



## NEWSLETTER APRIL 2018

### Dennes Point Heritage Trail

Wording and images that make up the panels have now been agreed with Weetapooka and Kingborough Council. As well, locations of the fifteen panels and the introductory signage have been agreed with the Council. The website version is largely prepared as well. Installation of the panels will be done in the first week of July assuming labour is available. Whilst the project has taken considerably longer than anticipated the quality of the end result will be outstanding!

### Road Speeds and Signage on North Bruny Roads

Having failed to get any decisions from the Dept. of State Growth following our submission for roads on North Bruny to have lowered speed limits and be designated as joint use (pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles), we have written to the Premier to ask for his intervention. This issue was first raised in 2014. We have also been joined by a local Barnes Bay petition on the matter. To say we are frustrated given the compounding nature of road issues would be a fair statement! Here's hoping for some good decisions soon!

### Bruny Life ([brunylife.com](http://brunylife.com))

The results of the extensive Bruny Island survey conducted March/April and completed by 688 participants, will be discussed on Saturday 5 May at the Alonnah Hall and prior to the final report of the consultant being submitted to Kingborough Council and the State Government. Really important to go along and ensure the end result meets your expectations before it is finalised. The Executive believes the bioregion concept should be a critical framework underpinning any Plan going forward.

### Waterway Health and Fish Farms now Bruny Sustainable Aquaculture

As previously circulated, Bruny Island Community Association (BICA), Bruny Island Environment Network (BIEN) and Friends of North Bruny have come together to establish Bruny Sustainable Aquaculture (BSA). Attached is the BSA statement to describe what outcome it wants.

Our most immediate task is to put our views to the [Marine Farming Planning Review Panel](#) hearing on the three separate applications for Storm Bay:

10 May Tassal - [Draft amendment No. 5 to the Tasman Peninsula and Norfolk Bay Marine Farming Development Plan](#)

15 May Petuna - [Draft Storm Bay North Marine Farming Development Plan](#)

16 May Huon Aquaculture - [Draft amendment No. 3 to the Storm Bay off Trumpeter Bay North Bruny Island Marine Farming Development Plan](#)

BSA will also use the opportunity to raise this matter through the media. As well, we will continue to build a network of informed communities around Storm Bay, increase our profile and meet with various politicians to try and get engagement with this critical issue. In short, we are not against finfish farming but do want to be guaranteed to avoid a Macquarie Harbour scenario in Storm Bay.

Any individual that wishes to observe the presentation to the Marine Farming Planning Review Panel, is required to register at least three business days prior to the hearing, via the Panel Executive Officer on 6165 3110.

## **Victoria Road Stormwater**

Kingborough Council have indicated that the \$300,000 previously allocated to Victoria Av stormwater will be reallocated next financial year.

## **Land and Coastcare**

Giselle Nathan has taken up responsibility for Dennes Point Land and Coastcare. You should be receiving information on activities. Please pass invitations to Bruny friends and family as we want to get as many people involved as possible. 'Many hands make light work' is most appropriate and the weeds keep on multiplying! As well Giselle will be working with Jim Mulcahy and Anna Williams (Killora Landcare) to develop a plan for north Bruny.

## **Stiffy's Creek**

As a result of concerns about the current Nebraska Farm dam application and the impact of the water flows on the wetlands around the Stiffy's Creek area there has been positive discussion with the new landowner who is keen to talk with parties about a rehabilitation program that leads to the retention and maintenance of the wetlands for the community.

## **Nebraska Road Stabilisation and Jetty Beach Access**

Kingborough Council has recently gone to tender for stabilising the sea front on Nebraska Road between the toilet block and Jetty Beach section. The project will also see the access to Jetty Beach (from the jetty end) improved and 'bollards or like' added to the hairpin bend to stop parking on that strip and retain it for pedestrian access. Work will be scheduled for mid 2018.

## **FONB**

Pete Hay has recently tendered his resignation from the Executive Group after almost three years. Pete has been a tremendous member, practical but with great insights and contacts that have been to everyone's benefit. His contribution to the heritage trail project has been outstanding and we will miss him greatly. That said Pete will remain on the Heritage Subcommittee and help facilitate the Killora Landcare and Dennes Point Landcare working together.

FONB Website ([friendsofnorthbruny.org](http://friendsofnorthbruny.org)) now has some trainees ready to fully manage the website. Ange Rowe, Lynne Pope, Giselle Nathan and I had base level training recently and will take over its management as soon as our skills are consolidated.

As always, please contact any of your elected members if there are issues or ideas you want to raise.

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**Secretary FONB**

Bruny Sustainable Aquaculture (BSA) represents three Bruny Island community groups, which have joined forces to ensure sustainable aquaculture industry in the waters around Bruny Island including Storm Bay. BSA is a non-profit community organization unaligned with any political party. The three groups who have come together to form BSA are: Friends of North Bruny Inc. (FONB), Bruny Island Community Association (BICA) and the Bruny Island Environment Network (BIEN).

BSA is concerned about the proposed massive expansion of industrial finfish feedlots. We are not trying to stop aquaculture but we want it to be sustainable for all stakeholders.

We believe that any sustainable aquaculture development in and around the Bruny bioregion must be:

- Considered in relation to all other uses and users of resources in the waters surrounding Bruny Island and across Storm Bay
- Environmentally, socially and economically sustainable, addressing the community concerns outlined in detail in our Marine Farming Planning Review Panel submission
- Governed by a transparent, independent governance process
- Based on independent scientific investigation which (a) establishes baseline data prior to any further expansion and (b) provides regular, ongoing monitoring and public reporting. Independent means CSIRO and IMAS to undertake the science and not the salmon companies.
- Developed and formally agreed with the community and enshrined in legislation
- Part of a wider plan for the use, development and management of resources across the Bruny Bioregion as detailed in our Marine Farming Planning Review [Panel](#) submission. No approvals should be given until this is completed.

BSA is committed to raising general community awareness about sustainable aquaculture and working with all stakeholders to deliver these goals.

BSA is further committed to working with industry, community groups and government towards the longer-term goal of a Management Plan for Sustainable Aquaculture which protects not only the environment but also the Tasmanian brand and, ultimately, the industry itself.