

Conjola District Lakecare Association CCB

AGM Monday 21 April 2014.

Attendance:- E Caswell, Clr P White, C Brungs, R Kerves, D Trelear, M Brungs, J Lawrence, T Lawrence, C Roberts, E Roberts, M Devitt, L Hobbs, B Hackett, D Wilson, L Van De Haar, H Van De Haar, M McKelvey, D Bird, J O’Leary, K Bird, C Ashford, K Duncan, R Duncan, D Briggs, S Ferguson, Clr A Findley

Meeting opened at 7-05pm.

Apologies:- Clr A Baptist

Previous minutes presented and accepted:- R Kerves 2nd M Devitt

Correspondence presented and accepted:- R Kerves 2nd C Ashford

Treasurers report presented and accepted:- R Kerves 2nd K Bird

Executive reports:-

David Wilson gave his president’s report

Robyn Kerves gave a report on the Lake Conjola estuary dredging petition

Dirk Trelear gave a report on the Estuary Management Plan and where the Association is up to in regard to this

Col Ashford gave a report about his work in relation to:-

1. Fisheries
2. Recycling
3. Siltation
4. Road and car parking in the HH caravan park and the Aney St. boat ramp
5. Light at the Fishermans Paradise boat ramp and the toilets there

Dennis Briggs gave a report on the Resilience project:- He reported that there was a distinct lack of public interest displayed and so a small working group of 5 has been set up.

Dr Choy and Silvia will be down in mid June to follow up on the project and the project should be concluded in September.

Election of Office bearers:-

All members of the Executive vacated their positions and Clr A Findley acted as the returning officer.

President:- R Kerves –nom- D Wilson 2nd M Brungs elected unopposed

Secretary:- E Caswell – nom -R Kerves 2nd S Ferguson elected unopposed

Vice President:- D Trelear – nom- R Kerves 2nd D Wilson elected unopposed

Treasurer :- M Brungs- nom- R Kerves 2nd E Caswell elected unopposed

Planning and Development Coordinator:- K Bird- nom- E Caswell 2nd R Kerves elected unopposed

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Environment Coordinator:- C Ashford-nom R Kerves 2nd E Caswell elected unopposed

Infrastructure Coordinator:- M Brungs- nom-D Wilson 2nd C Ashford elected unopposed

Assistant to the above:- D Trelear-nom- M Brungs 2nd E Caswell elected unopposed

Media and Grants Coordinator:- S Ferguson-nom- E Caswell 2nd C Ashford elected unopposed

Consultant to the Executive – A discussion was held regarding David Wilson being a consultant to the executive and after a vote he was appointed unanimously.

Special projects coordinator:- Marion Devitt volunteered for this position and was accepted unanimously.

Dennis Briggs and Bill Hackett volunteered to keep coordinating the Resilience Project- They were thanked by the Executive and were accepted unanimously.

There was no further General Business and the AGM closed at 8pm.

The next Conjola District Lakecare Association CCB AGM will be held on Monday 20th April 2015 at 7pm in the Lake Conjola Community Hall

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Minutes of General Meeting - Monday 21st April 2014

Attendance:-E Caswell, Clr P White, C Brungs, R Kerves, D Trelear, M Brungs, J Lawrence, T Lawrence, C Roberts, E Roberts, M Devitt, L Hobbs, B Hackett, D Wilson, L Van De Haar, H Van De Haar, M McKelvey, D Bird, J O’Leary, K Bird, C Ashford, K Duncan, R Duncan, D Briggs, S Ferguson, Clr A Findley

Meeting commenced at 8-05pm.

Apologies:- A Baptist

Previous minutes presented and accepted:- D Wilson 2nd S Ferguson

Business arising out of the minutes:-

Robyn Kerves spoke about the Holiday Haven Caravan Park and it being a Crown Land Reserve. Discussion was held in relation to the Trust Reserve Committee responsible for the Lake Conjola HH Caravan Park and it was pointed out that Shoalhaven City Council held that Committee internally.

