

Kingborough Community Consultative Forum

General Meeting

9.30am 2nd March 2019
Civic Centre, Kingston

MINUTES

Present:

Initials	Organisation	Representatives present
KCCF	Kingborough Community Consultative Forum Executive	Wayne Burgess (Chair)
		Tony Ferrier (Secretary)
BBPA	Blackmans Bay Progress Association	Wayne Burgess
BHCA	Bonnet Hill Community Association	Mark Florusse, Paul Rapley
CALSCA	Coningham & Lower Snug Comm Ass'n	David Bonny, Mike Jackson
FNB	Friends of North Bruny	Di Blackwood
HPA	Howden Progress Association	Leslie Frost
KCA	Kettering Community Association	Chris Ireland, Sue Hoyle
KLAG	Kingborough Landcare Advisory Group	John Cox
KBCA	Kingston Beach Community Association	Kim Marshall
TCA	Taroona Community Association	Jill Hickie, Roger Kellaway
	Unaligned	Rob Crosthwaite

Council: Mayor Dean Winter,, Cr Sue Bastone, Gary Arnold (General Manager), Tony Ferrier (Deputy General Manager), Sarah Wilcox (Communications and Media Officer)

Apologies: Peter Laud (KCA), Deb Chadwick (HPA), Roger Tonge (KBCA), Cr. Jo Westwood, Cr. Steve Wass, Cr. Flora Fox, Cr. Amanda Midgley

Business:

1. Welcome (Chair)

Wayne Burgess welcomed everyone in attendance and called for apologies.

2. Minutes of the General Meeting held 8th December 2018

It was agreed that the Minutes were an accurate account of the previous meeting.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Rob Crosthwaite suggested that the Forum invite someone from the Kingborough Chronicle to future meetings. Mike Jackson, Kim Marshall and John Cox all spoke in support of this, mentioning that it would promote the Forum to the wider community and provide the member groups access to the Chronicle. Mark Florusse provided a cautionary note in that the Minutes are already publicly available and the general public may not easily understand the Forum's role. It was generally agreed to invite the Chronicle as suggested.

4. Reports from Community Organisations

John Cox (KLAG) asked if Council had conducted a survey of the impact of the May 2018 storm on local watercourses. Gary Arnold responded by saying that Council's stormwater

engineers had been reviewing these impacts but that the external funding to address such impacts is limited to built infrastructure and is not available for natural waterways.

Mike Jackson (CALSCA) said that last Wednesday, Council's contractor had dug up an NBN cable and that this had severed all internet connection into Coningham. The contractor has stated that the matter was reported but when Council was contacted it stated that this was not the case. There was, as a result, a 24 hour delay in dealing with this matter. Accidents do happen, but Council needs to ensure that there are no reporting delays. There will now be no internet connection until late Monday.

David Bonny (CALSCA) reported on a recent survey of local residents in January that identified the main issues of concern in Coningham as being traffic related matters such as road speeds, road kill and road width. A meeting has been arranged with Council's engineer to discuss these. David reported on the recent Council decision to proceed with the new toilet block at Coningham Beach. He asked whether the Councillors had seen all of the objections and was told that they are provided with a comprehensive summary as part of the planning report.

Roger Kellaway (TCA) reported that the signs on the Alum Cliffs Track have not yet been changed to show that dogs should be on-lead. There are contradictory signs at the dog beach. The Taroon dog beach is going well despite considerable community angst a few months' ago. Signage could still be improved and some fencing could be considered. Roger noted that the Hinsby Road track has a sign that says "no dogs" but he understood that dogs on-lead were allowed. He also felt that 'Hinsby Park' should have a sign saying it is public space and why it was donated to Council. Gary Arnold responded by saying that contractors have been engaged to install the many new signs and the Alum Cliffs Track signs were going in yesterday.

Jill Hickie (TCA) requested that the TCA be kept informed of the planning scheme amendment for the UTAS development on Nubeena Crescent. She also noted the need for policing the dog issues raised by Roger. She also requested that Council keep the Taroon community informed about the proposed UTAS offer of land adjoining the Taroon Park. Gary said that a report for Council is currently being prepared that considers all of the issues relating to this land donation.

