

Bruny Island Community Health Services Advisory Committee

MINUTES OF MEETING

Venue:

Conference Room, 16 School Road, Alonnah

Date:

Monday September 14th 2020

Time:

8.35am – 09.50am

Meeting Items

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION	ACTION OFFICER
I.1 Acknowledgement of first Australians			
I.2 Attendance:	<p>Present: Jeff Self (Chair and Men's Shed Rep), David Ballin (Tas Ambulance Volunteers), Donna Gallagher (NUM), Megan Weston (BICA), Bob Jager (SES).</p> <p>By video-link: Bruce Edwards (THS), Michael Ashby (THS) and Ashley McPherson (Bruny School).</p> <p>Guest: Steve Riley (Bruny Paramedic).</p>		
I.3 Apologies	<p>Victoria Bull (UNUM), Geoff Byrne (Respite Care Group, via message received later), Pam Aitchison (CWA) and Helen Hansson (Auxiliary), both available as needed through Jane Finn Room.</p>		

1.4 Declarations of Conflict of Interest	None presented		
1.5 Confirmation of minutes	Minutes meeting 10/08/2020	Moved Megan Weston, seconded Bob Jager.	
1.6 Matters arising			
1.6.1 Vulnerable resident isolation	Sheryl Lampkin's Jane Finn Room meal production and home delivery project remains active, with delivery numbers reduced now that Jane Finn Monday attendance has recommenced. North Bruny delivery by a group of volunteer drivers has been added to the project, and similarly well-received. Meal provision has been so successful that moves are afoot to arrange an extra cook.		
1.6.2 community bus	The Bowls Club community bus is to arrive on 2 nd October and will be fairly freely available through the week, with a range of possible drivers, essentially administered through the Bowls Club.		
1.6.3 blue farmer	The sculpture with blue outfit is complete; a site has been identified, as yet undisclosed, but not at the sought location at Roberts Point.		
1.6.4 Paramedic continuance	See main business item.		

1.6.5 other matters	Nil		
1.7 Correspondence	Steve Riley invitation and reply.		
2. Reports			
NUM	Business returning to normal, with nurses starting to take leave.		
THS	<p>Huon Regional Care’s Franklin subacute admissions for Bruny suspended for the time being, essentially due to COVID-related staffing issues.</p> <p>COVID testing at Public Wharf One manages 300 tests per day on weekends, and fewer during the week, Bruny residents can arrange testing through their GP, or by ringing the Hotline directly, with an expectation of a test within 48 hours. The Hotline number is 1800 671 738. An early morning weekday call will likely result in an appointment later the same day.</p> <p>Michael Ashby asked about unfinished business following the several public</p>	<p>Megan cited the community bus, the establishment of A Bruny volunteer group and the meals-on-wheels</p>	

	workshops held on Bruny over the past two years.	project as valued changes for the Bruny community attributable in part to the past workshops and agreed with Michael that the public forum process warranted continuation.	
Ambulance Volunteer Service	Four new volunteers are to join the existing 9 members and they come from both north and south Bruny.		
Men's Shed	Nil new to report.		
SES BICA CWA Auxiliary Bruny School	<p>Bob Jager has retired as Unit Manager; his successor is Lee Blackwell from North Bruny. Bob is to remain as SES representative on BICHSAC for the time being.</p> <p>Water workshop still planned. Bruny News is celebrating its 40 anniversary.</p> <p>Remains in recess.</p> <p>The Melbourne Cup gathering, with a ceiling of 68 persons is to go ahead at the Bowls Club.</p> <p>Approvals have been obtained for the community garden space; it is about to open. Playground space at the School is to be increased.</p>		
3 New Business 3.1 Paramedics	Steve Riley outlined the history and current status of Paramedic presence on Bruny. Along with a number of other Tasmanian isolated communities, Bruny Island was identified as a risk of emergency response shortfall due the predominance of aged volunteers, and the requirement that vulnerable health-related		

Other business	<p>volunteers be protected by avoiding participation in emergency responses.</p> <p>The two paramedics work on a roster such that one is on call at all times. They are to complement the existing emergency response service already in place with our community nurses. Although earmarked to remain until December, it seems likely that they will continue here until the end of summer, after the peak tourist season.</p> <p>Nil</p>		
Meeting closed	0950		
Next meeting:	<i>Monday 12th October at 8.30am</i>	BICHC	