

MINUTES

BRUNY ISLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 6

Thursday 14 December 2017

Minutes of the meeting of the Bruny Island Advisory Committee held at the Bruny Island School on Thursday 14 December 2017 commencing at 10am.

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members:		PRESENT	APOLOGY
Chairperson	Cr Mike Percey	X	
Members	Mr Trevor Adams	X	
	Mr Alex Matysek	X	
	Mr John Kobylec	X	
	Mr Brendon Schmidt		X
	Mr Bill Hughes	X	
	Ms Siobhan Gaskell	X	
	Mr Gerald McAfee		X
	Mr Richard Clarke	X	

Council Officers:	
Liaison Officer Governance & Property Services	Ms Michelle Allen
Deputy General Manager	Mr Tony Ferrier
Non-Members:	
Councillor	David Grace
Councillor	Graham Bury
Community Member	Mrs Perri Bottomley
Bruny Life Consultant	Mr Mathew Fagan
MP	Mr Nic Street

APOLOGIES

Gerald McAfee
Brendan Schmidt

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved: Trevor Adams
Seconded: John Kobylec

PRESENTATIONS & GUEST SPEAKERS:

- Certificates were presented to current grade 6 students and next year's students were introduced to the Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from Minister Guy Barnett

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions on notice from the public.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There were no questions on notice from the committee.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM THE COMMITTEE

At the October meeting Brendan Schmidt asked why the stormwater levy has been removed from Council's budget

NOTICES OF MOTION

Moved: John Kobylec
Second: Alex Matysek

THAT BIAC support the Deputy General Managers suggestion to seek expressions of interests from potentially alternative operators in relation to the airstrip.

GENERAL BUSINESS

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

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at Bruny Island Community Health Centre on Thursday 8 February 2018 at 10am.

CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.57am

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.	Investigations are continuing into various aspects that are needed before the final Local Provisions Schedule (zoning maps, specific area plans, Code overlays etc) can be completed. This work is expected to be completed by early 2018. For Bruny, it is expected to be a conversion of existing zones in accordance with the new requirements with minimal additional development opportunities.	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.	<p>Council and the State Government have committed \$25,000 each towards the development of the plan (now termed the Bruny Liveability Study). A brief has been prepared and the consultancy tendered. BIAC members have assisted in the selection process for the appointment of a consultant (Matthew Fagan) to prepare the plan.</p> <p>Mathew Fagan provided a progress update of the Bruny Life project. He advised the Committee that the website has all the information and documentation can be found on the website he has created. The website address is www.brunylife.com</p>	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.	<p>It was noted that Council has adopted the Waste Management Strategy at the 13 December 2017 Council Meeting and implementation can now commence on the actions starting with a workshop for the Councillors.</p> <p>John Kobylec asked if Council can do anything to reintroduce roadside clean up on Bruny. Tony advised that Council will need to look into this further.</p>	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.	<p>It was noted that at the last meeting BIAC resolved to recommend that the airstrip be retained in Council ownership as a community facility. A Discussion Paper was provided by Tony outlining the issues and a report will be provided to Council in the near future. After much discussion the Committee made the following motion:</p> <p>THAT BIAC support Tony Ferrier's suggestion to seek expressions of interests from potentially alternative operators in relation to the airstrip.</p>	Sean Kerr
5	Lunawanna Hall Public Toilets	An upgrade of the Lunawanna Hall toilet facilities is recommended to be undertaken in 2018/19	Michelle advised that consultation is underway with members of the Lunawanna Hall Management Committee in relation to design options for the new facility.	Victor Mus
6	Lunawanna Hall Floor	Request for resealing of the floor.	It was noted that quotes are currently being sourced by Council's Building Maintenance Coordinator	Victor Mus
7	Nebraska Road	Coastal erosion and stabilisation works.	It was noted that a design has been prepared and a Development Application lodged for the work, which is due to commence in March 2018.	David Reeve

3. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

No.	Item	Description	Comments / Update	Responsible Officer
8	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.	Michelle advised Council is currently recruiting a new Field Officer and that a Cat Assessment and Holding Facility has been approved and will be located at the Bruny Island Depot.	Kaylene Allan
9	State Forests	Status of moratorium on harvesting from permanent timber production zones coupes.	Minister Barnett has provided a response (see attached) indicating that the status is unchanged and the moratorium continues.	N/A