Motion:- That Conjola District Lakecare Association write a letter to Russ Pigg General Manager of SCC, the Mayor of SCC Ms J Gash and S Hancock State Parliament representative asking for a review of the previous process on this issue and request that there be a community representative on the committee.

Carried

Correspondence presented and accepted:-D Briggs 2nd S Ferguson

Treasurers report presented and accepted:- E Caswell 2nd D Trelear

Lake Entrance Status:- Col Ashford reported that while there is currently some tidal flow in the lake, it is not great and the entrance is expected to close again soon due to the extensive sand shoaling.

Consultant's report re Dredging and Council's Resolutions:- This had been dealt with in the AGM.

Lake Conjola Estuary Management Plan:- It was suggested that residents investigate buying a dredge and then Clr P White reported on dredging that had been undertaken in other areas.

1. It was stated that dredging had been undertaken elsewhere due to commercial and beach renourishment factors.
2. It was pointed out that commercial sand deposits are almost depleted and there is a growing need to find new sources.
3. Each study regarding this issue costs about \$25,000
4. Sand from Mollymook beach ends up in Lake Conjola and that beach is in need of refurbishment.

Conjola District Infrastructure issues:-

1. **The boardwalk:-** Col Ashford reported that the boardwalk had been inspected and that SCC is attempting to gain funding for the upgrading of this structure
2. **Aney Street boat ramp:-** Col Ashford stated that he believes that \$75,000 has been allocated by SCC to upgrade the ramp and the work should be completed by the end of the financial year.
3. **The road through the HH caravan park:-** Col gave the meeting a briefing on the current status of the through road
4. **Fishermans Paradise boat ramp light:-** Col is looking into the legal responsibilities regarding the necessity of having a light at a recognised boat ramp.

DAs, Review of the Planning System, SLEP update:-

1. **David Wilson** stated that there were no significant problems with the current submitted DAs.
2. The new Planning System has been rejected by the Upper House and the Legislation will be looked and will be resubmitted once a review has been undertaken.
3. The SLEP was gazetted by the NSW Government and as far as we understand our local area has been well protected.

Resilience Update:- Already discussed in the AGM

General Business:- Sue Ferguson informed the meeting that the region will not receive a fibre NBN network and should the community need to use the satellite IT she believes that the storage is already full.

There appears to be no clear direction for our area in relation to this issue.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-10pm

The next Conjola District Lakecare Association will be held on Monday 16th June in the Lake Conjola Community Hall at 7pm.

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General Meeting Minutes - Monday 16th June 2014

Attendance:- E Caswell, D Briggs, S Briggs, B Hackett, M Devitt, I Graham, D Treloar, Y Bennett, M Coe, J Clarke, L Astill, S Hladio, S Robinson, G Cioccarelli, R Hunt, D Hunt, B Phillips, G Phillips, K Dodemead, J Van De Lely, F Shanahan, J Morris, S Roper, S Armstrong, S Holme, L Floyd, R Kerves, S Ferguson, E Gratzler, D Gratzler, A Van De Lely, P Chinnock, K Walsh, J Petrilli, C Hodgetts

Apologies:- P White, M Brungs, K Bird,

The Resilience working group gave a presentation on the work that they had done up to date and asked for further comments and submissions from the community.

The presenters consisted of M Devitt, D Briggs, B Hackett and D Treloar

The General Meeting commenced at 8-10pm.

John Tucker from the Sussex Inlet Action group addressed the meeting regarding the current status of the dredging issue throughout the Shoalhaven area.

Previous minutes read and accepted:- B Hackett, 2nd D Briggs

Business arising from the minutes:-

Letter was sent to both Mr R Pigg GM of SCC and Ms J Gash Mayor of SCC in relation to having a community representative on the Trust Management Committee and as yet there has been no reply.

