



Bruny Island Community Association Inc.

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Minutes of General Meeting held at CWA Hall, Barnes Bay Sunday 13th January 2019

Opened 11.10am Megan Weston, Chair.

Present 23 J Kobylec, D & J Boyer, R Sandford, M & B Weston, D Grace, R & D Andrews, K Smith, W Darby, L & T Story, J & M Pforr, T Rayner, J Self, S Bastone, L Haigh, S Gaskell, L Graham, L & L Garnham

Apologies 10 N Weetman, S Edwards, K Duncombe, M McCann, J Mahjouri, R Gobbey, G & S Kingston, K Darby, L Champine

Previous Minutes Moved W Darby 2nd L Story that previous minutes be accepted - Passed.

Business Arising

1. Morning tea for Beryl Smith – Megan Weston said 32 people attended Beryl Smith’s morning tea to thank her for auditing the accounts of several Bruny Island organisations over many years. Megan then read out the Thank You card from Beryl.
2. “Keep Bruny a Litter Free Island” stickers – Fran Davis displayed the recently printed “Keep Bruny a Litter Free Island” stickers. Fran said Sealink helped pay for the stickers and they will be handing them out to people at the ticket box at Kettering. The stickers will also be handed out to Bruny organisations and businesses for distribution to anyone that would like them.
3. Emergency Plan for Bruny Island – Megan Weston advised she had spoken to Belinda Loxley from Kingborough Council who is responsible for Emergency Management in the municipality. Belinda came over with the fire trucks on the first ferry on Christmas day. It was Belinda’s decision to move the evacuation centre from the Lunawanna Hall to the Alonnah Hall. Megan said the new Bruny Island Emergency Plan is under consideration by Emergency Management and is yet to be submitted to Council. David Andrews asked what was the total cost of producing the new Bruny Island emergency plan. Councillor Sue Bastone undertook to ask that question at the next Council meeting.
4. Green Waste – Megan Weston read out the response from Mayor Dean Winter to her letter requesting more green waste facilities on Bruny. The Mayor stated that it would be cost prohibitive to extend the collection point to multiple sites. He further stated that the purchase of an industrial chipper for use on Bruny could not be justified based on the volumes of green waste collected in previous years. Megan mentioned that Council has advertised a free waste disposal on Saturday the 26th and Sunday the 27th of January with a limit of 5 cubic metres per household. Barry Weston said people were dumping their green waste in the bush, with accompanying weeds, rather than travelling to the waste transfer station at North Bruny. A green waste site needs to be established on South Bruny. After some further discussion Megan said she would consult with Lindon Haigh to put together a proposal to improve green waste disposal on Bruny Island. It was moved by L Story and 2nd by D Andrews that the BICA executive prepare a proposal to Kingborough Council to improve the green waste disposal on Bruny Island – Passed.

Correspondence

In

- Mayor Dean Winter re green waste disposal
- Beryl Smith thank you for morning tea function
- Naomi Buczek, a/g Principal, Bruny School thanking BICA support with “We Care Award” won last year by Mikayla Miller
- Thank you card from Mikayla Miller, winner of the 2018 “We Care Award” at Bruny School

Out

- Kingborough Council re green waste disposal
- Kingborough Council re Bruny Island emergency plan
- Taswater re community concerns about the increased use of the aquifer at Adventure Bay

Moved W Darby 2nd F Davis that corro in be accepted and corro out be ratified – Passed

Financial Statement

Tabled Moved D Boyer 2nd K Smith that it be accepted – Passed

Reports

BICHSAC – Megan Weston read out the following report.

The next meeting is in February, but since the last meeting the new GP service has been kept extremely busy dealing with many emergencies occurring during this peak tourist season.

Doctor surgery appointments have been affected by inability to access the ferry at Kettering resulting in an urgent letter to State Growth to request that they intercede with priority access being granted by Sealink. Doctor cars have now been sign painted to enable easy identification when/if priority access is approved.

The issue of nurse and pharmacy priority ferry access remains unresolved.

Registrations continue for those people interested in attending an information session regarding training to become Community Visit volunteers.

Jenene Oates is now employed as our physiotherapist under the Royal Flying Doctor Service contract with Primary Health Tasmania. Further information regarding the RFDS intended program will hopefully be available after the next BICSHAC meeting.

Community Transport placed a full page notice detailing their service in the January issues of Bruny News. Bob Catchpole, CTST, will be attending the next BICSHAC meeting for further discussion about community transport service opportunities for Bruny Island.

