

**Kingborough Community Forum
GENERAL MEETING**

Saturday 21 September 2024

9.45 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 15 June 2024
3. Presentation on Net Zero Channel “Why Electrify?” – Greg Hitchens and Mike McCluskey
4. Reports from each community organisation
5. 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
6. Discussion about changing the meeting day and times of quarterly forum meetings
 - (a) Option 1 – keep as is – Saturday mornings
 - (b) Option 2 – during business hours (Mon - Fri between 8.30am and 5pm)
 - (c) Option 3 – after business hours (Mon - Fri after 5pm)
7. Other business
8. Next meeting: to be confirmed

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REPORT

Meeting Date: 21/09/2024

Name of Community Organisation: Kettering Community Association (KCA)

Name of representative attending: Peter Laud

Contact information: 0475 513 647

MAIN ISSUES RAISED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS:

Can council give an update on apparent changes to entry at some council halls by adopting an entry app instead of a key system. Also -- has the council recently raised the fees for hall hire and is there any discount for regular users?

Reply:

Council is in the process of installing a digital key system at some of our Community Halls. The system has been installed at Margate, Sandfly and Blackmans Bay Halls, with installation at Kingston Beach occurring on 5th September. At this stage we don't have plans to instal the system at any other community/committee managed halls.

Kingborough Council's Fees and Charges Schedule is reviewed annually as part of the budgeting process. There has been a small increase in the hire fees for community use and commercial activities, however, there has been a reduction in costs for those businesses that offer sport/recreation/fitness activities, such as aerobics and yoga classes. This has been implemented to recognise the health and wellbeing benefits that these activities provide the community, and to encourage more use of our halls for activities of this nature. There are no discounts offered to regular users. Kingborough's Fees and Charges Schedule for the 2024-25 financial year is available on Council's website.

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| REPORT | <p>Meeting Date: 21/9/24</p> <p>Name of Community Organisation: Blackmans Bay Community Association (BBCA)</p> <p>Name of representative attending:</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Contact information: bbca7052@gmail.com</p> |
| CURRENT PRIORITIES: | <p>Identifying the way forward for the BBCA in the coming two years.</p> <p>We have focussed heavily on community resilience in the past two years. We now need to determine what our members want to progress with and how they will assist the committee to continue our work.</p> |
| UPDATE ON COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES | <p>We continue our monthly crop swaps and board games. On August 25th we will have our first Crafternoon at our hall, between 130-330pm. All are welcome.</p> <p>We are planning our AGM on the 21st of September which will heavily focus on member contributions.</p> <p>We are planning our first preserving workshop on November 22nd.</p> <p>The Edible Garden Trail will happen again in February and will be our main focus for the next 6 months, with no other major events planned.</p> |
| ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEM 6 – DISCUSSION ABOUT FUTURE MEETING DAYS/TIMES | <p>“... preference is for the KCCF meetings to be held after business hours Monday-Friday (Option 3).</p> <p>We would also like to encourage the forum to consider using Zoom/Teams etc during the forums to allow people who have a greater distance to travel, to participate more regularly.</p> <p>Our committee is made up of six who work full time or have part time work and young children. We live close to the meetings but still find that the Saturday morning timing is very difficult as so much of our down time or family time is taken to attend. Attending in the evening would be somewhat easier. We realise that this might be harder for members from Bruny and further south to attend and suggest the use of zoom/teams to balance this. This would also permit members to attend whilst still being able to be at home caring for children etc.</p> |

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| | <p>We would like to recommend a shorter meeting time and a decent amount of that time being given to members for simple connection through conversation. This could be loosely structured if need be- around a topic or a value, however some simple time to connect would make these meetings valuable without this structure. This time would, in our view, need to be at least half an hour to be beneficial. Just one Council report or presentation per meeting could allow this perhaps. We also believe that a different setting would create a more welcoming and inclusive environment. Perhaps a more casual space could be used at the Hub?" (Louisa D'Arville)</p> |
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REPORT

Meeting Date: 21 September 2024

Name of Community Organisation: Friends of Longley Area Group (FLAG)

Name of representative attending: Nick Booth; Sue Quarmby

Contact information: Mike Brough
(broughmj@gmail.com; 0418 135 790)

CURRENT PRIORITIES:

- Liaising with Council re installation of physical barrier to prevent illegal casual camping and parking in Longley Park; an update by Council would be appreciated

Reply:

The bid for funding was not successful. Please contact Roy Langman, Urban Design Officer, if you wish to discuss further.

- 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. 2024 revegetation now complete
- Weed management – foxglove; strategic focus on Spanish heath incursion; radiata pine
- Build/install a street library at Longley
- Secure Council funding for implementation of agreed actions arising from the Longley Reserve Master Plan.