Correspondence presented and accepted:- C Ashford 2nd B Hackett

Treasurers report read and accepted:- E Caswell 2nd D Treloar

Aney Street Boat Ramp:- Col Ashford gave the meeting an update on the boat ramp and explained that it was extremely difficult to understand how the work has had so many different costings quoted by Council employees. The Committee will continue to follow the progress of the work being undertaken and keep the Community informed on the subject.

The Lake Conjola Boardwalk:- Robyn Kerves and Dirk Treloar gave the meeting a briefing on the current status of the work to be done on the Boardwalk and explained that a community working party had been established to liaise with Council in relation to the issue.

Holiday Haven Caravan Park road upgrade:- Col Ashford addressed the meeting about the work being done on Lake Entrance Road through the Holiday Haven Caravan Park. He explained that the road had been in desperate need of upgrading and that members of the Executive were keeping abreast of the work being done.

Fishermans Paradise boat ramp light:- Col Ashford told the meeting that he had checked whether it was mandatory to have a light at a boat ramp and he had been told that this was not the case. Discussion followed and it was suggested that the committee continue to ask Council for a light to be placed at the ramp for safety reasons. It was also mentioned that a grant of \$8,000 could be used for this purpose.

Fishermans Paradise Pedestrian and cycleway:- There was a discussion in relation to the sudden stoppage of work on the shared way and it was pointed out that there had been issues in relation to

the Flora along the proposed pathway. Leo Floyd gave the meeting a briefing on the current situation as did Sue Ferguson and it was stated that the CCB continue to support this project.

National Park access to beaches:- It was stated that the access to the beaches in several areas around the Lake Conjola area have been badly degraded and a representative should contact National Park and request that these areas be upgraded. Col Ashford said that he would contact Libby Shiels and also stated that he believed that there was funding available to maintain public access to beaches.

DAs:- There were only 2 DAs in the Lake Conjola area that have been applied for 1 being in Edwin Ave which didn't appear to have any adverse impact on the Lake Conjola village the other is in Milham Street. The DA in Milham Street has been applied for previously and was declined by Council and it was pointed out by the president that this new DA didn't really appear to have a great deal of difference to the one that was refused. It was also pointed out that residents in close proximity to the proposed building had voiced concerns in relation to the issue. In addition the building would not suit the nature and ambience of the Lake Conjola village. Further discussion ensued and it was agreed that the issue be closely monitored.

Regional Boat Ramp:- In the original Maritime Boating Management Plan for Lake Conjola it was stated that no informal boat ramps could be closed until a Regional Boat Ramp had been constructed. Elaine Caswell stated that as far as she knew the Crown Land that was suggested for boat ramp usage at the bottom of Havilland Street had not been applied for by SCC. She volunteered to go to the SCC and request that the piece of Crown Land be applied for and accessed for future public usage.

Lake Entrance Status:- There is merely a trickle in and out at the moment at the entrance and it would appear most important that dredging of the Lake be pursued in earnest.

General Business:-

Elaine Caswell gave the meeting an update on the Dept of Fisheries perspective on the current state of Caulerpa in the Lake and also the possibility of restocking some fish species in the Lake.

Ken Dodimead stated that the rabbit situation in Lake Conjola is getting way out of hand and that single individuals can't do anything on their own it needs a consolidated effort by all members of the community to help solve the problem.

Sue Ferguson told the meeting that Lake Conjola and Fishermans Paradise would not have access to the NBN and therefore individuals would not have an adequate ability to conduct their business from home and as a consequence land values would be badly affected.

The meeting agreed that there should be a petition produced so that local residents can make their opinions known to the relevant government bodies.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-15pm

The next meeting will be on Monday the 18th of August at 7pm in the Lake Conjola Community Hall

CONJOLA DISTRICT LAKECARE ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING HELD on Monday 18th AUGUST 2014

The Meeting started at 7pm with two presentations

1/ Jodie Dunn from National Parks and Wildlife gave us an introduction to the Shorebird Recovery Program and a slide show regarding the endangered species that are on our beach.

