

MINUTES of COOTHARABA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

Quarterly General Meeting 23 April 2022 No. 79:

To be held upstairs, Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club, Foreshore at 11am

Meeting Start: 11:25am

Acknowledgement of Country Rosey Edgar

1 A Attendees: Mareene Hutchings, Rob Dessaix, John Olds, Tameson Godfrey, Rosey Edgar, Jan Green, Grace Porter, Brandon Bok, Minyon Avent, Bernard Bok, Warren Kuskopf, Karen Eddy, Vivienne Golding, Ken, Eddy, Shaun Walsh, Nick H, Steve J, Michelle Knightly, Kim Jones, Rick and Lea Edmonds, Suzanne Entner, Sylvia Bannah, Amy Kimber, Dean Faris, Greg Wood, Matt Noffke, Trevor Clarey, Frank Wilkie, Charlie Cahrlesworth, Ada Medak, John, Paul Herrick, Robyn Salmon, Jim Porter, Sandy Bolton, David Hanby, Debbie Cassidy, Neil Cassidy, Pete Dorney, Ross Mapleston, Cath H, Katie Horn, Bill & Helen Brown, Anne Maree OBrien, John Allen, Paula Captain Jim, Ken & Sue Mills Kate Coupe, BigAl.

2 Apologies: Anna Day, Moira Maclachlan, David Wood, Ashley Wood, Joe Jurisevic, Brian Stockwell, Di Elsworth, Rod Elsworth, Alex Haikowicz, Lynda Ives, Allan Tomley, Julie Tomley,

B Minutes: Previous General Meeting No.78 to be tabled and accepted as correct.

Moved by Secretary

Seconded by: Ada Medak

Carried

Business arising out of the Minutes:

11:30am John Olds declared CONFLICT OF INTEREST to meeting

Rob Dessaix introduced Sandy Bolton MP

B1: *Cooloola Great Walk (CGW); The Membership directed the MC to undertake Access to "Right Of Information" in respect to establishing what the Department of Environment and Science (DES) was required to action as a Protocol for Developments of this Nature and what actions were actually carried out by DES.*

Actions by the CCA resulted in the first instance to seeking what the process was to seek Right To Information and identified that this was the "last resort" and CCA need to obtain/seek assistance from our State MP for Noosa, Sandy Bolton, undertook to seek that information from DES and DES finally responded through our State Member on the 31st Dec 2022. (Note delays arose from Xmas Shutdown, Qld Border Opening and the influx of Covid 19 and associated restrictions that ensued.)

Sandy Bolton has requested the opportunity to explain to this community what she can advocate for and what she cannot change under the current relevant Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) legislation.

Sandy Bolton will address the limitations for Community Consultation under the (ILUA).

This meeting invites an orderly contribution by this Community to summarise it's Concerns about the CGW and to provide our State MP with the details summarised by this community as ammunition to ensure the State addresses all the concerns that this community has in respect to this Development in the Great Sandy NP and the protections (not

the assurances) that are perceived as not being evident prior to State contractual commitment to Development in the Great Sandy National Park. Please come prepared.

Sandy Bolton: Acknowledgement to Country

Give update on Cooloola Great Walk (CGW)

Is not the MP for the Poona site – outside of her electoral area.

CGW not signed off on, still needs Environmental Assessments.

Should get responses in the next few weeks.

Everything is posted on Sandy's 360 website (<https://www.sandybolton.com/noosa360/>)

RD: Right of Information consultation, establish whether the correct protocol for consultation was adhered to by DES (Department of Environmental Services)

SB: Posted to 360 website. Traditional Owner Land use Agreements are in place therefore there are NO Official requirements for public consultation. DES did conduct public consultation to make sure project was constitutive. Kabi reps said not a requirement as negotiations are between Traditional Owners and Government. It is in the Federal domain. State must abide by Native Title etc. Difficult to make determinations under these Federal Laws.

David Hanby: Where will proposed guests for the CGW be leaving from? (to access the Great Walk?)

SB: CGW is still in Development phase. Details are within “ Management Plan” Have not yet seen draft of Management Plan. Will be after the Consultation for development. There will be an Environmental Management Plan. Sites are accessed first, then the Management plan.

DH: Questioned the Management plan. What is the dollar value to Parks? Will CGW be a publicly funded private enterprise?

