

**Kingborough Community Forum
GENERAL MEETING**

Saturday 23 March 2024

9.30am – 12.00pm

Council Chambers – Civic Centre, 15 Channel Highway, Kingston

MINUTES

Attendees

Louisa D'Arville	Blackmans Bay Community Association
Roger Walker	Bonnet Hill Community Association
Kate Lucas & Mike Jackson	Coningham & Lower Snug Community Association
Andrew Mollison	Howden Progress Association
Peter Laud	Kettering Community Association
Roland Painter	Kingborough Landcare Network
Mark Dunn (presenter and observer)	Leslie Vale Community Association
Gloria Lonergan	South Channel Ratepayers and Residents Association
Maureen Robinson	Taroona Community Association
Sue Quarmby & Nick Booth	Friends of Longley Area Group & Deputy Chair
Mike Brough	Chair
Council Officers:	
Deleeze Chetcuti	Director Environment, Development and Community
Daniel Smee	Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services
Liz Quinn	Manager Environmental Services
Nicholas Alexander	Biodiversity Officer
Bianca Kleine	Communications and Engagement Support Officer
Councillors:	Cr. Clare Glade-Wright; Cr. David Bain
Apologies:	Tammy Price - Bruny Island Community Association, Rob Crossthwaite – Snug Landcare Group, Felicity Smart - Margate Hills Community Association, Friends of North Bruny, Woodbridge Community Association

1. Introduction and acknowledgement of country (chair)

The Chair Mike Brough welcomed all participants and acknowledged and paid respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as the traditional and original owners and continuing custodians of this land and acknowledged Elders – past and present.

The Chair welcomed welcome Deleeze Chetcuti, Nicholas Alexander and Liz Quinn to the forum and Mark Dunn as presenter and observer.

2. Confirmation of minutes of the Kingborough Community Forum 2 December 2023

The forum participants endorsed the 2 December General Meeting minutes as a true and accurate record.

3. Presentation on the Kingborough Environmental Fund (KEF) - Nic Alexander, Biodiversity Officer - Natural Areas and Biodiversity

Refer to attached presentation.

Questions and answers followed about financial offsets, covenants, private land conservation, size restrictions of covenants, securing covenants via KEF, and State Government approval process, ongoing management actions; environmentally friendly moorings.

A question around the penalty for illegal removal of vegetation was taken on notice and will be followed up with the planning compliance team (see reply in table below).

4. Reports from each community organisation

BBCA

Refer to report. Dog poo bags are still priority.

Howden PA

- Community is pleased about the recent reduction of speed limit on the Channel Hwy towards Howden Road to 80km/hr.
- Coffee Creek water testing – the community is hoping for funding to facilitate regular water testing before subdivision occurs.
 - FLAG has had support from Landcare Tasmania to do water testing in their area for three months and suggested this may be an avenue to take.
 - KLN was contacted by Landcare Tasmania about river creek projects in the Kingborough area. They were showing interest in Whitewater Creek and Coffee Creek and may have funding available.
 - BBCA suggested to collaborate with Landcare Groups, Friends of Peter Murrell and BBCA.

BONNET Hill

- The group would like to see widening of Taronga Road to increase traffic safety.
- Browns Road/ buses having difficulty turning right into Browns Road with increase of traffic. Residents would like to see widening of the road in this section (see reply in table below).

FLAG

Refer to report.

- High priority - continuing issue with illegal camping. Better signage to reduce access would alleviate issues; any physical barriers are required.
- Street library to be established in local area.

KCA

Refer to report.

- Clarification was sought about protection of the land on Saddle Road that recently underwent revegetation. This parcel of land is classified as public land and is zoned Open

Space. These two factors provide a high level of protection for its continued community use for passive recreational purposes.

KLN

Refer to report.

KLN acknowledges Council's reply on light pollution addressed in the report (refer to agenda). The group would like to see Council adopt a policy on light pollution.

