AGENDA

BRUNY ISLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 2

Thursday 12 April 2018

Agenda of the meeting of the Bruny Island Advisory Committee to be held at the Bruny Island Community Health Centre on Thursday 12 April 2018 commencing at 10am.

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members:		**PRESENT**	**APOLOGY**
Chairperson	Cr Mike Percey		**X**
Members	Mr Trevor Adams		
	Mr Alex Matysek		
	Mr John Kobylec		
	Mr Bill Hughes		
	Ms Siobhan Gaskell		
	Mr Gerald McAfee		
	Ms Jackie Marsh		
	Dr Rosemary Sandford		
	Mr Mathew Fagan		

Council Officers:	
Liaison Officer Governance & Property Services	Ms Michelle Allen
Deputy General Manager	Mr Tony Ferrier
Non-Members:	

APOLOGIES

Cr Mike Percey

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved:
Seconded:

PRESENTATIONS & GUEST SPEAKERS:

- Beck McKinney Department of State Growth Road Safety
- Jane Ryan Huon Aquaculture

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence at the time of the Agenda.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

At the time of preparation of the agenda there were no questions on notice from the public.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bill Hughes asked the following question:

Can Council provide details of the $2 million p.a. (total $8 million) pledged by the Liberal Government to be spent on Bruny over the next 4 years.

Answer provided by Tony Ferrier Deputy General Manager:

No details on this commitment have been released, though it is understood the funds are proposed to be spent on various types of infrastructure (not just roads) and Council will be consulted on what is needed. It is likely that some form of new governance arrangement will need to be in place to oversee the future expenditure.

John Kobylec asked the following question:

Has Council budgeted for $50,000 in the coming financial year to match Mr Pennicott's offer of $50,000 to spend on projects on Bruny Island? I ask this as Mr Pennicott's offer is conditional that it is matched by Kingborough Council and the State Government.

Answer provided by Council's John Breen Chief Financial Officer:

The Budget for 2018/19 has not yet been determined and is still being workshopped within Council. In regard to the $50K, it may not be included due to the fact that only half of the $150K will have been spent and that Council will find it difficult to find the additional $50K without a predetermined program of works in place.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM THE COMMITTEE

GENERAL BUSINESS

The table on the following pages shows the General Business items.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the Bruny Island Community Health Centre on Thursday 14 June 2018 at 10am.

CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at

	CURRENT ISSUES			
	1. PLANNING, STRATEGIES AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT			
No.	**Item**	**Description**	**Status**	**Responsible Officer**
1	New Kingborough Planning Scheme	Council is to prepare a Local Provisions Schedule (LPS) in accordance with the government's requirements, as stipulated within State Planning Provisions (SPP) and the LPS Guidelines. The SPP and Kingborough LPS will be combined to create the new scheme that will ultimately replace the existing Kingborough Interim Planning Scheme 2015.	Tony Ferrier to provide an update	Tony Ferrier
2	Strategic Community Planning for Bruny Island	Preparation of a strategic/community plan for Bruny Island in which tourism can develop on a long term sustainable path. The sustainable path is dependent on maintaining the cultural, environmental and social values embedded in the Bruny Island community.	Mathew Fagan to provide an update	Tony Ferrier
3	Waste Management Strategy	Council is preparing a Waste Management Strategy to provide direction in relation to the many issues associated with waste disposal in the Municipal Area.	Tony Ferrier has provided a summary on the Waste Strategy that is attached to the Agenda.	David Reeve

2. PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE				
No.	**Item**	**Description**	**Comments / Update**	**Responsible Officer**
4	Bruny Island Airstrip	The risk management, maintenance and inspection requirements associated with the management of the Bruny Airstrip have increased significantly in recent years. Council has been gathering information and reviewing available options in relation to the future of the airstrip.	Tony Ferrier to provide an update	Tony Ferrier
5	Lunawanna Hall Public Toilets and Floor	An upgrade of the Lunawanna Hall toilet facilities is recommended to be undertaken in 2018/19 Request for resealing of the floor.	Michelle Allen has met with the architect and he is working on designs.	Michelle Allen Victor Mus
6	Nebraska Road	Coastal erosion and stabilisation works.	Council is waiting on approval from Crown Land Services and is hoping to put the project out for tender within the next month	David Reeve

3. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT				
No.	**Item**	**Description**	**Comments / Update**	**Responsible Officer**
7	Cat Control	Council, in conjunction with the Bruny Island community and a range of partner organisations is implementing a cat management program for Bruny Island. The program aims to minimise the adverse impacts of domestic, stray and feral cats.	John Parkes (Kurahaupo Consulting) has been engaged to assess the *feasibility, methods, cost and risks* associated with a range of cat management approaches for the island - from feral cat eradication through to long term management of cats in areas with high risk species. Risks include for example, where controlling feral cats may increase other invasive species such as black rats that also negatively impact on seabirds. This work will inform our long term Management Plan for the Island and finally quantify expected costs. Attached is an article I prepared for Bruny News last year on key issues to consider when eradicating pest species from an inhabited island. Consultation with cat owners on Bruny Island is ongoing and current results from 24 households indicate good support for responsible pet cat ownership. The vast majority own 1 or 2 cats that are desexed and micro-chipped cats and 64% contain their cats at least at night. Importantly 65% stated that cats should be confined to their house and/or yard, rather than to the limits of their property. The need to protect both wildlife and cats were the most common reasons given for containing ones cat. Attached is a summary report article that will be in the March edition of the Bruny News.	Kaylene Allan

4. COMMUNITY SERVICES				
No.	**Item**	**Description**	**Comments / Update**	**Responsible Officer**
8	Glensyn Units	A proposal has been received from IC4 Developments to develop affordable accommodation on the site of the Glensyn Units.	Michelle Allen to provide an update	Michelle Allen

5. TOURISM & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT				
No.	**Item**	**Description**	**Comments / Update**	**Responsible Officer**
9	Destination Action Plan (DAP)	Preparation and implementation of a DAP for Bruny Island to improve visitor experiences.	Tony Ferrier to provide an update	Tony Ferrier
10	Signage at the Adventure Bay turn-off	Concern expressed at the proliferation of signs at the Adventure Bay turn-off.	Tony Ferrier to provide an update	Tony Ferrier

6. STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCY ITEMS

No.	Item	Description	Comments / Update	Responsible Agency
11	The Neck Developments	The Parks and Wildlife Service is upgrading the walkway to the lookout, as well as undertaking modifications to the carpark and the construction of new public toilets.	Update to be provided	DOSG
12	Bruny Island Ferry Contract	Renewal of the Bruny Island Ferry contract due to expire in June 2018.	Council has received no current update at the time of the preparation of the Agenda	DOSG
13	Roadside trees	Concern expressed at dead trees alongside the main road to Alonnah and the question asked as to whether DOSG would be undertaking an audit of the same.	Shane Gregory provided the following response to the email sent in November: Kingborough Council maintains the Department's roads on Bruny Island under contract. Council are required to remove dead or broken branches under the base services component of that contract. The contract also requires that weekly inspections of the road network be undertaken, including the identification, and referral to the Department, of tree works outside of the base services, i.e. dead and dangerous trees to be removed. Notwithstanding Council's obligations under the maintenance contract, a Tree Framework Risk Assessment is currently underway. Trevor Adams requested Council conduct an audit of all the dead trees on the roadsides of Bruny. This matter will be raised with Council's Works Department.	DOSG
14	Road Safety Pamphlet	Request to Department of State Growth to develop a brochure to encourage safe travel on Bruny Island Roads.	Presentation by Beck McKinney	DOSG

7. LONG TERM ITEMS

The following issues require resolution in the longer term and are listed for reference.

If there is any progress on any item, it will be moved to the current section of the Agenda.

No.	Item	Description	Comments / Update	Responsible Officer
15	Pedestrian Bridge at Alonnah	Request for the installation of a pedestrian bridge and connecting footpath at Main Road, Alonnah or for signage warning of narrow bridge ahead to slow vehicles and improve pedestrian safety.	Shane Gregory has provided the following response to the email sent in November: While this bridge does not meet Australian Standards criteria for installation of narrow bridge signage, the Department will review existing pedestrian warning signage at this location. Trevor Adams advised that there no existing pedestrian warning signs on the bridge.	DOSG/ David Reeve
16	Adventure Bay Road – Bligh Creek to East Cove	Request for provision of a footpath linking these two areas.	The project is not currently listed as a priority in Council's Capital Works program but its need will continue to be monitored in terms of numbers and types of vehicle traffic versus number of pedestrians.	David Reeve
17	Harvey Road	Request for sealing of Harvey Road	The sealing of Harvey Road has been listed for inclusion in Council's five-year Capital Works program. In the interim, it has been included in the dust suppressant trial.	David Reeve
18	Lockleys Road	Request for sealing of Lockleys Road	The project is not currently listed as a priority in Council's Capital Works program but its need will continue to be monitored, particularly in light of use by tourist buses endeavouring to show passengers the white wallabies.	David Reeve

