

## Conjola Community Association Inc/CCB

### Minutes of General Meeting

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 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   |

**Present:-** Deputy Mayor Patricia White, Robyn Kerves, Dirk Treloar, Fran Shanahan, Mike Brungs, Kristen Bird, Mark Albiez, Shane Gillespie, Keith Simus, Julie Baker, Marilyn Henry, Paul & Marilyn Schoonderwoerd, Jason Hopkins, Ian Gardiner, Michele Devlin, Vicki Well, Bob Jones, Andrew Jessup, Janelle Jessup, Max Boyd, David Simms, Anne Simpson, Colin Wood, Haylee Dale, Jamie Dale, Judy Moan, Mr & Mrs Turner, Tom Dale, Geoff Phillips, Carol Hodgetts, John Fabre, Anne Allen, Allen Rutledge, Vickie Lynch, Janice & Tony Rolls, Mark Paloff, Dennis Briggs, Jenny Moffat, Keith Henry, Cheryl Leroy, Leonard Astill, Mandy Ferrett, C Turner, Cecilia Brungs, John Newby, Susan Newby, K Coleman, Adam Boland, J, L & J Pleka, J Parker, D Bergess, S & L Fennel, ? Roach, Mr & Mrs Jones, Bob Kirby, Susan Kirby, Karen Duncan, Jenny Dale, Jim Dale, ?awn Moffat, Rebecca McKelvey, Lindy & Peter Dunn, Justine Webb, Adam Webb, John O'Dwyer, Judy O'Dwyer, Mr & Mrs O'Brien, D Gratzner, Bob O'Brien, Kim Harper, Lexie Meyer

**Apologies:-** Vince Di Pietro, Stephen Dunshae, Col Ashford, Bill Hackett, Elaine Caswell, Amanda Hackett, John Henderson, Mel Loe, Joe Ruhe, Lynne Wright, Rob Wright, Helen and Geoff Chaplin, Jim and Rita Keelan, Jan & Peter Hudson, Tracey McClure, Mick & Janine French, Warwick & Glenda Milham, Debbie Eyers, Debra Pollock, Paul West, Karen Hooton, Julie Gander, Stu Gander, Ray & Pauline Molony, Paul Wallace, Robyn Savage, Brett Cripps & Family, Maree Brown, Kim Werner, Jan West, Uz & Chris Saltz, Elizabeth Penfold-Clarke, Jeff & Denise Langtip, Barry & Sandra Fenwick, Gerard & Leanne McDermott, Sharon & John Nohra, Amy Jabour, Simone Cardy, Jarrod & Alison Simpson, Rod & Caroline Bursill, Alison Croker, Greg & Glenda Byers, Shane & Sue McCartney, Greg Watson, Diana & Dave Dodd, Cheryl Anne & Mark Hunter, Melissa Neve, Warren Reid

*NB: The list of attendees is taken from the Attendance Book. The Minutes can be corrected for any omissions or spelling errors.*

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

#### **1. Introduction**

Meeting opened by Dirk Treloar, who welcomed all present including Deputy Mayor Patricia White, and Messrs. Colin Wood and Shane Gillespie from Shoalhaven City Council, and advised that unfortunately Mr. Vince Di Pietro, Council and State Government appointed Recovery Coordinator for the Shoalhaven Local Government Area, was unable to attend due to various debriefings and an Extraordinary Council Meeting.

Similarly, Shoalhaven City Council CEO Mr. Stephen Dunshea was unable to attend due to his participation in same meetings.

Dirk advised that the formal procedures would be waived due to the extenuating circumstances that the Bushfire Disaster presented our Community.

## **2. Open Managed Entrance for Lake Conjola**

Dirk outlined that the Conjola Community Association was working to have a sustainable opening for Lake Conjola. Dirk showed photographs of Lake Conjola in a pristine state and asked for a vote from those present ...*"if they wanted the Conjola Community Association to continue to work with Council and State Government Agencies to achieve a sustainable managed opened entrance for Lake Conjola"*.

**This motion was unanimously accepted.** Dirk also highlighted that it has been communicated to Council and State Government that a stable open entrance to the lake was an integral part of the socio-economic and environmental recovery of the Conjola Community at large, including Residents, Holiday-Makers, Businesses and Tourism in the Shoalhaven. And, that both levels of Government recognise and acknowledge importance of a stable long term opening to underpin the recovery process in the years ahead.

## **3. Conjola Recovery Team**

Dirk acknowledged and thanked Peter Dunn, the Recovery Team and all volunteers for their efforts in supporting the Community throughout the critical response phase and into the recovery phase. Dirk invited Peter to introduce himself to the attendees and talk briefly on the path to recovery.

Dirk announced that the Ulladulla Civic Centre had transitioned from emergency evacuation/response mode to recovery mode and that the State Disaster Recovery Centre and support services were in full operation. All bushfire impacted individuals and families were encouraged to register into the recovery program.

## **4. Council Representatives**

Dirk then introduced representatives from Shoalhaven City Council, Mr. Colin Wood and Shane Gillespie, who spoke at some length about the importance of Council undertaking ground surveys in the fire zone to better understand ignition points and fire behaviour in and around impacted areas and residences in order to improve existing Council building controls and guidelines in bushfire zones. The likely outcome of which would be a minimum BAL (Bushfire Attack Level) rating of 12.5 being applied to new / replacement builds in bushfire affected areas. Mr. Wood is also a member of the Standard Australia Committee dealing with building codes in bush fire areas and application of suitable BAL ratings.

Mr. Wood and his team will conduct inspections on impacted homes and interview willing residents able to re-tell the fire behaviour they witnessed.

Mr. Wood then answered many questions from the floor at length about re-building. Mr. Wood stressed that they were here to assist people in the re-building of their homes and not put barriers in the way of this process, advising that Council will waive application fees. Mr. Wood advised the return of Mr. Warwick Papworth to assist Council with expediting DA and CC applications and be further supported by experienced staff from other Local Government Areas.

## **5. Statement by Deputy Mayor White**

---

Deputy Mayor Patricia White then addressed the meeting outlining Council's ongoing support for those impacted by the bushfires and support for local businesses.

The Deputy Mayor reinforced Mr Wood's earlier advice regarding the *waiving of DA/CC application fees for bushfire impacted applicants* and spoke at some length about the state of Lake Conjola and mentioned the Patterson Britton & Partners Report of 1999 and recommendation therein for a Managed Entrance which has been scientifically validated by the success of the Interim Works undertaken in 1999, which resulted in a stable opening for 12 years.

The Deputy Mayor highlighted some of the achievements of the elected Members of the Conjola Community Association (CCA), some of whom have voluntarily served the Community for over 20 years. Further adding that the CCA are the recognised Community Consultative Body for Conjola and their role is to liaise with Shoalhaven City Council and State Government Agencies to achieve outcomes for community driven needs and projects. Projects such as the Conjola Regional Sewage Scheme, replacement of the disabled friendly boardwalk and formalisation as a tourism icon with an allocated maintenance budget, which Council were going to demolish and not replace until the CCA negotiated with Council for the funding to replace the old boardwalk with new. The CCA also presented community concerns with many DA applications in Lake Conjola deemed not in keeping with the coastal village character and heritage values worthy of preserving.

## **6. Meeting Closed**

Robyn Kerves advised that time was late and people were getting restless and proposed to close the meeting and have a further meeting in a month's time on Monday 17th February at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at approximately 9.40pm

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday 17 February 2020 at 7:30pm, Conjola Community Hall. An agenda will be published prior to the Meeting