

# COOTHARABA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

## Quarterly General Meeting No.88

### Draft MINUTES

**Where:** Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club, 24 Boreen Parade, Boreen Point.

**When:** 17 Aug 2024 9.00am

**Attendance:** as per sign in sheet 32 Attendees. John Olds, Rosey Edgar, Rob Dessaix, A Tomley, J Tomley, Graeme Hart, Kim Jones Matt Noffke, Sandy Bolton MP, Dylan Hafey, Kerrin Finch, David Finch, Ken Eddy, Sylvia Bannah, Jan Green, David Weir, **Doug K**, Kerry & Kris Soutar **Tony Haslam, S Haslam**, Rhonda Killeen, **Norri Eyster**, Charlie C, Ada Medak, Kate Coupe, **Erin G**, Tara Ferrier, **Rob B**, AM O'Brien, **Noel Rickards** Karen Eddy

**Apologies:** Warren Kuskopf, David Hanby, Doug & Wendy Straker, Nikki Olds, Mareene Hutchings, Minyon Avent, Bernard Bok, Paula Viljoen, Tamosen Godfrey

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1.	<b>Acknowledgement of Country.</b> This address was given by Rosey Edgar. She began by mentioning the pelicans of the Lake and the lovely purple flowers which are in bloom and how lovely it is to live in our area. Attendees and special guests were thanked for coming along. She reminded us all, that the records of this meeting will survive us. Just as the names and records of others from this area are still with us all. It was remembered that by speaking the names of those who have come before us and using the names of places named after others and original inhabitants, that we remember them. Rosey used examples of people and names, and she reminded us that they will never fully be gone, if those names are still used and it helps us all to remember those that have become before us. She mentioned some local names of people and their family members and those that would have used this Lake. See Rosey E for full speech details and names mentioned in the acknowledgement.	RE	5	N/A	N/A	N/A

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	In her acknowledgment to country she asked us to honour those from the past, remember the present descendants of peoples who lived around this area and honour emerging descendants of the peoples who have lived here.					
2.	<b>Introduction, Welcome; &amp; Housekeeping</b> (toilets, emergencies etc.). Rob D gave info on emergency, exits and toilets. He also thanked Rosey for her Acknowledgement of Country address.	RD	2	N/A	N/A	N/A
3.	<b>Welcome our guest speaker</b> for the day. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Address by the <b>Independent Member for Noosa, Ms Sandy Bolton MP</b>. Rob D welcomed Sandy Bolton, State Member for Noosa and she firstly praised the lovely Acknowledgment address by Rosey. She liked the idea that names and carrying and using the names from the past, to the present, is a good idea. Also, that remembering the past and thus learning lessons from the past is important. She mentioned the loss of her own Mother, just recently, and that we must remember what has happened in our past histories.</li> </ul> <p>She also praised the Café downstairs – The Point Kiosk and said the burgers they are providing for breakfast, were excellent. She has some points to discuss, followed by any questions.</p> <p><b>The old ranger buildings</b> near Noosa Habitat and the Canoe Launch area, were places that the Kabi Kabi people, could have expressed an interest in, in the past, but did not. They had not really stated what they wanted to do. A lot has been going on with Native Title for these people and if they had further aspirations, now that the Native Title has been settled, they will need to express this and pursue it. Nothing has been done so far. However, in Pomona, an old ranger hut has been secured and is part of the shared history of the area. It is now not being demolished.</p>	RD & Guest Speaker	60	N/A	N/A	N/A

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	<p>Ada M commented that there are sometimes, some things that need to be demolished but the land needs to be kept as a beautiful spot and for all to access. Sandy B responded that they ( Kabi Kabi or other interested groups) still need to show interest and work with the Government.</p> <p>Now that Part A of Native Title is complete for Kabi Kabi group, it can go forward. The ILGA (Indigenous Land Title Group Agreement) took approx. 8 years to complete and now there is time for those who have issues with it, to again look. These are agreements on how these State lands can be used. It is not exclusive and saying only Kabi Kabi people can use it.</p> <p><b>Teewah Cooloola Management Plan.</b> Waiting on the outcomes from the recent consultations. Sandy mentioned that the Noosa and Gympie Mayors, and both Electorates are interested in what happens and how it could affect their areas. Each have different priorities and so it is still ongoing and Sandy did a submission from the Noosa point of view. She was happy to forward us a copy of that submission if we wanted to see it. There have been different Ministers in office across the time of this Plan, which has made it take longer.</p> <p><b>The Booking system</b> for permits for beach access and when camping, has been a problem as to how permits are given out. The IT systems have been a problem and it is still not up to scratch. She is hoping that shortly a IT system can be trialled showing a manageable system for camping. It is ongoing.</p> <p><b>Nesting for Turtles</b> – there has been some suggestion that the turtles need protection in Cooloola areas. Sandy mentioned that perhaps FreshwaterTrack should be able to be used as it will help divert traffic from where the turtles are using.</p> <p><b>Fire Bans</b> are being discussed about camping and how this is affecting campers. It is another issue looked at by appropriate levels of gov.</p>					

