

**Kingborough Community Forum
GENERAL MEETING**

**Saturday 18 March 2022
9.30am – 12pm
Council Chambers – Civic Centre, 15 Channel Highway, Kingston**

MINUTES

Attendees

Mike Brough
Nick Booth
Louisa d'Arville

Ros Woodburn
Andrew Mollison
Peter Laud
Felicity Smart
Maureen Robinson

Council Officers:
Gary Arnold
Samantha Fox
Bianca Kleine
Scott Basham

Councillors:
Councillor Paula Wriedt
Councillor Gideon Cordover
Councillor Amanda Midgley

Apologies:

Roland Painter
Tricia Ramsey
Rob Crosthwaite
Kate Lucas
Gloria Lonergan
Simon Allston

Chair
Deputy Chair & Friends of Longley Area Group
Blackmans Bay Community Association
Bonnet Hill Community Association
Coningham & Lower Snug Community Association
Friends of North Bruny
Howden Progress Association
Kettering Community Association
Margate Hills Community Group
Taroona Community Association

General Manager
Director Environment, Development and Community
Communications and Engagement Support Officer
Manager Legal and Property

Mayor

Kingborough Landcare Advisory Group
Kingborough Rate Payers Association (Observer)
Snug Landcare
CALSCA
South Channel Ratepayers Association
Friends of North Bruny
Bruny Island Community Association
Westwinds
Woodbridge Community Association

1. Introduction and Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair Mike Brough welcomed all participants and acknowledged and paid respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as the traditional and original owners, and continuing custodians of this land and acknowledged Elders – past and present.

2. Confirmation of minutes of the Kingborough Community Forum 3 December 2022

The forum participants endorsed the 3 December 2023 meeting minutes as a true record.

3. Business / actions from the Last Meeting

The forum participants acknowledged the list of actions and responses from the 3 December 2023 meeting.

4. Reports from each Community Organisation

Two reports were provided by the South Channel Ratepayers & Residents Association and the Blackmans Bay Community Association. The forum participants noted the reports and Council responses.

BLACKMANS BAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (BBCA)

- Styrofoam - BBCA would like to see enforcement of the Environmental Service by-law.
- FOGO friendly dog poo bags - BBCA is concerned about the amount of plastic going into the environment. Hobart City Council and Huon Valley Council have compostable dog poo bags in place. Considering the plastic pollution, BBCA is hoping Council will include compostable dog poo bags in the 2023/24 Budget.
- Erosion – BBCA would like to see action, rather than assessments and identifying vulnerabilities. BBCA would like to have Coastal Erosion included into the long-term Council budget.
- Members of BBCA are very concerned about water quality at Blackmans Bay Beach.

HOWDEN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

- Road safety on Howden Road and Brightwater Road – A report was sent to Council.
- Reduction of speed limits on Channel Highway between Huntingfield and Margate - Department of State Growth are unresponsive. Refer to [Speed-Limit-Review-Guidelines.pdf \(kingborough.tas.gov.au\)](https://www.kingborough.tas.gov.au/Speed-Limit-Review-Guidelines.pdf) as circulated on 24 February.
- Concern about Huntingfield development – potential increase of storm water runoff. Group suggested to have water tested at Coffee Creek before the development starts.

CONINGHAM & LOWER SNUG ASSOCIATION (CALSCA)

- Insurance – CALSCA requested Council to consider providing insurance for certain community activities and events.
- Rural Walkability Projects were prepared by the Menzies Institute, with potential for Snug to be included.
- Speed reduction in Snug and Lower Snug – CALSCA concerned about increasing accidents and traffic around the school, especially the safety of children. The Chair suggested CALSCA may wish to send form to the Department of State Growth.

TAROONA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

- Insurance - Council should support community events by providing insurance, or maybe give access to a group insurance to minimise the costs the associations have to carry to facilitate events.
- Develop Masterplan for Tarooma – Would Council have capacity to develop a masterplan in Tarooma.

- IMAS - Improvement of facilities in Tarooma will result in increasing traffic on small local roads.
- Toilets - Dislike of the new toilets at Kingston beach that don't have shower facilities. Hoping the new toilets at Tarooma will be better.

MARGATE HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

- During the last AGM, the group identified the need for recruitment. The group submitted an application for a neighbourhood grant, part of which would go to helping the recruiting drive for new members.
- A road traffic survey of residents showed a desire for reduced speed limits, reduction of blind spots, better surfaces but not sealing.

