



# **Bruny Island Community Association Inc.**

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## **Minutes of General Meeting held at Bruny Bowls Club, Adventure Bay Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

**Opened** 11.07am Fran Davis, Chair.

**Present** 51 J Kobylec, R Sandford, R & F Davis, T & T Herlihy, D Welch, C Newitt, H & T Price, M Brinckman, L Webb, J Mahjouri, M Weston, R & D Wells, J & M Pforr, M Hansson, L & J Kumpulainen, R & D Andrews, J Weeding, D & R Wernick, C Wernick, D Driver, L Wood, C McDougall, L & M Frawley, M Hawken, M & B Graham, G & S Kingston, E & C Jedamzik, W Baillie, L & C Bradley, R Gobbey, D McMillan, J Marsh, J Self, C Sigrist, T Rayner, F Fitch, Hon. J Petrusma, D Grace

**Apologies** 13 K Darby, M & K Duncombe, N Weetman, L Champine, D Gregg, A Motson, K Hughes, B Weston, R Hamilton, L Hansson, D & J Boyer

**Previous Minutes** Moved J Kobylec 2<sup>nd</sup> J Self that previous minutes be accepted – Passed

### **Business Arising**

1. Bus Shelter – Fran Davis advised she had spoken to David Reeve from Kingborough Council about a surplus bus shelter at the KCC depot in Kingston which could possibly be installed at Simpsons Bay Road intersection with Bruny Main Road. This would be a great benefit to the community as several children catch the school bus at this intersection. David advised there is a bus shelter available, however as it is not Council policy to supply shelters, he would have to look into it.

### **Correspondence**

**Out** Letter to David Reeve, KC re Bus Shelter, Simpson Bay Road Intersection  
Letter of thanks to Graeme Phillips, Bruny Ferry Company re stickers  
Letter to Hon. Michael Ferguson, MP, Minister for Health

**IN** Letter from David Reeve re Bus Shelter, Simpsons Bay Intersection  
Letter from Amanda Keygan, DSG, re Neck Development Project and public display, Alonnah  
Letter from Graeme Phillips offering to pay for 1000 car stickers  
Email from PWS re road works Nov/Dec. Put on BICA FB for info.  
Letter from KC re review of local Cultural and Historic listings under Kingborough Interim Planning Scheme. Forwarded to K Duncombe, Historical Society.  
Letter from Bruce Edwards, Tasmania Health Services

Moved R Davis 2<sup>nd</sup> R Sandford that corro in be accepted and corro out be ratified – Passed

### **Financial Statement**

Tabled Moved R Davis 2<sup>nd</sup> M Hansson that it be accepted – Passed

### **Reports**

**DAP Leadership Group** – Fran Davis advised she is a member of this group. Fran advised a tourism meeting at the winery last Tuesday evening was well attended. Fran tabled some tourism brochures. One of the brochures was from Southern Trove which has taken over from the Huon Trail organisation. They are covering Bruny Island, The Channel, Far South and Huon Valley.

**Boat Club** – Mark Brinckman advised the safety demonstration last Thursday was well attended. Mark advised the Boat Club would be holding Christmas Eve celebrations. Check out their Facebook page for details. Mark also mentioned that Parks would be holding a display at Adventure Bay on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January.

**Library** – Darry Welch advised it was business as usual but the library will be closed for Christmas and New Year public holidays.

**Community Car** – Fran Davis advised the new community car was a Subaru Outback which was a much more suitable car for Bruny Island. Fran was attending a meeting next Tuesday to discuss any issues involving the use of the community car.

**BIAC** – John Kobylec reported on the following issues that were discussed at the December meeting and at the meeting with the Premier on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November.

Premier's November Meeting:

