

**Kingborough Community Forum
GENERAL MEETING**

Saturday 15 June 2024

9.30 am – 12.00 pm

Council Chambers – Civic Centre, 15 Channel Highway, Kingston

AGENDA

Attendees and apologies as per attendance list

1. Introduction and acknowledgement of country (Chair)
2. Confirm minutes of the Kingborough Community Forum 23 March 2024
3. Request for membership – Leslie Vale Community Group
4. Workshop on Drought and Climate Resilience - Lissa Villeneuve, DPAC
5. Presentation on ducks of Tasmania – Bridget Jupe, Natural Areas Interpretation Officer
6. Reports from each community organisation
7. Updates from Council (i.e. significant issues dealt with and decisions made by Council since last Forum meeting) and current projects - Dave Stewart, Chief Executive Officer
8. Other business
9. Next meetings: 21 September, 7 December (tbc, same day as Council AGM)

**Kingborough Community Forum
AGM AND GENERAL MEETING**

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Attendees

Organisation	Attendee
Blackmans Bay Progress Association	Louisa D'Arville and Chloe Bibari
Bonnet Hill Community Association	-
Bruny Island Community Association	Apologies: Tammy Price
Coningham & Lower Snug Community Association	Mike Jackson Apologies: Kate Lucas
Friends of North Bruny	-
Howden Progress Association	June Walker and John Everard
Kettering Community Association	Peter Laud
Kingborough Landcare Network	Roland Painter
Margate Hills Community Association	Apologies – Felicity Smart
South Channel Ratepayers Association	Gloria Lonergan
Snug Landcare	-
Taroona Community Association	Maureen Robinson and Jill Hickie
Westwinds	-
Woodbridge Community Association	-
Friends of Longley Area Group & Deputy Chair	Nick Booth and Sue Quarmby
Leslie Vale Community Group	Mark Dunn Leslie Vale Community Group
Chair	Mike Brough
Council Officers	Dave Stewart, Chief Executive Officer Deleeze Chetcuti - Director Environment, Development and Community Bridget Jupe – Natural Areas Interpretation Officer Bianca Kleine, Communications and Engagement Support Officer
Presenter	Lissa Villeneuve; Regional Drought Resilience Coordinator (South), Department of Premier and Cabinet
Councillors (observers)	Cr. Aldo Antolli, Cr. Flora Fox (tentative)

KINGBOROUGH COMMUNITY FORUM

REPORT

Meeting Date: 15/6/24

Name of Community Organisation: CALSCA

Name of representative attending: Mike Jackson; Apologies: Kate Lucas

Contact information:
coninghamlsc@gmail.com

CURRENT PRIORITIES:

We are in the process of replacing the regeneration signs on Coningham beach. The old ones are fading and deteriorated. They are to be replaced with aluminium signs.

We have 150 plants from council for more regeneration plantings on Coningham Beach foreshore. We met with Sophie Golding, Council's new biodiversity officer, June 3rd to look at Coningham Beach and our regeneration work along the foreshore. We also raised the issue of using the old toilet water tank to make it easier to water plants on the southern end of the beach.

Council Officer's response:

No problems using the old water tank as long as there is water to use.

MAIN ISSUES RAISED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS:

It is noted that draft council budget has funds for the CALSCA initiated new footpath in Snug along the Channel Hwy from the Hotel to the school, and road works along a narrow section of Davies road Lower Snug.

