

**MINUTES of the meeting of Victor Harbor Coastcare
held in the Old School Building on Wednesday 17th Nov 2021 at 7.00 pm**

1) Welcome and present

Richard House (Chairman), Loreto Cameron, Tina Michell, Trevor Brand, Eric Everitt, Derek Conroy, Richard Edwards, Anita Leak, Andrew Leak.

Welcome was extended to council staff members Kathy Hayter, Director Environment and Infrastructure, and Andrew Comas, Group Leader Open Spaces.

Greetings from Brian Doman were passed on.

Andrew Comas spoke about many council projects of interest to Coastcare that have a budget allocation for 2021/22. Andrew spoke about planting sites and plant volumes, fencing, work related to the Coastal Action Plan, the Bluff casuarina glauca project and more. Some of the points raised and discussed were:

- Olivers Parade work will be focused around the new steps.
- Contractors will tackle hard to access sites along the Inman River (e.g. broom removal).
- Andrew will arrange a walk with Richard House and Richard Edwards along the Hindmarsh River to identify concerns (without encroaching on Friends of Hindmarsh River Estuary (FoHRE)).
- Lee will be asked to bring details of Bluff re-vegetation to a future meeting.
- Richard House pointed out an issue when young casuarina glauca on the Bluff are mowed down along with the grass. Andrew will instruct the grass mower to avoid mowing within 3m of copse. Expected to start 29 November.
- Trevor Brand raised the issue of boxthorn on Wright Island. Andrew believed it was more of a state issue than a council one. Trevor suggested that the council investigate if lizards could be introduced to help with the pigeon and seagull problem on Wright Island following success with lizards on West Island.
- Trevor advised that Friends of Wright Island have previously supplied council with records of work done and ongoing concerns.
- Anita Leak raised the issue of wheat grass on the mainland foredunes. Lee Jeffery to discuss at a future meeting.
- Richard Edwards advised that pavers are cracking near the Flinders Parade amphitheatre.
- Andrew expressed his thanks to Coastcare for work done this year and for connecting with FoHRE.
- Again, because of COVID, there will be no volunteers end of year event hosted by council, but we are encouraged to hold our own and seek a contribution from council similar to last year. Andrew Leak to send details to Heather Mullan.

Kathy Hayter spoke about planned infrastructure strategy and masterplans in development that are of particular interest to Coastcare. Some of the points raised and discussed were:

- Whilst the new causeway will be finished in December, the contractors are not expected to move out until next August after removing the old causeway.
- The Coast Protection Board (CPB) lost one of their beach profile locations because of the location of the new causeway.
- The finalisation of the Franklin Parade bikeway is impacted by the Coastal Adaptation Study (significant engineering involvement before Council can consider short vs. long-term strategy). Some emergency works are expected at the Bluff end of Franklin Parade.
- CPB are aware of the erosion at Yilki.
- Richard Edwards pointed out the potential danger of the drop off the bikeway near the bowling club.
- The Bluff Masterplan is planned for consultation in January 2022 and completion in June.

- A workshop for Council will be held on Wed 8 December at 4.30 for DEW to present the masterplan for Granite Island. Public can attend but numbers are limited. First in first served, but the workshop will be live-streamed.
- The dead palm trees near the train turntable are not a council responsibility. SA Power Networks are waiting on planning approval from DEW to remove them.

There was discussion about the difficulty in achieving meaningful engagement for public consultation. 480 submissions for the Bikeway Realignment compared to 20 for Coastal Adaptation is an example of the need for tangible short-term examples even though council also needs to consider long-term consequences. Stormwater management is another plan that is currently underway.

Kathy thanked Coastcare for our much-appreciated work with the council.

2) **Apologies** Barbara Bond, Jeff McEvoy, Di Sinclair-Warren, John Ray, Barb Francis, Gayl Males, Lesley Hughes, Bob and Jen Jeffery, Geoff Cope, Rosene Edwards.

3) **Minutes of the previous meeting** 20th October 2021.

Motion The previous meeting minutes were accepted as an accurate record.
Proposed Derek Conroy *Seconded* Trevor Brand *Carried*

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

- Circulation of award book Wildlife of Greater Adelaide. Currently with Geoff Cope.
- Work done by contractor Nick Anderson at Bluff on casuarina glauca project. Nick has had some impact already. Expected back in January. Anita is writing a *Times* article to address public concerns about Bluff de-vegetation. She will run it past Lee Jeffery before submitting it to the *Times*.
- Coastcare end of year function Wednesday 1st December 12 noon at Barb Francis house. 14 acceptances so far.
- Friends of the Hindmarsh end of year function Sunday 21st November 11.00 - 2.00 at Nangawooka.
- Removal of rubbish and graffiti from Tom Stephens Reserve. Richard Edwards reported that council have removed the larger pieces of rubbish and Richard will take care of what is left.
- High Visibility vests resupply. (Andrew Comas) There are more hi-viz vests on order.
- Encounter Bikeway Realignment submission. Richard House reiterated the group's overwhelming preference for option 1 and rejection of option 2 because of desecration of the dunes. Kathy Hayter advised that Ben Cunningham will be collating survey responses and will report to Council on Tuesday 7 December. The public are welcome in person or online.
- Adaptation Strategy release (Kathy Hayter) Kathy expects the strategy to be submitted to Council for endorsement at the December 13 Council meeting.