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	<p><b>Caravan discharge</b> - This has been brought to my attention. Campgrounds have rules for dump points.</p> <p>Sandy B said how she has fought for <b>community housing</b> as she has been passionate about this for a long time. The State Bill fell short in her view. She said to all to look at the definition of affordable housing. Clarity needs to be around how affordable and for who? Legislation requires a lot of work and it can fall short and she finds that frustrating.</p> <p>Sandy spoke about SFD - <b>State Facilitated Development</b>. She outlined that the State Government would like bigger developments which affect thousands of residents. Only one project from our electorate has been considered. (Noosa Civic)</p> <p>Council needs to be involved at that level. There are ideas being looked at. Looking at the size of properties and the number of people living on the properties, she felt is important. Different types of housing is being looked at. The management of congestion will be a problem, should we have increased numbers of people living here. All that needs clear planning and infrastructure and needs money to get things done. She added that the Olympics and Para Olympics may need services and issues sorted for visitors coming to these games and it needs to be done now. They may want to stay here in this electorate. Teams and visitors come earlier than the dates of the actual games. Roads for example, need to be considered and improved where necessary and there are the usual procedures and processes to go through.</p> <p><b>The river boats situation on the river</b> and the homeless are not forgotten and the River Advisory Group has been working behind the scenes. 4 project officers are now employed to help with this. The River Foreshore Plan was looked at.</p> <p>Never was it meant to stop people using the river banks for their boats. Safety was the main issue as well as being an equitable decision for all who own boats</p>					

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	<p>or use the river. No problems are seen from her point of view. We don't know who is going to be in Government next and how this Plan may change.</p> <p><b>Cooloola Great Walk</b> is actually still ongoing. More sitting down needs to be done with those involved. It may still have topics about the walk that need looking at.</p> <p><b>Aged Care Facilities.</b> Sandy is amazed at how all this runs and said about Genius Care being a great service. She finds this area is improving and the services available here for the elderly, are good. Always improvements can be looked at.</p> <p><b>Youth Justice Committee</b> - Sandy was involved in this and a report was tabled. She was part of at least 6 months of travel and work. She travelled for this Inquiry and she says that she likes to think this will make a safer community. Across the country the vast majority of youth offenders are not reoffending. 92% don't reoffend. She noted that a lot of reoffenders come from homes where violence is common and others have not had proper schooling and no proper home and often have not had health professional help. Often once they offend, it is only then that they see professionals who can actually help. Some youngsters are groomed and introduced to drugs like ice and often tricked by criminals.</p> <p>60 recommendations came out of the Inquiry. Sandy had this report tabled in April. There is a need to track children from birth until they are older. In 4 months a lot has occurred and school have testing and outlined steps to take, from early Kindy years and beyond. It is important on how our society tracks youngsters from birth. Minors are where these strategies and changes are aimed at, as young adults are harder to help.</p> <p>New modelling is being developed as the Auditor found the previous system was inadequate and not checking on young people right from Birth to</p>					

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	<p>Schooling was needed. Research says that the families need help to stop the recurring problems through the generations.</p> <p><b>TAFE site in Tewantin.</b> There is a cooling off period now that the Native Title claim has been finished. November is when things will be announced. Sandy B felt it will be Christmas when we see what their vision is, for the site. Stephanie Haslem had prepared a vegetation herbarium on the TAFE site. It was a systematically arranged collection of dried plants from the TAFE site. It was held by the librarian at the TAFE site. She was asked if Sandy B could take it to copy, as well, Sandy said she will hand it to the next Member and she will track what happens to it. The library had these and the students used them when they wanted to know about the vegetation at the site. Stephany did hope them to be secured, placed online and saved for further use. Sandy did take them and advised she will definitely look after them.</p> <p><b>Roads</b> - Sandy B said progress was stalled on TMR and Council fronts. 10 million was stated for funding. Tewantin bypass was part of a larger document. With congested roads around schools, through Tewantin and it is suggested that with estimated visitors (from events such as the Olympics) that these roads will be even worse. The budget is growing and growing and she is not happy about the road improvements but she is hoping to keep pushing and get through the next stages. She was happy that the bridge over the Six Mile at Cooran was done and finally completed. She told a funny story about getting a lift over the bridge to show the officials how bad the bridge was.</p> <p><b>EBikes and EScooters are different to electric motorbikes.</b> Sandy is concerned about this horrific problem on the road. Rules are not being explained at the sales point. Helmets, Speed, Licences are all in the rules. Danger to predestrians and on the roads is a growing problem. Sandy gave an example of her in her own car and how she almost hit a dark clothed, speeding escooter.</p>					

