

<b>MINUTES of the meeting of Victor Harbor Coastcare held in the Old School Building on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 7.00 pm</b>
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- 1) **Present** Richard House (Chairman), Andrew Leak, Loreto Cameron, Tina Michell, Eric Everitt, Trevor Brand, Geoff Cope, Harry Rake, Bill Eden, Richard Edwards, Anita Leak
- 2) **Apologies** Barbara Bond, Jeff McEvoy, Di Sinclair-Warren, John Ray, Murray and Janet Pettman, Barb Francis, Derek Conroy, Rosene Edwards, Nigel Ibbotson.
- 3) **Minutes of the previous meeting** 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021.  
(The meeting scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> July was cancelled because of the COVID lockdown.)  
*Motion* The previous meeting minutes were accepted as an accurate record.  
*Proposed* Tina Michell                      *Seconded* Harry Rake      *Carried*
- 4) **Business arising from the minutes** (not covered by other items on the agenda).
- a) Circulation of award book Wildlife of Greater Adelaide. Now with Geoff Cope.
- b) Grant applications
- a. Coastal Community Participation Grant from Coast Protection Board. \$5000.  
Contractor Nick Anderson. Site meeting shortly. Members will have the opportunity to be involved in discussions with the contractor, probably in September.
- b. Rotary Victor Harbor Grant.  
\$600 for equipment. 2 new poisoning kits with equipment under construction.
- c) Friends of the Hindmarsh River Estuary. Planting bee Tom Stephens Reserve, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Six VHC members participated. About 20 of the Friends. Planting 500 melaleuca halmaturorum (swamp paper bark).
- d) Matters addressed by Heather Mullan (Council Volunteer Co-ordinator) and still pending:
- a. First Aid Training. Under review. Other volunteer groups also involved.
- b. Dumping of shopping trolleys into the River Inman. Works request raised.
- c. Hard rubbish on Tom Stephens Reserve. Works request raised.
- d. Weed control on Wright Island. Too hard.
- e) Matters addressed by Andrew Comas (Group Leader, Open Spaces):
- a. The Bluff. Bridal creeper, cape tulip, feather top. Probable future working bees.
- b. Caravan Park. Lachenalia bulbifera nearby. Bee planned.
- c. Hindmarsh Estuary. Sea statice. Best dug out.
- f) Non appointment of Council liaison staff member to replace Brian Doman. (Taken up with CEO Victoria MacKirdy and with Kathy Hayter, Director Environment and Infrastructure).  
Contact Heather Mullan until advised otherwise.
- 5) **Financial report** (Andrew Leak)
- a) Balance \$2,235.94 (= last meeting balance – expenses approved last meeting \$7.00 + subs \$30). All subs now collected.
- Term deposit with Beyond Bank \$2,340 @ 1.00% maturing 28/8/2021
- Motion* that the term deposit with beyond Bank be rolled over on a 12 month term
- Proposed* Andrew Leak                      *Seconded* Trevor Brand                      *Carried*
- a) Membership 44. New member enquiry. Lesley Hughes.
- b) Expenses Anita Leak \$24.20 (Morning tea supplies)  
Richard House \$455.28 (Equipment – new kits with drills)  
Richard House \$2.50 (Stationery – name badge holders)
- Motion* that the above expenses of \$483.98 be approved
- Proposed* Andrew Leak                      *Seconded* Bill Eden                      *Carried*

**6) Publicity** (Andrew and Anita Leak)

a) Publicity

Nothing to report. Latest scrapbook tabled.

Anita will write an article for the Times covering today's acacia cyclops pruning bee because of the interesting angle of providing feed to animals at Monarto Safari Park.

b) Facebook

Posted a report on the 27 June planting bee on the Esplanade.

Shared Friends of Hindmarsh River Estuaries' post re the joint planting on July 18.

Posted a report on today's working bee.

c) Website

Coming Events on home page maintained. June minutes added.

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

There have been some seriously high seas since the June report but the sand levels at the 5 beachpole beaches have not been adversely affected. Graphs were tabled. Concerns of erosion elsewhere (e.g. Yilki and Hayborough) indicate that the beachpole data does not tell the full story.

**8) Working bees**

a) Work done

i) **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June** WA 11 Playground to causeway

Planting in the area that has been cleared of tamarisk opposite Hotel Victor.

ii) **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July** WA 40 Investigator Bank (east)

Planting 8 rhagodia candolleana, 10 dianella, 30 knobby club rush. (The original 50 rhagodias became infected with a fungus and had to be replaced.)

Woody weed control – coastal tea trees, olives etc.

iii) **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July** Working bee cancelled because of COVID lockdown.

iv) **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August** WA 3 Boat Ramp to Whalers

Cutting down two acacia cyclops on corner of bike track and car park. Prunings collected by Cris from Monarto Safari Park. Thanks to all involved especially Nigel (chainsaw) and Loreto (clean-up). Trevor expressed concern about the hazard created by clearing the tree that obscured a drop over three water pipes covered by kikuyu. Richard House to bring to the attention of Andrew Comas.

b) Work planned

i) **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August** Esplanade. Meet at 10 am. Park opposite number 47.

The split depends on who comes.

(1) WA 10 Esplanade to playground

Control of lachenalia bulbifera. Hand forks needed.

(2) WA 9 Inman Lagoon

Control of fennel.

ii) **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September** WA 39

Control of gazanias on Tom Stephens Reserve. Friends of the Hindmarsh River to be invited.

Meet at 9 am. Park on Wattle Drive near the pedestrian bridge to the VH R-7 School.

Bring a garden fork for gazania digging and a chair if you want to be seated at morning tea.

**9) Any Other Business**

a) Insurance. Letter of support confirming insurance requirement from Kathy Hayter, Director Environment and Infrastructure.

b) Resignation of Councillor Peter Charles from Council and as VHC rep.

c) Launch of book Birds of the Hindmarsh River Trail by Malcolm Worthing.

Green Environmental Consultants – Paul Green was in attendance.

Anita spoke about the book, the author and the launch. The book is available from the South Coast Environment Centre until mid-September.

- d) Currency Creek Arboretum Open Day 25<sup>th</sup> September. Several members expressed interest in going to the 10 am tour (2 hours). Tina Michell will facilitate shared transport. Richard House will email invitations.
- e) Booklet *Threats to My Hoodie* – a guide to identifying threats to the hooded plover and other beach nesting birds. David Thorn will talk about this book at the September meeting. Richard Edwards spoke about the start of a new hoodie nesting season following discovery of an egg at Hindmarsh Estuary.
- f) Trevor spoke about the weeds on Wright Island. Boxthorn was the worst followed by Hollyhock (the non-native pink one).
- g) Anita reported that the South Coast Environment Centre has donated a foldup table to VH Coastcare and it is currently stored at her house.

#### **10) 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, July newsletters
- b) Other emails
  - i) Correspondence with Council re insurance.

#### **11) Hours worked**

Richard House 32, Richard Edwards 12.5, Trevor Brand 4.5, Geoff Cope 3.5, Christina Michell 7.5, Anita Leak 10.5, Andrew Leak 14.5, Derek Conroy 2, Bill Eden 7.5, Eric Everitt 5.5, Loreto Cameron 9.5, Nigel Ibbotson 2, Murray Pettman 2, Janet Pettman 2, Jim Tulloch 2, Sofi Ospina 2, Total 119.5

**12) Next Meeting**      Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021. 7 pm. Old School Building.