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COASTWATCH

Minutes

Inaugural Meeting

Batemans Bay Primary School

1 October 1983

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The meeting was chaired by Noel Preece. It commenced at 4.00 pm and concluded at 7.00 pm.

The meeting was addressed by Mr Preece (document attached), by Ms Penny van Oosterzee (document attached) and by Dr Richard Mason, NSW President of the National Parks Association. Dr Mason spoke on the role of community groups in conservation.

There was considerable discussion after Dr. Mason's address. Speakers from the floor included Ken Taylor, Gerald Honey, Judith Wright, Bob Brissenden and John Hatton. A number of different views were expressed but there was general agreement that a group along the lines put forward by Ms van Oosterzee and tentatively titled Coastwatch should be formed. *Was a formal motion*

It was moved by Bob Brissenden, seconded by Neville Gough, that Noel Preece act as Chairman for the election of officers.

After discussion it was agreed that it would be more appropriate at this stage to elect an interim committee rather than an executive. It was moved by Bob Brissenden, seconded Jack Horn, that an interim committee of eight members be elected to draft a constitution and call a further meeting.

It was moved by Penny van Oosterzee, seconded Rosemary Brissenden, that if possible at least one Aborigine be included on the committee.

The following people were elected to the interim committee: Jeff Aschman, Rosemary Brissenden, Sue Curran, Rita Davis, Harry Higgs, Neville Gough, John Rowland and Ken Taylor.

It was moved by Bob Brissenden, seconded Andrew Brook, that the provisional membership fee be \$5.00 for ordinary members, \$2.00 for pensioners, students and unemployed.

*\** It was moved by Rosemary Brissenden, seconded Harry Higgs, that the interim committee be instructed to convey to the administrator the strong feelings of the meeting against the proposed Broulee-aerodrome road. (There was one dissenting vote).

It was moved by Ron Day, seconded by Mr Pickering, that the committee attempt to put up at least one candidate for the forthcoming Eurobodalla Shire elections. (There were three dissenting votes).

After the close of business the meeting was addressed by Mr Stephen Jolly of the Wollongong CES Office. He pointed out that a number of conservation activities should be able to gain assistance from the Community Employment Programme as they would involve the use of unskilled labour.

The Meeting closed at 7.00 pm.

Need machinery,  
2 p.m.  
Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> March