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	<p>Not just happening here and they are being banned around the world, not just Australia.</p> <p>Sandy B felt that it is being looked at seriously and to let police know if you see a problem. She did talk about where 24/7 police were. They spend majority of their time with people in their homes (often violence offences) and are trying to get the other tasks done. Police Link will prioritise calls and she felt that it is important that a Royal Commission has been called on Mental Health. Mental Health is often a cause for police being called and using police services.</p> <p><b>Housing</b> - There is a social waiting list. Not many are on that. But community housing is needed. There are a number of housing projects, some of which are confidential, but Sandy B listed others.</p> <p>Charlie Charlesworth did add some data to the conversation around scooters and ebikes and speeds they should not exceed. Eg 12 kms for scooters/ebikes on paths or 25 kms per hour on the road and helmets are mandatory.</p> <p><b>Quarry at Kin Kin</b> - It has taken 2 ½ years to hand down a verdict. Roads are being upgraded, but it is taking time to do by TMR. School buses were having trouble passing trucks. Quarry Management Plan - not done properly to start with. Plan has been looked at. A court case is not finished but after that it will be worked on again. Review of IPA Victoria - includes impacts of the quarry, to humans and impacts on the outside and are external for residents. Sandy referred this issue to State level and about the worry of an increased extension to the quarry. A member said to Sandy about Koala Habitat and that she felt a fee was to be paid and it was then forgotten. Sandy did speak on this and restated that she knows the community was affected and worried about the quarry.</p>					

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	<p>Ada M - She told Sandy B that on Monday morning there was a visit from a semi trailer, which was from <b>Services Australia</b> - with a 4WD and at least 4 workers - 9 till 4. Her point was that none of the local groups and residents knew that they were coming. She felt it was a loss of time and money. They did not know who sent them. Sandy B said to send a message to Lew O'Brien office and ask about this. Sandy B is not Federal and this needs to be sent to them.</p> <p>Matt Noffke spoke about how we all love National Parks and that he felt the <b>Nature Conservation Act</b> needs to change. It is a problem that has been growing for years where there is policy to promote Nat Parks as a tourist attraction. We should not be trying to fill with people. What can be done about that? Sandy B responded that Eco Tourism came in to offset decisions by the Gov before. Tony H mentioned that the whole cardinal principle or central principle was changed about why we have Nat Parks and why we have to conserve lands. Sandy B felt that the government does look at the money and how to give the facilities, but they don't always look at the sustainability of the parks and numbers of people.</p> <p>Reminder was given by Sandy to just call and send questions to her and contact Dylan at her office. Emma helps at Sandy's office too.</p> <p>Sandy gave thanks to CCA for the invitation to come along.</p> <p>Rob D then thanked Sandy Bolton MP for coming and then she was off to another event with Dylan.</p> <p>Rob D restated that the management committee does not find issues for the community. The CCA role is that it requires people to come to us and tell us what we should be addressing. We are not political and all volunteers in this management group.</p> <p>David Weir briefly brought up about the <b>speeding in the village</b>. He spoke about Laguna St speed limit and possibility or reducing it down to 40km.</p>					

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	<p>Rob D - it is on our list already and needs to be put it back to the membership to resubmit to Council and relook at the traffic calming.</p> <p>A letterbox drop was done years ago. This is hard to do but it is on agenda. We are looking for the old information on what has already been put to the Council or Transport Departments.</p>					
4.	<p>Last meeting minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">General Meeting 87</a> and <a href="#">Annual General Meeting 22</a> were tabled and have also been on website for several weeks</li> <li>Accepted as correct.</li> </ul>	RD/JO	5	Charlie C	Jan Green	Yes
5.	<p><a href="#">Correspondence Register</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inwards received / Outwards to be endorsed.</li> </ul> <p>Showed the inwards and outwards on screen – communication is mainly emails these days. Asked members to go to the link if they want to read further and questions to John O ( the secretary) later.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accepted as correct.</li> </ul>	JOT	5	Ada M	Ken Eddy	Yes
6.	<p><a href="#">Finance/Treasurer's Report</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treasurer's Report was given by Rosey E.</li> </ul> <p>This finance information is from 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024 and taken through to the 10<sup>th</sup> August.</p> <p>\$ 1881.48 Balance as of last meeting \$15 Bank fees taken out <b>\$2026.48 New member fees and the new balance all reconciled.</b></p> <p>24 members - including one life member. Then an extra 6 people joined. <b>30 ordinary members and 1 life member.</b> So 31 members in total.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accepted as correct.</li> </ul>	RE	5	Rhonda K	Ada M	Yes
7.	<p><a href="#">Management Committee Report</a></p> <p>The report will be on the website. There is a link for members to read. The committee do things such as a check on the ABN for the group and send letters or have working committee report to them and there is a lot going on behind the scenes. Questions about this report can be sent to John O – secretary.</p>	RD/JO	5			