The intersection of Coningham Rd and Old Station Rd was changed to give priority along Old Station Rd while the road along the waterline was upgraded a few years back. This was supposed to be changed back to give priority to drivers enter and exiting Coningham Rd after the upgrade was completed. This still hasn't been done. The exit turning right from Coningham Rd into Old Station is obscured by the fence and trees of the house on the corner meaning you can't see approaching cars until they are right on the intersection resulting in some near misses. CALSCA would like

	<p>priority given to restoring the intersection back to the way it was.</p> <p>Council Officer's response: As previously mentioned this will be upgraded when the area is resealed in the next couple of years.</p>
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<p>UPDATE ON COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES</p>	<p>After 6 years of hard work by CALSCA and the Snug community we have finally had the speed limit reduced to 50ks through Snug and to 70Ks on the southern end of town through Lower Snug. The Lower Snug speed limit change is a big win for our community as our children have to cross this road to get to school or the bus stop. The 70k speed limit will also allow a safety zone crossing to be built on this section of road as well.</p>
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KINGBOROUGH COMMUNITY FORUM	
REPORT	<p>Meeting Date: 15 June 2024</p> <p>Friends of Longley-Area Group</p> <p>Name of representative attending: Sue Quarmby, Nick Booth</p> <p>Contact information: Mike Brough - broughmj@gmail.com</p>

<p>CURRENT PRIORITIES:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaising with Council re installation of physical barrier to prevent illegal casual camping and parking in Longley Park • Planning for our Picnic in the Park family fun and information day (2 November) • Revegetation – Longley Park and Longley recreation ground surrounds. In addition to plants provided by Council, a quantity of plants has been provided by the Tasmanian Land Conservancy • Weed management – foxglove; strategic focus on Spanish heath incursion; radiate pine • Build a street library at Longley • Secure Council funding for implementation of agreed actions arising from the Longley Reserve Master Plan.
<p>MAIN ISSUES RAISED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of increasingly larger hotel activities at Longley • Need for upgrade of the Leslie Vale/Huon Highway intersection (noting that funding for upgrade of the Huon Highway is included in the 2024/25 federal budget • Related to the intersection matter, a proposal by Hazel Bros to double the extractive capacity of its Leslie Vale quarry and move to 24/7 operations

**UPDATE ON
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

In addition to matters set out in the 'Current Priorities' section, FLAG members are:

- Assisting residents with information and practical help in managing weeds on their properties, including distribution of information brochures and assistance with weed removal
- Monitoring NW Bay River water quality at Longley on a regular basis. In addition to the dimensions that can be readily measured (temperature, PH, turbidity, nutrient load), Council has agreed to explorer testing for coliforms and research on invertebrate populations.

KINGBOROUGH COMMUNITY FORUM

REPORT

Meeting Date: 15 June 2024

**Name of Community Organisation:
Blackmans Bay Community Association**

**Name of representative attending:
TBC**

Contact information: bbca7052@gmail.com

CURRENT PRIORITIES:

Continuation of regular events- Landcare working bees, crop swaps and board game nights.

After an inspiring party at the skate park we met with Insp. Colin Riley to discuss the feedback we received on the day and from teens across a number of evenings and we shaped our recommendations for the area. We aimed for achievable “low hanging fruit’ type recommendations and we hope to have Council’s support around a number of these.

Our recommendations are as follows:

- **Improve lighting around the outside areas of the Blackmans Bay Hall and through the skate park area.** For the safety of visitors and nearby residents. Lighting will also allow users in the hall after dark to see outside and to feel safe when meeting in the space (currently the windows act as mirrors, people can see in, no one can see out) . Lighting will be ‘dark sky/wildlife friendly’.

- **Seating throughout the skate park areas.** This was requested by families, teens and older people. Tables and chairs on the 'high ground' would allow people to sit and watch the activity in the skate park. It would make the space welcoming to multiple generations, it would allow connection between the bbqs and the wider space.

- **Updated mural.** The teenagers in the area impressed upon us how disappointed they are with the mural on the Hall wall, they were extremely insightful about how disconnected the mural was from the place it is in, they were kind to the artist but expressed their desire to see something more sophisticated and connected to the landscape.

