



THE MYALL KOALA & ENVIRONMENT GROUP INC.

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting held on 16th August 2022

The meeting, chaired by President Richard Streamer, was held in the Silver Dolphin Room at the Tea Gardens Hotel. There were 13 members present. The meeting commenced at 7:35pm.

PRESENT. Richard and Kit Streamer, Ian Morphett, Trish Blair, Marilyn & Dudley Mercer, Judy & Rob Hughes. Adrienne Ingram, Christian Patteson, Lynn & Chris Stevenson, Lyn Mealey.

APOLOGIES. Gail Morphett, Jane & Laurie Collison, Debbie & Colin Wood, Leigh Allen, Jill & Peter Madden, Colin & Di Ayers, Raphael Ziv, Ann Woods.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

Minutes of the May quarterly meeting had been distributed to all members following that meeting and redistributed before this meeting.

MOVED Trish Blair

SECONDED Rob Hughes that the minutes be taken as read.

CARRIED.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

- None.

CORRESPONDENCE. (Incoming and outgoing.)

- Ian Morphett read the list of correspondence
- It was pointed out that the email about Penney Wood (University of NSW PHD candidate) wanting to do interviews with locals about dingo interactions wasn't listed. Richard and other members have done phone interviews with her.



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Myall Koala and Environment Group Inc. CORRESPONDENCE for MEETING 16 August 2022

| Date | In/Out | Addressee | Description |
|---------------------|--------|---|--|
| 28-Mar-22 | Out | NSW Revenue | Review of Duties Exemption |
| 19-May-22 | Out | Nuttlex Customer Care | Thank you for donating 50 koala toast stamps |
| 22-Jun-22 | Out | Sheargold | Submission opposing Parry's Cove Marina proposal. |
| 27-Jun-22 | Out | GM, Midcoast Council | Submission to Council objecting to Marine Drive Development Application. |
| 21-Jul-22 | In | NSW Dept of Planning and Environment | Advising of application to extend the Karuah Quarry. |
| 27-Jul-22 | Out | MKEG members | Advising members of the donation we received from Regional Australia Bank and suggesting how they can participate. |
| 30-Jul-22 | In | Port Stephens Koala Hospital | Thanking us for accepting invitation to the Koala Hospital opening and advising how the program will work. |
| 01-Aug-22 | In | Vivien Beilby, Pindimar/Bundabah Community Assoc. | Invitation to have a stall at their Market Day on Saturday 29th October 2022. Accepted. |
| 03-Aug-22 | In | Port Stephens EcoNetwork | Advising of the line-up of guest speakers at the Sustainable Futures Festival on Sunday 11 September 2022. |
| 05-Aug-22 | In | Tea Gardens Branch, Australian Red Cross | Invitation to attend their "Women in Service" lunch on 8th September 2022. Accepted - 2 of our lady members. |
| PUBLICATIONS | | | |
| Winter Vol 3/2022 | | Australian Wildlife Society | Australian Wildlife Magazine |

MOVED Kit Streamer

SECONDED Judy Hughes that the correspondence be accepted.

CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

There are two financial reports tabled tonight – one for the first quarter of our financial year from April to June, and one to bring us up to date from July to mid August.

Operating account

Opening balance on 1 April 22

\$7710.57

Current balance 15 August 22

\$16739.22

Investment account

Closing balance

\$17191.40



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TOTAL ASSETS

\$33390.62

This \$9k increase in our credit has come from member donations, Regional Aust Bank community partnership annual payment, Easter stall and raffle sales. The most significant figure was a single member donation of \$5k at the end of June.

The only major expenses have fallen in the current quarter. They are mostly made up of two items – a second donation of \$500 to PSKH approved at the last meeting, and a payment of \$363 to Glen Henry for creating a new A Frame for the group and updating the existing one for Bitou Busters bush regeneration working group.

Last year our major projects of a new website and tree guards and plaques for the NH Nature walk cost in excess of \$7000.

We now have the happy task of deciding what major projects and meaningful causes we support for the rest of the year.

Trish Blair
Treasurer

MOVED Ian Morphet
SECONDED Adrienne Ingram that the Treasurer's report be accepted.
CARRIED.



