

# MINUTES

## BRUNY ISLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 3

Thursday 14 June 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Bruny Island Advisory Committee held at the  
Bruny Island Community Health Centre on Thursday 14 June 2018 commencing at 10am.

**ATTENDANCE**

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

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

**APOLOGIES**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Siobhan Gaskell

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Confirmation of the Minutes held on 12 April 2018:

Moved: Trevor Adams  
Seconded: Bill Hughes

Carried

Confirmation of the Special Minutes held on 24 May 2018:

Moved: Gerrald McAfee  
Seconded: Jackie Marsh

Carried

## **PRESENTATIONS & GUEST SPEAKERS:**

- Bruny Island District School

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence

## **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**

Cr David Grace asked when the Alonnah toilets will be fixed.

Tony Ferrier answered he had been advised that the replacement tank will be delivered on 20 June 2018.

## **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM THE COMMITTEE**

Bill Hughes asked the following questions:

**QUESTION:** During the election campaign Will Hodgman pledged money for the Alonnah Hall. Has that funding been received?

**ANSWER:** Mathew Fagan reported that he has been advised it will be in the State Government Budget that would be announced today.

Rosemary Sandford asked if Mathew could tell the Committee what the money was for. Mathew said that for the last three years the Alonnah Hall Committee has planning to refurbish the hall. This is in order to increase its use as it is a large and cold space. It is proposed to have moveable walls to create smaller spaces that are easier to heat, to improve the lighting and heating, to install windows (on the oval side of the hall) so there will be more natural light and provide water views, and to improve the hall acoustics.

**QUESTION:** Is Bruny Island included in the new proposed Kingborough Dog Policy?

**ANSWER:** Tony Ferrier advised that yes it is included as part of the policy but the policy is not recommending any changes for Bruny Island.

**QUESTION:** The road surface trial that is happening at Lunawanna on the Lighthouse Road will it be extended.

**ANSWER:** Staff members were unable to answer this question and have taken the question on notice.

Rosemary Sandford asked if the need to restrain dogs in vehicles is part of each Council's Policy. It was confirmed that this is a State Government requirement.

QUESTION: What are the highlights of the Council Budget 2018/19 in relation to Bruny Island?

ANSWER: Cr. Mike Percey advised there was around \$950,000 for Bruny Island in the budget for 2018/19 and listed the items and the amounts. Tony advised that the budget is on Council's website as part of the meeting Agenda.

QUESTION: Will the tip truck and grader be for exclusive use on Bruny Island?

ANSWER: Tony Ferrier believes they will be located on Bruny Island but could be used elsewhere if required.

Alex Matysek asked the following questions:

QUESTION: Is there any reason why Victoria Road Stormwater which was scheduled for this financial year has been put back to 2019/20?

ANSWER: Cr. Mike Percey was not aware of the reason for this.

Tony Ferrier advised that Council has been able to source some extra funding from the Dept of State Growth for additional maintenance of the Main Road, plus Black Spot funding for an upgrade of the Lighthouse Road.

QUESTION: Has Council committed another \$50,000 in the 2018/19 budget for the Destination Action Plan to match Rob Pennicott's offer.

ANSWER: Tony Ferrier advised that this additional funding has not been included in the 2018/19 budget as existing funds are not all spent.

## **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 2 August 2018 at 10am.

## **CLOSURE**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.05pm

**CURRENT ISSUES**

**1. PLANNING, STRATEGIES AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>
1	New Kingborough Planning Scheme	Council is to prepare a Local Provisions Schedule (LPS) in accordance with the government's requirements and 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.	<p>Tony Ferrier reported that there will be a Councillor workshop on Monday night and would like to provide BIAC with a more comprehensive update and he can do that at the next meeting. This will be just before the LPS heads off to the Commission. There are not many changes proposed for Bruny Island and the aim is to retain the status quo as much as possible.</p> <p>The most significant impact will be that the Environmental Living Zone is being converted to a Landscape Conservation Zone or a Rural Living Zone. There is no proposal to expand the existing residential settlements on Bruny. They are mainly zoned Low Density Residential and this will continue to be the case. Lunawanna is one exception in that there are many larger land parcels which could create an excessive amount of subdivision as a result of the significantly reduced minimum lot size for the Low Density Residential Zone. This would be contrary to the mandatory requirements in the Sthn Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy and so the larger lots would be zoned Rural Living.</p>	Tony Ferrier

