

Note: The AGM and General Meetings scheduled for April 2015 were cancelled due to severe weather. The AGM was reconvened in June 2015

Conjola Community Association CCB

Annual General Meeting,

Monday 15 June 2015

Attendance:- E Caswell, M Loe, D and E Gratzler, C Ashford, R Kerves, J_Henderson, B Dawson, M Devitt, M Brungs, J Rolls, G Phillips, K Bird, N_Wearne, F Shanahan, S_Hollett, C Hodgetts, K Urquart, I Graham, B Hackett, M Walker

Apologies:- D Treloar, Cnlr P White

Minutes of previous AGM:- read and accepted- M Devitt 2nd K Bird

Business arising:- Nil

President's report:- The President of the Association, Robyn Kerves, presented her annual report.

Accepted:- E Caswell 2nd C Ashford

Treasurers Report:- M Brungs presented the Treasurers report and the Association has a balance of \$1173-78cents **Accepted:-** C Ashford 2nd M Devitt

Election of Office bearers

The Executive vacated their positions and Marion Devitt acted as Returning Officer

President:- R Kerves nom by E Caswell 2nd K Bird elected unopposed

Secretary:- E Caswell nom by R Kerves 2nd F Shanahan elected unopposed

Vice President:- D Treloar nom R Kerves 2nd E Caswell elected unopposed

Treasurer:- M Brungs nom K Bird 2nd R Kerves elected unopposed

Planning and Development Coordinator:- K Bird nom E Caswell 2nd M Brungs elected unopposed

Environment Coordinator:- C Ashford nom K Bird 2nd R Kerves elected unopposed

Infrastructure Coordinator:- D Treloar nom E Caswell 2nd M Brungs elected unopposed

Media and Grants Coordinator:- F Shanahan nom E Caswell 2nd M Brungs elected unopposed

Consultants to the Executive:- B Hackett, M Devitt, M Loe

The above members volunteered their services should there be any issues where their expertise would be advantageous.

There being no further business the AGM closed at 7-35pm.

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General Meeting Minutes

Monday 15 June 2015

Meeting commenced at 7-35pm

Attendance:- E Caswell, M Loe, D and E Gratzler, C Ashford, R Kerves, J Henderson, B Dawson, M Devitt, M Brungs, J Rolls, G Phillips, K Bird, N Wearn, F Shanahan, S Howlett, C Hodgetts, K Urquhart, I Graham, B Hackett, M Walker

Apologies:- D Treloar, Cnlr P White

Minutes of previous General Meeting:- passed MDevitt 2nd C Ashford

Matters arising from those minutes:- Nil

Correspondence tabled:- accepted E Gratzler 2nd M Devitt

- a. **The Boardwalk:-** Cnlr White discovered that there were errors in the SCC funding estimates for their Boardwalk proposal and as a consequence of this, the difference between the Council's proposal and that of the CCB was only \$100,000. This being the case Council decided to fund the Boardwalk as requested by the CCB.
There will be a letter from Shelley Hancock MP in support of the project posted on the web site.
- b. **Dredging:-** The tender for the dredging project will be accepted by SCC by June 30th at their Council Meeting.
There will be 25 trucks in and out of Entrance Road every day during the dredging process. There will be some stockpiling of the dredged sand along the southern shoreline which will be left to dry out and some will be taken to Mollymook Beach.
- c. **A water pipe of-125mm** will be placed going down to the toilet block near the HH Caravan Park, there is currently a water pipe of 50mm and it not regarded as being big enough for the purpose.
- d. **Aney Street :-** The Green Army will plant Bottlebrush shrubs to provide a screen for the Caravan Park from the boat ramp.
It was also pointed out that the drop off into the water from the Aney Street boat ramp was much too big –Robyn Kerves and Col Ashford will chase up the possibility of concreting the ramp to help alleviate the problem
- e. **The Garbage Bins in HH Caravan Park:-** These are going to be moved to a more appropriate place.
- f. **Petition:-** The petition regarding the \$1.3 million profit from the HH Caravan Park being spent in the Conjola Community area will be presented to Shelley Hancock MP who will present it to the Minister for Crown lands
- g. **The proposed jetty in Prior Street:-** Members of the committee voiced their concern regarding the application of a resident to construct a jetty which would be privately funded

but they had also requested that the SCC take over the Public liability. Discussion ensued and the following facts were presented

i The road down to the area is far too narrow to accommodate the possible extra traffic that a Public jetty may produce

ii There is only 1 light in the area

iii There are no facilities in the area

iv 20 out of the 24 local residents are against the proposal

v Maritime has stated that there will be no more Private jetties to be placed in the area.