SB: Has objected to not having access to a draft of the management plan and would like access before ANY approval.

RD: Questioned the correct sequence of events

SB: Has requested

DH: What are the financial gains coming back to Parks? Publicly funded affair? Operating costs?

SB: Details are part of confidential negotiations with Kabi. Still negotiations are ongoing such as certain things transferring over to Kabi. Financial? Fees coming back to Parks? Parks is always under-funded anyway. Park Management needs to be properly resourced for control of fire, feral, weed and visitor impacts. Extra responsibilities need funding. The issues of weeds, fire, pests, visitors. SB will continue to take forwarded concerns from the community via email. Parks must be efficiently funded. ROI (Right of Information) not available because of Traditional owner land use laws.

Ada Medak: Acknowledge Qld compared to Tasmania with Tasmania having 35% National Parks (NP) Qld is lowest % of NP at 8% (?) Government has promised to open up to 17% NP. Why are we going ahead with development of NP before this target its reached? What is the Management Plan for this park? Told before this CGW that would get a management plan. There must be a Managemant Plan. Survey (by whom) and endorsement was a sham. Response from Megan Scanlon petition: Low-key removal commercial operation. Invasion? Costs? Government spent \$2M with Tracy Rose. Tracy Rose stated that the CGW development was well received. It wasn't. There were no questions asked

regarding the Noosa River. Noosa River site is as environmentally sensitive as Poona site. Ada, Matt and Lorraine organised to meet with SB but claimed SB cancelled (or postponed) the meeting.

SB: refuted cancelling any meeting. said there needs to always be a Kabi representative on the panel and of the Kabi people, there are seven recognised representatives. SB had asked for a Kabi representative to attend, and was told that a Kabi rep would be attending, but the Kabi person who arrived was not any of the 7 recognised, was instead somebody not known or acknowledged officially as a Kabi representative. SB said she “Won't get caught up in a he said she said” between Indigenous and non indigenous. SB is planning a smoking ceremony if appropriate after agreements. Dealing with a lot of mis-information. Keep Cooloola Cool and Kabi reps against the CGW.

RD: Stated don't attack Sandy she is here as a guest speaker to update on CGW community concerns. Please show respect.

SB: Understands it is an emotive time. Regarding the Qld Gov performance in reaching 17% NP, SB has brought up numerous times. Noosa electorate is way above NP quotas.

Jim Porter: Responds, confirming points made by DH and AM. Management plan must be done. Main objective. Financial matter correct. Special Interest 2018 sloppy document. Each trail one proponent to develop eco cabins. At the end of consultations not correct under State purchasing policy.

SB: State isn't paying for pods. Process is that proponent (CABN) foots the bill. Happy to investigate. Please email or ring SB office. Don't want to get caught up – Hasn't been asked

JP: Money? Competition?

Greg Wood: representing Protect Parks Campaign. Impression regarding consultations Federal legislation one with State legislation. A lot going on. Indigenous is a fraction of that. Legislations aren't necessary because of Traditional owner land use agreements is a blurred structure of the whole thing. Doesn't fall within proper guidelines. Overly restrictive response regarding consulting.

SB: Has gone back with what Gov provided her.

GW: precluded by advise. Blurriness are due to lack of consultation. Technical definitions?

SB: Disagrees. Says has a response.

GW: Speaking for the people. No transparent consultation for the development of the recreation area

SB: Long list of consultations saying not needed. Asks, “What do you want?”

GW: Want to talk with Minister. We want engagement and consultation. How do we know what is happening? Whole series of things have occurred without consultation. Only one environmental group. And Government seems to only deal with groups that agree with their current position. Can we get SB assistance to get a consultation? The government

Robyn Salmon: Could a draft agreement be made publicly available? CGW valuable real estate and going to private endeavours. No details are available.

SB: Hamstrung on what can be legally accessed and released to the public. Undertakes to lobby for release of information. Two management plans EMP NP

RS: Needs to come up with this information if they want people onboard.

SB: Parks and Treaty. Why certain things are confidential opens up what we can.

Trevor Clarey: DI Rumour of Lighthouse and surrounds within CGW to be leased to private interest for peppercorn rent. 20 year lease is due to expire. Has the 20 year lease been extended into a peppercorn lease? Please confirm?

SB: Will chase it up.