Jeff Self advised there needs to be some feedback from the community about the efficiency of the new health services at the Health Centre.

BIFRG – Lindon Haigh reported on matters that were discussed at their meeting in December.

- There was no infrastructure planning progress provided, as there was no representative from the Dept. of State Growth present at the meeting
- SeaLink indicated that they were keen to pursue a community partnership to assist the marshalling of cars over the busy season
- SeaLink implementation plan
 - SeaLink provided a written report to members on the implementation schedule including operational progress, the vessel new build progress, planning for infrastructure, on board research, Bruny Island residents club program
 - SeaLink reported that there were still a lot of resident/landowner renewals outstanding and it appeared we would need to extend the validity of the current stickers
 - Residents/Landowners with new vehicles will be issued temporary stickers until this time
- The communication from BIFRG # 9 to the community is as follows
 - Ferry schedule trials of 6.30am services will be notified via social media
 - Discussions on an evening service trial that connects with community events
 - Online ticket sales introduction
 - Employment of local staff
 - Community partnerships
 - Mirrambeena proposed slipping
 - SeaLink office – Gateway Information Centre
 - Resident/Landowner Sticker Extension
- BICA Feedback
 - At this time (13th Jan 2019) no additional marshalling staff have been engaged

- It was noted that only 2 lanes at Roberts Point were being utilised with traffic being backed up well up the hill
- The general discussion was that a high risk situation for commuters still prevailed
- There was general discussion around SeaLink's inadequacies around the marshalling areas. Why are SeaLink keen to pursue community partnerships for marshalling, as opposed to hiring professional traffic & pedestrian management?
- There was lengthy discussion in regard to the lack of resolution of the ongoing question of prioritising access for essential community health services such as doctors, nurses & pharmacists
- There was a general feeling at the meeting that the community was being let down by the lack of adequate representation by the Dept. of State Growth
- The question was raised as to why vehicles are packed almost bumper to bumper during loading – it was noted that when a ferry hits the wharf with force whilst berthing cars have been damaged. It was also pointed out that there was no safe access between the closely parked vehicles for pedestrian movement.

BICAL – Rosemary Sandford advised BICAL had its first meeting for 2019 on 12 January to review progress over the last 12 months since our “*Growing Old on Bruny*” report was released, and to consider how BICAL can best assist in the delivery of on-island care for ageing residents into the future.

BICAL is represented on BICA and on BICHSAC, so we have a pretty good idea of the positive developments that have taken place in community-based, health service delivery over this time.

These include the commencement of the new GP service; the pending appointment of an ADON (Assistant Director of Nursing) at the health centre to liaise with the community in the delivery of home care services; and discussions at BICHSAC with CTST to improve the community transport services for locals.

BSA – Rosemary Sandford read out an email from Alex Matysek (BSA) advising of Huon Aquaculture's purchase of a huge new well ship the “*Ronja Storm*” to be stationed in Storm Bay. * Further details and a photo are available in the *Sunday Tasmanian*, 13 January 2019.

Information received from Alex Matysek: **HAC's Well Boat -Ronja Storm**

“The *Ronja Storm* is the new Turkish built Huon Aquaculture well boat. The US\$ 54 m vessel owned by Selvtrans is on a 10 year contract, is 116m long and 23m wide, will provide 5000cubic metres of fresh water in addition to its 7450 m3 fishing tanks and will be in service in 2019.

That Huon Aquaculture expects to have further infrastructure in place at Trumpeter Bay / Yellow Bluff by March and fish arriving in July, was reported by Francis Bender to the Alonnah Community Meeting last year. These North BRUNY Storm Bay sites will ramp up to 12,000 tonnes production ASAP and certainly well before the CSIRO/IMAS 60 site baseline study for Storm Bay is completed in 3 years.”

Library – David Boyer read out a report by Jessie Mahjouri on the library. The BI Community Library Committee has been actively working with the Alonnah Hall Committee who is finalising plans for the next phase of renovations to the Hall. These plans will have some impact on the Library space however the committee is confident the final design will enhance the facility and make the library space brighter and more attractive to its members.

Also a follow up meeting with Libraries Tasmania management is planned for the 16/1, when we hope we can finalise wording for a sign to be placed between the Community Library & the Online Centre, which will clearly explain the different & complementary roles of the two facilities.

After some discussion Councillor Sue Bastone said she would find out if Council is aware of any modifications proposed for the Alonnah Hall.

