



# **Bruny Island Community Association Inc.**

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## **Minutes of General Meeting held at Lunawanna Memorial Hall Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Opened** 11.02am Megan Weston, Chair.

**Present** 30 J Kobylec, D & J Boyer, R Sandford, M & B Weston, R & D Andrews, K Smith, W Darby, L & T Story, T Rayner, J Self, S Bastone, L Haigh, S Gaskell, L Graham, A Matysek, S & G Kingston, K Darby, M Wallace, L Champine, B McKinlay, F & R Davis, N Weetman, T Butcher, G van Randen

**Apologies** 8 M & K Duncombe, M McCann, J & M Pforr, L & L Garnham, C Beckitt

**Previous Minutes** Moved J Kobylec 2<sup>nd</sup> R Davis that previous minutes be accepted - Passed.

### **Business Arising**

1. “Keep Bruny a Litter Free Island” stickers – Megan Weston advised her and Fran Davis have now delivered the stickers to Sealink for distribution.
2. Emergency Plan/Green Waste Disposal/Toilet Signage Barbeque/Roadside Clean-up – Megan Weston advised she and Lachlan Story had recently met with Mayor Dean Winter to discuss various matters that needed addressing on Bruny Island. Signage indicating where toilets were located on Bruny was discussed. Dean Winter agreed this was a good idea and could be implemented after an audit of public toilets available on Bruny Island was completed. It was noted that some of the public toilets on Bruny listed by Tony Ferrier were not actually available for use by the general public. It was agreed that the Manager responsible for green waste disposal would meet with members of the BICA committee to discuss options for Bruny Island. A barbeque for emergency services personnel was now scheduled for the end of March. Council was still seeking advice from the State Government as to when the money promised for infrastructure spending on Bruny Island would become available. Council would support a roadside clean-up on Bruny over the winter months. Lindon Haigh said he would do a risk assessment report on this matter. Jenny Boyer mentioned that the State Government had said there was a ban on roadside clean-ups on roads controlled by them because of safety issues.
3. Contacting vulnerable people during emergencies – Megan Weston said the Health Centre has no list of vulnerable people on Bruny Island. These people are really dependent on their neighbours in times of emergencies. Tony Rayner said that the Bruny police officer Justin Wolfe had a list of people that would require assistance during emergencies. It was moved by T Rayner and 2<sup>nd</sup> by F Davis that BICA request the Bruny SES to compile a list of vulnerable people on Bruny Island that required assistance during times of emergencies – Passed.

### **Correspondence**

#### **In**

- TasWater re Bruny Island water supply – Megan Weston read out some of the exchanges of correspondence about the water supply issues on Bruny. TasWater have said they would be discussing issues of water supply on Bruny with the community at the end of March.
- Wildfire in Tasmania lecture at UTAS
- Bruny Island cat management online survey
- Thank you for Bruny News article on St Paul’s Anglican Church fete

#### **Out**

- TasWater re Bruny Island water supply
- BICA response to Kingborough Council re priority list of projects for Bruny Island

- Thank you to David Grace for his attendance at BICA meetings and assistance on Bruny matters over many years
- Kingborough Council re available public toilets on Bruny Island

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

## **Financial Statement**

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

## **Reports**

**BICHSAAC** – Megan Weston read out the following report.

Priority loading for doctors, nurses and pharmacists on the ferry to ensure health services delivery on island and doctors being able to leave with pathology and the Long queues both sides obstruct this. Dr Bastian Seidel outlined repeated unsuccessful endeavours to sort this out with Sealink. It was noted that the October request to BIFRG for priority access for pharmacists was dismissed and not even mentioned in the minutes. The committee resolved that BICHSAAC and GP practice request for priority loading for doctors, nurses and pharmacist at Kettering and safe road access and priority loading of doctors with pathology specimens at Roberts Point be sent immediately to the Minister for Health.

Dr Bastian Seidel reported that the medical practice has been very busy with patients, residents and tourists.

Many residents are returning to the on-island practice: focus has been on acute medical and continuity of care.

A second doctor, Dr Phil Pullinger will join Dr Seidel on Mondays for the next 12 months. GP practice will provide a nurse to work specifically with the Aboriginal community and veterans.