2	Bruny Island Liveability Study	<p>The Council and State Government have jointly funded the preparation of a Bruny Island Liveability Study and a consultant (Mathew Fagan) was commissioned to undertake a community survey and prepare an associated report. A final report has now been produced for the 'Bruny Life Community Survey: results, observations and recommended actions'.</p>	<p>Tony Ferrier advised that Council has decided to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) note the completion of the Bruny Island Liveability Study and that this document will now be made publicly available on Council's website;</li> <li>(b) also note that this Study now provides Council with a good understanding of the Bruny Island community's views on a wide range of issues and that proactive action by Council will be necessary; and</li> <li>(c) that further advice be received from the Bruny Island Advisory Committee on the implementation of the recommended actions contained within the Liveability Study report.</li> </ul> <p>It was noted that it is important to keep moving forward with the process and that a BIAC workshop will be undertaken to enable further discussion on each of the recommended actions. The following motion was put:</p> <p><b>MOVED: Trevor Adams</b></p> <p><b>SECOND: Jackie Marsh</b></p> <p><b>THAT the Bruny Island Advisory Committee endorses taking action in the eleven areas recommended in the Bruny Life report, while noting the detail of each recommendation as set out in the report is advisory and agreed outcomes in each of the eleven areas are subject to further discussions between Local Government, State Government, community organisations and businesses.</b></p> <p><b>CARRIED</b> Rosemary Sandford and Mathew Fagan abstained</p> <p>The Group agreed to workshop the Bruny Life Study on 12 July 2018 and to have an independent facilitator for the workshop.</p>	Tony Ferrier
3	Waste Management Strategy	<p>Council has adopted a Waste Management Strategy to provide direction in relation to the many issues associated with waste disposal in the municipality.</p>	<p>Tony Ferrier reported that Council has decided to transfer most municipal waste management services to Kingborough Waste Services (a business solely owned by Council), subject to a suitable service level agreement being developed. Kingborough Waste Services is currently preparing a draft service level agreement and this will be referred back to Council for consideration. It is envisaged that this transfer will generate a more proactive waste management program for the municipality.</p>	David Reeve

## 2. PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

No.	Item	Description	Comments / Update	Responsible Officer
4	Bruny Island Airstrip	<p>Council is increasingly concerned about the risks associated with Council being responsible for the ongoing operation of the airstrip and the costs to upgrade and maintain it to address all such risks. Council has been gathering information and reviewing available options in relation to the future of the airstrip.</p>	<p>It was noted that at the Council meeting on Monday 28 May 2018, that Council decided to announce its intention to close the Bruny Island Airstrip but that a final decision in this regard will be made following a four week consultation period with existing users and the general public.</p> <p>The consultation period is now open and will close on Friday 29 June 2018. A further report will be subsequently considered by Council, which will include any submissions received, and a final decision will be made regarding the intended closure and when it might need to occur.</p> <p>Tony Ferrier advised that Council's issue is solely in regard to the current risks and the fact that it has a report from a consultant that says the existing risks are unacceptable. Questions about land disposal etc have not been considered and Council will look at options to keep to airstrip open. Alex asked if it was 'public land' and if there were any conditions when the land was donated. The property is not listed as 'public land', is zoned Community Purpose and that there is no legal obligation on Council as the land is owned freehold. It was owned by Bruny Island Council before the amalgamation. It was noted that there are three rare and threatened orchid species on the land. Council will commission a botanical survey but this will have to wait till late spring when they start to flower.</p> <p>The following motion was put:</p> <p><b>MOVED: Mathew Fagan</b></p> <p><b>SECOND: John Kobylec</b></p> <p><b>THAT BIAC notes the concerns raised by Kingborough Council about the Council's operation of the Bruny Island airstrip, including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the costs to Council of upgrading, maintaining and managing the airstrip</li> </ul>	Tony Ferrier