- **Path accessibility.** There are currently two paths which come from Wells Parade towards the skate park which do not connect safely to Ocean Esplanade. It would be beneficial to the community to create at least one accessible path that goes through the skate park from the beach to Wells Parade, that is advertised, lit well and supplied with dog facilities (poo bin, dog bowl). This would encourage multiple users into the space. This is understood to be a simple way to create friendly relationships between different generations and interest groups. There is one path that connects Wells Parade to Ocean Esp. It runs behind the hall and is very narrow and has no lighting. This is a space which does not feel safe for our community.

- **Planting.** All generations of users have suggested planting throughout the green spaces bordering the skate park. Plantings along pathways would attract more diverse users to the area- could include a design to make the area more engaging- including sensory plantings and perhaps signage about local native plants that thrive in our area. Our landcare team would like to work on this with Council's support.

- **A bike fixing station.** Users have requested a bike fixing station like the one supplied at Kingston Park. Community members have agreed that such a facility would bring them into the space and could create a culture at the park which allows for growth and learning. For example, workshops could be held around bike maintenance.

- **Ongoing use of the space for community events-** we will continue to work on providing varied and interesting events in this space to encourage all users to connect with their community and to act safely and feel safe in the space. For example- winter/solstice celebrations, silent discos, star gazing/observing parties (dark sky appreciation sessions), open mic nights (outdoors and in the hall), frequent free barbecues.

Council Officer's response:

Council appreciates the work undertaken by the BBCA in engaging with the community on this matter and is supportive in principle of the recommendations. There is however, a cost associated with implementing many of the improvement suggestions and this will need to be addressed as part of future budget deliberations and in the context of municipal wide priorities for upgrades of infrastructure.

- **Yellow recycling bin-** the current waste bins are located separately to one another near the barbecues. A lot of landfill is

	<p>placed in the Recycling bin. If you make a mistake, you can't access the bins to fix it. Even more disappointing is that, on numerous occasions, the landfill and recycling bins have been observed being collected together and dumped in the same truck. We recommend the removal of the recycling bin as it is confusing and gives false confidence to users. Those who are serious about sorting waste will likely take home any recycling if they are not provided with an option at the park. We would be happy to assist in education around why the bin was removed.</p> <p>Council Officer's response:</p> <p>Although public place recycling bins sometimes are contaminated with inappropriate materials generally they are well used and the recycling is recycled not landfilled. The public place bin collection truck has been designed with two separate compartments for general rubbish and recycling as such the same truck will pick up both in separated hoppers. Generally the recycling that is collected is relatively good with minimal contamination but where we know there are problem areas we monitor and can look at a number of measures such as improved education and/or identification of contamination source and removal if a problem persists we can remove.</p> <p>- Other requests which are worth being aware of- basketball facilities, a hoop and small court, and areas within the skate park for specific age groups/ ability levels were requested by a multitude of users.</p> <p>We are pleased that FoGO friendly dog poo bags are on the draft budget and we thank Council for this. We hope to see this approved at the June 3 council meeting.</p> <p>We have expressed to Council, in our budget feedback that the budget was particularly scarce in information- we only understood that dog poo bags were included in the draft because of excellent communication from Cr. Clare Glade-Wright.</p>
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<p>UPDATE ON COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES</p>	<p>Our skate park event was amazing, highly productive and beautifully organised by Chloe Bibari- we were so proud of the day and the fun we all had! 380 sausages were eaten! The place was alive with energy! We focussed our publicity on Blackmans Bay by going old</p>
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	<p>school and hitting the pavement- we letter boxed, poster bombed and drew with chalk around the streets of Blackmans Bay. We hope to go forward with this method for many of our events as we enjoyed the tight community feel that it created and how it brought lots of new, but familiar, faces to the event. We are moving away from social media as our main method of communication. We have taken a lot of inspiration from this TED talk about strengthening community and highly recommend watching this!</p>
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<https://youtu.be/Cbp92gluxPY>

KINGBOROUGH COMMUNITY FORUM

REPORT

Meeting Date: 15 June 2024

Name of Community Organisation: KCA

Name of representative attending: Peter Laud

Contact information: 047 551 3647

CURRENT PRIORITIES:

With speed limit changes on Channel Hwy we continue to press for reduction to 50 km/h through Kettering a campaign that began more than 10 years ago but so far with no success. Traffic through Kettering is increasing all the time with more than 20 Bruny ferries a day. It's also an interchange for school buses morning and afternoon which with parent pick-ups adds to traffic volumes. The fight continues despite the discouraging responses so far. We appreciate that KC has little leverage in this matter since it concerns a State road.

