

## **Conjola Community Association Inc – Community Information Update Sept 2021**

Dear All,

We trust this communicate finds you and respective family members and friends all safe and well in these trying times. Apology also for our scheduled community meetings not taking place as this is due to safety concerns and current COVID restrictions limiting our ability to hold meetings at the Community Hall. We plan to schedule an Ordinary Meeting of the CCA as soon as possible after Lockdown ends.

In light of this, we will continue providing information updates using available social media platforms (CCA Web and Facebook pages along with CCRA Webpage and *Conjola and Surrounds* Facebook page) as means of keeping you all informed of community activities and projects.

To which end, please find following updates on:

### **1. Conjola Community Recovery Association Inc Due Diligence Phase**

The CCA is assisting the new CCRA Executive Committee and Transition Working Group in their efforts to complete due diligence on the four primary areas of Governance/Compliance; Finances; Memberships and Operations on behalf of CCRA Members and broader community.

Importantly, the CCRA have reactivated the Conjola Recovery webpage [www.conjolarecovery.org.au](http://www.conjolarecovery.org.au) and invite you all to visit the site in order access regular information updates and Minutes of Meetings.

Both the CCRA and CCA have had preliminary discussions with Resilience NSW and are collaborating on a targeted management plan to assisting individuals, families and our broader communities through the recovery phase. This NSW Government assistance is not limited to bushfire recovery, as it includes support for drought, flood and now COVID-19 impacted individuals, families and communities in need of help, so they may heal, rebuild and recover.

For background information on the range of support services available to you, please visit Resilience NSW on [www.nsw.gov.au/resilience](http://www.nsw.gov.au/resilience) or contact the CCRA on [secretary@conjolarecovery.org.au](mailto:secretary@conjolarecovery.org.au) for referral advice in the short-term.

### **2. Havilland Street Boat Ramp**

Shoalhaven City Council have been working with the community on a detailed boat ramp facility since 2016 with the project formally reported to Council's Strategy and Assets Committee in November 2019. Funding has been provided by the NSW Boating Now Program to support the construction of the first stage of a new two-lane boat launching ramp with pontoon and boat trailer parking facilities.

Stage 1 of the project works have commenced with limited clearing of the site to be completed in September 2021. The main stage 1 works are scheduled for completion early in 2022.

Importantly, you can access and view background facts and information, detailed drawings and environmental impact report on Stages 1 and follow up Stage 2 by going to Council's web page [www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au](http://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au) and clicking on the [Projects-Engagement](#) followed by [Lake Conjola Boat Launching Ramp](#) links.

### **3. Lake Conjola Coastal Management Program (CMP)**

The Lake Conjola Coastal Management Program is being developed by Royal HaskoningDHV (RHDHV) and is currently progressing through Stage 2 of the five Stage process. The Project Director is Greg Britton - a name familiar to many, being the 'Britton' in Patterson Britton & Partners.

PBP's *Lake Conjola Entrance Study 1999* reported on entrances processes, flooding and flood behaviour, water quality and recommendation therein for a decision support tool (M2) to maintain an open entrance, has not only been scientifically validated but remains the progenitor for all subsequent studies/reports.

Adrian Turnbull as RHDHV Project Manager is assisting Greg with analysis of available water quality data, and have been working towards development of a hydrodynamic, water quality and morpho-dynamic model of Lake Conjola to inform the hazard and risk assessment, which will then lead onto the development of options for management actions.

Importantly, you can access and view background facts and information on our webpage [www.lakeconjola.org/community.html](http://www.lakeconjola.org/community.html) and monitor the progress of this project by accessing Council's Get Involved webpage <https://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/> and clicking on [Lake Conjola Coastal Management Plan \(CMP\)](#) link to view information on this project.

### **4. Licence to Open the Entrance Application**

Whilst the process of developing an updated Lake Conjola CMP is underway, the management practices prescribed in the Interim Entrance Management Policy serve as a default of sorts. As such, Council has had to apply for a renewal licence to open the lake pursuant to prevailing conditions for water quality and currently adopted lake water height trigger levels. Council staff inspected Lake Conjola on 2 September and advised as follows....

*Lake Conjola is open. The Crown Lands licence for the submitted Review of Environmental Factors is still outstanding and is sitting with DPIE - Lands. However, Crown Lands have advised that they support the implementation of the revised operational management of the Lake Conjola entrance as an interim measure while the licence is being finalised. They have also advised that in the longer term they will be seeking some further information as part of the implementation of the 5 year licence.*

### **5. Conjola Park / Hoylake Reserve Path and BBQ Shelter**

Shoalhaven City Council are currently reviewing results of community feedback on construction drawings which closed 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021. The purpose of which is to further develop those additional project components endorsed by the community in last year's consultation survey and approved by Council. These components will be further refined and presented to the Conjola Park / Hoylake Residents for comment and approval. Endorsed components will be programmed as follow up stages to the initial Stage 1 project being the Pathway/BBQ Shelter/Shade Cloth works.

The CCRA are currently working closely with donors and Council for the twin purposes of migrating funds and grants across to Council (acting as trustees for and on behalf of the community) and allocate these donations to a proposed pipeline of follow up community endorsed projects.

### **6. Lake Conjola Holiday Haven**

Swimming pool and splash pad works are well advanced with the planned completion date of the pool set on track for December 2021 on track. Building works will be continue during weekdays and associated noise and traffic movements managed so as to minimise impacts to residents.

## **7. Ulladulla & Districts Community Resources Centre**

This community programme being co-ordinated by Lyn and Kimberley Steven involves input from Local Residents, CCA, CCRA, Lake Conjola Fishing Club, Shoalhaven City Council, Shoalhaven Bushfire Recovery and Local Businesses. Initial round of Survey Results taken from a sample size of 400 respondents, clearly indicate the main priorities are...

- keeping the lake open...
- road repairs...
- boat ramp for deep water access (Havilland Street)...
- footpaths and/or cycleways.

The responses to the question regarding a planned community event have also been collated and are being reviewed from a logistics and timing viewpoint with future announcements from the Resources Centre pending.