# COOTHARABA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

## General Meeting No.95 Minutes

This meeting was held at the Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club, 24 Boreen Parade, Boreen Point, on Saturday 28th March 2026 at 11.00 am.

**Attendance Register** from sign on sheet at the door. 19 members and 3 visitors attended. L & B Kirkwood, Rosalind Edgar, Rob Dessaix, Jan Green, David Weir, Cheryl Trotter, Robin Salmon, Brian Stockwell, Joel & Megan Meulman, David Ward, Mick Caplin, Ada Medak, Charlie Charlesworth, David Hanby, Marilyn Lang, David Wood, Margaret Moon, Jan Sweet, Graeme Hart, Karen Eddy

**Apologies** were from Paula Viljoen, Ken Eddy, John Olds, Sue Entner. A quorum of 9 was met.

**Management Committee** (MC): Lester Kirkwood (Pres), Jan Green (VP), Rosalind Edgar (Treas), Karen Eddy (Minutes Sec), Ada Medak, Brenda Kirkwood, Rob Dessaix (Ord Committee members). Absent Paula Viljoen (Sec/Web Admin)

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| | | **Moved** | **Second** | **Carried** |
| 1. | **Acknowledgement of Country**<br>By Rosie E who reminded us, that 'meetings' would have been held, in the past, on these shores of the Lake and in these surrounding areas. At these times, differences could have occurred and the people who existed then and throughout Australia, also had to deal with how to live together in harmony with the environment. An integrated system existed where they could share experiences, travel and look after each other. We should honour the intelligence in that system and how they lived together and hope we can learn from the elders. | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 2. | Lester K thanked Rosie and then welcomed members and visitors. Toilets, emergencies exits and reminded all to sign at door and asked for apologies. Membership was briefly mentioned at this point. Membership numbers have increased and thanks to those who have already paid and put effort into telling others about this and the survey forms. | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 3. | **Meeting documents for members' perusal** are posted on https://www.cootharabaca.org.au/meetings<br>Minutes of the General Meeting (GM)<br>• The minutes of the General Meeting (GM) No **94** of 31 January 2026 have been circulated via the website prior to this GM. They were moved as a true record and accepted.<br>• Finance/Treasurer's Report Rosie E spoke on CCA financial situation. Began with a $1110.04 Balance. Thanks were expressed to the Friends of Kinaba Group for their donation to the CCA.<br>Some expenses such as bank fees and Office of Fair Trading fees recorded. Receipt are available from the Treasurer. Final balance is $2057.12. Financial Statement was moved and accepted as true and correct.<br><br>**Please Note:** The Management Committee Report will be given from the floor, **not as a document for perusal**, but will become part of the minutes of GM 95. | Charlie C<br><br>Ada M | Jan G<br><br>Jan G | Yes<br><br>Yes |

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| | Councillors and staff representatives were welcomed - Brian Stockwell, resident of Boreen Pt, Karen Finzel (Councillor) and Robyn Mercer who works for Infrastructure at NSC. Robyn has campground expertise as she worked there for 6 years. | | | |
| 4. | **Actions/follow up from last meeting:**<br>• **Membership** - The joining fee of $5 has been dropped with $20 annual membership. Welcome given to new members. Rob D. reminded members that CCA needs funds to pay for insurance and miscellaneous fees. Some drop in numbers but new members welcomed. Needed funds are being addressed.<br>LK encouraged members to speak to neighbours and advise what CCA does and that strength comes in numbers . We then have a combined voice to talk with to other relevant bodies.<br><br>• **Traffic Management** review of the village area (focus on speed mitigation via better signage), including safe pedestrian/bike access at the end of Laguna Street to the community park by NSC. Include discussion of large caravan access to the camping ground.<br><br>As an outcome of previous meeting, action was taken to meet with Frank Wilkie Mayor and Shaun Walsh Council rep. Lester and Rob D. joined them to point out issues and points the community were interested in. Traffic management is still an important point concerning residents. Speed signage is different around town causing confusion, especially on weekends when visitors come to town.<br><br>Subsequent communication with Steph B (Council signage) has resulted. After Easter there will be a speed review. It was mentioned that large caravans sometimes go around the town and find it difficult to turn and when sailing events are on it can be worse. Review is after Easter Break.<br><br>Jan Green will be president in that period, as Kirkwoods will be away. There was a separate issue of school bus movement around some streets and the parking of vehicles. Parking will be looked at as a separate part of the review and discussed as a separate issue. Council has been measuring road widths etc. already.<br>David H - Will that be discussed by community before that review is actioned? Lester K replied that the order should be to: do report, share with community, give feedback before anything is done.<br>Rob D - 20 Zone is down opposite the front and the sailing club. That is a speed issue here. | | | |