JP: Was extended a couple of years ago, Dec 2019 and NPA has another 8 years (10 year extension given Dec 2019)

TC: Could you find out if put out to tender in due process?

SB: Will find out what process was used.

JO: It was EOI (Expression of Interest)

TC: Noosa Parks have lease

GW: Minister extended lease?

Matt Noffke: Going to be an entity formed with Kabi to run CABN CGW. Kabi will have access to a percentage of business structure. As low as 10% (this is commercial in confidence but was told word of mouth from a Kabi person to MK). Still Community has no input.

SB: defended herself from MK. Asking him to email SB office and has spoken with KCC/MN numerous responses.

MN: Response was insincere. All answers received back were a joke. Where did \$1.5 – 2M budget go? 360 website not efficient enough.

SB: email my office

MN: I have repeatedly. At best I have received a 2 page letter.

SB: No doesn't get more info. Doesn't have anything to lose or gain from withholding info. Please phone office. Not in depth enough.

MN: If Kabi proportion of business is as small as 10% why as a community are we not consulted?

SB: Can't access percentages. Ask Kabi – ask one of the 7 recognised members of Kabi.

MN: How can be Kabi? Who do we ask?

SB: ask Federal Member Llew O'Brien for information on who are the 7 Kabi. (As Indig Land Use Agreements – ILUAs are under federal legislation)

Vivienne Golding: Has environmental study been done?

SB: Yes. DES? Independently outsourced.

JO: Numerous Environmental Impact studies were done. Subject to review. Recommendations are made.

VG: Management plan? Environmental Impact Statement.

GW: Site selection report. Defined sites. Minister, draft document? Draft approval? EPBC? DES told waiting for final application before site resolved. What is the schedule and process of sites? Will public be advised of those?

SB: Send email or phone office and the findings will be published to 360 website.

GW: Do you believe community should be informed of sites?

SB: Absolutely! Any outstanding concerns reassured take to Minister outstanding concerns. Please get questions to Sandy via email.

Rosey Edgar: Can Lew O'Brien be invited to CCA AGM?

SB: Yes, to address Federal level issues, say, regarding Traditional Owner issues and EPBC too.

GW: Kabi are being used as a shield so developers don't have to be transparent.

Jan Green (NICA): A formal Environmental Impact Statement will go out for public comment?

SB: Will find out.

VG + JG: Why not?

SB: Email question to my office.

AM: Ist site 1 km from GW. Against patterned fens environment. Has a letter stating new sites not to interfere with current users.

SB: Agrees not to impact current users. 2Kms of roads?

AM: Road goes to campsite 3. Proponents proposing to use road for trucking in supplies?

SB: Send email. Haven't been notified.

AM: I have had no response.

RD: Add to community concerns. Feedback from walkers is that the peacefulness of the walk is the most important aspect. Concerned about the impact development will have as we don't know details of what is really going to happen.

SB: How many people are going to be on CGW? Noosa North Shore is open slather. Containing those numbers meets the expectations of the community. Retain who we are and what we are. Greatest concern is hearing rocks being thrown between Kabi and non-indigenous. Distressed when hearing "why do you think you have a right when it's not your land" Important that everyone is considered. Please ask everyone to come together.

RD: During recent flooding, the sites were also flooded?

SB: Floods are a part of our world. We need to smarten up. A lot of work needs to be done in that regards.

RD: Submission regarding effluent and flood levels?

SB: Will have to be considered.

Nick H (Noosa River Stakeholder Advisory Committee -NRSAC): community adopted recognition of infrastructure taken to Q2100. Needs to be a pathway to reach those.

VG: Environmental Impact Statement please make public.

SB: Please put in writing

JP: Public under law

Kathryn B: NP is a wilderness experience. Will Helicopters be bringing supplies? Tourists? Can we have clarification of helicopter usage?

SB: Need to add. Email office.

RD: Thanks SB.

B2: *NRSAC introduction to the CCA and Cootharaba Community generally; Shaun Walsh (SW) to explain what changes are under review by MSQ (Marine Safety Queensland) with respect to Vessel Management and Mooring Management. This community to clearly explain to SW what concerns they hold at the moment and what avenues are available to protect the current community values. Please come prepared*

RD: Introduces Shaun Walsh.

