

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Meeting Date: 15 January 2025
Location: Conjola Community Centre
Time: 7 pm

CCA Committee

President: Melanie Guise	Vice President: Dirk Treloar
Secretary: Diana Corlette	Treasurer: Lesley Lees
Public Officer: Diana or Lesley by default (NEW)	Media: Matt Loft
FP representative: Donna Loon	FP representative: Stan Cowle

The Meeting commenced at 6 pm

Attendance: Diana Corlette, Matt Loft, Melanie Guise, Margaret Furness, Rob Furness, Bev and Geoff Phillips, Bill McInnes (SES), Colin (SES), Lynne Wright, Fran Shanahan, Nickie Lynch, Dirk Treloar.

Apologies: Patricia White (held up at previous meeting), Lesley Lees, Donna Loon, Stan Cowle, Robyn Kerves, Patrice Keegan, Gail Taylor, Neville Wearne, Sandra Pitchfork, John and Judy O’Dwyer, Rob Wright.

1. **Minutes from the previous meeting** – Accepted M Guise 2nd M Loft
2. **Matters arising from the previous minutes** – Nil.
3. **Treasurer’s Report** - as of 4 August 2024 – Accepted M Guise 2nd D Corlette (see overleaf)
4. **Agenda items**
 - A. Conjola Improvements update - Diana, Mel
 - B. Rescue Station updates - Mel
 - C. Fishermans Paradise updates - Donna / Stan
 - D. Coastal Management Plan Update – Dirk
 - E. General Business – All

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CONJOLA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED (CCA) - TREASURERS REPORT 14JAN25					
Date	General Account - CCA	Income	Expenditure	Balance	Total
	Balance From Previous Report - 04/08/24	\$ 3,611.64			
9/08/2024	ServiceNSW - (Fair Trading registration for CCA)		\$ 56.24	\$ 3,555.40	
12/08/2024	Paypal credit - part of set up process	\$ 0.14		\$ 3,555.54	
22/08/2024	Shoalhaven City - yearly subsidy	\$ 500.00		\$ 4,055.54	
14/01/2025	Hall booking for CCA meeting		\$ 37.40	\$ 4,018.14	
		\$ 4,111.78	\$ 93.64		\$ 4,018.14
Date	General Account - GO FUND ME	Income	Expenditure	Balance	Total
	Balance From Previous Report - 04/08/24	\$ 938.19			
8/08/2024	Ulladulla Mens Shed		\$ 650.00	\$ 288.19	
		\$ 938.19	\$ 650.00		\$ 288.19
Date	General Account - FISHERMANS PARADISE	Income	Expenditure	Balance	Total
	Balance From 04/08/24 (Jointed CCA during 23/24 FY)	\$ 2,165.00			
14/08/2024	Wayne Puller - Pickelball paint supplies		\$ 178.05	\$ 1,986.95	
2/09/2024	Wayne Puller - Pickelball nets and bats		\$ 302.00	\$ 1,684.95	
		\$ -	\$ 480.05		\$ 1,684.95
		MONIES HELD IN BANK AS AT 14/9/25		TOTAL	
				\$ 4,018.14	
				\$ 288.19	
				\$ 1,684.95	
				\$ 5,991.28	
PETTY CASH		Cash on Hand	Expenditure	Total	
	Balance from Previous Report 4/8/24	\$ 47.00	\$ -		\$ 47.00
					\$ 47.00

*see update regarding remaining GoFundMe funds under B. Rescue Station Update below.

A. Conjola Improvements Update

Basketball Court

Melanie advised that Council have applied for a grant to have a full size basketball court installed alongside the existing tennis courts at the Community Centre as well as a brand new playground to be installed in front of the community hall. The total grant funds applied for were \$570k - \$300k for the basketball court and \$270k for the new playground. We will find out in May 2025 if we were successful with the grant.

Shared Pathway update

No recent updates have been provided since Council's last update to the Get Involved page, which notes a detailed design phase for the pathway is underway from October 2024 to May 2025, with the intended outcome being a final concept design and cost estimate by May 2025.

Jetty and Kayak Launch

The jetty replacement project at Yooralla Bay has been completed and \$46K was returned to the CCRA funding pool.

Current Status of CCRA funding priorities (see table below)

N.B. previous minutes (particularly Jan 2024 minutes) provide history on priority projects for the CCRA funding as determined via community engagement surveys led by Council – see table below. Funding for toilet blocks and a commemorative outcome were agreed to be progressed by Council; however Council did not include funding for toilets at Hoylake Grove Reserve (or permanent toilets at Havilland St Boat ramp) in their 2024/2025 budget. Council is seeking Expressions of Interest for a Conjola memorial working group from 20 January 2025.