Kim Marshall (KBCA) raised a general concern about dogs being off-leash outside of the designated area at Kingston Beach. She also noted that the sign at the 'duck park' that alerts people to not feed the ducks is not well placed and a sign should be placed closer to the parking area that more people would see. Gary agreed and said staff would follow this up. Kim also asked about the progress of the Kingston Beach master plan and Gary noted that it had been mentioned in the Hobart City Deal document so Council is currently seeing if additional external funding can be obtained. Kim asked if some nature-play type equipment could be considered for Kingston Beach (specifically for the 'duck park'). Gary said this would be referred to Council's Urban Design Officer. Kim also mentioned that there is insufficient seating at the main Kingston bus stops and Gary said that this will be remedied with the reconstruction of this section of the Channel Highway next year and noted that \$800K had been earmarked in the City Deal for the Kingston bus interchange.

Di Blackwood (FNB) reported on the ongoing concerns about traffic speed on north Bruny, that the new heritage walk is well used and that much time is being spent by FNB on concerns relating to salmon farm expansion in Storm Bay.

Rob Crosthwaite acknowledged Council's (Jon Doole) involvement in addressing coastal policy related matters, but that there is little progress being made at a state level with the sole focus being on the new state planning scheme. He also noted issues relating to fish farming being exempt from the RMPS planning system. He said that local government

should “claw this back” so that such an industrial activity was not solely approved by other agencies. He also warned against the outsourcing of professional services to the private sector and the ability of developers to influence decision making by funding their own accrediting procedures. Councils should be doing more of this themselves, acknowledging that this may come at a substantial cost. Rob asked as to what services would be dropped off if Council keeps the rates as they are. Rates should not be kept down if services are then transferred to be the responsibility of private individuals or the general community.

The Mayor responded to Rob’s comments about not increasing rates by saying that Council is not proposing to cut rates. As outlined in the Long Term Financial Plan, the size of the rate increase each year will be reduced (from the previous 4%) to 3.5% next year and then 2.8% after that. Services are also not being cut. Council still expects that revenue will increase faster than expenditure. This is the goal for each future year while maintaining existing services and meeting community expectations. It is anticipated that Council will have one more deficit budget (because of the loss of the TasWater dividend) and then each future budget will be in surplus. Dean also said that the Hobart City Deal will contribute almost \$21M to local infrastructure in Kingborough. This is solely State government money and Council will be asking that the Federal opposition commit to increase the Federal component.

Mark Florusse (BHCA) reported on the lack of action by Council in regard to a number of longstanding BHCA matters – specifically related to the condition of Christopher Johnson carpark, road drainage (Harpers Road) and speeding (monitoring has been done by Council). Officers have stated that each of these matters will be followed up, but BHCA has not heard anything for quite a few months. They would like some follow-up action. Bikes are using the Alum Cliffs Track and this will need to be policed. Erosion is occurring at the mouth of Browns River and Council should address this in the upcoming budget. Mark introduced Paul Rapley as the new president of BHCA and he will attend future Forum meetings.

Chris Ireland (KCA) reported on the Council survey on extending the kerbside waste collection into the Kettering area. Responses were due on 1st March. He said there is a significant road safety issue at 370 Manuka Road where there is a blind corner and it is impossible to pass (a power pole needs to be removed). Accidents may occur with the garbage truck at this location. While Kettering may need a kerbside waste collection service, he felt that there was no great need for a recycling collection service. The question had been asked as to whether residents would have to pay for a new bin if they already had one. He also asked about the result of the survey and whether for example a 51% vote in favour would result in almost half of the residents being forced to have a kerbside service against their will. In response to these questions, it was stated that the survey is being extended by a few weeks so that those residents who have not responded can be followed up. The results of the survey will determine how Council proceeds and as to whether any areas are excluded and as to what % is deemed to be an appropriate majority. It is expected that the survey results will be considered at the Council meeting on 8th April.

Sue Hoyle (KCA) asked if a whole area like Manuka Road had objected to the kerbside collection, could it be excluded. This was stated as being possible. She said that the public place bin at Trial Bay was often overflowing with bags of rubbish. KWS are now auditing all of these bins in order to determine if more are needed to service visitors, though some caution needs to be exercised as the rubbish may be coming from local residents. Sue also said that the KCA is still pursuing the proposed walking path along the Channel Highway (as raised at previous Forum meetings). They have written to the Minister but were told funding was only available through the Vulnerable Road User Program for 2018/19 – though applications are due on 4 March and she is hoping that Council can quickly apply.

