

Dear CALSCA Members

Thank you for your support for the *Coningham & Lower Snug Community Association* (CALSCA) during 2023, either directly through participation in activities (e.g. working bees, community advocacy, book club) or your financial support by way of renewing your membership or becoming a new member.

This year our membership is at present 24 households (40 people). This is consistent with the last few years. Our current financial balance is \$2,017.61.

Your support enabled us to undertake activities and advocacy on behalf of both members and our community during 2023. Highlights include:

Kingborough Council is the focus of CALSCA's advocacy role on behalf of the Coningham and Lower Snug community. CALSCA is a member of the Kingborough Community Forum (KCF) which provides a means of raising issues of concern to our community. Councillors David Bain, Clare Glade-Wright, Amanda Midgley and Gideon Cordover have visited for on-site meetings this year and Amanda has asked questions in Council on our behalf. Council staff have regularly responded promptly to our inquiries and requests and Anthony Verdouw, Su Spratt, Khum Sharma, Renae Raichart, Scott Corbett, Scott Rollins and Renae Clark have made several on-site visits.

Improved safety for non-car active transport - We aware that the community is very keen to improve the safety of non-car movement within the greater Snug area, that is, our community plus Snug and Electrona. The following 4 projects are a part of CALSCA's response to that desire.

Snug to Lower Snug shared pathway – CALSCA continued to seek improved 'active' transport (walking, cycling etc.) in both directions between our community and Snug. This advocacy was rewarded last year by Council funding a \$40,000 feasibility study for an extension of the Margate to Snug shared pathway onward through Snug to Lower Snug. Council staff are now working on solving problems with the land ownership along the pathway. We are slowly making real progress towards a safer pedestrian and cyclist-friendly track and bridge between us and Snug! A recent petition triggered a *unanimous* Council support for prioritising the shared path on the eastern side of the highway versus the western side.

Greater Snug Safe Paths – With CALSCA's strong support, we initiated a spin-off project team called *Greater Snug Safe Paths* (see <https://thegreatersnugsafepathsproject.com/>) started up only a year ago and has been fighting the good fight for safer connections throughout Lower Snug and Coningham and on up into Snug, especially including the links to the school and the shops. Their 'mature and positive advocacy' has been praised by many in the Council and there are some major advances in the pipeline. Right now, there are three capital bids raised in the Council's budgeting process and the councillors will be deciding whether they are approved over the coming weeks. This is a great time to get in touch with your councillors and urge them to support these projects. They are:

1. building a gravel shared path from Old Station Road to Davies Road (on the side of the highway)
2. building a footpath along the first section of Davies Road when upgrading the storm water
3. building of the pavement from Sunsail Court to the School (in front of the pub)

The project team managed to get up a Channel 7 News TV article; also multiple newspaper articles and a very successful petition to Council that an outstanding 14% of the entire Greater Snug population signed!

Road safety – CALSCA continues to advocate for reduced speed limits along the Channel Highway through Lower Snug. All the other community associations in the Channel are also advocating for consistent, safer speed limits in built up areas. Some changes have already been achieved along the Channel Highway. We managed to stir State Growth into action and some plans have been drawn up for a *pedestrian refuge* on the Snug side of Old Station Road intersection with the Channel Highway plus a reduction of the speed limit to 70 kmh. This plan looks like it has a fair way to go before it is realised but we can but keep pushing.

Road repairs and resealing – CALSCA has continued to draw Council's attention to issues with our community roads (e.g. rough edges, potholes).

Signage – CALSCA developed a *Signage Plan* and put it to Council staff and they responded with on-site visits and then installation of signs. They include the new *Coningham Beach* signs and *No Vehicular Access*

signs. There are more signs we hope to get placed, primarily how to assist people to find and use the 'hidden' public tracks and trails.

Parks and Wildlife Service – The *Coningham Reserve Management Plan 2009* should have been reviewed way back in 2019. CALSCA is keen to push for that review to happen; perhaps you are keen to help that happen?

Fire preparedness – as you will know, we live in a very fire prone area and preparedness is key to resilience. Many people are not sure of either how to prepare or when to leave so CALSCA has built on its previous fire awareness efforts with a public meeting that offered the chance to come and complete your own Fire Plan with the help of the local TFS brigade members and experienced community members. It was a very positive, friendly meeting and over 30 people attended and did their plans.

Dog management – CALSCA's considered input to the update of the *Dog Control Policy* the Council manages under the *Tasmanian Dog Control Act 2000* was commended by council staff. The policy is now implemented. Note that the southern end of Snug Beach is now a dog beach.

Defibrillator – A defibrillator is located and available for all to use at Adam Fisher's property [151 Coningham Road]. The Gate Code is **0418**. The Defibrillator Box Code is **C0418**. Others are located at Snug Primary School, Snug Village, Snug Fire Brigade and at 14 Mardon Lane.

Community activities

CALSCA continues to hold and encourage events that bring together and benefit our community. CALSCA seeks to encourage social activities (working bees, Twin Loops fun time trial, book group, street picnics, etc) to provide a forum for social interaction in our small community. Activities in 2023 included:

- **Working Bees** to undertake plantings and clean-up activities were held at Little Coningham Beach using a grant from Landcare Tasmania, which CALSCA matched, and at Coningham Beach with the assistance of Council. Weeding work in the reserve was also conducted by CALSCA members.
- **Book Group** continues to be well attended. It is fun and stimulating and is open to all keen readers.
- **Street picnics** are a great way to get to know your near neighbours better and are very simple to organise and run. I invite you to run one in your street. A simple invite letterboxed locally plus some shade, chairs, table and, if possible, a BBQ and you're away!
- **Community Notice Board**. Remember you can post your notices on the board at 166 Coningham Road – it's not locked.

Committee 2023 – **President** Richard Mount, **Vice-President & Treasurer** Kate Lucas, **Secretary** Robyn Oxford and **General Members** - Mike Jackson, John Kelleher, Martine Martin, Deb Lie, Jacqui Holland, Georgie Butorac, Tim Walsh. **Thank you to all Committee Members for your active participation during 2023.**

Membership renewal

I hope the above encourages you to continue your support for CALSCA by way of renewing your annual membership, which is **due from 1 January 2024**, and by volunteering to help with advocacy and activities. Your membership needs to be renewed by or on **Saturday 24 February 2024** (i.e. prior to the start of the 2024 AGM) to enable you to be eligible to vote. It also enables you to nominate yourself or others for the 2024 Committee, including all executive positions (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer). **A membership renewal form is available on the CALSCA website.**

CALSCA 2024 AGM

The AGM will be held from 10:30am on 24 February 2024, Snug School Hall. **I look forward to your attendance. Please also consider nominating to be on the CALSCA 2023 Committee – it's a friendly group and you can learn a lot by being a part of it! We are stronger together!**

Yours, Richard

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