SW: NRSAC 14 members. Key priority is vessel management. NR has 20% increase in boats, mainly motorised. Three terms, moorings, block and buoy 131. No regulations on anchoring indefinitely. Live aboards have a process to obtain permits. Controls on anchoring in particular. A regulatory process will take time. Here for suggestions and ideas from the community. Noosa river is owned by state. Any waterway you can anchor in (besides Gold Coast) Fundamentally a free car park. Goat Island has become a problem. Gold Coast has a waterways management act 2012. Noosa's population growth, more boat ownership, small homes, no spare parking for boats in yards, illegal to park boats on streets.

Looking at 28 day max anchoring limits, dedicated anchoring zones. Requires legislative change.

MSQ2 105 reg moorings for live aboard. Eco friendly type. No anchoring halos. 6 reg. Moorings in Lake Cootharaba.

Warren K: Why doesn't Maroochydore experience problems?

SW: Maroochydore is a larger river and has little riverfront activation. Noosa foreshore is more attractive with easily accessible facilities available.

WK: Vast difference between problems faced in Maroochydore and Noosa rivers.

Paul Herrick: Has a mooring in LC. If he brings boat out of water he has to inform QMA or he loses mooring. 28 day anchoring, where will people leave their boats outside of those limits? Current impacts of QMA mooring

NH: Grades of moorings. Illegal moorings removed.

PH: Agrees.

SW: Give email address, happy to communicate

Sam: Concerns regarding shallow lake Cootharba and the new rules regarding length of boats on moorings. MSQ certain length of boat. Worried will lose mooring as don't qualify for a mooring anymore. Environmental concerns regarding length of boat issues in a shallow lake.

SW: There has been an increase of MSQ on NR after an absence of 10 years by MSQ.

PH: Leeds to be repaired.

Minyon Avent: Foiling Question. Foil is growing for sailing. Olympic class over 50% Qld. Training at LCSC not allowed as part of training requires towing. MSQ approached.

SW: 2 designated areas for water skiing. Please get details to SW to follow up.

TC: Concerned as received notice from MSQ audit last year and as boat was being repaired out of water MSQ threatened to take permit. Is the Noosa River Ranger program still in place?

JG: NICA run the River Ranger Program now and doesn't include educational ranger anymore.

NH: MSQ did a run around on moored live aboards around Christmas. Anchored.

JP: Health hazard re boats

RD: Concerns re CGW commercial interests feeding infrastructure and using Boreen Point as a launch pad.

SW: Will keep an eye out for those and get back to the CCA with anything.

RD: Consultation process? Will we be informed?

SW: State Gove 8th June. CCA will be emailed directly.

AM: Markers missing north of Boat ramp. Hazard post is under the water. Dangerous metal is poking out.

RD: Nav Aids

SW: email concerns to NRSAC

RD: Thank SW, NH and Amy.

B3: NC representative **Frank Wilkie (Deputy Mayor)** to catch up with feedback on matters which have been discussed with the community at previous Councillor Coffee Catch Ups prior to the Opening of Qld Borders, in Dec 2021.

Covid Restriction changes followed resulting in management changes of Covid in January 2022. This was then followed by Community Issues being overshadowed by Flooding Events in February/ March 2022. This is now our opportunity to catch up with our council.

RD Introduces FW

Issues identified since the last Coffee Catch up to be addressed are;

1. Concern for school kids in Lake Flat Rd; Safer footpath up to Laguna St school bus stop
2. Boat ramp repair after council crew tidied up with only asphalt millings; - JJ to report back.
3. Boat ramp Pump Out tanks used to dispose of effluent by a contractor -investigated? - JJ
4. Tree vandalism walk with JJ after coffee meeting - findings?
5. "No Motorcycles" to be posted at Boreen field.
6. Water cartage trucks supplying Caravan Park through Boreen Field. One driver/safety concerns. Why isn't the bore water being used for flushing of toilets?

FW: Footpath cycling and walking projects and shared 2m path. 14 projects planned for BP. FW supplied list of projects to CCA at meeting. Last two on list are in this years budget.

FW: NC working with MSQ regarding the whole foreshore.

PH: concerned about boat ramp usage due to Noosa boat ramps being busy so people coming up and using BP boat ramp.

FW: Overflow of holding tank. NC plumber attends BP weekly. Tank doesn't have a scheduled maintenance program. NC are redesigning hydraulics. Possibly a system run wirelessly off 4G. Alarms were removed when Unity water handed over to NC.