Leslie Frost (HPA) reported on the Howden community's continued disappointment in regard to the Howden Villa decision. The permit conditions need to be enforced. The Howden Road intersection with the Channel Highway will become more dangerous with the future additional Howden Villa traffic. The installation of the new sewer rising main has been completed and the subsequent clean up looks good though it is a shame that a number of native trees had to be removed. There is a concern within the Howden community about the lack of public open space. Other than the foreshore reserve there are only a few narrow connections to the Tinderbox hills. The recent tree trimming for power lines along Howden Road has been very poorly done. Hooning is often occurring along both Brightwater Road and Howden Road. While road improvements on Brightwater Road are welcome, they do encourage people to drive faster. Leslie suggested a further lowering of the speed limit along Brightwater Road. The speed limits need to be enforced and road kill is an ongoing issue. In regard to the Howden Road intersection, Tony mentioned that DSG have commenced a corridor study of the Channel Highway between Margate and Huntingfield and this will review what road safety improvements are necessary.

Wayne Burgess (BBPA) noted the current review of the Local Government Legislative Framework and the discussion paper that is available if anyone is interested. The review is essentially only of the Local Government Act and Gary noted that such a holistic review is long overdue, though a few matters will not be considered (such as possible amalgamations). Some other aspects like rate capping or caretaker provisions may be included. Jill Hickie commented that the Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act should be reviewed but isn't. Wayne also commented on how well the Blackmans Bay foreshore area is being maintained but that there are ongoing community concerns about the poor water quality at the southern end of the beach. He also noted that the part of the beach below the stormwater outlet near the Community Hall needs to be restored following the severe erosion after the May 2018 storm. The sand continues to erode and the barrier needs extending. He also reported on the way guide posts along Blowhole Road have been vandalised – of 25 guide posts only 3 are left intact. They can be easily bent and broken and more permanent options may now need to be used by Council. There is an upsurge of graffiti incidents all through Blackmans Bay and hooning is occurring along such roads as Algona Road. He said that many local residents are disappointed in the Council's decision to initiate the May Knoll rezoning contrary to staff advice. Chris Ireland commented on the graffiti situation in Adelaide where volunteers in local areas go around and immediately paint over any graffiti as soon as it is noticed and this has been very effective.

5. Reports from Council

(a) Strategic Plan Review

Council is initiating a thorough review of the existing strategic plan. Council is required under legislation to regularly review its strategic plan. Facilitated workshops have been held with both Councillors and staff and the consultant is now compiling this material in order that the beginning of a draft plan can be provided for public comment.

Sarah Wilcox reported that the public consultation period will commence soon. It will primarily consist of a number of 'listening posts' (where staff will attend local meetings throughout the municipality to hear local suggestions) and there will be two facilitated public meetings (one in the north on the 29th March and another to the south), plus input on Council's 'Our Say' on-line platform. There will also be information in the Chronicle and on posters. Local community groups will be contacted directly.

The surveyed information will be compiled on what the community expects from its Council and as to what the priorities should be for the future allocation of resources. A draft strategic plan will then be prepared and workshopped by Council before any final approval.

Following the adoption of the final strategic plan, Council will prepare a strategic delivery plan that contains another level of detail with all of the projects that staff will be responsible for delivering over a five year period. This is an important management tool within Council as each manager must report on their performance in being able to meet the targets set within the delivery plan.

Mark Florusse suggested that people will want to read some supporting material that helps them understand Council's priorities. Sarah indicated she will put all of the relevant material in one place on the website. Rob Crosthwaite commented on the difficulties in defining such terms as "values" and "sustainability".

(b) Long Term Financial Plan

The Long Term Financial Plan was approved by Council at its meeting on 25 February 2019. Gary Arnold reported that the Plan included rate increases of 3.5% per annum for 2019/20 and then 2.8% from 2020/21 onwards. Employee numbers are to be managed with minimal increases (subject to satisfactory business cases) to the 2018/19 level. There has been a relatively stable number of 187 FTE in recent years. Gary reported how Council has been able to achieve large operational surpluses every year. However, unlike local government in other states and State and Federal government, Tasmanian councils must report on their underlying result which fully accounts for the depreciation of all assets. For Kingborough, its worst result a few years ago was that a \$7.2M operational surplus was converted to a \$2.37 deficit. Council achieved an underlying surplus last year for the first time in 10 years. It should be noted that selling assets does not assist Council's financial position because it is not recurrent income. Funding for asset renewal is currently set at 80-90% of depreciation, with additional funds made available for new and upgraded assets.

