

COOTHARABA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

General Meeting No.96 – Minutes

The meeting was held at the Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club, 24 Boreen Parade, Boreen Point. The meeting began at 6.01 pm on Thursday 20 August.

Chair: Lester Kirkwood (President)

Attendance:

Management Committee: Lester Kirkwood, Rosey Edgar, Paula Viljoen, Brenda Kirkwood, Karen Eddy, Ada Medak, Rob Dessaix (A quorum for the MC was met).

Members: Allan & Julie Tomley, Judy Powell, Peter Riedlinger, Joel Meulman, Ashley & David Wood, Charlie Charlesworth, Brian Stockwell.
Apologies from John Olds, Jan Green, Mick Capelin

Item	Details
1.	Acknowledgement of Country Rosie E. gave the Acknowledgement of Country. Rosie reflected on the significance of bird song as an integral part of Country and the environment, noting its enduring importance across generations. She emphasised the need for ongoing awareness and action to protect and retain our birdlife for future generations.
2.	Welcome The president thanked all who took the time to attend the meeting on a cold and wet evening. Housekeeping (toilets, emergency exits etc.)
3.	Meeting documents The meeting agenda and associated documents, including the draft minutes from the previous GM, are available for members to view on the CCA website prior to general meetings: https://www.cootharabaca.org.au/minutes • One correction noted relating to the date of the next meeting, which was changed from 17 June to 20 August • No business arising and moved to accept draft minutes of GM 95 as a true record • Ada M proposed. Seconded by Ken Eddy. Resolution Moved: Ada M Seconded: Karen E

	That the minutes of GM95 be accepted as a true record of that meeting Treasurer's Report accepted as it was presented. Opening balance of \$2057.94 and closing balance \$2431.94. Paula V proposed and Brenda K seconded. Resolution Moved Paula V Seconded Brenda K That the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented Noted that the financial affairs of CCA have improved, with membership increasing this financial year to 50.
4.	Actions and follow up from last meeting Traffic management review of village area, and extension of pathway from end of Laguna Street to community grounds The CCA's request for an extension to the pedestrian and bike path from the end of Laguna Street to the community oval area has been approved by Noosa Council and has been included in the budget as follows: - initial works (scoping) in the 2026/27 - project works in the 2027/28 budget. Traffic review Noosa Council, at the request of the CCA, has agreed to undertake a traffic review focusing on speed on Laguna Street and the village area, with consideration for a better traffic circuit and routes for caravans and large vehicles down to the campground. CCA recommendation/proposals - Consistent 40 km into and out of Boreen Point, with existing 20 km along the waterfront area. - Speed in Woongar Street to be in the scope of the review. - Electronic SAM sign at the entrance to the village to check speed and acknowledge drivers doing the right speed. Noted that there has been no response from Council's Traffic section to calls and emails made by CCA to provide an update on the assessment, which was planned for mid June.

Update by Cr Brian Stockwell

- Traffic coordinator/director overseeing this work has left Council – unlikely that the above review has started.
- Narrowing streets via small garden bed plantings jutting out into the road would help reduce speeding and could be considered as part of the review by Council.

Action: Cr Brian Stockwell to provide an update to the CCA on the status of the traffic review.

Foreshore management and restoration

- There is an ongoing concern within the community for the stability of the foreshore area.
- As a result of major storm activity, there has been major washaway of the beach area in front of the sailing club and further erosion around trees in that area.
- Large quantities of sand have been recently deposited by Noosa Council to reestablish the beach in front of the sailing club, but this is not a long-term solution.

Update by Cr Brian Stockwell

- Stabilising work for the storm-damaged supports for the moon seat will be completed by end of September 2026.
- Suggested the CCA Foreshore Working Group should be included in the Placemaking Plan discussions to represent the community's interests and thoughts relating to foreshore management as part of the overall plan for Boreen Point.
- Council may provide funding for local workshops. This would be a positive progression to kick-start the process.
- Anita Lakeland is the Principal Strategic Planner for Noosa Council. As a director, she can bring all relevant staff together from different areas of Council (planning, environmental and transport staff).
- Pomona township has had many initiatives completed, and now Kin Kin is using this same placemaking process.

Action: CCA to request Council to organise a workshop – inviting interested parties to attend, including the Foreshore Working Group.

