

**Kingborough Community Forum  
GENERAL MEETING**

**Thursday 19 June 2025**

**5 pm – 7.15pm**

**Middleton Room, Kingborough Community Hub, 7 Goshawk Way Kingston**

**MINUTES**

**Attendees**

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Sue Quarmby & Nick Booth	Friends of Longley Area Group & Deputy Chair
Kate Lucas & Mike Jackson	Community Association of Greater Snug (CAGS)
Louisa d'Arville & Diana Taylor	Blackmans Bay Community Association
Maureen Robinson	Taroona Community Association
Mark Dunn & Henry De Cesare	Leslie Vale Community Group
Peter Laud	Kettering Community Association
Michael Chadwick	Howden Progress Association
Jan Richards	Friends of North Bruny
Fiona Masters	Kingborough Dog Walking Association
Jill Hickie	Chair
Council Officers:	
Dave Stewart:	CEO
Sam Adams	Coordinator
Councillors:	
	Cr Amanda Midgely
	Cr David Bain
	Cr Gideon Cordover (online)
Apologies:	
	Cr Paula Wriedt
	Cr Aldo Antolli
	Cr Flora Fox
	Mike Brough (Friends of Longley Area Group)
	Kingborough Landcare Network

**1. Introduction and acknowledgement of country (chair)**

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The Chair 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 20 March 2025**

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The Chair acknowledged apologies and introduced the new Community Forum members Kingborough Dog Walking Association (KDWA) representative Fiona Masters.

The 20 March 2025 General Meeting minutes were confirmed as a true record and adopted (with one extra adjustment from Community Association of Greater Snug.)

### **3. Reports from each community organisation**

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The Chair called for the presentation of key issues from community group reports.

#### **FRIENDS OF LONGLEY AREA GROUP**

- Defibrillator to be installed at the Sandfly Shop – funded by the Longley Hotel social club
- Revegetation plan continuation around the North West Bay catchment area

#### **HOWDEN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION**

- Michael Chadwick has taken over the leadership of the Progress Association
- The Howden Hall is owned by the progress association and needs reroofing
- They lease the land to the fire brigade (providing a source of income)
- Looking to get a toilet(have approached the Council for help)
- There is interest in learning more about Bushfire resilience
- Have created a centralised collection area for soft plastics – with someone taking it to the tip
- Letterboxed the area with the Ten Lives survey

#### **LESLIE VALE COMMUNITY GROUP**

- The Leslie Vale Community Group's main focus is the Hazel Brothers proposal to increase the production of the Leslie Vale Quarry from 1 million tonnes to 2 million tonnes. The group was formed in response to concerns about the quarry.
- Raised concerns about the increased frequency and intensity of quarry blasts, which have been impacting nearby residents.
- They contacted the EPA to inquire about compliance with ground vibration standards and requested monitoring of the blasts.
- The EPA conducted tests to establish ground vibration levels outside homes and reported that the blasts were within the limits. However, residents noted that the vibrations were much more intense inside their homes.
- The group requested a meeting with Hazel Brothers to discuss the blasting technique and its impact on residents. They suggest changing the blasting technique would help to reduce the impact on nearby homes. Hazel Brothers declined to meet with residents.
- A large community meeting is being organised on 31 August.

#### **CONINGHAM AND GREATER SNUG COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (CAGS)**

- The group has organised two AEDs (defibrillators)
- Asked the CEO about the cost of a bridge to cross over Snug Creek. Informed that the cost of the bridge over Whitewater Creek recently installed would cost \$200,000 Council officers will potentially organise a catch up in the future.
- Encourage acquisition of land near Channel Hwy for Snug pathway as without the land the project can't proceed CEO stated that resolving land tenure issues in this area are very complicated.
- Raised concerns about water quality at the beach at Snug – which they heard had failed 4 times over recent years. Wanting reports sent to the group. CEO stated that according to the Council sampling program of beaches, which is run during the summer swimming season, water quality was acceptable.