4. COMMUNITY SERVICES

No.	Item	Description	Comments / Update	Responsible Officer
10	Bruny Island Community Aged Living survey	A consultant has been engaged to undertake a survey of stakeholders to determine accommodation needs on Bruny Island.	John advised that the the survey results will be made available in January or February 2018.	BICAL
11	Glensyn Units	A proposal has been received from IC4 Developments to develop affordable accommodation on the site of the Glensyn Units.	<p>Michelle advised that IC4 Developments will be undertaking consultation with the local community in 2018 and that Simon from IC4 Developments is currently working on a package of information to be provided to BIAC members. Once they have finalised the responses from the consultation a proposal will be prepared for Council.</p> <p>Michelle requested members to remind community members that Council has only given in principle support to the proposal and is subject to a IC4 consulting with the community then providing a final proposal to Council with the findings.</p>	Michelle Allen

5. TOURISM & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No.	Item	Description	Comments / Update	Responsible Officer
12	Destination Action Plan (DAP)	Preparation and implementation of a DAP for Bruny Island to improve visitor experiences.	<p>The implementation of the Bruny DAP program is underway with projects such as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The newly erected State Government signs; 2. Hanson Beach walk; 3. Barnes Bay and Dennes Point seating; and 4. Quiet Corner work is underway <p>It was agreed that a media release be sent to the Bruny News showing all the things that have happened on Bruny.</p>	Tony Ferrier
13	Signage at the Adventure Bay turn-off	Concern expressed at the proliferation of signs at the Adventure Bay turn-off.	Michelle advised she is waiting on a reply from DOSG regarding this issue.	Tony Ferrier
14	Recreational Vehicles	Development of strategies to manage the increasing number of recreational vehicles visiting the area.	It was noted that Council has resolved not to endorse a strategy prepared by a consultant in relation to this matter but to address issues associated with recreational vehicles on a case by case basis.	Tony Ferrier
15	Bruny Island Tourism Strategy	Update of Bruny Tourism Strategy	Tony advised that he has recently updated the Bruny Island Tourism Strategy that was endorsed by Council in 2011 to include the current TVS visitor statistics and Census information.	Tony Ferrier

6. STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCY ITEMS

No.	Item	Description	Comments / Update	Responsible Agency
16	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.	It was noted that Council has issued a minor amendment to for the planning permit for the location of the toilet block, which is to be shifted to the north. Richard Clarke thanked Nick Street MP for this assistance with this issue.	DOSG
17	Bruny Island Ferry Contract	Renewal of the Bruny Island Ferry contract due to expire in June 2018.	Tony reported that Minister Rene Hidding has advised that the ferry contract will be announced in April 2018. As this is a confidential matter it was noted that there will be no impact of traffic to and from the island.	DOSG
18	Signage bridge at Alonnah	Request for signage warning of narrow bridge ahead at Main Road Alonnah to slow vehicles and improve pedestrian safety.	Michelle advised that she is still waiting on a reply from DOSG regarding this matter.	DOSG
19	Road Sealing	Program for sealing of State roads on Bruny Island	The section of road from the Adventure Bay turnoff to Alonnah has recently been resealed in short sections. There are now gaps of older seal between the new seal which have been identified as requiring some patch works required that is planned to be undertaken coming summer. Further reseals will take place over the next 24 months to have this section completely resealed. No pavement rehabilitation works are scheduled.	DOSG
20	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.	Michelle advised that she is still waiting on a reply from DOSG regarding this matter.	DOSG
21	Adventure Bay Road Signage	The signage to Adventure Bay is considered to be too close to the turn off.	Michelle advised that she is still waiting on a reply from DOSG regarding this matter.	DOSG
22	Road Safety Pamphlet	Request to Department of State Growth to develop a brochure to encourage safe travel on Bruny Island Roads.	Michelle reported that Council's Communications Officer will be working on a brochure in early 2018..	DOSG

23	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 undertaken in ???	It was noted that Council has received \$200k from the Federal Government "Black Spot Roads "funding to upgrade sections of Lighthouse Road. Works will include tree removal on some sections to improve visibility, culvert replacement and/or widening in specific areas and bank excavation to improve road vision on other areas proposed. Tree removal has been completed with other works planned in the next few months.	DOSG

