

MINUTES

BRUNY ISLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 5

Thursday 11 October 2018

Minutes of the Bruny Island Advisory Committee held at the
Bruny Island Community Health Centre on Thursday 11 October 2018 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 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:	
Councillor	Cr Flora Fox
Community Member	Mrs Jenny Boyer
Community Member	Mr John Phorr

APOLOGIES

Nil

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Confirmation of the Minutes held on 2 August 2018:

Moved: Alex Matysek
Seconded: John Kobylec

PRESENTATIONS & GUEST SPEAKERS:

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence has been received.

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:

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.

Answer provided by Peter Caccioppola:

The current Grader based on Bruny Island will be replaced with a new grader to be located on Bruny Island.

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.

Answer provided by Peter Caccioppola:

The current grader based on Bruny Island will be replaced with a new fit for purpose grader. All machinery purchased and utilised by Kingborough Council and operated by Council staff is assessed, utilised and purchased with due regard to operational requirements.

Council does not use the graders to clear debris off the road from storms. In cases where there is a requirement to remove large amounts of debris off the road, the correct machine is either a Backhoe or Tractor with bucket, which allows the machines to quickly get to the job or be floated to the incident. One of the main reasons for NOT putting a blade on the front of a grader is firstly that the original paint was on the blade of a 6 -8 year old grader which showed that the blade was not used and secondly the excess weight on the front axles of a grader is likely to cause front end problems on the machine, because of the extended reach of the weight. It also contributes to the overall length of the grader, which means the manoeuvrability of the grader is greatly reduced on small roads.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM THE COMMITTEE

Nil

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 13 December 2018 at 10am.

CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.19pm

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.	A detailed update was provided at the last BIAC meeting by Tony Ferrier. Council is aiming to complete the Local Provisions Schedule by the end of this year. It will need to go to a Council meeting before being submitted to the Tasmanian Planning Commission so that they can endorse it as being suitable for public exhibition.	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'.	The following motion was put forward and discussed: MOTION Moved: Alex Matysek Second: John Kobylec THAT members of BIAC do not support the recommendation to have a Bruny Island elected board to replace BIAC and request that Kingborough Council instead appoint a sub-committee of Councillors only, to review redefine and determine the intention, purpose, roles, functions, responsibilities, accountability, structures, funding and resourcing sustainability of BIAC, after receiving submissions as appropriate from residents, ratepayers and community groups of Bruny Island. DEFEATED FOR: Alex Matysek, Gerald McAfee, Rosemary Sandford, Siobhan Gaskell, John Kobylec AGAINST: Trevor Adams, Mathew Fagan, Jackie Marsh, Bill Hughes, Cr Mike Percey All of the representatives of the BIAC sub-committee (formed to investigate	Tony Ferrier

			<p>the recommendations within the Bruny Life Survey report and, in particular, the Community Board proposal) then briefed the committee on the progress made to date. This included comments from Jenny Boyer who had been seconded on to the sub-committee.</p> <p>The sub-committee reported that it had met twice and, in discussing the Community Board proposal within the community, had generally received a positive response. The sub-committee has reviewed other similar governance structures elsewhere and options for the election of board members. It was felt that the preferred voting method would be postal voting similar to local government. There would need to be a lengthy period before voting to promote and inform the community of the proposals.</p>	
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 a detailed update was provided at the last BIAC meeting – in regard to KWS will be managing most of the operational aspects of Council’s waste management. It is currently in a transition period with a service level agreement now in place with Council and the focus is now on developing the necessary processes and procedures for implementing and reporting on a wide range of programs. Full implementation will commence at the beginning of 2019.</p> <p>John Kobylec asked what was happening with the tender for the public place rubbish collection service on Bruny Island. Tony Ferrier replied that tenders have been sought for a new service and the current contract has been extended for a couple of months. KWS, under its service level agreement, will do an assessment of all the public place rubbish bins and look at what is over and underutilised.</p>	David Reeve

2. PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

No.	Item	Description	Comments / Update	Responsible Officer
4	Bruny Island Airstrip	Council has sought and obtained expressions of interest into the future management of the Airstrip. Council has completed a survey to accurately identify boundaries and has prepared a draft lease	A more detailed update was provided at the last BIAC meeting by Tony Ferrier. The current situation is that the property boundaries have been surveyed and easements proposed over the adjoining private land to accommodate the existing windsock. The adjoining landowner is agreeable to such an easement being placed on his land title. Council is	Tony Ferrier

		agreement that is currently being considered by a prospective lessee.	also following up on the draft lease agreement with the other parties and are just waiting for them to get back to Council on this matter.	
5	Lunawanna Hall Public Toilets	An upgrade of the Lunawanna Hall toilet facilities was recommended to be undertaken in 2018/19.	The toilets are still scheduled to be upgraded by Council in the 2019/20 capital works program. A grant application is being considered under the Federal Government's Building Better Regions Fund program.	Michelle Allen
6	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 towards the end of the year – after a new Chairperson has been appointed. Consideration now needs to be given to an appropriate itinerary. It was suggested that a list of places and items to be looked at be emailed to Michelle in the meantime so that she can compile an itinerary for the trip. This will also enable Council to prepare information in regard to the issues that will need to be discussed on the bus trip.	Michelle Allen