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| | Jan G - added that caravans do have issues turning and can cut across others. Also, bike riders must be take care. Would signage help with them or do we need bike paths?<br>Margaret M - She expressed a hope that Council isn't expecting to just do something. We as a community do expect consultation.<br>Rosie E - price of fuel may help limit numbers of Motorhomes.<br>Mick C - a one way system was always a good idea. Has that been put forward again?<br>Ada M - Talked about size of vehicles and trucks. She questioned that can it be said that vehicles if they are too big can they still come here? Something for council to consider.<br>Robyn M - Booking system does have a limit on the size of vehicle it can hold. It automatically declines vehicles that are too large if no suitable site is available. Conversation to be continued.<br>Charlie C - commented also that there is still a problem of waste water discharge.<br><br>• **Foreshore Management and restoration of erosion areas**<br>Lester K reopened this topic during the council walk. They looked at the trees that have roots exposed due to storms. Wrote to Shaun W on infrastructure and sand replenishment and progress towards capital funding to reestablish bore taps and pipelines. Mick C read out a letter received about this. Mick C felt it wasn't very positive, but relayed that Shaun W said it was on the agenda. Foreshore improvement is still on our CCA meeting agendas and our request to all council members that it is an issue to be pushed forward.<br>Also, it is obvious to see the heights of the banks and where erosion is happening.<br>We want clear direction of what we want and what we will get.<br>Brian Stockwell Cr stated that Sand pumping and sand movement is under the Maritime Body. Likely to be discussed at this stage, at a public hearing on Monday - at Caloundra. He will forward the agenda to President. Other information could be interesting to members who want to attend.<br>Mick C mentioned that it is an Inquiry as to the setting up of the Body. Council did a submission to find out what will be done by this body for all of our shire.<br>Jan G wondered and added is it a safety issue having a large bank on the main beach shore.<br>Brenda K - asked who is liable if someone falls and what can we do about this?<br>Lester K - we need to still be actively involved.<br><br>• **Reinstallation of water taps** along the foreshore area | | | |

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| | Comments on this topic. Water – old pipes were an issue and still needed for washing things down the front. We, as a community, are still happy with bore water - potable water is different and needed for drinking or boiling. Council mentioned there is no decent system in place for water in Boreen Pt. Water is looked after by Unity Water. It was mentioned that there is work being done on concept design options and looking at the infrastructure. Lester K said that a master plan will be finished and it hopefully will include this.<br>Robyn M added that a plan was put together but not enacted. A bore near the large Amenities Block has nit been used since Nov 2021 when the system changed.<br>David H (this is his expertise) was told there was a pipeline failure. 2 bores – one is a shallow spear. The Campgound was disabled when it was decided to truck water in. The campground bore helped the taps along the foreshore. Magnesium and Iron in the bore water can be dealt with. Reinstatement of taps just needs pipes run along the foreshore. It could be the same as Elanda Pt. Noosa Habitat system could be applied here. Moving around trees on foreshore and designing a suitable trench to hold a pipe is problematic.<br>Lester K - getting water to the foreshore is an important issue.<br>Robyn said she can look at revenue opportunities. This water problem is more infrastructure.<br>It will be kept on the CCA list of issues to keep on with.<br>We welcome David H to keep being involved and that the CCA does have a sub group and who look at the foreshore issues.<br>Brian S - the cost of this project should be sought from the council by letter and see what can be done.<br>Mick C - Shaun W mentioned about water tanks available around Boreen Pt at picnic areas and it is a lower cost option. Trucks can be used to fill tanks.<br>Ada M - how much is council paying at moment to fill by trucks? Weigh up what is already being spent.<br><br>• **Dog regulations/dog off leash review** to submit to Council along with community feedback via survey. Lester K - submitted our letter and CCA canvassed the community again. There is a broader review happening of dog on and off leash areas in the shire. Letter sent and awaiting decisions by NSC.<br><br>• **Telecommunications/Blackspot** survey and feedback to telecommunications companies and Federal member to seek improvements | | | |

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| | Brenda K spoke on the telecommunications survey. Forms were sent in from members and we extended this survey/form time as well. Some members have door knocked to get more responses. Thankyou to them - Kim J especially. Does indicate poor mobile reception and then send a letter to Federal Member at Gympie Office. Ombusman can be notified as well, Mick C added.<br>Jan G - Federal Govt is looking at the blackspots.<br>David Hanby - Website says service is completed.<br>Karen Eddy - federal rep office told her that only the Towers were completed and that the Federal Member's office was told it was just referring to the towers. Therefore each person still needs to contact own provider and tell them the mobile service is poor or non-existent.<br>Jan G collating surveys and sending letters to Fed Member, Minister for Telecomm., Sandy Bolton - as advice, Telecom Ombudsman, Telstra .<br>CCA is still continuing with this issue.<br><br>• **A Placemaking program** - a plan based on how the community works and what it wants. Placemaking is a collaborative, community-driven process that reimagines and reinvents public spaces to maximize shared value, strengthening the connection between people and their environment.<br><br>Communication with council and Frank W indicated that it is a program already in place like Pomona. Michelle Tucker (NSC) and the CCA will look at opportunities to improve our area. Karen Finzel said funding does go to the areas who have plans and needs it. Mick C commented that the Pomona placemaking plan looked at infrastructure programs like pathways too.<br><br>• Warren K not here to tell about Disaster Management Plan so left to another time.<br>• MSQ - boats and moorings. Sandy B MP State has asked us to say if we know of anyone with problems. Especially finding accommodation if living on water in boats or doing it tough. There are stages being followed and vessel owners are being notified.<br><br>Community feedback forms available for each meeting and will be on the website. Good and bad points welcomed. We can then link with council and pass on our concerns.<br>Michelle Tucker will be asked along to next meet. | | | |

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| | Meeting finished at 12.05 pm Sausage Sizzle followed. Next meeting June 27th 2026 at 10.00am | | | |

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Lester Kirkwood / CCA President Jan Green Vice President