

**Kingborough Community Forum
GENERAL MEETING**

Saturday 23 March 2024

9.30 am – 12.00 pm

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 2 December 2023
3. Presentation on the Kingborough Environmental Fund - Nic Alexander, Biodiversity Officer - Natural Areas and Biodiversity
4. Reports from each community organisation
 - 4.1. Mark Dunn – Leslie Vale Community Group – observer and providing report on proposed expansion of the Hazell Bros Leslie Vale quarry
5. Update on current projects and updates from Council - Daniel Smee, Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services
6. Other business
7. Next meetings: 15 June, 21 September, 7 December (tbc, same day as Council AGM)

KINGBOROUGH COMMUNITY FORUM

REPORT

Meeting Date: 23 March 2024

Name of Community Organisation: FLAG

Name of representative attending: Nick Booth; Sue Quarmby

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CURRENT PRIORITIES:

- Longley Park – Masterplan implementation; illegal camping; revegetation
- Weed management
- Activities planning

MAIN ISSUES RAISED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS:

Expansion of Hazell Bros Leslie Vale quarry: Residents (particularly those living in close proximity to the quarry) have a range of concerns regarding the current plan to double the quarry's extractive capacity and move to 24/7 operations. An issue indirectly associated with quarry operations is the unsafe nature of the Huon Highway/Leslie Rd intersection that has been previously reported in this forum and the Council Safety Committee. The intersection is inadequate for current traffic levels (including some 800 trucks entering or exiting Leslie Rd each day). Doubling of capacity will presumably involve a significant increase in truck movements.

Officer's reply:

The issue with the intersection is an issue of the Department of State Growth, this has been brought to attention by Council on several occasions. The quarry is currently undertaking an approval process for expansion with the EPA which will also involve DSG. Council is not involved with the planning approval process as of yet. Council has met with several concerned residents as regards this matter and suggested some possible community actions.

Illegal camping at Longley Park: Residents are increasingly concerned with the amount of illegal camping (both vans and tents) at the park. This is associated with rubbish and toileting issues, while heavy vans and tow vehicles lead to soil compression and surface disturbance. The presence of camp sites acts as a deterrent for day-users (for whom the park is intended).

This matter has been raised on a number of previous occasions, including rectification through installation of physical barriers as an action arising for the recently approved Longley Recreation Reserves Masterplan. Funding for this purpose has been sought as a (modest) 2024/25 budget measure. FLAG seeks Council support in rectifying this growing problem as a high priority.

	<p>Officer's reply: The installation of barriers will be considered as a capital bid in Council's 2024/25 budget.</p> <p>Weed Management: FLAG continues to provide information and support on weed management. Our activities continue to focus on the insidious spread of foxgloves, while also providing information on other weeds of concern such as Spanish Heath. It is gratifying that Biosecurity Tasmania has commenced the process for having foxglove declared as a weed in Tasmania.</p>
<p>UPDATE ON COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES</p> <p>OTHER</p>	<p>Clean up Australia Day: Our Clean up Australia Day activity is, at the time of writing, planned for Saturday 17 March. An oral update will be provided at the Forum meeting.</p> <p>Picnic in the Park: This community event was planned for March 2024; however, due to a range of constraints, including availability of key participants, has been rescheduled for November.</p> <p>Revegetation: Our revegetation activities, including new plantings and maintenance of previous plantings will continue throughout the year, with working bees scheduled approximately bi-monthly. Council support in provision of plants and materials is greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Budget submission: FLAG has included requests for funding to support implementation of the Longley Recreation Reserves Masterplan agreed recommendations; and reiterated our request for funding for the previously funded, but yet-to-be implemented, feasibility plan for a multi-user track alongside Leslie Rd (Huon Highway to Huon Rd).</p>

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Name of Community Organisation: KCA

Name of representative attending: Peter Laud

Contact information: 0475 513 647

CURRENT PRIORITIES:

Very long queues for Bruny ferry this summer, possibly worst ever and severe inconvenience for Kettering residents. Channel Hwy and Ferry Rd both State roads but can KC do anything to alleviate the continuing problem. Also, when will dual loading facility be completed?

Officer's reply: This is a Department of State Growth issue, we understand they have been exploring options to provide some overflow parking to mitigate some of the queuing on Channel Highway in particular.

Does KC have any plans to extend roadside kerbside rubbish collection to Kettering? Some residents believe there may be although surveys in the past have suggested residents do not favour this idea and are content with the existing do it yourself arrangement.

Officer's reply: No immediate plans. Council have surveyed residents on at least two occasions and although there is some community support the majority do not support a kerbside collection service.

