

**MINUTES of the meeting of Victor Harbor Coastcare held in the
Old School Building on Wednesday 17th February 2021 at 7.00 pm**

- 1) **Present** Richard House (Chairman), Nigel Ibbotson, Derek Conroy, Harry Rake, Jim Tulloch, Sofi Ospina, Richard Edwards, Derek Sim, David Thorn, Loreto Cameron, Janet Pettman, Murray Pettman, Rosene Edwards, Eric Everitt, Jen Jeffery, Bob Jeffery, Trevor Brand, Anita Leak, Andrew Leak
- 2) **Welcome** Richard House welcomed potential new members, Jim Tulloch, Sofi Ospina and Loreto Cameron.
- 3) **Apologies** Jeff McEvoy, Di Sinclair-Warren, John Ray, Bill Eden, Barb Francis, Sam Blight.
- 4) **Minutes of the previous meeting** 18th November 2020
Motion The minutes of the meeting held 18th November 2020 are approved as an accurate record.
Proposed Nigel Ibbotson
Seconded Rosene Edwards
Motion Passed
- 5) **Business arising from the minutes** (not covered by other items on the agenda).
 - a) Circulation of award book Wildlife of Greater Adelaide.
The book is available for loan from Richard House.
 - b) Clean up Australia Day Sunday 7th March 2021. Nigel Ibbotson will remove rubbish.
Members are requested to advise Richard House of their intention to attend if they haven't already.
 - c) End of year function. Decided on Wednesday 24th March for lunch. Invitations will be emailed. Anita Leak circulated Drake's catering suggestions.
- 6) **Financial report** Andrew Leak
 - a) Balance \$1480.20 (= last meeting balance – expenses approved last meeting \$23.40 – Website hosting \$46.49 – CUA day donation \$52)
Term deposit with Beyond Bank \$2,340 @ 1.00% maturing 28/8/2021
 - b) Membership 42 (= last meeting -3, Anne Berresheim, Margaret Ray, Peter Hale)
 - c) Expenses Anita Leak \$7.50 (Morning tea supplies)
Barb Francis \$14.25 (Stationery)
Barb Francis \$2.50 (Hand sanitiser)
Andrew Leak \$22.61 (Website domain registration)
Richard House \$63.98 (Print cartridge)
Richard House \$10.00 (Printing of grant application)
Motion The above expenses of \$120.84 be approved.
Proposed Andrew Leak
Seconded Jen Jeffery
Motion Passed
- a) **Publicity and Facebook/Website** Anita and Andrew Leak
 - a. Publicity
Anita wrote *Times* article. Printed as written except for the headline.
Article in scrapbook with article about Rotary handover of the Kings Beach platform and Christmas card from Mayor Moira Jenkins.
Replaced faded posters at South Coast Environment Centre and Sportspower.
Poster now on Raw noticeboard
 - b. Facebook
A handful of posts since the last meeting, some from Gayl Males.

Clean Up Australia Day post also sent to Victor Harbor and Surrounding Areas Community Board Facebook page.

c. Website

Migrated to new host. Now independent from UniSA.

2021 Calendar and old minutes added. Coming Events on home page maintained.

7) **Beach Pole Report**

Andrew Leak

Sand height at Memorial Gardens has deteriorated again to set a new record for the worst height ever recorded. Sand height at other poles little changed.

Met with a surveyor who is contracted to the council to determine whether the existing stormwater outlets are likely to be a problem in future storm events. He thought the beachpole data is valuable. He offered to provide the offset measurements to convert beachpole readings to standard AHD readings in case we ever wanted to compare with other reports. He also thought the council would soon be encouraging residents to give personal accounts of old storm events particularly where roads have flooded. Photos will be particularly welcome.

8) **Working bees**

b) Work done

- a. **Summer watering roster** WA 20 Bus Stop 3 (fortnightly) and Bridge Point (weekly). Ongoing.
- b. **Wednesday 9th December** WA 21 Lagoon Embankment
Weed control along railway line east of Bus Stop 3, especially African Daisy.
- c. **Wednesday 13th January 2021** WA 11 Esplanade playground to Causeway
Tamarisk control near the market and alongside the car park.
- d. **Thursday 21st January** WA 16 Bridge Point. Mulching bark chips.
- e. **Wednesday 10th February** WA 11 Playground to Causeway
Tamarisk control near the market and alongside the car park. Some progress.
Richard demonstrated how tamarisks compartmentalise to survive.
- f. **Grant Application** Coastal Community Participation Grant
Suggested by Council for use of contractor to speedup control of casuarina glauca on the Bluff.
Application for \$5,000 submitted by Sam Blight 1st Feb, outcome 31st March, for work completion by 31st May.
- g. **Site Inspections** Meetings with Council staff re possible future projects for weeding and planting.
 - i. WA 14 Flinders Parade – Bridge Terrace Lawns
Discussed hybrid pigface opposite Sea Rescue Squadron
Replacement planting postponed until new path built
 - ii. WA 12 Soldiers Memorial Gardens
Discussed weeds alongside cycle/footpath on immediate sea front
Planting postponed until new path built
Richard showed a sample of a saltbush *Atriplex australasica* (good) and Fat hen (weed) from that area.
 - iii. WA 11 Playground to causeway
Discussed reveg of dunes cleared of weeds alongside cycle/footpath on immediate sea front
Selective planting planned where tamarisks determined to be dead.
Murray Pettman pointed out that DIT have plans to plant in the dunes behind the Causeway Café.

