



Bruny Island Community Association Inc.

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Minutes of General Meeting held at Bruny Bowls and Community Club, Adventure Bay Monday 11th March 2019

Opened 11.04am Megan Weston, Chair.

Present 24 J Kobylec, D Boyer, M & B Weston, R & D Andrews, W Darby, T Rayner, J Self, S Bastone, L Haigh, L Graham, S & G Kingston, K Darby, M Wallace, L Champine, F & R Davis, D & K Welch, B Adams, L & L Garnham

Apologies 7 N Weetman, M McCann, J & M Pforr, S Gaskell, L Story, J Boyer

Previous Minutes Moved J Kobylec 2nd F Davis that previous minutes be accepted - Passed.

Business Arising

1. Emergency Services Personnel Barbeque – Megan Weston advised invitations have been sent out to all the relevant emergency services personnel to attend a barbeque to thank them for their recent efforts in fighting the fires on Bruny Island this summer.
2. Contacting vulnerable people during emergencies – Megan Weston said she had spoken to Bob Jager from Bruny SES who advised they do not have a list of vulnerable people to contact in case of emergencies. Megan said she then contacted Belinda Loxley from Kingborough Council about this matter and is waiting on a response.
3. Memorandum of understanding between BICA and FONB – Megan Weston read out a draft memorandum of understanding between BICA and FONB that has been proposed. Megan distributed copies of the MOU and suggested discussion be adjourned to General Business to give people a chance to read it. David Andrews suggested that other organisations on Bruny could be involved with this MOU. Megan said that BIEN had been approached to be involved with this MOU but they wanted more time to consider it. Megan said it was up to them whether they want to be involved with an MOU and just wanted to get an initial MOU signed with FONB as a start. Other organisations on Bruny can then decide whether they want to have an MOU with BICA.

Correspondence

In

- Letter of resignation from Rosemary Sandford – Megan Weston advised that Rosemary Sandford has resigned from the BICA committee due to health reasons. Megan commended all the work Rosemary had done for BICA in several sub committees over recent years. It was moved by T Rayner and 2nd by L Champine that a letter of appreciation be sent to Rosemary Sandford to thank her for all she has achieved during her time on the BICA committee – Passed. It was moved by J Kobylec and 2nd by L Champine that Linda Graham be appointed to committee – Passed. It was moved by M Weston and 2nd by D Andrews that Fran Davis be a BICA representative at KCCF meetings – Passed. It was moved by L Champine and 2nd by D Boyer that Lindon Haigh be the BICA representative on BSA – Passed.
- Letter of thanks from Bruny Men's Shed for donation of laptop
- PMAT acknowledging Wayne Darby as the BICA representative
- Kaylene Allan with update of Bruny cat management project
- BIEN requesting virtual fencing for wildlife at Bruny hot spots
- KC re Community Grants Program now open

Out

- Invitation to emergency services staff to attend community barbeque
- Invitation to FONB for an MOU with BICA

- Invitation to BIEN for an MOU with BICA
- Bob Jager, Bruny SES whether they have a list of vulnerable people on Bruny
- Tony Korab, Bruny Island Film Society congratulating on organising the recent film festival and encouraging to conduct another one next year
- Letter to State Government re priority on ferry for health professionals and speed limit signs on leaving the ferry at Roberts Point

Moved W Darby 2nd D Boyer 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

Reports

Library - David Boyer advised that Kingborough Council have agreed to accept Jessie Mahjouri on the Alannah Hall committee.

Men's Shed – David Boyer advised that six library boxes are currently being constructed. They will be decorated with the help of Council's officer responsible for arts projects.

CIA – Linda Champine said that Jenny Weld has resigned from the group and that Tracy Story would be replacing her. They are currently evaluating a step that can be used for the BIRCH bus. The monthly garden meetings have been a great success. They would be having a break over winter and have new gardens to view in the new season. Gardening packages are being discussed for eligible people. It was suggested the group who are responsible for this could employ local people.

BIFRG – Lindon Haigh reported on BIFRG meeting #10

The Dept. of State Growth was not in attendance for the second meeting of the 'Ferry Group' in a row, leaving community delegates pondering the worth of the BIFRG, and the value of the Bruny Islanders views regarding the impact of this proposed new model of the ferry system.

The speed limits for traffic coming onto Bruny Island at Roberts Point were raised for the fifth time in this forum to no avail. Delegates in the group questioned DoSG's commitment to public safety at the ferry terminals and the approaches.

Priority of boarding especially for essential health services has been an ongoing issue. Any priority apart from emergency services is totally rejected by SeaLink and surprisingly by some Bruny Island individuals in the group.

The priority debate was focused on health services and hygiene emergencies, particularly the timely delivery of pathology items. SeaLink made an unsubstantiated claim that pathology samples are stored overnight in the Snug area, and that priority would not be a benefit. That point of view was supported by most individuals in the meeting.

However, the group and SeaLink were comfortable in discussing possible priority boarding for livestock and are to review their contract on the matter.

