

MINUTES

Fisherman's Paradise Residents' Meeting

Saturday 16 September, 2023

Time: Approx 2.10pm - approx. 3.30pm

Location: RFS Fire Station, Anglers Pde, Fisherman's Paradise

Attendees: Adam Cox, Tara Cox, Tyler Cox, Logan and Bria Cox, Megan Nicholson, Eddie Fraissard, Melinda Loe, Steph Griffiths, June McIntyre, Graham McIntyre, Steph Hawken, Diana Collette, Debbie Killian, Keith Bennett, Paul Brand, J (?) Clarke, Joe Ruhe, Donna Loon, Spencer Loon, Stan Cowle, Gordon Darlington, Alan Cooke, Te-Neale Brown, Lynn Wong, Peter Wong, Jurgen Szutowicz

Chairs - Stan Cowle, Donna Loon

Minutes - Megan Nicholson

Conjola CCA Committee Secretary - Diana Collette

RFS kindly made the RFS shed available for the meeting due to the wind and heat. The meeting convened at approximately 2.10pm.

1. Welcome and 2. Context

Stan Cowle welcomed everyone and explained that the previous Residents' meeting agreed to convene a sub-committee of the Conjola Community Consultative Association (CCA) to give us a voice through the CCA and provide a mechanism to have our issues raised with Council.

Thanks to Diana Collette from the CCA for attending and participating in the meeting.

3. Previous Minutes

Previous Minutes were accepted.

4. Open Actions from previous meeting

a) Establishing the sub-committee

Diana Collette from the Conjola CCA and the Conjola Heights Improvement Group (which is a sub-committee of the CCA) provided information as follows:

- Under the CCA constitution, each sub-committee has delegated functions, which are approved by the CCA.
- Therefore, the functions of the Fisherman's Paradise Sub-committee need to be developed and submitted to the CAA to consider.
- The next meeting of the CCA is on 11 October 2023. Deadline for meeting papers is 27 September 2023.
- Minutes of the CCA are at <http://www.lakeconjola.org/ccb-meeting-minutes.html>
- Other information: the CCA is advised by Council of all grant opportunities; Council's public liability insurance will soon include activities associated with the CCA; and membership of the CCA is now free.

Nominees

People nominating to be on the Fisherman's Paradise Residents' CCA Sub-committee are: Melinda Loe, Stan Cowle, Donna Loon, Spencer Loon, Tara Cox, Tyler Cox, Megan Nicholson, Debbie Killian, Te-Neale Brown, Stephanie Hawken.

Following discussion, it was agreed that:

- Tony Gomez, Stu Hudson and K Laetsch, who attended the 19 August meeting, would be contacted to confirm their nominations for the sub-committee.
- A wider group of people (including several present) would support the sub-committee
- The sub-committee will consult with the broader Fisho's community regarding issues, priorities and advocacy.

Functions of the sub-committee

It was agreed that functions of the sub-committee would be finalised by the CCA based on the following points discussed at the meeting:

- Engagement with the wider Fisherman's Paradise community
- Identifying priority issues and improvements for the Fisherman's Paradise village and community.
- Working with and through the CCA.
- Engaging in a constructive manner with Council officers and representatives.
- Advocating for upgrades and projects to improve the facilities, infrastructure, amenity and liveability of Fisherman's Paradise, including a safe gathering space suitable for a range of community activities.
- Supporting other community activities and projects.
- Supporting and promoting disaster resilience and preparedness.
- Facilitating residents' access to and use of the existing community room and notice-board.

b) Update on community notice board

Steph Griffiths reported that Council sent her a letter advising that they would replace the lock on the Fisherman's Paradise community noticeboard and issue new keys to "the Lake Conjola Progress Association president Melanie Guise" and Melanie should be contacted to obtain a key. The lock replacement work is yet to be completed by Council. Steph advised Councillor Kitchener that 2 keys for the noticeboard should be held in Fisherman's Paradise.

Steph advised that many community facilities in the Shoalhaven (e.g. Lake Conjola, Manyana and Burrell Lake) have received upgraded, solar-powered community noticeboards but Fisherman's Paradise wasn't included in that upgrade program. The Council letter advises that 23 community information hubs at Council owned facilities were installed and a further 3 were installed at community owned properties (Wandandian, Erowal Bay and Booderee National Park). These noticeboards were funded through the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund, under a Recovery into Resilience Project, which is now fully expended.

c) Update on access to the community room

Stan Cowle advised that he spoke to the RFS Fire Captain about the community room. The room is being used to store equipment belonging to the Conjola fire station while that station is being upgraded. Stan advised that the upgrade is supposed to be happening quite quickly.

Te-Neale Brown explained that there was little notice of the Fisherman's Paradise room being used for storage, and there were no funds to pay for storage. If a fire occurs in Fisherman's Paradise, it is likely that the Conjola RFS team will attend due to the very small number of members in Fisho's.

When the stored items are removed, access to the community room and toilets will be available again - contact RFS to get access. However, it was noted that the community room is small and basic, being built by Council with a modest \$40,000 some years ago.

Other updates

Steph Griffiths and Stan Cowle advised that NSW Government funding for roads improvements have now been released to Councils. This should mean Council is now able to undertake roadworks that were pending state government approval and funding.

Diana Collette reported that there is a pilot project being developed around electrification, which some residents may be interested in getting involved with.

Diana Collette also advised that Conjola Park is working with Red Cross to run the Street Hubs project, to prepare for future fires or other emergencies.

NEW ACTIONS

- Sub-committee to finalise functions of the committee and list of members by 27 September and submit these to the CCA for consideration at the October meeting.
- Megan Nicholson to check with Tony Gomez, Stu Hudson and K.Laetsch regarding nomination for the sub-committee.
- We will continue to communicate the Sub-committee's minutes and meetings through the two facebook pages, plus letterbox drops for fliers and other communications.

ACTION LOG

Meeting	Action	Who	Status
Sept 23	Functions of sub-committee and list of nominees to be finalised by 27 September	Sub-committee	
Sept 23	Check with Tony Gomez, Stu Hudson and K. Laetsch regarding being on the sub-committee	Megan Nicholson	
Sept 23	Communicate the Sub-committee's minutes and meetings through the two facebook pages; letterbox drops for fliers and other communications (and noticeboard once accessed)	Sub-committee	
Aug 23	Liaise with the Conjola Fire Brigade captain to obtain use of the community room attached to the fire station.	Stan Cowle	Open - see minutes 16/9 for details
Aug 23	Contact Council regarding access to community notice board	Steph Griffiths	Open - see minutes 16/9 for details
Aug 23	Advise President of CCA and invite to meeting on 16 Sept	Stan Cowle	Complete
Aug 23	Various actions to prepare and distribute flyer for meeting on 16 Sept	Various	Complete