2/ Greg Thompson from Shoalhaven City Council talked about the steps that are necessary to eradicate the growing Rabbit problem in our area. He handed out maps of the area and how many people need to be available to put out poisons etc.

The General meeting started at 8 pm.

APOLOGIES: M Brungs, E Caswell, S Ferguson, S & D Briggs and Kristen Bird.

Treasurers Report The current balance at the CBA is \$1016.45.

Correspondence: Due to the absence of our Secretary this item was deferred to the next General Meeting on 20th October 2014.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. The Public road through Holiday Haven Caravan Park is to be sealed and Cllr Patrice White will refer this matter to Ben Stewart at SCC.

2. Aney St Boat Ramp. Col Ashford spoke on this matter, and there are some outstanding matters to still be resolved e.g. screening that was asked for by Island View Caravan Park. The width of the road, Dangerous dead tree to be removed. Costing that escalated from \$70,000 to \$92,000. The question was asked if SCC could keep a Bond or a Deposit back from the contractor until all work was satisfactorily completed.

3. The Boardwalk. The working group met with two representatives from MI Engineering and they are to increase the width of the boardwalk from 1500 to 1800. We are hoping that the new structure will be built with better product to say see the life of the new structure last from 50-100 years with virtually zero maintenance.

4. The Death of the Stingrays at the entrance has been explained to be the result of colder water.

The meeting closed at 9.20

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General Meeting - Monday 20th October 2014

Lake Conjola Community Hall Minutes

Attendance:- E Caswell, J Newby, S Newby, M Brungs, R Kerves, F Shanahan, C Ashford, D Donald, K Bird, M Devitt, B Hackett, S Dodimead, K Dodimead, C Hodgetts, M Alblez, D Treloar

Apologies:- P White, F Stewart, T & J Lawrence

Previous minutes presented and accepted :- B Hackett 2nd C Ashford

Business arising:- Nil

Correspondence tabled and accepted:- D Treloar 2nd M Brungs

Treasurers report:- Bank account \$1260-87c

 Petty cash \$6-95c

Treasurers report accepted:- E Caswell 2nd C Ashford

Reports:-

1. Dredging:- D Treloar stated that all 3 SCC waterways have been successful with the grant application for dredging. It is expected that the work should be completed by November 2015. It was suggested that a member of the community should be the Project Manager for the dredging of Lake Conjola.

Dennis Donald addressed the meeting about the issue of dredging throughout NSW particularly in relation to ICOLLS.

2. Boat ramps:- Col Ashford stated that there are still problems with the Aney Street boat ramp. The RMS has a lot of funding available and Lake_Conjola boat ramps could be upgraded.

3. Boardwalk:- Dirk Treloar gave the meeting an update on this issue. He stated that the boardwalk should be 1-80m wide in order for Emergency vehicle access and for disabled and pram users to pass on another. The rubber matting is only a temporary fix and the working group has recommended that the SCC proceed with the Wagner Construction at a cost of \$840,000

4. Future Fish Stocking:- Elaine Caswell after contacting Fisheries stated that Lake Conjola would have Eastern King prawns stocked in 2015 and other species would be restocked after there has been a tender accepted. She also questioned Fisheries about the oyster leases and Ian Lyle responsible for Aquaculture in NSW was going to organise a survey on the Lake.

5. Fish for the Future:- R Kerves informed the meeting about this project and the committee voted to attempt to have this available to children during the holiday season at some stage.

6. Local Maintenance:- Col Ashford stated that there are numerous problems in relation to this issue but 2 of the main projects that we need to pursue are:- Havilland Street corner and the roots in Garrads Way road that are still there.

7. Resilience update:- The web site conjolacommunity.org.au has the update on the resilience forum

8. Name Change for the Association:- It was debated whether the current name of the Association was truly reflective of the organisation.

