

COOTHARABA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

General Meeting No.94 Minutes

This meeting was held after the Annual General Meeting where a new management committee were nominated and elected, in the Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club, 24 Boreen Parade, Boreen Point. The meeting began at 9.30 am, earlier than advised, due to the AGM finishing early. No objections from the floor to commence the meeting early.

Attendees: As per attached attendance sheet

Apologies: Rosie E, Ken Eddy A quorum of 9 was met.

2026 Management Committee from AGM, are as follows: Lester Kirkwood (President) Jan Green (Vice President) Rosalind Edgar (Treasurer) Paula Viljoen (Secretary and Website) Karen Eddy (Minutes Secretary/Committee Member) Rob Dessaix (Committee Member) Ada Medak, (Committee Member) Brenda Kirkwood (Committee Member)

President thanked committee for nominating and gave appreciation thanks to previous and current committee. Vice President thanked Rob Dessaix for his 20 years as President of CCA

Item	Details	Motions		
		Moved	Second	Carried
1.	Acknowledgement of Country - Completed in AGM earlier in day			
2.	Welcome given by new President LK Housekeeping (toilets, emergencies etc.) Completed in AGM earlier in day			
3.	<p>Meeting documents for members' perusal and comment prior to the meeting are posted on https://www.cootharabaca.org.au/minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • minutes of the General Meeting (GM) No 93 of 25 October 2025 were circulated via the website prior to this GM. Ada M mentioned there is an error - the secretary was John Olds not Trevor C. Move to accept as a true record with amendment on Secretary name. Accepted • Finance/Treasurer's Report accepted as it was presented at today's AGM. <p>Note: The Management Committee Report by President Rob Dessaix, was given from the floor, not as a document for perusal.</p>	AM	JG	Accepted

<p>KE</p>	<p>President LK informed members of important matters concerning the ongoing financial status of the organisation and low level of membership. He suggested these topics be discussed first, before moving to other points on agenda. No objection:</p> <p>1. Our funds are limited and from a community of 300, currently a very small membership base with 30 paid members which at current base level fee, doesn't cover our insurance costs for the year. Bearing in mind the economic constraints and many households have community members in other organisations, the President put forward a suggestion of a family membership of \$30 for couples be considered (given couples will be part of the membership it should increase the number of members).</p> <p>2. Current Cootharaba Community Assoc with 30 members, should seek to have a larger membership base to ensure broader communities' ideas and representation to council.</p> <p>Discussion Broad commentary on options for fees, but generally believed that an increase to \$30 for a family is not a good option, as currently couples on the list so lose some income. The Sailing Club and Social Club fees are \$20 each. Charlie C offered that the Friends of Kinaba can help with some funds in the short term. LK thanked him for his offer. KE- a representative from our committee inform social club meeting of what we are doing or have done with council and Gov representatives. Paula V-. Cross linking on website with all other groups is important. Lester K rounded this discussion up and summarized the outcomes: CCA can help keep local issues on track sending our community voice to Council and Govt and report back to the Community. Links with the social club and sailing club are currently good and further enhancement of those relationships can generate a stronger message from more people in the community.</p> <p>1. Retain membership fees at \$20 – All Agreed 2. Suggestion/ motion to drop \$5 fee for admin. All agreed</p>	<p>Lk Lk</p>	<p>JG/All JG/All</p>	<p>Accepted Accepted</p>
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	<p>3. Focus on a Membership drive to seek broad community views and enable the CCA to represent ideas and express the voice of the community. We will do a membership drive and reassess in a few months. All agreed.</p>	Lk	JG/All	Accepted
5.	<p>JG and RD met with Mayor Frank Wilkie and Shaun Walsh on 31st October 2025, last year. JG shared discussions and outcomes from that meeting.</p> <p>1. Talked about foreshore, tree danger with erosion problems. The council are looking at these issues. There is a wider plan being developed for permanent solutions and our concerns are recognised.</p> <p>From the floor- comment: A CCA foreshore management group exists in the community to ensure the key issues are addressed and need to be involved in the wider council plan when permanent solutions are proposed. Agreed.</p> <p>David Hanby added comments on foreshore that more sand was dropped but since then more floods and permission must be given to get sand and bring it back in. Sand going to channels can be brought back in. Currents move it around and sometimes only a little further out. Long term the council are looking at a plan for a long term foreshore plan and solutions. Funding was applied for but did not get it. Budget allocation is needed by Council.</p> <p>2. Popularity of B Pt has meant more traffic to the Pub and Lake edge. Traffic management is now a major issue. Speed of vehicles in the community and particularly on Laguna St is a concern. Signs are misleading. 20/40/50 spread through the community area. 20 Km speed limit largely ignored or signs are not</p>			

