

**Kingborough Community Forum  
GENERAL MEETING**

**Saturday 2 December 2023  
9.15am – 10.30am**

**Council Chambers – Civic Centre, 15 Channel Highway, Kingston**

**MINUTES**

**Attendees**

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Louisa D'Arville	Blackmans Bay Community Association
Peter Tatham	Bonnet Hill Community Association
Mike Jackson	Coningham & Lower Snug Community Association
Andrew Mollison	Howden Progress Association
Peter Laud	Kettering Community Association
Roland Painter & Jason Graham	Kingborough Landcare Network
Rob Crosthwaite	Snug Landcare
Roger Kellaway	Taroona Community Association
Nick Booth	Friends of Longley Area Group & Deputy Chair
Mike Brough	Chair
Council Officers:	
Gary Arnold	General Manager
Daniel Smee	Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services
Bianca Kleine	Communications and Engagement Support Officer
Councillors:	
	Mayor Cr. Paula Wriedt, Cr. Clare Glade-Wright; Cr. Aldo Antolli, Cr. David Bain, Cr. Gideon Cordover, Cr. Flora Fox, Cr. Amanda Midgley
Apologies:	
	Gloria Lonergan (SCRRA), Bruny Island Community Association, Friends of North Bruny, Margate Hills Community Association

**1. Introduction, Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country**

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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 at the beginning of the annual general meeting prior to this forum.

**2. Confirmation of Minutes of the Kingborough Community Forum 9 September 2023**

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The forum participants endorsed the 9 September 2023 general meeting minutes as a true record.

**3. Reports from each Community Organisation**

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The forum participants noted the consolidated reports and responses from the Council officers.

**FRIENDS OF LONGLEY AREA GROUP (FLAG)**

Refer to report (attached to agenda)

- It was noted that some dog walkers ignore the 'no dogs' signage on the new North West Bay River Trail.

## **TAROONA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (TCA)**

- TCA and Taroom Fire Services developed and circulated a bushfire ready flyer for Taroom residents.
- Taroom foreshore toilet block – skylight being installed raised concerns about people's privacy.
- Comments on Taroom bicycle lane upgrades – noted the upgrade will affect the area uphill between the city boundary and primary school; identified the need to consider other users of the road; turning circle at Alamo Place may become difficult for buses to navigate.

## **SNUG LANDCARE**

No items to report.

## **KETTERING COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (KCA)**

Refer to report.

- NBN recently removed public seats that were installed at the junction of Channel Highway and Selby Road. Residents would like to see these seats to be reinstated.
- Fencing of play area – the small play area behind Kettering Hall was not completely fenced after completion of recent works. The group identified a risk for children to be hit by reversing cars and is seeking the fence to be re-installed.
- The group expressed thanks to Council for installing the new basketball ring on the Council tennis court in Kettering.

## **KINGBOROUGH LANDCARE NETWORK**

Refer to report.

KLN acknowledged that Council is unable to implement changes on speed limits on roads, however, still would like to see more action taken about roadkill on roads.

## **CONINGHAM AND LOWER SNUG COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (CALSCA)**

Refer to report.

- CALSCA is not satisfied with the response from Council officers to the request for free green waste vouchers and will continue to pursue, hoping others support this attempt.
- CALSCA had a successful bushfire session with the local fire brigade on Saturday 25 November, 55 people attended.

## **BLACKMANS BAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (BBCA)**

Refer to report.

- Budget – Compostable dog poo bags – BBKA continue to push for Council to switch to compostable dog poo bags.

## **BONNET HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

- Sparking Conversations worked with the Bonnet Hill community followed by the following:
  - Meetings at two private properties discussing bushfire safety and preparedness (20 attendees)
  - Meeting at the Golf Club (70 participants)

- Creation of a WhatsApp group
- Meeting with South Hobart Community Association

BHCA thanked Council for supporting this project and noted the value of one event starting various community initiatives. It was noted that Sparking Conversations is a pilot project, there may be discussions about expanding the program.

- Insurance for community events is still an issue, group is aware that Council is not in a position to provide insurance.
- Request for free access for meetings at Kingborough Community Hub for Community Associations

#### **HOWDEN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION (HPA)**

Refer to report.

- Meeting with TasFire to be held in January.

#### **South Channel Ratepayers and Residents Association**

Refer to report (apology).

The chair thanked all participants for their reports.

#### **4. Updates on current projects – Daniel Smee, Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services**

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- Main Street Kingston – bus shelters to be installed next week.
- Summerleas Underpass – design is finalised, will go to tender early 2024.
- Kelvedon Oval Drainage works underway.
- Kingborough Sports Centre – works commenced on the upgrade to the Fitness Centre and toilet facilities.
- Woodbridge Hall public toilets – new facilities are complete.
- Taroon Beach Public Toilets – nearing completion.
- Snug Hall and Toilets – works to commence in the New Year.
- Spring Farm track – works commenced. Connection track to the sports precinct completed.
- Engagements:
  - Kingston Beach Local Traffic Management (LATM) – open until 12 December.
  - Trees on Private Property By-Law – closed, being assessed.
  - Multicultural Survey – closed.
  - Dog Management Policy – closed, will go to Council next week.
  - Sport and Recreation Strategy – closed, draft to Council next week seeking approval for release for public comment.

Note: The Sports and Recreation Strategy to be presented at Council's AGM 2023.

#### **5. Updates from Council – Significant Council Decisions – Gary Arnold, General Manager**

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- Adopted Tramway Creek Flood Study Report (Margate)
- Resolved to consider the implementation of compostable dog poo bags for the 24/25 financial year.
- Community grants awarded.
- Guidelines for rapid response grants were amended to allow some flexibility to fund an event or activity more than once.
- State Draft Fire and Emergency Services Bill – funding model to be revised, significant increases to fire levy are suggested especially for commercial and industrial properties.

- Report to go to Council meeting on 18 December regarding management of conflicts of interest for Councillors.

## 6. Other business

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The Chair reminded participants to forward their budget submission to Council by 15 December.

Meeting closed at 10 am.

## 7. Next meetings:

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Saturday 23 March, 15 June and 21 September – 9.30am – 12pm

7 December (tbc, same day as Council AGM)

### List of Actions

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<p>KCA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NBN recently removed public seats that were installed by Council at the junction of Channel Highway and Selby Road. Residents would like to see these seats to be reinstated.</li> <li>• Fencing of play area – the small play area behind Kettering Hall was not completely fenced after completion of recent works. The group identified a risk for children to be hit by reversing cars and is seeking the fence to be re-installed.</li> </ul>	<p>Due to the installation of Telstra's NBN cable and the seat being inground, required the removal of the seat. A replacement seat was installed at the junction of Channel Highway and Corbys Road on 5 December. It will be painted within a week to match the existing seating already in the area.</p> <p>Council does not intend to replace the fencing and this decision is supported by an independent risk assessment.</p>
<p>TCA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taroon foreshore toilet block - the concern about privacy undergoing renovations has been raised. The skylight may breach people's privacy.</li> </ul>	<p>Council officers will investigate.</p>
<p>BHCA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request for free access for meetings at Kingborough Community Hub for Community Associations</li> </ul>	<p>Council has provision for free use of its community halls for meetings of community associations within its fees and charges. However, the Community Hub is subject to a different fee structure that reflects the higher level of costs associated with providing this facility. It is suggested that the BHCA explore the use of a community hall for their meetings if free usage is required.</p>