

**MINUTES of the meeting of Victor Harbor Coastcare  
held in the Old School Building on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 7.00 pm**

- 1) **Welcome** Richard House welcomed Andrew Comas and Heather Mullan, from the Council.  
**Present** Richard House, Andrew and Anita Leak, Barb Francis, Loreto Cameron, Tina Michell. Nigel Ibbotson, Kevin Howard, Richard and Rosene Edwards, David Thorn, Janet and Murray Pettman, Trevor Brand, Derek Conroy.
- 2) **Apologies** Barbara Bond, Jeff McEvoy, Di Sinclair-Warren, John Ray, Harry Rake, Derek Sim, Sofi Ospina, Jim Tulloch, Eric Everitt, Bill Eden, Geoff Cope, Peter Charles.

- 3) **Guests.** Andrew Comas and Heather Mullan from Victor Harbor Council were welcomed to the meeting.  
Andrew Comas introduced Heather Mullan, who has taken the position of Volunteer Co-ordinator for the Victor Harbor Council. Heather outlined her working role which includes;  
Supporting all 9 of the Program Co-ordinators. Andrew Comas is Group Leader for “Open Spaces” which encompasses VHCoastcare.  
Supporting over 500 volunteers within these 9 programs  
Recruiting and placement of volunteers  
Training of volunteers in areas of OHS, Manual Handling, Insurance, First Aid  
Compiling a central data base for volunteers and co-ordinators  
Volunteering opportunities for youth, disabled people  
Senior First Aid courses and updates were discussed and Heather will follow this up.  
Heather will also enquire as to whether VHC will be represented at the Flourishing on the Fleurieu event.

Andrew Comas, Group Leader for Open Spaces, outlined council projects so far this year including  
The Bluff. Revegetation, contracting Fleurieu Natives for plants, planting 500 tube stock behind the apartment buildings, controlling rabbit population with warren and rabbit baiting, weed control of Suckering Sheoak, Cape Tulip and Feather Top Grass and Bridal Creeper.  
King’s Beach. Plantings  
Franklin Parade. 500 tube stock planted along recently upgraded bike path. The widening of the path is still ongoing.  
Esplanade Car Park. Tamarisk control by VHC, tube stock will be provided by the council and is ready for planting, Lachenalia bulb control near the caravan park will need to continue.  
Bridge Point. Assistance will be provided by council when needed.  
Croquet Club area. Tamarisk control achieved with back hoe and poisoning seems successful so far.  
Stringer’s Reserve. Continuing with contractor for weed control.  
Haywood Street Steps. Funding for this coming financial year for rebuilding steps and further weed control.  
Lee Jeffrey has suggested that Sea Statice be ‘target plant’ in the near future in the Hindmarsh Estuary.  
Oliver’s Parade, the Bluff and the Esplanade. Rabbit control continues with varying success.  
A new cardboard plant guard is being trialled by council; Lee Jeffery will be asked to bring this along with the next supply of tube stock for VHC to trial when revegetating the dunes where Tamarisk has been controlled.

- 4) **Minutes of the previous meeting** 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021.  
*Motion* The previous meeting minutes were accepted as an accurate record.  
*Proposed* Derek Conroy      *Seconded* Rosene Edwards      *Carried*

- 5) **Business arising from the minutes** (not covered by other items on the agenda).  
a) Grant applications  
a. Coastal Community Participation Grant from Coast Protection Board. \$5000.  
CPB has deferred the completion date to 30 June 2022. The contractor will be Nick Anderson. There was a recent site meeting at the Bluff with Andrew Comas to view the area where he will work. Progress of Suckering Sheoak poisoning was also inspected and has mostly been successful, but there are some areas of reshooting.

- b. Rotary Victor Harbor Grant.  
\$600 and certificate formally received by Richard House at Rotary dinner 6<sup>th</sup> June. Decided to add the certificate into the official scrap book.
- b) Friends of the Hindmarsh River are having a planting bee on the Tom Stephens Reserve on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July. VHC members have been invited to assist. Please contact Richard House if attending.
- c) Dumping of shopping trolleys into the River Inman. Heather Mullan to investigate whose responsibility the removal should be.

