



NEWSLETTER No 4

10 OCTOBER 2022

MEMBERS OF FURNEAUX ISLANDS PROTECTION NETWORK INC. (FIPNI)

ANNUAL MEETING

The inaugural Annual Meeting of Furneaux Islands Protection Network Inc. was held on Saturday 17 September at the Lions clubrooms in Whitemark. There were 11 members in attendance and 16 apologies. As the association was only incorporated last year, it was the first meeting for all members to attend. In some ways the number of apologies, while large, was heartening – it means that a good number of our members are interested in what the association is doing and keeping in touch with the committee.

The major agenda items were the presentation of the Annual Report, the presentation of the Annual Financial Report and the election of office-bearers.

In speaking to the Annual Report the President thanked members of the committee for their contribution throughout the year noting that it is not easy to set up an organisation from scratch. He referred to the pleasing numbers of formation members with the hope that numbers will increase over time to counter the increasing trend of developments in the many breathtaking areas of the Furneaux Group. The President reported that the Association had made a number of representations to Flinders Council on Development Applications and not all were against proposed developments. It is important that the Association is not regarded by members of the community as being against all developments or tourism.

The Annual Financial Report is attached later in the newsletter. Thus far we have not incurred substantial expenses, but that may change if we become involved with developments which we consider should not occur and which might require engaging experts.

Office bearers elected for the coming year are:

President and Treasurer – Gerry Willis,
Vice President and Public Officer – Ken Stockton,
Secretary – Jude Cazaly,
Minute taker – Frances Henwood,
Committee members:

- Jan Henning,
- Max Parker,
- Eve Schulz and
- Sarah Lowe.

The major items discussed were:-

- The withdrawal of the Development Application for a change of use at the Wharfshed adjacent to the Whitemark wharf. FIPNI had lodged a representation objecting to the application, but it is apparent the application was withdrawn. It is not known what the developer will do from now onwards.
- The expiry of the approval period for the Development Application for a proposed complex at White Beach, Lady Barron. It seems the developer no longer intends to proceed with the project.
- The meeting had an informal discussion on fin fish farming. FIPNI does not regard the introduction of salmon farming in the Furneaux Group as appropriate development and use of the maritime assets we have. We will engage with other interested parties and make representations to the authorities to stop salmon farming in these waters. To some extent the issue has been addressed by Flinders Council holding a public meeting which resulted in the meeting requesting the council make a representation to the state government advising that the community was not in favour of fin fish farming. It should be noted that the owners of the major fish-farms are not domiciled in Australia. They pay minimal, if any, tax for exploiting our assets.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subscriptions for the year ended 30 June 2023 are now due. The amount to pay is \$20.00 which can be either:-

- posted to *FIPNI, Lady Barron Post Office, Lady Barron 7255* or
- hand delivered to *FIPNI, Lady Barron Store, Lady Barron* or
- deposited to Westpac; BSB:- 037-615; Account number:- 246217 (include your name in the deposit details).

NEW MEMBERS

The Association is always on the lookout for more members. If you have associates or friends who would like to join FIPNI please contact Frances Henwood, 045 952 2308.

COMMENTS

The committee welcomes comments from all members regardless of the topic. Please contact Gerry Willis 045 838 7112, Frances Henwood 045 952 2308 or Max Parker 0447 788 986.

Gerry Willis, President

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FURNEAUX ISLANDS PROTECTION NETWORK Inc
EXTRACT
FROM ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

Revenue

Donations	360.00
Membership	920.00
Total revenue	<u>1,280.00</u>

Deduct Expenses

Fees	298.85
Design	175.00
Hall hire	50.00
Stationery	67.70
Total expenses	<u>591.55</u>
Surplus (deficit) for year	<u><u>688.45</u></u>

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2022

Assets

Cash on hand	-
Savings account	688.45
Total assets	<u>688.45</u>

Liabilities

Current	-
Term	-
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>
Members' funds	<u><u>688.45</u></u>