



# **Bruny Island Community Association Inc.**

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## **Minutes of General Meeting held at CWA Hall, Barnes Bay Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**Opened** 11.05am Jenny Boyer, Chair.

**Present** 11 J Kobylec, D & J Boyer, M Weston, J Self, J Marsh, K Duncombe, T Adams, C Sell, M & S Smit

**Apologies** 7 R Sandford, G & S Kingston, L Haig, L Graham, R & F Davis

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

### **Business Arising**

1. The Neck Safety Assessment – Lindon Haigh to report next meeting.
2. Ferry Issues and New Contract – Megan Weston advised she, Rosemary Sandford and Lindon Haigh met with the Minister Jeremy Rocliffe to discuss the new ferry contract. Several issues were discussed including the long queues of vehicles lining up to catch the ferry from both Kettering and Roberts Point. Other matters discussed were the provision of more toilet facilities and rubbish bins. The potable water supply for Bruny Island was also mentioned. The Minister said he would be coming to Bruny shortly to talk with tourism operators on the Island.

### **Correspondence Out**

- BIPIG congratulating them on organizing another successful Easter Carnival.
- Mayor, Steve Wass advising Jenny Boyer now BICA President after resignation of Fran Davis.
- Minister Jeremy Rockliff to arrange urgent meeting to discuss new ferry contract.

### **In**

- Bruny Island SES Unit thanking for grant to help with installing storage drawers in new SES Vehicle.

Moved K Duncombe 2<sup>nd</sup> J Self that corro in be accepted and corro out be ratified – Passed

### **Financial Statement**

Tabled Moved D Boyer 2<sup>nd</sup> J Self that it be accepted – Passed

### **Reports**

**BIAC** – John Kobylec reported on some issues that were discussed at the April BIAC meeting.

1. Bruny Road Crash Statistics and Pamphlets – Beth McKinney from Department of State Growth Road Safety did a presentation on road crash statistics on Bruny Island. Beth also displayed some pamphlets that are given out to foreign tourists by hire car companies.
2. Questions on Notice from Committee Members – Bill Hughes asked whether Council can provide details of the \$2 million p.a. (total \$8 Million) pledged by the Liberal Government to be spent on Bruny over the next 4 years. Tony Ferrier advised that no details on this commitment have been released, though it is understood the funds are proposed to be spent on various types of infrastructure (not just roads) and Council will be consulted on what is needed. It is likely that some form of new governance arrangement will need to be in place to oversee the future expenditure.

John Kobylec asked whether Council has budgeted \$50,000 in the coming financial year to match Mr Pennicott's offer of \$50,000 to spend on projects on Bruny Island. Tony Ferrier advised the \$50k may not be included due to the fact that only half of the \$150k allocated for this financial has been spent and that Council will find it difficult to find the additional \$50k without a predetermined program of works in place.

3. Bruny Island Airstrip – Tony Ferrier advised that Council have received a number of expressions of interest and a report will be going to the next Council meeting in relation to the future management of the airstrip. This will be in closed session because of the confidentiality of the expressions of interest.
4. Nebraska Road Coastal Erosion and Stabilisation Works – Council is hoping to put the project out to tender within the next month.

**BICHSAC** – Megan Weston advised there had been a second meeting after the public meeting. Professor Michael Ashby attended this meeting and advised he will take all concerns on board and develop a strategy to sort matters out. The Huon Regional Care CEO has recently resigned. There will be some new doctors starting soon. The next meeting is scheduled for the end of May and a press statement will soon be released advising what is happening at the Health Centre.

### **General Business**

1. The Neck Walkway – Jenny Boyer spoke about the new walkway planned for the Neck. There was a presentation by Parks at the Alonnah Hall on the previous Thursday and they have left drawings of the plans for the new walkway in the foyer of the hall. The budget estimate for the works is over \$780,000. Contractors will be starting work from Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> of May. They will be working on site 7 days a week till the completion of the project expected by October. The first priority will be to complete the new stairs to the top viewing platform. They will be one third wider than the current stairs. The walkway will be undulating with flat areas along the way. The new wheelchair friendly walkway to the viewing platform at the beach will then be built. The whole site including the carpark and toilets will be closed off during the construction period.
2. TasWater update – Jenny Boyer advised that Eleanor from TasWater had contacted her to arrange a meeting but indicated that there would be no significant update until later in the year. A report was requested for the BICA meeting, however, no new information has been forthcoming.
3. Bruny Life interim report – Jenny Boyer said that Mathew Fagan had done a fantastic job with the Bruny Life survey and there was an excellent presentation by Mathew at the Alonnah Hall the previous day. Mathew mentioned that he would like to facilitate a meeting with the various Bruny organisations to suggest some sort of way to unite these organisations to have a collective voice when dealing with Bruny issues with Government and Council. Mathew suggested a paid position could be considered to help with this endeavor but it should not be a public service or council position. Mathew said the final report of the Bruny Island Liveability Study will be released soon with more detailed recommended actions.
4. Rubbish Bins and Toilets – Megan Weston suggested that BIAC be involved in deciding how the \$8m allocated for Bruny Island by the State Government will be spent over the next four years. Trevor Adams advised that Mathew Fagan had recently spoken to some Government Departments who were conflicted on how this money will be spent. It was agreed to wait and see what mechanism will be put in place with the State Government and Kingborough Council to allocate this money for projects on Bruny Island. It was suggested that some of the available money could be used for infrastructure planning for more benefit than ad hoc spending on isolated projects.

Meeting Closed 12.05pm.

Next meeting Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> of June at Bruny Bowls Club, Adventure Bay at 11.00am.