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Council's potential legal liability</li><li>• Council's limited corporate capacity in airstrip management.</li></ul> <p><b>BIAC also notes that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• there is evidence of strong local community and business support to retain an operational airstrip on Bruny Island</li><li>• there are a number of local persons and organisations who have expressed interested in managing the airstrip and accepting liability at no cost to Council, while ensuring the airstrip remains open for general use</li><li>• a number of Bruny Islanders have a strong view that the airstrip land should remain 'publicly owned'.</li></ul> <p><b>BIAC therefore requests Council to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. suspend, for a period of at least 3 months, its preliminary decision to close the Bruny Island airstrip</li><li>b. in the next 3 months, proactively and directly seek to enter into a long term lease with a local person, business or entity to manage the airstrip under terms that involve no ongoing cost or legal liability to Council and require the lessee to make the airstrip available for general community and business use.</li></ol> <p><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p>It was also felt relevant to note the undertaking made by Kingborough Council at the time of amalgamation with Bruny Island Council in relation to maintenance of all island services.</p>	
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5	Lunawanna Hall Public Toilets and Floor	<p>An upgrade of the Lunawanna Hall toilet facilities was recommended to be undertaken in 2018/19.</p> <p>It is also proposed that the hall floor be resealed.</p>	<p>Michelle Allen reported that she has met with members of the Hall Committee in regard to the toilets and will be providing suggestions to the architect and will continue to finalise the plans for when the funds are available. The following motion was put:</p> <p><b>MOVED: Bill Hughes</b></p> <p><b>SECOND: Alex Matysek</b></p> <p><b>THAT BIAC expresses its disappointment that urgent upgrades required to the Lunawanna public toilets for the health and safety of residents and visitors were not included in the 2018/19 Council budget (contrary to undertakings made to the community) and urges the Council to proceed with the upgrade in 2018/19, including through reallocation of funds from other means of Council expenditure and/or from other sources.</b></p> <p><b>CARRIED</b></p>	Michelle Allen Victor Mus
6	Nebraska Road	Coastal erosion and stabilisation works.	It was noted that the tender has been awarded and construction will likely commence early in the next financial year.	David Reeve
7	BIAC Bus Trip	Bill Hughes suggested that another bus trip be organised to look at actions that have been completed and to create a new list of actions that the Committee may want to consider.	It is proposed to organise a bus trip for later in the year when there is a new Chairperson appointed – probably later in November.	Michelle Allen

### 3. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

No.	Item	Description	Comments / Update	Responsible Officer
8	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>A cat assessment and holding facility has been commissioned for construction at the Alonnah depot site. It is funded by Council and the Ten Lives Cat Centre and will provide a demonstration facility for other councils and cat management programs.</p> <p>A Bruny Island Cat By-law and Regulatory Impact Statement has been finalised for submission to the Director of Local Government.</p> <p>Council has partnered with the weetapoona Aboriginal Council, NRM South, STEPS and Work and Training to deliver a pilot school-based apprenticeship program in Conservation and Land Management. The apprenticeship will commence in June and the Bruny Cat Management Program will provide the key work experience component. The program will provide trainees and leadership for the Bruny Island Aboriginal Community Ranger program which will commence in June 2019 and undertake community liaison, education and enforcement of the domestic cat by-laws.</p> <p>Trapping of feral cats in the Neck area has recommenced as the shearwaters have left for the winter and are no longer available as prey. This is the best time of year for trapping and in the first week a further six feral cats have been trapped. Three of these have been collared for GPS tracking as this information helps to target future control efforts.</p>	Kaylene Allan

#### 4. COMMUNITY SERVICES

No.	Item	Description	Comments / Update	Responsible Officer
9	Glensyn Units	A proposal had been received from IC4 Developments to develop affordable accommodation on the site of the Glensyn Units.	Michelle advised that there has been no further communication from IC4 Developments. The Committee agreed to remove this item from the agenda. It is being further considered by BISHAC at a workshop in July.	Michelle Allen
10	Community Services on Bruny	Bill Hughes would like a list of community services provided on Bruny Island.	Michelle Allen will follow this up with Council's Community Services Dept and will provide an update for future meetings. Council will be advertising for a new Arts and Events Officer in the new financial year.	Carol Swords
11	Bruny Island Emergency Management and Recovery Action Plan	An Emergency Management and Recovery Action Plan for Bruny Island is being developed by Mathew Fagan (with assistance from Mark Brinkman) for Council.	Mathew Fagan reported that Council put out a tender for the provision of services to develop a Bruny Island Emergency Management and Recovery Action Plan. Mathew and his subcontractor Mark Brinkman have put in an application to deliver that project and have been successful.	Mathew Fagan Michelle Allen