KLN sends thanks to Sophie Golding, Nicole King and Rene Raichert for their support of the KLN Event at Dru Point on 3 February.

SCRRA

Refer to report.

TCA

Refer to report.

- The group is very concerned about LPS regarding the protection of the streets through Tarooma.
- The state of Baringa Rd/Wandella Drive is a concern, the group keeps getting complaints. (see reply in table below).

CALSCA

Priorities:

Greater Snug Safe Pathways

- Snug gravel shared path between Old Station Road and Davies Road
- Footpath along first section of Davies Road as part of stormwater upgrade
- Footpath along Snug and Lower Coningham – shared zone.
- Approach Metro to extend bus service from Snug down to Coningham at least along Channel Hwy

Other

- Shared zone at Davies Road along the seawall is unsafe.
- Noted - Clark's Beach Dog area – dog walking area is only on a part of this beach.

Events:

- Bushfire safety event was hosted by Council with Tas Fire Brigade

The chair thanked all participants for their reports.

4.1. Mark Dunn – Leslie Vale Community Group – observer and providing report on proposed expansion of the Hazell Bros Leslie Vale quarry

Refer to FLAG report.

Background:

Hazel Brothers propose to double the expansion of the quarry in Leslie Vale. A community meeting took place early December 2023, more than 40 participants attended.

Issues identified:

The group endorsed a formation of the Leslie Vale Community Group steering committee. The committee met three times, developing strategy to engage with Hazel Brothers.

Concerns raised:

- 24 hr operation of the quarry; rock crushing until 10pm; extension of quarry footprints; truck traffic
 - Safety of Huon Hwy at the Leslie Road intersection while this is a 100km/hr zone
- The [Huon Highway Corridor Study](#) by Tas Roads identified the need to address this issue.

LVCG is hoping to engage with other groups, develop a petition about this intersection; they met with Council officers, State/Fed MPS and Councillors. LVCG's aim is to meet the needs of the community and Hazel Brothers. Hazel Brothers have declined to meet with LVCG so far.

Discussion followed about environmental concerns about dust, impact on water, potential light pollution, noise caused by rock crushing and engine breaks and the increase in frequency of blasting. At time of the meeting, there was no DA in place. It was noted that applications are to be lodged with Council and EPA (to address environmental impact of the development) which will then open up opportunities for consultation.

The chair thanked Mark for the presentation. LVCG may consider membership of the forum.

5. Update on current projects and updates from Council – Daniel Smee, Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services

- New CEO Dave Stewart commences 15 April.
- Community Consultation on Council's budget for 2024/25 will open after Easter for one month.
- AFL High Performance Training Centre – Kingborough's bid was unsuccessful.
- Kingston Main Street - Upgrade complete other than relocation of buses.
- Kingston Park – Council works complete.
- Sport & Rec Strategy - approved at 18 March Council meeting.
- Tracks and Trails Action Plan – [community consultation](#) is open until 16 April.
- Taroon Foreshore toilets upgrade complete.
- Woodbridge Hall toilets complete.
- KSC Fitness Centre and accessible toilets nearly complete.
- Snug Beach toilets – works are about to commence.
- Spring Farm track – complete.
- Spring Farm playground - contractor appointed, awaiting delivery of play equipment, works to commence in May.
- Summerleas Road underpass - tenders received.
- Dru Point Reserve - new footpaths complete.
- McKenzies Road track upgrade – complete.
- Kaoota Tramway Track - carpark constructed at trail head.

Update on other Council Engagements - Bianca Kleine

- Margate Masterplan - community survey closed on 12 March, over 1000 responses received.

Next steps:

- Survey results provided to REALM Studios who will design a masterplan.
 - April: meeting with internal stakeholders and Council committee.
 - Council workshop – draft masterplan to be presented by REALM Studios; Council to approve draft masterplan.
 - Public consultation on draft masterplan.
 - Report to Council for masterplan endorsement.
- Kingston Beach LATM – engagement closed.
 - Trees on Private Property Law – engagement closed.

