



Bruny Island Community Association Inc.

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Minutes of General Meeting held at CWA Hall, Barnes Bay Sunday 14th October 2018

Opened 11.31am Megan Weston, Chair.

Present 48 J Kobylec, J & M Pforr, R Sandford, M & B Weston, R & D Andrews, L Champine, D Grace, N Weetman, R & J Finlayson, D Boyer, R & F Davis, M Schmidt, S Gaskell, G & V McAfee, G Natnan, W Truesdale, M McCann, L Pope, J & A Matysek, K & W Darby, L Story, G & S Kingston, L Graham, L Haigh, J Marsh, J Self, S & R Kingston, S Bastone, C Beckitt, T Rayner, I Locke, A Rowe, R Kingston, I & C Barwick, B Elliston, S Abbott, K Morton

Apologies 6 D Welch, M & K Duncombe, J Boyer, T Story, H Altmann

Previous Minutes Moved J Kobylec 2nd B Weston that previous minutes be accepted - Passed.

Business Arising

1. Aged Living Workshop – Megan Weston advised this can be discussed in reports.
2. Email Correspondence to Members – Megan Weston advised agendas will be emailed to members before meetings. John Kobylec encouraged anyone that hasn't done so to provide him with their email addresses so information of interest can be emailed to members from time to time.
3. Whale Pod Sculpture – Megan Weston advised the Whale Pod sculpture at Adventure Bay has been removed from its stand and is lying next to the hall waiting on maintenance to be carried out.
4. Roadside Rubbish – Megan Weston said she would write to Kingborough Council to request assistance in clearing roadside rubbish as requested by Richard Clarke at the last meeting.

Correspondence

In

- Science Fun Day at Quarantine Station – Megan Weston mentioned the Science Fun Day was on today till 3.00pm.
- Invite to President to attend end of year school function – Megan Weston to arrange prize and engraving of BICA Perpetual Trophy for winning student.
- Invite to attend Dennes Point Heritage Tail opening
- Letter of thanks from parishioners of St Brendon's Church for recent BICA donation

Out

Nil

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

Financial Statement

Tabled Moved D Boyer 2nd L Champine that it be accepted – Passed

Reports

BICAL – Rosemary Sandford said there was another meeting coming up soon for further discussion.

BSA (Bruny Sustainable Aquaculture) – Alex Matysek advised they have joined with TAMP. They have met with the Minister recently and other representatives involved in the aquaculture industry.

CIA (Community in Action) – Linda Champine advised the garden visits around Bruny have commenced and have been very well attended. They are notified in the Bruny Notices Facebook site so keep an eye out for the

next one. Another project recently facilitated was modifying the step to the Respite Care bus to create easier access for people boarding the bus.

Men's Shed – David Boyer said they are still busy making bird boxes.

BIFRG – It was moved by R Sandford and 2nd by L Story that Lindon Haigh continue to be the BICA representative on the Bruny Island Ferry Reference Group – Passed. Lindon Haigh reported that all the members of the group are working well together. They are monitoring the fares being charged by Sealink. It was noted that from the 1st of November fares for buses and vehicles carrying freight would be increased by 20%. Sealink advised they will not be charging fares for passengers at this stage. The State Government has said the infrastructure upgrade at Roberts Point should be completed by the 30th of November. Sealink have advised that any extra ferry trips not advertised on the timetable will be at their discretion. They have also advised if there are any cars in the lineup for the last trip of the day left behind they will return to pick those cars up. Lindon Haigh said that traffic management could be an issue during peak times over summer. Sealink are also considering putting on later ferries in the future if there is a demand. It was mentioned that increased road kill could be an issue if this were to occur. It was moved by D Andrews and 2nd by N Weetman that BICA invite representatives from Sealink, The Department of State Growth and the Bruny Island Ferry Reference Group to attend a special community meeting to discuss ferry issues – Passed.

BICHSAC – Megan Weston reported on the following issues discussed recently.