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<b>Business arising from the last minutes and carried over</b>						
8.	<p><b>Status of Foreshore Repair</b> and actions by Foreshore Working Group and Boreen Point Master Planning – Summary.</p> <p>John only one here from working group. Apologies from the rest of the group. Picnic tables and beautification of grounds will be carried out. Junior sailing area was to be considered as it is eroded. They have sent some info about using granite and the group will get back to them as it was suggested by others that is not too good. Priority will be (to council) for ramp work and northern end of Dunn’s Beach which is important due to erosion.</p> <p>Council has been involved heavily with Noosaville. The members are told that we will keep at it and have another meeting on site.</p> <p>We outlined our concerns re some of the planned materials etc and they came back with a lot missing, probably due to cost.</p> <p>The little ramp will be using a softer sandstone and beautification with garden, plants for areas along the shore.</p> <p>A Flood Powerpoint shows extreme conditions and has been given to them.</p>	JO	5			
9.	<p><b>Caravans discharging "waste" water.</b></p> <p>Sandy B addressed some of that issue. Charlie C went to the front to talk and he believes it starts and should end there. (the use of caravan waste water)</p> <p>Big new caravans and some have inside facilities and discharge as they stand there. Some are discharging from vans after they leave. Pictures were shown up on the screen. Charlie has seen this and has talked with people with vans. Charlie has followed and noticed this when following in car or motorbike.</p> <p>He wants CCA to approach Council and Van park to have signs up and tell van owners not to discharge onto the streets. He felt that when it is wet, it would go to the Lake.</p> <p>Rob D said we will have something prepared in advance. Then contact Council about this. It will be worked on.</p>	Ada/Charlie	5			

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10.	<p><b>Cooloola Great Walk status.</b></p> <p>Proposal is “dead in the water”. The government has pulled away so it can be revisited with a new consultation process etc. Ada wants to thank members of this community and CCA members for speaking out about this issue and being involved. Thanks were given to Ada for her efforts from Rob D. Matt Noffke spoke about needing a change to the Nature Conservation Act. He felt it needed to move back to what it was and to be changed. - Matt suggested that we all go onto website and comment about this Act. Rosie thanked him for bringing this topic about the Act up.</p>	Ada	5			
<b>New Business</b>						
11.	<p><b>Apollonian Social Club matters &amp; reminder that the taxi is still operating.</b></p> <p><b>A motion</b> was that “We approach the social club secretary - Judy S, to let us know about anything that affects the community at large, by contacting the CCA as well. Eg For gov services coming, invitations to events, meetings.” Step H mentioned that it was good to know about the meeting through Social Club as they do not live in town. “Shopping day to Maroochydore” run by the Social Club in Boreen that may be good for the CCA members to know about as well and that by having the Social Club Secretary send an email about such things to this group as well, would be good. Did the members want that? Karen Eddy spoke about the Taxi service and to keep using or lose it. Very small charge. John O spoke about the Hospital services for us in community. Noosa Hospital will take emergency patients. Children (grandchildren) may need to go to SCUH as Noosa Hospital is not equipped for them. Call ambulance at any time was said by Annemarie O’Brien. John said about an issue in his family and on lake front. 000 was a quick solution and that the phone operators were very good.</p>	KE	2	John O	Rob D	Yes