c) Work cancelled

- a. **Sunday 22nd November** WA 1G The Bluff – Encounter Bay slope
Control of casuarina glauca (suckering sheoak) in the area behind the apartment block.
Planned bee cancelled because of COVID lockdown.

- d) Work planned
 - b. **Sunday 28th February** WA 1G The Bluff – Encounter Bay slope
Continuation of control of casuarina glauca in the area behind the apartment block.
Meet at 10 am. Park behind Whaler’s Apartments.
 - c. **Wednesday 10th March** WA 11 Esplanade playground to Causeway
Continuation of tamarisk control near the market and alongside the car park.
Meet at 9 am. Park opposite Italian restaurant on the Esplanade.
 - d. **Summer watering roster** WA 20 and WA 16 Bus Stop 3 embankment
(fortnightly) and Bridge Point (weekly). Watering to continue.
 - e. **Possible interest from Monarto Safari Park**
Richard House to discuss with Andrew Comas if acacia cyclops prunings might be suitable for animal feed.

9) Nakurami Kondoli Rotary Dinner 8th January. Official hand over of viewing platform to Council. Attended by Richard and Peggy House.

10) Council liaison contacts.

Enquiry from Kyla Walker, Governance Policy Officer. Brian Doman and Nick Hayles no longer available. Richard House to contact Mayor Jenkins regarding Council representation and contact.

11) Christmas Day gift from Mayor Moira Jenkins.

Richard House spoke about Moira’s unexpected but appreciated visit on Christmas Day.

12) Other Business

- a) Derek Conroy expressed his gratitude to the group and especially Barb and Anita for their offers of support.
- b) Murray Pettman recommended that we enjoy our red-rumped parrot population. They are in decline in the Riverland.
- c) Richard Edwards advised that we are low on hi-viz vests.
- d) David Thorn gave a brief report on the sorry local results of the hooded plover breeding season. He also spoke of informal paths that have been created in dunes at Oliver’s Reef and Franklin Parade that are causing erosion.
- e) Anita Leak advised that the Rotary Club of Victor Harbor are encouraging community groups to apply for funding of up to \$5,000 to support group activities. Applications close 17 March 2021.
- f) Anita Leak advised that the South Coast Environment Centre (SCEC) is holding a film night on Thursday 18 March. The film is ‘Kiss the Ground’ – a regenerative agriculture solution to climate change.
- g) Anita also advised that SCEC has been told that their collection of aluminium coffee pods for recycling is leading the nation. SCEC also have recycling bins at their Coral Street office taking printer cartridges, mobile phones, batteries and dental products.
- h) Andrew Leak advised that the council are seeking applications for Volunteer Week grants of \$100. He suggested that the money could be used to provide morning teas at Wednesday working bees for the entire year.

13) Correspondence

- a) Emails received and forwarded to members.
 - i) Landscape South Australia plan request for contributions.
 - ii) DEW re Seeds for Snapper seagrass restoration project, and shorebirds identification workshop.
 - iii) DEW re Birds n Bickies workshop.
 - iv) SCEC February Newsletter.
- b) Emails sent
 - i) To Andrew Comas requesting tap change at Bridge Point for securing hose.
 - ii) To Lee Jeffery querying pigface next to Bowling Club.
 - iii) To Moira Jenkins thanking for Christmas Day gift.

iv) To Rotary Victor Harbor thanking for dinner invitation.

14) Hours worked since November meeting.

Richard House 33, Sam Blight 4, Harry Rake 8, Derek Conroy 14, Nigel Ibbotson 7, Janet Pettman 5, Murray Pettman 5, Trevor Brand 12, Richard Edwards 22, Rosene Edwards 2, Anita Leak 12, Eric Everitt 8, Andrew Leak 28, Derek Sims 2, Bill Eden 6, Kevin Howard 6, Rebekah Vassos 2, Barb Francis 3, Bob Jeffery 2, Jenny Jeffery 2, David Thorn 2. Total 181

15) Next Meeting Wednesday 17th March 2021