6. Other business

None

7. Next meetings: 15 June, 21 September, 7 December (tbc, same day as Council AGM)

Jason Graham, Convener of the Pacific Black Duck Conservation Group will present at the 15 June meeting. Find the electronic version via this link [Ducks of Tasmania WEB.pdf \(derwentestuary.org.au\)](https://www.derwentestuary.org.au/Ducks_of_Tasmania_WEB.pdf)

List of Actions

WHAT	COMMENT
KEF presentation A question about the penalties for illegal removal of vegetation was taken on notice and will be followed up with the planning compliance team	<p>Council's planning compliance officers investigate vegetation removal specifically in relation to breaches of the <i>Kingborough Interim Planning Scheme 2015</i> (the Scheme) and therefore the <i>Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993</i> (the Act).</p> <p>The Act allows Council to take various measures in respect of a breach of the Scheme and Act (note that these measures are the same for any breach of the Scheme or Act and are not specific to vegetation removal). Specifically in relation to monetary penalties, Council can either issue an infringement notice or commence a prosecution and seek a penalty from the Magistrates Court.</p> <p>An infringement notice issued to a natural person is 15 penalty units (currently \$195.00 per penalty unit for a total infringement of \$2925.00) and an infringement notice issued to a body corporate is 75 penalty units or \$14,625.00.</p> <p>If Council were to commence a prosecution and seek a penalty in the Magistrates Court, then the maximum penalty that can be applied by the Magistrate is 500 penalty units or \$97,500.00.</p> <p>Please also note that the ability of Council to issue an infringement notice or commence a prosecution is constrained by the time limits imposed by the <i>Justices Act 1959</i> to 6 months after the breach occurred.</p>
BONNET Hill Request to widen Taronga Road to	This was brought up in the December 2023 forum. BHCA was advised to send a service request to

<p>increase safety.</p> <p>Browns Road/ buses having difficulty turning right into Browns Road with increase of traffic. Suggestion to broaden road in this section.</p>	<p>customer service to follow up and to advise exact location.</p> <p>Channel Highway at the intersection of Browns Road is maintained by Department of State Growth.</p>
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- Attachment: The Kingborough Environment Fund Presentation by Nicholas Alexander