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PRIORITY ranking (from surveys)	PRIORITY ITEMS (& engagement survey result %)	CURRENT STATUS	SPEND (from 392K CCRA Funds, incl. interest)
1	Stage 1) Jetty and path from Valley Drive to Hoylake (95%)	COMPLETED with approx. 46K of contingency funds returned to the CCRA funding pool.	308K less 46K returned = ~262K
2	Stage 2) Kayak launch and path from Hoylake to kayak launch (90%)	Costs for Stage 2 (approx. 330K) are not funded. This project is subject to Council's receipt of future grant funding.	Insufficient funds
3	Shared User Path (88%) – LCE Rd and Conjola Park connections	The CCRA and CCA Interim Executive approved \$50K for initial design works.	50K allocated for initial design works
4	Accessible toilet (65%)	The CCA suggested the toilet needs to be funded by Council. CCA's request for interim Portaloo denied Sept 2023. Council did not include in Council budget for 2024/2025.	Insufficient funds
5	New pathway from Yooralla Bay Boat Ramp (Valley Drive to Cottee Close, via Hoylake Grove Reserve) (55%)	COMPLETED (to Hoylake Grove Reserve).	Included with priority 1 (jetty replacement project)
6	Additional picnic shelter with seating (41%).	A picnic shelter with BBQ and seating has been delivered at Hoylake Grove. Council has now confirmed that the water refill station at Hoylake Grove Reserve was installed 31 October 2024.	Insufficient funds. Priority for future grant funding, ideally with a lockable component to include emergency equipment.
7	Basketball court (24%)	This was a donor request from Granville Boys High School (GBHS). Grant Funding to complete the basketball court (and new playground) has now been received	CCA/CCRA Interim agreed 18.5K of GBHS funds to this project.
CCA (with CCRA Interim Executive) approved allocation of funds to 3 priority items totalling [262K +50K + 18.], with conditions agreed per Notice of Motion presented to Council Meeting in 27 November 2023.			61.5K remaining

See the 27 November 2023 Notice of Motion approved by Council restated below.

It advised of the CCA and the CCRA's joint support for:

- 1) 308K to be allocated to completion of Stage 1 of the Conjola Park jetty replacement project; **DONE with 46K surplus returned**
- 2) 50K to be allocated for preliminary investigations for a shared user pathway to connect Conola Park to Lake Conjola (with option to be further extended to Fishermans Paradise; and

- 3) 19K to be allocated for preliminary investigations for a half-court basketball court to be installed at the Lake Conjola Community Centre.

The release of funds being agreed to by the CCRA Interim Executive and CCA on condition that:

- a) *A report be provided to Council on the status of works at the Havilland Street Boat Ramp (stage 1 and stage 2) and related roadworks along Havilland Street and Lake Conjola Entrance Road.*
- b) *Council gives further consideration to the allocation of sufficient funds in the Delivery Program Operational Plan 2024/25 to enable:*
 - I. *Commencement and completion of detailed design works for a shared user pathway between Conjola Park and Lake Conjola (with option to further extend to Fishermen's Paradise), including consultation with directly affected property owners and communities along the proposed route.*
 - II. *Commencement and completion of investigations and shovel ready detailed designs for a toilet at Hoylake Grove Reserve (including provision of a watering point for the picnic facilities at Hoylake Grove Reserve).*

B. Rescue Station Updates

Melanie noted that the Rescue Stations have now been completed in Conjola, with printing done by Ulladulla Printing and the stations being built by the Men's Shed at Ulladulla. There are 3 stations - one at the Lake Conjola Boardwalk, one at Buckleys Lookout and one (with defib only, no rescue tubes) at Hoylake Grove Reserve. There is \$288.19 of the GoFundMe funds left. Mel noted that this money will cover purchase of the batteries that need to be changed every 12 months, for quite some time. Mel also plans to use some of this money to add some bandages into the rescue stations at the beach for snake or shark bites.

The defibrillators will be registered on the Heart of the Nation app.

Thanks again to Patti Bartlett, Treading Lightly, the Lake Conjola Tennis Club, Mel and those who donated to the GoFundMe fundraiser.

C. Fishermans Paradise Updates

Donna and Stan's update below was provided to the meeting in their absence.

- Thank you to the Rural Fire Service (RFS) and Community Committee volunteers who helped with the Get Ready Day/Spring Bash on 13 October. How good were Lynne's scones with jam and cream! Other highlights were walking The Big Map, Pickle Ball games for all ages and a delightful Crop Swap including flowers, plants, eggs and vegetables.
- Pickleball is now on every Saturday. All are welcome. The grant from Bendigo Community Bank Milton, which allowed us to set up the court, has now been fully acquitted. With many thanks to all involved. We need help though to run Paradise Pickleball in 2025 – please get in touch if you'd like to volunteer.
- Crop Swap - Following the success of our first swap, regular crop swaps in Fishermans Paradise are being planned for 2025. We'll be part of a local network with Conjola and Manyana, and each village will hold their swap on a different weekend of the month. Start growing, baking, preserving and making for our first Crop Swap in 2025! (Dates to be confirmed). Also, if you'd like to help with the Fishos Crop Swap, please let us know – volunteers welcome.
- Defibrillators - many thanks to the working group for progressing this life-saving initiative, working alongside The Community Defibrillator Project organisation. Also funded by Bendigo Community Bank in Milton, and following recent approval for the proposed Cornfield Parade site, installation for the first defib will take place in the new year.