MAIN ISSUES RAISED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS:

- Impact of increasingly larger hotel activities at Longley, in particular on Longley Park
- 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 explore testing for coliforms and research on invertebrate populations
- Providing assistance to local residents affected by traumatic events.

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| REPORT | <p>Meeting Date: 21/9/24</p> <p>Name of Community Organisation: Leslie Vale Community Group</p> <p>Name of representative attending: Mark Dunn</p> <p>Contact information: leslievalecommunitygroup@gmail.com</p> |
| CURRENT PRIORITIES: | <p>Hazel Bros Leslie Vale Quarry Expansion proposal</p> <p>Heavy Vehicle traffic on Leslie Rd</p> <p>Safety of Leslie Rd / Huon Hwy intersection</p> |
| UPDATE ON COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES | <p>The committee of the Leslie Vale Community Group met on 1 September to consider a few issues that have recently arisen. The committee was delighted to welcome Inspector Colin Riley from Kingston Police and Kingborough Council's Senior Road Engineer to the meeting.</p> <p><u>Leslie Rd / Huon Hwy intersection – speed limit and other considerations</u></p> <p>The safety of this intersection continues to be of concern to local residents. The committee recently wrote to the Department of State Growth advocating for a reduction in speed limit to 80 km/h on the approaches to the intersection as an interim measure pending more substantial remedial activity.</p> <p>\$50 million was earmarked in this year's federal budget for works on the Huon Road corridor. Your committee will be advocating for some of this funding to be allocated to this intersection which has been identified in studies to be in need of upgrading. NO work has been done here since the southern outlet was opened in 1968.</p> |
| OTHER | <p><u>Leslie Rd truck traffic – solutions being investigated</u></p> <p>Concerns have recently (and not so recently) been expressed by locals about the increase in heavy vehicle traffic on Leslie Rd between the old and new Huon Roads as a consequence of development works in the Kingborough area dumping excavation spoil at the Websters Rd quarry. A number of recent incidents have been flagged on social media including trucks going off the road and near misses on pedestrians and other vehicles.</p> <p>A 40km/h speed limit was imposed on heavy vehicles for a year or so however traffic data reveals that this had little effect with average heavy vehicular traffic speeds approaching 70 km/h. The</p> |

Leslie Vale Community Group committee, with significant input from Council's Senior Road Engineer, recently discussed options to improve safety on this stretch of road with the outcome being that Council's engineer will investigate the feasibility of imposing a load limit on this road and/or seeking to have heavy vehicle traffic go in one direction only on the road. Note that imposing as load limit would NOT prohibit heavy vehicle traffic but would impose enforceable conditions (such as a 40 km/h speed limit) - with significant penalties applicable for breaches of any of the conditions.

HBMI quarry expansion proposal

The next key moment on the timeline for the Hazel Bros proposal to double the output of its Leslie Vale quarry is the release for public comment of the Environmental Impact Statement it must submit to the Tasmanian Environmental Protection Agency. While this was anticipated by the committee to be released in the middle of this year, it has not yet occurred. When it is released, the committee will examine it and, in consultation with the local community, develop a response that safeguards the community's access to a safe and amenable living environment.

HBMI Blasting

On a related note, the committee is monitoring the impact of HBMI existing blasting procedures on local residents and is continuing to seek feedback about this.

Leslie Vale Oval Defibrillator

The committee was saddened to hear that the EAD that was placed at the oval early in 2024 has gone missing. While it is hoped it may still be recovered and returned to the oval, should this not be the case the committee was investigate alternative options. The theft has been reported to Tas Police and Ambulance.

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| REPORT | <p>Meeting Date: 21/09/2024</p> <p>Name of Community Organisation: Kingborough Landcare Network</p> <p>Name of representative attending: Susan Price</p> <p>Contact information: kln.president@landcaretas.org.au</p> |
| CURRENT PRIORITIES: | <p>Representing KLN groups at the Tasmanian Nature Festival on 12th October 2024 at the Kingborough Hub including a membership drive</p> <p>Building mutual understanding of the roles of the KLN Executive and of Kingborough Council's new Landcare Support Biodiversity Officer Sophie Golding, and collaboratively trialling strategies that improve KLN member knowledge and skills</p> |
| UPDATE ON COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES | <p>KLN AGM and GM held on 23/08/2024</p> <p>Change of President: Susan Price (new) Vice President: John Cox (as before) Secretary: Barbara Marshall (as before) Treasurer: Jenny Forward (as before) Committee Members: Chris Glenn and Mike Brough (new)</p> |

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEM 6 - DISCUSSION ABOUT FUTURE MEETING DAYS/TIMES

South Channel Ratepayers and Residents Association (SCRRA) sends their apologies as meeting conflicts with their Spring Banquet with Indian Cuisine event

“... members are keen for meetings to remain on Saturday mornings as many people work during weekday. Living quite remote can be a problem for evening meetings.” (Gloria Lonergan)