BIA – Keith Smith advised the restored Whale Pod sculpture has been reinstalled on its pedestal. He thanked Mick Hansson in helping to achieve this. Keith said the recent function to celebrate the return of the Whale Pod sculpture had been a huge success. Keith also advised they would be contacting Parks to propose installing some sculptures that could be used for depositing marine debris washed up on our shores. These could be installed at suitable locations around Bruny Island.

PMAT – Wayne Darby advised that PMAT are an organization similar to BICA but cover a much larger area of Tasmania. They deal with issues similar to Bruny. Wayne said the issues associated with increasing tourism are not exclusive to Bruny and are being experienced in other regional areas of Tasmania.

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

1. BIAC Chairperson – Councillor Sue Bastone is the new BIAC Chairperson.

2. Destination Action Plan (DAP) – Alex Matysek advised that the following projects are under consideration

- Interpretive panel for the Alonnah pontoon
- Relocate a scenic lookout at Mount Mangana
- Repair to the whale pod sculpture at Adventure Bay and
- An indigenous heritage storytelling project

3. Bruny Island Ferry Contract – Trevor Adams reported that

- Resident and BI stickers will not be issued until February
- Sealink is looking at cancelling the 6.30pm ferry from Kettering and only having the 7pm service
- Sealink will employ Bruny residents as casual staff in the ticketing, marshalling and ferry crew roles
- There is a proposal to purchase online tickets in the near future to speed up the process at the ticket box but it does not guarantee a space on the ferry at a certain time
- Looking at trialling a later ferry around 9pm during periods when there are functions in Hobart
- Looking at altering the both terminals with floating ramps and two vehicle access on and off the ferry
- Ferry travel data is being collected and includes type of vehicle, amount of residents and much more information.

Rosemary Sandford asked if the new ferry will be bigger than the one currently being built and what will the capacity be.

Trevor Adams responded that the second ferry is going to be bigger than the one currently being built and the current boat being built has a capacity of 38 with a ramp that holds 8 cars and the new ferry has a capacity of 56 with a ramp that holds 12.

4. Bruny Life Survey – Mathew Fagan provided an update to the committee. Mathew said the subcommittee has been meeting regularly and has been consulting with the community. A proposal has now been developed which was emailed to BIAC Committee members the previous afternoon. Mathew said the subcommittee now wishes to hold five community consultation meetings across the Island.

Following extensive discussion it was moved by Rosemary Sandford and seconded by John Kobylec that BIAC provide the BIAC subcommittee's report to Council and seek its endorsement to proceed to the community consultation stage at the next meeting of Council on 14 January 2019. Extensive discussion then took place. The vote was eventually taken and six members of BIAC voted for the motion including the Chairperson Councillor Sue Bastone and four members of BIAC voted against the motion so the motion was passed.

Following the vote, Mathew Fagan tabled his resignation from BIAC.

General Business

1. Contacting people during emergencies – Fran Davis asked what method would be used to contact vulnerable people and tourists during times of emergencies. Fran also mentioned the many mobile phone black spots on Bruny would need to be considered trying to make contact with these people. It was resolved that Megan Weston would contact Belinda Loxley from Council to discuss these issues.
2. Toilet Issues on Bruny Island – Barry Weston mentioned the increasing problem of people going to relieve themselves on the side of the road, in the bush and on private properties. After some discussion it was moved by B Weston and 2nd by R Sandford that BICA write to Kingborough Council and State Government and request them to provide more toilets on Bruny Island to cope with the increasing amount of visitors – Passed.
3. Erosion of Alonnah Beach – David Boyer said there is currently no monitoring being done on the erosion at Alonnah Beach. David said John Doole from Kingborough Council will be coming over to assess the erosion at Alonnah Beach and other areas of Bruny Island.
4. Community Barbeque – Megan Weston requested that BICA organise a community barbeque to thank the emergency services personnel on Bruny Island for the great work they do especially after the recent fires. She has spoken to Mayor Dean Winter about this and he offered that Council would contribute towards the food for this event. It was moved by L Story and 2nd by J Pforr that BICA organise a community barbeque to thank the emergency service personnel on Bruny Island and invite representatives from Bruny organisations, relevant State emergency service personnel and Kingborough Council to attend – Passed.

Other Business

1. John Pforr gave a demonstration of a prototype for a portable/disposable kit to assist visitors not able to locate a public toilet.

Meeting Closed 12.50pm.

Next meeting will be at 11.00am on Sunday the 10th of February at the Lunawanna Memorial Hall