## 6) Financial report

Andrew Leak

- a) Balance \$2,212.94 (= last meeting balance – expenses approved last meeting \$7.20 + subs \$130 + donations \$5 + Rotary grant \$600)  
\$200 was received from Council for the March volunteer thank-you lunch and transferred to Anita Leak as reimbursement.  
Term deposit with Beyond Bank \$2,340 @ 1.00% maturing 28/8/2021
- b) Membership 43 (= last meeting -3, Geoff Cope added, 4 deleted, Ashley Picot, Brian Males Jim Golding and Robert Bull; not continuing.
- b) Expenses Anita Leak \$200.00 (volunteer thank-you lunch) \$7.00 (Morning tea supplies)  
*Motion* that the above expenses of \$207.00 be approved  
*Proposed* Andrew Leak                      *Seconded* Tina Michell                      *Carried*
- c) Subscriptions  
Nearly all subs have been received

## 7) Publicity

- a) Publicity. Anita Leak  
Resolved that Anita would write a report about the contract work on the Bluff when this work begins.
- b) Facebook and web site. Anita Leak  
Posted Lee Jeffery's reply to the person who criticised our use of poisons on the Bluff.  
Posted a report about the \$5,000 grant approval and site meeting with a description of the eventual goal of the work on the Bluff.  
Posted a report about the \$600 grant from the Rotary Club of Victor Harbor.  
Added a comment to the South Coast Environment Centre's closure announcement, thanking them for supporting Coastcare.  
Posted a report on the 16 June planting bee.
- c) Web Site  
Coming Events on home page maintained. May minutes added.

## 8) Beach Pole Report

Andrew Leak

- The beach pole at Memorial Gardens was clear to read for the first time in two months despite the metre of wrack that has built up west of the pole. This month's reading shows an encouraging 27cm improvement in sand height since the April reading, a reading that matches the sand height one year ago. There were no concerns at the other beach poles.  
Erosion near the bowling club is evident with exposure of the concrete block seawall there.  
The seawall along Franklin Parade also shows signs of erosion.

## 9) Working bees

- a) Work done
  - i) **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** WA 1G The Bluff – Encounter Bay slope.  
Continuation of control of casuarina glauca behind the apartment block. Bill Eden was in charge but only 3 members attended.
  - ii) **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June** WA 40 Investigator Bank (east)
    - (1) Planting at the end of the Investigator car park was fill-in and continuation from last year. 150 plants from Corey Jackson, Landscape SA (100 knobby club rush and 50 dianella).
    - (2) Richard House and Richard Edwards visit to Tom Stephens Reserve and Hindmarsh billabong. There is considerable hard rubbish which needs to be removed where children have built bush camp sites. Heather Mullan will liaise with VHC and Richard House re collection and disposal. Richard Edwards knows where the details of where the rubbish is, because it is hidden in the bushland.
- b) Work planned
  - i) **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June** WA 11 Playground to causeway  
Planting in the area that has been cleared of tamarisk. Meet opposite Hotel Victor.  
Probably followed by gardening at Bridge Point. (Depends on head count.)

There will be a site meeting on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June** opposite the Victor Hotel at 0900 with Lee Jeffrey to determine the exact location for the planting. Lee Jeffrey will supply the tube stock and new experimental tree guards. Members are welcome to attend.

- ii) **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July** WA 40 Investigator Bank (east)  
Continuation of planting (50 rhagodia candolleana, sea berry salt bush) at the end of the Investigator car park.  
Woody weed control – coastal tea trees, olives etc.  
Morning tea at nearby home of Jim and Sofi (No 5 First Avenue, Hayborough) by kind invitation but VHC supplies will be used.

#### **10) Any Other Business**

- a) Volunteers morning Tea provided by VHC enjoyed by those who attended.
- b) Tina Michell has the Wildlife book.

#### **11) Correspondence**

- a) Emails received and forwarded to members.
  - i) SCEC June newsletter.
  - ii) Green Adelaide Info re gazania swap opportunity. May newsletter
  - iii) Landcare in Focus - newsletter
  - iv) South Coast Environment Centre - June newsletter
- b) Other emails
  - i) From/to Andrew Comas and Lee Jeffery re Coastal Brach grant
  - ii) From/to Mark Richards re Friends of Hindmarsh River
  - iii) To Jo Daniels at City of Victor Harbor with a report on the March volunteer thank-you lunch.

#### **12) Hours worked**

Richard House 17.5, Barb Francis 5.5, Andrew Leak 8, Anita Leak 3, Bill Eden 2, Christina Michell 4.5, David Thorn 2, Derek Conroy 4, Eric Everitt 3.5, Harry Rake 1.5, Sofi Ospina 1.5, Kevin Howard 3.5, Loreto Cameron 4.5, Murray Pettman 2, Janet Pettman 2, Nigel Ibbottson 4, Richard Edwards 7, Rosene Edwards 2, Trevor Brand 11, Geoff Cope 1.5, Total 90.5

#### **13) Next Meeting**      Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021