

**Kingborough Community Forum
GENERAL MEETING**

**Saturday 2 December 2023
9.15 am – 10.30 am (after the KCF AGM)
Council Chambers – Civic Centre, 15 Channel Highway, Kingston**

AGENDA

Attendees and apologies as per attendance list

1. Introduction and acknowledgement of country (chair)
2. Confirm minutes of the Kingborough Community Forum 9 September 2023
3. Reports from each community organisation
4. Update on current projects - Daniel Smee, Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services
5. Updates from Council - Significant Council decisions – Gary Arnold, General Manager
6. Other business
7. Dates for 2024 meetings: 23 March, 15 June, 21 September, 7 December (tbc, same day as Council AGM)

KINGBOROUGH COMMUNITY FORUM	
REPORT	<p>Meeting Date: 2/12/23</p> <p>Name of Community Organisation: Howden Progress Association</p> <p>Name of representative attending: Andrew Mollison</p> <p>Contact information: amolliso@bigpond.net.au</p>
<p>CURRENT PRIORITIES:</p> <p>MAIN ISSUES RAISED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS:</p> <p>UPDATE ON COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:</p>	<p>Road safety issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• KCC has completed a refresh of line marking and• Vegetation clearing. HPA continues to encourage KCC• Submission to road safety commission to lower the speed• In parts of Howden to 50km/h• A sub committee is working on Virtual Fencing <p>Impacts of new developments A sub committee is investigating the testing of water Quality in Coffee Creek to see if the new Huntingfield Subdivision impacts water runoff.</p> <p>Community Events</p> <p>Liaison with Tas Fire Maintaining good communication with our local brigade information sessions for the local community</p> <p>A successful car boot sale and food stall was held on Saturday 11/11/23. This raised funds but more importantly brought members of the community together.</p>

	<p>Reply: Noted however the area remains relatively stable and there is no short term plans to do more than monitor at this stage.</p> <p>Water quality is also raised consistently, we are doing our best to facilitate communication around this.</p> <p>Reply: Water quality at Blackmans Bay remains a priority for Council and although there is no simple solution, Council's Investigation Officer continues to be active in this area in terms of identifying any land based contamination sources and in particular working closely with TasWater.</p>
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<p>UPDATE ON COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES</p>	<p>We run monthly Landcare working bees (second Saturday), board game nights (first Friday) and crop swaps (third Saturday).</p> <p>We hosted a range of events in September and October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Short Documentary night which raised money for wildlife signs - AGM and Community Gathering (where a range of different community groups came along and were available for members and the public to talk to). - Living With Wildlife Together Community Conversation. - A walk in the Peter Murrell Reserves with the Friends of the PMRs.
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KINGBOROUGH COMMUNITY FORUM	
REPORT	<p>Meeting Date: 2nd December 2023</p> <p>Name of Community Organisation: South Channel Ratepayers and Residents Association Inc</p> <p>Name of representative attending: TBD</p> <p>Contact information: Gloria Lonergan</p>
CURRENT PRIORITIES:	<p>Members of the Association have expressed concern that paper hand towels and bins have been removed from public toilets in the South Channel area. It is understood this has occurred because of continual vandalism of the toilets.</p> <p>Considering the COVID is still in the community, having access to supplies for a clean hygienic toilet facilities should be high on the agenda, especially so as these are used by the general public, overseas, interstate and local tourists.</p> <p>It is hoped that these problems can be resolved before the peak holiday season.</p> <p>Reply: Officers have spoken with SCRRA and will look into it further.</p>
UPDATE ON COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES	<p>Winding up a busy, successful year the Association will hold a Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday 20th December. Emergency Phone Tree Road Co-ordinators have been invited to attend as a sign of appreciation for their continual support of this important community service.</p> <p>Planning is well underway for Middleton on the Green to be held on Saturday 3rd February 2024.</p>

KINGBOROUGH COMMUNITY FORUM	
REPORT	<p>Meeting Date: 2 December 2023</p> <p>Name of Community Organisation: CALSCA</p> <p>Name of representative attending: Mike Jackson</p> <p>Contact information: jacko19@iprimus.com.au</p>

