

## COOTHARABA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

### Minutes of the Quarterly General Meeting No.85

This was held at Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club, on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023, starting at 9.03 am

**Attendance:** Lesley Davis, Ian Davis, Sue Andersen, Ralph Black, Trevor Clarey, Warren Kuskopf, Mick Capelin, Davis Hanby, Rosey Edgar, Kim Jones, Suzanne Entner, Tara Ferrier, Karen Eddy, Tameson Godfrey, Ada Medak, David Wood.

**Apologies:** Rob D, Ken Eddy, Charlie C, Matt Knoffke, Moira Maclachlan, Allan & Julie Tomley.

Item	Details	Motions		
		Moved	Second	Carried
1.	<p><b>Acknowledgement of Country</b> Given by Rosey E. Reminder of the generations of past mobs and how honouring the soul of this earth, and life which has been enjoyed in our area, is very important. Reminder to recognise past, present and future emerging elders. Remembering it is everyone's responsibility how to look after the land as it has been looked after and enjoyed in the past. John thanked Rosey for her words.</p>			
2.	<p><b>Guest Speaker</b> <b>Sue Andersen</b> from Commonwealth Government's <a href="#">Care Finder Program</a></p> <p>John O introduced Sue from the Care Finder Program. She lives in Cooroy. This is an Australia wide program. It came out of a Royal Commission, where it was felt that a service was needed to help Elderly and those that need the My Aged Care facilities and a service to help give access to the government services. In the program, some help is on a level 1 where minor help such as shopping or cleaning is offered and then, once in the system, other levels of care can be assessed and more help programs could be offered. Sometimes help is found for the homeless or those suffering domestic violence issues. Sue said she is part of the Public Health Network - which is Federally funded. It is a free service and Sue is able to work with, and through those organisations that normally help the aged and vulnerable.</p> <p>Her role is to let communities know that she (and her colleagues) offer a service to help people, use the online MyAged Care, Government website and help them access one of the organisations, who can come to a home and provide services. She left some cards with her details. An aim of this, is to keep people in their homes or find homes and see what is needed by them. An example of how her workplace has helped, was with the roll out of the Vaccines for Covid. The nursing staff (of which she is qualified) did coordinate and organise programs such as this.</p> <p>John mentioned that something permanent could be put on our CCA website. Her role is to go into local communities and to link Sue and her coworkers with those that need help. To allow people to know how to use their packages and help those who need help and are not sure what they can access. Questions from the floor were called for.</p> <p>Trevor C - discussed a situation and if help could be given financially for trade services etc. Sue briefly said that the My Aged Care service would need to be reassessed (Aged Care Assessment Team) and look for local groups that may be able to assist these aged persons, and that the aim was to keep them in their own homes. The service is to assist with assessments, and direct where services are. Examples were</p>			