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| FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MYALL KOALA AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP | | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|--|----------|------------------|
| 1st April 2022 to 30th June 2022 | | | | |
| A - RAB Operating Account opening balance 1/4/2022 | | | | 7,710.57 |
| Income | Membership | | 20.00 | |
| | Donations | | 5,440.70 | |
| | Phone Reimbursement MCC | | 0.00 | |
| | Interest | | 0.00 | |
| | Insurance | | 0.00 | |
| | Raffle | | 890.00 | |
| | Merch sales = Easter Stall | | 762.10 | |
| | Cake Sales | | 0.00 | |
| | BB social | | 130.00 | |
| Total Income from Operations | | | | 7,242.80 |
| Expenses | Bank Fees = Square trans charges | | -4.22 | |
| | Phone | | 0.00 | |
| | Insurance | | 0.00 | |
| | Dept Fair Trading | | 0.00 | |
| | Affiliations and Subscriptions | | 0.00 | |
| | XMAS Party Food | | 0.00 | |
| | Tubestock | | 0.00 | |
| | Trees for MRF | | 0.00 | |
| | PO Box | | 0.00 | |
| | Koala Survey | | 0.00 | |
| | Raffle Expenses | | -96.15 | |
| | Promotion Giveaways | | 0.00 | |
| | bb social | | -273.95 | |
| Total Expenses from Operations | | | | -374.32 |
| Total Profit/Loss From Operations | | | | 6,868.48 |
| RAB Operating Account closing balance 30/06/22 | | | | 14,579.05 |
| C - BANKWEST Investment Account opening balance 1/4/2022 | | | | 17,189.23 |
| Income | Interest | | 2.17 | |
| Total BANKWEST Profit/Loss | | | | 2.17 |
| BANKWEST Investment Account closing balance 30/06/2022 | | | | 17,191.40 |
| TOTAL ASSETS AS AT 30/06/2022 | | | | 31,770.45 |



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| FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MYALL KOALA AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|----------|------------------|
| 1st July 2022 to 15th August 2022 | | | | |
| A - RAB Operating Account opening balance 1/7/2022 | | | | 14,579.05 |
| Income | Membership | | 720.00 | |
| | Donations | | 1,500.00 | |
| | Phone Reimbursement MCC | | 0.00 | |
| | Interest | | 0.00 | |
| | Insurance (see note below) | | 0.00 | |
| | Raffle | | 0.00 | |
| | Merchandise sales | | 0.00 | |
| | Cake Sales | | 0.00 | |
| | RAB Community Program Ann payment | | 926.26 | |
| Total Income from Operations | | | | 3,146.26 |
| Expenses | Bank Fees | | 0.00 | |
| | PSKH | | -500.00 | |
| | Insurance | | 0.00 | |
| | Dept Fair Trading | | 0.00 | |
| | PS Econetv | | -25.00 | |
| | Tubestock | | 0.00 | |
| | Trees for MRF | | 0.00 | |
| | PO Box | | 0.00 | |
| | Koala Survey | | 0.00 | |
| | Raffle Expenses | | 0.00 | |
| | TGPS Environmental award | | -50.00 | |
| | G Henry A Frame & signage +BB | | -411.09 | |
| Total Expenses from Operations | | | | -986.09 |
| Total Profit/Loss From Operations | | | | 2,160.17 |
| RAB Operating Account closing balance 15/8/2022 | | | | 16,739.22 |
| B - BANKWEST Investment Account opening balance 1/7/2022 | | | | |
| | | | | 17,191.40 |
| Income | Interest | | | |
| Total BANKWEST Profit/Loss | | | | |
| BANKWEST Investment Account closing balance 15/8/2022 | | | | 17,191.40 |
| TOTAL ASSETS AS AT 15/08/ 2022 | | | | 33,930.63 |



PORT STEPHENS KOALA HOSPITAL (PSKH) OPENING

- Trish & Gorden Blair and Gail & Ian Morphett attended the official opening of the hospital at One Mile on the south side of Port Stephens last Thursday 11th August. The hospital has actually been operating for two years but the official opening was delayed by Covid.
- The hospital was opened by Federal Environment Minister Tanya Plibersek. Local Federal Member Meryl Swanson and local State Member Kate Washington were also official guests.
- It was announced that Peter Cockbain has donated \$1M to the hospital from the Cockbain Family Trust. Ms Plibersek confirmed that the Federal Government has granted \$3M to the hospital.
- Prior to the opening, Ron Land (PKH President) had advised Ian Morphett that Dr Ryan Witt from Newcastle Uni had recently carried out koala drone surveys on the Myall Coast. Ron said he would introduce Ian to Ryan at the opening. Ian and Ryan met at the opening and exchanged contact details. Ryan advised that he had been commissioned by MidCoast Council to carry out koala and dingo surveys in the Myall Lakes National Park and at the last minute was asked to survey the Jean Shaw Koala Reserve. Ryan found scattered koalas between Brambles Green and Johnsons Hill in the Park. The greatest concentration of koalas was near Seal Rocks. Unsurprisingly, none were found in the Jean Shaw Koala Reserve. Ian asked Ryan if he is prepared to give a talk (with videos) at a public meeting in Hawks Nest/Tea Gardens to which he agreed.