<p>CURRENT PRIORITIES:</p> <p>MAIN ISSUES RAISED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS:</p>	<p>1. Working to make our roads and paths safer for both cars and active transport (walking and cycling etc). The benefits will be healthier and happier people through physical exercise, better social connections, more contact with nature and stimulation to the local economy. There is a lot to do but the highest priority is to connect Snug to Lower Snug with a safe shared path. There are ~700 people on the Lower Snug side (including Coningham) and ~1,200 people in Snug – the significant benefits of connecting us safely are worth a substantial investment. The current blockage to building the shared path is the unsecured title under the Highway as it leaves Snug. We are advised that the Council cannot apply for grants as the title is not secure. We argue there is no risk to the Council or the grant as the State can acquire the land and there is a highway already in place. We encourage the Council to be brave and proceed with applying for the Open Space grant to construct the shared path as per the Council’s \$40k Feasibility Study.</p> <p>Reply: The State Government can acquire land to suit their highway purposes but that is unlikely to extend to cover sections of the parcel of land that would facilitate a shared path linkage. The matter is somewhat complicated as until the ownership of the parcel of land is established there is no one to acquire the land from. Council is no intending to pursue construction or seek grants until a clear route is available. It is understood that the Department of State Growth are considering a pedestrian crossing near Old Station Road and if this eventuates it may be worthwhile exploring options to have a shared path on the opposite of the road which would then nullify the need for trying to get a path through the eastern parcel of land.</p> <p>2. Can you please advise when the Davies Road stormwater upgrade will begin construction? Is the Open Space grant a possible source of additional funding to enable the pavement to be built along the first section of Davies Road? If built, this would be the first and only safe pedestrian access into Lower Snug and Coningham.</p> <p>Reply: Preliminary design has been undertaken on this project which includes a footpath linkage to the Channel Highway, further detailed design will be undertaken shortly. Council will look at the option of grants to facilitate the footpath linkage and also the extension along Channel Highway to Old Station Road.</p>
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	<p>3. Could you advise when the bottom end of Old Station Road above the jetty is to be sealed and when the intersection at Old Station Road with Coningham Road will be changed from a T intersection back to a corner.</p> <p>Reply: Council has received updated condition data for sealed roads. As a result, it is unlikely that Council will reseal Old Station Road between the jetty and Coningham Road in the next 2 years. Instead, a capital bid will be submitted to undertake junction safety improvements to reinstate the modified T junction to change priority to Old Station Road North/ Coningham Road east (Old Station Road south to give way).</p> <p>4. We are putting in requests to the State Government for reductions in speed limits for Snug (to 50 km) and Lower Snug (to 60 km).</p> <p>5. We continue to be concerned about the dog issues at Little Coningham Beach, especially with summer coming on.</p> <p>Reply: Council does not have a lease or licence over Little Coningham Beach. At its meeting of the 10 January 2017, a report was put to Council concerning a request that a licence over Little Coningham Beach be taken, to manage issues associated with dogs. Council resolved not to take out a licence over the Crown Land Reserve at Little Coningham Beach (minute C39/2-17 refers).</p> <p>6. We are still hopeful that a green waste voucher system can be introduced to streamline bushfire preparation, particularly for bushfire prone areas like ours. The free green waste days are welcome but very inefficient (large queues and constrained timing) and insufficient, particularly for larger properties in residential areas. If Council is serious about supporting fire preparations, then an area-based voucher system could be considered.</p> <p>Reply: Council has previously investigated a voucher system but did not proceed due to the significant costs involved with vouchers and there is currently no allocation in the 2023-24 Council budget for additional services. Council decided the most cost-effective way to provide a free green waste service to residents is to continue to provide two free green waste weekends to all residents.</p>
<p>UPDATE ON COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES</p>	<p>1. We would like to thank the Council staff who installed the signage we asked for to assist visitors to the area to better find their destination.</p> <p>2. We continue to prepare ourselves for the fire season; this year with a community meeting and letterboxing encouraging locals to complete their TFS Bushfire Plans. We are focussing on identifying the triggers for 'leaving early'.</p> <p>3. We are continuing to tackle weeding and planting along the coast under our Landcare banner.</p> <p>4. We have a simple community fun time trial event that we run called 'Twin Loops' that is a very inclusive social activity for young and old.</p>