1. CIA – Suzie Edwards raised the issue of public liability insurance cover for CIA programs/activities. THS has similar proposed programs in the Central Highlands which has THS approval & liability of health & wellbeing programs. THS will investigate and will also provide the CIA is to with a contact for design of programs.
2. As a direct response to the concerns expressed at both the Public Meeting in February and the “Design your ideal health service” workshop in August, new .6 position Assistant Nurse Unit Manager for Bruny Island Community Health Centre has been created to provide day to day management.
3. The successful GP service is Huon Valley Medical Centre. Their intention is to provide a three day a week doctor service, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, incorporating some allied health services, with at least on doctor one day a week to be a female. This GP clinic attended the August workshop and listened to the concerns prior to their tendering for the contract. This is a long term commitment from HVMC with a rolling 5 year x 5 year agreement which is a much better scenario than a two year contracts of the recent past.
4. The “Design your ideal aged care service” workshop was attended by 32 participants. Key themes to emerge were transport issues and the need for co-ordinated aged care services from within the island, by the island and for the island.
5. One of the workshop outcomes was the need for trained volunteers for Community Visits and Palliative Care. THS agreed at the BICHSAC that it would facilitate and finance such training. The Nurse Unit Manager envisaged that the new Ass/NUM would play a co-ordinating role with any volunteers. BICHSAC will design volunteer position descriptions before publicising the training for volunteers in the Bruny News. The training will hopefully be early in the New Year.
6. Community Transport issues arising from both workshops & the public meeting. The Community Transport Service is a jointly funded State/Commonwealth funded program. THS will seek advice about options for an improved service for Bruny Island.
7. Again arising from the Aged Care workshop, communication difficulties with some recently discharged hospital patients was resolved that our community nurses will make phone contact with recently discharged public hospital patients, especially those living alone. It was also agreed to educate residents who are recently discharged from private/public hospitals via the Bruny News to contact the Community Health Centre if “you or a family member require support following hospital discharge” to ensure better follow up.

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

1. Bruny Life Survey – A motion was put to the meeting “That members of BIAC do not support the recommendation to have a Bruny Island elected board to replace BIAC and request Kingborough Council instead appoint a sub-committee of Councillors only, to review, redefine and determine the intention, purpose, roles, functions, responsibilities, accountability, structures, funding and resourcing sustainability of BIAC, after receiving submissions as appropriate from residents, ratepayers and community groups of Bruny Island.” Five members voted for the motion and four members voted against the motion. The Chairperson Councillor Mike Percey then voted against the motion so the motion was lost as there wasn’t a majority.

2. Bruny Island Airstrip – Council has sought and obtained expressions of interest into the future management of the Airstrip. Council has completed a survey to accurately identify boundaries and has prepared draft lease agreement that is currently being considered by a prospective lessee.

3. Bruny Island Emergency Management and Recovery Action Plan – Mathew Fagan reported that a draft plan has been completed and will be available for viewing on a website that is being created.

4. Roadside Trees – Tony Ferrier advised that any concerns with unsafe trees should be reported to Council in the first instance. Council will advise State Growth if any trees are on roads they are responsible for.

5. Potable water supply on Bruny – Tony Ferrier advised that TasWater are currently doing an analysis of water usage from the Adventure Bay aquifer.

Cat Management - The cat holding centre is well under construction off site, and will be brought operational early in 2019. Rob Pennicott and Michael Haines have each contributed \$15,000 to the University to fund a PHD student to carry out cat assessment, mostly on South Bruny. Council Bye-Laws have been written, but some minor amendments are required before they are enacted in 2019. The feasibility study has been completed, and will be considered by the Cat Management Steering Committee in early November. Paul Davis will be attending.

General Business

1. The establishment of a Bruny Board – Megan Weston read out a motion passed unanimously at the FoNB AGM the day before which in part said the current arrangement of the Bruny Island Advisory Committee (BIAC) under the auspices of Kingborough Council be supported, and the proposal for a Board be rejected. Rosemary Sandford read out some ideas that might improve the way BIAC operates. Discussion took place about the structure and effectiveness of “The Board” proposal. Megan then asked the meeting for a show hands if people agreed with the proposal. All the people at the meeting bar three agreed they did not support “The Board” proposal.
2. Christmas Carols Function – Linda Champine mentioned she was organising to make sugarless sweets for the Christmas Carols function with help from children at the school. Linda mentioned the high cost of ingredients. Megan suggested she download a funding request from the BICA website and submit it to BICA for consideration by the Committee.
3. Operation of BICA MyState Account – It was moved by D Boyer and 2nd by J Self that the new signatories to operate the BICA MyState account should be David Boyer, John Kobylec, Reg Davis and Lindon Haigh – Passed.

Meeting Closed 12.45pm.

Next meeting will be at 11.00am on Sunday the 11th of October at the Lunawanna Hall.