

Conjola Community Association Inc

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Date 12 April 2023

CCA Office Holders

President: Melanie Guise	Vice President: Dirk Treloar
Secretary: Elaine Caswell	Treasurer: Fran Shanahan
Public Officer: Mike Brungs	Media and Grants: Lynne Wright

The Meeting commenced at 7-15 pm directly following the AGM.

Attendance: K Wally Mann, Rob Wright, Lesley Lees, Diana Corlette, Sue Newby, John Newby, Sandra Pitchfork [N.B. there were more attendees who did not sign the attendance book]

Apologies: Liza Butler, Bill Hackett, Beth Phillips

1. Agenda items to be discussed

- "A Safer Shoalhaven"
- Conjola Improvements Survey
- Powering Communities Grants Program
- New Standing Order for CCA Executive and Committee Members
- Conjola CMP Stage 3 update

2. Minutes from the previous meeting - accepted

3. Matters arising from the previous minutes - nil

4. Agenda Items

A. Treasurer's Report - as at 31st March 2023

Account		\$ Income	\$ Expenditure	
General Account	Opening balance			\$5090.15
	Donation	\$0		
	Earnings	\$0		
	Hall hire		\$68.17	
	Slow down signs		\$825	
	Closing Balance			\$4196.98

Petty Cash - \$1.05

B. Safer Shoalhaven - Geoff Phillips

Matt Reeves (Shoalhaven RFS) with Bushfire Management Committee will be inspecting areas in Conjola with the view to fuel assessments and looking at what mitigation tasks are required. This will be for the whole of Shoalhaven but Conjola will be first. This process will result in a written plan.

It appears as if there is a lot of fuel but it is mainly the black wattle, there is not a lot of fuel on the ground. Can't really do a burn for 7 years as it will change the landscape. People asked if you could cut down the black wattle on your own property.

Geoff provided advice that you can search for your property on the Shoalhaven Council bush fire prone map. Go to Shoalhaven City Council site / Planning and Development / Bushfire Prone Land (read the info on the colour codes) / Click on Bushfire Prone Land Map /Find Lake Conjola and zoom in / Scroll down LHS of screen and click on Hazard. The colour coded areas will then come up. Link is also below:

<https://maps.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/SCCViewer/index.html?Viewer=extSLEP>

C. Conjola Improvements Survey (related to 370K funding after the fires)

Council has provided some basic information to the Committee, with 180 people completing the survey. They are happy with this level of engagement and are currently collating the information. It was suggested that the next round of consultation happen at a special meeting of the CCA. The process is - results presented then final projects voted on by the community.

The money will be spent in Conjola Park. Question from the floor about the \$18,000 dollars raised by Granville Boys High for a basketball court? The idea of a basketball court at Hoylake Grove did not receive support due to the potential noise. Might have to go back to the school to seek approval to use the money on an alternative project or to build it near the Community Centre.

Clarification - the Subcommittee formed at the January 2023 CCA meeting was formed by 5 members keen to push for the development of a bike and walking pathway from Conjola Park to Lake Conjola. Following a meeting with Council on 10 Feb 2023, the pathway/cycleway option was added to the Open Space Improvements survey held over February and March 2023. The Subcommittee agreed to continue as the Subcommittee for Pathway and Improvements in support of the pathway and any further improvements as identified by the Council survey. Subcommittee members: Diana Corlette, Lesley Lees, Matt Loft, Judy O'Dwyer and Margaret Furness.

Patricia White advised that there is now money in the 2023/2024 Council budget assigned for preliminary works on a Conjola Shared User Pathway. It was suggested that the CCA arrange an update with Scott Wells from Council who is currently updating the Council's Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan including cycleways.

Powering Communities Grants Program

Up to \$10,000 available - one criteria Health and Wellbeing in communities. Proposal to apply for a grant to support adult fitness equipment for parks in the area. Suggested that these funds would not be sufficient. Suggested that the grants officer get in touch with Jane Lewis (jane.lewis@shoalhavencns.gov.au) at council to get support for applying for grants.

E. New Standing Order for CCA Executive and Committee Members

CCA Executive and Committee Members wishing to raise their own Agenda Items for open and general discussion, agree to announce their intention to do so, vacate their role and table seat, to occupy a floor seat for the purpose of raising said Agenda Item.

This will be added into the Constitution - Section 20

F. Conjola Coastal Management Plan (CMP) Stage 3 update

This is a 5-stage process. A report is due to come to the CCA in May. It will provide options available to manage the lake. The CMP does not include the boat ramp. In response to question

about speeding boats and jet skis it was suggested that the police are called, take a photo of the offending vessels and send to RMS.

7. General Business

- A. **Patricia White** provided some valuable information from her attendance at the Coastal Councils Forum in Freemantle. There has been a huge amount of research conducted around best strategies to manage coastal erosion and keep lake entrances open.
- B. A question to Patricia White re **wind turbines**. The wind turbines for Port Kembla have not been signed off as yet but it seems that they will not come further south than Shellharbour.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm

Next meeting – 7pm Wednesday 21 June 2023, Conjola Community Centre