



Bruny Island Community Association Inc.

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Minutes of General Meeting held at Lunawanna Hall Sunday 12th August 2018

Opened 11.04am Jenny Boyer, Chair.

Present 41 J Kobylec, R Sandford, D & J Boyer, D & R Andrews, M & J Pforr, P Andrews, D Winter, T Adams, D Harbourne, L & T Story, L Graham, L Haigh, S Bastone, L Webb, C Beckitt, C Rannersberger, S Gaskell, T Butcher, L Champine, S Edwards, P Reimers, G & S Kingston, N Weetman, L & L Garnham, M & B Weston, A Rowe, R Kingston, T Rayner, R Clarke, D Grace, M Fagan, A Pelt, R & F Davis
Apologies 8 D Welch, M Smit, K & M Duncombe, J Mahjouri, J Marsh, J Self, T Cochrane

Previous Minutes Moved J Kobylec 2nd R Sandford that previous minutes be accepted - Passed.

Business Arising - Nil

Correspondence

In

- Julie Collins – Update on our request for Remote Area classification
- Kim Evans, Secretary, DSG – The BI Ferry Reference Group representative – Jenny Boyer mentioned that Lindon Haigh is our representative on the Bruny Island Ferry Reference Group (BIFRG).
- Bruny Island Bird Festival – Request for funding – After discussion it was moved by M Weston and 2nd by L Champine that \$1,000 be granted to the Bruny Island Bird Festival to help fund the running of the event and a further \$500 in kind assistance be allocated towards printing and advertising costs – Passed.
- Kingborough Council re Feral Deer – Jenny Boyer advised Kayleen Allen had emailed DPIPW on behalf of Bruny organisations who had previously contacted DPIPW advising that feral deer on Bruny are increasing in numbers and range and causing environmental damage, particularly in South Bruny. Kayleen said we are seeking a viable solution to wild fallow deer eradication on Bruny and consider that it needs to be developed and resourced by DPIPW.
- NRM South – Marine Debris Cleanup – Jenny Boyer mentioned that the marine debris cleanup is being held at Alonnah on Saturday the 18th of August starting at 10.00am.
- K Allen - Invoice imminent for Cat enclosure subsidies – Jenny Boyer mentioned that BICA is contributing \$6,025 towards the subsidies for building cat enclosures for private cat owners on Bruny as agreed by BICA in 2016.
- BIDS – Request for funding for Canberra Trip – After discussion it was moved by M Weston and 2nd by L Story that \$3600 be granted to the Bruny Island District School to help with the cost of sending 18 students on their trip to Canberra in November – Passed. It was noted that this amounts to a subsidy of \$200 per student.
- Julie Collins – Stronger Communities Program
- Tasmanian Dept. of Communities, Sport and Rec. – List of potential grants

Out

- Ministers for Infrastructure, Tourism and Kingborough Mayor – Pedestrian Safety Assessment at the Neck – Richard Clarke asked whether there had been any correspondence received about lowering the speed limit on the Neck. Jenny Boyer advised that acknowledgement but no further correspondence had been received.
- KIM Evans – Notification of BICA member of BIFRG

Moved B Weston 2nd R Sandford that corro in be accepted and corro out be ratified – Passed

Financial Statement

Tabled Moved D Boyer 2nd R Davis that it be accepted – Passed

David Boyer thanked Reg Davis and the Bruny News Team who are responsible for the healthy state of BICA's finances.