19	Road Sealing	Program for sealing of State roads on Bruny Island	It was noted that Shane Gregory provided the following response to the email sent in November: Kingborough Council maintains the Department's roads on Bruny Island under contract. The contract requires that the road is maintained to a minimum specification, which would require maintenance grading. On that basis Council is best placed to respond to BIAC. I also ask that Council's staff responsible for delivery of maintenance services for the Department ensure that the contractual obligations are being met.	DOSG
20	Road Safety Audit	The Department of State Growth, in conjunction with Council, has been proceeding with the implementation of the recommendations of a road safety audit.	Nothing further to report.	DOSG
21	Coolangatta Road	Concern at lack of maintenance on Coolangatta Road by DOSG.	Shane Gregory has provided the following response to the email sent in November: Council's Engineering staff are mistaken in their understanding of ownership of Coolangatta Road. The Department of State Growth is responsible for the management of State Highways and subsidiary roads as proclaimed under the provisions of the Roads and Jetties Act 1935. Coolangatta Road is not one of these roads. Ownership of Coolangatta Road is recorded on the LIST, which shows Council as the owner between Adventure Bay and Resolution Road, and of a small section at the western end. The remainder of the road is shown as being under the ownership of DPIPWE/PWS.	P&WS DOSG
22	Road swaps	Anomalies in relation to road ownership between Council and State Government and suggestion that swaps should occur to address these.	Preliminary discussions between the relevant Council and State Government Departments has occurred but the matter is ongoing and of lower priority.	DOSG
23	Road Speeds at North Bruny	Reduction of speed limits and speed bumps at the northern end of the island.	Friends of North Bruny are working with Council and State Growth in regards to speed reductions in North Bruny.	DOSG

Appendix:

Bruny Traffic Counts

An updated Traffic Count will be provided at the meeting

KINGBOROUGH WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY – A SUMMARY

Council's waste management responsibilities can be summarised as being:

- kerbside collection of waste and recyclables;
- public place bins and litter;
- management of waste transfer stations;
- disposal of waste to landfill (Copping arrangements); and
- community education (reduction of waste and recycling).

KWS (as a company solely owned by Council) has been contracted to manage the waste transfer stations. Council manages the other four responsibilities listed above in-house. Both Council and KWS have common objectives in regard to all of these responsibilities and they can be summarised as being:

- value for money;
- minimise environmental impact; and
- good customer service.

Waste management is a state-wide issue and many solutions can only be implemented through coordinated programs. There is a great deal of work to be done in this area across all state-wide, regional and local levels. It appears that the primary needs are to:

- review and replace the former State waste strategy;
- increase rates of waste diverted from landfill;
- implement a State-wide levy (on waste to landfill) and determine how collected funds will be spent;
- develop a program of waste reduction and re-use initiatives (new technology, research etc);
- identify commercial opportunities (composting, waste tyres etc);
- provide best practice guidelines for public waste collection, recycling and litter prevention;
- provide best practice guidelines for waste transfer stations;
- ensure there is accurate monitoring of waste streams and public reporting;
- facilitate increased and standardised kerbside collection services;
- set targets for waste reduction and recycling;
- provide for effective public and industry education – reduce waste at source;
- facilitate regional governance structures that enable resource sharing between councils; and
- review existing legislation and improve the regulatory framework.

The Kingborough Waste Management Strategy states that Council wants to "achieve a planned and collaborative approach to waste management, which is cost effective, supportive of the local community and economy and improves recycling rates". This Strategy provides the basis for how Council is to implement future waste management programs.

Within the Strategy, Kingborough Council's waste management and resource recovery priorities are to:

1. Deliver cost effective and efficient waste and recycling services to all residents of Kingborough;

2. Assist the community to avoid waste and to improve recycling rates to exceed Tasmania's state wide average;
3. Reduce emissions and energy usage and develop a truly sustainable community; and
4. Reduce the environmental impacts of littering and illegal dumping.

To increase recycling rates, a roadmap was developed to transition Council to a new household waste collection service that:

- Diverts as much material as possible from landfill;
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions; and
- Provides the community with the greatest cost/benefit.

Complementing the two-stage introduction of new kerbside service and to further increase recycling rates throughout the municipality there is an opportunity to extend kerbside services to more townships, where viable, and to provide access to waste and recycling drop off services to other smaller communities.

