

**Conjola Community Association Inc.**

**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting**

**Monday 11 April 2022 at Lake Conjola Community Hall**

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

The Meeting commenced immediately following the Annual General Meeting

**Attendance** :- E Caswell, C and M Brungs, F Shanahan, R Kerves, P Coogan, K and R Harper, B and D Allen, K Brennan, J Moffatt

**Apologies** :- D Treloar, Cn P White, B Hackett, K Dodemead

1. **Greening Australia Project**:- Volunteers required and Rotary will be contacted for their assistance
2. **Trailer Parking Signs** to be placed at the boat ramp
3. **Lake Conjola Coastal Management Plan**:- Preparation of the Lake Conjola CMP has progressed through to *Stage 3 Identify and Evaluate Options* (of 5 stages) with Council having hosted two workshops on 5th and 6th April 2022 immediately followed by open forum 'drop in' sessions.  
For those unable to attend Stage 3 workshops/drop-in sessions, online participation is available (and recommended) via Council's *Get Involved* page and the Interactive Mapping Tool therein [https://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/lake-conjola-cmp?tool=map#tool\\_tab](https://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/lake-conjola-cmp?tool=map#tool_tab) where you can map your key issues and concerns impacting the study area and provide your ideas on how best to manage them for Council's consultants (Greg Britton/Adrian Turnbull of Royal Haskoning DHV) to include in the follow up assessment of workshop discussion points.

Whilst progress on our CMP has been timely, there is some comfort in knowing that many of the shortcomings of the previous Licence Conditions have been redressed with a new 5 year Licence which includes the following improvements...

- An expanded area to undertake clearance operations;
- New benchmarks allowing Council to plan openings...  
... After 3 consecutive months of prolonged low-level inundation at or above 0.8m AHD and/or 10 day-mean water level is reached or exceeded and maintained at or above 0.8m AHD for more than 3 consecutive months.

... In the event of possible flooding due to high lake water levels and heavy rain of more than 150mm in 24 hours, or more than 300mm over 3 days is forecast and likely to impact the Lake Conjola catchment or which has been received in the catchment;

... When there is evidence of water quality risks and hazards reaching red alert levels per NHMRC 2008 and concurrence from DPI Fisheries and Crown Lands has been received.

- New trigger levels allowing Council to...
  - ... Get Ready when lake water level reaches 0.7m AHD (was 0.8m AHD)
  - ... Prepare Pilot Channel at 0.8m AHD (was 0.9m AHD)
  - ... Planned Opening at 1.0m AHD (no change)
- Council is to maintain records of water level and water quality and submit these to Crown Lands, NSW Fisheries and EES Group in line with new benchmarks at 2.

#### **4. Conjola Community Hall to be a Community Hub.**

Council has resolved to roll out a number of Community Hubs (Callalla Bay being the first operation Hub) utilising Council owned assets in the first instance. Whilst the Conjola Community Hall is the only Council asset available in our community, its location isn't ideal in terms of proximity to those areas/locations more immediately at risk of bushfire attack. As such, we are investigating further options such as 'piggy-backing' off Shoalhaven Water assets (and communications services) located in nearby bushfire prone areas as Fisherman's Paradise and Conjola Park. Provide a brief explanation of installations in Community Hall.

#### **5. Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grant**

Council has received \$615,000 in grant funding for Conjola Park foreshore bushfire recovery under the NSW Government's Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program. Council is contributing the additional \$22,000 required to complete the works. Council is planning to replace the existing jetty, within Yooralla Bay at the western end of Lake Conjola, with a new 25-metre-long jetty and adjacent pontoons to the Valley Drive boat ramp.

#### **6. Hand-over and Archiving of CCRA Assets**

Other than Donations (which are held in a joint trust account with Council), all available documentation and reports are in hand. CCRA Facebook page and web page are in the process of being archived for future access – just haven't worked out the best way to do this. Unfortunately, this has resulted in a few 'blockages' one of which is the posting of CCRA AGM Minutes held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022 which amongst other business items resulted in Special Resolution 1 to wind-up the Association being carried 2 votes 'Against' to 12 votes 'For' followed by Ordinary Resolution 2 to elect a new Association Committee which was carried 14 votes 'Against' and 0 votes 'For'.

A date will be set for a Community Group to discuss how to use the funds

#### **7. Creation of CCA Sub-Committee for the delivery of Conjola Park Recovery Projects**

Calling for volunteers to liaise with Council for proposed and approved recovery projects at Conjola Park largely funded by CCRA donations held in trust.

## **8. Havilland Street Boat Ramp**

Stage 1 works are underway with completion delayed from expected by June 2022. Stage 1 works comprise the following scope... two-lane boat ramp with intermediate floating pontoon... 26 unsealed car-trailer spaces... access road and boat launching maneuvering area... 2 x accessible car spaces with concrete path down to boat ramp.

Stage 2 works are subject to further community consultation and funding, but will include

... additional 20 car-trailer spaces and turning bay... amenities block... sealing of Stage 1 parking spaces... tap for wash down bay.

Council has actively sought funding for this project...

... NSW Boating Now Funding Offers – Round 3 - Council resolved to accept \$361,000  
... Bushfire Local Economy Recovery Fund - project nominations - Council endorsed the Conjola Park Regional Boat Ramp be submitted as a project to be applied for under the BLERF (along with other projects) for a total of \$775,349. BLERF - Stage 2 funding - Council resolved to accept the offer by the Federal and State Governments, for funding Supporting Lake Conjola Tourism Access for \$775,349 (along with other projects)

**9. Living Connected** – An organization to help Seniors to use digital devices for whatever makes life easier and more enriching.

Telephone:- 040975808

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## **10. General Business:-**

**a.** Concerns regarding the lack of toilet facilities at the Hoylake Recreation Area. It was stated that it was too far for older people and young children to have to walk to the nearest facility.

**b.** Residents stated that there has been insufficient clearance of the Conjola Bushland given what the Community was promised after the summer bush fires of 2019-2020. In addition, drainage problems have been experienced by many residents within the Conjola Park area. It was pointed out that residents were given strict guidelines when going through their rebuild and not one single organisation has been of assistance when the Community has complained about various issues.

**Meeting Closed at 9-10pm**

**Next Meeting- Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Conjola Community Hall commencing at 7pm.**