



Bruny Island Community Association Inc.

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Minutes of General Meeting held at Bruny Bowls and Community Club, Adventure Bay, Sunday 8th December, 2019 at 11.00am.

Opened: 11.10am Megan Weston, Chair

Present: 30 - M. Weston, N. Weetman, L. Champine, L. Story, M. Wallace, R. Davis, F. Davis, J. Kobylec, J. Pforr, M. Pforr, D. Andrews, R. Andrews, C. Bradley, L. Bradley, H. Neske, J. Chester, D. Driver, K. Darby, W. Darby, C. Beckitt, Mayor Dean Winter, Cr. David Grace, Mayor B. Shaw, T. Rayner, R. Woodburn, Liz Garnham, Lew Garnham, K. Smith, J. Self, A. Penkliss.

Apologies: Cr. S. Bastone, K. Duncombe, T. Story, G & S. Kingston.

Previous Minutes: Moved: D. Andrews 2nd: J. Kobylec. Carried

Business Arising:

1. Celebrate Bruny Day was a huge success. M. Weston to pass on congratulations to Claire Perrin and her team for organising such a fantastic day, and also to all the participating Island Organisations.

2. Kettering Cool Room : A Mobile unit has been delivered to Gateway carpark, but will be rehoused at a later date to the SeaLink Depot. Existing cool room arrangements will stand over the Christmas period. The mobile cool room is only a temporary arrangement for six months.

3. Governor's Visit: Mayor Dean Winter thanked BICA for hosting the visit by Her Excellency the Governor and Mr Warner, and said it was a huge success. He also thanked the Quarantine Station, Murrayfield, and the Bruny Island District School for their enthusiastic participation. HIBA was also thanked for providing the lovely venue and luncheon. Her Excellency was most impressed with the school children, and has invited them all to Government House early next year.

4. Bruny News: Nick Weetman has kindly offered to be the new Editor for Bruny News, with some assistance from Pat Riemers, and will begin training with Reg Davis before the next issue. Tony Rayner will manage the printer and ordering of consumables and Megan and Barry Weston will organise distribution. Reg Davis, as out-going Editor was thanked for his contributions over the past few years.

5. BSA: Huge thanks to Margaret Lea Wallace for her work, together with Paul Davis and Alex Matysek, in contributing and completing the BSA Submission to the Legislative Council Inquiry into Finfish farming. This Submission will soon be available on the Parliamentary website.

Correspondence:

1. Media Release from Min. Ferguson re new ferry. "This will 'hit the water' in December. The new high speed ferry will be a welcome addition to the Bruny Island run this summer and will be complemented by significant land-side infrastructure, to be announced soon, which will enable SeaLink to operate to their full capacity.....Construction has also commenced on the second ferry, which will be delivered in 2021....." This will combine to " result in faster turnaround times and a greater crossing capacity...."

2. Letter from Min. Ferguson re cool room at Kettering..."My Office has been in contact with the Dept. of State Growth and has assured that Bruny Island storekeepers and distributors will continue to receive fresh milk beyond December 1st. The Department is in contact with the lease of the Bruny Island Gateway and a number of options are being worked through.....I look forward to visiting the Island this Friday (15th Nov) to meet with the Bruny Island Reference Group which includes a representative of the Bruny Island Community Association."

3. Letter from Belinda Loxley, Emergency Services Coordinator, K.C. re Emergency Coordinator for the Alonnah Hall Evacuation Centre. Megan Weston forwarded contact details for the Alonnah Hall Committee.
 4. Correspondence between Megan Weston and Major Malcolm McWilliams re arrangements for Governor's visit.
 5. Letter from Tony Ferrier, K.C. re land survey work to be conducted in and around Alonnah pertaining to new footpath.
 6. Copy of Media Release from Alex Matysek on Sustainable Industry Growth for the Salmon Industry in the Channel and Huon areas.
 7. Letter of reply from Peter Droege to Megan Weston on Small Farm Grants.
 8. Newsletter from Sophie Underwood, PMAT
- Moved: L. Story 2nd L. Champine.

Financial Report:

Treasurer John Kobylec reported all going well financially for BICA. Moved: J. Kobylec 2nd R. Davis

REPORTS:

BICHSAAC: Megan Weston reported volunteer training for Community Visitors will commence early in 2020 when all application forms have been submitted to Kingborough Council.

