be confirmed.

DECISION

209.07.2023 Moved: Cr Carol Cox Seconded: D/Mayor Vanessa Grace
That the Minutes from the Ordinary and Closed Council Meetings held 28 June 2023 be confirmed.

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.

Jacci Smith, Development Services Coordinator and Sammi Gowthorp, Community Services Coordinator, entered the meeting at 1:03pm.

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

5. LATE AGENDA ITEMS

The following has been received as a late agenda item for closed council:

- General Manager's Performance Review Committee Unconfirmed Minutes

Pursuant to S65(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the General Manager confirms that:

- he has had sufficient time to consider the item and to provide expert advice in relation to the item;
- that it was not possible to include the item on the agenda as the information was not available at that time; and
- that the matter is urgent as it relates to another item under consideration in closed council.

Under R8(6) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, this item may be considered at this meeting by absolute majority vote.

DECISION

210.07.2023 Moved: Cr Carol Cox Seconded: Cr Peter Rhodes

That the Late Agenda item, being the receipt of the minutes of the General Manager's Performance Review Committee meeting held on the 18th of July 2023, be considered in closed council prior to Agenda item 18.1 relating to the General Manager's contract.

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.

6. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil

7. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

8. POLICIES

The following Council policies were adopted at the 24 May 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting and no submissions were received throughout the 28 day public consultation period. As per the requirements of the Council Policy and Procedure Framework, the following policies are now considered to be adopted:

- Asset Management Policy; and
- Risk Management Policy.

9. WORKSHOPS & INFORMATION FORUMS

File No. COU/0205

Council Workshop – 28 June 2023

Council held a workshop on the following subjects:

- Item 1 Little Dog Island Development Application
- Item 2 General Manager's Update
- Item 3 Related Party Disclosure
- Item 4 Growing Regions Grant Opportunity
- Item 5 Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania

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

Staff and Consultants	In Attendance
Warren Groves General Manager	(Items 1 – 5)
Jacci Smith Development Services Coordinator	(Item 1)
Sammi Gowthorp Community Services Coordinator	(Item 4)
Sue Mythen Executive Officer	(Items 1 - 5)
Vicki Warden Executive Officer	(Item 5)
Vica Bayley Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania	(Item 5)
Michael Mansell Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania	(Item 5)
Rebecca Digney Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania	(Item 5)

Council Workshop – 12 July 2023

Council held a workshop on the following subjects:

- Item 1 Strategic Plan
- Item 2 Priority Projects
- Item 3 Insurance Asset Values
- Item 4 Annual Plan Actions
- Item 5 General Manager's Update
- Item 6 Wybalenna Policy and Visits to CBI Policy
- Item 7 Information Management Procedure
- Item 8 Board Table Discussion
- Item 9 Patient Transport Assistance Scheme
- Item 10 Airport Fees Discussion

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

10. PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS TABLED FOR COUNCIL INFORMATION

Sammi Gowthorp, Community Services Coordinator, tabled a report on The Furneaux Futures Forum, held in Whitemark on 6 – 9 June 2023 for Councillor information (Annexure 10.1).

RECOMMENDATION

That The Furneaux Futures Forum report be noted.

DECISION

212.07.2023 Moved: Cr Carol Cox Seconded: Cr Peter Rhodes

That The Furneaux Futures Forum report 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.

11. REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED

11.1 FLINDERS COUNCIL AUDIT PANEL

File Reference FIN/0401
Annexures 11.1.1 Flinders Council Audit Panel Meeting 13 June 2023 Confirmed Minutes

OFFICER'S REPORT (Warren Groves | General Manager)

The Confirmed Minutes of the Flinders Council Audit Panel Meeting held 13 June 2023 have been provided for consideration. The minutes outline what the Committee has been working on to date and can now be accepted by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Confirmed Minutes of the Flinders Council Audit Panel Meeting held 13 June 2023 be accepted.

DECISION

213.07.2023 Moved: Cr Peter Rhodes Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton
That the Confirmed Minutes of the Flinders Council Audit Panel Meeting held 13 June 2023 be accepted.

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. MAYOR'S REPORT

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

APPOINTMENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY
14/06/2023	Council Workshop
15/06/2023	Meeting with community member
16/06/2023	Citizenship Ceremony
21/06/2023	Future of Local Government Review Session – North-East Catchment
21/06/2023	Meeting with community member
21/06/2023	Meeting with community member
23/06/2023	Meeting with Ed Beswick – Thrive Childcare Group
23/06/2023	Northern Mayors Workshop – Future of Local Government Review
26/06/2023	Meeting with community member
27/06/2023	Meeting with Maxine Roughley and John Clark – Flinders Island Aboriginal Association Incorporated
28/06/2023	Council workshop/meeting
28/06/2023	Meeting with Community member
30/06/2023	Local Government Association of Tasmania AGM/General Meeting
01/07/2023	Local Government Association of Tasmania Professional Development Day
03/07/2023	Future of Local Government Review Session – Bass Strait Islands
06/07/2023	General Manager Performance Review and Recruitment Workshop
07/07/2023	Meeting with Janie Finlay
08/07/2023	Community Information Sessions – Whitemark and Emita
09/07/2023	Community Information Session – Lady Barron
12/07/2023	Council Workshop
19/07/2023	Meeting with King Island Council
19/07/2023	Community Information session - Whitemark

CORRESPONDENCE IN

DATE	FROM	SUBJECT
16/06/2023	Carol Baines	Housing Issue for senior community member
17/06/2023	Dianne Cudby	The Voice Referendum Update
18/06/2023	Ruby Blyth	Future of Local Government
19/06/2023	Wendy Jubb-Stoney	Future of Local Government Review
19/06/2023	Sam Batchelor – Australian Services Union	Will you sign the petition?
19/06/2023	Melinda Pearce – Local Government Association Tasmania	GM Recruitment Guidelines Workshop
20/06/2023	Carly Hay – Local Government Association Tasmania	Future of Local Government Review – Engagement Workshop
21/06/2023	Leslie King – Department of Premier and Cabinet	Northern Regional Councils intro to the Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program
22/06/2023	Ed Beswick, Thrive	Service disruption
23/06/2023	Judy Treloar	Remote Australians Matter
23/06/2023	Sarah Joyes	LGAT Guidance Note – Council Meetings notices of motion
23/06/2023	Dianne Cudby	Voice News Just To Hand from Jacinta Price – Final mailout

