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Administrator's Monthly Report to Council for November 2022

Current GPI focus has been on the following priorities:

- A warm welcome to Denise as Pitcairn's new Family and Community Adviser (FCA). I am sure Council, and the community as a whole, will make Denise feel welcome and work with her constructively in the best interests of Pitcairn's future needs. Juxtaposed, a big thank you to Iona, ably supported by Kim, for all her great work as the Island Teacher. As was highlighted at the school open day, the three children are a credit to their families and community as a whole, and I wish them all the best for their time at LAC. With my own two children far away at boarding school, I can empathise with their parents as they prepare for the move.
- Since the October Council meeting, there has been two important workshops on health policy and ship-to-shore. There were clear actions from both workshops, which I have communicated to both the Deputy Governor and Administrator-designate.
- Amendment to Covid-19 Response Ordinance. A short amendment that limits the vaccination requirement to those people boarding the Silver Supporter from New Zealand. The amendment does not address changes to testing requirements, as under the existing Ordinance these are able to be set, and changed, by policy. This is now with Council for approval.
- A draft Governor's visit programme was shared with the Mayor and Deputy Governor for comment. It is now with the Governor for her comment. Important engagements include: 1) a Special Council meeting; 2) wide ranging community engagement, including (but not limited to) Town Square dinner, meetings with Tourism Manager, PIPCO, and Natural Resource Office, and visits to Council and community facilities; and 3) the official opening of the Marine Science Base, including community lunch. I am grateful to DM Operations for previously confirming to me, including during the October Council meeting, that the Base will be completed before the end of the year.
- Supporting Bill Haigh with installation of the Starlink business terminals, including Town Hall meeting with the community to explain the trial. I appreciate there is broad frustration at the current state of the internet on the island. The Starlink trial has the potential to offer a much improved and viable alternative.
- I am grateful to the Mayor and Island Secretary for their support with Remembrance Day commemorations, Carol Warren for the wreaths, and for the community taking the time to offer reflection.



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- Still waiting for report and recommendations following external audit of the Store and Treasury;
- Full details of wider work are below in the DM updates.

Simon Bull
Administrator of the Pitcairn Islands

12 November 2022



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The following sections cover divisional updates:

Operations – Shawn Christian [not received]

Community – Lea Brown

- Cleaned house in preparation of new FCA arrival.
- Working with teacher in cleaning and packing up the school resources, updating asset list and bringing all electronic devices to the DM office for use.
- Talking with IA on division asset lists.
- Working with policy review group bringing division policies up to date

Everything else appears to be working with in the division and no problems to report.

Economic & Finance – Simon Young

Tourism Sales and Marketing Report

General

- Passenger Service Relaunch initiated July 2022. Campaign roll-out continues: Banners/Socials/ PRs/Outbrain/Contacts & Specialist groups/ Agents / Newsletters
- The late inclusion of a Marine Science Expedition in Feb 2022 required cancellation/transfer comms - on-going
- Tourism website migration to Squarespace completed and promoted.
- Oct Cruise Call Schedule updated and circulated
- Accommodation provider data base refreshed & active
- A further request for annual, stable passenger shipping schedules submitted to PIO/HMG
- Upgraded annual SPTO Membership implemented, at 50% discounted rate.
- 25 community trading tables purchased, via the Aranui.

MPA & Conservation Marketing Activities:

- Attended IDA webinar re new annual report format requirements
- DSS test merchandise launched
- Offer made to Council and DMs to utilize Tourism Web Manager skills

Silver Supporter Passenger Service

- All marketing / All first-point-of-contact pax comms
- All Booking & Agent Enquiries, Sales, Pax Scheduling and Ticketing
- All accommodation bookings support for PI registered accom providers
- Additional April Voyage sold out



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- SS Pax List submissions
- Post July 2022 Sales, to date: NZ\$88,000.

