

**Minutes for the meeting of Victor Harbor Coastcare
held in the Old School Building on Wednesday 15th Sept 2021 at 7.00 pm**

- 1) **Welcome and Present** Anita and Andrew Leak, Richard House, Barb Francis, Rosene and Richard Edwards, Derek Conroy, Geoff Cope, David Thorn, Tina Michel, Loreto Cameron, Trevor Brand, Bill Eden, Janet and Murray Pettman. A special welcome was extended to Lesley Hughes attending for the first time.
- 2) **Apologies** Barbara Bond, Jeff McEvoy, Di Sinclair-Warren, John Ray, Sam Blight, Eric Everitt, Sofi Ospina, Jim Tulloch, Harry Rake, Nigel Ibbotson.
- 3) **Minutes of the previous meeting** 18th August June 2021. Harry Rake timesheet time erroneously missed and corrected.
Motion The previous meeting minutes were accepted as an accurate record.
Proposed Anita Leak *Seconded* Derek Conroy *Carried*
- 4) **Business arising from the minutes** (not covered by other items on the agenda).
 a) Circulation of award book Wildlife of Greater Adelaide. Continuing with Geoff Cope.
 b) Schedule for attendance of Council staff member at meetings proposed:
 October Cathy Hayter
 November Lee Jeffery
 April Moira Jenkins
 May Andrew Comas
 August Lee Jeffery
 November Andrew Comas
 c) Currency Creek Arboretum Open Day. Members visit and tour Sat 25th 10 am. Tina has been organising numbers, some members lunching together afterwards.
 d) Site meeting with contractor Nick Anderson at Bluff re casuarina glauca project was held today... He envisages starting in October when the sap begins to rise in the trees. He will work 10 days in increments, using usual methods of drilling and poisoning. Richard House, Andrew Leak, Richard Edwards and Harry Rake attended.
 e) Coastal Adaptation Study. David Thorn reported speculation re coastal erosion mitigation methods, including extension of storm water pipes, elevation of parts of the bikeway as a break and break water construction and redevelopment (with possible retreat) near the bowling club. A recording of the webinar is temporarily available on the council website
 f) First Aid Training. Council has declined to finance training but has alerted us to a statement in the Council Volunteer Induction Book "As part of Council's Duty of care, an ambulance will be called in an emergency, however volunteers have the right to refuse treatment by the ambulance officers. Council will cover the cost of an ambulance for volunteers who do not have ambulance cover who are injured while performing in their approved volunteer role with the council."
 A decision was made to have short "Coastcare" appropriate first aid education sessions at the end of some meetings, beginning in October with snake bite first aid. Barb Francis, Anita Leak, Bill Eden and Derek Conroy to coordinate future sessions. Individuals may pursue formal First Aid Training as desired.
- 5) **Financial report** Andrew Leak
 a) Balance \$1,733.96 (= last meeting balance – expenses approved last meeting \$481.98
 - Southern Volunteering annual membership \$20)
 Term deposit with Beyond Bank \$2,363.40 @ 0.55% maturing 28/8/2022
 b) Membership 44, same as last meeting, Lesley Hughes considering joining.
 c) Expenses Anita Leak \$11.50 (Morning tea supplies)
 Richard Edwards \$38.15 (tools)
 Richard House approx. \$150 (tools)
Motion that the above expenses of \$220.00 be approved
Proposed Andrew Leak *Seconded* Derek Conroy *Carried*
- 6) **Publicity**
 a) Publicity
 Article 'Coastcare helps at Monarto Safari Park' published in the *Times* September 2nd. Anita asked to submit article about Nick Anderson's contract at the Bluff.
 b) Facebook
 Posted a report on the 8 September planting bee at Tom Stephens Reserve.

- c) Website
Coming Events on home page maintained. August minutes added.

7) Beach Pole Report Andrew Leak

There have been some high energy waves (4m+ on two days) and strong winds since last month's report but the sand levels at the five beach pole beaches have not been adversely affected. In fact, the sand height at the Memorial Gardens pole has improved 34 cm and is almost up to a historical average height. The sand heights at the other four poles have changed only minimally and are at historically good levels. Again, the pole measurements don't tell the full story, e.g. at King St an arc of sand 30cm high was carved out of the middle of the beach last Tuesday night (8th Sep) but the sand measurement at the beach pole was not affected.

8) Working bees

- a) Work done
- i) **Sunday 22nd August**
 - (1) WA 10 Esplanade to playground, control of lachenalia bulbifera.
 - (2) WA 9 Inman Lagoon, control of fennel and gazanias.
 - ii) **Wednesday 9th September**
WA 39, Control of gazanias on Tom Stephens Reserve. Five Friends of Hindmarsh River Estuary also participated.
- b) Work planned
- i) **Sunday 26th September**
WA 20 Bus Stop 3 embankment, weed control including euphorbia around last year's plantings, African daisy along railway line, Sea statice along lagoon trail.
 - ii) **Wednesday 13th October**
WA 1G The Bluff and Encounter Bay slope, follow up of Casuarina glauca control. Richard House to spray bridal creeper.

9) Any Other Business

- a) Booklet *Threats to My Hoodie* – a guide to identifying threats to the hooded plover and other beach nesting birds. David Thorn spoke about sea wheat grass causing bank erosion which inhibits movement of Hooded Plovers and chicks. Plovers have recently nested within the Causeway construction site. Richard House took the opportunity of show and tell of grass samples of spinifex and sea wheat grass.
- b) End-of-year function. Decided to have our end of year function on Wednesday, December 1st at Barb Francis' home. Invitations to follow.
- c) An invitation has been extended by the Friends of the Hindmarsh River Estuary to attend their end-of-year function at Nangawooka, Sunday 21st November. Please RSVP to them.
- d) Bill Eden reported a snake siting near the Men's shed.

10) Correspondence

- a) Emails received and forwarded to members.
 - i) Green Adelaide promotion re hooded plover workshop 25 Sept. August and September newsletters
 - ii) South Coast Environment Centre – September newsletter
- b) Other emails
 - i) Correspondence with Council re First Aid Training and re staff representation at our meetings.

11) Hours worked

Richard House 16.5, Eric Everitt 5, David Thorn 1.5, Harry Rake 2.5, Richard Edwards 6, Derek Conroy 3.5, Rosene Edwards 1.5, Bill Eden 3.5, Geoff Cope 3.5, Loreto Cameron 5.5, Tina Michell 3.5, Anita Leak 7.5, Andrew Leak 11, Murray Pettman 1.5, Janet Pettman 1.5, Barb Francis 1.5, Total 76.5

12) Next Meeting Wednesday 20th October 2021