vi If the jetty was designated as a Private jetty then the other residents would not have a problem

vii The other owners of Private jetties in the area have no problem with other people in the area using their facility

The members from the area who were present at the meeting will keep the CCB informed regarding any further developments about the issue.

h. The Rabbit problem:- Col Ashford informed the meeting that shooters had been out over the weekend in the Lakeside Caravan Park and they had culled the most that they have ever killed in the Park

Col also told the meeting that Greg Thompson (SCC) had contacted him in relation to the baiting of the rabbits but he had not given enough notice and Col requested that he reschedule the baiting.

i. General Business:- There will be an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association on January 11th 2016 during the Summer holidays so that more interested residents may attend.

The Health and Fitness area:- The question was asked what is the current status of this issue. The Executive will investigate the possibility of acquiring available funding for the project.

Neighbourhood Safe Place:- Geoff Phillips (Captain of the Lake Conjola and Fishermans Paradise Bushfire brigades) informed the meeting that he had contacted SCC regarding the Community Hall and Council has improved the area and made it more fire safe. The Hall is now designated as the area for residents to congregate should there be a fire danger. Geoff will meet with Bill Hackett so that the information can be placed on the CCB's web site. Geoff also informed the meeting that should a resident light a fire outside then it is required that they ring 44244424 to prevent a Brigade being called out without cause.

Jerinjah Land Claim:- The issue of problems in relation to land subject to a land claim by the Jerinjah people around Lakeside Drive was brought to the Association's attention. It was stated that there was nothing anybody could do about the environmental vandalism that was occurring on the land until the claim had been finalised. It was passed by the members that Elaine Caswell and Kim Urquhart approach the Land Council requesting an interview to discuss their finalising the land claim.

DA in Lakeside Drive:- A member spoke about a DA in Lakeside Drive that had been put to Council where the resident has a Foreshore block where the DA should only be for a 2 storey residence but this particular one is for a 3 storey residence. The member warned the meeting that should Council approve the DA then that will set a precedent for all future development in the area.

Resilience:- It was pointed out to the meeting that the Resilience Project stated quite clearly that the community should have more input into issues like the one above and not let Council be the sole deciding body. The question was asked whether the Resilience findings had been forwarded onto Council and the Executive will address that issue.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-50pm

The next General Meeting will be on Monday August 17th at 7pm.

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General Meeting Minutes,

Monday 17th August 2015

Attendance:- E Caswell, B Hackett, C Ashford, R Kerves, M Brungs, D Treloar, P White(Clr) T Rolls, J Rolls, M Devitt, G Phillips, R Turner, J Turner, F Shanahan, K Blaha, J Henderson, B Lawson

Apologies:-N Wearne, S and J Newby, K Bird,

Simon Tedder –NPWS

Simon was invited to address the meeting prior to the official agenda. He presented the issues facing the shorebirds within the Conjola district. The nesting season commences in August and that they would be nesting soon. The NPWS believes that there should be a sharing of the shoreline and that the birds were being disturbed by foxes. As a result of this there will be shooting controls of foxes on Council and Park reserve land. In addition there will be baiting and trapping within the fenced off nesting site. NPWS is planning an education programme over the Summer with a talk being given to visitors one evening. In addition they plan to erect temporary signs to educate the public and fencing to protect the birds. There is also going to be a review of the dog policy to see what can be done to accommodate both dog owners and the protection of the wild life.

Minutes of the previous meeting:- presented and accepted-C Ashford 2nd M Brungs

Matters arising from the minutes:-Nil

Correspondence:- Presented and accepted:- F Shanahan 2nd R Kerves

Treasurers Report:- Current balance:- \$1173-89 accepted E Caswell 2nd C Ashford

Dredging:- D Treloar and M Brungs gave the meeting the current state of this issue stating that SCC has been given an extension until June 2016 when the money will have to go back to the Government should the work not be completed. The reason for the needed extension is because there were only 2 tenders for the project one was way over budget and the other could not commence work until June/July next year. Further discussion ensued and the Association will monitor the situation.

Boardwalk:- There is no update on this project and Councillor White stated that application for grants were not available at this time.

Fitness and wellness equipment:- Fran Shanahan gave the meeting an update on this issue and said that it would be advisable for the Association to have a survey in relation to the amount of interest there is in this project. The survey would then assist and give weight to any application for a grant funding.

Cycleway/footpath:- It was suggested that the Association investigate a “Dream time” theme for such a project where the Aboriginal community could be represented along the route. Mel and her partner have extensive experience in such a project and they will look into possible funding for this idea.