General Business

1. Bruny Island Ferry Contract – It was moved by D Boyer and 2nd by G Kingston that BICA fully supports the efforts of the Bruny Island Ferry Reference Group to gain the best outcome for all users of the ferry. Jenny Boyer said she would park this motion for voting on later in the meeting and asked Lindon Haigh to report on matters discussed at the BIFRG meetings.
Lindon spoke about his role on the BIFRG and how he considers that he represents BICA as well as community members in general. Lindon expressed his dissatisfaction about the composition and workings of the BIFRG and that SeaLink was in the business to promote tourism. Trevor Adams, the Chair of BIFRG addressed the meeting and advised the Dept. of State Growth had chosen the members of the BIFRG and that the Terms of Reference, as presented by State Growth, were voted on and accepted at the second meeting.
Mathew Fagan addressed the meeting and said many substantive matters have been discussed at the BIFRG meetings. Mathew said that State Growth had invited himself, Trevor Adams and Bill Hughes to attend the first meeting.
Richard Clarke then spoke and supported Mathew Fagan being a member of the BIFRG. Richard also said the group does not make decisions.
Siobhan Gaskell spoke about the 80/20 rule and having a priority for ratepayers catching the ferry. Siobhan also said the BIFRG is a reference group only.
Fran Davis claimed the BIFRG process is flawed, that derogatory comments against BICA made on Bruny Notices have been inflammatory and that individual people have had undue influence with State Growth on the composition of members of the BIFRG.
Rosemary Sandford spoke of her concerns about attempts to pressure *The Mercury* editors after her 10 July 2018 Opinion Piece, "*Bruny Islanders Speak Out*", was published in *The Mercury* as "*Bruny Islanders taken for a Ride*". Rosemary cited this as an example of bullying and intimidation being experienced by some people on Bruny.
Nick Weetman expressed his concern about the divisions in the Bruny community and how the members of the BIFRG were selected.
David Andrews also said he was concerned about divisions in the community and people making trouble around the place at the moment.
Linda Champine expressed her concern about the composition of the BIFRG and the way they are not working together.
Tony Rayner said the Minister has every right to appoint who he wants on the BIFRG.
Several other people expressed their concerns about the divisions in the Bruny community and the fact that people making derogatory remarks on social media are stirring up trouble.
Lachlan Story then proposed an alternative motion. After hearing this motion David Boyer agreed to withdraw his original motion. It was moved by L Story and 2nd by J Pforr that BICA fully supports the efforts of our community representatives on the Bruny Island Ferry Reference Group to gain the best outcomes for Bruny Islanders – Passed.

Reports

BICHSAC – Megan Weston advised a workshop was held on the 30th of July to design our ideal health service. 34 people registered to attend and further representation from BICHSAC members, nurses and Tasmanian Health Service brought the number to 43.

Professor Michael Ashby facilitated the workshop and from feedback everyone came away feeling very positive. The intention was to define what was important to our community in terms of health services delivery to assist THS and BICHSAC in fulfilling those ideals into the future.

Arising out of the workshop was the concept of a user group to organise/kick start health and well-being programs associated with our community health centre and to utilize our many resources.

A dynamic trio of women volunteered to take this on and they are Suzi Edwards, Linda Champine and Jenny Weld hereafter to be known as “Community in Action”.

At our BICHSAC meeting last Monday it was suggested that Community in Action will need an organisation under which auspices the CIA would be able to apply for grants etc. BICA was deemed to be the most suitable organisation. It was moved by M Weston and 2nd by R Sandford that BICA accepts Community in Action as a sub-committee of our organisation with arrangements similar to others such as the Men’s Shed and BICAL – Passed.

As BICHSAC is still addressing the issues raised at the February Public Meeting on Health Services it was decided at the last meeting that a further workshop to address the issue of assisted Aged Living on Bruny Island will be held on Tuesday the 18th of September, again to be facilitated by Professor Michael Ashby.

It is anticipated by that time the new doctor contract will be signed and an announcement will be forthcoming. BICHSAC has met in the past with Primary Health Tasmania to discuss the Allied Health contract, the focus of which has been changed from Preventative Health to Chronic Diseases/Conditions Management. BICHSAC is currently pursuing the position that the PHT contract for this community be designed to meet local community requirements.

The issue of Remote Area Classification for Bruny Island Health Services was raised by many at the February Public Meeting and BICHSAC has been pursuing this. Julie Collins, our federal member, has been pursuing this and passed on that there is currently a review of those area designations. The BICHSAC Chair Jeff Self will be meeting with Julie Collins to gain her assistance in ensuring that Bruny Island is registered to be part of that review.

BICAL – BICAL continues to meet and take into account: BICHSAC’s ongoing deliberations; the findings and recommendations of BICAL’s “*Growing Older on Bruny Report*” January 2018; the outcomes of the February community health meeting; and the July workshop facilitated by Prof Michael Ashby on ‘Designing a Health Care Service Delivery Model for Bruny Island’.

BICAL will link in directly with the outcomes and actions proposed following Prof Ashby’s second workshop in September, “*Design Your Ideal Model for Bruny Island Aged care Services*”.

