

COOTHARABA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

Quarterly General Meeting No.87

Minutes

Where: Upstairs, Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club, 24 Boreen Parade, Boreen Point

When: 0900 11 May 2024

Attendance: John Olds; Rob Dessaix; Karen Eddy; Paula Viljoen; Matthew Noffke; Sylvia Banner; Warren Kuskopf; Ada Medak; Mareene Hutchings; Bruce Charlesworth; Mick Capelin; Wendy Straker; Doug Straker; Bernard Bok.

Apologies: Rosey Edgar, Tara Ferrier, Jan Green, Tamosen Godfrey, Ken Eddy

Item	Details	Responsibility(s)	Timing (Mins)	Motions		
				Moved	Second	Carried
1.	Acknowledgement of Country, Introduction, Welcome; & Housekeeping (toilets, emergencies etc.) Given by John Olds	Done in AGM	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2.	Minutes: Previous General Meeting No.86 Minutes from last meeting have been on the website for reading by members. General Meeting Minutes No 86. Wendy S moved and Warren K seconded, that the minutes be accepted. Accepted as correct.	RD/TG/JO	5	WS	WK	Yes
3.	Correspondence Register: - Inwards to be received Outwards to be endorsed. - These will be on the CCA website after today. It's for the period of 3rd March till 9th of May. It was emailed to members as well. John O (the Secretary) read the list and added any extra points for explanation as needed. He accepted them as true and correct and they were seconded by Matt K.	TG	5	JO	MK	Yes

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4.	Finance/Treasurer's Report: - See Treasurer's Report - The latest will be on the CCA website after today. It's for the period of 3rd March till 9th of May. It was emailed to members as well. John O (the Secretary) read the list and added any extra points for explanation as needed. He accepted them as true and correct and they were seconded by Matt K. - Accepted as correct.	RD/(RE in absentia)	5	JO	MK	Yes
5.	Management Committee Report Rob D mentioned that all going well and that the committee is working well together. Thanked management members for contributing and hoped that they continue to help with informing the community.	RD/JO	5			
Business arising from the last minutes and carried over						
6.	Status of Foreshore Repair and actions by Foreshore Working Group. Council Communication is important to keep us in the loop before anything is done in our community areas. Rob D mentioned that the current councillors and Mayor are still keen to have consultation with us (CCA) before decisions are carried out. The CCA working group for the foreshore planning are to continue to communicate and work with council for the rest of the year and into the future. As a group we appreciate having a say on the town facilities or caravan campground improvements, foreshore planning or other things that concern our community areas, before decisions are made by relevant departments.	JO	5			
7.	Local Disaster Group, Disaster Management Plan & Rural Fire Brigade. Warren K mentioned that back burns have started and that we need to be aware that they are needed. He told the group that if they have any issues with these or are worried that they can call the SES group. But he did issue a reminder that you should phone 000 if an emergency occurs or if anything is life threatening.	WK	10			

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	Mick C asked about an emergency headquarters and about if a block of land has been chosen or where it could be. Warren knew what is happening, and said some blocks or parks were not suitable. Warren said the block beside the LCSC lock up in Teewah St is being looked at. A new person in that role in the Council is Jess Philips. She will have to be brought up to speed with our needs. Wendy S asked about where we should go at present? Warren said to “safe places” such as the lake front water, if the town was burning. Stay out of flooded waters. He added that a brand new facility may take a few years but it is important that support is given by CCA to SES and Rural Fire Brigade. Perhaps with communication and that he is happy to kept us informed as he gets information. Even though they have sheds in town, toilet and shower facilities as well as power are needed in disasters. He said about the shed at Cootharaba and that it may not always be available for use. Mick added that CCA be consulted on the evacuation centre and facilities. John O asked what would happen with old buildings? Due to SES and Rural Fire going to different departments. Eg Police Department, that the facilities need to be ready to be used and have a headquarters up on the hill and back up power and also not in the flood areas. Perhaps the old buildings may be for storage mainly. Warren K stated that toilets, showers and storage areas for gear need to be accessible in any emergency situation. John O asked if members still needed and generally about the emergency services we have and Warren said that the organisations are looking stronger overall but Boreen Pt is still looking for more, younger members.					
8.	Cooloola Great Walk status. Ada spoke about the Cooloola Great Walk status. Noosa Parks Association (NPA) declared that they have changed their position and they now do NOT support the commercial development in the Cooloola Great Walk areas. There are articles to read from Sandy Bolton and there have been as recently as	AM	5			