On another matter we are still looking at the possibilities of improving the exterior of Kettering Hall despite the previous council response.

UPDATE ON COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

We continue with our programme of guest speakers - the last was John Zito, Kettering's maker of fine chocolate. These have been well supported but so far have not resulted in a surge of interest among residents to take up positions on KCA which could be an issue at our AGM in August.

KINGBOROUGH COMMUNITY FORUM	
REPORT	<p>Meeting Date: 15 June 2024</p> <p>Name of Community Organisation: South Channel Ratepayers & Residents Association</p> <p>Name of representative attending: Gloria Lonergan</p> <p>Contact information: Gloria Lonergan</p>

<p>CURRENT PRIORITIES:</p> <p>MAIN ISSUES RAISED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS:</p>	<p>The Association would like to see a walking circuit developed for the Channel Highway, Beach Rd and the Esplanade.</p> <p>Upgrade of the footpath between Gordon Camping Ground and Three Hut Point. With the absence of toilets at Three Hut Point where the boat ramp is situated there is considerable pedestrian traffic with people negotiating traffic on this strip of narrow road to use the facilities at the Camping Ground. Senator Jonathon Duniam has looked at this situation expressing his concern and has proposed a meeting between Nic Street, the Council's Mayor and himself. The Association is awaiting a date for this meeting.</p>
<p>Update on Community Activities:</p>	<p>Recently, the South Channel Ratepayers & Residents Association held its annual Australia Biggest Morning Tea. Over about fifteen years this event has raised over \$13,000 to support the work of the Cancer Council of Tasmania. This year was no exception with over \$1,000 being raised.</p> <p>The Association has received a grant of \$2,000.00 to provide First-Aid Training for volunteers.</p> <p>Planning is underway for a Spring Banquet to be held in September.</p> <p>Recently the SCRRA replaced the Fish Cleaning Table at the Middleton Jetty.</p>

KINGBOROUGH COMMUNITY FORUM

REPORT

Meeting Date: June 15

Name of Community Organisation: Taroona Community Association

Name of representative attending: Maureen Robinson, Jill Hickie

Contact information: TaroonaSecretary@gmail.com

CURRENT PRIORITIES:

1. Organising the inaugural Taroona Community Expo, Sunday November 3rd, 12-4pm, showcasing all Taroona community groups + artists/artisans.
2. Production of our quarterly community newsletter.
3. Forming a 'Friends of Louisa Hinsby Park' to meet once a month to tend to the native display garden.

MAIN ISSUES RAISED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS:

1. Need for traffic calming in Nubeena Cres now, while building work is being done – and also on completion once students are on site.

Council Officer's response:

Nubeena Crescent is a relatively low volume and low speed street and at this stage there are no plans for traffic calming. Any temporary warning signage or traffic calming as part of the IMAS development will be assessed and implemented as required.

2. High level of roadkill in the suburb.
3. Lack of landscaping around the upgrade of Taroona Beach.
4. Nubeena Crescent/Foreshore Track landslip – community remain concerned about this active landslip, with remediation action currently being discussed between KC and Taswater.

Council Officer's response: TasWater have indicated they will be looking to progress with a retaining wall in the area.