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12.	<p><b>Recovery and Resilience Officer at Noosa Council</b> - outreach activities plan. Letter shown on screen - they have a budget to cover things. Is there interest? Rhonda mentioned an event a couple of years ago. Will be forwarded to Warren K to be looked at, as he chairs the disaster committee. Corodinate with him.</p>	JO/TF	2			
13.	<p><b>Bridge or improved walkway needed between pub and caravan park</b> Wet area down at the pub walk through from camp ground. Should we do something or approach a Men’s shed or another group. Karen Eddy said about it being a health hazard when wet and stagnant water lays there. Also, it is unsightly and not good for visitors walking to the Pub. John O suggested the Foreshore working group ask Council to take this on as a project to do. Rob D said he will talk to Frank W Mayor about what can be done.</p> <p><b>Bottom Shop</b> - David Weir asked if we knew what is happening with this shop. As it is the only one he is concerned that it is shut. Rhonda mentioned that owners are away. The community is following it. Rumour is that it may be demolished and something else built. JO spoke about the fact that it is a commercial enterprise and that now the campground has things to sell. Things are changing and how people buy goods. Is also. Eg online shopping. CCA will try to find out intentions from Owners. Rob D put forward that this been done. Rosey E added to the conversation, that more parking could be needed, and owners may have mortgage constraints and that she felt it is a government level problem, in her opinion. The French have a policy that a bakery must be in every village or small country town. She feels we should look at it as a State Level issue and maybe consult them.</p>	KE	2			

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	<p>Ada talked about the Kin Kin experience and with their local business changing over the years and the owners have different views as to why they bought there. We don't want it to happen here, to be left with no shop.</p> <p>AnneMarie agreed with JO that it is a commercial operation.</p> <p>She added that she would like to see more bicycle and walking tracks for walkers, dog walkers and bicycle riders around Boreen Pt. She is worried that the older generation needs more bike paths as the roads are at times busy and drivers are driving very fast. <b>(See Attachment 1 for further details)</b></p> <p>It was decided to have a small working group that could put some maps and ideas together to present.</p> <p>Rob D added that this would be another thing for Frank W, our Mayor to be told about. Volunteers were asked for.</p> <p>Further discussion was held on this topic and of <b>shared road systems around Boreen Village.</b></p> <p>David Finch supported CCA getting into talking about that. We have a shared road system in Boreen Pt being a village. He had looked up the 20 year plan for bike paths. Most of our footpaths are not able to be used.</p> <p>JO mentioned that it is a shared village and the NSC Walking and Cycling Plan included the idea of a 'Cycle Street' but didn't go as far as implementing it anywhere, but maybe this is the kind of thing BP needs??. How can we get visitors to know that this is a slow speed area?</p> <p>Rob D mentioned Google maps sends people around town. He will look at our old records and see what has already been mentioned about the traffic calming.</p> <p>JO asked the group that do we need a group to do some ground work. (AnneMarie, Jan Green and Karen E and Matt Noffke to form part of this group) Matt Nofke asked if Lake Flat Rd is in that plan? Yes, the immediate part adjacent to the town. Not the Woongar to Habitat area or Kildey Rd though, but it could be added.</p>					
14.	Next Meeting will be on <b>9th November 2024</b>					

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	This meeting went a little Overtime. All were thanked for attendance.					
15.	Close 11.22 am					

**Attachment 1.**

The Secretary

Cootharaba Community Association

Anne Maree O'Brien

10 Woongar Street

Boreen Point 4565

17<sup>th</sup> August 2024

**Safety Concerns of Residents corner of Woongar Street & Lake Flat Road, Boreen Point**

Dear John,

Thank-you for your input and direction in discussion of this issue, I have also included Karen Eddy in this initial correspondence. I hope I can be part of the working group, but will be interstate from the 15<sup>th</sup> September to approximately the end of October and expect that this item (not sure of a suitable name) will be communicated to Noosa Councillors and the Mayor prior to the meeting of the association on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

I feel that this issue has become more urgent for these reasons and outlined other factors for your consideration, including that this may well need to be a staged solution:-

- Increased traffic especially of buses, caravans and other RV style rigs, as this is the access road to *Habitat* tourist facility at Elanda Point.
- The stretch of road indicated on the map particularly the corner of Woongar Street stretching up the hill on Lake Flat Road until it reaches Potoroo Court has nowhere safe for dog walkers, walkers & or non-lycra clad cyclists from town to safely retreat to from these frequently heavier and trailer swinging vehicles. It is an accident waiting to happen, particularly when there is traffic in both directions, as there is no footpath, it is effectively a sodden ditch especially after rain.
- Although a 60km sign is in place it is very rarely observed and maybe that may need to be lowered further &/or consideration be given to signage that indicates on both approaches that this stretch of roadway is part of a "precinct".

- The village of Boreen Point has an older population making their access to this loop around town more problematic, in-particular for anyone restricted by injury eg. Wheelchairs, motorized scooters etc.
- Red on the map indicates the area that is most dangerous in-particular the corner of Woongar where vehicles swing around the curve and visibility for the driver or pedestrian/cyclist is negligible.