KINGBOROUGH COMMUNITY FORUM	
REPORT	<p>Meeting Date: 2 December 2023</p> <p>Name of Community Organisation: Kettering Community Association</p> <p>Name of representative attending: Peter Laud</p> <p>Contact information: 047 551 3647</p>
<p>CURRENT PRIORITIES:</p> <p>MAIN ISSUES RAISED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS:</p>	<p>Completion of erection of basketball ring on southern end of council tennis court funded by KC community grant. Completion expected mid December. KCA acknowledges the advice from council staff in the siting of the basketball pole and in approving concrete foundation works .</p> <p>Continuing concern over highway speed limits.</p>
<p>UPDATE ON COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES</p>	<p>KCA continues with a programme of speakers at its meetings held every two months. Topics covered so far include auroras, apple industry in the Huon and Derwent areas, climate change and local effects particularly coastal erosion in NW Bay, Maritime Discovery Centre, Woodbridge. December topic is indigenous fire burning practices.</p> <p>KCA is also part funding and part organising the Kettering Community Christmas Barbecue on December 16 for more than 200 local residents.</p>

KINGBOROUGH COMMUNITY FORUM	
REPORT	<p>Meeting Date: 3rd December 2023</p> <p>Name of Community Organisation: Kingborough Landcare Network</p> <p>Name of representative attending: Roland Painter, Jason Graham</p> <p>Contact information: kln.president@landcaretas.org.au</p>
CURRENT PRIORITIES:	<p>KLN is continuing to renew itself and reach out to constituent groups.</p> <p>After a screening of “Roadkill Warriors” and the recent “Living with Wildlife” event KLN would like to support the work being undertaken by Kingborough Council's Natural Areas and Biodiversity group towards an integrated management plan that also addresses road kill. We also understand from the forum where the Department of State Growth - Roads gave a presentation that currently, there is no provision for taking wildlife into account in the States planning system or standards, yet the number of Tasmania's unique animals that are killed on our roads every year is massive. Does the Council record the number killed and picked up in Kingborough and does it have any ability to manage speed limits or signage in areas along reserves or hotspots?</p> <p>Reply: Council has the ability to record the number of carcasses removed from roads by Council staff, and in fact does so. However, there are many instances where it would prove difficult for Council to capture accurate roadkill numbers. Some examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where members of the public remove roadkill from the road when: checking pouch for young, to safeguard the welfare of scavenger wildlife feeding off carcasses, or to assist with animal welfare. • In instances where an animal has been struck by a vehicle and receives fatal injuries, however, continues to move through the landscape for some time. • In instances where a contractor carries out removal of roadkill for another Authority, such as Department of State Growth.