The Kingborough Environmental Fund

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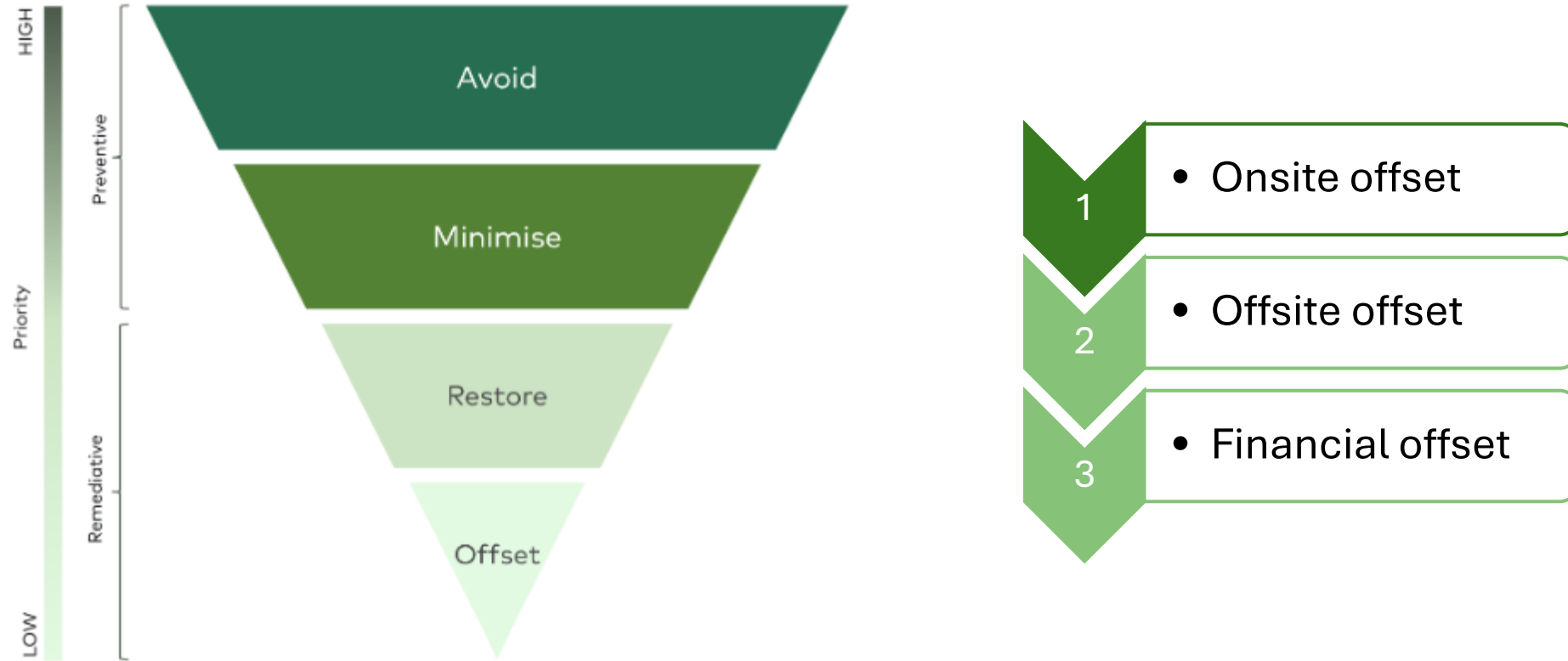


Biodiversity Offsets

- In response to losses of biodiversity values
- Offsets can vary in size
 - Can be large and represent losses of larger areas of vegetation
 - Can be small and represent losses of individual trees
- The result of a Council planning permit or captured through a local bylaw.
- Administered in line with Councils Biodiversity Offsets Policy



Mitigation Hierarchy



Biodiversity Values

- Habitat for threatened species
 - Swift parrots
 - Forty-spotted pardalotes
 - Chaostola skipper



- Threatened vegetation communities
- A vegetation community is a collection of plant species that are found together in a specific location.

Financial Offsets

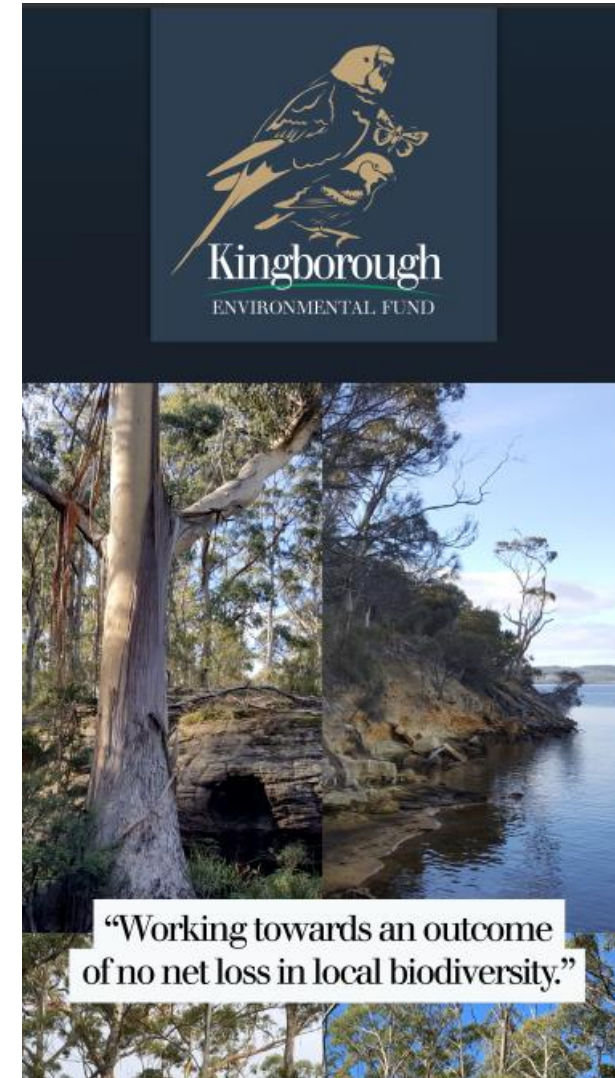
- Held in the Kingborough Environmental Fund
- ‘Like for like’
- A permit condition outlines this ‘like for like’ relationship and guides the expenditure.

