



# **Bruny Island Community Association Inc.**

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## **Minutes of General Meeting held at Bruny Bowls Club, Adventure Bay Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Opened** 11.10am Fran Davis, Chair.

**Present** 13 J Kobylec, J & D Boyer, R Sandford, R & F Davis, M Weston, C Beckitt, J Self, L Graham, L Haigh, J Pickles, D Welch

**Apologies** 4 J Mahjouri, K Duncombe, N Weetman, J Kumpulainen

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

### **Business Arising**

1. Lighthouse Road Improvements – Fran Davis read out information put out by Kingborough Council. In “Snapshot on Kingborough” it states that Council has received Black Spot Funding from the Australian Government to improve safety on Lighthouse Road. Culverts will be upgraded to prepare for road widening and sight distance improvements, starting with the removal of some trees. Works will be ongoing over the next two months and there will be traffic delays. Users are urged to take care when passing road works and comply with any traffic management controls in place.

### **Correspondence**

**Out** Letter to Belinda Loxley, KC re BICA position on B.I. Airstrip  
Request to Jane Ryan, Huon Aquaculture re info on Cape Connella exploration

**IN** Reply from Premier to letter written July re The Neck – Megan Weston mentioned that Bernard Edwards had advised the current stairs at The Neck will have maintenance carried out on them before they are re-opened.

Media releases from Primary Health Tas. On new mental health services for Tas.

Annual Report from Kayleen Allen, KC re Cat Management Program – Jenny Boyer advised that the Field Officer’s position for the Cat Management project has been re-advertised as Brett Woodruff had to unexpectedly return to New Zealand. The project is proceeding well and tenders are being sought to build the cat holding centre at Alonnah.

Moved M Weston 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> J Self that it be accepted – Passed

### **Reports**

**BICAL** – Fran Davis read out John Kumpulainen’s report. John advised the survey on aged living is proceeding satisfactorily. Close liaison between the consultant and the steering committee has been maintained. Morven Andrews, the consultant, has been conducting face to face interviews with individuals, held group meetings with three focus groups and is gathering demographic data. Survey forms are available at several Bruny Island locations and the form can be completed via the internet. Fran encouraged people to complete the survey. Fran is also taking over as Chair of BICAL as John will be away overseas.

**Men’s Shed** – David Boyer said the AGM will be held on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of September.

**Library** – Darry Welch advised their AGM will be held on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of October. Lindon Haigh will be talking about his latest book.

**BICHSAC** – Jeff Self said he was currently trying to organise training on Bruny Island for new ambulance officer volunteers. Jeff also said he was meeting with people from Tasmanian Health Services and Huon Regional Care to discuss some of the operational issues affecting the Health Centre.

**BIAC** – John Kobylec said that Kingborough Council is currently seeking nominations from people to represent the Bruny community on the Bruny Island Advisory Committee. It's for a two year term commencing from January 2018. Nominations forms are available from Council offices or their website.

### **General Business**

1. BICA award at School – Fran Davis said she had spoken to the school about BICA sponsoring an annual award for the school children. It was suggested that it be called the “We Care Award” as this was the motto of the school. BICA have agreed to donate up to \$100 for a book voucher for the winning student. BICA have also offered to supply a perpetual trophy made of native timber and will supply a plaque with the name of the winning student each year.
2. Succession of positions for Executive and Committee – Fran Davis encouraged people to nominate for positions on the BICA committee which will become vacant at the October AGM.
3. Bruny News article on the differences between BICA and BIAC – Fran Davis mentioned the article published in the September Bruny News, originally written by Jenny Boyer, that discusses the different roles played by BICA and BIAC. Fran said this article would be very informative for the many new people that have settled on Bruny Island since this article was last published.
4. BICAL Survey – Fran Davis encouraged people to complete the survey on growing older and dying well on Bruny.
5. Huon Aquaculture Forum – Fran Davis encouraged people to attend the forum and have their say on the future of fish farming. The meeting is being held on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of September at the Alonnah Hall between 6.00 and 8.30pm.
6. Health Centre Issues – Fran Davis said she has been receiving calls from concerned residents about the running of the Health Centre. Operational issues have occurred with Huon Regional Care employing the doctors and the Tasmanian Health Services employing all other staff. Concern was expressed at the meeting about the rotation of doctors and patients not being able to establish a rapport with one particular doctor. It was noted that the Federal Government focus on chronic patient care has meant that some services previously provided by the Health Centre have been reduced. Jeff Self said as Chair of BICHSAC he is investigating the provision of medical services at the Health Centre. Jeff will be asking what services will be provided now that some doctors are leaving the centre. There was a perception that there was not enough doctor sessions available to service the needs of the Bruny community. The focus on patient care appears to be lacking. It was moved by Jenny Boyer and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Megan Weston that BICHSAC continue negotiating the provision of adequate medical services at the Health Centre with the relevant agencies and that BICA fully supports that process - Passed

Meeting Closed 12.45pm

Next meeting AGM followed by general meeting Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of October at the Lunawanna Hall at 11.00am