Mike Jackson asked how much interest Council had paid on loans last year, with his point being that Council should be taking out substantial loans in order to provide the new infrastructure that the Kingborough community needs. Mike asked, why don't we borrow more as any business would borrow more with Council's guaranteed income? Gary responded by saying that Council is borrowing for the Kingston Park project. Most of this (\$7M) is an interest free loan approved by the State government – part of which includes \$1.2M for the conversion of street lighting to LED (with a payback period of 7 years). He said that Council will need to have a consistent underlying surplus before it has a greater capacity to borrow. Any new asset that Council acquires (such as new subdivision roads) must be depreciated and is a regular cost to be accounted for by Council.

(c) Emergency Management

Kingborough Council staff assisted Huon Valley Council staff during the recent Huon Valley fires. Council's Emergency Management Coordinator and Recovery Coordinator were both particularly active – both at Huonville and in establishing a second Evacuation Centre at the Kingborough Sports Centre. The latter was not needed but it was a very useful exercise in understanding what needs to be done for future emergencies. Council staff worked at the Huonville Evacuation Centre and were regularly called upon to have centre management roles. Other councils (such as Hobart) also provided similar assistance. Council's Communications and Media Officer provided advice and support to the Huon Valley Mayor throughout the fire period.

Council's involvement was very helpful in providing the necessary experience that will be valuable when an emergency does occur in Kingborough and in understanding the many very complex issues that do need to be managed.

There have since been a number of debriefing sessions since at which Council officers have attended. The southern Tasmanian councils are now looking at standardising their processes, procedures and documentation in order to best coordinate the assistance between the councils at the Evacuation Centres. This will be consistent with the work that LGAT will now be doing to update the Municipal Emergency Management Guidelines (which date back from 2010).

Council's emergency management responsibilities are primarily related to community recovery – including the management of Evacuation Centres. Council also plays an integral role in building community capacity, encouraging residents to do their own emergency planning and in assisting the State government agencies responsible for dealing with the emergencies.

(d) Kingston Park Update

The last 6 months has been a particularly busy period. A quick update was provided on the following:

- The road construction and installation of services by Council is at about the half-way mark. Most of Goshawk Way has been constructed, together with Skipper Lane (the connecting road through to John Street). This has provided access and services to both the Community Hub and Health Centre buildings. The next stage of development will be for Council to construct Pardalote Parade and the remaining part of Goshawk Way (including the junction with the Huon Highway).
- The construction of the Community Hub is almost completed – the main outstanding component is the large internal door. The opening date is the 29 March and planning is well advanced in regard to that event. Other events are planned for that weekend and the Love Living Locally event is on the following weekend. The building itself and surrounds are not completely finished and work will continue while the space is being used for events and community based activities. Once activated, EOI's for the café will then be sought. A Hub Coordinator has been employed now for a few months and he is making the necessary operational preparations and will manage the centre into the future.
- The Kingston Health Centre is also nearing completion and will be occupied later in March. An official opening is not planned until June 2019.
- Council has partnered with the private developer, Traders in Purple, to develop the residential and commercial components of Kingston Park. The revenue that Council obtains from the sale of land is to pay for the public infrastructure, Hub, playground etc. The first stage of the residential development (primarily townhouses) is in the southern precinct and a development application for this is expected later in March.
- Playstreet consultants have been commissioned to design the playground (occupying an extensive area immediately west of the Hub), the rest of the public open space and Pardalote Parade (the pedestrian corridor that links the Channel Court area with Kingston Park). Extensive public engagement has already occurred and the playground design is expected to be publicly released soon (it was presented to Councillors on 28 February).
- GHD consultants have been engaged to prepare a Traffic Plan and a Parking Plan for the central Kingston area. Draft documents will be provided to Council by the end of March. The traffic counts and modelling has been completed and the final results will be particularly useful in determining the final design for the reconstruction of the Channel Highway between Hutchins and John streets, plus the

upgrade of other junctions such as on Beach Road (both Church and John street). The Parking Plan will help Council meet the longer term short and long stay parking needs of the area. This will also be linked into the need for improved park-and-ride facilities on the fringe of Kingston and the need for improved public transport and bike/pedestrian pathways.

(e) Planning Scheme Update

Council is currently finalising its Local Provisions Schedule which will need to be submitted to and approved by the Tasmanian Planning Commission before being released for public comment. The LPS includes the zoning maps, Specific Area Plans, Code overlays and other provisions that relate more particularly to the local area. It is a complex task in ensuring that the LPS meets all of the legislated requirements.