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	yesterday, articles in the local papers. The NPA and our State independent representative are now supporting the stance of no commercial infrastructure on the Great Walk. Ada mentioned she felt that the initial meeting we had with Sandy Bolton was a great help in getting this started and changing her opinion about how the community felt. It has been in the papers recently and the Keep Cooloola Cool campaign is still ongoing. John O did declare his conflict of interest on this agenda item. Ada also added some personal points. I lot going on in her life and she is pleased that there are things making her feel better. Pleasing things like what the CCA have done to help our community and we all should feel better to have helped make things better. She added that thinking globally is necessary, but doing good things closer to home, keeps us all going well here. John O mentioned that Ada is a great ordinary member and helps us all to keep abreast of the political issues and thanks for her comments.					
9.	New CCA signage QR code etc. John O spoke on the QR code and that it does seem to work and asked members to please use and tell others about it. New sign is up on the corner and hopefully it is working to inform community. By August meeting there could be a newer sign with a photo. Perhaps we could get it on a sandwich board. Committee will manage this. A draft picture of a lake edge was shown on the screen.	JO	5			
10.	Boreen Point Master Planning – Summary Master plan for Boreen Point. Council are looking at a master planning process. The CCA are hoping it will extend to the broader Boreen Pt foreshore planning. A budget bid is going on, to enable engagement with the community, which includes the campground. The CCA committee is hoping to hear more and keep them (council) accountable to their statements and that we can be part of the approval.	JO	10			

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	Frank Wilkie was approached by Rob D and he asked him about our communication with him and has it changed and he said it has not changed and we can still talk with him on matters that interested the CCA directly.					
11.	Sailing Club communication with the CCA and local residents. John O asked how many members were in both associations. There was a show of hands. There were attendees that are in both organisations and that the CCA does communicate with the sailing committee to know about what is happening and be informed about road closures or community changes that affect the sailing club and therefore the community. It was discussed that reminders to and from each other about seeking approvals and what may be changed and how they may affect each other so that members can be alerted as to what may happen. Eg Road closures. Regattas, use of hall	TF/JO	5			
New Business						
12.	Caravans discharging "waste" water. (See Figures 1 & 2) Waste water discharge problem. Photos sent to committee. Charlie C was away so Ada M is talking for him at the meeting. Charlie sent a photo of a water mark through town, on the road. He actually saw a caravaner stopping in town to open the grey water stopper. He was upset because as a bike rider or motorbike rider it could go over the rider behind the van. When out at Hughenden there is a sign. A photo was attached. It was a very good sign to let people know about the rules of discharge. Doug S replied and mentioned the rules change from various authorities/councils. Signs are around everywhere and grey water tanks are more portable these days. Containers are sometimes used and emptied at the caravan park. Doug said the council may need to put something in place. Ada was saying that the council needs to be putting up a sign. Doug felt education was maybe the best solution. Don't empty in town. Kept the grey water well away from the	AM/(Charlie in absentia)	10	AM	DS	Yes

