

Kingborough Community Forum

GENERAL MEETING

DATE: 26 March 2026

5 pm – 7.00pm

Council Chambers, 15 Channel Hwy Civic Centre, Kingston 7050

MINUTES

Attendees

Kate Lucas & Mike Jackson	Community Association of Greater Snug (CAGS)
Leslie Frost	Howden Progress Association
Mark Dunn	Leslie Vale Community Association (LVCA)
Anne Parrott & Maureen Robinson	Taroona Community Association
Nick Booth & Mike Brough	Friends of Longley Area Group
Katrina Ward	Kingborough Dog Walking Association
Roland Painter	Kingborough Landcare Network (KLN)
Jan Richards	Friends of North Bruny
Jill Hickie	Chair
Council Officers:	
Dave Stewart	CEO
Sam Adams	Communications Lead
Councillors:	
	Cr Flora Fox
	Cr Aldo Antolli
Apologies:	
	Cr Paula Wriedt
	Chloe Bibari- Blackmans Bay Community Association
	Barbara Marshall – KLN
	Michael Chadwick- Howden

1. Introduction and acknowledgement of country (chair)

The Chair welcomed participants and acknowledged the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community, specifically the Mouheneenner and Palawa people, as traditional owners and custodians of the land. Respect was paid to Elders past and present, and the impacts of colonisation were recognised.

2. Reports from each community organisation

The Chair acknowledged apologies.

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

LESLIE VALE COMMUNITY GROUP

- It was reported that the two major issues for the group are regarding the proposed expansion of the Hazel Brothers quarry, which would double quarry output and increase heavy vehicle traffic.
- The group also successfully lobbied for an upgrade to the Huon Hwy and Leslie Rd intersection, engaging local MPs and councillors to achieve this outcome. The group received a positive result from the relevant minister that the intersection will be upgraded.

KINGBOROUGH DOG WALKING ASSOCIATION

- It was reported the ongoing priorities are the dog exercise area at Maddox Rd, the Kingston Beach memorial for lost pets, updates to the dog handbook, committee expansion, and the Greyhound campaign. The group is also advocating for more poo bag dispensers and exploring the possibility of council selling compostable bags.

KINGBOROUGH LANDCARE NETWORK

- It was reported that the Kingborough Landcare Network has de-incorporated due to a lack of committee members, with Barbara Marshall assisting behind the scenes. Member groups continue their work, and a new group is forming in Huntingfield, while the Whitewater Creek group recently held a successful Clean Up Australia Day event.

TAROONA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (TCA)

- It was reported that a community survey is being conducted to assess local needs and communication preferences.
- That the group has been assessing the number and locations of AEDs in Taroom.
- It has been successful with the acquisition of a health department grant for an additional AED. The association is also organising a Red Cross Emergency Readiness session.

HOWDEN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

- It was reported that there were ongoing repairs to Howden Community Hall.
- Efforts to increase membership and emergency readiness.
- Road safety concerns in the area due to increased pedestrian and scooter traffic.
- The soft plastics collection point is a huge success.
- Plans for a Howden picnic and annual cleanup day.

FRIENDS OF LONGLEY AREA GROUP

- It was highlighted the group's joint successful advocacy with Leslie Vale Community Group for the Huon Hwy intersection upgrade.
- The installation of bollards in Longley Park (noting workmanship issues)
- Concerns about the proposed replacement of the Northwest Bay River bridge, which may impact re-vegetated areas. The group is seeking meetings with Council officers to discuss alternatives.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OF GREATER SNUG (CAGS)

- There has been group leadership changes
- The group has recently undertaken a community survey.
- Concerns raised about hidden welfare issues in the community. The group requested council assistance in compiling a list of available welfare services

- They are advocating for better bus service
- . Discussed the need for improved pathways and infrastructure.

FRIENDS OF NORTH BRUNY

- The water security challenges on Bruny Island were highlighted, along with ongoing engagement with politicians and TasWater, the impact of tourism and industry on water resources, road maintenance issues, and an upcoming marine plastics walk event.

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

- The 27 November 2025 General Meeting minutes were confirmed as a true record and adopted. Anne Parrot moved, Nick Booth seconded.

4. Report from Council

CEO Report – Council Operations

The CEO provided an update on current Council operations.

Community budget submissions remain open year-round.

Council is continuing to manage inflationary cost pressures.

Waste Management and Fuel Supply

Concerns raised nationally regarding fuel supply risks and potential impacts on waste collection services.

Council advised it is monitoring the situation.

No changes to waste collection services are planned at this stage, though priorities may be reviewed if required.