The public exhibition period is not likely to occur until the second half of 2019 and staff will be available to assist local communities in understanding what the LPS entails. Local community meetings can take place if necessary (as was done in the past).

Public submissions are compiled by Council and a report prepared that responds to all of these and includes any necessary recommendations for changes to the advertised LPS. The Commission then conducts public hearings (at which anyone who has made a prior submission may argue their case) and compiles a final report on the LPS. This is provided to the Minister who will declare the new planning scheme (a combination of the State Planning Provisions and the LPS).

(f) Waste Management Initiatives

There is a Service Level Agreement between Council and Kingborough Waste Services (KWS) that enables KWS to deliver all of the municipal waste management services within Kingborough. KWS is a company wholly owned by Council.

Recent KWS initiatives have included:

- Introduction of a number of new recycling programs including collection of unwanted paint through the Paintback Scheme, the Techcollect E-waste collection program, and the DrumMuster program for collecting chemical containers. The CMA Eco-cycle program removes fluorescent tubes, lamps and globes and X-Rays.
- A new contract has been negotiated for the collection of scrap metal.
- The Re-Use Shop has steadily increased its sales with increased revenue and transaction numbers. December 2018 was the shop's most successful month ever and this was then surpassed by the January 2019 figures.
- A number of site improvements have enhanced the public convenience and amenity of the Barretta and Bruny waste transfer stations.
- The diversion of waste away from landfill is steadily improving over time and improved monitoring has enabled KWS to better understand the municipality's waste stream.
- Public consultation into a future kerbside green waste collection service has occurred and the results are being compiled. Further investigations are being conducted into how the accumulated material can be mulched and best disposed of as it is known that there are limited options in this regard. Ideally, there should be a regional solution for the management of green waste as all southern councils require viable disposal solutions.
- Preliminary investigations have commenced on an extension of the current kerbside collection catchment so that it might include Kettering.

- The new contracts for the mainland and Bruny Island public place litter bin collections commenced on 1 February 2019. KWS staff will now commence a review into the optimum placement of public bins.
- An Annual Plan 2019/20 for KWS is currently being compiled.

Mike Jackson stated that residents in bushland areas must take their green waste to the tip and can't burn it. Trailer loads of waste are generated. He said that there should be composting at Barretta in order to create a profitable enterprise that reduces the need to charge residents for the organic material.

(g) Kingborough Environmental Fund

At its meeting held on 14 January 2019, Council approved the Kingborough Environmental Fund Implementation Plan (on Council's website). This is focused on the expenditure of reserved funds held by Council following offsets received from the clearance or removal of native vegetation. Financial offsets are taken when it is not possible to avoid an adverse biodiversity impact or conduct on-site improvements. This Fund has been in place since 2004 and many small financial offset contributions have been collected. There is currently \$800,000 held in this reserve (only relatively minor expenditure has occurred to date) so it is essential that it be spent in the most strategic and worthwhile manner.

The Implementation Plan proposes that most of these funds will be spent over the next 4 years. It states the specific projects which are to be implemented and these are based on the ecological values have been lost due to development. The broad desired outcome is for these conservation actions to equal or exceed the level of vegetation removal or habitat loss that has occurred to generate the financial offset contributions.

This Plan was prepared so that there is a transparent and ecologically valid framework for the delivery of the individual on-ground projects. A steering committee has been established to oversee its implementation.

Leslie Frost stated that any covenants that Council creates through this program should not be duplicating those that are sponsored by the State government. In response to this, assurances were provided that Council is working closely with the relevant State agencies and the Tasmanian Land Conservancy. John Cox asked whether local groups could submit their projects for funding assistance. In response to this it was noted that the Plan specifically targets the vegetation communities that have been lost.

(h) Cat Management on Bruny Island

Council is managing a project that aims to assess and manage the impacts of cats on Bruny and to develop a long term management plan. This is a Federally funded project with many actively involved stakeholders – it commenced in mid-2016. An update on the current situation is as follows:

- 102 stray or feral cats have been trapped since the end of 2016. Most were strays and almost half of these have been vaccinated and rehomed off the island. Measures are taken to avoid trapping native fauna – including elevated traps. Analysis of the diet of 42 feral cats is mostly native species (woodland birds, short-tailed shearwaters and swamp rats). Intensive trapping is done when shearwaters are present in the Neck area.
- Council is introducing a Bruny Island Cat By-law. Public consultation on this is currently underway (until 11/3/19). It requires domestic cats to be registered,

desexed and microchipped. Cats must be kept within the property owner's boundaries, stray cats must not be fed and a permit is required to have more than two cats. There is some funding assistance for householders to build containment options. A cat holding facility for stray and feral cats is being built at Alonnah. The weetapooona Aboriginal Corporation are coordinating an apprentice ranger program and cat management on Bruny is part of this. This could be expanded to assist with the implementation of the By-law.