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	lake. Perhaps use dump points. This is known as Black Water. It is pumped out and disposed of differently. To look at this further with Council. Engineering Enforcement and Education were discussed and mentioned by John O. He stated that a plan for all three, is best usually to have in the solution that works. Ada M moved “that CCA informs council and that council does something like signage or come up with some solutions on the correct discharge of grey water by campers.” Seconded by Doug Spraker. Ada also added that a community slogan sign can make them think about what they are doing. “Don’t throw your shower water on us” “We don’t throw our shower water on you” Rob D agreed it starts with education. CCA to speak to council and send the photos to them.					
13.	Boreen Point Heritage Trail It was noticed by some community members that Boreen Point township did not have a trail and brochure for visitors as did other towns, such as Cooroy or Pomona. Mick Caplin spoke on this topic and gave complimentary words to Silvia Bannah about her book that came out in 2022. Bush Heritage Walk idea was started with community member discussion after a Noosa Library talk in town. It started with Noosa Library talks with locals and at a meeting at the hotel, it was said that there was no grant money left for more brochures and our community missed out. At the meeting the council said to go ahead and they would help those locals who wanted to do it. 24 important sites were picked. A draft was done and then sent to library. An offer to get it put on the Library website was made. Brochures are now printed and placed around the town Eg Sailing Club, Hotel and Motel and Campground. QR code is on it and Mick had copies to give to everyone. The walk takes an hour to do and therefore visitors can do it when visiting. Some will go to the library at Noosa. CCA would like to put it on our website and Silvia stated when the librarian gets the link live and happening, that would be a good idea. John added a motion	Mick Capelin	10	JO	MC	Yes

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	“Can Mick or Silvia let our group know when the link is live and then it can be put up on our website so that members, visitors and other locals can access the brochure.” Mick C seconded. Doug S had a question about some large trees mentioned on a property, in the brochure. John mentioned that Macadamia trees were called Bauple. Discussion ensued concerning the Heritage Trail and related topics. Eg John’s Landing down the river.					
14.	CCA and the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) Rules changes from 1 July 2024. See Model rules grievance procedure preview for incorporated associations for more information. Rob D spoke about this. Just to let members know that we will adopt the rules that require certain steps be taken. On the screen the model rules were put up. The Management Committee will look further at this. We will make a submission if they feel there are special rules that apply to our group. Otherwise, at present no changes for us seem to be needed so we will adopt the rules sent by OFT. Motion put to the group was “That we adopt the model rules instead of making our own rules or procedures” Rob D moved Ada 2nd	RD	10	RD	AD	Yes
15.	1. Membership fees pro rata issues. A quick discussion on giving an extra period of time to pay fees until June. Our dates seem to come around quickly and this is to help people not pay the \$5 joining fee again. Moved “That the management committee need to be more prompt about getting reminders about new dates.” John O moved and Wendy S seconded.	RD/JO	5	JO	WS	Yes
16.	Have your say on the future management of the Cooloola Recreation Area 1. Ada M spoke about the public being able to have their say on the Cooloola Recreation Area. There is finally a new Proposed Recreational Management Plan for Cooloola Recreational Area, and this includes unallocated areas, government owned and other . Allows QPWS to get fees for vehicle use permits and access permits and that money can come back to that park and be used in that park. Most is still National Park but managed under the	Ada/JO		MN	B	Yes

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	Recreational Area. Ada mentioned it has finally gone to the stage where public input into the management, of the area is being sort. This includes Teewah area and use of cars and the upper area. A questionnaire is on the site and that you can add other input about the park, as well. She encouraged everyone to send to family and friends and to all fill in this survey and look at the issues. This week other information has come out in papers and look at other documents before you fill out your opinion. There is one week to do this and possibly one change to do this. She felt there have been massive changes or very minimal changes in a last 30 year period. 10 year plans are worked on and it is important to follow these. John O declared his conflict of interest but that this information is in the public arena and that on our website there is a link. Matt spoke on being involved with a Cooloola Teewah Working Group and if CCA can be represented on that group. Matt was hoping that we do have some members look at this and put some ideas together. He felt that some ideas from our group could come together, and be added, especially as there may not be another time to add comments. Ada felt there may not be enough time to form a group from CCA. Motion was moved that “Ada and Matt keep the group in the loop on what is happening with the Cooloola Recreational Management Area, Management Plan and that Amelia Lorensen be written to, asking that our CCA representative be able join the C T W G.” Matt accepted and Bernard 2nd					
17.	Other items Wendy S informed our group, that little Yellow house on Urunga Parade, which is owned by Bill and Helen is being demolished next week, after the removal of asbestos. If you want photos to go and get them before next Monday.					
18.	Next Meeting will be on the 10 th August 2024 at 9.00 am	RD	1			
19.	Close of meeting was at 11.18 am					



Figure 1. Van wastewater on Laguna St



Figure 2. Rules quite different from our patch in Hughenden??