It was identified that to further improve operation of Council's waste management services, Council should review its infrastructure against best practice. Council would then be able to assess the cost and benefits of facility upgrades and introducing systems to recycle more.

To provide greater transparency to the community and help to inform decisions regarding changes to future waste facilities and services, Council needs to establish baseline data of the community's waste generation as well as to expand the collection and reporting of waste and recycling data and the performance of services.

The management arrangements of Council transfer stations were reviewed to ensure they are able to sustainably provide services that meet the needs of the community. Ensuring costs are shared equitably by the users of the facility clearly defined performance objectives for Kingborough Waste Services (KWS) have been recommended. Recognising the benefits that KWS provides to Council, an opportunity exists to expand the role and function of KWS to include responsibility for delivering the implementation of Council's waste strategy and programs.

Community engagement undertaken to inform this strategy identified that the community's priorities included:

1. Improved recycling;
2. Better education regarding household waste management;
3. Increased frequency of collection;
4. Improved facilities at Barretta; and
5. Greater community involvement (in decision making).

A need for greater community engagement was identified to provide both education on waste avoidance and improved recycling practices, and to obtain ongoing feedback of community satisfaction to help inform decisions about changes to waste services.

A commitment to greater regional cooperation and working closely with other neighbouring councils is also essential to support the delivery of the Strategy, for example via the delivery of regional waste avoidance and recycling education programs.

A summary of the Actions within the Strategy is as follows:

Goal		Actions	Priority
1	**Increased waste avoidance and reduction**		
	A	Develop and deliver an awareness raising campaign to increase public understanding and engagement of waste avoidance.	High
	B	Implement a food waste avoidance program (e.g. Love Food Hate Waste) and target to specific sections of the community (e.g. schools).	Medium
	C	Support and promote community gardens and at home composting.	Low
	D	Engage with businesses on waste avoidance and implement a business waste reduction program (e.g. Bin Trim[1], Halve Waste[2]) to assist businesses to reduce waste.	Medium
2	**Increased recycling rates**		
	A	Introduce new kerbside services: • Fortnightly 240l comingled recycling bin; and • Fortnightly GO bin.	High
	B	Expand new kerbside service collection area to include Kettering.	High
	C	Review remote sites and upgrade community access to secure garbage and recycling drop-off points.	High
	D	Collaborate with neighbouring councils seeking to establish regional organics processing solutions.	Medium
	E	Review viability of implementing kerbside FOGO collections.	Medium
	F	Expand participation in product stewardship (takeback) schemes at Council facilities.	Low
3	**Best practice waste and resource recovery infrastructure**		
	A	Review and assess transfer stations against best practice (including tip shop).	High
	B	Review viable options for Barretta transfer station to consolidate new kerbside services and best practice recommendation (including tip shop services).	High
	C	Upgrade Barretta transfer station to support new kerbside services.	High
	D	Upgrade transfer stations to support best practice recommendations.	High
	E	Perform public place litter and recycling bin stations audits across municipality and review against best practice.	Medium
	F	Install additional stations and/or upgrade existing bin installations at priority sites, identified through audits.	Medium
4	**Efficient and sustainable governance**		
	A	Adopt KPI's and targets for the operation and management of Council transfer stations.	Medium
	B	Establish Council policy and implement procedures for setting waste gate fees	Low

[1] More information available at: http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/managewaste/bin-trim.htm
[2] More information available at: http://halvewaste.com.au/commercial/

		aligned with the user pays principle.	
	C	Implement waste data system, to record and report key performance indicators, inform decision making and provide greater transparency to the community. (e.g. waste data from facilities, kerbside service providers and audits)	High

5	Effective community engagement		
	A	Roll out ongoing and periodic measurement of community satisfaction with waste services.	High
	B	Develop a community waste avoidance and new/expanded services education program.	Medium
	C	Expand participation in product stewardship (takeback) schemes at Council facilities.	Medium
	D	Investigate the causes and effects of illegal dumping and littering across the municipality	Low
	E	Expand and improve recycling at council run or supported events.	Medium

Council adopted the Strategy at its meeting on 13 December 2017 and further considered its implementation at a workshop held on 5 March 2018. Council's capacity to implement the waste management strategy will be determined by decisions made in the 2018/19 budget and the new kerbside collection contract towards the end of 2018. Additional funds will need to be allocated to this ware in future years. A designated waste management coordinator will be required as an additional staff position in order that the Actions within the Strategy are able to be implemented.