**UPDATE ON
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

1. Taroona Expo, Sunday November 3rd, 12-4, a roving expo based around Taroona Community Hall, Taroona Park, and all the clubs and organisations in near vicinity. An event to showcase the work and activities of all Taroona clubs, organisations, groups, artists and artisans.
2. Wildlife Safety in Taroona – a roadkill mitigation session with film “Roadkill Warriors” held on May 29.
3. Coronation Tree Planting for Queen Mary – we are in communication with the Danish Palace regarding planting a coronation tree on National Tree Day in Taroona Park.

KINGBOROUGH COMMUNITY FORUM

REPORT

Meeting Date:

15th June 2024

Name of Community Organisation:

Kingborough Landcare Network (KLN)

Name of representative attending:

Roland Painter

Contact information:

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CURRENT PRIORITIES:

Building our network, connecting the various Convenors and members across Kingborough.

Seeking information from members via our KLN 2024 Member Survey about their experiences, priorities, goals, issues, solutions, for KLN planning purposes.

Succession planning and membership drives for our Landcare groups.

MAIN ISSUES RAISED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS:

Some members of Kingston Beach Coastcare (KBC) are concerned about the 'goat track' access to the beach on the corner of Osborne Esplanade and Balmoral Rd, Kingston Beach, by Browns River. There is increasing erosion from human and dog foot traffic here, creating a safety issue as well as an environmental concern. KBC would like to see a solution to this, to either have the area fenced off or a safe pathway and terracing put in place, which could be planted out by KBC and/or Council.

Council Officer's response:

Council will investigate this informal track to assess the risk to track users and the environment. As the nearest formal beach access ramp is very close, the informal track could be closed if the risk assessment deems it unsafe or an erosion hazard.

There is also erosion by water action at this site. The bank below the white fence and footpath is being eroded, potentially destabilising the footpath above and becoming a safety risk.

Council Officer's response:

Council is aware of this bank erosion being caused by flows in Browns River. Council will assess the erosion to determine the level of risk to the adjacent footpath and fence.

Could Council inform us of what plans (if any) there are to build a new pedestrian bridge over Browns River? Are there plans for a new footpath along Browns River at this site?

Council Officer's response:

There is a plan to replace the existing footbridge across Browns River sometime in the next couple of years, currently looking at concept options. The new structure will set up to suit both bike and pedestrian traffic i.e wider. There are no immediate plans for any additional footpath along Browns River.

Chris Glenn, Convenor of Blackmans Bay Landcare, is concerned about the invasive weed boneseed at the Bayview Market, Blackmans Bay. He is drafting a letter to management to offer assistance with identifying and removing the boneseed there. KLN is collaborating on this and future efforts to offer support to identify and remove invasive weeds from commercial properties.

**UPDATE ON
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

KLN is holding a KLN Get-together including a General Meeting, an evening meal of hot soups and a presentation from Lalani Hyatt, Convenor of the Rainbow Lorikeet Management Group, on 31/05/2024 from 6pm to 8pm. Rene Raichert's Natural Areas and Biodiversity (NAB) team has kindly agreed to fund the meal.

Sophie Golding, our new Biodiversity Officer supporting Kingborough's Landcare groups, is busy meeting Convenors and has already proved to be a great support.

Algona Reserve Landcare held a very successful track opening on 18/05 at the Algona Reserve.

A Tasmania Nature Festival is being organised by Ivie Mays for the 12/10/2024 at the Kingborough Hub. KLN plans to have a presence there and sees this event as an opportunity to have public exposure and increase our groups' memberships. Ivie is liaising with KLN and BJ from the Council's NAB team on this project.

Jenny Forward, our KLN Treasurer, has registered and is leading a new Landcare Group with Landcare Tasmania: Whitewater Creek Landcare. She has also created a Facebook group.

Community Conversations Background & Preparation

What Even is Resilience?

Strengthening resilience is about communities being able to adapt and thrive in the face of anything that comes our way.

And Drought Resilience?

"Drought resilience is the ability to adapt, reorganise or transform in response to changing temperature, increasing variability and scarcity of rainfall and changed seasonality of rainfall, for improved economic, environmental and social wellbeing."