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

A. Bruny Life Survey – A motion was passed that states In relation to the recommendations set out in the Final Report of the Bruny Island Liveability Study, the Bruny Island Advisory Committee advises that:

1. Subject to the sub-committee process set out in (3) below – and pursuant to Recommendations 1 and 6 of the Final Report - a Bruny Island Community Board (‘the Board’) be established, comprised of seven full members elected universally by the residents of Bruny Island (with non-resident landowners able to ‘opt in’ for voting); and two ex-officio members being a person nominated by Kingborough Council and a person nominated by the Secretary of the Department of Premier and Cabinet.
2. Upon the establishment of the Board, the Bruny Island Advisory Committee should be abolished, and the Board would become (among other functions) an Advisory Committee to Council and State Government.
3. The terms of reference, implementation schedule, election process, appointment of chairperson, operational budget and other matters pertaining to the operation of the Board will be developed by a subcommittee of BIAC. The sub-committee will engage with the broader Bruny Island community and local organisations in the establishment of the Board and may co-opt any Bruny Island resident or landowner as a non-voting member of the sub-committee.
4. Recommendations 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 11 as set out in the final report of the Bruny Island Liveability Study are endorsed and will be progressed by BIAC, including through partnerships with Kingborough Council, State Government, industry and community organisations.
5. BIAC notes recommendations 5, 9 and 10, but does not intend to actively progress these recommendations.
6. That the initial members of the sub-committee referred to in clause 3 are: Bill Hughes, Jackie Marsh and Mathew Fagan.

Within the context of this successful motion, it was also agreed that the following actions would assist BIAC’s further deliberations:

- (1) Tony Ferrier is to approach Dr Andrew Harwood, University of Tasmania, about the University reviewing the results of the Bruny Island Community Survey.

(2) Siobhan Gaskell is to draft a vision and values statement about Bruny Island, based on the recent BIAC workshop discussions.

B. Bruny Island Airstrip – Council has agreed to conduct further discussions with interested parties on leasing the airstrip. They will consider a further report on this matter within three months, once the investigations into both the potential lease agreement and the property boundaries have been completed.

Bruny Life – Mathew Fagan said he would report at the next meeting on progress of the sub-committee established at the last BIAC meeting.

BSA (Bruny Sustainable Aquaculture)

BSA is a 12 month, highly constructive and productive collaboration among BICA, FoNB and BIEN in support of a moratorium on industrial fin fish farming in the waters around Bruny Island including Storm Bay. I am BICA's liaison person in this collaboration. BIEN representative is Paul Davis, and Alex Matysek and Gerard Castles are FoNB representatives.

In recent months we have spoken about our concerns with the aquaculture industry as follows:

1. Our commitment is to sustainable aquaculture and the moratorium on industrial fin fish farming still stands.
2. BSA is working with an alliance of community groups, wild fishers and shellfish organisations around Tasmania, including those from the Tasman Peninsula and Norfolk Bay areas.
3. On 7 July a delegation from this alliance met with the Premier and the Minister for the Environment, Sarah Courtney, to discuss, among other things, the inadvisability of permitting the transfer of pens of diseased Huon Aquaculture salmonids (POMV –a virus that attacks pilchards and related fish), from its Storm Bay leases to Norfolk Bay.

At the time, the delegation considered it had been a useful meeting involving both Ministers, the head of the EPA and the Secretary of DPIPW. Yet, within 2 hours, the EPA had approved the transfer of Huon Aquaculture POMV-affected pens to Norfolk Bay, home of the critically endangered Red Handfish, significant recreational and wild fisheries and shellfish leases. There had been no mention of this pending transfer at the meeting with the Premier even though the parties had raised their concerns about the transfer.

4. It is understood that Tassal is intending to develop additional leases in the Channel south of Port Esperance and (roughly) between Lady Bay and south Bruny Island. Lease sites include: Lippies, Browns and another. Concerns about Tassal's reputation as a sound environmental manager of its lease sites in Macquarie Harbour have been prominent in the media over the past year or so. We would not wish to see substandard practices having a negative impact on Bruny fisheries including wild and recreational fisheries and shellfish leases. One concern relates to the advice from some experts who tell us the currents in this part of the Channel run south to north.

Library – David Boyer said the AGM would be held on Saturday the 27th of October and they will be having David Owen, author of the Pufferfish books as guest speaker. David is also Secretary to the Governor of Tasmania.

Men's Shed – Terry Butcher said they are busy making boxes for the Bird Festival. Their AGM will be held on Wednesday the 19th of September.

Other Business

1. Membership form – Jenny Boyer advised there is a new form to complete when new members join BICA. This will give us people's email address so we can provide information to members via email when required.
2. Perception of BICA – Megan Weston said she will be doing an article in the next Bruny News to dispel some of the misconceptions about BICA being propagated by some members of the community.
3. Committee Minutes – It was moved by T Adams and 2nd by M Fagan that BICA Committee minutes be available at general meetings. The motion was lost.
4. Citizen of the Year – Councillor David Grace said that Council is currently seeking nominations for the Citizen of the Year award.

Meeting Closed 1.03pm.

Next meeting Sunday the 9th of September at the Bruny Bowls Club, Adventure Bay at 11.00am.