

**MINUTES of the meeting of Victor Harbor Coastcare
held in the Old School Building on Wednesday 19th May 2021 at 7.00 pm**

1) Welcome and Present.

Anita Leak (Chair), Andrew Leak, Barb Francis, Tina Michell, Loreto Cameron, Bill Eden, Janet and Murray Pettman, Eric Everitt, Derek Conroy, Rosene and Richard Edwards, Peter Charles, Jeff Cope. A special welcome was attended to Jeff Cope attending for the first time.

2) Apologies Barbara Bond, Jeff McEvoy, Di Sinclair-Warren, John Ray, Richard House, Derek Sim, Sue and David Thorn.

3) Minutes of the previous meeting 21st April 2021.

Motion The previous meeting minutes be accepted as an accurate record.
Proposed Derek Conroy *Seconded* Loreto Cameron *Carried*

4) Minutes of the AGM meeting

Motion The previous meeting minutes be accepted as an accurate record.
Proposed Loreto Cameron *Seconded* Tina Michell *Carried*

5) Business arising from the minutes (not covered by other items on the agenda).

a) Grant applications

- a. Coastal Community Participation Grant application from Coast Protection Board. \$5000. Confirmed by letter emailed from Minister Speirs. Details from Coastal Branch still pending.
- b. Rotary Victor Harbor Grant. \$600 approved. RH will receive it at Rotary dinner 6 June.

b) Opening of River Hindmarsh mouth. Communication to/from Council and Cr Peter Charles. Peter informed us that the flooding of the footpath under the Hindmarsh Bridge is council's trigger to contact the Environment Protection Board to apply for permission to open the mouth. This process can take up to a week for approval.

c) Friends of the Hindmarsh River.

- a. Mark Richards meeting and tour with Richard House.
- b. Workshop under auspices of SCEC.

6) Financial report Andrew Leak

a) Balance \$1,485.14 (= last meeting balance – expenses approved last meeting \$9.49 + subs \$210 + donations \$75)

Still waiting for \$200 from Council for volunteer event reimbursement.

Term deposit with Beyond Bank \$2,340 @ 1.00% maturing 28/8/2021

b) Membership 46 (= last meeting +1, Zoriana Lam)

c) Expenses Anita Leak \$7.20 (Morning tea supplies)

Motion that the above expenses of \$7.20 be approved

Proposed Andrew Leak *Seconded* Derek Conroy *Carried*

d) Subscriptions

65% of subs have been received

Subscriptions of \$10 became due on 1 April and cover the period to 31 March 2022.

Payment can be made by bank transfer to:

Victor Harbor Coastcare

BSB: 065511

Account: 10055812

Reference: *your name*

7) Publicity

a) Publicity. (Anita Leak)
Ongoing.

b) Facebook and web site. (Andrew Leak)

Posted a belated thank-you to Richard House for all he does for Victor Harbor Coastcare.

Posted a report about the working bee on the Bluff that attracted a critic who objected to our use of poisons. Referred the criticism on to Lee Jeffery.

Posted a report about the working bee at Bridge Terrace.

Coming Events on home page maintained. AGM and April minutes added. Chairman's report added.

8) **Beach Pole Report** (Andrew Leak)

There has been more erosion and walkway damage at the point near Kent Reserve however there was minimal change to the sand heights at the five beaches where there are beach poles. There is a huge volume of seaweed wrack that has been deposited between the causeway boat ramp and the skate park.

