

AGENDA

BRUNY ISLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 1

Thursday 8 February 2018

Agenda of the meeting of the Bruny Island Advisory Committee to be held at the Bruny Island Community Health Centre on Thursday 8 February 2018 commencing at 10am.

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members:		PRESENT	APOLOGY
Chairperson	Cr Mike Percey		
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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS AGENDA

Moved:
Seconded:

PRESENTATIONS & GUEST SPEAKERS:

CORRESPONDENCE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

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

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

At the October meeting Brendan Schmidt asked the following question:

At the October meeting Brendan Schmidt asked why the stormwater project in Victoria Street, Dennes Point has disappeared from Council's budget

David Reeves answered the question:

No it is still a valid project and will continue to be considered amongst all other priorities

Dr Rosemary Sandford asked the following question:

TFS safe place locations for bushfire emergencies across Bruny- getting information to everyone including residents, shackies, visitors etc.- Is it Council's responsibility to put up signs directing people where to assemble, given the unreliability of phone coverage on the island? How can Council make sure that public safety is ensured at such times?

Answer provided by Tasmanian fire Service:

All information regarding Community Protection Plans with identified nearby safer places and to download plans go to the TFS website: <http://www.fire.tas.gov.au/Show?pageId=colCommunityProtection> Page 2 of these documents gives detailed information for people to utilise the community protection plan as part of their bushfire survival plan.

The key message is that Nearby Safer Places (NSP) identified in the plans are places of last resort. They are often outside in open areas such as golf courses, cricket ovals etc and are not emergency assembly areas.

NSP's have been assessed under catastrophic conditions criteria to give people set back from radiant heat as the fire front passes. People are still exposed to smoke and embers so there is a degree of risk related to these places. Leaving early before the fire front is in the area is the safest and best option as a bushfire survival plan.

Emergency Assembly areas are a totally different site with its own criteria and are not related to bushfires. They are often part of a building/structure fire evacuation plan to assemble people safely well away from the burning structure.

The risk and my biggest concern is with signage identifying NSP's is that people will then rely only on the NSP as their survival option. It is up to Councils if they wish to indicate NSP's but a great deal of information about NSP's (especially being places of last resort) would have to accompany the signage to detail what the criteria of a NSP really is. Bushfire survival planning is a complex process as bushfires behave differently with different weather, terrain, conditions etc. so it is not simple black and white as like say a structure fire which is- get out, assemble there, call 000 and wait for the fire truck.

Residents and tourism operators of Bruny are encouraged to download from the website or ring 1800 000 699 and get a copy of their local protection plan and use the information to integrate it into their bushfire survival planning and emergency evacuation planning. (page 2 of plan)

Council recently formed a Community Resilience Group and is speaking with a Bruny resident in relation to being part of this 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

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 12 February 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.	Update to be provided	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 will be running a workshop on the Brunylife project for BIAC members after the meeting.	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.	Update to be provided	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.	Update to be provided	Tony Ferrier
5	Lunawanna Hall Public Toilets	An upgrade of the Lunawanna Hall toilet facilities is recommended to be undertaken in 2018/19	Michelle will be meeting with the Architect shortly to discuss the Lunawanna Hall Committees ideas.	Michelle Allen
6	Lunawanna Hall Floor	Request for resealing of the floor.	Council's Building Maintenance Coordinator has advised that he has a quote for the resealing if the floor and is checking availability with the contractor.	Victor Mus
7	Nebraska Road	Coastal erosion and stabilisation works.	A Development Application has been lodged and Council's Engineering staff are waiting for the approval before work can commence.	David Reeve
8	Green Waste Disposal	Rosemary asked why does Council not install a mulching machine on island and train operators to use it (including on-island operators)?	Update to be provided.	Stuart Baldwin

3. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

No.	Item	Description	Comments / Update	Responsible Officer
9	Cat Control	<p>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.</p>	<p>Conrad Daniels from Bruny Farming has been contracted to undertake on-ground cat control work. Brett Woodruff who was previously employed as the Field Officer is still engaged periodically to work with Conrad and pass on skills.</p> <p>A UTas School of Biological Sciences PhD student has been approved and will commence in Feb 2018. They will undertake research on South Bruny to compliment research we are currently doing at the Neck and North Bruny specifically, feral cat distribution and density across key habitats. In addition they will: quantify prevalence of cat specific parasites (toxoplasmosis in wildlife and livestock, sarcocystosis in livestock) and how it relates to different feral cat densities across the island; further investigate cat, rabbit and quoll interactions; quantify diet of quoll & cats.</p> <p>Enclosed are 2 articles on recent research undertaken as part of the project that BIAC may be interested in.</p> <p>Legal feedback has <i>finally</i> been received on the Draft Cat By-laws for cat ownership on Bruny Island. We are meeting with the lawyers to finalise the draft and then a RIS will be prepared.</p> <p>We are waiting for one more building quote for the Cat Holding Facility</p>	<p>Kaylene Allan</p>

