



Bruny Island Community Association Inc.

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Minutes of General Meeting held at Bruny Bowls & Community Club, Adventure Bay Sunday 9th December 2018

Opened 11.05am Megan Weston, Chair.

Present 27 J Kobylec, R Sandford, M & B Weston, D Grace, R & D Andrews, L Champine, K Smith, J Mahjouri, R Gobbey, T Butcher, W Darby, D Welch, B Knight, L Story, G & S Kingston, J Pforr, T Rayner, S & J Edwards, C McDougall, D & Z Popovic, C Beckitt, J Self

Apologies 6 L Haigh, L Graham, D Boyer, K Duncombe, N Weetman, K Darby

Previous Minutes Moved J Kobylec 2nd L Champine that previous minutes be accepted - Passed.

Business Arising

1. PMAT – Megan Weston said she had advised PMAT that Wayne Darby would be the official BICA representative attending their meetings.
2. Beryl Smith's Morning Tea – Megan Weston advised that Beryl Smith's morning tea would be held on Thursday at 10.30am at the Bowls Club. Megan displayed a special boxed pen set made by Lachlan Story that would be presented to Beryl.

Correspondence

In

- Bruny School re Canberra trip – Megan Weston showed a photograph of the Bruny school children in front of Parliament House in Canberra on their recent visit. On the back of the photograph was a message signed by the children thanking BICA for their support in helping to sponsor their trip to Canberra.
- Kayleen Allen email re support for business case – Megan Weston advised she received a request for a letter of support from Kayleen Allen for a business case she was preparing for Council for a new Aboriginal Community Ranger Partner position for Bruny Island.

Out

- Invitations sent to Bruny groups for Beryl Smith's morning tea
- PMAT advising then that Wayne Darby has been nominated as a BICA representative
- Letter of support for Kayleen Allen's business case application
- Email to Mayor Dean Winter re BICA's current matters of interest

Moved L Story 2nd B Weston that corro in be accepted and corro out be ratified – Passed

Financial Statement

Tabled Moved F Davis 2nd J Self that it be accepted – Passed

Reports

BICHSAC – Megan Weston read out the following report.

1. The Huon Valley Medical Centre doctors commence their 5 year contract on Monday 10th December and will have a team of 6 doctors with a core of 3 doctors for Bruny Island. Monday, Wednesday and Friday will be doctor days with contact available through our nurses on Tuesdays and Thursdays. A wonderful result for Bruny Island with consistency of a doctor service on Bruny Island for the next 5 years with an option to extend for a further 5 years.

2. New Associate Nurse Unit Manager position for Bruny Island is still in the approval stage and is then to be advertised and recruited.
3. The matter of priority travel for our pharmacists was forwarded to BIFRG however Sealink is still considering the matter. The issue of priority travel was also raised for doctors and nurses who also fall into the same category. This is now being followed up by BICHSAC through direct contact with Sealink.
4. Expressions of Interest for Volunteer Community Visitors are being called for by BICHSAC and a notice has been published in the December Bruny News and notices have been placed across the Island.
5. The Tasmanian Health Service Volunteer Co-ordinator will be directly involved in any future training required of volunteers.
6. The issue of insurance for volunteers, such as Community Visitors, has been resolved as they would, after appropriate training, become Tasmanian Health Service volunteers and would be covered with indemnity insurance as unpaid volunteers. There was some concerned discussion regarding public liability insurance for those involved in current garden tours.
7. The Royal Flying Doctor Service is the new provider for the for the Primary Health Service contract to cover Huon, Tasman Peninsula and Bruny Island. This is the same Federal Government contract that was held by HRC. The RFDS is already actively making plans for Bruny Island.
8. Our nurses participated in a successful recent Careflight Training Day with all emergency services being involved. Our wonderful Bruny Island CWA generously catered and donated lunch for all participants. Recent “Intensive Emergency Management Training” at RHH was also attended by our nurses.
9. Bob Catchpole, CTST (community transport) attended the meeting and discussion centred around vehicle supply, cost to clients, the need for more volunteer drivers, transport now available in Home Care Packages, and lack of understanding of exactly what the service CTST provides. It was resolved that CTST will place an advert in the January Bruny News outlining exactly what the service actually offers and also calling for more volunteer drivers. Regular CTST updates will be placed in the Bruny News. Bob Catchpole has agreed to be the liaison person at CTST for Bruny and will be attending the BICHSAC February meeting as a follow-up.

It was agreed that BICHSAC’s efforts were to be applauded for all the gains they have achieved at the Health Centre since the public meeting about Health Services held in February of this year.

Men’s Shed – Terry Butcher advised they were having their Christmas function shortly. The shed will be closed over Christmas and re-open again on the 9th of January.

KCCF – Rosemary Sandford said she asked the following questions at the recent KCCF meeting and received responses.

- 1. Will Council commit to putting the “Bruny Island Emergency Management Plan” on the Kingborough Council website as the official location of the Bruny Island Emergency Management Plan?**

Answer Daniel Smee, KC: The plan is still in draft management format. It has been developed as an online platform and “will exist in some form on Council’s website”.

- 2. The Tasmanian Government has committed \$8 million over 4 years (later changed to 5 years), for road infrastructure, public toilets and waste management services to assist in addressing tourism impacts on Bruny Island. Has Council received these funds yet? If so, when might Bruny Island expect to see expenditure of these funds, given we are now entering the 2018-2019 peak tourism season? If not, please advise.**

Answer Gary Arnold, General Manager: I can confirm Council has not received any of the funding. We have asked the government and await that information although we were told we would get it this year.

