

**Conjola Community Association Inc. - CCB**

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting**

**Held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at Lake Conjola Community Hall**

President - Robyn Kerves,	Vice President - Dirk Treloar
Secretary - Elaine Caswell (proxy)	Treasurer - Fran Shanahan
Public Officer – Mike Brungs	Community Liaison Officer – Kristen Bird
Environment Coordinator – Col Ashford	Infrastructure Coordinator - Dirk Treloar
Media & Grants Coordinator - Fran Shanahan	Technology Coordinator – Bill Hackett

The meeting opened at **7:40pm**.

**Present:** - Cnclr Patricia White, Robyn Kerves, Dirk Treloar, Mike Brungs, Fran Shanahan, Cecilia Brungs, Helen Chaplin, Geoff Chaplin, Dawn Churchill, Jenny Dale, Jill Evans, Peter Evans, Linda Fennel, Stephen Fennell, D Gratzter, Keith Henry, Mark Horn, Carol Hodgetts, Jim Keelan, Rita Keelan, Allen Rutledge, Dennis Simpson, Lynne Simpson, Chris Turner, Vicki Weir, Bill Hackett,

**Apologies:** - Mark Albiez, Col Ashford, Kristen Bird, David Bird, Elaine Caswell, Jim Dale, Marian Devitt, David Dodd, Diana Dodd, Sandra Dodimead, Ken Dodimead, Mandy Ferretti, Ian Graham, Colleen Graham, Liz Gray, Amanda Hackett, Laurie Hays, Yvonne Hays, Allison Hopkins, Jan Hudson, Peter Hudson, Andrew Jessop, Ray Jones, Judith Jones, Tony Jones, Jan Lawrence, Terry Lawrence, Ronda Lyons, Graham Lyons, Linda Renie, David Renie, Leann Simpson, Jarrod Simpson, Alison Simpson, Craig Stratton, Jo Stratton, Liane Thompson, Stazi

1. **Welcome to Councillor(s)** – Welcome to Councillor White
2. **Announce the 2 meetings AGM & General Meeting**
3. **Acceptance of 2017/18 AGM Minutes of Meeting** – Accepted B. Hackett, seconded D. Simpson
4. **Treasurer’s Annual Report/Financial Statement**  
Refer Attached (below)
5. **President’s Annual Report**

The focus of the Conjola Community Association for the past 12 months has been on addressing issues with the current Lake Conjola Interim Entrance Management Policy 2013.

Notwithstanding, a number of other matters were achieved/addressed. In all it has been a very hectic 12 months for the CCA (*some of the following items were not presented due to AGM meeting time constraints*):-

- **Lake Entrance** – CCA Proposal to include Channel Optimisation and Entrance Clearance Works in the Lake Conjola Interim Entrance Management Policy 2013. With support from Hon. Shelley Hancock and Councillor Patricia White, Council finally accepted and tabled this Report

on 18 Dec 2018. The initial attempt to table the report in July 2018 was deferred by Council staff (Environment Services). The Report is available on the CCA website.

- Prolonged Lake High Water Level and Council Mismanagement of the issue:-
  - Failure of Lake Conjola Interim Entrance Management Policy 2013 (IEMP) – the failure was recognised by Council after a motion was raised in a Council Meeting by Councillor White and carried. A Workshop to kick-off a Review was conducted in Feb 2019 attended by Hon Shelley Hancock MP, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, several Councillors, Council Directors and staff, and representatives from state government agencies, Shoalhaven Water, and the Conjola Community Association. The meeting agreed to develop a stand alone Coastal Management Plan for Conjola
  - Failure of Council to comply with IEMP policy – re channels dug in Dec 2018 and Jan 2019
  - Impact to residents – personal & property impacts largely ignored by Council
  - Safety Audit of conditions not undertaken – eg unsafe/collapsing shoreline stone walls; camping power cables in floodwaters; no signage on inundated Council Jetty; fallen trees
  - OH&S issues – compiled by the Conjola Community not Council and submitted to Council – eg flooded boat ramps, health risks from water quality and mosquitos
  - Councillor White has continued to raise motions at Council Meetings for Council to address the issue. Each motion has been carried – refer to minutes of Council Meetings on 21 Jan, 5 Feb, and 26 Mar – but the Lake remains at what is considered to be historically prolonged high level – generally above 0.75-0.80m since Dec 2018 – the Mean High Water Mark is 0.34m
  - Impact to Lake Conjola biodiversity – eg dead eels, dying vegetation, erosion of shoreline
  - Water Quality Testing (GETEX) – the community initiated independent water quality tests to assess the lakes critical biological indicators, including Dissolved Oxygen levels (refer to the Ordinary Meeting for details of the results)
  - Misleading /inconsistent statements by Council – eg 3 conflicting statements by the Mayor, the A/General Manager, and the Regional Manager of Fisheries as to the reason the “channel plug” was not removed on 16 Jan 2019.
  
