



Bruny Island Community Association Inc.

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Minutes of General Meeting held at Bruny Bowls and Community Club, Adventure Bay Sunday 8th September 2019

Opened 11.02am Megan Weston, Chair.

Present 20 J Kobylec, F Fox, M Weston, J Fox, L & T Story, G McAfee, D & J Boyer, D Andrews, L Graham, L Haigh, J Self, N Weetman, J Pforr, W Darby, D Grace, B McKinlay, L Champine, T Rayner

Apologies 12 G & S Kingston, K Duncombe, B Weston, S Bastone, L & L Garnham, F & R Davis, M Pforr, R Andrews, K Darby

Previous Minutes Moved J Kobylec 2nd D Boyer that previous minutes be accepted - Passed.

Business Arising

1. **National Parks Fees** – Megan Weston advised she, together with Lindon Haigh and Paul Davis had recently met with the Premier Will Hodgman, Michael Ferguson the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and Transport Commissioner Gary Swain. They discussed national parks fees as well as many other issues relevant to Bruny Island. They discussed buses transporting visitors to the lighthouse. A staging area suggested where visitors could park their cars and board buses was the crown land at Mabel Bay. They discussed issues with visitors accessing the penguins at the Neck and suggested guided tours at night time for visitors.
2. **Sustainable tourism on Bruny Island** – Megan Weston said she had contacted BIEN and FONB to discuss the development of a sustainable tourism plan for Bruny Island. It was agreed to meet after the BICA AGM to develop a discussion paper on this subject.
3. **Phone App for Bruny Island** – Jenny Boyer mentioned that Graeme Wheller has developed an android phone app for Bruny Island that is currently being tested.

Correspondence

In

- Acceptance of invitation for Governor Warner to visit Bruny Island – Megan Weston advised the Governor and Mr. Warner would be visiting Bruny on Tuesday the 26th of November. Megan discussed a possible itinerary.
- Copy of FONB letter to Minister Michael Ferguson re Bruny Island Infrastructure and Ferry Service and the response from the Minister
- Premier Will Hodgman suggesting a meeting date – Megan Weston further discussed some of the conversation at the meeting
- Gary Swain, Commissioner for Transport response to motions passed at ferry meeting
- Claire Perrin invitation to participate in Celebrate Bruny Day – Megan Weston advised BICA would be participating in this event and will have a stall to promote BICA activities and achievements
- Complaint from visitors about the coffee shop at North Bruny being closed over winter
- Dept. of State Growth inviting ideas to share about the “Southern Journey”
- Tony Ferrier, KC re concerns expressed by Caroline Rannersberger about ambiguity of the BICA minutes of 14.4.19 re the Alonnah Hall Grant Funding item in General Business – Megan Weston advised the minutes are a true record of the meeting and no changes are proposed.
- Fake email purporting to come from Megan Weston – Megan advised that another fake email had been received by the Treasurer, David Boyer with a supposed request from Megan Weston. Megan said several of these emails have been received by BICA committee members over a period of time and advised that no action should be taken without ringing her first or forwarding on the email to her.

- Julie Alderfox, KC re Kingborough Awards and Community Grants
- PMAT info on Huntingfield development
- TAMP report from Alex Matysek, FONB
- Birdlife Australia re Aussie Backyard Bird Count

Out

- Invitation to Governor Warner to visit Bruny Island
- Premier Will Hodgman requesting meeting to discuss outcomes of ferry meeting and other issues topical to Bruny

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

Financial Statement

Tabled - Moved D Boyer 2nd N Weetman that it be accepted – Passed

Reports

BICHSAC – Megan Weston reported on the following:

Community Visitor volunteers - Following discussions with Kingborough Council there will be an information session, 8th October for those previously registered for training as community visitors and other interested people. Kingborough Council will train and register Bruny Island volunteers as part of their existing program.

Community Transport – BICHSAC Transport Sub-committee will be hosting a morning tea, 25th September for Bruny Island CTST volunteer drivers, stand-by drivers and retired drivers. CTST Innovations & Development Manager Josh Madgwick will also be in attendance. Discussion will focus on the current CTST service including client and driver issues. The sub-committee is investigating various options to improve on and off island forms of community transport.

Celebrate Bruny Day – Planning is well underway with many organisations agreeing to participate.

It was moved by L Story and 2nd by L Champine that BICA fund a morning tea up to the value of \$60 for the Community Transport meeting – Passed.

Men's Shed – David Boyer advised they held a successful AGM in August. Dr Alison Mathews did a wonderful presentation discussing coping post suicide. David also advised the library boxes will be decorated in the January school holidays with the help of the Arts Officer from Kingborough Council.

BICAL – Nick Weetman advised BICAL representatives will meet with representatives from Kingborough Council to discuss the management of the Glensyn units at Alonnah.

Library – David Boyer advised their AGM would be held on the 15th of September in conjunction with Bruny Island Arts.

BIFRG – Lindon Haigh presented the following report.

The influence of the June 14th public meeting at Adventure Bay has had a positive effect upon the operation of the BIFRG.

The recent BIFRG meeting had some in depth discussion, and extended over two lengthy sessions, mostly regarding the responsibilities/management for communication and the method of communication to the community.

The most significant outcomes were

- The Communique – will be drafted by a DoSG employee, and circulated in draft to all BIFRG members for review. The approved 'Communique' will be issued to the Bruny News, various Bruny Island community interest on-line accounts, and there is the consideration for a mail-out for all residents, ratepayers and landowners.
- The meeting minutes – will be drafted by a DoSG employee and circulated in draft to all BIFRG members for review. The intention is to review the draft minutes and approve for circulation within two weeks to enable up to date communication to the community.
- BIFRG meetings will now be preceded by a 30 minute public consultation session.
- DoSG have confirmed that the government is responsible for public transport between Kettering and Bruny Island.

- DoSG also confirmed that a booking system is a State government initiative, but any decision on a booking system model is reliant upon success of passenger management through improved infrastructure and new vessel introduction.

The overall feeling within the group is that we are moving forward.

SeaLink have requested that on board issues, and operational issues and complaints be taken to them directly, rather than bogging down BIFRG meetings with some of these matters.

The next BIFRG meeting is 09/10/19.

General Business

1. **Celebrate Bruny Day** – Already discussed previously in meeting.
2. **Meeting with Premier Hodgman & Minister Ferguson** – Already discussed previously in meeting.
3. **Governor's visit to Bruny Island** – Already discussed previously in meeting.
4. **BICA AGM** – Megan Weston advised our AGM would be held on Sunday the 13th of October at the CWA Hall, Barnes Bay. All positions will become vacant on the day and Megan encouraged people to nominate for positions.
5. **Spa baths in visitor accommodation** – David Boyer mentioned the issue of spa baths in visitor accommodation was discussed at the BIEN AGM held the previous day. David said he would appreciate feedback from anybody on this subject for a discussion paper to be developed by BIEN

Meeting Closed 12.33pm.

Next meeting will be at 11.00am on Sunday the 13^h of October at the CWA Hall, Barnes Bay.