Motion:- The name of the Conjola District Lakecare Association be changed to Conjola Community Association. B Hackett 2nd F Shanahan

Carried

Should there be any objections please contact the organisation within 2 weeks of receiving these minutes.

9. Coastal Conference:- There is to be a coastal management conference in Ulladulla Nov 11th-14th

10. Sea level rise:- Dirk Treloar reported that there has been a significant change in the thinking regarding this issue and Councils are planning for the worst and hopefully there will be a reduction in the future impact.

11. General Business:- There has been the resignation of the Media and Grants coordinator.

The CCB should pursue the construction of an exercise station on the grounds of the Community Hall.

Norman Street:- launching platform for paddle boards and canoes_ there is a need for increased parking.

Sandra Street boat ramp should be upgraded.

Kurrajong Crescent ramp:- the coral trees should be removed in order to provide more parking .

The NPWS has improved the access to the various beaches in the Conjola area.

The problem of the rabbit plague:- Elaine Caswell will contact SCC in relation to this problem to seek a more community based solution.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-15 pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 21st December at 7pm in the Lake Conjola Community Hall.

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Minutes Of General Meeting Held At 7pm Monday 15th December 2014

The meeting started at 7.05

Apologies : Elaine Caswell, Kristen Bird and Mike Brungs.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: It was noted that the date of this meeting was incorrect. The minutes were then accepted by Colin Ashford, seconded Dirk Treloar.

Treasurers Report: The current balance at Commonwealth Bank is \$1123.69, Petty Cash on Hand \$6.95.

General Business:

Dredging: Patricia White stated that of the 12,000 cub.mtrs 5,000 of this is to be transported to Mollymook Beach and placed in two areas that had lost a lot of sand in recent storms. The balance of 7000 cubic mtrs will be placed on the northern side of the lake. Some of this will be placed around the Cunjurong Point Boat Ramp, to make better access for boats to be launched from that boat ramp.

At a recent meeting with Tim Fletcher he stated that the Consultants report was ready for review. This is in line with the time frame stated.

When asked about any interests for removing the sand at a negative cost, Clr Patricia White said there had been several expressions of interest.

Boardwalk: SCC had been informed by Kellie Lowe the replacement cost would be \$200,000 and this amount was set aside in the 2014/2015 budget. The latest costing is \$832,000 leaving a shortage of \$632,000. John Wells at SCC told Kellie Lowe to obtain a further loan to cover the shortfall. Robyn Kerves suggested that a petition be formulated to ask the Minister for Crown Lands to leave any

profit from Holiday Haven Lake Conjola Caravan Park to be spent in this area until all the needs are met. E.g. Boardwalk, Cycle way, roads etc. The members present voted that a petition be started. Resilience : Marian Devitt spoke about this matter and asked if the February General Meeting could be held a week earlier so that Griffith University's Daryl and Silvia could be present. They are not available on the 3rd Monday in February. They wish to present the final plan to the Community on the date the executive decide.

Web site : Bill Hackett gave us a update on the new website and it is looking fantastic. Kristen Bird is to approach businesses in the area re advertising on our web page.

Several other projects were discussed and left to be mentioned at our February meeting.

The Executive members have to discuss the change of date for February meeting. As soon as this is decided an email of that date will be forwarded to members.

Our next meeting date is **Monday 16th February at 7pm.**

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Conjola Community Association

General Meeting Minutes

Monday 16th February Meeting commenced at 7---05pm

Attendance:---E Caswell, D Treloar, R Kerves, B Hackett, P White (Cnl), P Boerman, F Stewart, M Brungs, C Brungs, JD & CA Petrie, C Petrie, M Loe, K Henry, J Clarke, M Albez, A Wingrove, J Carreg, M Devitt, S Briggs, D Briggs, C Hodgetts, S Dodimead, K Dodimead, B Phillips, G Phillips, I Scott, J Rolls, N Esou, J Mainprize, F Shanahan, E Gratzler, D Gratzler