	<p>seen- need for more signs and better visuals of those. Caravan turning point is used for parking. An arborist is needed to look at trees around signs. All these issues are affecting community safety.</p> <p>3. There is a consideration for Boreen Pt to have a Place Making Plan and we are still waiting on Council to get back to us. Council would like to see a model like the Pomona township Planning Team.</p> <p>LK proposed that JG and he meet with council as to where we sit in having these items progressed.. Agreed.</p>	Lk	JG	Accepted
6.	Outstanding matters / actions outstanding			
	<p>Dog off leash areas</p> <p>Mick Caplin asked what communication had occurred with the council on the Dog Area issue. JG spoke that there is a larger Council plan for whole of shire being worked on – and that it has to go through legislation(Local Laws) as regulations have to be followed. So we have to wait.</p> <p>Question- Was the letter sent to Council? It was confirmed after some discussion that it had not been sent and that it needed to be circulated first and see if further comment was coming in. Has any other feedback come in yet? None known.</p> <p>There is a motion for this meeting to send the letter. Discussion around should we hold off or should we do further discussion? Some members commented that it is hard to keep everybody happy about the areas and use of community areas. Dog Committee group finished work on it last July and seeking an outcome.</p> <p>Given the letter had not been circulated, Mick Cap read out the letter outlining suggestions for changes to current dog regulations.</p> <p>BK - are there night time rules for off leash? Duns Beach was briefly discussed</p> <p>AM - mentions Duns Beach is a Nature reserve. She spoke on this topic and how often it was used. Caravan Park now allow dogs in the Camping Ground and surrounds.</p>			

<p>The outcome of the discussion was agreed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Circulate the letter through the community association data base- short term feedback timeframe applied. 2 get final feedback in time for next Management Committee Meeting- committee to finalise letter(sign off) 3 send feedback/final letter to original sub group 4 . Management team send letter to Council with Pres to sign. 5. RD suggested we send this final letter to Social Club as well. <p>Footpaths on streets - specific areas in the community need more paths for safety eg Louise Bazzo Drive to Laguna Street corner providing access to the community park from Laguna Street. There is already a background push for these with Council. David H - all should be covered under a plan and we should keep the pressure on.</p> <p>Outcome- Lk and JG will discuss with Council in next catch up</p> <p>Black spot- telecommunications.</p> <p>Karen E - Blackspot of Mobile coverage . Sandy Bolton MP Office said to contact Federal Level member as this is not a State level concern. She is interested in how this goes though as she does meet with Local Disaster Management groups and they need better mobile coverage. Federal WideBay rep can escalate it to the minister, if enough voices let him know the problem. Llew O’Brien MP for Wide Bay. His office said individual customers should let him know, and then your telecommunications provider needs to know and keep telling them when you have an issue. That way, there are clear numbers of those affected and when funding does become available, those areas in greater need will get priority. Individuals must let your Federal member know. Telstra was contacted by the Fed Member about the “completed” status of the coverage and they stated it was because the tower had been completed.</p> <p>Ashley W - suggest that our CCA send a letter with clear instructions as to what to do concerning the Blackspot mobile coverage. JG agreed we can do that.</p> <p>David H - funding is always a problem. The website for Telstra says it is completed but we know it isn’t. Maybe a survey is needed to get ideas as to how many people have a problem. Ashley W added that it would help to do this and get numbers.</p>	<p>Lk</p> <p>Lk LK LK RD</p> <p>Lk</p> <p>AW KE</p>	<p>JG</p> <p>JG JG JG LK</p> <p>JG</p> <p>JG LK</p>	<p>Accepted</p> <p>Accepted Accepted Accepted Accepted</p> <p>Accepted</p> <p>Accepted</p> <p>Accepted</p>
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	<p>LK felt that this is a good idea for a community to do. Charlie commented on the free phone box is located at bottom at the steps. BK said about a message for people to know where you can get a signal.</p> <p>Caravan grey water discharge- With council for Env Health and Local Laws teams to implement compliance and education of visitors. Not discussed.</p> <p>Signage for caravans turning – previously raised with Council as part of the Traffic Water level monitoring Station – Boreen Point – Confirmation it is now fixed? Reference to previous minutes “ to be fixed by end of Oct”. Not discussed.</p>			
7.	<p>Other Business.</p> <p>John Hughes from Cooroibah - Status of mooring in the lake? Boat owners of moored boats will get notices if not on approved mooring. It is now the whole river system. This is being monitored by our group. Warren K suggested to go to MSQ website and look at rules and regulations AM summarized MQS new regulations will now be uniformly applied from 1st January.</p> <p>Acknowledged the concerns the community have been raised with Council, Sandy B and MSQ. LK says all must watch and wait for it to be implemented. Feedback needed as issues arise as the plan is implemented. No Action outcomes.</p>			
	<p>Warren K - Disaster Management Group Not much to report other than everyone needs to be prepared for what may happen or could happen. We are in fire season and floods occur. 31st November 2025 we had a significant storm and trees fell and power outages etc. Talk to your neighbours. Know who lives near you and that Emergency Services are here to assist. However these services may not come straight away.</p> <p>We are a small community - how do we be more resilient and how do we look after damage around us? Get prepared! Nobody may come immediately an issue occurs, so do these 3 things:</p>			

