

**Kingborough Community Forum  
GENERAL MEETING**

**Thursday 20 March 2025**

**4 pm – 6.15pm**

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

**MINUTES**

**Attendees**

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Tammy Price	Bruny Island Community Association (online)
Mike Brough & Nick Booth	Friends of Longley Area Group & Deputy Bruny
Kate Lucas & Mike Jackson	Coningham & Lower Snug Community Association
Chloe Bibani	Blackmans Bay Community Association
Nick Booth & Mike	Friends of Longley Group
Maureen Robinson	Taroona Community Association
Mark Dunn	Leslie Vale Community Group
Owen Whitton	Margate Hills
Jill Hickie	Chair
Council Officers:	
Deleeze Chetcuti	Director Environment, Development and Community
Sam Adams	Secretary
Councillor	Cr Amanda Midgely
Councillor	Cr Flora Fox
Apologies:	Cr Paula Wriedt
	Cr Kasper Dean

**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 21 September 2024**

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The Chair mentioned that copies of the minutes from the last meeting were not available at the meeting but had been sent out earlier to members

The 28 November 2024 General Meeting minutes were confirmed as a true record and adopted.

**3. Community Forum Terms of Reference**

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The Chair proposed adopting the reviewed Terms of Reference for the Community Forum. Forum members were satisfied with the reviewed document. There were no objections, and a motion was made (by who?) to adopt the terms. The motion was seconded (by who?), and the terms were adopted with unanimous support.

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

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The Chair outlined the process agreed at the previous meeting for verbally presenting group reports: members to highlight two or three key items for discussion.

##### **FRIENDS OF LONGLEY**

- Discussion around the installation of bollards to stop illegal camping.
  - Council will consider this project through the 25/26 Budget process

##### **MARGATE HILLS COMMUNITY GROUP**

- Report was not sent prior to the meeting
- Van Morey Road grading: raised concerns about the grading of roads and the need for emergency vehicle access improvements. Noted that only a few hundred meters of road had been graded.
- Emergency Vehicle Access: in light of recent Snug fires, it was suggested reviewing access routes and working with the Council and emergency services to address the issue.
- The group discussed the importance of community resilience and it was suggested that they connect with Belinda Loxley, the Community Resilience Coordinator, for further support.

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

- Concerns with planning and development issues including the government's draft DAP Bill and a recent development application for the redevelopment of 5 Grange Avenue (the old Mary's Grange Nursing Home)
- Raised concerns about abandoned and stored boats on beaches - noting that they pose environmental hazards. It was suggested that the Council take the lead in addressing the issue by finding legal mechanisms to manage abandoned boats and recreational crafts
- The group agreed to explore this further and potentially set up a working group to address the issue.
- The group discussed the need for better communication between community groups and suggested setting up a platform for ongoing discussions. Suggestions included, a WhatsApp group or an email group, to facilitate ongoing discussions. As some members don't use social media, an email group was considered the best option for the present. The Chair to initiate once contacts have been sent to her.

##### **BRUNY ISLAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (BICA)**

- Over-Tourism on Bruny Island is continuing to be a significant issue highlighting issues such as the impact on road conditions and rubbish management.
- Emphasised the need for better management to balance tourism and community needs
- Concerns were raised about residents feeling unhappy with the council in relation to planning issues and the need for better engagement with the community.

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

- Discussed the need for water quality testing in Coningham beach.
  - Over the summer period Coningham Beach is tested – if enterococci are detected at a high enough level there would be signs put up advising not to swim and retesting would occur.
- Mention about the compulsory acquisition of some land which is next Channel Hwy in Snug.
- A member raised that there was a smell in the Conningham beach area at times.
  - Council's Environmental team were unaware of any incident that may have caused the noted issue. Unless it was rotting seaweed. The team recommended that in future should anyone notice any issues to please contact Council at the time.

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

- DAP - The group discussed the draft Development Assessment Panel Bill, with concerns about its impact on community input and the democratic process.

BBCA tabled a motion for the community forum to recommend that the Council not support the DAP Bill. (Refer to details in Item 5 below).

The Chair thanked all participants for their reports.

**General question:** A number of issues were raised in the group reports, will they be responded to before the next meeting?