25/06/2023	Stuart Harris – Salmon Tasmania	Media Release – Incoming CEO Luke Martin and Jo Palmer MLC to launch Salmon Tasmania economic report
26/06/2023	Dion Lest – LGAT	General Manager Performance Review
28/07/2023	Councillor Peter Rhodes	Safe Harbour
29/06/2023	Nikita Heazlewood – TasWater	TasWater Media Release
04/07/2023	Lachlan McKenzie	Community Grant
05/07/2023	David Owen – Government House	Growing Community Engagement
05/07/2023	The Hon. Kristy McBain	Voice to Parliament
07/07/2023	Peter McGlone	Flinders Island Council's opposition to amalgamations
08/07/2023	Cameron Valentine – Future of Local Government Review (FLGR)	North-East Community Catchment Hearing Invitation
11/07/2023	Mark Redmond – Reconciliation Tasmania	Free Understanding the Voice workshops
11/07/2023	Antoinette & Mick	Emita Hall: Local Council
11/07/2023	Ronald Wise	Wybalenna
11/07/2023	Cameron Valentine – FLGR	FOLGR – Survey Results
11/07/2023	The Hon Sue Smith AM – FOLGR	Invitation to Public Hearings
14/07/2023	Neale Scott – Beach Energy	Beach Energy Offshore Gas – Community Consultation
14/07/2023	Ed Beswick – Thrive	Update from Thrive Group
14/07/2023	Tasmania Fire Service	2023 Community Bushfire-Ready Challenge, Program Overview for Council
19/07/2023	Hon. Nic Street MP Minister for Local Government	Government decision not to impose council boundary adjustments as part of Local Government review

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

DATE	TO	SUBJECT
16/06/2023	Carol Baines	Housing Issue for senior community member
22/06/2023	Ed Beswick	Childcare
22/06/2023	Telstra	Letter of Endorsement – Regional Connectivity Program, Telstra Proposal
26/6/2023	Executive Commissioner Tasmanian Planning Commission	Representation to Exhibition – Draft Tasmanian Planning Policies
29/06/2023	Councillor Peter Rhodes	Safe Harbour
29/06/2023	Norman Hunt	Letter of appreciation – Flinders Boating Special Committee
29/06/2023	John Holloway	Letter of appreciation – Flinders Boating Special Committee
29/06/2023	Robert Holloway	Letter of appreciation – Flinders Boating Special Committee
29/06/2023	Nicholas Campion	Appointment to Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee
03/07/2023	Jana Monnone	Letter to Community Grant Applicant
03/07/2023	Jim Hughes	Letter to Community Grant Applicant
03/07/2023	Lachlan Mckenzie	Letter to Community Grant Applicant
03/07/2023	Mark Smith	Letter to Community Grant Applicant
03/07/2023	Melissa Mollineaux	Letter to Community Grant Applicant
03/07/2023	Vicki Harper	Letter to Community Grant Applicant
03/07/2023	Melissa Mollineaux	Letter to Gunn Bequest Applicant
03/07/2023	Vicki Harper	Letter to Gunn Bequest Applicant
03/07/2023	Kyra Newman	Flinders Council's Instrument of Delegation
07/07/2023	Peter McGlone	Flinders Island council's opposition to amalgamations

09/07/2023	Denise Gardener – Cape Barren Island Aboriginal Association Incorporated	Some Items for Feedback
11/07/2023	Antoinette & Mick	Emita Hall: Local Council
11/07/2023	Cameron Valentine – FOLGR	Request for remote attendance to public hearings

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor's report be received.

DECISION

214.07.2023 Moved: Cr Garry Blenkhorn

Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton

That the Mayor's report be received.

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.

13. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

At 1.08pm, pursuant to Section 25 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, the Council will now act as a Planning Authority under the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993.

13.1 PLANNING AUTHORITY REPORT – DRAFT AMENDMENT AM2023-02 FLINDERS LOCAL PROVISIONS SCHEDULE, SCENIC PROTECTION CODE LISTING OMISSIONS – OUTER ISLANDS

Action	Decision
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Town Planning Solutions Pty Ltd – Strategic Planning Consultant
File Reference	PLN/0101
Annexures	13.1.1 Extract - Tasmanian Planning Commission Decision – Flinders Local Provisions Schedule, (2022); (LPS Decision) 13.1.2 Section 35F Report, Local Provisions Schedule - Report on representations (35F Report) 13.1.3 C8.0-Scenic-Protection-Area-Overlay-Exhibited-Version Extracts

INTRODUCTION

This Agenda item provides for the Planning Authority to consider an amendment to the Local Provisions Schedule (LPS) to address an unintended omission in the description for the Outer Islands under listing FLI-C8.1.14 (**subject provision**) and insert reference to the *Outer Islands* as part of the description, as shown by the red text in Table 1.

Description (existing)	Description (proposed)
Visually prominent land at Palana, North East River and Big River Road, which are visible from public roads, foreshores and coastal waters.	Visually prominent land at Palana, North East River, Outer Islands mapped within the overlay and Big River Road, which are visible from public roads, foreshores and coastal waters.

Table 1 - current description and proposed amendment

A recommendation is provided for the Planning Authority to address the omissions.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

50.03.2022 15 March 2022

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

31 May 2023 Council Workshop

OFFICER'S REPORT

The Planning Authority will recall the various workshops and reports that were considered as part of the process of the LPS with the Commission. That process was ultimately completed when the Commission issued the LPS decision on 12 April 2022.

The Scenic Protection Area Overlay was declared as a transitional provision by the then Minister for Planning under Schedule 6 of the Act as part of consent process for the draft LPS to commence public exhibition. The mapping that applied to the Outer Islands was subject to that declaration and effectively translated the mapping from the *Flinders Planning Scheme 2000* (2000 Scheme) to the LPS.

In this case, that declaration included the areas identified subject to the visually sensitive areas provisions under clause 7.2 of the 2000 Scheme. Changes to transitional provisions under the Act were limited to those the Commission determined were required from the old to the new format. Review of the available documentation confirms that no changes were made to the mapping for the Scenic Protection Area Overlays affecting the Outer Islands.

The *Supporting Report Local Provisions Schedule November 2020 Revised April 2021* addressed additional areas that were added to the Scenic Protection Area overlay under the LPS at the Commons, North East River, Marshall Bay, Emita, Locotta, Lady Barron and the Darling Ranges at section 5.6.

