

MINUTES

BRUNY ISLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 4

Thursday 2 August 2018

ATTENDANCE

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

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 MINUTES

Confirmation of the Minutes held on 14 June 2018:

Moved: Trevor Adams
Seconded: Alex Matysek

PRESENTATIONS & GUEST SPEAKERS:

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence has been received.

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 committee members.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions without notice from the public.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM THE COMMITTEE

Bill Hughes asked the following question:

Will the new grader for Bruny Island be based on Bruny Island and will it be new or replaced with the current one at the Kingborough Depot.

An answer would need to be confirmed by the Manager of Councils Works Department.

Mathew Fagan asked the following question:

Will the new grader have a front blade for emergency management purposes if not this could be an issue.

An answer would need to be confirmed by the Manager of Councils Works Department.

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 11 October 2018 at 10am.

CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.46pm

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 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.	Tony Ferrier provided a presentation to the Committee about the Planning Scheme and what changes there are for Bruny. Draft zoning maps were circulated for information and an explanation provided of the contents of the LPS with respect to Bruny Island – plus related legislated requirements in regard to the State Planning Provisions, the limits on town growth within the Southern Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy, State-wide agricultural mapping and Code overlays. Council will be completing the Kingborough LPS in the next few months and submitting this to the Planning Commission. If it satisfies all legislated requirements it will be publicly advertised. Council will review all public submissions after which the Commission will conduct public hearings and provide a report to Government on any changes to be made to the LPS before the final scheme is declared by the Minister.	Tony Ferrier
2	Bruny Island Liveability Study	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>The Committee discussed the outcomes of the Bruny Life BIAC workshop held on 12 July and made the following recommendation:</p> <p>MOVED: Mathew Fagan</p> <p>SECOND: Jackie Marsh</p> <p>In relation to the recommendations set out in the Final Report of the Bruny Island Liveability Study, the Bruny Island Advisory Committee advises that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to the sub-committee process set out in (3) below – and pursuant to Recommendations 1 and 6 of the Final Report - a Bruny Island Community Board ('the Board') be established, comprised of seven full members elected universally by the residents of Bruny Island (with non-resident landowners able to 'opt in' for voting); and two ex-officio members being a person nominated by Kingborough Council and a person nominated by the Secretary of the Department of Premier and Cabinet. • Upon the establishment of the Board, the Bruny Island Advisory 	Tony Ferrier

			<p>Committee should be abolished, and the Board would become (among other functions) an Advisory Committee to Council and State Government.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The terms of reference, implementation schedule, election process, appointment of chairperson, operational budget and other matters pertaining to the operation of the Board will be developed by a subcommittee of BIAC. The sub-committee will engage with the broader Bruny Island community and local organisations in the establishment of the Board and may co-opt any Bruny Island resident or landowner as a non-voting member of the sub-committee.• Recommendations 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 11 as set out in the final report of the Bruny Island Liveability Study are endorsed and will be progressed by BIAC, including through partnerships with Kingborough Council, State Government, industry and community organisations.• BIAC notes recommendations 5, 9 and 10, but does not intend to actively progress these recommendations.• That the initial members of the sub-committee referred to in clause 3 are: Bill Hughes, Jackie Marsh and Mathew Fagan. <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p> <p>Within the context of this successful motion, it was also agreed that the following actions would assist BIAC's further deliberations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) Tony Ferrier is to approach Dr Andrew Harwood, University of Tasmania, about the University reviewing the results of the Bruny Island Community Survey.(2) Siobhan Gaskell is to draft a vision and values statement about Bruny Island, based on the recent BIAC workshop discussions.	
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3	Waste Management Strategy	Council has adopted a Waste Management Strategy to provide direction in relation to the many issues associated with waste disposal in the municipality.	<p>Tony Ferrier advised that Council has adopted a Waste Management Strategy and has also approved that the responsibility for the delivery of the operational services to be delegated to Kingborough Waste Services (KWS).</p> <p>Council has endorsed a Service Level Agreement between Council and KWS that stipulates the type and quality of the services will be delivered by KWS on behalf of Council – including kerbside collections, servicing the public place bins, operating the waste transfer stations, community educational programs and waste management strategic and business planning.</p>	David Reeve
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2. PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

