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MEMBERS OF FURNEAUX ISLANDS PROTECTION NETWORK INC. (FIPNI)

ANNUAL MEETING

The Furneaux Islands Protection Network Association held its 2023 annual meeting on Thursday 24 August. The major business was to receive the annual report, the annual financial report and an activity report.

The major activity for the past year was the effort by the association to oppose a proposed development for tourist accommodation on Little Dog Island. The developer withdrew the Development Application at the last possible moment before a meeting where it was to be considered by Flinders Council. One wonders the reason for the withdrawal. Was it because of the approximately 170 submissions made to Flinders Council opposing the development? Thus far there has been very little subsequent publicity regarding the proposal, but that should not be taken as a sign that the matter is finished.

The Board will continue to monitor Flinders Council's advertising of Development Applications and will consider what action should be taken against those proposals which we consider to be inappropriate. If you learn of proposals which you are not happy with, please contact a member of the Board.

So far as finances are concerned, we had revenue (mostly membership) of \$1,030 and expenses of \$1,364 giving a deficit of

\$354 which means our bank balance has decreased from \$688 to \$334. It is my belief that an organisation such as FIPNI should not accumulate large cash balances, but rather keep enough on hand for day-to-day operations and ask members to contribute when larger amounts of funds are needed.

Talk of finances leads onto subscriptions which are now due. Refer later for the details.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The following members were elected to the Board at the Annual Meeting.

President and treasurer – Gerry Willis,
Vice-President – Ken Stockton,
Secretary – Jude Cazaly,
Public Officer – Eve Schulz,
Minute Secretary – Frances Henwood,
Board members – Sarah Lowe, Max Parker and Colin Milne.

The meeting noted that Ken Stockton had resigned through the year as Public Officer; we thank Ken for his involvement in that position which has been taken over by Eve Schulz.

We could always do with one or two more Board members. So, if you are interested in joining the Board please call Gerry Willis on 045 838 7112.

ASSOCIATION'S WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

The website for FIPNI is again operating following a small hiccup. Ken Stockton has sorted out the problem and access to the site is now available. Facebook is available; search under Furneaux Islands Protection Network Inc and you will get access. The association has secured the domain names furneauxislandsprotectionnetwork.com and furneauxislandsprotectionnetwork.com.au. There are many names we could have secured, but we considered these would be sufficient.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024 ARE NOW DUE

If you have not yet paid your subscription for the current year it is now due. The amount to pay is \$20.00 which can be:-

- 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 has around 50 members, but we would like to have more. If you are aware of anyone who may be interested in joining FIPNI please get them to contact Gerry Willis on 045 838 7112. The association does not expect a lot of participation by members, but it is important that we maintain a sufficient base to give weight to the issues that we take on.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Flinders Council advertises Development Applications on its website on any given Wednesday. The advertising remains public for 14 days during which time anyone, be they a ratepayer, resident or interested party, may make representations to the Council about the application. Representations can be for the proposal, or neutral or against it. FIPNI will watch the website to monitor current advertising and let members know of developments which cause concern, but anyone is able to check the website for themselves. The council's website address is <https://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/current-advertising>. Development applications are also advertised in "*The Examiner*".

In passing, the proposed development at White Beach near Lady Barron which would have destroyed the environment has lapsed because construction did not substantially commence within two years of the consent for the Development Application being granted. That is a development which should never have been approved and it is pleasing that it has not progressed.

Gerry Willis, President

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