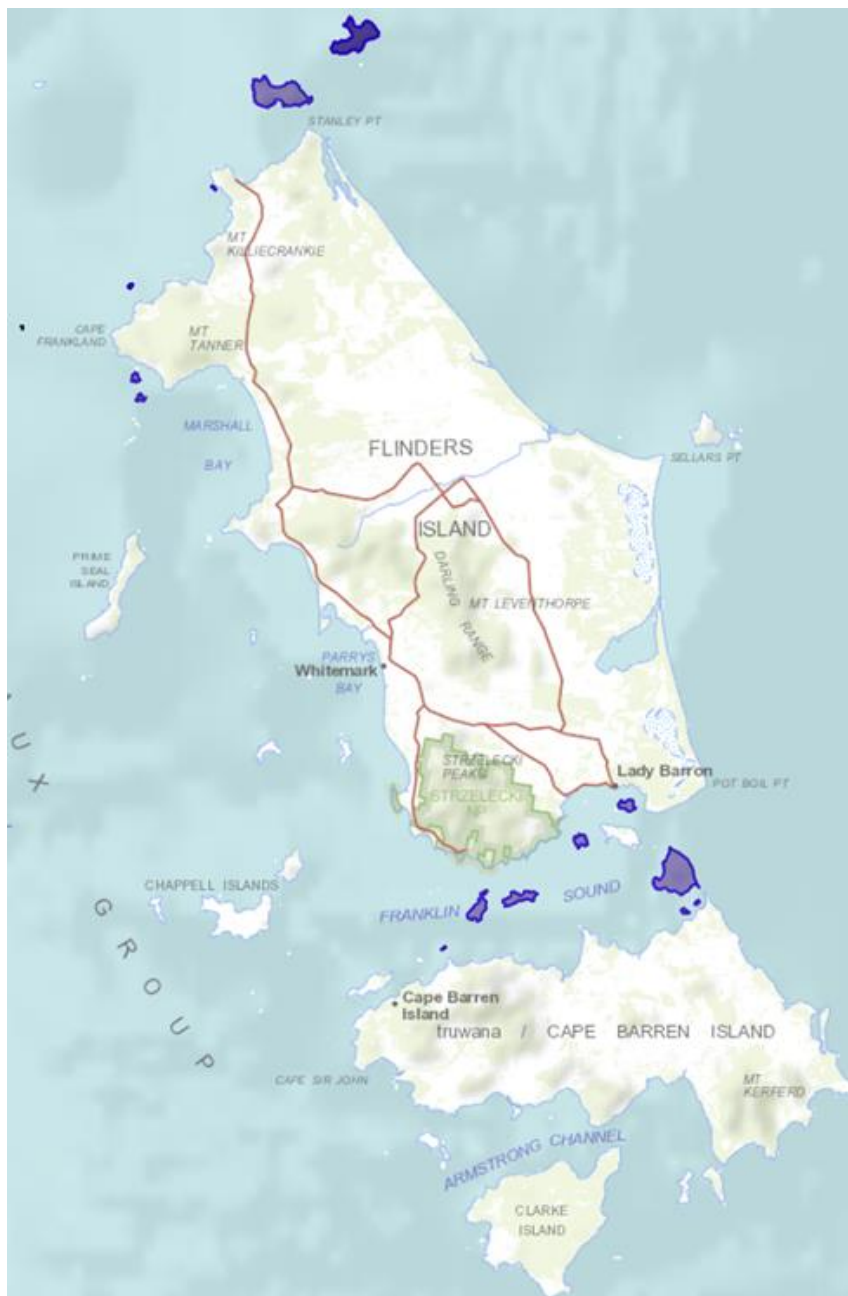


Figure 1 - Furneaux Islands showing FLI-C8.1.14 (Source: modified from listmap)

The LPS Decision addressed the Scenic Protection Code at paragraphs 249 through 257 (see Annexure 13.1.1). Changes were made to the listing criteria for all areas under table C8.1 Scenic Protection Areas as part of the translation, and to the management objectives in response to representations (see Annexure 13.1.2).

The LPS Decision included the following entry at Table C8.1 Scenic Protection Areas:

FLI-Table C8.1 Scenic Protection Areas

Reference Number	Scenic Protection Area Name	Description	Scenic Value	Management Objectives
FLI C8.1.14	Other Areas	Visually prominent land at Palana, North East River and Big River Road, which are visible from public roads, foreshores and coastal waters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The visual prominence of areas when seen from public roads, foreshores and coastal waters. The undisturbed landforms and natural vegetation. The minimal visible evidence of human activity in the form of buildings, structures or works. 	To: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> retain the natural appearance of the area when seen from public roads, foreshores and coastal waters; minimise the visual impacts of development and works; provide for development and works that has appropriate scale, bulk and external material design, which minimises visual impacts on the natural appearance of the areas; and retain and restore (where possible) the natural vegetation cover to encourage restoration of the native vegetation cover.

Table 2 – Extract LPS clause C8.1.14

The description section of C8.1.14 identified areas at Palana, North East River and Big River Road.

Practice Note 8 draft LPS Written Document: Technical Advice, by the Commission, provides advice on the written LPS document to ensure consistency and the following advice for the description section in table C8.1 Scenic Protection Areas:

These columns provide for the description of the physical context of the scenic values. The area or corridor may be divided into separate areas where the scenic values or management objectives vary.

Review of the mapping for the Scenic Protection Overlay was completed using the LISTmap service that identified listing FLI-C8.1.14 applies the following islands that were mapped (consistent with the Transitional Declaration) but *not listed* in the Description section at Table C8.1.14:

- Vansittart Island;
- Little Green Island;
- Little Dog Island;
- Tin Kettle Island;
- Puncheon & Pelican Islands;
- Anderson & Little Anderson Islands;
- Neds Reef;
- North Pascoe & Royden Island;
- Sentinel Island;
- Green Island;
- Crown land AAy31 (west of The Dock)
- Gossy's Reef; and
- Inner & Outer Sister Islands.

These Islands (subject islands) were highlighted on Figure 1. Collectively, they are known as the Outer Islands, and were referred to as such throughout the LPS assessment process.

The mapping that was exhibited for the LPS assessment process confirms the subject islands were subject to the Scenic Protection Area overlay, as required by the transitional status afforded to the mapping by the Ministerial declaration. Inclusion of these areas on the exhibited mapping was confirmed on the Scenic Protection Area overlay maps provided on the Tasmanian Planning Commission website (see extracts in annexure 13.1.3, the full set can be accessed on the Commission website). That mapping also identifies the subject islands were subject to listing FLI-C8.1.14.

Many representations sought revisions to the way listings were addressed under Table C8.1 Scenic Protection Area in the LPS, to better reflect the requirements of clause 7.2.2 of the Visually Sensitive Areas provisions from the 2000 Scheme. Those representations were supported in the section 35K Report (see Annexure 13.1.2) and ultimately the Commission in the LPS Decision (refer paragraph 256 LPS Decision and reproduced at annexure 13.1.1 to this report). The listing under the LPS at entry FLI-C8.1.14 complies with those directions and as shown in Table 2.

Following commencement of the LPS, it was identified that the description in clause C8.1.14 did not list the Outer Islands individually or collectively, which meant that they could not be assessed under the Scenic Protection Area overlay. Legal advice confirmed that the omission from the description prevented assessment against clause C8.1.14 in any application on the subject islands.