Apologies:--- N Butler, K Bird

Resilience:--- Bill Hackett and Marian Devitt gave a fully comprehensive report on the development of the Resilience report. The working group for the Conjola Community Action Plan, Marian Devitt and Bill Hackett, would like to officially thank the following for their facilitation, support, guidance, participation and feedback over the last 18 months:--- Professor Darryl Low Choy, Doctor Silvia Serrao---Neumann(both from Griffith University) Melinda Loe, Joe Ruhe, David Wilson, Jessica Rippon (SCC) Councillor Patricia White, Milton Ulladulla Times editorial staff, Barry McCaffery (Radio 2ST) Ulladulla Printing, Dennis and Sue Briggs. Finally all of those community members and representatives from organisations who attended workshops, presentations and meetings, your interest and participation is greatly appreciated. Discussion was held in regards to the issue, where any questions were answered by Bill and Marian. Bill and Marian then requested the support of the Conjola Community Association and as a result the following motion was put.

Motion:--- That the Conjola Community Association CCB fully support the Conjola Community Action Plan. 26 voted for the motion with none against

Web Site:--- Bill Hackett has worked on the development of a new web site and via a power point presentation explained to the members how to navigate the site. The following are the addresses of the Conjola Community Association www.lakeconjola.org conjola.community@yahoo.com.au Bill

was thanked for his tremendous effort in developing our new internet access. The General meeting was then opened for normal business

Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted:--- C Ashford 2nd D Treloar

Matters arising from the minutes:--- Nil

Correspondence read and accepted:--- M Brungs 2nd C Brungs

Treasurers Report:--- The Association has a current balance of \$ 1123---67cents

Reports:---

1. Boardwalk:--- Dirk Treloar reported that SCC has a \$250,000 loan from Crown Reserve to assist with the reconstruction of the Boardwalk and Council has asked for a draft business plan. There appears to be no paper trail at Council in relation to the Boardwalk and so they are trying to get the issue on the asset register. The Boardwalk should be 1.8m wide to allow for various vehicular access. It is envisaged that the structure should be a maintenance free asset. Can the structure be financed through 2 budget years so that the building does not have to stop due to lack of finance? Councillor Patricia White asked whether she should approach the Federal Member for funding:--- The committee voted unanimously in support of this.

2. Report from Fisheries:---

a. Oyster leases:--- A new owner has taken over the leases in Conjola and has already commenced working on them. He is going to use the Long line culture system which is more beneficial to the Lake bed and he intends to grow sterile oysters so that they will have no impact on the naturally occurring Sydney Rock oysters.

b. Fish Restocking:--- The restocking of the Eastern King Prawns has been successful in other areas and as a result Conjola will be restocked later on in the year. Fisheries are also attempting to find sources for other marine species but are finding this difficult because of the quantities involved.

3. Rabbit problem:--- Greg Thompson from Council is prepared to meet with several community members in the Conjola area to demonstrate how to bait the rabbits. This was not seen as a suitable solution because the problem is enormous and a more wide spread and community based approach is needed. It was also pointed out that the caravan parks in the area must play a part in helping to solve the problem. Patricia White suggested that she contact Council representatives to see if there was a more suitable and widespread solution.

4. Dredging:--- The REF for the dredging of the Lake is due in March/April. Peter Spurway is now the contract administrator and there is a new consultant, Royal HaskoningDHV Engineering. The Executive would like to meet with the new consultant in order to be able to report back to the meeting. It was pointed out that nowhere in the Lake Entrance Management Plan or the Estuary Management Plan is there any mention of dredging. The draft plan is due in March and this problem must be addressed. There is to be a review of environmental factors due at the end of Feb/beginning of March

The timetable for the dredging is as follows:--- Timetable set in March The REF has to go through 8 govt agencies by April May--- Tender is sent out End of June a tender is to be accepted July works to commence November--- Works to be completed

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9---20pm.

There will be an Annual General Meeting on Monday 20th April at 7pm in the Lake Conjola Community Hall followed by a General Meeting