Telecommunications/Blackspot

Telecommunications survey carried out by CCA in Boreen Point included questions about:

- the quality of telecommunications where you live
- any reception blackspots
- strength of Wi-Fi and mobile signals (Wi-Fi via NBN was better)
- are any residents reliant on a good signal for medical reasons (yes)

25 responses received. Survey questions and results attached to these minutes.

	Actions completed: • Survey results provided to Regional Telstra (names of participants redacted) • Request made for Telstra to undertake a review to test the level of signal in the area and see how it can be improved. • Letter and results of the survey sent to Federal Member, Llew O'Brien, from CCA. Further actions: • Depending on the speed of reply and approach from Telstra, the CCA will provide the Communication Ombudsman Representative with the survey and our community concerns along with a letter to Anika Wells, the Federal Communications Minister. <i>Footnote post meeting: Telstra Regional has responded and will undertake a review of the signal strength in the Borren Point area. Time and scope to be confirmed. Recommendation that we hold off on the Further Actions until we see the outcome of the Regional Telstra review of the Boreen Point and broader Cootharaba community mobile signal.</i>
5.	Burning Off Discussion on regulation for burning off green waste and other rubbish in Boreen Point. See attached factsheet from Noosa Council: <i>Lighting and Maintaining Fires</i>. • Acknowledged that while most residents in Boreen Point use green waste bins, some property owners burn off green waste, resulting in smoke haze. • House woodfire homes and back yard braziers are accepted within Council regulations for urban areas. • Smoke haze can affect residents nearby negatively, although minimal complaints have been made. • Many meeting attendees said they had not been impacted. Comments from Cr Brian Stockwell Noosa Council Local Law regulate lighting of fires and burning off green waste in urban areas – refer to attached factsheet. Action: CCA to invite volunteer rural fire brigade to attend to properties where burn-offs are occurring in urban areas to alert house owners to the regulations. Invite Rural Fire Brigade to undertake community talks in the lead-up to summer. Outdoor exercise equipment • Proposal put forward for exercise equipment to be installed in Boreen Point. • Images of the type of equipment were provided at the meeting and included shade and seating. • Ada M undertook a review of the types of equipment with prices ranging from \$35,00 to \$50,000. Concrete slab not included in price. • Possible locations discussed – recommended not on the lakefront due to flooding – Borg Park as an option near the current children's play equipment.

	• A show of hands indicated a positive endorsement to pursue. Comments from Cr Brian Stockwell • Land site approval would be required, and that can depend on the tenure. • Neighbourhood parks could be looked at and should include shade shelter. • For projects such as this, funding options should be considered, as shade structures and gym equipment are expensive. Action: CCA to seek further information from Council and how they can help – via sponsorship, discretionary fund, and/or grants? Ada M to drive the initiative. Purchase of Elanda Point Lease by G'Day business • Discussion about the recent sale of the Elanda Point site incorporating the long-term lease in the Noosa Sire biosphere. • Eco tourism is a big policy issue, with the Queensland Government proposing legislation to appears likely to wind back state controls over mining rights – this may be extended to include state forests and may by default include the Elanda Point area. • An observation in a recent Facebook post by Drew Hutton was noted - re the potential for the State Government and developer arrangements for further expansion of the Elanda Point site, with an interpretation of proposed legislation that may impact this area of the biosphere. • Brian Stockwell suggested working with the Marine Authority and Sunshine Coast Waterways Authority Action: CCA to ensure the State Government is aware of the community's sensitivities to large-scale development, and its intention to keep an eye on future developments. A letter expressing the concern of local residents will be sent to the State Member, Sandy Bolton, so she can raise questions in Parliament about controls that need to be applied to this recent purchase and seek more information of the purchaser of their intentions for further development of the site. (Note: It was acknowledged that concerned community members of Boreen Point successfully lobbied to have the previous owner of Elanda Point's request to extend the jetty at Elanda Point refused, and there were limits on the glamping sites in the area.)
	Change of CCA meeting times Proposal put forward that future CCA meetings be held in the evening on a weekday due to: • availability of sailing club on Saturday mornings • better time for more members to attend.

	The majority of attendees supported the proposal Action: next meeting to be organised for a Thursday night.
6.	Outstanding matters/actions No additional emergency matters
	Close of Business
7.	Meeting closed: 6.55 pm Next meeting to be held on Thursday 26 November, at 6.00 pm.

Date:

SIGNED as a true record

Lester Kirkwood / CCA President

Paula Viljoen / Secretary