

Conjola Community Association Inc/CCB

Minutes of General Meeting

Monday 21 October 2019 at Lake Conjola Community Hall

Management Committee

President:- R Kerves	Vice President:- D Treloar
Secretary:- E Caswell	Treasurer:- F Shanahan
Public Officer:- M Brungs	Community Liaison:- K Bird
Infrastructure Co-ord:- D Treloar	Environmental Co-ord:-C Ashford
Grants Co-ord:- M Albiez	Technology Co-ord:- B Hackett

The meeting opened at **7:30pm**.

1. **Present:-** Kristen Bird, Dirk Treloar, Fran Shanahan, Robyn Kerves, Cnclr Patricia White, Mark Albiez, Jenny Dale, Lynne Wright, Margaret Furness, Robert Furness, Bill Hackett, Merissa Neve, John Henderson, Henry Cieslak
2. **Apologies:-** Col Ashford, Mike Brungs, Jim Dale
3. **Minutes from previous meeting:-** Accepted (refer to copy on the CCA Web Page).
4. **Deputy Mayor:-** The meeting congratulated Cnclr White on her recent re-election to the position of Shoalhaven City Council Deputy Mayor, and to Cnclr Mitchell Pakes on his re-election as Assistance Deputy Mayor.
5. **Treasurer's Report:-** Nil expenditure since the last meeting (15 Jul 2019).

<u>Account</u>		<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Water Testing			\$1,556.10
General Account	Opening Balance	\$2,559.18	
	Council Donation	\$500.00	
	Closing Balance		\$3,059.18
Total Funds			\$4,615.28

6. **Coastal Management Program (CMP) for Lake Conjola:-** Dirk Treloar briefed the meeting on the current status of the CMP, viz:-
 - The consultants engaged to deliver the CMP Scoping Study (Advisian and RPS), are receiving an accurate and detailed understanding of the issues from the community – in particular safety issues that arise due to the condition of the lake
 - The community are providing the consultants with key reports on, eg water quality, past recommendation for entrance management, historical data/charts on water levels/rainfall/tides

- Informed the meeting that the deadline for submitting the CMP survey is 31 Oct 2019 – refer to Council’s “Get Involved” Page on the CMP - <https://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/CMPStage1ScopingStudy>

The meeting also approved diverting funds from the CCA Water Testing Account to consultants CCA may engage for independent reviews regarding the relevance of existing documents for input into the CMP process (if required).

- 7. Dry Notch at the Entrance :-** Robyn Kerves informed the meeting that the CCA has submitted a letter to Council rejecting the proposal for the construction of a Dry Notch at the entrance in the absence of any scientific evaluation – a motion for a Dry Notch was rejected by Council at a Council Meeting earlier this year (Mayoral Minute 19,4, Council Meeting 26 Mar 2019). Cnclr White described “what a Dry Notch looks like”, and informed the meeting that the maintenance costs for a Dry Notch at Shoalhaven Heads is in the order of \$260,000.
- 8. Toxic Waste at the Conjola Waste Depot:-** CCA are awaiting advice from Council regarding the results from testing soil samples earlier this year. The Consultant Report is due with Council on 25 Oct 2019. Council will follow the standard process to publish the results.
- 9. Boating Improvements:-** A draft Report on proposed boating improvements has been prepared and is being reviewed.
- 10. Chinaman’s Island:-** Robyn Kerves informed the meeting that Glenda Millham is meeting with Minister Melinda Pavey to present a case to protect the cottages on Chinaman’s Island – the CCB meeting agreed that CCA agreed to Ms Millham’s request to provide a letter of support. Of note, Council have stated that the cottages should be heritage listed. However, the final decision on the cottages future rests with the owners of the land, NSW Crown Lands.
- 11. New Business:**
 - a. Upstream Water Level Gauge** – Council have indicated support for the installation of a BOM/MHL water level gauge upstream (eg in the vicinity of the “steps”). The gauge will provide advance warning of water level rises from the catchment. CCA will work with Council to identify a suitable location. **Action:** Bill Hackett to liaise with Council Environment Services
 - b. AirBNB Regulations** - Cnclr White informed the meeting of the proposed regulations to improve the governance of AirBNB’s – including the creation of a State Environment Planning Policy (SEPP) for AirBNBs, maps of areas that will prohibit AirBNBs, and regulations covering bushfire and floods zones. The new regulations do not apply to existing AirBNBs, but will apply to all new applications for AirBNBs and modifications to the existing AirBNBs.
 - c. Community Participation Plan (CPP)** – Cnclr White informed the meeting of a Council initiative to develop a Community Participation Plan – a requirement under the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (EP&A Act). The draft CPP is currently on exhibition seeking community feedback– **submissions close on 18 Nov 2019**. Cnclr White stressed the importance of communities responding to Council’s

proposed CPP. For further information refer to the Council “Get Involved” webpage – <https://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/communityparticipationplan>

- d. Grey Nurse Shark(s) in the Lake – Kristen Bird raised concerns regarding the potential of a tragedy during the warmer months. She informed the meeting that she has been in contact with Fisheries (Samson Hollywood) regarding the need to protect both the shark(s) and the community – advice from Fisheries is it is Council’s responsibility to install warning signs. Fisheries will not relocate the shark unless it shows signs of ill health or distress. At this stage the shark is apparently moving freely up and down the lake and is not restricted to the area near the platform and boat ramp. Fisheries currently carry out weekly checks on the shark and Samson Hollywood has been, and will continue to provide updates to the CCA (Robyn Kerves). **Sightings can be reported to Samson Hollywood on 02 4478 9100**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9:15pm.

Next meeting:- 7:30pm, 20 Jan 2020, Conjola Community Hall