

Kingborough Community Forum

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 27 November 2025

5 pm – 7.00pm

Middleton Room, Kingborough Community Hub, 7 Goshawk Way Kingston

MINUTES

Attendees

Kate Lucas & Mike Jackson	Coningham & Lower Snug Community Association
Michael Chadwick	Howden Progress Association
Mark Dunn	Leslie Vale Community Association
Anne Parrott	Taroona Community Association
Nick Booth & Mike Brough	Friends of Longley Area Group
Diana Taylor & Peter Tenni	Blackmans Bay Community Association
Simon Barnsley & Michael Power	Kingborough Dog Walking Association
Jill Hickie	Chair
Council Officers:	
Daniel Smee	Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services
Sam Adams	Communications Lead
Presentation:	
Belinda Loxley	Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator
Councillors:	
	Cr Flora Fox
	Cr David Bain
Apologies:	
	Jan Richards - Friends of North Bruny
	Cr Aldo Antolli

1. Introduction and acknowledgement of country (chair)

The Chair 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.

2. Confirmation of minutes of the Kingborough Community Forum 20 March 2025

The Chair acknowledged apologies.

The 18 Thursday September 2025 General Meeting minutes were confirmed as a true record and adopted.

3. Reports from each community organisation

The Chair called for the presentation of key issues from community group reports.

BLACKMANS BAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

- The group reported on activities to build community resilience,
- Recreational water quality concerns at Blackmans Bay Beach,
- Hall improvements,
- Planning scheme issues,
- Recent emergency readiness workshops
- Collaboration with Council on lighting and
- Public rescue equipment.

CONINGHAM AND GREATER SNUG COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (CAGS)

- Coningham representatives highlighted recent road resealing,
- Distribution of emergency kits,
- Completion of the Sunsail Street footpath,
- Thanked the Council for being able to use the old water tank for plantings and assisting with the rebuild of the sandbag wall
- Sessions with Park Ranger on Sunday
- Serious potholes corrected – Coningham road

FRIENDS OF LONGLEY AREA GROUP

- The group discussed ongoing Landcare efforts,
- Installation of bollards by Council to prevent illegal camping,
- Plans for a fenced exercise area,
- Noted the passing of member Karen and that her husband was a founding Chair of FLAG
- Interest in Landscape Conservation Zoning.

HOWDEN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

- Council grant received to assist with reroofing of Howden Hall,
- Undertaking rewiring of the hall as part of the upgrade (self-funded)
- Bushfire resilience and prep work
- Trying to register as an association (suggested by another group to investigate the UTAS website – Governance HUB
- Discussion about insurance for groups and incorporating as a group

KINGBOROUGH DOG WALKING ASSOCIATION

- Expressed support for the new dog exercise area in Maddocks Road to replace the area at Kingston View Drive
- Dog memorial at Kingston Beach
- Merchandise with new logo
- Dog Handbook update
- Dog Strategy worked mentioned

LESLIE VALE COMMUNITY GROUP

- Key issue is the blasting at Leslie Vale Quarry
- Meeting with Mayor and Kerry Vincent cancelled (due to sickness) – new meeting requested.
 - **Response** (post meeting): A meeting has being scheduled with information sent to the group.

- Leslie Vale Road Oval, starting to be used more, the Kingborough Lions Soccer Club now regularly use it during the summer. The group are starting to think about what funding might be available to have some sort of changing rooms/facility.
- Intersection – Leslie Vale Road intersection with Sandfly Road – a bus shelter was wiped out by a 4wd took out two light poles and the bus shelter, it was asked if Council could put a barrier in place.
 - **Response:** State Gov are the owners of the road and bus shelter. The intersection was assessed 5 years ago (approx.) the community consultation process decided by the community that the speed limit was kept at 100kph.

TAROONA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (TCA)

- Increasing engaging with new people in Taroona
- Site lines for commuters and pedestrians so concerns about safety and wildlife issues along the road. Potentially moving weed species in areas to improve site lines. Introducing signs to slow down.
- Concerns about emergency situations – would like an evacuation simulation with one road in and one road out.
- Celebration on Saturday for the handover of the UTAS land which sits alongside IMAS to Council.

4. Report from Council

Daniel Smee, Director of Governance, Recreation and Property Services, presented Council's Report to the Community Forum.

- Planning Scheme and Zoning Review - Council has resolved to seek an independent review of all properties recommended by staff for LCZ, along with the SAP's for Bonnet Hill and Bruny Island. Consultants have been selected and will be starting work shortly.
- Project Management and Asset Review - Council undertook external reviews of two major projects that highlighted some systemic issues in the project management framework. Changes are being implemented under a new Director of Engineering to improve both project and asset management processes.
- Kingston Park - A new café has opened in the commercial space at the Hub. There has been no movement on development of the vacant residential and commercial lots due to cost of building constraints. Council will be reviewing the Development Plan for the site specifically focusing on the remaining four vacant lots and the analysis of options for their future use.
- AFL High Performance Centre (HPC) - Council has advertised its intent to lease the footprint of the land for the HPC to the Devils. Planning for community infrastructure including displaced facilities continues.
- JackJumpers High Performance Centre (HPC) – construction well underway. Project on track for completion in May 2026. Agreement for community access finalised.
- Legislative Reforms - Submissions have been made to the State Government on reforms to the Local Government Act in relation to Councillor numbers and remuneration, as well as targeted reforms that aim to provide a more principles-based and less prescriptive Act.
- Strategic Plan - a new Strategic Plan for 2025- 2035 has been adopted by Council.
- Climate Change - Council has been assessing its corporate emissions profile in relation to its target of net zero by 2035.

5. Community Resilience and Emergency Management Initiatives

Belinda Loxley, Coordinator Community Resilience for Council, delivered a presentation covering the following.

- Overview of Emergency Management Role. The legislative framework for emergency management was explained, the structure of local and regional committees, and the responsibilities of her role, including disaster risk reduction, recovery, and resilience.
- Recent and Ongoing Resilience projects were highlighted including the Be Ready Bruny program with the Red Cross, the Sparking Conversations bushfire resilience project, and the development of WhatsApp groups for emergency communication.
- Upcoming Strategies and Programs were outlined including the development of a Kingborough Disaster Resilience Strategy, upcoming community surveys and focus groups, and the promotion of the Emergency Ready Tasmania programme and Bushfire Ready workshops.
- Community Engagement and Preparedness: Participants discussed the effectiveness of WhatsApp groups for emergency alerts, the challenges of engaging residents in preparedness activities, and the importance of tailored communication and support for vulnerable groups.

6. Next meetings proposed

- Thursday 26 March 2026 (TBC)