CIA – Linda Champine advised the garden parties were attracting 20 to 30 people and have been very successful. New venues have been booked throughout next year. Janene Oates will be continuing exercise programs at the Jane Finn room. Lollies were being made for Christmas with the help of a grant from BICA.

Library – Jessie Mahjouri advised of the dilemma being caused with the name change of the Online Centre under the umbrella of the State Library being confused with the Bruny Island Library group. After a recent review Bruny is the only stand-alone Online Centre in Tasmania. Jessie mentioned the Little Libraries project being conducted under the auspices of Bruny Island Arts who recently received a grant of over \$1700 for this project. Approximately \$1300 of this will be going to the Men’s Shed to construct the boxes for these book exchange facilities around Bruny.

BIA – Keith Smith reported he and Will Smith are carrying out repairs to the Whale Pod sculpture. The State Government is funding half the cost of repairs with Parks also helping out. It was moved by B Weston and 2nd by T Butcher that BICA supports Keith Smith in restoring the Whale Pod sculpture to its original condition and content – Passed. It was then moved by R Andrews and 2nd by D Andrews that BICA provide \$500 towards the cost of the restoration of the Whale Pod sculpture – Passed. Keith advised on Sunday the 6th of January there will be a “Return of the whales” day to celebrate the completion of the restoration project. They will also be showing a Moby Dick film at the Adventure Bay Hall.

BSA – Rosemary Sandford reported that as BSA’s representative, Alex Matysek (FoNB) attended the public meeting with Frances Bender and Huon Aquaculture (HA) at Alonnah hall on 6 December. Alex reported that it was a disappointing attendance of 14 members of the public and 8 representatives HA.

However, he considered that the meeting was positive and Frances Bender agreed to an MOU for the issues discussed including *interalia*:

- extend discussion on marine safety and debris
- possible changes to traffic lanes to minimise marine service vessels’ noise pollution of the coast’
- possible constraints on vessel speed at Dennes Point to mitigate noise levels
- report on research activity at Cape Connella
- changes to D’Entrecasteaux infrastructure centres and services etc.

Alex advised that Frances Bender commented that Adaptive Management was a disaster in Macquarie Harbour.

BICAL – Rosemary Sandford advised the BICAL report “*Growing Older on Bruny*” has provided much of the evidence needed for BICHSAC to successfully advance the case for improved at home-based services for the elderly on Bruny, including training and support for a network of personal carers and volunteers through collaborations with THS and other community organisations.

BICAL will meet in January 2019 to further consider additional recommendations and suggested actions in the report, including future of Glensyn, respite and palliative care options.

General Business

1. Bruny Singers grant application for Christmas Carols – It was moved by B Weston and 2nd by T Rayner that \$120 be granted to the Bruny Singers to pay for ingredients to make sugarless sweets for distribution at Christmas – Passed.
2. Cork Club annual funding – It was moved by W Darby and 2nd by J Kobylec that \$2,000 be given to the Bruny Island Cork Club for distribution to worthwhile causes on Bruny and ask that a report be provided to BICA on where the money is being spent – Passed.
3. “Keep Bruny a Litter Free Island” sticker – Fran Davis advised she had negotiated with Sealink for them to pay half the costs of reprinting 2,000 “Keep Bruny a Litter Free Island” stickers. Sealink will be distributing these stickers to visitors coming to Bruny. It was moved by F Davis and 2nd by B Weston that BICA reprint 2,000 “Keep Bruny a Litter Free Island” stickers at a total cost of \$737 and that Sealink be invoiced \$368.50 which is half the cost of printing – Passed. It was further moved by R Gobbey and 2nd by J Pforr that BICA negotiate with Sealink any further ongoing requirements for printing of stickers in the future – Passed.
4. Green Waste – Megan Weston advised that Kingborough Council will again be providing free green waste facilities at the North Bruny Waste Transfer Station on the 26th and 27th of January next year. After some discussion it was resolved to write to Kingborough Council that this green waste service is inadequate for Bruny and that more green waste facilities should be provided with the use of a shredder as well.

5. Tourists stripping sea life from shores – Megan Weston mentioned that tourists have been seen at Simpsons Bay and at Coal Point in Adventure Bay removing sea life from the shores. It was moved by R Andrews and 2nd by L Story that BICA support the printing of signs to alert tourists that removing sea life from our shores is illegal – Passed.
6. Emergency Plan for Bruny Island – It was resolved to write to Kingborough Council and ask when the new Emergency Plan for Bruny Island is to be released.
7. Water Usage – It was resolved to write to TasWater and Kingborough Council to express concern about the adequacy of the Adventure Bay aquifer to supply enough water for the growing demand by businesses and tourist accommodation providers on Bruny Island.
8. Erosion of Alonnah Beach – Fran Davis expressed concern at the erosion of sand happening at Alonnah Beach. It was mentioned that David Boyer was conducting a data monitoring project with the Bruny School about erosion at Alonnah Beach. It was agreed to ask David to report on the results of this project at the next meeting.

Meeting Closed 12.40pm.

Next meeting will be at 11.00am on Sunday the 13th of January at the CWA Hall, Barnes Bay.