KETTERING COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

- Appreciations: the recent Council supported 'Act your Age' show in Kettering was well received and the Really Really Really free market is very popular. The community is supporting of events of this nature.
- KCA is still pursuing the ferry noise.
- KCA is looking at installing a basketball ring on one of the two tennis Courts in Kettering. A grant application has been submitted for this purpose.
- Kids playground close to the new toilet block – KCA is wondering if the kids playground can receive an upgrade or be moved to another area e.g. close to the skate bowl
- KCA's community meetings have been reduced from 12 to 6 per year. The group changed priorities away from potholes and roads and attracted more members (now 35 in total) with the new focus.

FRIENDS OF LOWER LONGLEY

- Group will have a Clean Up Australia Day event on 19 March.
- July August – North West Bay River revegetation has been planned
- Fencing at new toilet facilities has been well received.
- Priority for the next budget is a feasibility study for a multi-use track in Leslie Vale.
- Websters Road – group continues to observe a significant amount of traffic and identified a conflict between trucks and other users, including horse riders.
- Group observed well overgrown areas, including blackberries and other weeds.
- Picnic in the Park will take place in October/November
- Huon Road intersection – significant number of weeds and rubbish dumped in the area. Council's biodiversity officer was contacted about this.
- The group contacted Department of State Growth about speed limits and wonders if Council can push for review by contacting the Department of State Growth.

BONNET HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

- Representative supports the idea of Council assisting with insurance for events driven by the Kingborough Community Groups. Bonnet Hill does not have a community hall and have to pay \$65 rate to hire the Kingborough Community Hub. The person who books

the space at the hub has to undergo a safety induction each time. This is required to satisfy the insurance agreement with Council. A group discussion followed with the result that BHCA may contact Gary or Sam to find a suitable meeting space other than the hub such as the Tarooma Community Hall.

- BHCA will have a BBQ tomorrow.
- Taronga Road – the issue with the accident risk at the intersection of Taronga Road and Channel Highway was attended to, however the gravel that was added washed away and more bitumen is needed to make the turnoff safer.

FRIENDS OF NORTH BRUNY

- No items raised.

Questions to the General Manager concerning above reports:

- **Would Council consider insurance for general community group events?**

Response: Council will investigate and will report back to the forum to see if there is potential.

- **Concerns about speed limits:**

Council shares the frustration about the lack of replies from the Department of State Growth. Council regularly advocate for reduction of speed limits, the success rate is not high.

5. Presentation on Dog Management Policy – Scott Basham, Manager Legal and Property

Refer to PowerPoint presentation.

Community groups are encouraged to forward written feedback by 31 March to assist with policy development and Councillor workshop. Formal consultation will occur in July/August 2023.

Scott will forward information to Bianca who will circulate to forum participants in a separate email.

6. Presentation on Bruny Island coastal waste bins – Ros Woodburn, Friends of North Bruny

The project recently received a Keep Australia Beautiful award. Ros expressed thanks to Council for support. The project is also funded by the Bruny Island Environment Network (BIEN); the Bruny Island Community Association (BICA); the Inala Foundation; the Pennicott Foundation; Bruny Island Coastal Retreats; and the Matysek family also support the trial.

The committee identified too much plastic on the island and started a trial in December 2022. The project had potential to go beyond Bruny Island and around coastlines of Tasmania.

Findings after the first 3 months of the trial:

- General rubbish is being dumped into the bins dedicated for marine waste.

- Contamination – general waste put in these bins causes increased safety risk to volunteers who sort the rubbish.
- Increased tourism contributes to more waste on the island. The group identified the need to raise this with the Department of State Growth.
- Not as near as much plastic was found in the marine waste bins as expected.

Analysis of marine waste:

Biggest source of marine waste is possibly caused by recreational fishers and marine plastic from the fish farms. The group found out that fish farms have now regular clean up of their own, do regular sweeps of the beaches.

Education:

The committee is looking into facilitating an arts project to recycle marine waste for an art sculpture.

The group met with two Councillors to talk about the Marine Plastic Project. Contamination of bins is confirmed being an issue, more community education is needed.

The participants noted the presentation and thanked Ros for delivering the report.

Find more information here: [Bin Marine Plastics – Friends of North Bruny](#)

7. Updates from Council (e.g., community events, engagements)

Refer to attachment – Council updated to Kingborough Community Forum March 2023

- o Key Council decisions
- o 2023/24 Council Budget
- o Tasmanian Planning Scheme
- o Transform Kingston

8. Discussion about future meetings - structure, focus, content, timing

The group discussed ideas raised in discussion paper for future meetings (attached).

