

Bruny Island Community Health Services Advisory Committee

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Venue:** Meeting Room, 16 School Road, Alonnah  
**Date:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019  
**Time:** 8.30am – 10.00am

**Meeting Items**

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION	ACTION OFFICER
<b>1.1 Attendance:</b>	Present: Jeff Self (Chair; Bruny Island Men’s Shed), Pam Aitchison (Auxiliary), Geoff Byrne (Respite Group), Donna Gallagher (NUM), Jo Waldon (Bruny Island School Principle), Victoria Bull (ANUM), Michael Ashby (THS), Megan Weston (BICA), Lynne Michaels (Tas Ambulance), Bastian Seidel (Bruny Island Medical)		
<b>1.2 Apologies</b>	Jenny Weld (CWA), Bob Jager (SES), Nick Weetman (BICAL), Bruce Edwards (THS).		
<b>1.3 Traditional Owner Acknowledgement:</b>	Jeff acknowledged the Nuenonne people as traditional custodians of Bruny Island.		
<b>1.4 Declarations of Conflict of Interest</b>	None noted.		
<b>1.5 Confirmation of minutes</b>	Meeting held 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Confirmed and accepted.	Geoff/Pam
<b>1.6 Matters arising:</b> <b>1.6.1 Transport Subcommittee Progress:</b>	Deferred to general business.		

<p><b>I.6.2 Volunteers progress:</b></p>	<p>Victoria reported on discussions with Kingborough Council's (KC) home visiting volunteer coordinator, Trish Jay. KC has an established programme which seems a good fit for Bruny Island's proposed programme. Victoria is to arrange a meeting between Kingborough Volunteer Coordinator, key stakeholders and prospective volunteers. There is an overlap here of transport needs and accessing the network of Bruny's vulnerable residents. The Tasmanian Hospice Service is another likely key stakeholder which our potential volunteers could tap in to – to be explored. There are likely many areas to be tweaked, ensuring flexibility and Bruny Island specificity.</p>	<p>Meeting to be arranged.</p>	<p>Victoria.</p>
<p><b>I.6.3 RFDS Contact:</b></p>	<p>Jeff reported on discussion with the Rural Primary Health Provider (The Royal Flying Doctor Service) Statewide Team Leader, Zoe Page. She is to attend a future BICHSAC meeting after she returns from leave.</p>	<p>Zoe to be advised of our next meeting.</p>	<p>Jeff.</p>
<p><b>I.6.4 BICAL Resumption:</b></p>	<p>A BICAL meeting has been called for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019, following the BICA meeting.</p>		
<p><b>I.6.5 Ambulance Tas response:</b></p>	<p>Jeff reported no formal response to his letter of May 2019, but Lynne advised that Bruny Ambulance volunteers now have a regular visiting trainer and assessor who is available for at least the next six months, and is signing off trainees. Lynne is leaving Bruny in December, her</p>		

	replacement yet to be finalised. Ambulance volunteer Leigh Higgins has now completed 60 years as a volunteer – this is probably a national record.		
<b>1.7 Correspondence</b>	Nil.		
<b>2 Reports:</b>			
<b>2.1 NUM</b>	<p>Donna advised of upcoming UTAS Rural Week (previously held earlier in the year) in which second year medical students visit the Island. These visits have previously incorporated Bruny Pharmacy, Bruny School and Murrayfield visits as well as some local businesses.</p> <p>Donna also advised of Nurse Claire’s co facilitation of ‘Celebrate Bruny Day’ to be held at the Alonnah Community Centre on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November. A wide variety of community groups and activities are to be presented, including the School, the Health Centre, Bruny Island Medical, the Men’s Shed and perhaps a Ambulance Tas display of emergency resuscitation methods (CPR), amongst an array of other displays.</p> <p>The longstanding Bruny pharmacist Terry Burnett has withdrawn and has been replaced by pharmacist Kim Hong.</p>	<p>Letters of thanks/welcome from BICHSAC are to be written to each respectively.</p>	<p>Jeff</p>

<p><b>2.2 BICA</b></p>	<p>Megan reported on the recent public meeting with the Ferry Reference Group (FRG) chaired by MHR Andrew Wilke. The meeting was well attended and the issue of pathology samples discussed, with mixed views presented. Bastian reported that Bruny Island Medical continues to struggle on occasions to get samples from Bruny patients to the laboratory before closing time as a result of ferry queues.</p> <p>Megan reported that Nick Weetman and Lockie Story are preparing a response to the Huon Valley request for a report on the 2018/2019 summer Tasmanian bushfire impact on Bruny Island.</p>		
<p><b>2.3 Bruny Medical:</b></p>	<p>Bastian reported that social worker sessions alternating with a psychologist on Wednesdays are now established. A monthly women's health clinic is now available. The practice now has a 24 hour ECG monitor and a new computers (to be installed this week) capable of linking to the national patient data base. Huon Regional Care (subacute beds) has already received its first Bruny inpatient. Bastian also announced that Primary Health (Federal Government) has re-classified Bruny Island as 'Modified Monash Model 6, effective from 2020.</p>		<p><i>To be published in the Bruny News report.</i></p>
<p><b>2.4 Ambulance Tas:</b></p>	<p>Lynne reported the acquisition of a new dummy for CPR training, and agreed to Pam's suggestion that the Bruny Ambulance</p>		

	volunteer group offer occasional displays to Bruny residents, perhaps at public events such as Celebrate Bruny Day and the Easter Woodchop. Ambulance Tas is still short on volunteers on North Bruny.		
<b>3 New business:</b>			
<b>3.1 BICHSAC Page on BICA website.</b>	<p>Jeff has been approached by the Bruny News editor for review of the BICHSAC page on the BICA website. There are other details of the BICHSAC page out of date.</p> <p>The Editor asked about a group photo for the BICA website.</p>	<p>Minutes of BICHSAC meetings are to be routinely sent to the website for publication in accord with past practice. These details to be arranged.</p> <p>The meeting agreed to a group photo at the next BICHSAC meeting.</p>	<p>Jeff</p> <p>Jeff and Bruny News Editor</p> <p>Jeff and Bruny News photographer.</p>
<b>3.2 Discussion of the transport paper.</b>	<p>The meeting endorsed Geoff's paper and identified an urgent need for creation of a sub-committee comprised of Geoff, Megan, Bob Catchpole (or other CTST representative), Julie Alderfox from Kingborough Council, volunteer drivers (or other Bruny resident representatives). The system needs flexibility with room for adaptation of individual cases/excursions on short notice. A side issue arose with outpatient medical appointments, given that many can be conducted using videoconferencing (Computer on wheels) located at Bruny Health Centre. Many residents may be saved trips to the RHH in this way. Residents who have RHH outpatient appointments to contact nurses to determine eligibility. Bastian re-affirmed the potential availability of his practice's vehicle during clinic days at Bruny.</p>	<p>Bruny News items to advertise this service.</p> <p>Michael indicated room for negotiation with some reluctant outpatient specialists.</p>	<p>Donna/Jeff</p> <p>Michael</p>
<b>3.3 BICHSAC accolade:</b>	Michael drew attention to the growing list of successes attributable at least in part to the		

	<p>work of BICHSAC and the Bruny Community with respect to health services. The picture now on the Island is greatly improved from that of 18-24 months ago.</p>		
<p><b>Next meeting:</b></p>	<p><i>Monday 2nd September 2019 at 8.30am</i></p>	<p>THS attendance will be improved if future meetings are organised well in advance. The meeting is to consider holding meetings at regular time and date, first Monday of each month. Admins to send meeting invites.</p>	