

MINUTES for the meeting of Victor Harbor Coastcare held in the Old School Building on Wednesday 20th Oct 2021 at 7.00 pm

1) Welcome and Present

Richard House, Andrew and Anita Leak, Barb Francis, Richard and Rosene Edwards, Loreto Cameron, Tina Michell, Lesley Hughes, Derek Conroy, Jenny and Bob Jeffery, Geoff Cope, Harry Rake, Trevor Brand, David Thorn, Ben Cunningham.

Welcome was extended to Council staff member Ben Cunningham, Team Leader Environment and Recreation Strategy.

Ben described his role which includes the repurposing of the Whale Centre to include the Visitor Information Centre, the Coastal Adaptation study, Emissions reduction, the Mountain Bike Strategy, the Sports and Recreation study, Climate Adaptation Study and the Bluff Master Plan. He has a team of 2 people working with him, including Lee Jeffery.

2) Apologies Barbara Bond, Jeff McEvoy, Di Sinclair-Warren, John Ray, Eric Everitt, Kathy Hayter (Council), Murray and Janet Pettman, Bill Eden.

Minutes of the previous meeting 15th September 2021.

Motion The previous meeting minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

Proposed Anita Leak *Seconded* Derek Conroy *Carried*

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

- a) Circulation of award book Wildlife of Greater Adelaide. Lesley Hughes has the copy presently.
- b) Currency Creek Arboretum Open Day, Sat 25th 10 am. Attended and enjoyed by several members.
- c) Work by contractor Nick Anderson at Bluff on casuarina glauca project has begun. Anita and Richard will liaise with Nick to visit on site. Anita will write an article for the Times to inform the public of the purpose of the work and allay concerns.
- d) End of Year function Wednesday 1st December at Barb Francis house. Invitations to be resent reminding the need for RSVP's If numbers exceed 10 and Covid restrictions do not alter, then we will relocate to Kent Reserve.
- e) Removal of rubbish from Tom Stephens Reserve. Some rubbish remains and is exposed in the river as the level has lowered. Some new rubbish has appeared. Ben Cunningham's response as follows: "When it comes to lodging requests for Council attention e.g. Rubbish dumping, there is a form here: <https://www.victor.sa.gov.au/forms/form-contact-details8> alternatively email: localgov@victor.sa.gov.au your enquiry should be directed to the right area for action."
- f) Removal of graffiti from signage etc near Tom Stephens Reserve. Please use the link as above.

4) Financial report Andrew Leak

- a) Balance \$1,465.20 (= last meeting balance – expenses approved last meeting \$278.76 + subs \$10)

Term deposit with Beyond Bank \$2,363.40 @ 0.55% maturing 28/8/2022

- b) Membership 45 (= last meeting + Lesley Hughes)
c) Expenses Richard House \$61.35 (irrigation equipment)
Andrew Leak \$83.40 (website hosting)

Motion: that the above expenses of \$144.75 be approved

Proposed Andrew Leak *Seconded* Derek Conroy *Carried*

5) Publicity Anita Leak

- a) Publicity
Nothing to report.
- b) Facebook
Posted a report on the Sunday 26 September weeding bee at bus stop 3.
- c) Website
Coming Events on home page maintained. September minutes added.

6) Beach Pole Report Andrew Leak

There has been minimal change in the sand heights at the beach pole beaches except for Memorial Gardens which has continued to improve. Up 27cm on last month and 94 cm better than the low point in April.

7) Working bees

a) Work done

- i) **Sunday 26th September** WA 20 Bus Stop 3 embankment
Weed control of Euphorbia around last year's plantings, African daisy along railway line and Sea stative along lagoon trail.
- ii) **Wednesday 13th October** WA40 Investigator Bank (east)
Weeding of euphorbia amongst the seedlings that were planted in July.
- iii) **Monday 18th October** WA 11 Playground to causeway
Installation of dripper system around the winter plantings using some pre-existing irrigation which needed repairing. Thanks to Richard House and Richard Edwards for the upgrade. The Victor Harbor Beachside Market manager may turn this system on for us during market times.

b) Work planned

- i) **Sunday 24th October**
 - (1) WA 40 Investigator Bank (east)
Complete euphorbia control. Tina and Loreto will attend.
 - (2) WA 16 Bridge Point
Gardening and tidy up for the other attendees. Request has been made to Council to fix up the leaning edging.
- ii) **Wednesday 10th November** WA The Bluff – Encounter Bay slope
Casuarina glauca control – mainly follow up. and bridal creeper control. Meet in the normal place behind the apartments.
- iii) **Throughout hot months** WA 11 Playground to causeway.
Fortnightly watering of the winter plantings opposite the Victor Hotel. Volunteer names were given to Richard and he will compile a roster for Thursday mornings or afternoons. Please contact Richard if you wish to be added to this list. The dripper watering system, which is on a more casual basis, will be an addition above this regular schedule.
- iv) **Show and tell.** Agave (cactus)
Richard House showed a mother and baby plant with joining root system emphasizing the need to dig this up with the roots intact.

8) Any Other Business

- a) End-of-year function. Friends of the Hindmarsh end-of-year function at Nangawooka, Sunday 21st November. All members are welcome to attend.
- b) Request for information about VHC from High School student Hannah given by Andrew Leak.
- c) Tina Michell. Query re whether Council use the Currency Creek Eucalypt Arboretum as a resource. Lee Jeffery is aware.
- d) David Thorn. A Hooded Plover is currently nesting near the Croquet Club and this area is fenced off. Once this fencing is removed, the public will keep using this area as a short cut. Ben Cunningham suggests David submits photos to council in view of possible fencing or other options.
- e) Richard Edwards. High Visibility vests supply needs to be restocked. Richard House will submit a request to council.
- f) Barb Francis. Gazania and palms need to be added to a working bee near Qahwa.
- g) Ben Cunningham. Work on the Whale Centre conversion has been slowed by water issues combined with heritage listing compliances.
Ben then presented the Public Consultation plan for the Encounter Bikeway Realignment. Hard copies are available; please contact Richard House or Barb Francis if required.
Ben will take our views about our concerns re Option 2 to the council. He strongly encourages individual responses from all members as well as an official response from VHCC which Richard House will prepare. 13 of the present members preferred Option 1. **Individual responses need to be submitted before November 12th.**
Responses can be submitted to <https://www.yoursay.victor.sa.gov.au/encounter-bikeway-realignment>
Lot 51 is to be made available for sale to the existing residents.
The link to the Coastal Adaptation Strategy webinar is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3sm4aD6CXXo>
The Victor Harbor Rotary Club is proposing to install cigarette butt bins to reduce litter entering waterways. Feedback on areas where littering of butts near waterways and the coast is welcome. (see email)

9) Correspondence

- a) Emails received and forwarded to members.
 - i) Landcare Australia September newsletter.
 - ii) South Coast Environment Centre – October newsletter – the final before SCEC closure.

b) Other emails

- i) Kathy Hayter. Invitation to, and apologies from, for absence from meeting.
- ii) Nick Anderson re Bluff work.

10) Hours worked

Richard House 27.5, Harry Rake 4.5, Geoff Cope 6.5, Richard Edwards 13.5, Christina Michell 4.5, Loreto Cameron 6.5, Andrew Leak 8, Rosene Edwards 4.5, Anita Leak 2.5, Barb Francis 4.5, Derek Conroy 4.5, Trevor Brand 4.5, Lesley Hughes 2.5, Bob Jeffery 2.5, Jenny Jeffery 2.5, Bill Eden 4, Eric Everitt 2, Total 105.

10) Next Meeting Wednesday 17th November 2021