7. LONG TERM ITEMS

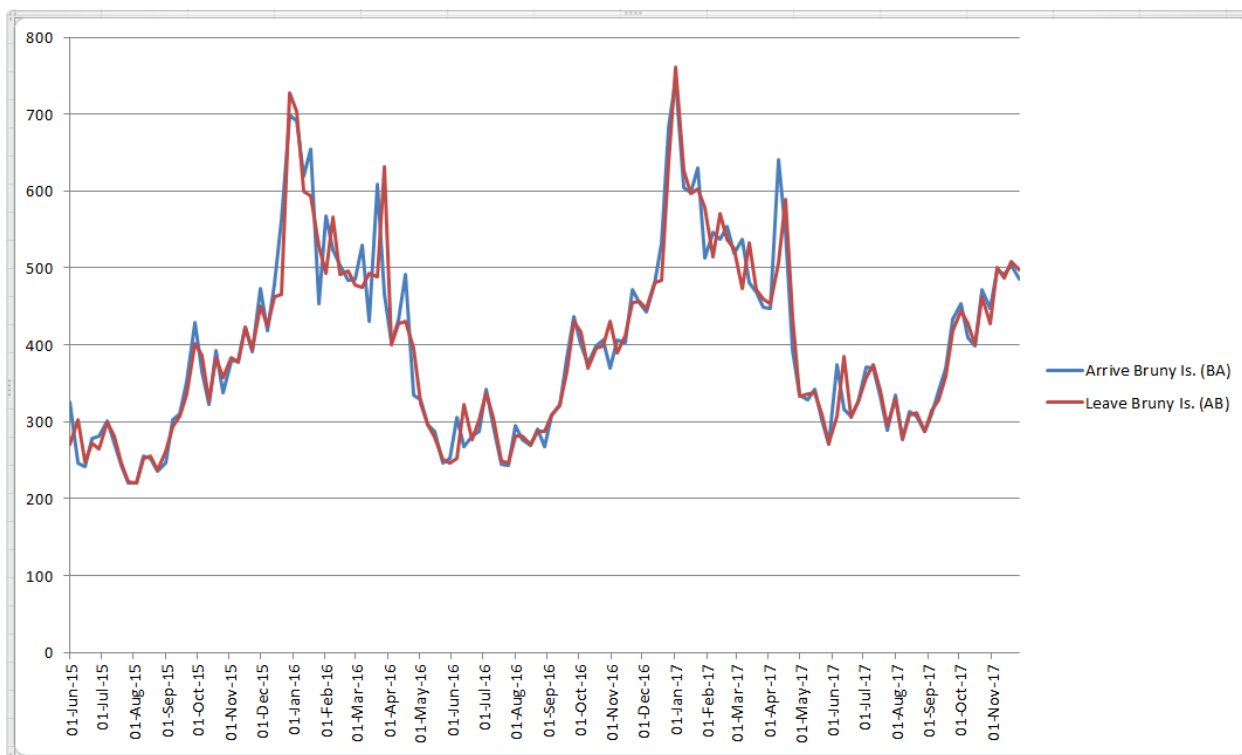
The following issues require resolution in the longer term and are listed for reference.
If there is any progress on any item, it will be moved to the current section of the Agenda.

No.	Item	Description	Comments / Update	Responsible Officer
24	Pedestrian Bridge at Alonnah	Request for the installation of a pedestrian bridge and connecting footpath at Main Road, Alonnah.	Council does not consider the traffic or pedestrian volumes through Alonnah to be sufficiently high to justify the cost of constructing a footpath and bridge along this section of State highway. If an opportunity arises to fund this project from an external grant program, it will be pursued.	David Reeve
25	Roadside Slashing – State Roads	Concern has been expressed in relation to the effectiveness and monitoring of the roadside slashing and spraying program.	It was reported that the road sides were being slashed today.	DOSG
26	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
27	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
28	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

29	Coolangatta Road	Concern at lack of maintenance on Coolangatta Road by DOSG.	Concerns raised with Parks and Wildlife Service?	P&WS?
30	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
31	Victoria Avenue	Reduction of speed limits and speed bumps at the northern end of the island.	Friends of North Bruny are working with Council and State Government at reducing speed limits in the northern area	