This outcome was not consistent with the transitional status of the mapping, representations received during the statutory exhibition process, modifications recommended by Council as a result of those representations or the LPS Decision. Review of the LPS documentation identifies that the omission of the Outer Islands was an unintentional omission. AM 2023-02 seeks to address this omission by inserting the Outer Islands to the description at clause FLI-C8.1.14, as shown in Table 1.

As an omission, it is understood that AM2023-01 may be eligible for exemption from the public exhibition requirements for LPS amendments under the Act, as noted later in this report. A detailed supporting report was not provided for this amendment, given its potential exemption from public exhibition.

A recommendation was provided to correct this omission, for the Planning Authority to initiate and certify draft amendment AM2023-02 and request the Commission exempt the public exhibition requirements.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT

Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (Act)

- S.6 Delegation
- Division 3B Amendments to LPS's
- S.34 LPS Criteria
- S.40D preparation of draft amendments;
- S.40F certification of draft amendments;
- S.40I Exemption from public exhibition.

Section 40D(b) of the Act allows the Planning Authority to prepare an amendment of its own motion. A recommendation was provided to commence a new planning scheme amendment AM2023-02 to reflect the previous decisions of the Minister for Planning, Planning Authority and Commission.

Section 40F of the Act requires the Planning Authority to consider whether the subject amendment meets the LPS criteria at section 34 of the Act and if so, certify the amendment. The LPS Criteria at section 34(2) are:

- (2) *The LPS criteria to be met by a relevant planning instrument are that the instrument –*
- (a) *contains all the provisions that the SPPs specify must be contained in an LPS; and*
 - (b) *is in accordance with section 32; and*
 - (c) *furtheres the objectives set out in Schedule 1; and*
 - (d) *is consistent with each State policy; and*
 - (da) *satisfies the relevant criteria in relation to the TPPs; and*
 - (e) *as far as practicable, is consistent with the regional land use strategy, if any, for the regional area in which is situated the land to which the relevant planning instrument relates; and*
 - (f) *has regard to the strategic plan, prepared under section 66 of the Local Government Act 1993, that applies in relation to the land to which the relevant planning instrument relates; and*
 - (g) *as far as practicable, is consistent with and coordinated with any LPSs that apply to municipal areas that are adjacent to the municipal area to which the relevant planning instrument relates; and*
 - (h) *has regard to the safety requirements set out in the standards prescribed under the Gas Safety Act 2019.*
- (2A) *A relevant planning instrument satisfies the relevant criteria in relation to the TPPs if –*
- (a) *where the SPPs and the relevant regional land use strategy have not been reviewed under section 30T(1) or section 5A(8) after the TPPs, or an amendment to the TPPs, is or are made – the relevant planning instrument is consistent with the TPPs, as in force before the relevant planning instrument is made; and*
 - (b) *whether or not the SPPs and the applicable regional land use strategy have been reviewed under section 30T(1) or section 5A(8) after the TPPs, or an amendment to the TPPs, is or are made – the relevant planning instrument complies with each direction, contained in the TPPs in accordance with section 12B(3) , as to the manner in which the TPPs are to be implemented into the LPSs.*

It is submitted that AM2023-02 seeks to correct an omission from the subject clause that was identified and approved through the transitional declarations and LPS Decision.

The subject Islands were included within the overlay as a result of their declaration as transitional provisions by the Minister for Planning.

Compliance with subclause 34(2) of the Act was addressed in the previous decisions by the Minister and Commission that were determined to comply. AM2023-02 seeks to complete implementation of those decisions. Section 32(4) of the Act is therefore not relevant to AM2023-02 as a result.

In addition, the following is noted for AM2023-02:

- The Tasmanian Planning Policies (TPP's) were not made at the time AM2023-02 was initiated and are therefore not relevant.
- AM2023-02 was assessed against the current Flinders Council 2021-2031 Strategic Plan elsewhere in this report and was determined to be consistent with it.

- The subject islands are not proximate to any adjacent municipal areas, which renders the operation of adjoining LPS as irrelevant to AM2023-02.
- The *Gas Safety Act* is not relevant to Flinders Island.
- AM2023-02 was assessed as not causing the LPS to cease to meet the LPS criteria, if made, and therefore complies with the LPS Criteria.

It is submitted that AM2023-02 complies with the LPS Criteria at section 34 of the Act, so far as they are relevant to the amendment.

Section 40I of the Act allows the Commission to waive the public exhibition process that normally applies to LPS amendments under section 40H. Specified reasons to allow this waiver relevantly include the following:

- (2) *The Commission may only issue a notice under subsection (1) in relation to a draft amendment of an LPS if the Commission is satisfied that –*
- (a) *an amendment of the LPS in the form of the draft amendment of the LPS is urgently required and the Minister has approved the issuing of the notice on this ground; or*
- (b) *the draft amendment is for one or more of the following purposes:*
- (i) *correcting an error in the LPS;*
 - (ii) *removing an anomaly in the LPS;*
 - (iii) *clarifying or simplifying the LPS;*
 - (iv) *removing an inconsistency in the LPS;*
 - (v) *removing an inconsistency between the LPS and this Act or any other Act;*
 - (vi) *removing an inconsistency between the LPS and the SPPs;*
 - (vii) *making a change to a procedure set out in the LPS;*
 - (viii) *bringing the LPS into conformity with a State Policy;*
 - (ix) *changing the structure of the provisions of the LPS, or the form of a provision of an LPS, so that the LPS conforms with the structure to which an LPS is required by the SPPs to conform or the form that a provision of an LPS is to take;*
 - (x) *a prescribed purpose –*
and if it is satisfied that the public interest will not be prejudiced by the draft amendment not being publicly exhibited.

As previously noted in this report, AM2023-02 seeks to address an omission to the description in FLI-C8.1.14 between the decisions of the Minister, Planning Authority and Commission in assessment of the LPS for the Outer Islands. AM2023-02 seeks to correct an error (omission) in the description at clause FLI-C8.1.14 of the LPS.

It is submitted that:

- a. the omission is an error in the completion of the listing; and
- b. AM2023-02 will remove an inconsistency between the transitioned mapping for the LPS and the omissions to the description listed at clause FLI-C8.1.14 of the LPS.

It is submitted that AM2023-02 therefore complies with the tests under criterion (b) (i) and (ii) of clause 40I(2) of the Act and is eligible for exemption from the public exhibition requirements of the Act.

Section 6 of the Act allows the Planning Authority to delegate specific tasks or decisions. To improve the routine processing of the amendment, recommendations were provided for delegations to the General Manager to seek the exemption from the exhibition process for AM2023-02 and respond to any directions that may be issued by the Commission.