	<p>given by Sue. Each person needs to log in to the MyAged Care government website and be assessed for the type of help that can be offered. Sometimes a service may need to have a financial contribution paid by the recipient. Other times it would be free completely.</p> <p>Ada M - asked if a person has been through system and still can't get help, can Sue/workplace help further. Answer was that all the local groups need to be looked at and maybe it is just helping the person know what other groups can help them. Financial income of a person and their age is looked at.</p> <p>Rosey E - asked about the 4 levels and this was briefly discussed and Sue reminded that assessment is needed to get a level of care allocated. ACAT assessment is needed. There are waiting time limits and Sue and her team can help get people assessed by the team. Money comes from the government to the companies that supply the help and work. Sue has left cards for members and a referral form and phone numbers to ring. Mention Care Finders Program when phoning.</p> <p>John O asked Sue if it was okay to have a summary on our website. Sue agreed to this and said she has information back at her office and will send, that is appropriate for our CCA community website.</p> <p>John moved that <b>"once CCA hear back from Sue with something that can be put on website to help our community, so we have those contact numbers and understand what Care Finder Program does, and how they can help."</b></p> <p>Warren Kuskoff 2<sup>nd</sup>. A show of appreciation for her talk, was given by members, at this point.</p> <p>John O as Meeting Chair, asked that members be respectful of the time they take when they talk from the floor when discussing topics.</p>	John O	Warren K	Yes
3.	<p><b>Minutes</b>  Previous General Meeting No.84 minutes were displayed on website for members to read prior to this meeting.  Some hard copies of the minutes were at the door and members could take a photo of the minutes if they wished to use them in the meeting.  Last Minutes were accepted and carried by all.</p>	Ada M	Tara F	Yes
4.	<p><b>Correspondence Register</b>  Some correspondence had been received. Mainly emails are received. Members can ask the Secretary should they wish to know further details. John moved that the correspondence details be accepted.</p>	John O	Trevor C	Yes
5.	<p><b>Finance/Treasurer's Report</b>  The Treasurer told the meeting that there are at present, 36 current members plus one life member who are in the CCA. The CCA has \$2693.12 in the Bank and it reconciles as of 21 Nov 2023, with receipt book and bank statement. The report was displayed on the screen for members to view. Insurance for CCA is due to be paid by end of November and will be.</p>	Dave H	Mick C	Yes
6.	<p><b>Members were reminded of the emergency exits and water station in the hall.</b> No new members at meeting.</p>			
7.	<p><b>Management Committee Report</b>  This was read and outlined by John O.  The committee have been meeting and have been coming down to the Sailing Club on Friday afternoons. They have been reading emails, answering and making phone calls. There has been work behind the scenes and they were looking at another payment from our group to the Sailing Club to get a bigger screen, and have made sure a card for Rod and Di who are past members and who were leaving, be received from us and a thankyou for past service to the CCA group and community. The card is to be signed by members. Other management</p>	Tameson G	Rosey E	Yes

	<p>committee decisions have been made. Egs were given but the report can be read to know more details. Tamara said the report is there to be viewed.</p> <p>It was moved that the report be accepted.</p>			
8.	<p><b>Status of Foreshore Repair and actions by Foreshore Working Group.</b></p> <p>John O said that many meetings about this topic lead to funding being arranged and received from the QRA body. Qld Reconstruction Authority. Most people consulted on this foreshore plan, didn't want sandbagging and walls put up. So, funds went more to repairs needed but further decisions will be with our changing Climate in mind. Effort has gone into restoring of the sandy beach just as it was, removal of concrete, rock and gravel and that was to be a renourishment of the main beach. Qld State Gov approval was needed as it included the waterline areas. This has now been done and renourished. The working group will again meet and discuss a master plan for all our beaches and public picnic areas of Boreen lakefront but generally on the Lake's little bay foreshores. This includes Dunns beach and the group hope to look at a more resilient foreshore work that will need less management and not be needed as an expected, more regular occurrence. Bribie Is sand has been used on the main beach, a member mentioned.</p> <p><b>Mooneat</b> - Dave H said that he has heard that a sandstone base will be used to mount the seat as the land has dropped away. Long term planning which includes Council Campground Caravan Park is to be further discussed. Dave H spoke on this topic briefly and it was felt as a community, we should have some input as to what is happening in the campground and the community access. It was agreed that our community are helpful when flooding occurs in the cleanup and evacuation of grounds. It was moved that <b>"the CCA write a letter to council so that information about what is happening at the Caravan Park and how it is changing."</b> This was agreed by all.</p> <p>Rosey - we do help when disasters happen with flooding down there and invest our community time. Dave and John spoke about other facilities that have been down there and in the recreation grounds or old tennis court area. All agreed for future discussion on this topic of other facilities that may be useful to our community families, should happen.</p> <p>John O - a final comment was that the type of vegetation could be looked at and make it sustainable and that self-beach repair does happen with mangrove seeds sprouting and other seedlings which come up. This is a natural process and should be noted and possibility incorporated into the foreshore management.</p>	Mick C	Warren K	Yes
9.	<p><b>Local Disaster Group, Disaster Management Plan &amp; Rural Fire Brigade</b></p> <p>Warren K spoke about the disaster management plan and the working groups. <b>Rural Fire Brigade</b> is getting ready for a drier, few seasons especially next year. More conversation, by Warren K on this was given and he explained of the influence of probably an El Nino few years. (Means a drier season with less rains) He said it won't stop flash flooding and short intense damaging storms as the temps build. Get ready to have evacuation kits in place, do fire preparation, clean your drains, number your property clearly so emergency vehicles know where they are, clear driveways of rubbish. When fires are around fill buckets of water but then remember to then get of extra water to get rid of mozzies - laughter about the water filling or not. We could all see the humour in to fill or not to fill!</p> <p>Local Brigade sheds in Boreen are to have portaloos and the water situation of bores has been looked at. It is on the emergency services agenda, that land is being looked for, as an assembly emergency area and headquarters for emergency groups. Discussion was had about where there was land in town of Boreen Pt to be used for this. Members mentioned the block, that was beside the Sailing Club hardstand. Warren said the authorities were not looking at Buffalo or Borg parks. Maybe the park in Coates Dr, is a possibility.</p> <p>Our Local Disaster Working Group have been meeting and discussing where best to meet, who has resources and expertise to be used and making contact lists to be used in emergencies Eg health professionals, machinery operators and what machines are available in Cootharaba areas, radio operators, equipment needs, water trucks or sandbag locations.</p>	John O	Trevor C	Yes