Bruny Traffic Counts August to November 2017

Week commencing	To Bruny (BA)	From Bruny (AB)	Total number
07-Aug-17	276	278	554
14-Aug-17	313	308	621
21-Aug-17	307	312	619
28-Aug-17	288	288	576
04-Sep-17	310	315	625
11-Sep-17	340	329	669
18-Sep-17	370	359	729
25-Sep-17	433	419	852
02-Oct-17	454	444	898
09-Oct-17	410	427	837
16-Oct-17	398	400	798
23-Oct-17	472	463	935
30-Oct-17	447	428	875
06-Nov-17	497	500	997
13-Nov-17	491	487	978
20-Nov-17	503	509	1012
27-Nov-17	486	497	983



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- 9 NOV 2017

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Dear Ms Allen *Michelle*

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Index	8.10 / 5.183
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Thank you for your letter of 25 October 2017 on behalf of the Bruny Island Advisory Committee seeking advice on the moratorium on harvesting from Permanent Timber Production Zone (PTPZ) coupes on the island.

The position remains unchanged. As you recall, we introduced the moratorium in response to the IUCN listing of the Swift Parrot as critically endangered.

The moratorium recognises that Bruny is special because it is free of the sugar gliders which are a threat to the Swift Parrot in other areas, and it remains in place pending the completion of an evidence-based strategic management plan for the conservation of Swift Parrot habitat across Tasmania. That work is progressing.

It is worth noting that the PTPZ land comprises just five per cent of land on Bruny Island – 1,758 hectares out of a total land area of 35,280 hectares. The couped production area is even smaller – just 1,100 hectares, with the remaining 600 hectares either classified as informal reserves or otherwise unavailable for harvest even if the moratorium was not in place.

While the Government is a strong supporter of the forest industry, it is an equally strong supporter of tourism and sensitive to the unique Bruny Island environment.

Tasmania's environmental record is second to none. Our level of environmental protection is more than three times the average level of protection across Australia, and more than three times the world average. We still have almost two thirds of the forest cover which existed at European settlement. Half of our state is covered by forest and more than half of our forests are reserved – including 85% or more than one million hectares of our old growth forests.

Yours sincerely


Guy Barnett MP
Minister for Resources

M17/36100

12 December 2017

Mr Tony Ferrier
Deputy General Manager
Kingborough Council

Dear Tony

As an incoming BIAC member for 2018 and Convenor of the BICAL Committee of BICA, I wish to formally note with concern, Item 11 of the Current Issues of the BIAC meeting attached to the agenda of the BIAC meeting of 14 December 2017.

Item 11 notes that *"A proposal has been received from IC4 Developments to develop affordable accommodation on the site of the Glensyn Units"* and that *"Council has given in principle support to the proposal"*. The date of that Council decision was not attached to the 'Current Issues' document available to me.

At the time of IC4 Developments' fleeting visit to Bruny island for their hastily-called attempt to meet with member of the Bruny Island community, Council and its officers knew that our community-driven, BICAL Bruny Island Community Aged Living Survey by consultant Morven Andrews, was well underway. Council and its officers further knew that the needs of Bruny's ageing population and the future of the affordable AGED accommodation at Glensyn were a significant component of this survey.

I therefore find it very disappointing that *"Council has given in principle support to the (IC4) proposal"* without waiting for the results of our survey and the release of our BICAL Survey results and report in early 2018. I have written to Michelle Allen in my capacity as BICAL Convenor but have yet to receive a reply.

I therefore formally request:

- (1) that this correspondence be tabled at the BIAC meeting on 14 December 2017 and at the first Kingborough Council meeting in 2018; and**
- (2) that Council makes no further commitments to IC4, nor any other potential developer that it may have in mind, nor pre-empt the findings of the Bruny Island Community Aged Living Report, and its very practical recommendations and proposed actions, that will be released in early 2018.**

In addition, we are all aware that the Bruny Liveability Study, funded by the Tasmanian government and Kingborough Council, is underway. Our BICAL report includes a number of references and recommendations pertinent to this study, and to the interaction between Bruny's aged and community health needs and services, and the current and future tourism influx and its present (and future) likely impacts on Bruny Island.

Dr Rosemary Sandford

BICAL Convenor & incoming BIAC member