A meeting between BICHSAAC, BICAL and Kingborough Council representatives will be held on the 12th December to discuss an ongoing maintenance program for the Glensyn units.

Membership of BICHSAAC has been renewed with Jeff Self reappointed as Chair and Geoff Byrne as Deputy Chair.

Kingborough Council Community Consultative Forum: Nick Weetman reported that he had attended the recent Meeting and had presented BICA issues.

Water Project: Jeff Self reported on the efforts of this Group re maximising water storage and possibly making additional water available. BICA will send a Submission to Council pertaining to it's water quality strategy in the Planning Scheme to incorporate limitations on supply. Adventure Bay aquifer was intended mainly as backup for domestic use on the Island, but 50% is at present being used for commercial use, not including B&B's.

Motion: That BICA make a submission about water storage requirements when the State Wide Planning scheme details relating to Kingborough are released for public comment. Moves: J. Self 2nd L. Story.

Garden Club: Linda Champine reported a very successful year. They are working on a future bus trip to Nieka to visit an Aboriginal garden.

BICAL: Michelle Allen, Kingborough Council, to attend Meeting on 12th December for discussions on maintenance of Glensyn units.

Looking out for each other: Keith Smith reported that Grietje is pleased with progress of (Beyond) Blue Man Project.

BIFRG: Megan Weston presented a report on behalf of Lindon Haigh.

" The plan is to build an additional docking terminal each at Roberts point and Kettering. One side for the Mirambeena, and the new terminals for the new SeaLink vessels.

How the traffic lanes, booking, queue jumping will be managed is still unknown

There will be no booking system until the infrastructure is complete. DoSG have suggested that the Mirambeena can be a 'no booking' lane. This is a big step from the 80/20 model that was bandied about for some time. The new vessels will be for those who book. Spare spaces may be offered to those next in line in the unbooked lane,

There is much more discussion to be had

- I would suggest that those who choose not to book, may be on a one hour timetable
- When the Mirambeena is out of action, we may have no choice than to ride on the Bowen, where now we can choose to avoid the Bowen when there is a chop on the water.
- It appears that the traffic island and turn around area is as was always planned.
- There will be traffic beyond the Sealink booth at the traffic island
- New facilities may be built somewhere near the traffic island area
- Only foot traffic and those in line to go on the ferry will pass beyond the traffic island.
- Sealink will be in control of the area beyond the traffic island to the ferry.

Green Organic Waste Program: Ros Woodburn was most impressed with community passion for this program. Suggests Bruny should look at using ongoing Island waste, composting, etc on Island rather than importing mulch etc. Requested BICA support the first of the workshops, which will include discussions on biodiversity. Small scale works well, but need to take this to next level. Ros also suggested she may apply for some funding from BICA down the track, as BICA also working on green waste on the Island.

General Business:

GUEST SPEAKER:

Adam Penklis, a Social Work student spoke of the study he conducted in conjunction with West Winds Community Centre on the public transportation situation in the Channel area. He discussed present services, or lack thereof, and the potential impact transport can have on employment, youth, mental health and traffic congestion. He had been heartened by the responses to the survey, and the statistics gathered had shown changes to public transport were vital. Adam also said there should be better synchronisation between the Bruny ferry and public transport for both tourists and Islanders. He said it was also clear from the survey that there was great support for a potential Channel ferry service. "Transport is the glue that binds our community together," he says. Adam can be contacted for further information on the survey at penklisa@utas.edu.au

With the impending resignation of our Secretary, BICA is requesting anyone interested in this position to please contact the Chair, Megan Weston.

A request was received for funding from North Bruny Fire Brigade. Total cost, \$2,425.50. Moved: F. Davis 2nd R. Davis that BICA approve the amount of \$2,425.50. Carried unanimously.

Keith Smith spoke to the danger of power poles positioned on the new Alonnah - Lunawanna Main Road. He has had communication from State Growth that their risk assessment states there is no danger. BICA to write to Dept. of State Growth re perceived safety issues and the Department's risk assessment. Moved D. Andrews 2nd J. Pforr. Carried.

Helen Neske raised the issue of rabbits becoming a problem in Adventure Bay and after discussion Helen opted to contact Kingborough Council and Richard Clarke for a solution.

Chair Megan Weston then wished all a very happy and safe Christmas.

Meeting closed 12.22pm.

Next Meeting Sunday, 12th January, 2020, 11.00am at CWA Hall, Barnes Bay .