	<p>1. food how much food and how long will it last? 2. water tanks and pumps can lose power – how do we get it? What storage? 3. power - can you do without it? Do you have batteries for radios or torches?</p> <p>Disaster management sub group - focus to get the DRAFT plan formalised and should be done within 6 months.</p> <p>Authorities are increasing the penalties for people driving through floodwater and mindful there may be a higher penalty soon. Driver disqualification may happen along with increased fines for driving through flooded crossings.</p> <p>Spotlight is on SES shed and RFS rural fire. Council is to look at this and an announcement will come about a facility in our community for combined SES and RFS use and refuge area for those displaced. SES and RFS were separated, but council are hoping to pull them back together. Topic is still in planning and progressing over the next 6 months. Local consultation will take place.</p> <p>No Action/Outcomes.</p>			
8.	<p>LK in summary suggested we continue to focus in the short term on these topics to ensure maximum outcome:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Traffic Management /Speed into and around town, including speed sign assessment and footpath in specific areas due to safety concerns ie entry into town Louise Bazzo drive(south/Eastern side) 2. Foreshore management and protection, including taps/water supply pipes for lakeside area 3. Discuss further a plan for the community “Place making” - like Pomona has completed. 4. Membership drive – going forward 5. Blackspot –Facilitate communications through to Telecommunications for improvements for area. <p>All Agreed- no contrary view expressed from the floor.</p> <p>LK flagged that he and BK will be away for part of the year. JG is willing to step in as the acting President, with the help of the rest of the committee.</p>			

8.	Charlie C - suggestion to do a sausage sizzle at finish of a General Meeting to get members involved and interact with the community. No new business arising	LK	CC	Accepted
Close of Business				
9.	Morning Tea (tea, coffee, biscuits and snacks) Next meeting to be held at the end of March or within 3 months- TBA. Close 10.50 followed by Morning Tea			

Date:

SIGNED as a true record

Lester Kirkwood / CCA President

Paula V / Secretary

Cootharaba Community Association Inc.

MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD

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Date: SAT 31/01/26

PRINT NAME	Fin\$ Member	SIGNATURE	APOLOGIES
1. JOY FROEBEL	✓	- APOLOGY	✓
2. MICK PETERS	✓	- APOLOGY	✓
3. DAVID WEIR	✓		
4. LESTER KIRKWOOD	✓		
5. BRENDA KIRKWOOD	✓		
6. JAN GREEN	✓		
7. DAVID WEIR BOB DESSAIX	✓		
8. ROSALYN EDGAR	✓		✓
9. Megan Meulman			
10. Joel Meulman			
11. SUZANNE ENTINE			
12. Mick Capelin	✓		
13. Ashley Wood	✓		
14. ROBIN ELLIS	✓		
15. MATTHEW NORTH	✓		
Ade Medrek	✓		
16. Warren Kuskoff	✓		
18. WENDY STRAKER	✓		
19. DOUG II	✓		
20. Michele Walliker			
21. Charlie	✓		
22. David Wood	✓		
23. KEN EDDY	✓		
24. Julie Tomley			
25. Allan Tomley	✓		
26. PAULA VILSOEN	✓		
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