A recommendation was provided for the Planning Authority to initiate, certify, seek an exemption to the public exhibition requirements for AM2023-02 and provide the delegations to the General Manager identified in this report.

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The *Flinders Council 2021-2031 Strategic Plan* has significant potential to impact Council's strategic objectives to grow a sustainable population, improve housing affordability, enhance, maintain and protect the Island's agricultural economy, diversify and support a local economy and preserve the natural environment.

For AM2023-02, the Liveability focus areas were relevant as follows:

Liveability –

- *Encourage and support an increased supply of affordable accommodation for long-term residential rental and purchase.*
- *Finalise and promote the Flinders Council Local Provisions Schedule and Zone Strategy as part of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme to ensure sensible and sustainable development.*
- *Promote the islands' authentic lifestyle, business and entrepreneurial opportunities to attract 'working age' population and families.*
- *Promote and support sustainable activities to conserve the islands' natural and agricultural environments.*

It is submitted that AM2023-02 is consistent with the Flinders Council 2021-2031 Strategic Plan. Remaining focus areas were not assessed as relevant to AM2023-02.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Budget implications of the current process form part of the Council's operational costs and statutory obligations as a planning authority.

RISK/LIABILITY

Identified risks are considered to be addressed by the Planning Authority observing the statutory process.

A recommendation was provided to reflect the statutory process.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Planning Authority:

1. Endorses preparation of AM2023-02 to the *Flinders Local Provisions Schedule* under section 40D(b) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* to insert the text in red to the Description column of clause FLI-C8.1.14:

Visually prominent land at Palana, North East River, Outer Islands mapped within the overlay and Big River Road, which are visible from public roads, foreshores and coastal waters.

2. Pursuant to Section 40F of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, certifies that AM2023-02 meets the LPS criteria in so far as they are relevant; and
3. Delegates to the General Manager the authority to:

- a. respond to any directions issued by the Tasmanian Planning Commission, pursuant to section 6 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*; and
- b. apply to the Tasmanian Planning Commission for exemption from public exhibition requirements under Section 40I for Part 1 of AM2023-02.

DECISION

215.07.2023 Moved: D/Mayor Vanessa Grace

Seconded: Cr Garry Blenkhorn

That the Planning Authority:

- 1. Endorses preparation of AM2023-02 to the *Flinders Local Provisions Schedule* under section 40D(b) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* to insert the text in red to the Description column of clause FLI-C8.1.14:**

Visually prominent land at Palana, North East River, Outer Islands mapped within the overlay and Big River Road, which are visible from public roads, foreshores and coastal waters.

- 2. Pursuant to Section 40F of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, certifies that AM2023-02 meets the LPS criteria in so far as they are relevant; and**
- 3. Delegates to the General Manager the authority to:**
 - a. respond to any directions issued by the Tasmanian Planning Commission, pursuant to section 6 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*; and**
 - b. apply to the Tasmanian Planning Commission for exemption from public exhibition requirements under Section 40I for Part 1 of AM2023-02.**

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.

At 1.11pm, Council concluded its meeting as a Planning Authority under Section 25 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

13.2 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REPORT

Action	Information
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Jacci Smith Development Services Coordinator
File Reference	PLN/0105
Annexures	13.2.1 Development Applications Report – June 2023

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 Applications 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 13.2.1 Development Applications Report – June 2023.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Development Applications Report – June 2023 be received.

DECISION

216.07.2023 Moved: Cr Carol Cox Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton
That the Development Applications Report – June 2023 be received.

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.

15. NOTICE OF MOTION

15.1 NOTICE OF MOTION – SYDNEY COVE PRECINCT DEVELOPMENT

Action	Decision
Proponent	Councillor Peter Rhodes
Officer	General Manager
File Reference	AME/0503
Annexures	Nil

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Council

1. a) obtains Crown licence over the Sydney Cove Park precinct, sufficient for the installation of the Lady Jillian and the proposed Maritime History Centre; or
b) strongly supports a Furneaux Maritime History Association application for this licence; and
2. waives all planning and permit fees and charges associated with the Association's planned facilities at Sydney Cove Park.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The opportunity has arisen to obtain the Auxiliary Ketch Lady Jillian as a unique maritime exhibit in Lady Barron. The current owner of the Lady Jillian, Mr Warren Dick, Eastern Line Shipping, has agreed to gift the ketch to the Community, via the Furneaux Maritime History Association Inc (the Association).

The Association is registered by the Australian Taxation Office as a Public Museum and as an eligible Deductible Gift Recipient. Our best advice says that it is relatively easy and safe to move the Lady Jillian from her present location to Lady Barron and remove her from the water.

The full cost of this activity will be raised by the Furneaux Maritime History Association in conjunction with the Lady Jillian Association Inc. Both organisations are registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission. The Association's plan is to sell one thousand memorial plaques for \$300 each, to be affixed permanently to the exhibit. Other fund-raising activities, e.g. crowd funding, philanthropic canvassing and chook raffles, will be undertaken to support the major activity.

The Lady Jillian is a significant and storied vessel with a rich maritime history and heritage. Her value is many times more than her scrap value, and once out of the water, her longevity is assured. Part of her world-wide uniqueness is that there is sixty minute colour movie/video of her construction, from the laying of her keel through to her launching and first voyage. This would be the first and only instance of this in Australia, if not the world. Once installed, the Lady Jillian has the potential to attract an international audience.

Not only would it be a major attraction/point of interest, locally, it would be a significant and interesting attraction for North-east Tasmania.

She was built as a three-masted auxiliary schooner in South Australia, over a three year period, from 1945 to 1948, by Reginald Crouch for the South Australian coastal wheat trade. However, she was made redundant by improvements in road transport capability after the War.

She later carried sulphuric acid from Port Pirie to Port Lincoln, for the production of super-phosphate. She also had a successful career shipping explosives and working under charter between Northern Tasmania and the Australian mainland.

She was purchased by the Flinders Strait Shipping Company in 1969 and serviced the Furneaux Group with the shipping company until 1996 (27+ years). She was the last auxiliary ketch to ply the Bass Strait, and she held out against the steel boats for 20 years. She was probably also the last such ketch to work Australian waters.

She is in relatively good condition and the Association, with the support of on and off-island volunteers, believe complete restoration is within our capabilities.

It is planned to site the vessel in the northeast corner of Sydney Cove Park, on Franklin Parade. It is envisaged that the future Maritime History Centre will be located between the Lady Jillian Exhibit and the Park's grassed area. It is also planned to rehabilitate the walk from the Slip to Yellow Beach and its access to the sea.