#### **KINGBOROUGH DOG WALKING ASSOCIATION**

- Commented on the LVCG quarry blasting issue and suggested the dogs would be suffering. Suggested contacted president of KDWA
- Snug Beach has a new off-lead area
- They are rewriting the Dog Owners manual

- Working with Council to develop a 'dog strategy'

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

- Made active decision not to put in a report as did not have the time
- Groups main focus has been on building community resilience (not specifically emergency)
- Parliament speech by Meg Webb on BBBCA edible garden trail
- Hosted the public meeting#SCRAPTHEDAPS with PMAT Executive Officer speaking
- Container Refund Scheme – one member is collecting the bottles for money
- Expanded BBBCA Whats App group beyond committee members to build community networks

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

- Raised concerns about the pressure to increase housing density along Channel Highway, which could lead to a loss of amenity and the unique ambience of Tarroona.
- Ongoing concerns about the impact of the proposed Development Assessment Panels, which would disenfranchise councils and the community.
- Engagement and Consultation – requested that KCF be notified of any Council engagement and consultations underway
- Ongoing concerns about the Council's increase in Community Hall hire fees. Would like to discuss this with other concerned groups. North Bruny expressed interest. An out-of-session meeting to be organised.
- It was agreed that the issue of abandoned boats would be taken to a smaller group as this issue does not impact all member groups in the KCF

### **KETTERING COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

- No written report presented
- Hoping for some progress on the Kettering Hall playground
- Interest in what Howden is doing with the soft plastics

### **FRIENDS OF NORTH BRUNY**

- Discussed the reinstatement of the afternoon ferry service, which was crucial for residents, trades, and visitors. The community worked collaboratively with the Tasmanian government to address the issue. Emphasised the need for better management to balance tourism and community needs
- Mentioned the refurbishment of the tennis courts at North Bruny, thanks to the support from Kingborough Council.
- Highlighted the work done on the Heritage Trail, including the addition of QR codes that link to their website for more information.
- Discussed their participation in the tree planting project under the threatened Woodlands bird on Bruny Island initiative.
- Raised concerns about the maintenance of dirt roads on North Bruny, noting that the roads are only graded twice a year and are showing signs of wear.

## **4. Discussion on community resilience**

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- emphasised the importance of building connections within the community to enhance resilience. Discussed the role of community groups in fostering relationships and supporting each other during emergencies.
- It was highlighted the need for effective communication and coordination during emergencies, including the use of platforms like WhatsApp and Facebook to keep residents informed.
- The group discussed various community initiatives, such as setting up Street coordinators during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure residents had support and access to essential services.
- It was mentioned the role of the Community Resilience Officer in assisting groups with building resilience and planning for emergencies would be better to lead a discussion with the group.
- It was agreed that the next meeting would be dedicated to discussing community resilience building and invite Councils community resilience officer. Any residual meeting time will be dedicated to community reports and council business.

## 5. Report from Council

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Dave Stewart CEO Kingborough Council, presented Council's report to the Community Forum:

### Budget 25/26

- An update on the council budget was provided, and discussion around the reduction of the proposed rate increase from 8% to 6.5% .
- The challenges of balancing the budget were highlighted, including the increasing cost of building infrastructure and the need to find savings within the council's operations.
- The capital program was discussed, which aims to deliver projects within the financial year and improve long-term asset management planning.

### Sports Centre Developments

- Work for the Jack Jumpers High Performance Centre was discussed and the AFL High Performance Centre, highlighting the economic development opportunities for Kingborough with the development of these facilities.
- The Mountain Bike Park will have redirected tracks, the pump track is moving within the same precinct. The off-lead dog area will be moved and the expense around that is more around finding land.
- The State Government is funding the project and all the facilities that need to be relocated.
- Our staffing is funded by the State (the dedicated roles)

### Draft Kingborough Council Local Provisions Schedule PS

- This process has taken a long time with over 1600 representations. Council officers are planning to present to the Tasmanian Planning Commission at the end of July

### State Election

- No discussion as little information available at the time of the meeting.

### Snug Tiers Fires

- All agencies worked well together with some learnings that all agencies are taking onboard.

### Question:

- **BBCA:** question on how many responses were received from Blackmans Bay and Kingston areas for the LPS community engagement, compared to other suburbs CEO response - that the number of responses are proportional to the amount of people living in the suburbs.

## **6. Other business – Resilience Discussion next meeting**

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- Question: is there any strategy within Council looking at limiting growth. In relation to Bruny where the land can't just grow.
- Answer from CEO: Agreed that tourism has an effect on Bruny Island. We need to think about what our measures are but yet to be determined.

## **7. Next meetings set**

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- Thursday 18 September - 5 - 7pm
- Thursday 27 November 5 – 7pm