Drought Resilience Funding Plan (2020–2024)

Are We Just Talking About Drought?

No, while the project is funded by the Australian and Tasmanian governments' partnership under the national Future Drought Fund, we recognise that there are many pressures on communities, from the impacts of a changing climate to pandemics and economic decline. Luckily the actions taken to strengthen resilience are very similar, regardless of the stresses being faced.

This Conversation

Purpose

We want to learn more from you about what needs to be done to be better prepared – socially, economically and environmentally - for drought and climate variabilities in our region.

We want to identify what is already working well and what else we need to be better prepared to

ensure that as a community we are not just surviving but flourishing.

We will also ground truth the vision, themes and goals that were drawn out of our initial consultation (see details on back), understand regional priorities and identify practical pathways and actions that will strengthen our resilience in the short, medium and long term.

Who are we speaking to

You! Our focus is on agricultural communities, the supply chains and businesses that serve and are served by them and the crucial natural values and ecosystem services of our regional landscapes. We are keen to talk to as many existing groups and interested people as possible.

What we need from you before the conversation

The goals in the following table will form the basis of our conversation, so please review them and think about which you feel are the highest priority before the event. **You will be asked to choose the 4 goals you think are most important at the start of the community conversation.**

What we will do with what we learn

What we learn from you during the conversation will be incorporated into the Regional Drought Resilience Plan, a resource that will detail the community's vision for a resilient region and the practical actions we need to take to prepare for and cope with drought and increasing climate variability. It will also be a tool to get support and funding for key projects and make sure all initiatives are aligned and working in the same direction.

Our Vision

The people, organisations and systems in Southern Tasmania all work together in a proactive and coordinated way to make our region strong so that we can thrive no matter the climate.

A strong, resilient region means:

Flourishing communities who understand and support each other

Prosperous local economies, where businesses thrive and provide jobs even when conditions are tough

Resilient landscapes, from the bush to the farm

A **climate-conscious built environment** that is designed to be resilient, efficient and sustainable.

Themes and Goals

Flourishing Communities	Prosperous Local Economies	Resilient Landscapes	Climate-Conscious Built Environment
Range of active and diverse community groups, networks and social activities	Producers and small businesses in the region have the information, knowledge and adaptive management skills to adapt and thrive	Natural landscapes, waterways and ecosystems are actively managed for health and diversity	Climate resilience, social and environmental outcomes are incorporated into land use planning and development decisions
Residents support one another and feel they belong	Long-term planning and projects are supported and managed locally	Farm systems can cope with dry conditions and climate variabilities for long-term sustainability and productivity	Community infrastructure (spaces to meet, play, connect & access services) is diverse and fit-for-purpose
Health, education and training services that meet community needs	Proactive systems in place to support most vulnerable groups when times are tough	palawa/pakana management of waterways, land and sea for cultural & ecological values is recognised and supported	Essential services (water, communications, energy) are planned, managed and used efficiently and sustainably
Shared priorities and collaboration across community	Next generation of producers are ready to lead and are confident about navigating climatic variations and farming pressures	Hazards are identified and proactively managed to reduce disaster risks associated with drought	Locals understand how they can make their homes and gardens more climate resilient
Strong, trusted leadership and governance			

The Drought Resilience Plan

The anticipated outcomes are that regional planning will:

- increase community understanding of the impacts of drought (economic, social, and environmental) and how to strengthen drought resilience
- bring people together to share local knowledge, lived experience and perspectives and strengthen community connection
- identify innovative drought resilience initiatives that consider the incremental, transitional, and transformational opportunities needed to strengthen drought resilience
- highlight community priorities to trial during the implementation phase and inform future investments
- be community-led and owned through partnerships of local governments, regional organisations, communities, and industry
- build on existing planning and collaborate to leverage opportunities and avoid duplication.

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