	<p>In regard to speed limits and signage:</p> <p>Tasmania's default Speed limits are set by the Commissioner for Transport and are determined by road function and application, in accordance with the Hierarchy of Speed Limits (Standards Australia, 2008).</p> <p>Speed limit reductions can only be changed by the Commissioner for Transport. If Council considers that a speed limit change is warranted, then a formal submission is made to the Commissioner for assessment/approval. Members of the public may request Council to consider a submission be made to the Commissioner.</p> <p>Speed limit reductions should only be allowed if other forms of road improvements cannot be undertaken, unless a substantial length of road is of poor quality (Standards Australia and Austroads, 2008). However, speed limit reductions can be based on the following (Standards Australia and Austroads, 2008); roadside access points to property, reduced standard of road width and construction, division of road and median width, median/roadside barriers, the number of lanes, a lack of edgelines, sealed shoulders and bus or cycle lanes, as well as increased bicycle or pedestrian activity.</p> <p>Experience and research in Australia and overseas have demonstrated that arbitrarily low limits attract poor levels of compliance, even when subject to regular enforcement. Speed limits also need to have consistency. For example, it is not appropriate to have changing speed limits along a section of road with localised safety hazards which are best treated with advisory warning signs.</p> <p>The Kingborough municipality has a large network of rural roads where wildlife activity is high, especially from dusk to dawn and Council is often approached with requests to install roadside wildlife warning signs. It is assumed that these signs will alter driver behaviour by indicating the presence of wildlife on the road and, thereby, reduce wildlife fatalities. Traditional roadside wildlife warning signs are not specifically intended to perform an animal preservation role, but rather warn drivers of a potential safety hazard. Additionally, research indicates that signage does not effectively reduce roadkill numbers. If the preservation of wildlife is considered critical at a location, other management treatments will also need to be considered (signs alone are not adequate).</p> <p>Wildlife activity is high throughout Tasmania, and it is not feasible to install warning signs on every road where wildlife is sighted. Signage should only be installed sparingly and at locations clearly identified as wildlife black spots. Road signage must also comply with Australian Standards.</p>
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	<p>The Pacific Black Duck Conservation Group is keen to help council to remove feral ducks from areas such as Browns River, the Stormwater Wetlands, Adventure Bay and Snug River.</p> <p>We would also like to see the issue of the growing Rainbow Lorikeet population addressed. The state government isn't going to step in and remove the Kingson flocks anytime soon, so it would be fantastic for the council to assist the Rainbow Lorikeet Management Group in spreading awareness of the issue and to get more people offering to have feeding/trapping stations on their properties.</p> <p>Reply: Council takes an active interest in the threat posed by Rainbow Lorikeets, particularly in relation to Swift Parrots . Council has participated in previous trapping on Council land and continue to work with relevant stakeholders. Most recently, staff attended a workshop hosted by the Rainbow Lorikeet Management Group and as a result, Council pledged to continue to provide community education and raise awareness of the Rainbow Lorikeet issue. This will be done through the promotion of the Rainbow Lorikeet Management Group, the provision of educational material and other forms of community engagement .</p>
<p>UPDATE ON COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES</p>	<p>KLN recently held its AGM followed by a General Meeting and a screening of “Roadkill Warriors”. This event was well attended and we are looking forward to our next event in early February.</p> <p>Our member groups continue to work in their local patches managing invasive species, rubbish and tracks in our natural areas with support from council.</p>

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REPORT	<p>Meeting Date: 2 December 2023</p> <p>Name of Community Organisation: Friends of Longley-Area Group</p> <p>Name of representative attending: Nick Booth; Sue Quarmby</p> <p>Contact information: broughmj@gmail.com</p>
<p>CURRENT PRIORITIES:</p> <p>MAIN ISSUES RAISED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS:</p>	<p>Longley Park Recreation Master Plan implementation</p> <p>Land care – revegetation, Longley Park</p> <p>Landcare – weed control (education and management)</p> <p>Community event – <i>Picnic-in- the- Park</i></p> <p>NW Bay River Catchment Management and Action Plan – providing FLAG input</p> <p>Finalising input for Council 2024/25 Budget</p> <p>Expansion of Hazell Bros Leslie Vale quarry (proposed doubling of extractive capacity) – adequacy of the Leslie Vale Rd/Huon Highway intersection to cope with significant increase in heavy vehicle movements (traffic counter installed by Council counted 792 ave heavy vehicle movements per working day - approx one per minute during quarry operating hours!). This matter is being progressed with the Council Safety Advisory Committee, with an actioned request that Council write to the State Government expressing concerns.</p> <p>Weed (especially foxglove) management.</p>

<p>UPDATE ON COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES</p>	<p>Our <i>Picnic-in-the-Park</i> community fun and information event scheduled for Saturday 25 November was cancelled due to inclement weather. We hope to reschedule this event for February 2024.</p> <p>FLAG representatives attended Landcare Tasmania workshops at Longley Park on <u>water quality</u> and <u>willows and other weed mapping</u> during September and October. Water samples testing and aquatic fauna netting both indicated that water quality in NW Bay River at Longley is extremely high on all characteristics tested. The only significant characteristic we were unable to test for was coliforms. A FLAG member has committed to undertake ongoing regular testing. We did not find any willows at or near Longley Park. We did, however, identify blue periwinkle, foxglove, montbretia, Spanish heath and common blackberry (among others).</p>
<p>OTHER</p>	<p>FLAG conducted revegetation working bees at Longley Park for both new plantings and maintenance of previous years' plantings.</p> <p>FLAG volunteers have been active in providing information on foxglove management (see attached flier) and practical support in foxglove spraying and removal.</p> <p>Attachments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Note to residents - FLAG Information Sheet Foxglove