The question was raised as to how to accommodate participation of forum members from Bruny Island and the following options were discussed:

- o Zoom meetings – Due to cybersecurity arrangements, Council is unable to support conducting this forum as a videoconference via Zoom or Teams.
- o The meeting could be live streamed; however, the online observers would not be able to be included in the conversation.
- o Move the forum to weekdays – this idea was not supported by some participants due to lack of availability.

It was agreed that the status quo will remain. Forum members are encouraged to submit community reports prior the meeting and send their representative to attend the forum in person.

The forum participants were encouraged to review the discussion paper to support discussion how to proceed for future meetings.

9. Other business

None

Meeting closed at 12 pm.

10. Next meeting: Saturday 17 June 2023 – 9.30am to 12pm

List of Actions

WHAT	WHO
<p>Dog Management Act - consultation Community groups are encouraged to forward written feedback to Scott Basham by 31 March to assist with policy development. Public consultation will occur in July/August.</p> <p>Scott will forward information to Bianca who will circulate to forum participants.</p>	All
<p>Would Council consider providing insurance for general community group events?</p> <p>Response: Gary will investigate and report back to the forum.</p>	General Manager

Attachments:

- PowerPoint Presentation about the Kingborough Dog Management Policy
- Council updates to Kingborough Community Forum March 2023
- Kingborough Community Forum – Discussion Paper on Future Meetings March 23



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Dog Management Policy Review

Community forum - 18th March 2023

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Scope

- Background
- History
- Stats
- Pound
- Dog management policy
- Proposed process
- Engagement



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Background

- Council is required to develop, make and implement a Dog Management Policy in accordance with Section 7 of the *Dog Control Act 2000*.
- The policy is to be reviewed at least every five years.
- In reviewing the policy, Council is to follow a process prescribed by the Act.



History

- Off lead access has historically been the most controversial element of Kingborough's DMP.
- Particularly access to beaches, walking tracks and public reserves.

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History

- 2013 review proposed opening up more beaches for timed access (especially during the winter months).
- 2018 review proposed greater access to limited areas of beaches eg Tarooma and Middleton.
- Policy is found on Councils website under – Policies and Guidelines – *Dog Management*



Stats

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U					
1	Animal Registration							Dog at large			Dog attack - person		Dog attack - animal		Dog found			Dog lost								
2	2018/19	6274						2018/19	217		2018/19	26		2018/19	54		2018/19	277		2018/19	126					
3	2019/20	6225						2019/20	208		2019/20	29		2019/20	43		2019/20	216		2019/20	117					
4	2020/21	6215						2020/21	140		2020/21	22		2020/21	40		2020/21	121		2020/21	86					
5	2021/22	6198						2021/22	128		2021/22	28		2021/22	36		2021/22	128		2021/22	106					
6	2022/23	6170						2022/23	115		2022/23	19		2022/23	41		2022/23	86		2022/23	57					
7	1.65% decrease in dog ownership at time of registration renewal							47% decrease			27% decrease		24% decrease		69% decrease			55% decrease								
8	2.98% decrease as at 15FEB23 from 2018/2019 (5986)																									
9																										
10																										
11	Nuisance barking				Impounded dogs																					
12	2018/19	105			2018/19	128																				
13	2019/20	115			2019/20	119																				
14	2020/21	103			2020/21	35																				
15	2021/22	87			2021/22	54																				
16	2022/23	86			2022/23	47																				
17	18% decrease				63% decrease																					
18																										



Stat Themes

- General reduction or stability.
- Nuisance barking.
- Impoundment.



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Pound

- Established under the LGA1993.
- *Animal Welfare (Dogs) Regulations 2016.*
- Pound health plan.
- Pound emergency management plan.
- Very good facility.



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Policy Development Process

- The current policy is a good platform.
- The policy is to include a code relating to responsible ownership of dogs, declared areas, fee structure, and any other relevant matter.
- In reviewing, Council is to invite public submissions, consult with appropriate bodies, and consider submissions before making the policy.
- Council can only make a declaration with respect to dog restrictions over land on which it has jurisdiction.



