

Cootharaba Community Association Inc (CCA)

President's Report – 31 Jan 26 – Annual General Meeting May 2025 – Extended to end Jan 26

Welcome to the 23rd AGM of the Cootharaba Community Association Inc (CCA)

Background:

For the benefit of any newcomers present and a brief reminder to our members and others present from our community;

The CCA was formed at the encouragement of Noosa Shire Council back in 2002 (24 years ago this year) when the Council was seeking to stimulate discussion and involve its citizens in planning and decision-making processes.

The Inaugural Meeting confirmed that this new body should act as a conduit for community opinion rather than lead on issues decided by the committee.

Its aim “To represent the (Cootharaba) Community on issues that affect the Community”.

To achieve that, the newly formed CCA and its active members communicated with the Cootharaba Community, defined in its Constitution, via letterbox drops and questionnaires, collating the feedback and taking the results to Council, State or Federal Government as the circumstances required.

This means of communication was very demanding on the volunteers, cumbersome by today's standards. It was very rewarding on issues such as 1 Laguna St residential/commercial development proposal, Boreen Point Village Precinct concept, Public Amenities at the Boat Ramp and Day Picnic areas AND Titanium Enterprises' 'The Edge' Noosa Resort.

Those early communication methods referred above are a thing of the past and have been replaced by the internet, email communication and websites.

At the beginning of this, the 24th year of the CCA, it is appropriate to revisit the origin of the CCA, the input of members, the support and input of the Community and refresh the drivers behind the aim of the CCA.

In May 2021 there was a need to delay the AGM so we could canvass the community for new interest in representation on the CCA Management (MC). That met with success in Aug 2021 when new volunteers put up their hands, namely; John Olds, Tameson Godfrey, Rosey Edgar, Paula Viljoen, Tara Ferrier, Karen Eddy and Ada Medak.

And then more recently we have needed new resources to refresh the Management Committee and have been supported by Rain Ellis, Lester Kirkwood, Brenda Kirkwood and Jan Green and we thank them for seeing to joining the MC with the intent to be available for the new MC team effective from this AGM.

It is important that we recognize the contribution these people have made to ensure the CCA has continued to represent the community.

I request from our community and its member's, the ongoing support in recognizing the effort these people put into “our place in paradise” and to continue to support them with time, membership fees, ideas, occasional donations of professional skills or whatever else is needed in order to make a difference and “ease” the load for the Management Committee going forward.

On reflection this year I share my recollection of the changes in Boreen Point and our immediate Cootharaba Hinterland over the last 24 years where the CCA made itself available to “Represent the Community on Matters that Affect; the Community;

Going forward; the strength of the Community Association, the support of community members for and involvement with the Community Association and the Association's relationship with Council and Local State Members in particular will enable the community to minimize unwanted impacts affecting it.

Year 25; An opportunity moving forward!

Rob Dessaix. (Jan 2026)