1. Bruny Island Strategic/Community Plan – The question was asked how we get a process underway to develop a comprehensive plan for Bruny. Can the Government lead a strategic vision and plan for sustainable growth on Bruny Island? After discussion the Premier Will Hodgman agreed to negotiate with Kingborough Council as to how best provide resources to engage an independent facilitator to help produce a Bruny Island Strategic Plan driven by all members of the community.
2. Single Planning Scheme – The question was asked what the opportunity to include Character Statements is. How can we protect the unique character of Bruny (for the Island as a whole and for individual settlements) within common standards? The Premier briefly outlined where the process was at with the development of a single statewide planning scheme. It was suggested that a State planning expert be invited to attend the BIAC meeting in February to better explain the consequences of the new scheme. Any questions could then be raised at this meeting.
3. Tourism Related Issues – Some of the topics discussed were increased traffic, additional infrastructure, resourcing, ferry contract, landing fee, Police/ Emergency services resources, management of economic and development activity that ensues. It was made quite clear to the Premier that resources on Bruny were straining to cope with the increasing visitor numbers. The Premier advised that Minister Rene Hidding would be arranging a community meeting early in the new year to discuss the new ferry contract. It was agreed that the Alonnah Hall was the best venue for this meeting as it is our largest facility and it would be expected that many members of the community would like to attend.
4. State Forests – Management of State Forests and lack of maintenance on Forestry or ex Forestry roads was discussed. The Premier couldn't confirm whether the moratorium on logging on Bruny would continue. It was suggested that Minister Guy Barnett, who is responsible for Forestry, be invited to attend the February BIAC meeting.

BIAC December Meeting:

1. Pedestrian Access over Alonnah Bridge – Council's grant application under the Vulnerable Road Users Program was unsuccessful. Further grant opportunities are being investigated.
2. Filling of Vacant Council Worker Position on Bruny – Council advised that the Works Department is looking at resources over the whole of the municipality and is aware that Bruny is one resource down. This matter is being considered in greater detail in the new year when the contracts with State Growth have been finalised.
3. Strategic Plan for Bruny – The Committee agreed to conduct a workshop with Tony Ferrier from Council after the February meeting.
4. New Kingborough Planning Scheme – Hearings have finished relating to the codes and Council will see what the zones are and how to apply these zones to areas. Information will be released to the public early in the new year.
5. Public Toilets at Alonnah – The development application has been approved by Council and the toilets will be built early in the new year. – Meg Hansson then addressed the BICA meeting to express her disgust at the Kingborough Council process of deciding where to erect the new Alonnah toilet block. Meg moved a motion that BICA write to Council to investigate the possibility of a more suitable site for the new Alonnah toilets 2nd by Reg Davis. After extensive discussion the motion was put to a vote. Six people voted for the motion with over twenty people voting against the motion, the rest abstaining. The motion was unsuccessful.

6. Recreational Vehicles on Bruny – A submission for the whole municipality was rejected by Council and further work is required. There was no mention of providing any further RV facilities on Bruny. It was felt that current facilities on private land are coping with the demand.
7. Resealing and Line Marking on Bruny – Sarah Boyle from State Growth reported that resealing work on Bruny Main Road from the Adventure Bay Road turnoff to Harvey Road, Alonnah will be carried out in February next year. Line marking on Adventure Bay Road would be carried out at the same time.
8. Road Safety Pamphlet – It was reported that a road safety pamphlet specific to Bruny Island was being developed and would be available next year.
9. Road Safety Trailer – The variable message sign mounted on a trailer will again be located at Adventure Bay over the holiday period. It was advised the best location for the sign would be at the corner coming into Adventure Bay just before Lumeah Road.

### **General Business**

1. Health Centre Issues – Fran Davis advised there was considerable concern within the community that certain services provided at the Health Centre will no longer be available from the end of the year. Fran advised that the current provider of these services was unsuccessful in obtaining the new contract. As a consequence staff who are employed by the current provider are uncertain about their future. Fran read out the statement from Primary Health Tasmania who administers the Federal Government funding for regional health services around Tasmania. There has been a change of emphasis from preventative medicine to dealing with patients with chronic illnesses. Primary Health Tasmania has advised that current services will continue for another three months as a transitional arrangement. The successful tenderer will be announced soon as contract arrangements are currently being negotiated. Minister Jacqui Petrusma addressed the meeting and said the State Government was lobbying State Federal politicians to make sure the current level of health services to regional areas is maintained. She suggested that BICA also write to State and Federal politicians to ensure our health services on Bruny Island are not degraded. Megan Weston suggested that information be provided in the Bruny News on the latest developments at the Health Centre. Contact details should also be provided for Primary Health Tasmania so people could express their dissatisfaction with the new arrangements for the Health Centre. Darry Welch commended the great service the nurses provided to the community of Bruny Island. The meeting acknowledged this. It was resolved that BICA write to State and Federal politicians to state we don't agree with the change of emphasis to treating patients with chronic illnesses and that focusing on preventative medicine should continue. We also want an assurance that our current services will be maintained by the new provider.

Meeting Closed 12.33pm

Next meeting 11.00am on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> of January at Lunawanna Hall.