Discussion on the proposed booking system fobbed off by SeaLink as being DoSG's responsibility. Although the booking system has been the primary concern to Bruny Islanders and key to this BIFRG being formed, the group has no answers forthcoming. SeaLink has not given any formal indication that the 80/20 booking system model will not be implemented, and we must also be reminded that a senior SeaLink executive indicated that a 90/10 booking system could be achievable.

Questions were asked on behalf of BIEN:

- Why has BIEN not been included in any study of environmental impact of tourism on Bruny Island?
- What is the impact of foreshore erosion from increased ferry activity and tourism?
- What is SeaLink's waste management policy?

SeaLink responded that tanker trucks remove waste from the ferries.

Members of the group requested an extension of time before the full implementation of the new stickers, as there remained confusion for some in the community, and others had not had their applications processed.

SeaLink responded that the time line was set and that there remains a high number of applications that had not been processed either as being incomplete or inaccurate.

SeaLink plans for on-line ticket sales to be trialed in the near future. SeaLink were questioned as to whether they would allow bulk purchase of tickets or personal accounts and responded saying that they did not have the facilities to manage that.

Mirambeena will be out of service around the July period for 2 x 2 weeks.

There is modification proposed for the Bowen, to reduce the saltwater splash

SeaLink are planning to have staff formally trained in traffic management.

Some in attendance at the BICA meeting warned people to check the ferry payment receipts as there had been cases of overcharging

The question is asked ... Why can't SeaLink have a staggered lunch break between ferries?

Residents query why they are parked so tightly (even on partially filled ferries) inhibiting egress from vehicles, and in the case of the Mirambeena access to the toilets.

The next BIFRG meeting #11 is March 19th

PMAT – Wayne Darby said the group were concerned the new planning scheme would encourage inappropriate developments in certain areas without considering the amenity of local residents.

BIEN – John Kobylec read out some information on coming events supplied by Marg Graham. On Saturday March 16 BIEN is holding a day of discovery about climate change impacts on Bruny. A walk is planned around some climate change hotspots where the effects can easily be seen. UTAS researcher Chris Sharples will present at the walk. Pizzas at the Adventure Bay Hall from around 6.00pm (donation requested). Screening of a short film by acclaimed author Bill McKibben of 350.org. A Q & A hosted by Science writer Peter Boyer. On Tuesday March 19th BIEN has arranged with KC NRM officer Nicholas Alexander to hold two information sessions on Bruny about Kingborough Council's new Environment Fund. This is for funding on private land and Bien urges all landowners, particularly those with significant habitat, threatened species presence, or revegetation plans to come along to find out what assistance might be available. The sessions will be held at 11.00am at the Dennes Point Hall and 2.00pm at the Bowls Club at Adventure Bay.

General Business

1. Funding request from Bruny Island Pistol Club – Megan Weston invited Bob Adams to speak to the Pistol Club's application for a grant to help pay for their annual Easter Fireworks display. After discussion it was moved by L Champine and 2nd by W Darby that \$1,000 be granted to the Bruny Island Pistol Club to help put on their Easter Fireworks display – Passed.
2. BICHSAC Workshop and Information Session – Megan Weston reminded everyone there is a workshop on Tuesday the 2nd of April, 9.30am to 12.30pm at the Health Centre to design an ideal model for a Bruny Island community transport service. Participants need to register by ringing the Health Centre. There is also an information session for people considering in becoming Bruny Island community visitor volunteers. This will be held at the Health Centre on Tuesday the 26th of March between 10.00am and 12.00 noon.
3. Huon Aquaculture Meeting – Megan Weston advised Robert Elliott, Community Relations Advisor, Huon Aquaculture met with Reg Davis, Bruny News Editor and Megan Weston, President BICA to explore possible ways that Huon Aquaculture might be able to assist BICA with any community projects. Mr Elliott intends to attend BICA General Meetings in the future.
4. Taswater Meetings – Megan Weston advised that Taswater are holding community meetings to present a draft long-term drinking water supply strategy for Bruny Island. They are being held on Saturday the 30th of March at the Dennes Point Community Hall between 10.00am and 11.30am and at the Adventure Bay Bowls Club between 2.00pm and 3.30pm.
5. Alonnah Traffic Situation – Fran Davis said there is a requirement for infrastructure spending that could alleviate issues at Alonnah due to increased visitor traffic. Fran was concerned that the \$2million funding promised by the State Government to be spent on Bruny Island hasn't been forthcoming and that the money might be lost if it wasn't allocated by the end of the financial year. John Kobylec said that Kingborough Council had been trying to find out from the State Government when this money would be allocated. John suggested that Councillor Sue Bastone ask the question at the next Council meeting when this \$2million promised for Bruny Island would be allocated. Councillor Sue Bastone agreed to do this.
6. Memorandum of Understanding between BICA and FONB – Megan Weston opened up further discussion on the MOU between BICA and FONB that was circulated earlier in the meeting. It was then

moved by T Rayner and 2nd by W Darby that BICA proceed with entering into the Memorandum of Understanding, as circulated at this meeting, with Friends of North Bruny – Passed.

Meeting Closed 12.24pm.

Next meeting will be at 11.00am on Sunday the 14th of April at the CWA Hall, Barnes Bay.