This area is mostly outside the Safe Harbour site (although it appears that the prow of the boat will overhang a little way into the car park area:). A part of the proposed plan for the Maritime History Centre includes a public-pay toilet, shower and laundry facility, as part of the sustainability features of the Centre and these will contribute significantly to the Safe Harbour facilities.

The benefits for the Council and Community of the Lady Jillian project going ahead are significant. It will lead to the provision of additional community facilities and will attract unobtrusive visitors and increased economic activity.

The Association is not asking the Council for financial support, but it does see the Council as a major stakeholder in the outcomes of this project. The Association envisages that the Council could and should take over the whole Sydney Cove Park/Safe Harbour precinct as being the best option. The alternative would be for the Association to intercede with the State Government to acquire the land or a Crown lease in its own name. In the latter scenario the Association would still require strong Council support.

In relation to seeking the waiver for all Council planning, building or permit charges and fees etc., this is seen as being a fair Council contribution to the success of the Association's plans and efforts, which we would publicly acknowledge, in a permanent manner.

There is significant community support, both on and off island, for this proposal to retrieve and restore the Lady Jillian on Flinders Island.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Nil

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Nil

OFFICER'S REPORT

Sydney Cove Precinct is situated on Crown land and predominantly east of land that Council seeks to lease or licence, from Crown Land Services (CLS), in order to construct the Flinders Island Marine and Safe Harbour (FIMASH) project. Council's application is currently being assessed by CLS to establish the lease or licence over the land.

There is currently insufficient detail to determine the exact boundaries of the Sydney Cove Precinct and scope of the proposed works. Should the FMHAI development fall within the lease/licence area sought by Council, there may be potential for a sub-lease arrangement. If the FMHAI development does not fall within the lease/licence area, Council may support the FMHAI in a separate application to CLS for this purpose.

Given the advanced state of the Council application and the lesser progressed status of the FMHAI project, it is not believed to be feasible to introduce the FMHAI application into the Council application at this stage of the process.

There is scope within Council's Waiver of Fees Policy for fees and charges to be waived, however advertising fees, if applicable, are generally treated as 'hard costs' and therefore payable by the applicant.

Although motion 1.b. seems the most appropriate in the circumstances, this decision is a matter for Council consideration.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Nil

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

1. Liveability - To protect and build upon our island's way of life.
- 1.2 A harmonious and healthy community actively engaged in recreation, volunteering, arts and culture.
 - 1.2.2 Maintain and develop partnerships with Arts and Cultural organisations and support activities, projects and events that provide opportunities for community involvement and creative expression.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Both the FIMASH and FMHAI projects have an obvious maritime link and could lend themselves to a maritime precinct vision or concept. There is provision within the budget for planning fee waivers. There is no current budget for Council involvement in the FMHAI project. Any further financial support of the project would be subject of further Council consideration.

RISK/LIABILITY

Subject to any future agreements between Council and the FMHA, appropriate budget and insurances would need to be reviewed and implemented as required.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

Moved: Cr Peter Rhodes Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton
That Council suspends the operation of Regulation 22 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, in accordance with Regulation 22 (9).

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.

MOTION

218.07.2023 Moved: Cr Peter Rhodes Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton

That Council

1. **a) obtains Crown licence over the Sydney Cove Park precinct, sufficient for the installation of the Lady Jillian and the proposed Maritime History Centre; or
b) strongly supports a Furneaux Maritime History Association application for this licence; and**

2. waives all planning and permit fees and charges associated with the Association's planned facilities at Sydney Cove Park.

AMENDMENT

219.07.2023 Moved: Cr Carol Cox

Seconded: Cr Garry Blenkhorn

That Council

1. strongly supports a Furneaux Maritime History Association application for a Crown licence over the Sydney Cove Park precinct north of the Flinders Island Maritime and Safe Harbour development sufficient for the Lady Jillian to be sited completely within the precinct; and
2. waives all council planning and permit fees and charges associated with the planned facilities at Sydney Cove Park, except any required advertising fees.

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.

SUBSTANTIVE MOTION (218.07.2023)

That Council

1. strongly supports a Furneaux Maritime History Association application for a Crown licence over the Sydney Cove Park precinct north of the Flinders Island Maritime and Safe Harbour development sufficient for the Lady Jillian to be sited completely within the precinct; and
2. waives all council planning and permit fees and charges associated with the planned facilities at Sydney Cove Park, except any required advertising fees.

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.

Jacci Smith, Development Services Coordinator, left the meeting at 1.39pm.

16. FINANCE

16.1 QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT – JUNE 2023

Action	Information
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Warren Groves General Manager
File Reference	FIN/0100
Annexures	16.1.1 Quarterly Financial Report – June 2023

INTRODUCTION

On a quarterly basis, Council is presented with a Financial Report.

This report, and the attached Quarterly Financial Report (Annexure 16.1.1) have been prepared based on changes made to formatting and presentation that were adopted as part of the 2023 Council budget and include high level operational reports for Council's information.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DECISION

Not applicable.

OFFICER'S REPORT

Annexure 16.1.1 with overview provides a summary of income and expenditure for the Council at the end of the fourth quarter ending 30 June 2023.

The report includes Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement, Capital Works and Department reports. Where there are variances greater than 10% and \$50,000, commentary is provided by way of notes.

Overall, performance for the year was significantly better than the budgeted forecast. This is largely being impacted by the Federal Government's decisions to make an advance payment of 100% of 2023/24 funding in June. User fees were also significantly higher for the year and operating expenses were 5% lower than budget. The operating profit is currently \$400,000 for the year, however these are preliminary figures only with many adjustments still to occur in the preparation of the end-of-year Financial Statements. The Financial Statement for 2022/2023 will be presented to Council once finalised.

This report is for information only.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

No policy exists on this matter.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Budget affects all areas in Council's Annual Plan with the budget implications identified.

RISK/LIABILITY

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

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Quarterly Financial Report – June 2023.

DECISION

220.07.2023 Moved: Cr Peter Rhodes Seconded: Cr Garry Blenkhorn
That Council receives and notes the Quarterly Financial Report – June 2023.

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.

17. GOVERNANCE

17.1 QUARTERLY ACCIDENT AND INCIDENT REPORT APRIL TO JUNE 2023

Action	Information
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Warren Groves General Manager
File Reference	RMS/0100
Annexures	17.1.1 Quarterly Accident and Incident Report April to June 2023 (Elected Members Only)

INTRODUCTION

The Accident and Incident Report was previously reviewed by Council quarterly as part of the Quarterly Financial Reports and discussed at Workshops. As from August 2021, the Report will be presented to Council for consideration on a quarterly basis at Council Meetings.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Provided as quarterly reports to Council as from August 2021.