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.	Update to be provided by Dr Rosemary Sandford	BICAL
11	Glensyn Units	A proposal has been received from IC4 Developments to develop affordable accommodation on the site of the Glensyn Units.	Update to be provided.	Michelle Allen
12	Dissemination of information to the Bruny Community	Rosemary suggested Kingborough Council needs to be more active in dissemination of info to Bruny community. Council should not rely primarily on internet e.g. FB/Bruny Notices, for dissemination of Council information to community. Many on Bruny cannot get internet, and not everyone uses FB. How can Council be more accessible and transparent in getting its messages across to its ratepayers?	<p>Increasing costs to print and deliver the Kingborough News to private addresses across the municipality was the catalyst to review the way Council publishes news in 2016. To ensure information is published in a variety of formats for residents, Council approved a quarterly publication (called Council News) to appear in the Kingborough Chronicle and Kingston Classifieds, which is also be available by email subscription and on Council's website and social media channels. The Snapshot on Kingborough will continue to be published in the months between the Council News. Anyone wishing to receive the email subscription can contact Council requesting to be added at communications@kingborough.tas.gov.au. The publication of these news updates does not coincide with the Bruny Island News publication cycle and so Council will make sure the publication is printed and posted at the Service Centre on Bruny Island each month.</p> <p>Along with the monthly updates, Council also publishes regular media releases, which are sent to all media outlets, including the Bruny Island News, for their consideration for publication. All media releases are available on Council's website.</p> <p>Council is unable to provide printed communications for each township within the municipality due to limited resources.</p>	Sarah Wilcox

5. TOURISM & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No.	Item	Description	Comments / Update	Responsible Officer
13	Destination Action Plan (DAP)	Preparation and implementation of a DAP for Bruny Island to improve visitor experiences.	Update to be provided	Tony Ferrier
14	Signage at the Adventure Bay turn-off	Concern expressed at the proliferation of signs at the Adventure Bay turn-off.	Council is still waiting on a reply from DOSG regarding this issue.	Tony Ferrier
15	Recreational Vehicles	Development of strategies to manage the increasing number of recreational vehicles visiting the area.	Update to be provided.	Tony Ferrier
16	Bruny Island Tourism Strategy	Update of Bruny Tourism Strategy	Update to be provided.	Tony Ferrier

6. STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCY ITEMS

No.	Item	Description	Comments / Update	Responsible Agency
17	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.	<p>Shane Gregory provided the following response to the email sent in November:</p> <p>The speed limit adjacent the Neck carpark has been set at 60km/h. However, following yesterday's meeting between Minister Hidding and the Bruny Island Community Association (BICA), the Department of State Growth (Department) will review speed limits. In undertaking that review we will be seeking to establish the view of the broader Bruny Island Community and also the level of support from Council as representative of the Community.</p>	DOSG
18	Bruny Island Ferry Contract	Renewal of the Bruny Island Ferry contract due to expire in June 2018.	<p>Shane Gregory provided the following response to the email sent in November:</p> <p>The tender for a replacement Bruny Island Ferry service is currently live and it is inappropriate to provide specific commentary. For that reason, the Department has been consistent in its advice that tender information will not be provided to any parties other than those directly involved in the tender process.</p> <p>The Tasmanian Government has committed to a service at least as good as, or better than, the current service and retaining regulation of resident fare increases to CPI. The number, types and size of vessels will be dependent on the specific tender proposals and it is not possible to provide advice at this time.</p>	DOSG

19	Road Sealing	Program for sealing of State roads on Bruny Island	<p>Shane Gregory provided the following response to the email sent in November:</p> <p>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.</p>	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.	<p>Shane Gregory provided the following response to the email sent in November:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Notwithstanding Council's obligations under the maintenance contract, a Tree Framework Risk Assessment is currently underway.</p>	DOSG
21	Road Safety Pamphlet	Request to Department of State Growth to develop a brochure to encourage safe travel on Bruny Island Roads.	<p>Department of State Growth has a new campaign out and the link is provided https://www.rsac.tas.gov.au/visitingdrivers/</p> <p>Beck McKinney the Marketing, Communication and Project Manager for the Road Safety Tasmania Taskforce will be attending the next meeting to discuss what is happening in this space.</p>	DOSG
22	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.	Update to be provided	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
23	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.	DOSG/ David Reeve
24	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
25	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
26	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

27	Coolangatta Road	Concern at lack of maintenance on Coolangatta Road by DOSG.	<p>Shane Gregory has provided the following response to the email sent in November:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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>	P&WS
28	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
29	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	DOSG

Appendix:

Bruny Traffic Counts August to November 2017

Week commencing	To Bruny (BA)	From Bruny (AB)	Total number
04-Dec-17	496	491	987
11-Dec-17	533	533	1066
18-Dec-17	610	574	1184
25-Dec-17	752	665	1417
1-Jan-18	765	790	1555