There is a view that the exterior of Kettering Hall should be made more aesthetically pleasing possibly through creating a mural perhaps with a maritime theme. This would need to be a budget consideration for council but how would the community best approach this with KC?

Officer's reply:

A mural would be a low priority for Council when compared with some of the functional upgrades required on Council's community halls (including the Kettering Hall where an internal accessible toilet is required).

Concerns continue over the lack of fencing around the children's playground at the rear of the community hall and the risk posed by reversing vehicles.

Officer's reply: Council does not intend to replace the fencing and this decision is supported by an independent risk assessment.

**UPDATE ON
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

KCA continues with a guest speaker programme, and this has attracted a healthy 40-plus audience, rather more than we were getting at previous meetings. Next guest speaker is the first Thursday in April - April 4 - with Captain Sarah Parry of Hobart-based Windeward Bound. We have also enjoyed a monthly community BBQ at Kettering oval.

**UPDATE ON
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

We held our **KLN Social Event at Dru Point Margate** on Saturday 3rd Feb 2024 from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

Attendance was healthy with 31 people present including the KLN Committee and Council staff supporting Landcare groups (Rene Raichert, Sophie Golding, Nicole King).

Sophie Golding, the new Biodiversity Officer liaising with Landcare community groups in Kingborough, introduced herself to those present.

Nicole King, Aboriginal Land Management Officer, welcomed us to Country and talked about the cultural values of the area.

Rene Raichert organised and provided Council funds for 20 people to do Nature Journaling with Keith Davis. She also catered for 31 people at a barbecue on site.

The event was a great success with perfect weather and many connections made amongst members. Feedback on the event elicited via survey will inform the executive team moving forward in planning annual summer social events.

Jason Graham, President of Pacific Black Duck Conservation Group, has recently launched his ***Ducks of Tasmania* booklet**, and it is now available to purchase at Wild Tasmania, the Botanical Gardens and Bonorong. Jason acknowledges that Council contributed significantly to the cost of printing and that the Natural Areas and Biodiversity team will be distributing copies. There are plans for the book to assist with community education.

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Meeting Date: 23 March 2024

Name of Community Organisation: South Channel Ratepayers & Residents Association

Name of representative attending: Gloria Lonergan

Contact information: Gloria Lonergan

CURRENT PRIORITIES:

A resident has witnessed several 'near misses' when two large vehicles have driven towards each other on Beach Road, as the vehicle traveling west up the road towards the shop has to swerve out into the middle of the road to avoid the over-hanging conifer tree growing between number 24 & 26 Beach Road. As this part of the road is on an incline the vehicle traveling west must negotiate this in a blind spot.

Shortly before the excellent repair work on the Beach Road/Esplanade intersection, the STOP sign was removed. It has never been replaced. A resident pointed this out to Kingborough Council several months ago. As there are no clear instructions as to who actually has the right of way, it is both confusing and dangerous.

Officer's reply: Two services requests have been raised to investigate tree trimming and reinstallation of the stop sign.

MAIN ISSUES RAISED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS:

Dumping of rubbish along the Esplanade, Middleton is of concern particularly as some is garden refuse that could threaten local natural vegetation. Suggested additional free green waste days at the tip.

Officer's reply: Free green waste days are becoming less popular with residents and it is doubtful that they will be used by people who are willing to dump their rubbish. If a more defined location can be provided this can be further investigated.

A resident reported positively of support and interactions with Council for the repair/upgrade of drains in McDowall St.

Because of a recent upsurge in rabbits and feral cats in the Middleton/Gordon area, contact has been made with the Kingborough Council Cat Control officer. We are negotiating with her to attend our upcoming meeting as a guest speaker to inform the community about feral cats and the cat management program. We are also in contact with Biosecurity Tasmania regarding the rabbits. They have indicated they will be available to provide a speaker later in the year. As a community, we need to provide evidence that these animals are growing in numbers and

	threatening the existence of the wild life, as well as the health and wellbeing of residents and their domestic animals. It has been suggested that residents record any and every sighting of feral animals through the app "Feral Scan".
UPDATE ON COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES	A very successful Middleton on the Green was held on Saturday 3 rd February. Australia's Biggest Morning Tea will be held on Saturday 11 th May at the Middleton Community Hall.

KINGBOROUGH COMMUNITY FORUM

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Meeting Date: 23 March 2024

Name of Community Organisation: Taroona Community Association

Name of representative attending: Maureen Robinson

Contact information: TaroonaSecretary@gmail.com

CURRENT PRIORITIES:

Communication w. residents re some of the issues raised below via our newsletter e.g. maps of where dogs can be off lead/on lead or not at all.

