

7. Election of Office Bearers

Mike Brough was voted in as Chair. Nick Booth was voted in as Deputy Chair.

8. Acknowledgement of outgoing Chair and Deputy Chair

Mike Brough acknowledged outgoing chair, Chris Ireland and outgoing Deputy Chair, Jill Hickie.

Attachment

Chair's Report for the 2022 AGM of the Kingborough Community Forum

A major change that has occurred since the last AGM in 2021 is that KCF's very efficient Director of Environment, Development and Community Dr Katrena Stephenson has now resigned from the Kingborough Council.

Heather Salisbury who is very experienced, kindly stood in as Director of Environment, Development and Community at the July General Meeting. Council Employee, Bianca Kleine, has been most helpful since Katrena hasn't been available.

It's an important time, as at the next meeting we will be working with a new Council. Council elections are being held in October and it is the first time there will be compulsory voting for local government elections.

Revised meeting procedures adopted in February 2021 continue to work well, especially with Community Associations submitting their Reporting Template to the KCF Secretary at least 5 days prior to their member/s attending the General Meeting. This has given the Council time to seek information and provide written responses prior to the meeting.

Having Kingborough Council's General Manager Gary Arnold at meetings when all Community Consolidated Reports are printed and handed out, has also helped community issues being reacted to more quickly.

Another procedure was created to allow all Community Associations to have similar time frame to raise additional issues, by reducing verbal reports to roughly 5 minutes, which means that guest speakers from the Council have adequate time for their presentations.

Over the last 12 months, we established a working group to review our Purpose Statement. Thanks to Jill Hickie and others for developing draft Terms of Reference which is on the agenda today.

We now also have an Acknowledgement of Country at the beginning of all our meetings and a regular agenda item providing information on community engagements being undertaken by the Kingborough Council

I won't cover all the issues we have addressed this year, but just a few highlights include

- Emergency management kits
- Council's process for renewing / making by-laws
- Covid safe meeting procedures
- Ferry noise at Kettering
- Sportsfield user fees
- Weeds
- Taroon Hall
- IMAS development at Taroon
- Various road condition and safety issues, including Van Morey Road, Channel Highway at Snug, Nierinna Road Margate
- Spraying (and we have a presentation on this issue on our General Meeting agenda today)

A real highlight was the presentation at the last General Meeting by Phil Tomney from Kettering introducing the Net Zero project.

Going ahead, we are looking forward to consideration and input to the Local Provisions Schedules for Kingborough, (new Planning Scheme) with Council's Strategic Planner, Adriaan Stander due to present to the KCF once the consultation period opens.

Thank you for the support I have received since you have voted me in as Chair. I have really enjoyed my time in the role.

As I indicated at the July General Meeting, that due to a range of family and health reasons I am unable to seek reappointment as chair.

Anyway, I believe it's a good to give others an opportunity.

In conclusion, thanks for your participation and commitment to KCF and I wish the Forum well for the future.

Chris Ireland