- More detailed information, plus various reports and studies are available on Council's website. There is a Bruny Island community engagement report and an on-line survey (to be completed by 18/3/19). There is a Field Day in April about monitoring wildlife and protecting habitat. A feasibility study has been done into the most effective and safe feral cat eradication program. There have also been a number of relevant research projects that inform this Bruny cat control work – particularly in regard to the impact on native species. The Bruny District School have created a number of large posters promoting responsible cat management.
- A great deal of monitoring work has been done on North Bruny and on the Neck. Remote cameras were deployed at 19 sites with each site having 6 cameras 200m apart. Eastern Quolls (extinct on the mainland and threatened in Tasmania) and Long-nosed Potoroos (declining across Australia) were detected at all sites. More feral cats were detected than previously thought. Distribution patterns indicated greater numbers around the Neck and reduced numbers the further north you go. There is a strong correlation between greater numbers and the Neck and Cape Queen Elizabeth seabird colonies. The cameras will not detect all cats.
- GPS monitoring of six cats has been done. All spent significant time in the seabird colonies areas. The males range much further than females and cover an extensive territory. Feral cat control at the seabird colonies will be most effective in limiting the dispersal of cats. Timing and intensity of trapping is critical and will need to be done for many years.
- The project to date has achieved significant research and management outcomes and offers substantial learnings to other cat management programs elsewhere. There has been great collaboration. Most recently, the steering committee is working with NRM South to seek further funding in order to ensure that the existing momentum can be built upon.

(i) **Blackmans Bay Water Quality Update**

The recreational water in Kingborough Council currently has the following gradings:

- Hinsby Beach GOOD;
- Taroona Beach GOOD
- Kingston Beach North GOOD
- Kingston Beach Middle GOOD
- Kingston Beach South **FAIR**
- Blackmans Bay Beach Middle GOOD
- Blackmans Bay Beach South **POOR**

A grading of Poor indicates that recreational water is considered to be a threat to public health in the event of primary contact during recreation (e.g. swimming, surfing, snorkelling). Poor water quality can result from a number of causes including discharge from the land, direct pollution within the water or as a result of contaminants emerging in

tidal waters. Of these, Council has jurisdiction of contaminants entering the area from the land (ie stormwater system).

For the past 3 months Council staff have been undertaking an intensive water quality monitoring program in addition to the Derwent Estuary Program, with the results being currently evaluated.

Council has been developing the *Recreational Water Quality Strategy – Blackmans Bay Beach and Kingston Beach* and this will support Council's current recreational water quality / stormwater management program in these areas. It will deal with the necessary actions relating to water quality monitoring, further investigations, public notification and community awareness, compliance and infrastructure maintenance/augmentation.

The sources of the poor water quality have not been identified. There is a community information session to be held at 5.30pm on Tuesday 5 March at the Civic Centre. This will provide an update on the water quality management strategy for both Blackmans Bay and Kingston Beach beaches. Officers from TasWater, the Derwent Estuary Program and Council will be present to answer questions.

Wayne Burgess asked if the proposed South Arm irrigation project would take all of the treated wastewater from Blackmans Bay. It is Council's understanding that it would only take part of the future discharge.

6. Other Business

Mike Jackson stated that the sign at the end of his street in Lower Snug has been obscured by vegetation. He asked whether Council conducts a program of routine inspections of roadside vegetation. In response to this, it was stated that Council does have a program in place where roadside vegetation is inspected, with the main focus being on any potentially dangerous situations. John Cox reported how his rural road has vegetation which would constitute a fire hazard plus weeds are not being dealt with. David Bonny reported litter filled culverts also need inspections as they exacerbated the flooding problems in last year's May storm.

Wayne Burgess asked whether Council was going to continue sealing local roads with recycled plastic and it was confirmed that this would be the case.

Leslie Frost reported that next Sunday there would be a Clean Up Howden Day as part of the Clean Up Australia Day. Council's agreement to take away all of the filled bags is much appreciated.

7. Next KCCF Meeting

The next Forum meeting will be at 9.30am on 1st June 2019.

The meeting closed at 12.35pm.