	<b>Disaster Management Plan</b> - meeting with Pomona and other groups to see where everyone is at and work through ideas. Subgroup will look at resources and where they are and if they are isolated. Also consolidating contacts. John O Moved that <b>“Warren was asked to have a summary update re the Disaster Management Plan from him to be used to inform CCA members about what was happening and contacts”</b> Trevor C 2 <sup>nd</sup>			
10.	<b>Insurance for CCA</b> CCA cover needed. This has been discussed and we are paying for insurance from the membership fees. It was moved that <b>“the insurance be paid of the amount the committee agreed”</b> \$750 to be paid.	Trevor C	Ada M	Yes
11.	<b>Cooloola Great Walk status</b> Ada M spoke on this topic. No more decisions, as yet, have been made on this from Government levels. A meeting was held with Sandy B and it was mentioned that CABN were a small company. Sandy B said that CABN cannot sell on after putting them up and that they have to look after them for an agreed number of years. Rainbow Beach group are considering a flotilla to be on the river next year in Feb/March. In December there is to be a camp and river flotilla to look at southern Campsite areas (around 9 <sup>th</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> December) Keep an eye on Keep Cooloola Cool website. Also read the links under heading 360 on Sandy B website. It is also a heading on our CCA website and linked on our website as well. There are topics and links; under the 360 heading.			
12.	<b>New CCA signage QR code</b> This has happened. There is a new sign to be able to be used made in Corflute material. The QR code is on the signage in the notice board opposite the Sailing Club.			
13.	<b>Other matters carried over:</b>  <b>Air Services Australia</b> – Status for Sunshine Coast Airport Flight Paths risking Amenity of Cootharaba. Dave H spoke on how do the Flight services affect our community? He felt there is not too much activity or noise. At present but to be aware. There is no need to complain, as 3000 ft flight paths above our community is not too bad. Teewah airstrip has not had a decision made on it. He felt that McDermotts are still using it. He spoke to someone from that business and they are still using it. Discussion was held about the fact that transponders are switched off and that an app can be used on your phone, to see what aircraft are flying from where to where. A couple of members added comments and information about flight radar and phone apps. You can see heights and information about the type of plane and you can take snapshots. Dave mentioned it shows the path it is using. Dave will keep an eye on this topic for our group. He will report as needed.  <b>Welcome to new residents’ booklet</b> This has been discussed at management meetings and it is in progress. Members were told that there is a need to send out for requests for information from our main groups in town and contacts for them. Rosey talked about getting this done. Karen E and Tara F are happy to help work on this with Rosey. Paula Would be approached in the future to add something to the website about these booklets and perhaps have some weblinks.  John O moved that <b>“Rosey, Karen and Tara continue on work on this together and use the resources to work on this, and the other groups can give us documents to include in this. A draft can be done by February and provide the CCA meeting a brief about this</b>	John O	Tara F	Yes