9) **Working bees**

a) Work done

- i) **Sunday 2nd May** WA 1G The Bluff – Encounter Bay slope.
Continuation of casuarina glauca control behind the apartment block
- ii) **Monday 3rd May** WA 29 Hayborough Bank
Site visit with Andrew Comas and Lee Jeffery from Council re extent of cape vine growing over the bank on RHS of steps. Several members attended.
(1) Council will not do this until weeds on LHS of steps are more controlled.
(2) Richard House to conduct spot trials of spraying cape vine.
- iii) **Wednesday 12th May** WA 14 Bridge Terrace Lawn
Removal of acacia cyclops from dunes near the flag pole. Prunings for Monarto Safari Park. Gazanias in vicinity of yacht club, along to Bridge Point, and alongside the clubs.
- iv) **Summer watering roster** WA 20 and WA 16 Bus Stop 3 embankment and Bridge Point.
Watering to be discontinued at Bus Stop 3, but Richard Edwards and Eric Everitt will continue to monitor Bridge point. Weed control and well rebuilding needs attention at Bus Stop 3, this will be added to a working bee.

b) Work planned

- i) **Sunday 23rd May** WA 1G The Bluff – Encounter Bay slope.
Continuation of control of casuarina glauca behind the apartment block.
Apols Richard House. Bill Eden in charge. Apologies Richard Edwards, Trevor Brand to be contacted re transporting equipment and First Aid bag.
- ii) **Wednesday 9th June** WA 40 Investigator Bank (east)
Planting at the end of the Investigator car park. Fill-in and continuation from last year.
Plants from Corey Jackson, Landscape SA.

10) **Any Other Business**

- a) Appointment of Kathy Hayter as Director Environment and Infrastructure at Council. Peter Charles has had ongoing discussions concerning the proposed bikeway extension.
- b) Invitation from Andrew Comas for members to attend coffee morning 11th June at Boulevard Cafe. Action Barb Francis pending re attendance. Numbers attending 16 so far.
- c) Richard House thanks to Andrew Leak for recent Facebook posting about his commitment to VHCC.
- d) **Tina Michell.** Concerns re the amount of Plane trees planted in Victor Harbor and the associated asthma issues. Council has informed her that tree choice was under developer's control. Peter Charles suggested contacting Kathy Hayter re this.
- e) **Janet Pettman** reported 3 more shopping trollies have been dumped off of the Inman Bridge.
- f) **Andrew Leak.** The Granite Island Visitor Experience Plan survey is still open for comment online. Also the Costal Adaptation Study is still open for comments or submissions.

11) **Correspondence**

- a) Emails received and forwarded to members.
 - i) SCEC May newsletter.
 - ii) Green Adelaide April newsletter
 - iii) Coastal Projects Co-ordinator, Green Adelaide (Caroline Taylor), re
 - (1) orange bellied parrots. Murray Pettman reported a recent release of parrots in the SE of SA and a proposed count to follow.
 - (2) day out at Belair National Park 23rd May.
- b) Other emails
 - i) From/to Councillor Charles and Council re process for opening the River Hindmarsh.
 - ii) From Victoria MacKirdy, CEO City of Victor Harbor, re above.
 - iii) From Kathy Hayter, Director Environment and Infrastructure at City of Victor Harbor re above.
 - iv) From Kathy Hayter advising her appointment
 - v) To Kathy Hayter with Chairman's annual report
 - vi) To/from Corey Jackson, Coastal Conservation Office re Friends of River Hindmarsh with map and work descriptions for Mark Richards.
 - vii) Email with letter attached from Minister Speirs re grant acceptance. Thanks sent back.

12) Hours worked

Richard House 9.5, Anita Leak 6, Andrew Leak 8.5, Janet Pettman 3, Murray Pettman 3, Harry Rake 3.5, Bill Eden 4, Loreto Cameron 3.5, Christina Michell 3.5, Derek Conroy 5.5, Eric Everitt 5, Richard Edwards 10, Rosene Edwards 1.5, Barb Francis 6.5, Trevor Brand 4.5, Bob Jeffery 2, Jen Jeffery 2, Zoriana Lam 2, Nigel Ibbotson 2.5, Jim Tulloch 0.5

13) Next Meeting

Wednesday 16th June 2021

(Andrew Comas and Heather Mullan from Council scheduled to attend.)