



Bruny Island Community Association Inc.

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Minutes of General Meeting held at Lunawanna Sunday 9th July 2017

Opened 11.10am Fran Davis, Chair.

Present 26 J Kobylec, R & F Davis, K Duncombe, J Kumpulainen, J Mahjouri, R Sandford, R Gobbey, D Welch, M Hansson, G Weatherley, D Grace, D Gregg, A Motson, R Clarke, C Davidson, B Moriarty, B Graham, T & M Butcher, G Szocker, T Cochrane, R Atkinson, J Self, R Woodruff, L Kumpulainen

Apologies 3 D & J Boyer, J Marsh

Previous Minutes Moved J Kobylec 2nd J Mahjouri that previous minutes be accepted – Passed

Resignation of Bruny News Editor

John Kobylec addressed the meeting and advised that Adrian Howard had recently resigned as Editor of the Bruny News. John advised that Adrian had then proceeded to make certain accusations via social media on the “Bruny Notices” Facebook site and in the July edition of the Bruny News. BICA was not given an opportunity to respond in the July Bruny News to those accusations. John advised that the committee had met before this general meeting and they have decided to jointly respond to those accusations in the August edition of the Bruny News. At that committee meeting Fran Davis offered to resign as President of BICA. Fran said that negative comments by some members of the Bruny community, after Adrian Howard’s accusations, were reflecting badly on BICA and she felt that some of the responsibility might lie with her. The Committee unanimously rejected Fran’s offer to resign and passed a motion of confidence in Fran continuing in the position of BICA President. Fran then thanked the committee for their support and said she will continue as President till the AGM in October. John also thanked David Gregg, Anne Motson and Reg Davis for offering to help produce the Bruny News until a new Editor is found.

Address to Meeting by Rosalie Woodruff MP, Greens Member for Franklin

Rosalie Woodruff MP spoke to the meeting and offered to speak to people after the meeting on any topic they wish to discuss. Some of the particular issues she thought were relevant to Bruny are the ferry service, tourism, fish farms, community health services and emergency services.

Business Arising

1. Bushfire Awareness session – Fran advised that a Community emergency ready expo will be held at the Alonnah Hall on Saturday the 14th of October between 11.00am and 2.00pm. This event will be advertised in the Bruny News.
2. Issue of stray dogs in Adventure Bay – Fran Davis read out an email from Daniel Smeed of Kingborough Council in response to a query about stray dogs on Bruny. Daniel advised “To date, we have had very few reports of dogs at large on Bruny Island.” He recommended people take photos of any roaming dogs and attach them to an affidavit explaining the details. You can then file it with Kingborough Council who will investigate the complaint. It was agreed to post this info on “Bruny Notices” and the Bruny News.

Correspondence

Out Letter to Mark Pharaoh, Parks and Minister Rene Hidding re the Neck Development

Letter to Gary Arnold, GM KC re stray dogs issues on Bruny

Letter to Dept. of State Growth re line marking on Adventure Bay Road

Correspondence to Gary Arnold, GM KC re Bruny airstrip issues

IN Reply from Mark Pharaoh, Parks re Neck project – Fran Davis read out the response which states that the Neck walkway project has been postponed for 1 year to enable the construction of the carpark as both the roadway and carpark need to be constructed as part of the same project. Initially it was walkways then roadway/carpark, now it is roadway/carpark and then walkways. Mark also said he is unaware of any shortfall in funds to seal the complete gravel section of the Neck road. Mark did not respond to the query about construction of new toilets at the Neck. Fran said she would chase this up.

Information and fliers from KC re TFS Bruny Fire Ready Expo in October

Reply from Daniel Smee, KC re stray dog issues

Reply from Belinda Loxley, KC Bruny Airstrip matters – Fran Davis read out Belinda’s letter. In the letter she says it is worth stating at the outset that Council has made no decision as to the future of Bruny Island airstrip. As a result of a recent audit of the airstrip she has been asked to prepare a report on all issues surrounding the airstrip. As part of these investigations she has also been asked to gain an independent valuation of the property. The operator of the site was informed of this valuation as a matter of courtesy but no discussions have taken place about the subsequent purchase of the site.

Belinda’s investigation are very much in the early stages and matters to be considered include the history of the site (including how Council came to own the site), how the airstrip is used, community views, ongoing maintenance costs, and risks associated with owning such a facility.

After discussion it was moved by Jeff Self and 2nd by Meg Hansson that BICA oppose the sale of the airstrip and advise Kingborough Council accordingly. We should also mention that the airstrip was left to the community of Bruny Island in perpetuity and ask for a timeline for the investigation and completion of a report to be presented to Council – Passed.

Moved R Sandford 2nd J Self that corro in be accepted and corro out be ratified – Passed

Financial Statement

Tabled Moved R Davis 2nd J Kobylec that it be accepted – Passed

Reports

BICHSAC – Fran Davis advised a meeting will be held on the 17th of July at the Bruny Island Health Centre. Nominated Committee representatives will be present from all Bruny organisations. The Terms of Reference are to be ratified and there will be an invitation for other community members to join the Committee.

Library – Darry Welch advised the opening times over winter are Thursdays and Saturdays between 1 and 4pm. The AGM is being held on Saturday the 21st of October.

BICAL – John Kumpulainen advised that the consultant would be holding community meetings in September to discuss aged living requirements on Bruny. John also said that a recent meeting with the Premier resulted in a further grant of \$5,000 being allocated from his office. This brings a total of \$22,000 raised to fund the cost of the consultant and any sundry expenses.

Bus Shelter – Jessie Mahjouri advised the bus shelter has now been painted by the Bruny school children. There are some finishing touches to complete the project. Jessie thanked everyone involved in providing this bus shelter which came about from an initial request by the grade 6 Bruny school children early last year.

Men’s Shed – Terry Butcher said they were currently lining the new shed. After that they will continue with the fit out.

Historical Society – Kathy Duncombe advised that Tracy Thomas is the new coordinator. They are working on having a function to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the operation of the History Room.

BIEN – Bob Graham advised that BIEN have officially left and are no longer participating in the DAP process. Bob advised the Bird Festival, to be held next year, is now a collaborative effort with several other organisations helping out to stage the event. BIEN will continue to lobby the State Government and Council to help improve the environmental issues on Bruny Island. Councillor Richard Atkinson suggested arranging a workshop with Kingborough Councillors to enable Bruny community organisations to present their concerns on Bruny matters directly to the Councillors.

General Business

1. Draft Kingborough Waste Management Strategy - Fran Davis mentioned that the Waste Management Strategy is open for community comments at the moment. If people have any ideas for a response from BICA please let her know.
2. BICA/BIEN Media Release re Destination Action Plan – Fran Davis mentioned that the joint media release between BICA and BIEN advising they were pulling out from the DAP process has been released. A copy of the statement was included in the July Bruny News.
3. Press Release from Dept. of State Growth re Bruny Island Neck Improvements – Fran Davis referred to the press release on the neck improvements. Discussion took place and it was mentioned that there has been talk that the new toilets at the neck are not going to be completed. The project has also now been allocated a time frame of six months to complete rather than the two months over July/August that we were initially advised. Councillors David Grace and Richard Atkinson offered to ask the questions whether the neck improvements now being done comply with the original development applications submitted by the relevant State Government departments. They will do this at the next Council meeting.

Meeting Closed 12.45pm

Next meeting Sunday the 13th of August at the CWA Hall, Barnes Bay at 11.00am