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SALE OF LAND AT LITTLE DOG: [Extract from Microsoft CoPilot].

Little Dog Island, located off **Lady Barron in Tasmania**, is a unique and picturesque opportunity for those seeking an island retreat. Here are the key highlights:

1. Island Details:

- **Location:** Little Dog Island, Lady Barron, Tas 7255.
- **Size:** Approximately **17 hectares** (which is roughly equivalent to **42 acres**).
- **Coastline:** The island boasts a stunning coastline with **two beaches**.
- **Isolation and Adventure:** It offers all the isolation and wild adventure one could desire, while still being conveniently accessible via a short boat ride from Lady Barron Wharf on Flinders Island.

2. Property Features:

- **Infrastructure:** The property already includes two cedar huts, a connecting deck, and a composting toilet, making it well-suited for camping.
- **Potential Uses:**
 - **Boutique Tourism Operation:** Subject to necessary approvals, this island paradise could be transformed into a boutique tourism operation.
 - **Private Residence:** Alternatively, you could build your dream private holiday home fronting the beach.
 - **Campsite Adventures:** Enjoy the existing campsite for adventures with family and friends.

3. Ownership:

- Little Dog Island is one of just a handful of island freehold titles off Flinders Island.
- It spans approximately 17 hectares of undulating land with glorious views.

4. Price:

- [The property is listed for Offers Over \\$775,000¹](#).

Whether you're drawn to the tranquility, the pristine beaches, or the potential for a unique lifestyle, Little Dog Island awaits its next fortunate owner.

SEARCH OF LITTLE DOG ISLAND ON MICROSOFT COPILOT

Little Dog Island, nestled off the coast of **Lady Barron, Tasmania**, holds a captivating history that intertwines with the rugged beauty of its surroundings. Let me take you on a journey through time, where whispers of the past echo across the waves:

1. **Indigenous Connections:**

- Before European settlers arrived, the Furneaux Group of islands, including Little Dog Island, was inhabited by the **Pakana (Tasmanian Aboriginal)** people.
- These indigenous communities had a deep spiritual connection to the land, sea, and wildlife. They fished, gathered shellfish, and navigated the waters around these islands.

2. **European Exploration and Naming:**

- European explorers, including **Matthew Flinders**, charted the waters around Flinders Island in the early 19th century. The name “Little Dog Island” likely stems from its appearance or perhaps the presence of seals or other wildlife resembling dogs.

1. **Sealing and Whaling Era:**

- During the 19th century, the Furneaux Group became a hub for **sealing and whaling**.
- Sealers established temporary camps on these islands, harvesting fur seals for their valuable pelts.
- The rugged coastline of Little Dog Island provided shelter for these hardy souls.

2. **Lighthouse and Maritime Significance:**

- In **1881**, a lighthouse was erected on Little Dog Island to guide ships navigating the treacherous waters of Bass Strait.
- The lighthouse keeper and their family lived on the island, maintaining the light and ensuring safe passage for vessels.
- The lighthouse played a crucial role in maritime history, safeguarding ships traveling between Tasmania and mainland Australia.

3. **Island Life and Isolation:**

- Imagine the solitude—the lighthouse keeper’s family, surrounded by wild beauty, tending to their duties, and weathering storms.

4. **Modern Times:**

- Today, Little Dog Island remains a place of wonder—a sanctuary for seabirds, seals, and those seeking solace.
- Its ownership has changed hands over the years, but its allure persists.
- Whether you’re drawn by its history, the whisper of waves, or the call of seabirds, this island continues to weave its story.

Remember, every rock, every gust of wind, and every footprint on Little Dog Island carries echoes of the past—a testament to the resilience of both nature and humanity.