	<p><b>booklet.”</b> Tara 2<sup>nd</sup> Warren suggested that Emergency documentation can be used to add to this welcome community booklet as well. This was agreed as a good idea.</p> <p><b>The State Government’s draft Southeast Queensland Regional Plan and its implications for Noosa.</b> Awaiting more information from bodies involved with this. There have been newspaper reports. Council elections may make this a topic with less progress at the moment, as current councillors may change.</p> <p><b>Concerns regarding the stingrays along the foreshore.</b> Rather than more signs around the foreshore. Public can use phone these days to look up emergency information and 000 should be used too. Warren K mentioned that he will look at the First Aide courses by Ambulance, at Pomona, and report back. Motion put by John O <b>“to seek a provider for a First Aide course and look at providing it for the members.”</b> Members will be told about this in the future. Rosey E 2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p><b>Available Bore Water advice</b> Dave H spoke about bores around foreshore. He will be talking with council and he is happy to give the turf on front a drink if needed and he is happy to update the CCA members. He will be meeting with Foreshore Working Group.</p> <p><b>Landing Strip at Teewah</b> Dave H spoke on this topic. <b>See above</b> – Air Services Australia - Teewah airstrip has not had a decision made on it. He felt that McDermotts are still using it. Dave will keep an eye on this for our group.</p> <p><b>Indoor bowls</b> Anna asked about the Indoor Bowls at last meet. She is doing negotiations with the Apollonian Hotel (and Lou) now and so our involvement is finished.</p> <p><b>Walk around foreshore with Kabi Kabi Elder Lyndon Davis</b> Ada has volunteered to contact Lyndon Davis and find out about the fees and investigate the options of a foreshore walk. There will be a cost attached. It was mentioned that perhaps he could give us a group walk of 20 to 25.</p> <p><b>Option for CCA re printing and data display for meetings</b> Already discussed by committee. Cutting down on hardcopies and adding to website when necessary. Will talk with LCSC about a bigger screen. Management Committee looking into getting a new screen for venue and providing some finance.</p>	John O	Rosey E	Yes
14.	<p><b>New Business</b> <b>Destination Noosa Plan</b> John O moved that <b>“we have someone come and talk about the Destination Noosa Plan, to our group and that it be organised.”</b> Trevor C 2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>Some brief discussion was held that it is a plan mainly wanted by the tourism group of Noosa Shire. Some asked who the plan in meant for and why.</p>	John O	Trevor C	Yes

15.	<p><b>Drones in Village area around Boreen Pt</b>  Rosey - She explained that a post was on the Cootharaba Community Facebook site about a person who is using the Drone in our area and that it is for Emergency Services. There was discussion about this post.</p> <p>Warren added that the person is not with police or emergency services as far as he knows and he will try to find out if he is doing this for emergency services. Privacy is an issue for flying drones. Discussion on rules around “line of sight’ operation. Complaints can be lodged with CASA.</p> <p>Are there restrictions around this use of drones. You do need a CASA licence. The user says that he does and that he has a company. You are not supposed to be flown out of sight. Tara does say about drones being used for real estate advertising and they are used and have been in town and elsewhere. Rosey moved that <b>“Tara F and with Warren K’s help, could look into this issue, of the use of drones and the rules together, and report back to the CCA.”</b> Warren 2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>Tara F mentioned that she would like to talk about the <b>Speed Limits in the village</b> and gave a description of drivers using excessive speed in Cars in village area. This is to be put on next agenda. This issue has come up before in the CCA meetings. Next agenda item.</p> <p><b>Final discussion</b> where John O asked could we <b>trial a meeting time change</b> for next year where we have a meeting before the Black Flag Bar opens. He asked what was felt about 3.00 start. Workers would be disadvantaged. It was then suggested Sunday – not acceptable by all and so abandoned. A later time was mentioned for Friday nights. To be further discussed.</p>	Rosey E	Warren K	Yes
16.	<p><b>Next Meeting</b> will be the 86th General Meeting, on Saturday, the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024, at 9.00 am in the LCSC.</p>			
17.	<p><b>Close of meeting</b> was at 11.10 am <b>Everyone was wished a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.</b></p>			