OFFICER'S REPORT

Please read Annexure 17.1.1 Accident and Incident Quarterly Report April to June 2023. This report is for the information of Elected Members only as it contains confidential personnel information.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Quarterly Accident and Incident Report April to June 2023 be noted.

DECISION

221.07.2023 Moved: Cr Ken Stockton **Seconded: Cr Vanessa Grace**
That the Quarterly Accident and Incident Report April to June 2023 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.

17.2 USE OF THE FLINDERS COUNCIL COMMON SEAL

Action	Information
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Warren Groves General Manager
File Reference	GOV/1000
Annexures	17.2.1 Common Seal Register April to June 2023

INTRODUCTION

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

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Considered quarterly.

OFFICER'S REPORT

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

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

Annexure 17.2.1 details the use of the Flinders Council Common Seal from April to June 2023. The register is held by the Governance Department and is available for scrutiny at any time.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

No policy exists on this matter.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK/LIABILITY

Minimum

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the report on the use of the Flinders Council Common Seal from April to June 2023 be received.

DECISION

222.07.2023 Moved: Cr Peter Rhodes

Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton

That the report on the use of the Flinders Council Common Seal from April to June 2023 be received.

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.

17.3 QUARTERLY CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT REPORT APRIL TO JUNE 2023

Action	Information
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Warren Groves General Manager
File Reference	GOV/1004
Annexures	17.3.1 Continuous Improvement Register April to June 2023

INTRODUCTION

This register identifies the continuous improvement that Council has developed and documented as part of the organisational continuous improvement program.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

The report is presented on a quarterly basis.

OFFICER'S REPORT

Continuous improvement is essential within an organisation, and this has been ongoing within Council for many years. The Annual Plan 2022-2023 contains the following action: AP-14 – Develop and document an organisational continuous improvement program. A continuous improvement register has been developed and will be brought to Council on a quarterly basis.

Please read Annexure – 17.3.1 Continuous Improvement Register for the period of April to June 2023.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Quarterly Continuous Improvement Report April to June 2023 be noted.

DECISION

223.07.2023 Moved: Cr Peter Rhodes Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton
That the Quarterly Continuous Improvement Report April to June 2023 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.

17.4 QUARTERLY GRANTS REPORT APRIL TO JUNE 2023

Action	Information
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Warren Groves General Manager
File Reference	COU/0601
Annexures	17.4.1 Quarterly Grants Report April to June 2023

INTRODUCTION

This report provides Councillors with an overview of grants received by Council and the progress towards grant acquittal, along with those grants that have been applied for and awaiting a result.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Considered quarterly.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

3 May 2022 Council Workshop

OFFICER'S REPORT

At the 3 May 2022 Council Workshop, Councillors requested a quarterly report on grants. Please read Annexure 17.4.1 Quarterly Grants Report April to June 2023.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT

Nil

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

4. Good Governance - Effective, efficient, and transparent management and operations.
- 4.1 An organisation that provides good governance, effective leadership, and high-quality services, within our means.
- 4.1.1 Ensure Council meets its statutory obligations to manage risk, achieve financial sustainability and model good governance.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As with all capital projects there will be long term financial implications which will need to be incorporated into Council's Long-Term Financial and Asset Management Plans.

RISK/LIABILITY

No foreseen risks

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Quarterly Grants Report April to June 2023 be received.

DECISION

224.07.2023 Moved: Cr Peter Rhodes Seconded: Cr Garry Blenkhorn
That the Quarterly Grants Report April to June 2023 be received.

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.

17.5 QUARTERLY REPORT AGAINST THE ANNUAL PLAN APRIL TO JUNE 2023

Action	Information
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Warren Groves General Manager
File Reference	COU/0600
Annexures	17.5.1 Quarterly Report Against the Annual Plan April to June 2023

INTRODUCTION

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

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Provided as quarterly reports.

OFFICER'S REPORT

Please read Annexure 17.5.1, Quarterly Report Against the Annual Plan April to June 2023.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Quarterly Report Against the Annual Plan April to June 2023 be received and accepted by Council.

DECISION

225.07.2023 Moved: Cr Carol Cox

Seconded: Cr Peter Rhodes

That the Quarterly Report Against the Annual Plan April to June 2023 be received 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.

17.6 QUARTERLY SERVICE REQUEST REGISTER REPORT APRIL TO JUNE 2023

Action	Information
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Warren Groves General Manager
File Reference	GOV/1000
Annexures	17.6.1 Quarterly Service Request Register Report April to June 2023

INTRODUCTION

This register identifies the service requests received, recommended actions and resolutions actioned by staff for the period ending 30 June 2023.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

The report is presented on a quarterly basis.

OFFICER'S REPORT

Please read Annexure – 17.6.1 Quarterly Service Request Register Report April to June 2023.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Quarterly Service Request Register Report April to June 2023 be noted.

DECISION

226.07.2023 Moved: Cr Carol Cox Seconded: D/Mayor Vanessa Grace
That the Quarterly Service Request Register Report April to June 2023 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.

17.7 REVIEW OF FLINDERS COUNCIL 2021-2031 STRATEGIC PLAN

Action	Decision
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Warren Groves General Manager
File Reference	FIN/0100
Annexures	17.7.1 DRAFT Flinders Council 2021-2031 Strategic Plan – revised July 2023

INTRODUCTION

Section 66 of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires Council to prepare a Strategic Plan for the municipal area in respect of at least a ten year period. Each year, Council reports progress on meeting its strategic objectives via the Annual Plan and the Annual Report.

The 2021 - 2031 Strategic Plan was developed with community consultation throughout the 2020 year and formally adopted by Council in December 2020. With a new Council being elected in November 2022, it was determined timely to review the 2021 – 2031 Strategic Plan to embrace new opportunities and to confirm that Council is on track and meeting community expectations.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Nil

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

11 February 2020	Council Workshop
10 March 2020	Council Workshop
24 March 2020	Council Workshop
5 May 2020	Council Workshop
12 May 2020	Council Workshop
19 May 2020	Council Workshop
2 June 2020	Council Workshop
9 June 2020	Council Workshop
23 June 2020	Council Workshop
30 June 2020	Council Workshop
14 July 2020	Council Workshop
4 August 2020	Council Workshop
8 September 2020	Council Workshop
6 October 2020	Council Workshop
10 November 2020	Council Workshop
1 December 2020	Council Workshop
3 May 2023	Council Workshop
12 April 2023	Council Workshop
12 July 2023	Council Workshop

OFFICER'S REPORT

Over the course of the 2020 calendar year, Council worked together with the Community to develop a document representative of their goals and aspirations for our Municipality over the next ten years. Local Government elections in November 2022 resulted in a change of council members including a new Mayor and Deputy Mayor. The new Council wished to review the Strategic Plan to provide their input and to check back with the Community to determine if the Plan was still relevant.