Proposed process

Serial	Task	Statutory	Time frame (approx.)	Responsible officer	Comment
1	Councillor workshop		27 th February 2023	Scott Basham Daniel Smee	This is a short presentation to Councillors to advise of the review and outline the basic process that will be undertaken.
2	Stakeholder engagement	s.7(3)(b) of the <i>Dog Control Act 2000</i> (DCA)	March/April	Scott Basham Su Sprott	KDWA – 2 March 2023 Community Forum – 18 March 2023 Disability access committee – 19 April TBC - Taroona Environment Network (TEN), Autism Tasmania, GAP, GREAT etc.
3	Policy development	s.7 DCA	April/May	Scott Basham	Review/amendment of current policy in consideration of stakeholder engagement.
4	Councillor workshop		TBA	Scott Basham Daniel Smee	Presentation of the review/amended policy and Councillor discussion.
5	Report to Council for consultation	s.7(3)(a) DCA s.24 DCA	June/July	Scott Basham	The report will be recommending that Council invite submission relating to the proposed dog management policy.
6	Consultation	s.24 DCA	July/August	Scott Basham Sam Adams	Invite submission pursuant to the engagement strategy.
7	Review of results	s.7(3)(c) DCA s.24(c) DCA	August/Sept	Scott Basham	Review/collate the submission and amend the policy as required. Depending on how far the policy has been amended, there may be a need for a further Councillor workshop.
8	Report to Council	s.7(1) DCA	September	Scott Basham	Report to Council intending to implement the policy.
9	Communication	s.25 DCA	September onwards	Sam Adams	Excluding the statutory notice (s.25) Sam will also undertake communication in accordance with the engagement strategy.

Engagement

- Equity - Some people are fearful of dogs.
- Beach access – Status quo, timed, full access, reduction.
- Can we use our current spaces more effectively.
- Connections and walks.
- Future planning – What can Council look at into the future.
- General – Any other suggestions



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Engagement

- Best received via email.
- **Subject** – *Dog Management Policy review 2023, stakeholder engagement, **Organisation**.*
- Sent to – kc@kingborough.tas.gov.au
- Possibly by 31st March 2023?
- Can meet but have limited capacity.

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Questions



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Council updates to Kingborough Community Forum

March 2023

Key Council decisions – December 2022 to March 2023

19 December 2022

- Officers will draft a Continuous Improvement Policy and return the policy to Council for endorsement.
- A Multicultural Advisory Group will be convened to engage with the community and develop a Multicultural Strategy that will be returned to Council for endorsement.

16 January 2023

- Approved the Civic Centre Flag Policy and noted that expressions of interest will be sought to fly a community flag on the fourth flagpole at the Civic Centre.

6 February 2023

- Commencing in 2024, Council changed the date of its January citizenship ceremony from 26 January to either 23, 24, 25, 27, 28 or 29 January.
- Approved formation of a Reference Group (via expression of Interest process) to oversee development of Kingborough Sport and Recreation Strategy
- Agreed in principle to the donation of land at Gormley Drive, Kingston to the Hobart Women's Shelter for the purpose of developing long term housing for women and children and to advertise this intent in an accordance with the provisions of Section 178(4) of the Local Government Act 1993.
- Council will prepare a Statement of Commitment on Housing that outlines how Kingborough Council will facilitate access to safe, accessible and affordable housing.
- Noted motions from the DIAAC requesting that Council consider beach matting at Kingston Beach and the installation of unisex accessible toilet facilities on all levels of the Kingborough Sports Centre, for inclusion in its 2023/24 Budget.

20 February 2023

- Approved Annual Community Flag Schedule to the Civic Centre Flag Policy
- Resolved to put a submission to the Local Government Board on the Options Paper Review Stage 2 report supporting the proposed hybrid model.
- Authorised the North Bruny Hall Management Committee to manage the club room facility at 10 Sports Road, Dennes Point and approved a fee for hire of the venue of \$10 per hour for residents/ratepayers of Kingborough, \$16 per hour for non-ratepayers/non-residents, to be reviewed as part of the budget preparation process.
- That Council includes Snug Pontoon in its 2023/24 Budget deliberations.

2023/24 Council Budget

- Council is in the process of developing the 2023/24 Council budget, 5 year Capital Plan and updating the Long Term Financial Management Plan.
- Three submissions were received from members of the KCF – Blackmans Bay Community Association, Howden Progress Association and Friends of Longley Area Group. The priorities

identified have been reviewed by Council officers, with some additional budget bids submitted as a result. Further discussions will be scheduled to determine whether some identified priorities can be achieved within existing budget allocations (e.g. road markings, signage etc).

- The Draft Budget is to be considered by Council again at a workshop in late March, prior to release for public consultation for 4-6 weeks, with notifications via the website, traditional and social media etc.
- Following consideration of comments received from the public at a workshop in May, the Budget will be formally considered and approved in early/mid-June 2023.

