

Bruny Island Community Health Services Advisory Committee

MINUTES OF MEETING

Venue: Meeting Room, 16 School Road, Alonnah
Date: Monday 25th May 2020
Time: 8.30am – 0920am

Meeting Items

| ITEM | DISCUSSION | ACTION | ACTION OFFICER |
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| 1.1 Attendance: | Present: Geoff Byrne (Respite Group), Victoria Bull (ANUM), David Ballin (Tas Ambulance Volunteers), Pam Aitchison (Auxiliary), Donna Gallagher (NUM, by video-link), Jeff Self (Men's Shed & Chair) | | |
| 1.2 Apologies | Helen Hansson (CWA), Megan Weston (BICA), Bruce Edwards (THS), Michael Ashby (THS), Bob Jager (SES), | | |
| 1.3 Welcome guests | Nil guests | | |
| 1.4 Declarations of Conflict of Interest | None sought | | |
| 1.5 Confirmation of minutes | Meeting held 10 th March 2020; confirmation deferred to a larger quorum.. | | |

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| 1.6 Matters arising: | Deferred to a larger quorum. | | |
| 1.11 Correspondence | None of urgency presented. | | |
| 2. Reports | | | |
| NUM | <p>Nurse vehicle emergency lighting (Blue/Red) requests have been submitted with indications of multiple agency support.</p> <p>Donna has met with the new SeaLink CEO Tania Matthews and has obtained an undertaking that the Ferry timetable is negotiable for urgent medical cases.</p> <p>The screening of visitors to the Health Centre will be upgraded soon with temperature taking and completion of a written questionnaire for all visits.</p> | | |
| ANUM | The Health Centre has adapted seamlessly to to the pandemic requirements. Some 400 odd flu inoculations have been administered, with stocks upheld. The pneumococcus vaccine is on order. All visits to the Centre since lockdown have entailed verbal screening. Social distancing and sanitizing is in | | Victoria |

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| | <p>effect. Many consultations are remote, particularly for vulnerable residents. The Centre has maintained an active connection with such persons and has integrated skilfully with the meals on wheels service and its principal: Sheryl Lampkin, Huon Regional Care, the key funder, has indicated that this vital service 'will continue as long as it is needed'.</p> <p>Trish Jay of Kingborough Council Volunteer Service has been liaising with Victoria Bull (the Health Centre contact for Bruny volunteer services) to resume volunteer activities, with strong indications of expansion.</p> | <p>The Bruny volunteers have been inducted and are on hold since the COVID-19 lockdown. Trish will be visiting all listed clients at some point. She ensures a suitable marriage of resident and volunteer.</p> | |
| Ambulance Volunteer Service | <p>The ferry staff have responded to Island requests for ferry timetable adjustments permitting urgent patient transport.</p> <p>Two paramedics are now rostered onto the Island such that one is always on call. This service has been introduced to fill the shortfall in volunteers who have had to reduce their input, in accord with Lockdown safety measures. These paramedics travel independently to events, and so there is little alteration to services to note. This trial introduction is to be extended to July 2020. They are an already utilized training resource.</p> | <p>Ashley sees greater interaction between students and members of the community</p> | |
| Men's Shed | <p>The Shed has closed due to pandemic</p> | | |

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| | lockdown. A regular weekly video link-up is available for members whilst awaiting relaxation of social safety measures. New guidelines to be introduced will allow some Tasmanian sheds to re-open, but not so for Bruny due to its small size, lack of resources and facilities. The community outreach agency, Rural Alive and Well (RAW), has come and assisted with debriefing of the recent death of a member. | | |
| 3 New Business 3.1 Bruny Ferry | The ferry timetable has been adjusted on several occasions without the anticipated community consultation. Initial concerns about patient transfers seem now to have settled and over several weeks the ferry organizers have promptly responded to requests for timetable adjustments to assist needy patients. | | |
| 3.2 Paramedics Introduced | 24 hour on-call paramedic service has started and is a trial. This appears to have happened seamlessly. | | |
| Meeting closed | 0920 | | |
| Next meeting: | <i>Monday 13th July^h at 8.30am</i> | Venue to be determined. | |