General Business:-

- Geoff Phillips informed the meeting that information from the RFS is being regularly updated on our web site and that Council will open the Community Hall should there be an emergency situation occur. In addition the RFS is hosting a Trivia Night on November 14th to raise funds for the service and all locals are encouraged to attend.
- The Association should investigate the commencement of a Lake Conjola Magazine along similar lines to the Bawley Point magazine.
- The tower for the NBN will, when completed, be painted green.
- There will be a rabbit control group formed and there will baiting undertaken on Council land.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-55pm

The next General Meeting will take place on Monday 19th of October

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Minutes of the General Meeting

Monday 19th October 2015

Meeting opened at 7pm.

Attendance: Marian Devitt, Robyn Kerves, Dirk Treloar, Mel Loe, Fran Shanahan, Michael Brungs, Patricia White, Colin Ashford, Neville Esau.

1. Apologies:

K Bird, Elaine Caswell, Bill Hackett.

2. Minutes arising from previous meeting.

The minutes were deferred till the next meeting.

3. Treasurers report.

The current bank balance is \$1173.92 with an outstanding chq for \$90.90 (being three fees for hiring of the hall) petty cash of \$6.85

4. Other reports;

Dredging update.

The dredging contract has been awarded to Sandpiper dredging based in Tweed Heads. The dredging will commence late February 2016 with a time frame of finished in March 2016.

Fisheries update:

Elaine Caswell has sent along the following information. Prawn restocking – This will not take place this season because of the Caulerpra has not been designated gone from the Lake. The latest the lake will be designated Caulerpra free is April 2016. Because of the above the restocking of prawns will not take place until December 2016. Oyster leases - Fisheries have not been around Lake Conjola to check the current status of the leases because they have been heavily involved with a major problem at Port Stevens.

Boardwalk: SCC staff were not successful in their application for grant funding from Crown Lands, no reason was given. They are now applying for a grant from “Clubs”. Robyn Kerves is to see if Shelley Hancock can give any assistance in this matter.

Lake Conjola Entrance Management Plan: Dirk Treloar and Mike Brungs have been going through the numerous reports and will liaise with council staff hopefully in the next few weeks.

Other matters:

Cllr Patricia White addressed the meeting and informed the meeting of the following

A} Porters Creek dam Rd will be closed whilst Shoalhaven Water are doing a large amount of maintenance at the Dam. (We will require more specific details for the next CCB meeting)

B} Councils are now allowed to apply for loans via the Treasury at a very good interest rate.

C} A New Policy is being drafted for the “Companion Act for Dogs” and will go on display when ready.

D} Southern Shoalhaven Natural Resources and Floodplain Management Committee (SSNRFPM) will be dissolved and an application for members will be issued for those that wish to apply. The membership for the public will consist of 15 people. We did have three on that committee with a possible fourth.

E} Milton library is costing SCC considerable monies to operate, and they are looking at asking for volunteers to help lessen the burden.

Marian Devitt wished to express thanks to the CCB for their support in the matter of a private jetty being constructed in the waterway at Prior Street. Cllr White stated that she did not think it would have gained councilor support.

It was mentioned that concerns should be raised with the development of BIG 4 Caravan Park extensions, which involve the 12 or more building blocks that face Lake Conjola Entrance Rd. Our roads are not good and certainly are not in a position to take more traffic. At this stage we have not seen a development application regarding this land.

That being the end of the meeting and closed at 8.45pm.

The next meeting date will be 21 Dec 2015, and there will be an extra ordinary General Meeting on 11 January 2016 to allow holiday home owners and caravan park patrons to attend.

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Minutes of the General Meeting

Monday 21 December 2015

Attendance:- P White(Cr) R Kerves, M Devitt, E Caswell, K Blaha, J Henderson, C Hodges, F Shanahan, B Hackett, C Ashford, C Roberts, G Phillips, D Treloar

Apologies:-K Bird, M Brungs

Minutes of previous meeting:- presented and accepted-R Kerves, 2nd J Henderson

Business arising:- Nil

Correspondence:- presented and accepted- C Hodges, 2nd D Treloar
Letter to be sent to Mr Gareth Ward informing him of the title of the Lake Conjola organisation

Treasurer's report:-

Previous balance \$1083

Current balance \$1583 due to SCC's annual funding of \$500 to the CCA CCB

Reports

1. **Dredging:-** This is scheduled to commence in March.

The August floods removed approximately 100,000 cu metres of sand from the shoal at the Lake's entrance and deposited it near-shore just beyond the surf zone. The expectation is that over time significant southerly swells will bring the sand back into the entrance of the Lake.