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.	<p>Kaylene Allan provided the following updated information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A project communication plan, website information and promotions videos have been prepared and were launched in July. Several print and radio outlets took up the story. Further information on the project can be found at: https://www.kingborough.tas.gov.au/services/animal-management/cats/cats-bruny-island/. With funding from Pennicott Wilderness Journeys and Bruny Island Coastal Retreats, Cyril Scomparin commenced his UTas PhD research project in July. His research will help fill key knowledge gaps including: distribution and ecology of feral cats on South Bruny, interactions between Eastern Quolls and feral cats, the positive and adverse consequences of controlling cats on the rest of the ecosystem. He will also explore whether controlling invasive prey (rodents and rabbits) 	Kaylene Allan

			<p>may be a useful complementary feral cat control technique.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a part of the Bruny Island District School's involvement in the cat management program - the students prepared some delightful posters promoting responsible cat ownership. These have been made into a bumper sticker and fridge magnets and are being distributed to Bruny Islanders and accommodation venues on the island. • Since the program commenced in late 2016 to May 2018, 77 stray and feral cats have been managed from the Neck Game Reserve, Simpsons Bay and Alonnah areas. The majority are stray cats that have been rehomed off the island and some have been euthanized due to poor health or temperament. It is estimated that over 75% of the feral cats identified in the Neck area (by remote cameras monitoring) between March and July 2017 have been removed. 	
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4. COMMUNITY SERVICES

No.	Item	Description	Comments / Update	Responsible Officer
8	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 advised that the consultation process has been completed and a draft plan has been put together in the form of a website (based on feedback provided by the Island's Emergency Services). The test site has been circulated to Emergency Services leaders for their feedback on the content to make sure it reflected what they were seeking – feedback so far has been positive. Once endorsed by the local Emergency Services, it will then be passed through to Council's Emergency Services Committee for the next stage of review.	Mathew Fagan
9	Seniors Week 2018	Council will be hosting two presentations for Seniors Week on 15 October 2018 in the Jane Finn Room from 1pm to 4pm.	<p>It was noted that for Seniors Week Council will be hosting two information sessions on Bruny:</p> <p>COTA (Council On The Ageing) Tasmania's "Aged Care Know How" Many people are baffled by what's involved in accessing aged care</p>	Julie Alderfox

			support via the My Aged Care program. The presentation is designed to assist in navigating the system – for those accessing the support and their carers. “Eat for Life” looks at nutritional needs as we age and how to maintain good eating habits and improved health.	
10	Community Hall Management Committee Nominations	Nominations for Hall Management Committees	Michelle Allen advised that nominations for Hall Management Committees close on 20 October 2018 and the new committees will be endorsed by Council and notified in November.	Michelle Allen
11	School Holiday Program	Council will be offering a bus service from Bruny on Wednesday 3 October.	It was noted that Council’s Holiday Program was offering a bus service from Bruny Island for the activity on Wednesday 3 October to the movies and Laser Skirmish depending on numbers. The program has been advertised through the school.	Carol Swards

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.	Tony Ferrier advised that at the September DAP meeting they discussed the current projects that are being worked on and these included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the completion of the Dennes Point Heritage Trail (opening scheduled for Saturday 20 October) work being done on upgrading the Queen Elizabeth Track and Mavista Falls Walk road safety initiatives (re Beck McKinney at DSG) and ongoing attempts to arrange for roadside signage removal compilation of potential new projects to support further funding 	Tony Ferrier
13	Signage at the Adventure Bay	Concern expressed at the proliferation of signs at the Adventure Bay turn-off.	Council has continued to raise this matter with DSG in order that a coordinated program of illegal sign removal is conducted on both State and Council roads throughout the Island. DSG has not yet signed off on	Tony Ferrier

	turn-off		<p>implementing this program, though some recent progress has been made in determining the way that sign owners are to be contacted and advised of the necessary requirements to remove the signs.</p> <p>Jackie Marsh raised the issue of people putting signs up on trees. A member of the community objected to such signs and phoned the company and was advised she could remove the signs.</p>	
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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>It was noted that regular communiques are released from the Bruny Island Ferry Reference Group.</p> <p>Trevor Adams provided an update from the Ferry Reference Group and there was further discussion on this topic.</p> <p>Rosemary Sandford wanted it recorded that she was not the source of information that resulted in statements made in Parliament about the Chair of the Ferry Reference Group and that she absolutely objects to any slurs made directly or indirectly in this regard.</p>	DSG
15	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.	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 DSG for the authorisation to remove a tree. This item can now be removed from the agenda.	DSG Engineering Department
16	Minister of Infrastructure & list of Items to be discussed	BIAC requested that an invitation be sent to the Minister for Infrastructure to attend a BIAC meeting.	Michelle Allen reported that an invitation has been sent to the Minister for Infrastructure to attend a future meeting and that he is currently on leave and will address the questions raised and get back to the Committee once back from leave.	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 DSG's Traffic Manager had advised Council's Roads Engineer that they are currently consulting with the community on the	DSG

reduction of speed limits on Bruny.

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
18	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
19	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
20	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
21	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
22	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	DSG

			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.	
23	Road Safety Audit	DSG and Council have been proceeding with the implementation of a road safety audit.	Nothing further to report.	DSG
24	Coolangatta Road	Concern at lack of maintenance on Coolangatta Road by DSG.	<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 <i>Roads and Jetties Act 1935</i>. 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 DSG
25	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 low priority.	DSG

Bruny Traffic Counts

July – August

Week commencing	To Bruny (BA)	From Bruny (AB)	Total number
2-Jul-18	362	349	711
9-Jul-18	407	401	808
16-Jul-18	354	366	720
23-Jul-18	301	330	631
30-Jul-18	320	318	638
6-Aug-18	333	332	665
13-Aug-18	327	329	656
20-Aug-18	333	333	666
27-Aug-18	321	323	644