**Answer:** (provided copy to group 22 May 2025)

## **5. Discussion on the Draft Development Assessment Panel Bill**

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- The group discussed the Tasmanian Government's Draft Development Assessment Panel Bill, which proposes that planning applications could be referred to Development Assessment Panels bypassing Local Government as the Planning Authority. .
- Deleeze Chetcuti, the Council's Director, Environment, Development and Community explained that they made a submission against the previous bill, arguing that it is unnecessary and could undermine local knowledge and expertise in planning assessments. They suggested that the bill might be beneficial for smaller councils with limited resources but raised concerns about the Minister's involvement in planning decisions.
- It was stated that only minimal changes has been made to the proposed reviewed Draft DAP Bill and it would be likely that Council officers will be recommending to the Council that a similar response be made to the Government.
- Community Concerns: The group expressed concerns about the bill's impact on community input and the democratic process. They highlighted the potential loss of local representation in planning decisions and the subjective nature of the criteria for referring applications to the planning authority.
- Motion Against the Bill:  
BBCA proposed a motion. The motion was not supported by member groups. It was agreed however that the wording of the motion would be emailed to all groups to allow forum members to take it back to their individual groups to consider and respond accordingly.

## **6. Report from Council**

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Through the Director of Environment, Development and Community the Council report was presented to the Community Forum

- **Budget development** process is underway with a community engagement consultation out for public comment, looking at the funding priorities for the community.
  - Budget decision made in Council Meeting before the end of June, some community groups have already presented their submissions. The submissions are being collated in June.
- **AFL High Performance Centre**
  - Council is responsible for management of the impacted facilities in the Kingborough Sports Precinct.

- Council has been engaging with the impacted stakeholders - Kingborough Dog Walking Association, Dog Obedience, Tigers (AFL) & Knights (cricket team) and Mountain Bike users - around their future movement.
- Council has set up a Steering Committee to develop a Management Plan and is recruiting resources
- Council will be releasing this Master Plan to the community in the near future
- The Department of State Growth will carry the cost of moving the infrastructure

- Questions

Is there any discussion regarding a by-pass for Margate.

- Response taken from the Margate Masterplan (excerpt): *“Some participants were concerned that the plan may contribute to congestion, with some advocating for a bypass to redirect heavy traffic away from the town centre. There are currently no plans for a Margate bypass. A bypass is unlikely in the foreseeable future as it would likely have a significant cost and have a significant impact on the surrounding community, and the environment.”*

- Discussion around the proposed development at Margate.

- DC clarified that the project was only at the stage where Council had approved the application to amend the scheme. It will be considered by the Tasmanian Planning Commission – then if it is approved it will come back to Council.
- Comment made that it doesn't feel cohesive. Council needs to make sure the infrastructure is inline with the growing community. Congestion with school drop.
- The other thing that overarches this is the Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy (STRLUS) outlining that this is the place where strategic planning needed to happen. This is the plan that considers growth and where it is, and how it is serviced. It is underway.

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### **Draft Kingborough Local Provisions Schedule**

- Planning Scheme exhibition process has finished. Council officers are reviewing the submissions and will be compiling a report for Council.

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### **Summerleas underpass –**

Works are entering the final stages. Thanks conveyed to everyone for their patience

- **Kingston Central Bus Stop –**
- remedial works commencing next week. It will be tested again with Department of State Growth (DSG) and Metro before the buses are transitioned back. Council will be supporting this process.

**Question:** will there be any delays?

**Answer:** There will be no traffic delays as it is off the road.

**Question:** people are saying the bus interchange is not in the right place?

**Answer:** There are varying views around its location. There were discussions about keeping the bus stops on Goshawk Way instead of moving the buses back to the Channel Highway. However, Goshawk Way's has accessibility challenges for elderly residents and people with disabilities, making it more difficult for users to reach public transport for shopping and essential services. The redesign of the Channel Highway location addresses these concerns by prioritising safe, convenient access to public transport.

BBCA- wanted to thank Council for the mural for Jasper Kelly.

- DC responded by saying it is Council's intention to get Jasper Kelly to run more workshops with the youth in creating murals.

**Ques:** the old “you are entering Kingborough” sign is looking old. It might be good to upgrade this?

**Ans:** There is no operational budget allocated for this project in the near future.

## **7. Other business**

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### **Former Forum member**

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The Chair shared sad news that Rob Crosswaite passed away. He was a former member of the community forum.

## **8. Climate Policy**

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Chair congratulated Council on the review of Climate Change Policy.

## **9. Next meetings set**

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- Thursday 19 June 5 – 7pm
- Thursday 18 September 5 - 7pm
- Thursday 27 November 5 – 7pm