The proposed dredging sites were displayed

The meeting discussed a requirement for more extensive monitoring and proactive management of the Lake Entrance and it was emphasised that the Estuary Management Plan is more significant to the dredging than the Entrance Management Plan

Dirk Treloar gave detailed information in regard to a comparison between the management of Lake Conjola's Estuary/Entrance, and the management of Narrabeen Lakes entrance which managed by the Pittwater/Warringah Council's Narrabeen Lagoon Management Plan. The mood of the meeting agreed that the management of Lake Conjola is "reactive" whereas from Dirk's experience the management of Narrabeen is "proactive" with scheduled monitoring and agreed actions undertaken by Council

It was decided that Mr M Brungs and Mr D Treloar rewrite the Estuary Management Plan

2. **The Boardwalk:-** SCC has passed the funding of \$840,000 which was proposed by Mr R Pigg the General Manager of SCC and the tender will go out next year. The money was found in a special fund.

3. **The road outside of the Post Office:-** was discussed and the problem with it is that some is privately owned and other parts are SCC property. The SCC vehicles use the private road to access garbage collection. The CCB will look into the matter.

4. **Signage:-** There are missing 4 knot signs at various points around the Lake. The CCB will contact Roads and Maritime Services and request that they are replaced.

There should be warning signs regarding the rips on Conjola Beach and the CCB will write to Council about this matter.

There is information about the above matter on the Beachsafe Surf Lifesaving web site.

5. **Tap Water Quality:-** Marian Devitt stated that she has noticed a different taste in her water but there did not appear to be any other households experiencing the same problem.

6. **Porters Creek Dam:-** The meeting was informed that the road in to Porters Creek Dam would be closed for 12 months in the near future because there was going to be an upgrade of the Dam completed.

7. **General Business:-**

- It was noted that Food Vans cannot be prohibited on private land.
- Marian Devitt, Dirk Treloar and Elaine Caswell will liaise with Alfred Wellington of the Jarrinjah regarding a joint application for various funding grants within the local area.
- Vision is virtually nil at the intersection of Prior St. and Evans St. and a maintenance report will be forwarded to Council.
- The Big 4 Caravan Park has requested the opening of more sites within the park and is possibly going to request even more. The feeling of the meeting is that this will have an enormous impact on the local community. Kirsten Bird will be forwarded the information and will investigate the issue in relation to specific perceived problems within the Community.
- Stormwater in both Prior St and Evans St is a major concern and it was suggested that a grant should be applied for to fix the problem.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-15pm
An extra ordinary meeting will be held on January 11th at 7pm in the Lake Conjola Community Hall

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Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting

Monday 11 January 2016

Apologies:- P White (Cnlr), C Ashford

Previous minutes read:- It was noted that the previous minutes should include:-

1. The change of the Association's bank account name from Lake Conjola Lakecare to Conjola Community Association
2. That the minutes are altered to better reflect the infrastructure problems experienced around Evans Lane

Both changes to the minutes were accepted- D Treloar 2nd M Devitt

Treasurers Report:- Current Balance- \$1583-04

Petty cash in hand- \$6 -95

Report accepted- E Caswell 2nd M Brungs

Reports:-

1. **Dredging:-**The dredging will commence in March 2016.

The Lake was surveyed after the flood and all aspects remain the same as for the December minutes

Sussex Inlet no longer requires dredging but Lake Conjola cannot have their funds transferred to it.

The dredging is in such a site that it will produce a navigable channel and there will be 14,000 cubic metres initially removed

The equipment will arrive on site in February from Tweed

There will be 6,000 cubic metres placed on the southern side of the Lake below the sand dune under the boardwalk and 3,000 cubic metres will be taken to Mollymook

SCC will keep the remaining 5,000 cubic metres

There will be 10 trucks moving sand Mon-Fri twice a day

2. **The Boardwalk:-** The status of the Boardwalk improvement is the same as reported at the December GM it will be BCA compliant and will be constructed out of Warner Technologies composite fibre material which will involve minimal maintenance.

Part 1 of the improvements will involve work on the parking area and the boat ramp. We have been advised that the work on the Boardwalk will commence in July 2106. The boardwalk will be closed during this period and access to the beach will be difficult during the construction period.