Physiotherapist needs to be used more by the practice and may need extra hours, this is under review.

Mental health is a significant issue and discussions are underway with THS and Dr Seidel re the appointment of a Mental Health Social Work position.

A Chronic Pain Psychologist from the Huonville Practice will also be available on island.

The GP practice Community Liaison will work to educate the RHH re Bruny Island patient discharge problems re transport, ferry and accommodation issues.

Community Visitor volunteers - Shelley Haas, RHH, and Linda Graham, BICAL, will advertise the information session in the Bruny News. Prof Ashby suggested the need for the volunteers to tap into Hospice Volunteers as support for hospice/palliative care, and frail aged clients would become a target group of these volunteers

Community Transport – Following a lengthy discussion with Bob Catchpole, Community Transport Services Tasmania(CTST) re the need to re-establish islander’s trust in CTST services and CTST need for better understanding of Bruny logistics and management of BI problems it was resolved that BICHSAAC conduct another community workshop led by Prof Michael Ashby. The workshop “Design your ideal community transport for Bruny Island” will be held in late March and advertised in the Bruny News. Bob Catchpole (CTST) agreed to attend. It was agreed that CTST would not advertise for more community drivers until after the March workshop.

**Men’s Shed** – Terry Butcher advised they held their AGM recently and he was now the Vice-President with the President’s position being vacant.

**BIA** – Keith Smith advised the short film festival screening was held recently at the Adventure Bay Hall and was a great success. There will also be a Drawing Workshop to be held at the Adventure Bay Hall on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of May. It was moved by D Andrews and 2<sup>nd</sup> by L Champine that BICA thank Tony Korab for organising the short film festival and encourage him to organise another one for next year – Passed.

**BIFRG** – Lindon Haigh reported on Sealink’s update of 21.1.19.

### **Key Operational Update:**

1. More than 18,000 vehicle movements in the December month, up 4000 on November 2018 – the peak of service delivery was 996 vehicles to Bruny Island on 27/12 and over 1800 vehicle movements in the day - during Christmas week SeaLink moved 5700 vehicles to Bruny Island and carried more than 10,000 vehicle movements over 7 days.
2. There was some queuing during the xmas / new year season and we have been working with Stornaway on this. We have been able to keep it minimal by operating three ferries in peak service times. We have been in regular contact with Tas Police also.
3. The South Bruny Fire presented some additional service demands however we were in regular contact and met all their needs. The 2am flare up did not help but we were again able to work with Emergency Services needs.
4. Ticketing – planned updates for online sales – first quarter 2019
5. We have added motre staff team members, to assist in manning of the MV Bowen.
6. Account Holders and Resident / Bruny Landholder details coming in –validity of current stickers to 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019.
7. SeaLink confirmed new lease arrangement at Gateway Information Centre from February 1<sup>st</sup> 2019.
8. Stornaway assisted with managing queuing during xmas – new year period. (December 26<sup>th</sup> – January 3<sup>rd</sup> ) We will be looking to engage Stornaway during Australia Day Long Weekend.
9. Social Media, marketing, Facebook activities continue to expand.
10. The 6.30am service from Bruny Island has been popular and well received
11. We have received much positive feedback of our service delivery through community facebook posts and we are seeing strong community appreciation of the crew efforts over xmas.
12. We are aware of the Doctor's servicing Bruny Island request and are doing our best to accommodate their needs without giving them priority. We have advised for emergency care they are able to contact vessel masters and our operations team.

### **Vessels & Infrastructure**

13. The ramp tips at Kettering and Roberts Point Ramp have been replaced to provide greater tidal range coverage.
14. SeaLink advancing infrastructure plans with State Growth. (I am hoping these plans can come to next meeting again for the FRC to review)
  - a. Roberts Point
  - b. Kettering

The presentation of the update prompted further discussion at the meeting in regard to community concerns. The following is a list of topics that were discussed and have been requested to be tabled at the next BIFRG meeting 19/02/19.