Tasmanian Planning Scheme Transition

Kingborough is the final council transitioning to the Tasmanian Planning Scheme.

The process has generated community concern.

An independent review of the Landscape Conservation Zone (LCZ) was completed and endorsed by Council.

The review identified properties that may be more appropriately zoned.

The endorsed review has been submitted to the Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC).

Hearings are scheduled to recommence on 14 April.

Hearings will be held at Council Chambers and livestreamed via Council's website.

Reviews of the Specific Area Plans for Bruny Island and Bonnet Hill are continuing.

A Councillor workshop will be held prior to the new scheme returning to the Planning Authority, and then the TPC.

Community members with LCZ concerns are advised to contact the TPC directly. The TPC will contact all affected landowners.

Roads and Infrastructure – Browns Road

Browns Road reconstruction works are underway, with some traffic disruptions.

Information, including maps, is available on Council's website and social media.

The work site is located at the lower end of Browns Road.

It was confirmed the temporary slip lane will not be retained, as this is not supported by State Growth.

Blackmans Bay Recreational Water

Recreational water quality at Blackmans Bay Beach: the no swim advisory has been lifted. There has been a lot of work to try to find the cause of the contamination. The hydrodynamics of the bay makes it difficult to for the water to be cleared from the bay.

Policy and Plans

Disaster Resilience Strategy is currently underway please contribute.

Council adopted our new Strategic Plan last year and we are currently developing our Annual Plan

Upgrades

We are investing more into improving our digital services, payments, forms which will help with things like booking our facilities.

Capital works are continuing, Council is looking at our capital work program and looking at how to improve the project delivery.

Council is looking at the planning process and currently reviewing this area to find ways of improving the process.

High Performance Centres

The development of the High Performance Centres are progressing up at the Kingborough Sports precinct.

The NBL HPC is nearing completion. When the JackJumpers and the Jewels move in, it will free up space in the Sports Centre.

The AFL HPC is also progressing well. Council's key concern is protecting Council from any risk, ensuring that we are doing what we can to support the community through this process, and the community is not worse off with recreational facilities used in the area.

- Maddox Road work should be starting at the beginning of May (approx.) with an aim to complete before any closure for the dog off lead area at Kingston View Drive.
- The final stage will be upgrading Gormley Drive.

QUESTIONS:

Southern Obedience Club – Future Location

- Council discussed the Southern Dog Obedience Club's current site and future relocation options.
- Council has proposed an alternative site at Lower Longley, which is a designated dog exercise area.
- The Club has not supported this location due to concerns about distance, climate and parking.

- Council noted it has limited land options and is continuing discussions with the Club to identify a suitable alternative.
 - It was confirmed that Council would provide notice if the Club was required to vacate its current site.
 - Council advised the Club would not be required to leave immediately upon lease expiry and is unlikely to be displaced this year, as works at the precinct are staged.
 - Council acknowledged the Club's preference for a dedicated space not shared with other dogs, particularly for training purposes.
 - Council reaffirmed its commitment to supporting community groups while balancing broader community and economic objectives associated with the sports precinct redevelopment.
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Planning Resources and Workforce

- Questions were raised about the impact of planning staff turnover during the planning review process.
- CEO confirmed some planning staff departures had occurred and advised positions have been refilled and the team is being rebuilt.
- Use of consultant planners was explained as a response to workload increases associated with major developments.
- Council is reviewing its planning approach to better align workforce needs with growth pressures.

5. Application for new Member -

- An application from the Kingborough Land Users Body to join the KFC was considered in accordance with the KFC Terms of Reference.
- Members agreed the group meets the criteria for membership.
- Motion: That the Kingborough Land Users Body be accepted as a member of the Kingborough Community Forum.

Moved: Leslie vale Community Association

Seconded: Taroona Community Association

6. Forum Membership and Engagement

- Concern was raised about a lack of representation from some areas of Kingborough including Kingston and Margate.
 - It was agreed that a communication drive will be undertaken to promote the Community Forum and encourage new and former groups to join
 - Members acknowledged the value of CEO feedback and shared discussions.
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Other Business

- Concerns were raised about odour issues in North West Bay and Snug.
- Community groups reported previous correspondence with relevant agencies and mixed responses.
- Members expressed interest in information sharing and presentations.

- Broader concerns were raised about traffic congestion in the Channel area and the lack of recent comprehensive transport studies.
- Council advised there is no current comprehensive study and that transport issues require an integrated approach, including roads, public and active transport.
- Council indicated it would investigate existing State-led work and consider future discussions or presentations.

7. Next meeting

Thursday 25 June 2026 from 5 – 7pm