No.	Item	Description	Comments / Update	Responsible Officer
4	Bruny Island Airstrip	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>It was noted that at the Council meeting on 9 July 2018 Council considered the recommendation of the Committee in relation to the Bruny Airstrip as part of a separate report and agreed to the following:</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • confirms that it will, in principle, agree to leasing the Bruny Island Airstrip, provided that it is available for general community and business use and that there is no ongoing cost or legal liability to Council; • will continue to manage and maintain the Bruny Island Airstrip while investigations are carried out into such a proposed lease agreement with a local person, business or entity; • will conduct further discussions with the interested parties that might be directly impacted by a possible lease of the airstrip; and • will consider a further report on this matter within three months, once the investigations into both the potential lease agreement and the property boundaries have been completed. <p>Tony Ferrier advised that negotiations are continuing with the interested parties.</p>	Tony Ferrier

5	Lunawanna Hall Public Toilets and Floor	An upgrade of the Lunawanna Hall toilet facilities was recommended to be undertaken in 2018/19.	It was noted that at the Council meeting on 9 July, Council noted the recommendation of the Committee in relation to the Lunawanna Hall public toilets and agreed to continue the consultation process associated with the design of the new facility and pursue available funding opportunities.	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 within the next month or two.	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	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>Tony Ferrier reported that the cat management work on Bruny Island also includes the phase-in of By-laws for cat ownership. The By-law proposal includes the compulsory de-sexing and micro-chipping of domestic cats, a limit on the number of cats per household, the 24 hour containment of domestic cats and a prohibition on the feeding of stray or feral cats. The proposal does not include a ban of domestic cat ownership and Council has not discussed or prepared any proposal to ban domestic cat ownership on Bruny Island.</p> <p>A comprehensive monitoring program is underway to inform the long term management of feral cats on the island. This is challenging some previously held assumptions. It has identified more feral cats on North Bruny than reported in earlier research and by community members. Feral cats are using the Neck Game Reserve as a major food source throughout the year, both when shearwaters are present and absent. GPS collaring of feral cats has also found that even cats that range over large areas north and south of the Neck Game Reserve, regularly return to the Neck. This suggests that the Neck is likely an important control site for limiting dispersal of cats across the island, particularly</p>	Kaylene Allan

			<p>to the North.</p> <p>The research has found that Eastern Quolls were detected much less often than cats at the Neck and Whalebone Point seabird colonies. This supports other research that seabirds are not a primary food source for the quoll and they are unlikely to adversely impact on seabird populations as a result of feral cat control. In contrast, invasive rodents (black rats and mice), which are known to predate on seabirds eggs and chicks, have been detected frequently at the colonies. This has triggered further research to assess changes in rodent population as feral cat control progresses.</p> <p>The project includes work to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • control feral cats at the Neck and North Bruny to protect threatened and priority native fauna; • undertake monitoring and research to assess the impacts of feral cat control on priority native bird and mammal species and other invasive predators such as rodents; • assess the feasibility and cost of feral cat eradication and management across the island; • develop a long term cat management plan for the island; and • extend the work of Council to achieve responsible cat ownership. 	
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4. COMMUNITY SERVICES

No.	Item	Description	Comments / Update	Responsible Officer
9	Community Services on Bruny	Bill Hughes would like a list of community services provided on Bruny Island.	Michelle Allen reported that transport was provided to Bruny Island youth for the July school holiday program. Carol Swards is organising an activity to be held on the island in October and Julie Alderfox is organising a Tuesday Talk for seniors.	Carol Swards