“This financial offset is to be used by Council specifically for the management and conservation of swift parrot habitat within the Kingborough municipality.”

- Financial offsets for the same biodiversity values are pooled together to provide an opportunity for more strategic conservation gains.

Kingborough Environmental Fund

- Around 540 individual financial offsets since 2004
- Over \$1.2 million received
- 90% of offsets received have been under \$5000
- Implementation Plan 2018-2022 – over \$500,000 spent
- Governance: guidelines, steering committee, implementation plan
- Continually receiving offsets, KEF beyond 2027?



“Working towards an outcome of no net loss in local biodiversity.”

Private Land Conservation

- An effective way to protect natural landscapes, native plants and animals.
- Cover a smaller area in total but contain a higher percentage of threatened communities than public reserves.
- Allows landowners to protect their own patch for future generations
- Currently Tasmania has 920 conservation covenants protecting more than 110,000 hectares of private reserves
- Conservation covenants are considered part of the National Reserve System.





Outputs of the KEF Implementation Plan 2018-2022

- Six private land conservation covenants protecting:
 - A total of 242.9 hectares of bushland
 - Three threatened vegetation communities
 - Habitat for four target threatened species
- Five revegetation sites
- Two weed control sites
- Three research projects
- Interpretive signage



Private Land Conservation Targets Met

- 27.43 ha black peppermint forest and woodland on sandstone
- 4.87 ha silver peppermint forest and woodland on sediments
- 4.74 ha blue gum dry forest and woodland
- 22.29 ha swift parrot habitat
- 5.24 ha forty-spotted pardalote habitat
- 1.9 ha chaostola skipper habitat
- 0.43 ha pretty heath habitat
- 5.56 ha mature habitat





Other KEF Achievements

- Regional Biodiversity Offset Guidelines (pre-2018)
- Chaostola Skipper Recovery Plan (pre-2018)
- Approximately 6.3 ha of revegetation over 5 sites
- Approximately 4.8 ha of weed control over 2 sites
- Environmentally-friendly Mooring Project
- North West Bay interpretive seagrass signage
- Candlebark survey and report
- Funding for forty-spotted pardalote genetic research
- Stewardship of achieved covenants





Survey of Candlebark (*E. rubida*) in the Kingborough Municipality

Kingborough Council

Final report - 16th July 2019



2023-2027 Projects

- Private Land Conservation Targets
 - 2.6 ha black gum forest and woodland
 - 17.99 ha swift parrot and forty-spotted pardalote habitat
 - Meeting these will likely require 2 more conservation covenants/ Part 5 Agreements.
- Ongoing stewardship of conservation covenants
- Black peppermint forest and woodland on sandstone (DAS) revegetation project – Approximately 2 ha
- Coastal Scrub revegetation project – Approximately 0.35 ha
- Duncan’s sheoak planting – Approximately 0.1 ha
- Management and conservation of seabird habitat at The Neck
- Tortuous rapier-sedge propagation project



Future of the KEF

- The future of the KEF is tied to Council's Biodiversity Offset Policy
- Financial offsets are continuing to be received by the KEF
- Targets are being amended/increased as more offsets come in
- Likely that there will be at least one more iteration of the KEF Implementation Plan