The Boardwalk will be registered as an SCC asset

- 3. Communications with the Community** - Kristen Bird and Bill Hackett gave the meeting an update on both the Conjola Community Association web site www.lakeconjola.org and Facebook page Conjola Community Association. Both are valuable sources of information regarding the Conjola Community. These include Latest NEWS in the area, CCB updates on projects, community services and clubs, local warnings (Fire, Flood) Lake condition, Fauna and Flora and has a photo gallery. The website and Facebook page along with our Community email contact list are our major means of Community Communication to keep our Community informed. To receive email updates please visit our website and add your name and email address.
- 4. NSW Councils APP : SNAP SEND SOLVE:** Down load the APP free from your APP Store. Residents can directly report incidents or maintenance issues directly to the nominated local council ours being Shoalhaven City Council. Further information is available on the Council web site – see link from Conjola web page under Noticeboard/Shoalhaven Council, or on the Conjola web site under Noticeboard/Shoalhaven Council.
- 5. Big 4 Caravan Park** - David Daghita who is the New Manager at the BIG 4 Caravan Park was introduced to the meeting. The Big 4 has been sold to Ingenia Communities, a publicly listed lifestyle living Development Company . Ingenia will be upgrading the Park to include permanent over 55's living, along with upgrading the current short term holiday cabins and caravan sites. David is looking forward to keeping the Community informed about the development of the Park and communicate directly with the Conjola Community Association with any issues that may arise. To find out more about Ingenia Group please visit <http://www.ingeniacommunities.com.au/>.
- 6. Chinaman's Island:** The residents of Chinaman's Island have set up a Facebook page and are requesting the support of the Community to save the houses on the island. To find out more about the history of the island and to participate in the residents protest please visit www.facebook.com/savingchinamansisland/?fref=ts
- 7. Boating Infrastructure:-** The meeting was updated on the proposed improvements to boating infrastructure on Lake Conjola as a result of a \$195,000 grant obtained by SCC from NSW Government's Better Boating Program. The initiative includes improvements to Havilland St Boat Ramp. *Please visit the link below for details on the allocation of funding.* <http://www.lakeconjola.org/nb-boating.html>. The meeting was informed that community volunteers may be required for a Working Group to liaise with Council on the Project(s)..
- 8. Motion:-**That the SCC be sent a letter of thanks in relation to the extra recycling collection made available to the community over Christmas -M Brungs 2nd M Devitt

Carried unanimously
- 9. Motion:-**That Councillor Patricia White be sent a letter of appreciation regarding all of her hard work for the local community-M Brungs 2nd D_Treloar

Carried unanimously
- 10. Other Business:-**

 - a. It was stated that all donations to the Association would be gratefully accepted
 - b. Residents from Evans and Prior street area expressed their thanks to the Association for its support over a proposed jetty in their area
 - c. Concern was voiced over the tracks through Narrawallee reserve and was it possible for them to be improved
 - d. The lack of Lifesavers on Lake Conjola beach was brought up as a matter of concern particularly with the recent loss of life there. It was pointed out that signage could be

placed there but whether individuals would heed warnings is another matter. See the “Beach Safe” link on the website

- e. The local indigenous community stakeholders have been contacted regarding combining with the Association in the applying for a grant to help to finance a cycle/walkway within Lake Conjola and also with the construction of a health and fitness area. This is still being pursued by the Association.
- f. Stocking of prawns in the Lake will proceed. The community are yet to decide on the stocking of Mulloway fingerlings

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-40pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7pm, 15 February 2016 in the Conjola Community Hall.

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Minutes of the General Meeting

Monday February 15 February 2016

Meeting opened at 7pm.

1. **Apologies:-** D Treloar, E. Caswell, B Hackett, K Bird, B Wilson, C Ashford, Joe Gash.
2. **Minutes from previous meeting:-** These minutes were read and accepted by F. Shanahan, seconded R Kerves
3. **Matters arising from these minutes:-** NIL
4. **Treasurers Report:-** The Bank Balance is \$1623.71 Petty Cash \$6.95
5. **Other Reports:-**

Dredging update - Sandpiper dredging have been awarded the contract and should commence work on 14/3/2016. There will be minor closure of some parking areas at the boat ramp.

Boardwalk - Tender has gone out, and Kellie Lowe is the manager of the project. Delivery time frame looks like 2 months after the engineers have signed off.

6. Other Matters:-

Road through the NPWS area to the Beach - This matter is to be referred to NPWS

Resilience Meeting to hand over Report to Council - A phone conference is to take place between SCC and CCB on 23 February and will advise.

Rural Fire Service - Captain Geoff Phillips introduced Fiona Stewart to the meeting and she is helping RFS recruit new members to the Brigade.

Amalgamation of Councils - There was a lengthy discussion regarding the merger of SCC and Kiama Municipal Councils. Cllr Patricia White informed the meeting of all the details and meeting dates at several places where you can have your say and listen to other speakers. You can put a submission into Greg Wright regarding your views on the merger.

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.