

The Coastwatchers Association Inc

Annual General Meeting 2021

Friday October 8th 2021, 5pm
Zoom meeting, hosted 3 Burrabri Lane, South Durras NSW

MINUTES

Welcome and introductions

From 5:00pm Gillianne Tedder hosted the initial welcoming and introductions of participants. Gillianne paid respect to the Traditional Owners of the land we live on, The Yuin Nation, paying respect to Elders past and present.

(Nick Hopkins interjected before the official start of AGM with a grateful acknowledgement of retiring Secretary Joslyn van der Moolen: “a tireless force of/and for nature, committed, phenomenal”. Thank you Joslyn.)

1. Open Meeting

Mark Rote (president) opened the Annual General Meeting at 5:15pm.

2. Attendance

Mark Rote (president), Joslyn van der Moolen (secretary), Derek Anderson (committee ordinary member), Nick Hopkins, Gillianne Tedder (vice president), Keith Joliffe (Eurobodalla Koala Project), Niall O'Donnell (committee ordinary member), Marjorie Apthorpe, Barry Hart, Bill Barker, Lois Padgham, Louise McFadden, Karen Hodges, Brett Stevenson, Deb Stevenson, Stewart Needham (CW representative on Dargues Gold Mine community consultative committee), Mike Thompson. Katherine Maxwell joined the meeting after the official business, during the presentations.

3. Apologies

Reina Hill, Julie Taylor-Mills.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of 2020 AGM

It was moved by Mark, seconded by Derek, that the minutes, as circulated, of the 2020 AGM held on 24 October 2020 be confirmed. PASSED.

5. President's Report

The President's report had been circulated before the meeting. Mark gave a verbal presentation, highlighting the following:

- Reina Hill's contribution to Coastwatchers gratefully acknowledged after 19 years serving the South Coast community on the Coastwatchers committee. “Many thanks”.
- John Hicks retired as Chair of the Coastwatchers Environment Fund committee. Thank you John for your “excellent work”.
- Bill Barker retired from the Coastwatchers Environment Fund committee - “many thanks for your thoughtful and helpful contributions”.
- A big “thank you” to Keith Joliffe for coordinating the Eurobodalla Koala Project. (Keith stated we “need to continue to improve the landscape and connectivity” for koalas.)
- In related news, Coastwatchers is currently working on a partnership with Great Eastern Ranges Ltd to implement the South Coast Project of the Great Eastern Ranges initiative, a WWF funded partnership.

6. 2020-21 Audited Financial Report

Coastwatchers finances continue to be stable and sound. Membership is climbing and trending upwards.

The Audited Financial Report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Mark moved, and Niall seconded, that the Coastwatchers Association and Environment Fund Audited Financial Report 2020-21 be accepted. PASSED.

7. Election of 2021-22 committee members

Mark declared all positions on the Coastwatchers committee vacant, and vacated the chair to Barry Hart to act as returning officer for the election of office bearers and committee members for 2021-22.

Election results:

Some nominations had been received by the secretary prior to the meeting in accordance with the Coastwatchers Constitution; other nominations were received from the floor. As there was not more than one nomination for any position, all nominees were declared elected.

- President: Mark Rote. (prior nomination by Cesar Galindo Matesanz and Joslyn)
- Vice President: Gillianne Tedder. (nominated from the floor by Gillianne and Niall)
- Secretary: Niall O'Donnell. (nominated from the floor by Mark and Gillianne)
- Treasurer: Mark Rote. (prior nomination by Joslyn and Cesar)
- 4 Ordinary Members:
 - Julie Taylor-Mills (prior nomination by Gillianne Tedder and Cesar)
 - Mike Thomson (prior nomination by Mike Thompson and Cesar)
 - Joslyn van der Moolen (prior nomination by Mark Rote and Dana Rote)
 - Lurline Dillon-Smith (nominated from the floor by Mark and Derek - Lurline's acceptance of nomination to be confirmed post meeting)

8. Forest Working Group Report

As well as circulating the Forest Working Group report prior to the meeting, Joslyn gave a powerpoint presentation to the meeting.

- touched on affiliation with zeroSE, an alliance group committed to representing the voices of a collaborative of environmental groups on the South Coast.
- Nick and Joslyn briefed the meeting on Citizen Science technology in monitoring the Mogo Forest (compartment 146) (Breachwatch website launching soon through NCC)

9. GER Presentation

Keith informed the meeting of Coastwatchers partnering with GER project (Great Eastern Ranges - associated with WWF) and the financial support available for bolstering the koala recovery and corridors work (the totem animal for the South Coast, a spotted-tail quoll). Hoping to carry out studies in East Lynne and Bodalla State Forests following recent reports of koala sightings). Mike Thompson is part of the GER / Kosciusko to Coast group. Regional planning strategy underway.

10. Close meeting

Mark closed the meeting at 6:15pm and an unofficial discussion followed.