Tasmanian Planning Scheme

- Discussions with the Tasmanian Planning Commission are ongoing in reviewing the draft Local Provisions Schedule, submitted by Kingborough Council in 2019.
- In late February 2023, Council convened two information sessions that enabled around 50 residents to discuss proposed Landscape Conservation Zoning and the implications for their property with Council planners. For people who missed out on a session, they can contact Council to arrange an appointment to speak with a planner.
- Council is awaiting advice from the Tasmanian Planning Commission to commence public exhibition of the Local Provisions Schedule. It is hoped that this will be received in the coming weeks.
- In the meantime, Council's communication and community engagement team are developing a comprehensive community consultation plan that includes traditional, social and digital media, information sessions and information sheets on how to make a representation.

Transform Kingston

- Council is upgrading the main street of Kingston, Channel Highway, to create a more attractive and inviting city centre, and improve the retail and commercial experiences for residents and visitors.
- After consulting with the community, Council voted on the design at a Council Meeting on 4 April 2022. The design allows for future growth, improves pedestrian access, provides enhanced cycling capabilities, new green areas throughout the CBD and creates outdoor dining opportunities for cafes and restaurants along the main strip.
- Council awarded the construction tender to BlackCap Construction at the Council Meeting on the 19 December 2022.
- Construction will take approximately 10 months to complete and started on Tuesday 14 February 2023.
- To speed up overall construction and save costs on the street upgrade, a small section of the Channel Highway, from John Street to Hutchins Street will be closed to traffic on Tuesday 28 February, for approximately 10 weeks.
- Although traffic will be restricted through this section of the main road, pedestrians have access to all the businesses and services on the Channel Highway during construction.
- Of interest, Kingston Park was officially opened last week, with the Day in the Park event an outstanding success!

Kingborough Community Forum

Discussion paper - Structure, focus, content of meetings

March 2023

Purpose:

To facilitate a discussion on the structure, focus and content of future meetings of the Kingborough Community Forum to enable the Forum purpose to be achieved.

Points for discussion:

The purpose of the Forum, as articulated in the Terms of Reference, is as follows:

The Kingborough Community Forum will act as a platform for community exchange and conversation with Kingborough Council and recommend to Council consultation arrangements on specific issues.

The Forum has been established as an avenue for effective and open communication and discussion between Council and the community on matters of significance to the community and for contribution to Council business.

The Forum may make representations to Council on matters pertaining to the interests of its members and their constituencies.

It is important the structure, form and content of meetings of the Forum enable this purpose to be achieved.

Some matters for the Forum to consider include:

- Meetings should facilitate two-way communication between member organisations (Members) and Council. This will entail Council providing information and advice to Members on matters of interest/concern and vice-versa.
 - The current structure has items allowing Member reporting and Council reporting – is this adequate to enable conversation? What else could be done to facilitate discussion?
 - The Chair needs to ensure that all Member representatives present at the meeting have adequate opportunity to engage in discussion.

- Forum meetings may be used by Council as one avenue to facilitate community consultation.
 - The current format provides for presentations on key issues that Council wishes to consult on. How could these discussions be facilitated?
 - Is providing a schedule to the Forum of upcoming Council engagements a useful approach?

- Meetings should predominantly focus on strategic, municipal-wide and State-wide matters of current and emerging interest/concern to all Members.
 - Meeting agendas should be structured so as to give priority and emphasis to strategic issues.
 - Strategic issues could be scheduled for discussion throughout the year (e.g. planning, traffic/road management, weed management, environmental management).
 - Operational-level matters could be raised through Forum Member reports (but not discussed), dealt with at officer level or through the Council's web portal (kc@kingborough.tas.gov.au) in the first instance.

- Meetings should provide a forum to update on Council's strategic decisions and approach.
 - At all meetings, Council shall report on matters of significance discussed at Council meetings, together with decisions made, since the last forum meeting.
 - Updates on progress on the annual Budget development process shall be reported by Council as appropriate.

- As time is limited, the focus should be on discussion, rather than reporting.
 - Members are strongly encouraged to submit written reports for circulation ahead of each meeting. These reports may include discussion on operational-level matters that would be of interest to other Members (for example activities/achievements of the group).
 - Supporting oral reports shall be limited to five minutes unless otherwise agreed by the Forum.

- Meetings should be held at a time or using a format that allows all Members to participate.
 - Online meetings can be facilitated during business hours.
 - Is there a more appropriate meeting time/day?