10	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.	Matthew Fagan informed the Committee that he and Mark Brinkman last month had sessions with local groups that are involved with emergency management on the island. They are just about ready to do the draft plan based on the information they have received. The draft plan will be circulated to those organisations for comment. Preliminary discussions have been held with a few of the businesses on the island about the concept of staff volunteering in an emergency but will need to be discussed further.	Mathew Fagan Michelle Allen
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5. TOURISM & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No.	Item	Description	Comments / Update	Responsible Officer
11	Destination Action Plan (DAP)	Implementation of a DAP for Bruny Island that aims to improve visitor experiences.	Tony Ferrier reported that there is about \$50,000 left in the DAP funds to be used on projects on Bruny Island. It was suggested that an upgrade of the Alonnah Sheepwash Bay Track could be included and a track be built from the Lunawanna Hall to the boat shed. Tony will discuss these ideas with the DAP Committee.	Tony Ferrier
12	Signage at the Adventure Bay turn-off	Concern expressed at the proliferation of signs at the Adventure Bay turn-off.	Tony Ferrier informed the Committee that he has spoken with officers from the Dept of State Growth and a briefing has been recently passed on to the Minister. DSG has been regularly requested to respond to a proposal to remove all unauthorised signs from all roadsides on Bruny Island (most signs are on DSG land).	Tony Ferrier

6. STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCY ITEMS

No.	Item	Description	Comments / Update	Responsible Agency
13	Bruny Island Ferry Contract	Renewal of the Bruny Island Ferry contract is due in June 2018.	Trevor Adams reported that the Bruny Island Ferry Reference Group met recently and have been briefed on SeaLink's 4 stage implementation plan – commencing on 23 September 2018. All information can be found on SeaLink's Bruny website www.sealinkbrunyisland.com.au including an email address to forward enquiries to.	DSG
14	Roadside trees	Community 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, for such public concerns as this, the procedure within Council is that a Customer Service request is raised, which is then passed on to Council's Reserves Coordinator who assesses the state of the vegetation – including any conservation value, whether or not it actually is on Council owned or maintained land and if it requires removal due to it being a hazard or unsafe. Trees on State roads will be referred to the Department of State Growth for the authorisation to remove a tree.	DSG Engineering Department
15	Minister of Infrastructure & list of Items to be discussed	Trevor Adams requested that an invitation be sent to the Minister for Infrastructure to attend a BIAC meeting.	<p>It was noted that a recommendation will need to be made to Council to invite the Minister to attend a BIAC meeting. The Committee agreed on a list of issues to be discussed with the Minister for Infrastructure and the following recommendation was made:</p> <p>Moved: Trevor Adams Second: Alex Matysek</p> <p>That the Bruny Island Advisory Committee request Council invite the Minister for Infrastructure to attend an upcoming BIAC meeting and the list of issues be forwarded with the invitation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	Michelle Allen
16	Road Speeds at North Bruny	Reduction of speed limits and speed bumps at the northern end of the island.	Tony Ferrier reported that a letter from the Department of State Growth has been received by Council and that an audit of the speed limits of north Bruny roads will be completed by State Growth and Council.	DSG

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
17	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 provided the following response to the email sent in Nov 2017: 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
18	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
19	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
20	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
21	Road Sealing	Program for sealing of State roads on Bruny Island	Shane Gregory provided the following response to the email sent in Nov 2017: 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.	DSG

22	Road Safety Audit	DSG and Council have been proceeding with the implementation of a road safety audit.	Nothing further to report.	DSG
23	Coolangatta Road	Concern at lack of maintenance on Coolangatta Road by DOSG.	<p>Shane Gregory provided the following response to the email sent in Nov 2017:</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>P&WS</p> <p>DSG</p>
24	Road swaps	There are anomalies in relation to Council and State Govt road ownership and it is suggested that some swaps could address these.	Preliminary discussions between Council and DSG have occurred but the matter is ongoing and of lower priority.	DSG

Bruny Traffic Counts

May to June 2018

Week commencing	To Bruny (BA)	From Bruny (AB)	Total number
7-May-18	315	325	640
14-May-18	341	342	683
21-May-18	353	348	701
28-May-18	327	330	657
4-Jun-18	431	357	788
11-Jun-18	302	376	678
18-Jun-18	338	340	678
25-Jun-18	341	339	680
2-Jul-18	353	368	721