- Regional Boat Ramp – Havilland St: Council mismanagement
  - Apr16 – CCB informed the project was in the planning stage
  - Jan17 – Council Strategy & Assets Meeting: Motion carried to proceed to detailed design. Estimated cost \$1.4m-\$2m (grant funding from Better Boating)
  - Apr17 – Plans presented to CCA CCB, with plan to be shovel ready by early2019
  - Aug17 – Council S&A Meeting informed project is shovel ready; Motion carried (estimated cost \$1.9m) submitted for approval- \$3.7m allocated to SCC Projects by Better Boating & Council allocated \$400K to Havilland St
  - Mar18 – Seek approval from Better Boating to re-direct \$400K to Berringer Foreshore & Greenwell Point
  - Jul18 – RMS rejected Council request to re-direct funds; Council propose alternatives inc \$100K to HH Boat Ramp Carpark;
  - Summary – Council spent considerable effort and \$ developing a detailed design and failed to request estimated funds despite RMS informing CCA that funds for a Regional Boat Ramp at Conjola are available and have been chasing Council Project Officer to submit an Application for Grant Funding
  - Current Status - Unknown

- Stand-alone Coastal Management Plan for Lake Conjola – Workshop in Feb 19 with Council, Councillors, State MP, Community, Agencies agreed to develop a stand-alone CMP for Lake Conjola (estimate timeframe of 2 years). Council recently successfully applied to OEH to undertake an open coast Scoping Study (CMP Stage 1) without any community consultation. Expectation the “SCC LGA Open Coast” Scoping Study will significantly delay the development of the Conjola CMP by years.

The following items were not discussed:-

- Incorporation CCA - Application to Fair Trading for the incorporation of the CCA was successful in July 2018
- Boardwalk Carpark Upgrade – Council informed CCA that the project was on a priority list, and advised the priority could be raised if community requested it. CCA lobbied the community and requests submitted to Council, but priority not changed
- Fish Deaths on 17 April 2018
- Safety on LC Entrance Road – Request to extend 50kph Zone & reduce speed limit at Princes Hwy/LCE Road; no action by Council
- Water Filling Station installed
- Pattimores Drainage Canal Jetties on Council land – Council Strategy & Assets Meet Jul 2018 discussed
- Boardwalk Seating – installed early 2019
- Shorebirds Report (Summary of the report from Jodie Dunn, NPWS Shorebird Co-ordinator)
  - *A total of 67 nests laid on the sandflats, sandspit and in the dunes.*
  - *Two main nesting areas (dune and sandspit)*
  - *The last chicks began flying in mid-February (fledged).*
  - *Of the 148 eggs laid, 67 chicks hatched and 47 survived to flying.*
  - *NPWS are currently designing a small wooden chick shelter*
  - *Any assistance from the community to conserve this significant nesting site would be appreciated.*

## 6. Election of New Committee Members

Councillor White facilitated the election of Office Bearers for 2019/20. Nominations for the vacancies were accepted and seconded and all positions were filled. Congratulations to the successful nominees.

Office bearers of the Conjola Community Association for 2019/20 are:-



President - Robyn Kerves,	Vice President - Dirk Treloar
Secretary - Elaine Caswell	Treasurer - Fran Shanahan
Public Officer – Mike Brungs	

Ordinary Committee members of the Conjola Community Association for 2019/20 are:-

Community Liaison Officer – Kristen Bird	Grants Officer – Mark Albiez
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The AGM meeting closed at **8:05pm**.

Treasurers Report – Financial Year ended 31 Mar 2019

COMBINED BANK ACCOUNT	
<u>Conjola Community Association Inc</u>	
<u>As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.</u>	
Balance as at 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	1824.45
Plus Donation SCC	1000.00
Water Testing	6537.90.....9362.35
Less Weebly Sub	138.31
Hire of Hall	34.00
Getex	4994.00.....5166.31
<b><u>TOTAL HELD IN BANK ACCOUNT.....</u></b>	<b><u>\$4196.04</u></b>
06 2646 10069259	\$2652.14
06 2646 10321003	\$1542.90
	
President	Treasurer

Petty Cash	\$6.95
Less Jars	<u>5.90</u>
<u>Balance</u>	<u>\$1.05</u>