Pitkern Artisan Gallery Sales & Marketing:

- Insta/FB/Web Banners / Weekly Featured Products
- Last Chance Mail Ship promo / GPI and Tourism sites
- GPI & Tourism site campaigns
- Data base management
- Monthly Artisan Payment Summary and Individual statements
- Established Sept 2020: Sales to Oct 31st 2022: NZ\$61,401.00

Meetings:

- Aranui / Mayor – Media support meetings x 2
- Travel Trade Reps x 1
- Remote meeting schedule web manager established

POST OFFICE

Everything going well in the Post Office. In consultation with the Post Office a successful meeting was held with Tower Mint who are in charge of producing stamps and coins for Pitcairn Island. We are hoping to solve some of our teething problems with our new partner and establish a good working relationship that benefits all parties.

Post Office staff are back to full numbers following medical periods off island.

STAMP SALES \$918.30 MISCELLANEOUS \$471.10 TOTAL SALES \$1389.40

STORE

Work continues on adopting audit recommendations agreed by all parties. The store policy with recommended changes may be with council this month. Additionally, there is an early review date for this as we continue to progress some other issues, and agree upon some further recommendations to council.

Andrew resigned from the store, and his position has now been filled by Randy, and Randy's position has subsequently been advertised as per GPI policy.

Miscellany

Nadine temporarily working as Editor and on-island reporter is doing a wonderful job, leaving me with nothing else to add.

General

All going well.



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Environment & Natural Resources – Michele Christian

Overall, the departments are conducting normal activities within their roles.

MPA

- MPA Officer continues to work with Blue Belt on various activities and liaises with DM when required.
- Blue Abacus Report on the BRUV work is attached for Councils information.
- Presentation, poster and leaflet on the regulations has been received and in readiness for a community workshop once the Permit Officer and Committee process is near in rolling out. I have reached out to the Administrator for a rough timeline on when this work will be done by the AG's office.
- We have reached out to Simeon (CEFAS) regarding the proposed marine expedition in 2023 to discuss planning and objectives.

Land Management

- Individual land holder files are being received from the Land Court Register. We acknowledge that some files are incomplete and will await further documents as they come from the Registrar to include into land holder files.
- Land Management Officer continues to consult with land holders in reviewing existing holdings this ensures land records are up to date and recorded.
- Land Management is still waiting on two amended forms to be submitted to Land Court for approval. I would like to request that the two forms be submitted for the next land court meeting.

Bio Security

- A set of questions has been sent to Shuttle (as per last Council request) around the cost of disposal of batteries in New Zealand. Once costings have been received from Shuttle it will be circulated to Council for consideration.

Projects

- EDF 11, Regional, SPREP and Invasive Species Consultant draft report has been received for DM's review and input. Consultation with project lead to discuss report will happen in November. A further meeting has been arranged as to the planning for a visit in 2023 by a consultant and SPREP.
- Protect Blue short film project: planning is underway, schedule of meeting dates has been arranged. Further information will be included in my next report around objectives.



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- Darwin Plus RSPB project: planning is underway - Andy Schofield will be visiting in early 2023 to begin the consultation process with the community.
- Darwin Plus Whale project: planning is underway - Expressions of Interest has been placed on the notice board for boat hire.

Attached Documents

- Blue Abacus Report.

Proposed Veterinary Visit

Over the past month or two I have been in contact with Aniket Sardana (Vet to Tristan) discussing the possibility of a return visit and what are the priorities. Much of Aniket's work on Tristan is domestic and farm veterinary services but more importantly he has setup a training programme for locals in this field. We are not any different from Tristan and I fully support a similar training programme to be extended to Pitcairn. It is now over 3years since Aniket's last visit I would like to bring him up again to carry out much needed veterinary services including a health check of Miss T. Miss T in the past has had shell issues where she needed ongoing care and therefore I would like her to have a health check.

I'm requesting Councils support, if funds are available in the Discretionary fund would it be possible to utilise those funds.

General Information

While Alasdair is in the UK, he has a number of meetings set up:

- Royal Society & the Royal Geographic Society
- Edinburgh University (Marine Science)
- Heriot Watt University
- University of St. Andrews (MASTS)
- National Oceanic Dept South Hampton
- Bluebelt

Once Alasdair has returned, he will provide an update from the meetings.