

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Meeting Date: 7 August 2024
Location: Conjola Community Centre
Time: 6 pm

CCA Committee

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

The Meeting commenced at 6 pm

Attendance: Melanie Guise, Diana Corlette, Dirk Treloar, Donna Loon, Stan Cowle, Patrice Keegan, Peter Webster, Tim Bransgrove, Debbie Killian, Takesa Frank, Melinda Loe, Sandy Pitchfork, Jenny Tallon, Geoff Maxworthy, Nickie Lynch, Margaret Furness, Rob Furness, Fran Shanahan, G White, M Ferretti, A Gardiner, Allen and Lola Rutledge, Amanda Findley, Christine Taylor, Bev and Geoff Phillips.

Apologies: Lynne and Rob Wright, Patricia White, Mike Brungs. Gail Taylor, John and Judy O'Dwyer, Matt Loft, Lesley Lees (delayed by 30 minutes).

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

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CONJOLA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED (CCA) - TREASURERS REPORT 04/08/24

Date	General Account - CCA	Income	Expenditure	Balance	Total
	Balance From Previous Report - 08/05/2024	\$ 3,686.44			
15/07/2024	Hire Community Hall - SCC		\$ 37.40	\$ 3,649.04	
15/07/2024	Hire Community Hall - SCC		\$ 37.40	\$ 3,611.64	
		\$ 3,686.44	\$ 74.80		\$ 3,611.64

Date	General Account - GO FUND ME	Income	Expenditure	Balance	Total
	Balance From Previous Report - 08/05/2024	\$ 1,158.19			
23/07/2024	Ulladulla Printing		\$ 220.00	\$ 938.19	
		\$ 1,158.19	\$ 220.00		\$ 938.19

Date	General Account - FISHERMANS PARADISE	Income	Expenditure	Balance	Total
	Balance From 1/7/23 (Jointed CCA during 23/24 FY)	\$ 1,665.00			
17/06/2024	Bendigo Bank Donation - Woodstock Financial	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,165.00	
		\$ 2,165.00	\$ -		\$ 2,165.00

MONIES HELD IN BANK AS AT 4/8/24	TOTAL
GENERAL ACCOUNT - CCA	\$ 3,611.64
GENERAL ACCOUNT - GO FUND ME	\$ 938.19
GENERAL ACCOUNT - FISHERMANS	\$ 2,165.00
	\$ 6,714.83

PETTY CASH	Cash on Hand	Expenditure	Total
Balance from Previous Report 8/5/24	\$ 47.00	\$ -	\$ 47.00
			\$ 47.00

A. Conjola Improvements Update

Basketball Court

Several options for placement of the proposed basketball court at the Lake Conjola Community Centre were discussed. In relation to this, it was noted that we are next in line for a new playground (in the Shoalhaven) as the current playground is dangerous, unfit for purpose, has no shading and is not in a great location.

The basketball court options were to: either replace the current playground with a basketball court; to convert one of the existing tennis courts to a basketball court, or to include a half basketball court in that area. Following discussion of the costs and considerations, a clear majority of meeting participants agreed that it would not be good to lose one of the tennis courts in order to create a basketball court, and that it would be better to have a full-size basketball court and pursue this option at the same time as a grant for the new playground. This would enable the existing playground to be moved to make way for the basketball court (adjacent to the tennis courts) and a new playground could then be located closer to Aney St. CCA to follow up basketball court with Shoalhaven City Council (SCC).

Shared Pathway update

The Shared User pathway is a high priority project for local residents as agreed by previous surveys, supporting amenity and accessibility for our one-road-in, one-road-out community. The CCA advised that Council has completed preliminary investigations on a Shared User pathway for Lake Conjola Entrance Rd, with community feedback sought by Council on their proposal that the pathway be :

- 2 metres wide
- 3.4 km long
- running parallel to Lake Conjola Entrance Road on the northern side of the road
- running between Havilland St, Conjola Park and Norman St, Lake Conjola
- allowing for a minimum distance between the path and the road edge line of 4.6m where the road speed zone is 80/km/hr*

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- allowing for a minimum distance between the path and the road edge line of 3.6m where the road speed zone is 60/km/hr.

Council further noted that if the 80km/hr speed zone was reduced to 60km/hr this could enable a reduction in the distance between the path and road and therefore reduce earthworks, land acquisition, vegetation clearing and overall cost. Council also noted that if the concept design is adopted, it is estimated the construction of the path from Havilland to Norman Street would cost around \$4 million. Funding for construction is not currently available however finalisation of the design will aid in applying for any relevant grant funding opportunities.

