

**Report on the first Safe Harbour Action Group meeting, held at 1 Pot Boil Road Lady Barron on February 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Following a presentation to the Council Workshop on 5th December 2018, the December Ordinary meeting of Council recognised the Safe Harbour Working Party as an advisory group to Council and appointed Councillors Sharon Blyth, Vanessa Grace and Peter Rhodes as Council representatives on the working party.

All members, Chris Fenner, Chair, Andrew Thomson, Vanessa Grace, Sharon Blyth and Peter Rhodes attended.

Andrew Thomson handed out the terms of reference for the Group and the first report on the visit to Triabunna.

The meeting briefly discussed the background of the project and each member committed to the value and the future of the project as a major priority for the island.

The meeting discussed three items it felt it immediately necessary to ensure the progress of the project.

1: Obtain approvals for development applications and the necessary permits to enable the project to proceed when funding is secured. These approvals would also assist in increasing the value of any applications for grants.

Prior to the meeting Burbury Consulting was contacted to give an estimate of the costs to have the approval process to a level that would allow the project to proceed when funding was available. The members were given copies of this estimate and agreed to ask Council to fund the \$28,490 to \$34,290.00 to complete this stage.

2: Further explore the ownership of land at the site and what is required to enable the project to proceed.

Having tenure over the land also involves the current slipway and it was suggested that the best option for Council was that Tas Ports retain ownership and operation of the slipway, even though the land it is on would be encompassed by the proposed development. It was suggested that the Chair engage in discussions with Tas Ports management to establish a pathway to this end.

3: Have council look at options for operational costs, including the possibility of on selling the infrastructure at a later date.

The Group briefly discussed the costs of the Council operating the facility and the possibility of offsetting early operational costs with the sale of the business at a later date. The members are available to assist Council in its deliberations in this area.

The meeting closed with a visit to the site and a commitment to ensure that the next funding application, if unsuccessful, be repeated and the project be kept to the fore for as long as it takes to secure funding.

Thanks to all members for their attendance, interest and support.

Chris Fenner

Chair.