PORT STEPHENS SUSTAINABLE FUTURES FESTIVAL

- Port Stephens EcoNetwork is holding this Festival at St Philip's Christian College at Salamander Bay on 11 September. www.econetworkps.org/sustainable-futures
- Our committee members have supported the event by (personally) purchasing raffle tickets to help finance the event.
- We have decided not to have a stall at the event because we can't see any particular benefit to us and the participation requirements are a bit honourous.
- The secretary is to send an email to members providing details about the event for those who may wish to attend.

PINDIMAR/BUNDABAH COMMUNITY ASSOC MARKET DAY

- We were invited by the Association to have a stall at the Market Day on October 29 October.
- Because the Myall River Festival is not on this year, we decided to have a stall (no fee).
- At the event we will give away koala food trees, natives and communicate with the community.
- Trish Blair advised that trees and some natives have been organised with MidCoast Council's plant nursery.
- Adrienne Ingram advised that Market Day is a bit "down market" with beer tasting and thong throwing and won't have as much passing traffic as the River Festival.
- Richard Streamer suggested that, if we have trees and plants left over, we could have a stall at the Providores Market in the Industrial Estate or perhaps Woodward's Nursery.

RED CROSS LADIES LUNCH

- We have been invited to send representatives to this luncheon celebrating "Women in Service" at Palm Lake Resort on Thursday 8th September. One representative is to give a short talk describing what our group does.



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- Adrienne Ingram and Kit Streamer will attend for us and Adrienne will give the talk.
- The Secretary is to advise the Red Cross that we will have two attendees.

MOVED Ian Morphet

SECONDED Trish Blair that the Group is to deposit the cost of the two lunches (\$76) into the Red Cross's bank account

NEW GROUP A-FRAME

- For some time the Committee has been debating the design of an A-frame for us to use at events in which we are participating. Adrienne and Glen Henry (the sign creator) have been very patient with us and the many revisions. Finally, a design was agreed.
- Adrienne had the new A-frame at the meeting and everyone agreed it is excellent!

DOLPHIN STATUE UPDATE

- A wire-frame statue of a dolphin about 5-feet tall was donated to us by a Melbourne artist. It was transported to us by Neil Smith who "happened" to be returning to Hawks Nest from Melbourne.
- We intend to fill the statue with plastic and other waste items and have a sign that warns of the consequences of waste entering the waterways.
- Richard Streamer has been negotiating with Council to erect the sign in the park adjacent to the Surf Club. Council requires us to mount it 2m above ground to avoid vandalism and seek support from the Surf Club, Progress Assoc and Lions Club.
- Rob Hughes has agreed to investigate a suitable pole to erect the statue on as well as mesh to line it with.
- Artwork for a number of potential signs was circulated. Jane Collison and Deb will work on sign design.
- Richard will approach those community groups and continue to negotiate with Council.



RECENT SUBMISSIONS

- A DA has just been lodged with Council for a 342 site Caravan Park on the eastern side of Mungo Brush Road (the THIRD one on Mungo Brush Road). Council is currently working on a new Rural Strategy for inclusion in a new LGA-wide Local Environment Plan (LEP) for MidCoast. This strategy will not permit caravan parks on rural land but the current Great Lakes LEP in effect allows caravan parks. The proponent presumably is trying to get approval before the new LEP. Ian Morphet has spoken to manager of planning at MCC and he is not in favour of the DA but can't prevent a developer submitting a DA. There are many flaws in the DA so hopefully the assessment can be delayed until the new DA comes into force.
- Sheargold held public information sessions in June about their proposed Parry's Cove Marina fronting the Myall River. A number of our members attended sessions. Sheargold were seeing community feedback on their proposal. Until a DA is lodged, we didn't want to get too detailed in our feedback but we did communicate our concerns about a marina at such a narrow part of the river.
- In late June we submitted a 5-page submission objecting to the four storey development adjacent to the pub on Marine Drive/Myall Street. Secretary is to offer to the members to send them the full submission if they would like a copy.



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FUTURE PROJECTS DISCUSSION

- Richard Streamer advised that we have received a \$5,000 donation from Rosemary Lucas. He said we should try to come up with a specific project to allocate the funds to, similar to the John Davis Memorial Walk in Sanderling Avenue.
- One suggestion was for signage to identify where Bitou Busters bush regeneration work is carried out.
- Another was to have koala drone surveys of the Myall Coast region done.
- It was decided that we really need to do more in-depth thinking on the topic and to seek ideas from all our members.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- None

Meeting concluded at 9:40pm.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th November 2022 at 7.30pm in the Silver Dolphin Room in the Tea Gardens Hotel.

Richard Streamer
President
Date: 16th August 2022

Ian Morphet
Secretary
Date: 16th August 2022