- Nature Reserve South of the Boat Ramp -The fence preventing access to the nature reserve south of the boat ramp has been removed by the Shoalhaven City Council. A review, after the fence had been erected, was completed by James Ruprai (the then City Development Director) at the request of the Fishermans Paradise Committee. The review resulted in the fence being removed. People are now able to access the full Fishermans Paradise nature reserve.
- Next FP community meeting – Sunday 2nd March 2025 – with all Village residents invited to attend. This meeting will review the Committee’s progress of the past year. We’ll ‘spill’ the committee and ask for nominations to volunteer for the Fishermans Paradise community for the next 12 months. Volunteers welcomed for the committee too!

D. Coastal Management Plan (CMP) update

Update given by 2 SES volunteers (Bill McInnes and Colin) regarding the Total Flood Warning System (TFWS) initiative for which Council received a 240K grant (to be matched by Council). It is to cover 3 waterways (including Lake Conjola). The TFWS will provide 6-8 hours advance warning of gauges exceeding 1 metre. The SES volunteers are hopeful for the inclusion of more gauges at the highway, the dam, at Morton National Park (and also Burrill and Tabourie).

The point was made that the existing CMP licence terms are more favourable than those being proposed in the new CMP. It was also suggested that the Entrance Management Plan should be uncoupled from the CMP so that works like the TFWS are not held up. A 10 yr plan for maintaining and upgrading the gauges also needs to be put in place.

While the SES follows MHL, a community member also mentioned the Wunderground App which provides readings from private rain gauges.

Lynne Wright noted that the Fire Brigade are getting flood rescue training from the SES.

Dirk arrived late from a CMP meeting with local and State Government at which he rejected calls to end the consultation process (Stage 4), noting that the local community has not been heard in the recommended actions, asking the attendees who is to be held accountable for any future flooding events (as residents would be seeking compensation in that event).

E. General Business

- A community member raised concerns regarding the likelihood of serious accidents in the Holiday Haven Caravan Park at Conjola (a case of “not if but when”) and that kids riding bikes should at least wear helmets, given that it is a public road. Plans to move the public road to the beach from Holiday Haven have not progressed. It was noted that Ingenia has banned eBikes in their grounds. Others also noted that guttering in Lake Conjola has left no room to walk on footpaths, forcing people out onto the road. Community suggestions – that the Holiday Haven booking sheet should require the use of helmets when riding bikes, that police officers patrol for use of helmets and in a more supportive way, that Bike Safety sessions should be run at Christmas time, together with an organised ride for kids. Lynne Wright and Margaret Furness put their hands up to help progress this idea.
- Lynne Wright noted that the Fire Station at Conjola has been completely rebuilt, with an official opening upcoming. The Brigade needs new members so please contact them if you are keen to volunteer. It was noted that from the last recruitment drive of 11 interested people (and training of 6) only 2 made it to any active duty.
- Regarding the Big Map, the NSW Reconstruction Authority is apparently in conversation with Council re progressing initiatives raised during these sessions.

- It was noted that many of the historical pictures held at the Community Centre appear to have been destroyed through recent upgrades. Suggestions to try and replace these were to put a callout on Facebook, check Congenial Conjola, Council and library archives.

There being no further business, the meeting officially closed at 8:30 pm.

Please note the next CCA Meeting Dates to be held at the Community Centre as below:

- **Wed 30 April 2025 – 7pm**
 - Annual General Meeting 7pm
 - Ordinary Meeting 7.30pm
- **Wed 23 July 2025 – 6pm**
- **Wed 22 October 2025 – 7pm**

We reiterate that the CCA's role is to represent all community members constructively and to fairly represent community wishes to Council as best we can. We encourage all residents to come to meetings or just drop us a note and get on the CCA membership / mailing list so that you can receive meeting updates and minutes to your email. See **Appendix A and B for contact details**

Appendix A – Receiving Updates on Conjola Improvements

If you are keen to follow updates on Conjola Improvements, go to

<https://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/hoy-lake-grove> and type in your email address under the STAY INFORMED heading. These updates are also posted to the CCA's Facebook page.

Appendix B – Providing Feedback on local issues and projects.

You can also provide feedback at any time to:

- **The CCA** via email at conjola.community@lakeconjola.org on any local matter including Conjola Improvements OR
- **Council** via email at council@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au This will be forwarded to appropriate team and generate a Customer Contact Request number.