Preparing to respond to the LPS when it is out for public comment

Preparing a “landing page” on the website for new residents – to welcome them and give info. Like trackdown of Taroona map.

MAIN ISSUES RAISED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS:

The ongoing issue of large vehicles getting stuck at the corner of Orana Place and Channel Highway

Officer’s reply: This issue of large vehicles getting stuck at the intersection of Channel Highway and Orana Place only started after Department of State Growth resealed Channel Highway. Council has discussed the issue with them and provided advice on a possible treatment. In the meantime, DSG were considering installation of advance warning signage on Channel Highway. It is not known if the signage has been installed yet.

Ongoing concern re access to Kelvedon Oval in case of Fire. We know this has been resolved with the TVFB but residents still ask us about it.

Officer’s reply: The TFS has confirmed that they have no concerns with the temporary fencing around the oval. If the facility is required to be used as a nearby safer place, the TFS will advise Council and the fencing will be removed.

Nubeena Cres Landslip remediation – we can see work being done

Abandoned boats on the foreshore

State of the Baringa Road/Wandella Dr public walkway

Comments re dogs offlead where they shouldn’t be e.g. on the

	fore shore track
DATE ON COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES	We are proposing to hold a community expo in spring, based around the reserve and the community hall to highlight the clubs and associations in Taroona and to share this particularly with new residents.

KINGBOROUGH COMMUNITY FORUM

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Meeting Date: 2/12/23

Name of Community Organisation: Blackmans Bay Community Association

Name of representative attending: Louisa d'Arville

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CURRENT PRIORITIES:

- Continuation of regular events- Landcare working bees, crop swaps and board game nights.
- Planning for an all ages event at the Blackmans Bay Skate Park.
- Broadening public and Council understanding around FoGO Friendly Dog Poo bags.
- Raising awareness in our community and with Council around wildlife deaths on our roads, why and how we can be a part of preventing this ongoing devastation.

- **Skate park condition and inclusion** - it is run down and uninviting. It does not attract good skaters as there are issues with it which prevent any high level skating from being achieved. It does not have an inclusive feel due to safety issues/lighting/antisocial behaviours.

Officer's response: A high quality skate park is a recommendation of the Kingborough Sport and Recreation Strategy - location to be determined.

We have asked the following questions on notice to Council for their meeting 18th March:

- Are Councillors aware that an independent review of dog poo bags has been commissioned by Kingborough Waste Services?
- What is the reasoning behind the commissioning of this review?
- What is the timeline for this review?
- What is the cost of the review and is this cost being paid by the ratepayers of Kingborough?

We are looking forward to the draft budget release, with the hope that we see the inclusion of FoGO Friendly dog poo bags and work between Golden Grove Drive, Burwood Drive and Woodlands Drive included on it. The Works on the 'Drives' have been on the 5 year plan for 5 years and we anticipate their inclusion in the budget.

<p>UPDATE ON COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES</p>	<p>In what could have been called 'Blackmans Bay Fest', the BBKA hosted three community events across February and March, all linking to this year's theme of waste reduction. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of people in our community and committee who donated their time at no cost to host these events.</p> <p>We kicked off with the Edible garden trail...</p> <p>After opening up such an array of gardens, all producing food, the EGT was backed up on 24 February with an introduction to composting workshop, hosted by committee member and Plantago Permaculture owner, Benoît Chambon. This sold out 2-hour session covered multiple types of composting systems, making this accessible to every home situation. This has inspired participants to think about how they use their garden and food waste, and how to keep a circular system of growing, eating, composting, feeding soil to grow again, thriving. It certainly made everyone think of how valuable 'waste' is!</p>
<p>OTHER</p>	<p>We rounded our bumper event schedule, with a preserving workshop, hosted by BBKA Secretary and enthusiastic preserver, Hayley Chambon. It seems these events are popular in our community, as this was also sold out. Attendees preserved tomatoes using the Fowlers Vacola method, and over 2-hours on a Friday night, learned all the skills needed to get preserving at home - which will see more local, seasonal fruits get preserved for winter enjoyment rather than left in the garden to spoil. Even less waste! Big thanks to the Kingston Beach Uniting Church for giving us a heavy discount on hire fees to use their kitchen for this workshop.</p> <p>A busy start to the year building connections, sharing skills, making positive impacts, and reducing waste! Thanks to all involved for the efforts - they'll have a rest now!</p>