FW: Tree vandalism put down to snapping off for use in wood bbq's. Signage wasn't identified as a solution. Suspect it was a one off for bbq uses and not for improving views.

Michelle K: Sign went up and disappeared following day.

Steve J: BBQ's, timber needs to be supplied or bbq's changed to gas.

FW: Forward requests to NC as plans for upgrading foreshore.

PH: Boreen Point needs rubbish removed and toilet facilities restocked before busy holiday times and Sailing regattas. Who do we contact to resolve these issues?

FW: Let a councillor know. Will get back with an appropriate contact.

FW: Are motorbikes still an issue. Couldn't find anything re motorbike signage.

JO: Will forward email correspondence to FW.

FW: Water cartage, road has been upgraded. More cost effective to cart water than to use bore.

TG: Concerns included safety of children using field and caravan park with trucks driving through and the accessibility of the bore for fire fighting efforts. Pub uses bore water to flush toilets.

JO: Issue of quality drinking water being used to flush toilets. Noosa Habitat have a system installed and are using bore water to flush toilets.

SJ: Public toilets use bore water without issues.

Bernard Bok: Foreshore recovery post floods?

FW: Obvious hazards fixed. Shire wide exercise. QRA funding Qld construction to fund upgrade for whole foreshore.

Will be a public consultation process if it's a street scape type of process.

JO: Suggests applying for funding to do a study hydrological processes are very variable. Action required now, working group long term.

RD: CCA request grant?

FW: No, unless CCA is going to do the work. NC is applying for grants. Request email from CCA to NC re foreshore this week.

JO: Already has draft email, will send this week.

JG: Who is doing vegetation management along Louis Bazzo? Have taken out low lying natives.

FW: Will ask why corridor is so wide.

JO: TMR conflict. Rules around 9m corridor and size of tree trunks. Trees were inside the 9m mark. Need to clearly denote the 9m corridor and ensure mowing contractors are not mowing into the reserve where there are emergent natives are growing.

SJ: Trees removed had been planted by a community program 20 years ago.

RE: Original Noosa SLSC building has been offered to CCA as a community hall.

RD: Will discuss at next GM

FW: Traffic Management. All speed limits are correct and still in place and no reports of speeding have been put to council or police.

AM: Difficult to report to police without car makes, number plates etc.

RD: Brian Linfield days 20km village speed limits MTC assessment. Resurrect old 20km plan. 20Km signs were replaced with 40km signs.

C Correspondence: Register. Inwards to be received and Outwards to be endorsed

Moved by Tameson Godfrey

Seconded by: RE

Carried ?

D Finance: Treasurer's Report –

Reconciled current bank balance as at 30 March on 23 April 2022 \$1503.11

Moved by Rosalind Edgar

Seconded:

Carried ?

H Management Committee Report - (President)

1.

I General Business –

1. Increase of membership fees to be anticipated at the AGM, 7 May 2022

RD: Small increase will need to be applied to cover insurance and CCA purchases that are currently out of MC pockets.

2. Noosa Council (NC) Disaster Management Plan status; Still in Planning using BNT Global.

RD: Gave James Elliot update.

PH: BP/Cootharba DM group consists of himself along with Rod Elsworth, Bob Abbot, Warren Kuskopf and they are meeting 1/month and have a policy for the area. Sandbag issues cleared up. Identified areas. LCSC great but not accessible in floods. DM group able to present to community soon. Expand going forward. Submission to NC Monday upgrading facilities. Brand new flood boat. 2000 SES Sandbags and sand. Code available to access. Davis Rd access and BP access covered.

3. NC support for ongoing flood recovery/ foreshore management incl; Navigational aids damage. Discussed above.

4. Matters referred above;

CGW – SB

NRSAC matters - SW,

NC Outstanding Community issues - FW.

1. Assistance for Management Committee

RD: Asked for assistance from membership. Acknowledged that he let the previous secretary Di Elsworth down and doesn't want to burn out any new committee members. Will be canvassing membership and community to step up and help CCA Management Committee.

2. Nomination forms available please contact secretary cootharaca@gmail.com

Meeting close: 2pm

Next Meeting: 21st AGM Saturday 7 May 2022, to be followed by the 80th GM

This Meeting conducted in accordance with the latest Qld Health directives.

