



## NEWSLETTER No 10

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### MEMBERS OF FURNEAUX ISLANDS PROTECTION NETWORK INC. (FIPNI)

While there has not been a great deal of activity lately the committee continues to monitor Development Applications as advertised by Flinders Council for appropriateness.

#### PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES AS PER THE CONSTITUTION

FIPNI has been in existence for over 5 years and the committee has set itself the task to review the objectives in the current year to ensure they continue to guide the association as members want.

Refer to Appendix II for a list of principal objectives.

It is hoped the review will be completed in time for consideration at the next Annual Meeting which will be held around September this year.

#### INVASIVE SPECIES ON OUTER ISLANDS.

It is increasingly obvious that some of the outer islands are becoming inundated with invasive species, especially boxthorn (*Lycium ferocissimum*) and coprosma (mirror bush, *Coprosma repens*). Botanists have recommended for years that these species be eliminated. The executive has begun a process with the objective of reducing these species, plus others, on Little Dog Island, Little Green Island, Billy Goat Reefs 1, 2, 3 and 4 and Spences Reefs. All of these islands are in Franklin Sound

close to Lady Barron. This project will be a long-term project. Removing unwanted invasive species does fit the environmental and economic objectives of the association. FIPNI does not propose to keep the outer islands looking as they did in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, but does propose keeping some characteristics.

The next steps will be to devise a plan to work and liaise with other interested parties. The committee will advise members of progress.

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026 ARE OVERDUE

If you have not yet paid your subscription for the current year it is now time to do so.

The annual fee is \$20.00.

Refer to the attached sheet (Appendix I) for details on how to pay your membership fee.

#### NEW MEMBERS

The association always welcomes new members so if you are aware of anyone who may be interested in joining FIPNI please get them to contact Gerry Willis on 045 838 7112. Or you can use the attached form as a guide to joining FIPNI.

Max Parker; President 0447 788 986

# APPENDIX I

## FURNEAUX ISLANDS PROTECTION NETWORK INC

The Furneaux Islands Protection Network Inc is committed to fostering Furneaux Islands' communities that demonstrate strong social inclusion, positive health and well-being, environmental stewardship and protection, and sustainable economic development that respects the irreplaceable social, cultural, environmental and economic characteristics of the Furneaux Group.

### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

*The Executive,*

*Furneaux Islands Protection Network Incorporated [FIPNI].*

*I ..... [Individual or Group] apply to join  
Furneaux Islands Protection Network Inc.*

*I/We have read and understood FIPNI's Constitution and agree to be bound thereby.*

*The constitution is in the "About us" section of FIPNI's website to be found at  
"fipni.com.au".*

*Signed .....*

*Name .....*

*Address.....*

*.....*

*Telephone number .....*

*Email address.....*

*Post to:*

- *FIPNI, Lady Barron Post Office, Lady Barron 7255*

*Hand deliver to:*

- *FIPNI, Lady Barron Store, Lady Barron*

*Email to:*

- *fipnetworkinc@gmail.com*

Include your initial and name on your deposit. Membership is \$20.00 per annum.

### BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Westpac; BSB: 037-615

Account number: 246217

## **APPENDIX II**

### **PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES AS PER THE CONSTITUTION**

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To achieve these Objectives Furneaux Islands Protection Network Inc will:

- i. advocate for sustainable planning and development initiatives that protect the values and characteristics of the Furneaux Islands;
- ii. engage with other groups and organisations working to protect the positive social, cultural, environmental and economic characteristics of Furneaux Islands' communities;
- iii. oppose inappropriate development proposals that threaten these characteristics;
- iv. oppose development applications that do not conform to planning requirements and regional strategies;
- v. make and empower all community members to make, representations to Local, State and Commonwealth authorities, bodies, boards, councils and other entities and any non-Government entities for the promotion of the above Objectives of the Association; and
- vi. carry out such other activities consistent with the Objectives, endorsed in accordance with the procedures set out in this Constitution.