#### 5. TOURISM & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No.	Item	Description	Comments / Update	Responsible Officer
12	Destination Action Plan (DAP)	Implementation of a DAP for Bruny Island that aims to improve visitor experiences.	Mathew Fagan reported that at the last DAP meeting they reviewed the progress being made with current projects and discussed future funding opportunities, noting that Council did not include a further contribution in its 2018/19 budget. The future of the DAP will be discussed at the next meeting.	Tony Ferrier
13	Signage at the Adventure Bay turn-off	Concern expressed at the proliferation of signs at the Adventure Bay turn-off.	Cr Mike Percey advised that the signage issues are being considered by the DAP group and Council has requested the Dept of State Growth's support, but it may be necessary that the Dept obtain prior Ministerial direction.	Tony Ferrier

## 6. STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCY ITEMS

No.	Item	Description	Comments / Update	Responsible Agency
14	Bruny Island Ferry Contract	Renewal of the Bruny Island Ferry contract is due in June 2018.	<p>The contract has been extended for another three months past June 2018.</p> <p>Mathew Fagan raised the issue of a booking system for the ferry. Mathew noted in the Bruny Life report that there had been suggestions made for a booking system to be put in place for the ferry and that his conclusion was that there wasn't sufficient evidence at the moment for such a booking system. The inconvenience to residents could be profound and have a very big impact on their freedom of movement. The State Government is evidently still actively considering a booking system for the ferry.</p> <p>It was noted that, out of 365 days, there are around 20 to 25 days that you may have a considerable wait for the ferry.</p> <p>Rosemary Sandford noted that on 3 May 2018 a delegation of BICA met with Minister Rockliff and staff in regard to various matters, with the ferry being one of them and a booking system etc was discussed. Her impression was that they would be keen on a hybrid booking system of some description for the ferry. The following motion was put:</p> <p><b>MOVED: John Kobylec</b></p> <p><b>SECOND: Mathew Fagan</b></p> <p><b>THAT BIAC urges the State Government to not proceed with the introduction of any booking system full or partial for the Bruny Island ferry without prior detailed analysis of the potential impacts on residents and landowners and extensive consultation with BIAC and the broader Bruny community.</b></p> <p><b>CARRIED</b></p>	DSG

15	Roadside trees	Concerns have been expressed about the dead trees alongside the main road to Alonnah and whether DSG would be undertaking a safety audit.	It was noted that there has been no further update since Shane Gregory's reply earlier this year. Trevor Adams asked if a report or costing has been provided to the Dept of State Growth. Michelle will check with Council's Engineering Department.	DSG
16	Minister of Infrastructure	Trevor Adams requested that an invitation be sent to the Minister for Infrastructure to attend a BIAC meeting.	Michelle Allen reported that an invitation will be sent to the Minister for Infrastructure inviting him to attend the August or October meeting. The Committee requested a list of items (to be confirmed by BIAC) be forwarded to the Minister before he attends the meeting.	Michelle Allen
17	Road Speeds at North Bruny	Reduction of speed limits and speed bumps at the northern end of the island.	It was noted that Scott Ingles has advised Council's Traffic Engineer that they will meet with representatives from Council and North Bruny to workshop the issues. As well as this, officers from State Growth and Council will be inspecting the roads on Bruny in the near future.	DSG
18	List of State Government Issues	Compile a list in letter form of all issues that relate to State Government.	Mathew Fagan suggested that BIA starts compiling a list of all the items that relate to State Government decisions so we can send it off to all the relevant Ministers in the one letter.	

## 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
19	Pedestrian Bridge at Alonnah	A 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 are no warning signs on the bridge.	DSG/ David Reeve
20	Adventure Bay Rd (Bligh Creek to East Cove)	Request for the provision of a footpath linking these two areas.	This 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
21	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
22	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
23	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	DSG

			ensure that the contractual obligations are being met.	
24	Road Safety Audit	The Dept of State Growth, together with Council, has been proceeding with the implementation of a road safety audit.	Nothing further to report.	DSG
25	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>Bill Hughes requested a letter be sent to DPIPWE/PWS seeking a maintenance schedule of the roads they are responsible for on Bruny.</p>	P&WS DSG
26	Road swaps	There are anomalies in relation to road ownership between Council and State Govt and the suggestion is that swaps should occur to address these.	Preliminary discussions between the relevant Council and State Government Departments have occurred but the matter is ongoing and of lower priority.	DSG

**Appendix:**

**Bruny Traffic Counts**

Due to the severe weather the Council's Traffic Engineer's workload has increased considerably and she has not been able to get to Bruny to download the information.

Mathew Fagan advised that he has uploaded Traffic counts to the Bruny Life Facebook page.