- Further discussion on priority for the many essential services travelling to and from Bruny Island. A 'captain's call' does not satisfy the community's needs.
- The speed of traffic coming off the ferry at Roberts Point. This has been an ongoing issue raised by BICA in the years past and now with the BIFRG ... raised four times at four separate meetings without a result, and now to be raised again.
- Does SeaLink have an emergency action plan or policy? Some in the community remained stunned that SeaLink was uncontactable whilst the South Bruny fires flared up. Emergency support waited at Kettering for the first ferry in the morning. Why is it that no one from the BIFRG could supply a phone number of a senior SeaLink person, nor a responsible employee to be contacted?
- Why marshalling staff aren't adequately trained to manage traffic? Why is it that four x staff at Roberts point at a busy time, managing only two lanes, still allowed queue jumpers?
- A search on the DoSG website for ferry timetables reveals no information other than a glossy brochure for SeaLinks tourism interests on Kangaroo Island. Is this the remit of the DoSG to openly support business advertising?
- Have discussed cars parking too close and being damaged during berthing. Now we are aware that some cars do not apply the handbrake and have caused damage to other vehicles. Can Sealink install a sign addressing a 'handbrake on' rule?
- The discussion of the booking system must remain alive. At this point in time SeaLink cannot give any assurances of a booking system either way. We were reminded that SeaLink executives proposed that in the near future they would expect a system of 90% booked with 10% drive on.
- It was suggested that BI is unique and that SeaLink's business model does not suit nor will work for BI.

Councillor Sue Bastone also reported on her meeting with Paul Victory from Sealink accompanied by Mayor Dean Winter. Sue said it had been a very disappointing meeting. It was moved by B Weston and 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Andrews that BICA write to the Premier, Department of State Growth and Health Department with a copy to Kingborough Council expressing concerns there are no speed limit signs after exiting the ferry at Roberts Point, loading of cars on the ferry where passengers can't get out of their cars, that no booking system for ferries should be introduced and that priority should be provided for doctor's travelling to and from Bruny Island as well as community cars transporting Bruny residents that need assistance – Passed.

**BICAL** – Rosemary Sandford said she had written to Dr Angela Retchford of Dr Bastian Seidel's GP practice, to invite her to participate in the BICAL meeting on Saturday 16 February. The objective is to discuss the best ways in which BICAL and the GP practice might work together to support aging Bruny islanders.

**Library** - David Boyer reported they had a working bee recently to remove all the books from the store room so the Bruny Co-op could occupy that space. David said they have also nominated to be on the hall committee.

**BSA** – Alex Matysek mentioned he had attended a recent meeting with TAMP who are considering a marketing campaign. Alex said that EPA approval had been granted for fish farms to expand in Storm Bay.

**BIAC** – John Kobylec advised that Kingborough Council at their last meeting voted to disband the Bruny Island Advisory Committee with immediate effect. John said he has received a letter from the Mayor advising him of this. The letter further states that Council will now seek to form a closer relationship with the Bruny Island Community Association (BICA) as its main conduit for community consultation on the island. This will involve the attendance of a Councillor at BICA meetings and a representative of the Association participating in meetings of the Kingborough Community Consultative Forum.

## General Business

1. BICA's relationship with Council and community involvement – Megan Weston opened up discussion about the closer relationship with Council and BICA now that BIAC has been abolished. Jenny Boyer addressed the meeting and spoke about the new Bruny Network group. Discussion took place about the validity of the conclusions made by the Bruny Island Livability Survey. It was moved by L Story and 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Matysek that representatives of BICA, FONB and perhaps BIEN get together and form some memorandum of understanding to provide a more unified face of elected volunteers on Bruny – Passed.

2. Mavista Falls Walking Track – David Boyer spoke about the condition of the Mavista Falls walking track. David said this year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the reserve around Mavista Falls. Discussion took place about the possibility of extending the track all the way to the falls. Alex Matysek said he would bring the matter up at the next DAP meeting for discussion. It was resolved that BICA also pursue sources of funding that might help achieve extending the track to the falls.
3. Donation towards Bushfire Appeal – It was moved by R Davis and 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Rayner that BICA donate \$1,000 towards an appropriate Bushfire Appeal fund – Passed.

Meeting Closed 1.20pm.

Next meeting will be at 11.00am on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of March at the Bruny Bowls and Community Club at Adventure Bay.