5) **Financial report** Andrew Leak

- Balance \$1,320.45
(= last meeting balance – expenses approved last meeting \$144.75)
Term deposit with Beyond Bank \$2,363.40 @ 0.55% maturing 28/8/2022
- Membership 45 (= last meeting)
- Expenses Anita Leak \$3.50 (morning tea supplies)
Motion: that the above expenses of \$3.50 be approved
Proposed Derek Conroy *Seconded* Loreto Cameron *Carried*

6) Publicity

a) Publicity

Sent email to members who have joined in the last few years to ask how they found out about Coastcare. To be discussed at the next meeting. Andrew Leak to send Kathy Hayter the Coastcare website address that would be preferred on the council's 'environmental groups' page.

b) Facebook

Posted reports on the Sunday 24 October working bee at Bridge Point and November 11 working bee at the Bluff. Both featured Barb's snake bite first aid demos.

c) Website

Coming Events on home page maintained. October minutes added.

7) Beach Pole Report

Andrew Leak

There has been minimal change in the sand heights at the beachpole beaches

8) Working bees

a) Work done.

(1) **Hayborough** plantings and euphorbia update. Euphorbia potentially 3000 seeds per plant per year.

ii) **Show and tell** muntries in (pretty) flower.

iii) **Watering** and fixup of irrigation system opposite Hotel Victor. Thanks to Richard House, Richard Edwards and Bob Jeffery. Dripper system ready for particularly hot days (avoiding market days). Cardboard guards are buckling and splitting – not a successful experiment. Derek Conroy and Richard Edwards have agreed to continue watering at Bridge Point.

iv) **Sunday 24th October**

(1) Snake bite training, followed by

(2) WA 40 Investigator Bank (east)
Completion of euphorbia control around our plantings at the end of the Investigator car park.

(3) WA 16 Bridge Point
Gardening and tidy up.

v) **Wednesday 10th November** WA 1G The Bluff – Encounter Bay slope
Snake bite training (thanks again to Barb) followed by Casuarina glauca control – mainly follow up. Also bridal creeper.

b) Work planned

i) **Sunday 28th November** WA 1G The Bluff – Encounter Bay slope
Continue Casuarina glauca control. Meet behind Whalers apartments. 10 am.

ii) **Wednesday 8th December** WA 11 Playground to Causeway
Tamarisk control. Meet at the BBQ area at the end of Wills Street. 9 am.

iii) **Wednesday 12th January and Wednesday 9th February**
WA 11 Playground to causeway

Tamarisk control. 9 am.

Meeting point to be advised because it will depend on progress after the session on 8th December.

9) Any Other Business

a) Pigface propagation by Christina Michell and Lesley Hughes. Planting locations to be considered before the next meeting.

b) *Coastcare Award*. Lee Jeffery nomination of VHC for award from Coastal Branch DEW. Richard House will provide information and photos.

c) *Hook, Line and Thinker*. Email from Ben Cunningham (City of Victor Harbor Team Leader Environment and Recreation Strategy) asking if we would like to participate in possible Rotary project re provision of fishing tackle bins. Previous involvement was discussed with warnings from

- Anita about vandalism, misuse and the time involved in collecting, sorting and reporting. Kathy Hayter to ask Onkaparinga Council how it works for them.
- d) Gayl Males invitation to visit Scrub Savers Openlight (Toc H) bushcare site. Board walk and morning tea. There was definite interest amongst those present to attend. Richard House to contact Gayl to resolve a date in 2022.
 - e) Kathy Hayter advised that the Bluff boat ramp toilets will be built on the site at the north end of the carpark, and the picnic table there will be moved elsewhere. The old well area in front of Whalers is now heritage listed.
 - f) It was agreed to repeat our 2021 involvement in Clean Up Australia Day on 6 March 2022.
 - g) It was agreed to move the next AGM forward one week to 13th April 2022 so that Richard House can attend.
 - h) Kathy Hayter to advise Richard House of the best council contact for booking the Old School Building.
 - i) Richard spoke on behalf of everyone in thanking Kathy Hayter and Andrew Comas for their attendance and for providing so much relevant and interesting information.
 - j) Richard reminded everyone that, after 28th November, there will be no Sunday working bees or meetings until February. He wished everyone a very happy Christmas.

10) Correspondence

- a) Emails received and forwarded to members.
 - i) South Coast Environment Centre – November newsletter.
- b) Other emails
 - i) Submission to Council re Encounter Bikeway.
 - ii) Lee Jeffery re award nomination.
 - iii) Ben Cunningham re *Fish Line and Thinker*.
 - iv) Nick Anderson re Bluff work.
 - v) Invitation to visit Openlight.

11) Hours worked

Richard Richard House 22.5, Christina Michell 5, Anita Leak 5, Eric Everitt 7, Trevor Brand 6, Andrew Leak 6, Richard Edwards 8, Loretto Cameron 5, Geoff Cope 2.5, Derek Conroy 5, Harry Rake 2.5, Barb Francis 7, Rosene Edwards 2.5, Bill Eden 3.5, Lesley Hughes 2.5, Total 90

12) Next Meeting Wednesday 16th February 2022