In April 2023, Council released an online survey to gain community feedback on the Strategic Plan and hardcopies of the survey were made available at the Council office. Mayor Summers

17.8 PRIORITY PROJECTS 2023

Action	Decision
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Warren Groves General Manager
File Reference	CSV/1708
Annexures	Nil

INTRODUCTION

From time-to-time, Council prepares a Priority Projects list that can be provided to prospective politicians or government entities to provide a snapshot of what Council considers are important development initiatives for the Municipality.

This report updates the project list considering changed circumstances and ahead of potential State Government elections.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

17.01.20210	17 January 2010
224.09.2017	21 September 2017
282.10.2018	11 October 2018

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION

6 July 2017	Council Workshop
31 August 2017	Council Workshop
27 September 2018	Council Workshop
2 February 2021	Council Workshop
1 June 2021	Council Workshop
3 May 2023	Council Workshop
12 July 2023	Council Workshop

OFFICER'S REPORT

The purpose of the Priority Projects List is to have an agreed document that can be provided to stakeholders, politicians or government entities to provide a snapshot of what Council considers are important development initiatives within the Municipality. Essentially it is a "positional" or advocacy document that does not bind the Council but does outline the current issues. Only those significant projects that are generally beyond the immediate scope of Council have been included. The focus of these projects is on our self-help, with a constructive and proactive perspective. The projects are determined as an update to those previously endorsed and used by Council.

Priority Projects - July 2023

1. Implement an island-based, integrated, multi-faceted waste management solution e.g., anaerobic digestors, green waste/cardboard shredder.
2. Reconstruct and seal the remainder of Palana Road then transfer ownership to the State Government extending the current state road to form the main transport backbone for Flinders Island.
3. Scope with TasWater wastewater treatment for the whole of Flinders Island.
4. Construct a veterinary clinic on Flinders Island.
5. Upgrade the airport runways and associated infrastructure to Civil Aviation Safety Authority requirements and in line with the Long-Term Asset Management Plan.
6. Develop long-term residential accommodation for rental and purchase.
7. Advocate for the provision of reliable childcare and early childhood education facility and services.

Medium Priority Projects List - July 2023

1. Scope the rehabilitation requirements of Council Depot land to develop affordable housing options in Whitemark.
2. Investigate, with other remote, small councils, opportunities to address the burden of depreciation and other financial legislation. Collaborate with King Island then further afield as appropriate.
3. Advocate for freight equalisation to Tasmania and Victoria, with waste eligible for rebates.
4. Investigate required camping facilities at North East River.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT

Local Government Act 1993

POLICY/STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

All areas of the Strategic Plan.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Essentially nil at this stage unless grant funding is obtained, in which case a Council financial contribution may be required.

RISK/LIABILITY

There is minimal risk and liability as the projects are largely aspirational.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the following list of Priority Projects revised July 2023:

1. Implement an island-based, integrated, multi-faceted waste management solution e.g., anaerobic digestors, green waste/cardboard shredder.
2. Reconstruct and seal the remainder of Palana Road then transfer ownership to the State Government extending the current state road to form the main transport backbone for Flinders Island.
3. Scope with TasWater wastewater treatment for the whole of Flinders Island.
4. Construct a veterinary clinic on Flinders Island.
5. Upgrade the airport runways and associated infrastructure to (CASA) requirements and in line with the Long-Term Asset Management Plan.
6. Develop long-term residential accommodation for rental and purchase.
7. Advocate for the provision of reliable childcare and early childhood education facility and services.

DECISION

228.07.2023 Moved: D/Mayor Vanessa Grace

Seconded: Cr Carol Cox

That Council endorses the following list of Priority Projects revised July 2023:

- **Implement an island-based, integrated, multi-faceted waste management solution e.g., anaerobic digestors, green waste/cardboard shredder;**
- **Reconstruct and seal the remainder of Palana Road then transfer ownership to the State Government extending the current state road to form the main transport backbone for Flinders Island;**

- **Scope with TasWater wastewater treatment for the whole of Flinders Island;**
- **Construct a veterinary clinic on Flinders Island;**
- **Upgrade the airport runways and associated infrastructure to Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) requirements and in line with the Long-Term Asset Management Plan;**
- **Develop long-term residential accommodation for rental and purchase; and**
- **Advocate for the provision of reliable childcare and early childhood education facility and services.**

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.

Sammi Gowthorp, Community Services Coordinator, left the meeting at 2.11pm.

17.9 COUNCILLOR RESOLUTION REPORT

Action	Information
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Warren Groves General Manager
File Reference	GOV/0300
Annexures	17.9.1 Councillor Resolution Report July 2023

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 Annexure 17.9.1 – Councillor Resolution Report July 2023.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Councillor Resolution Report July 2023 be noted.

DECISION

229.07.2023 Moved: Cr Carol Cox Seconded: Cr Garry Blenkhorn
That the Councillor Resolution Report July 2023 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.

Warren Groves, General Manager, and Chris Wilson, Infrastructure Manager, left the meeting at 2.13pm.

18. CLOSED COUNCIL

18.0 LATE AGENDA ITEM - GENERAL MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

18.1 GENERAL MANAGER CONTRACT EXTENSION

Action	Information
Proponent	Council Officer
Officer	Warren Groves General Manager

REASON FOR CLOSED COUNCIL

Item 18.0 is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 15(2)(a) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

Item 18.1 is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 15(2)(a) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council moves into Closed Council.

DECISION

**230.07.2023 Moved: D/Mayor Vanessa Grace
That Council moves into Closed Council.**

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.

Council moved into Closed Council at 2.18pm.

Council moved out of Closed Council at 2.28pm.

The following motions for the Open Minutes were passed in Closed Council:

**"231.07.2023 Moved: Cr Carol Cox Seconded: Cr Peter Rhodes
That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the General Manager's Performance Review Committee meeting held Tuesday 18 July 2023 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."

**“232.07.2023 Moved: Cr Carol Cox Seconded: Cr Garry Blenkhorn
That for Agenda Item 18.0 Late Agenda Item - General Manager’s
Performance Review Committee Unconfirmed Minutes, the discussions
held in Closed Council remain confidential and the motion passed be
released to the 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.”**

***“235.07.2023 Moved: Cr Garry Blenkhorn Seconded: Cr Peter Rhodes
That for Agenda Item 18.1 General Manager Contract Extension, the discussions
held, and motions passed in Closed Council remain confidential except to note
that contract negotiations are ongoing.***

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.”***

At 2.28pm, Mayor Rachel Summers declared that the meeting was closed.

MEETING CLOSED 2.28PM