Further design updates to come following community feedback to Council's Get Involved Survey.

Jetty and Kayak Launch

The jetty replacement project at Yooralla Bay has been completed and as previously indicated, there was a surplus from the \$308K allocated to the Jetty from the CCRA donations (arising from leftover contingency funds within the Stage 1 project budget) with approximately \$46K returned to the CCRA funding pool.

CCRA Funding Pool Status at August 2024

As at early August 2024, there was **\$61,796.05** in the CCRA Trust Account held with Council (including principal, interest, and unspent monies returned from the Jetty Replacement Project), with moneys for the Shared User Path and Basketball court approved (but largely not yet spent). \$61K therefore remains to support bringing other priority projects to grant-ready status.

Classification	Balance in bond account
Principal	370,179.19
Interest earned	22,399.86
Jetty Replacement	-261,783.00
Shared User Path	-50,000.00
Half-court basketball	-19,000.00
Total	61,796.05

Current Status of CCRA funding priorities (see table below)

N.B. previous minutes (particularly Jan 2024 minutes) provide history on engagement and priority projects for the CCRA funding.

Funding for toilet blocks and a commemorative outcome were agreed to be progressed by Council, however the CCA notes that Council did not include funding for toilets at Hoylake Grove Reserve (or permanent toilets at Havilland St Boat ramp) in their 2024/2025 budget. Next steps regarding a commemorative outcome will also be led by Council with community support at some point.

**Items not previously ranked together with other donor funding engagement survey results*

Restated PRIORITY ranking	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

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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, now out for community feedback.	50K allocated for initial design works
4	Accessible toilet (65%)	The CCA previously suggested the toilet needs to be funded by Council. CCA's request for interim Portaroo 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%).	One picnic shelter with BBQ and seating has been delivered at Hoylake Grove. Lack of water impedes its usage. CCA to follow up again on status of watering point planned for this location by Shoalwater in 2024.	Insufficient funds. Priority for future grant funding, ideally with a lockable component to include emergency equipment.
7	Basketball court (24%)	This use of funding was a donor request from Granville Boys High School (GBHS). Delays are expected due to crown lands status of planned location at Lake Conjola.	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

RESTATING the 27 November 2023 Notice of Motion approved by Council which 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. Flood Plain Insurance update

The CCA advised that local residents will receive a letter from Shoalhaven City Council inviting them to opt-in to receive flood risk information for their properties at no cost. The CCA recommendation is that residents take up this invitation and opt-in to receive flood risk information regardless of your address.

This information can be used by residents to obtain insurance cover specifically for their home (and contents) from Insurers that may otherwise be reluctant to offer or renew cover due to our post code, as there are a number of properties that are vulnerable in the local area. Having this flood risk information could result in a better outcome for residents in terms of obtaining cover and more premiums quoted from Insurers.

C. Big Map Update

2 workshops were held in May and June with findings going to Council and a follow up meeting to be arranged for October 2024. The RFS will keep the maps for local use.

D. Rescue Station Updates

Rescue Stations are being finalised in Conjola, with printing done by Ulladulla Printing and the stations being built by the Men's Shed at Ulladulla. There will be 3 stations - one at the Lake Conjola Boardwalk, one at Buckleys Lookout and one (with defib only, no rescue tubes) at Hoylake Grove Reserve. Batteries need to be changed every 12 months, with dates of last inspection noted. The defibrillators can 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.

E. Fishermans Paradise Updates

The FP Subcommittee is active, with monthly meetings held. Summary of updates:

- 2 defibrillators at FP have been donated by the Bendigo Investment Fund.
- A pickleball court has been approved by Council with painted lines over existing cement.
- The FRRR has agreed to provide support to improve FP's Community room.
- Roads in FP have improved.
- A native reserve has been closed off to public access, with risk assessment required.

F. Coastal Management Plan (CMP) update

Stage 4 (public exhibition) of the CMP for Conjola has commenced. Despite CCA recommendations in accordance with previous expert reports, and support from Liza Butler's office, it appears that our recommended option of keeping the lake open by using a decision support tool before the lake closes, may not prevail. It would appear that there may be insufficient support at State Government level for dredging activity to be written into the CMP, despite what we understand to be the weight of validated scientific evidence. Further updates will be provided.

G. Website update – deferred

H. General Business

The SCC Mayor, Amanda Findley, rose to give thanks to the Committee and to the Community for their support over her terms of office. The Community paid their respects.

There being no further business, the meeting officially closed at 7:47 pm.

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.