# MINUTES of the meeting of Victor Harbor Coastcare held in the Old School Building on Wednesday 19th October 2022 at 7.00 pm

1) **Welcome.** Welcome. Bronson Symmonds (Team Leader, Environment and Recreation Strategy, City of Victor Harbor
**Present** Richard House (Chairman), Loreto Cameron, Christina Michell, Sue Robertson, Jen Priddle, Trevor Brand, Derek Conroy, Harry Rake, David Thorn, Rosene Edwards, Richard Edwards, Geoff Cope, Anita Leak, Andrew Leak

2) **Apologies** Kathy Hayter, City of Victor Harbor Director of Environment and Infrastructure, Jeff McEvoy, Di Sinclair-Warren, John Ray, Nigel Ibbotson, Bob and Jenny Jeffery, Eric Everitt, Bill Eden, Barb Francis.

3) **Bronson Symmonds talk**
Bronson spoke about a number of aspects of his Council role that are relevant to Coastcare including:
   - The Seeds for Snapper seagrass restoration program (planned trial in Encounter Bay near Yilki)
   - The Bluff Masterplan (mainly kept natural; further public consultation before finalisation, a Coastcare submission is recommended including Trevor Brand's proposed trail in the centre of the Bluff loop road to highlight the natural attractions there along with appropriate plantings)
   - Mountain bike strategy (dependent on the next Council and next financial year's funding)
   - Concerns about the beach at Yilki (Council's long-term plan yet to be resolved, $700k grant applied for, 600m embankment put to Coast Protection Board, sand carting to be considered, beach will probably stay reduced, stormwater management important especially considering proposed 400 new houses development)
   - Encounter Bikeway (No preferred route yet, waiting on Alexandrina Council)

Richard House thanked Bronson for his attendance and informative discussion.
Bronson commended Coastcare for being 'superactive'.

4) **Minutes of the Special General Meeting**
*Motion* The minutes of the special meeting held 21.09.2022 is an accurate record.
*Proposed* Loreto Cameron *Seconded* Christina Michell *Carried*

5) **Minutes of the previous meeting**
*Motion* The minutes of the general meeting held 21.09.2022 is an accurate record.
*Proposed* Harry Rake *Seconded* Geoff Cope *Carried*

6) **Business arising from the minutes** (not covered by other items on the agenda).
   a) Circulation of award book Wildlife of Greater Adelaide. Believed to be with Barb Francis.
   b) First Aid session on asthma emergency by Barb Francis. Richard House wished to record thanks to Barb.
   c) SA Australian Coastal Society Coastal Forum, 3rd and 4th Nov. Four members attending, Richard House, Loreto Cameron, Anita Leak and Andrew Leak.
   d) Lions Club Bocce Event Sunday 2nd October. Anita Leak reported that Coastcare was the only group who responded, so the event was cancelled.
   e) Penguin Census and volunteer training 14th October. Loreto Cameron reported that she and Jen Priddle attended along with a few other locals and about 34 students. The census arrived at a count of 22 penguins (compared to 20 last year). Loreto, Jen, Sue Robertson and Christina Michell have volunteered to join the penguin monitoring group.
   f) Currency Creek Arboretum Open Days 1st and 2nd October. No meeting members attended.

**7) Financial Report** Andrew Leak

a) Balance $2,680.33 (= last meeting balance – expenses approved last meeting $11.25 - $7,000 term deposit + subs $10 + donation $10)

Term deposits with Beyond Bank:

1. $2,376.40 @ 3.05% maturing 28/8/2023
2. $7,000.00 @ 2.80% maturing 4/4/2023

b) Expenses

Yorke Coastal Forum expenses (Nov 3-4)
For Richard House, Loreto Cameron, Anita Leak, Andrew Leak
Registration x 4 $200, accommodation x 4 $400
Total $600
Loreto Cameron - Morning tea expenses $7.95

*Motion* that the above expenses of $607.95 be approved.
*Proposed* Andrew Leak *Seconded* Christina Michell *Carried*

**8) Publicity Reports**

a) Publicity.
Anita Leak reported that the Coastcare brochures in the council foyer have been replenished by council staff with thanks to Sue Robertson and Richard House. Correct brochure to be confirmed.

b) Facebook and website.
Andrew Leak reported a Facebook post in relation to the Inman lagoon acacia cyclops working bee on 13 October, and website maintenance for Coming Events, Minutes and Rules.

c) Instagram
Geoff Cope reported Instagram posts for Trevor Brand's Yilki historical comparisons and photos from Monarto Safari Park of giraffes eating 'our' acacia cyclops from the Inman lagoon.

**9) Membership Report**

a) Loreto Cameron advised that she has conducted a dune tour with new member Jen Priddle.

b) Victor Harbor Coastcare shirts
Loreto reported that Lynx Print are no longer able to supply Royal Blue tops. It was agreed to order light blue polyester tops for new members.

**10) Beach Pole Report**

Geoff Cope reported that sand height was down 35mm at the Yacht Club pole and down an estimated 100mm at the Memorial Gardens pole. Sand was up 30mm at Wills Street. There was reduced weed at all sites although Memorial Gardens still needed to be estimated because of weed.
Bronson Symmonds spoke about the CoastSnap monitoring program that is used for monitoring beach changes. It is being used by Marion Council and is being considered for Victor Harbor.
Bronson indicated he would be interested in accompanying Geoff on a pole reading trip.

**11) Working bees**

a) Work done

i) **Sunday 25th September** WA 10 Esplanade to playground
More work weeding Lachenalia bulbifera.

**ii) Friday 7th October** WA 40 Investigator Bank (east)
Site meeting with Lee Jeffery from Council re presence of Cape Tulip reported by David Thorn.

iii) **Wednesdays 12th and 19th October** WA 9 Inman Lagoon.
Removal of acacia cyclops opposite the caravan park. Collected by Monarto Safari Park for animal feed. The bee on the 19th October was a special extra bee. Richard House thanked workers for their attendance and punctuality.

b) Work planned.

i) **Sunday 23rd October** WA 40 Investigator Bank (east)
Tree guard removal, euphorbia and acacia cyclops control. Other weed control as necessary.
Meet at end of Investigator car park. Bring scissors or secateurs.

ii) **Wednesday 9th November** WA 10 Esplanade to playground
Gazania control. Other weed control as necessary. Bring a garden fork.
Meet at corner of The Esplanade and Inman Street.
Bronson foreshadowed a gazania-free-garden event to encourage residents to replace gazanias with local native plants.

**12) Any Other Business**

i) Death of Barbara Bond.
Richard House acknowledged Barbara as a long-term friend of Coastcare and praised the support she provided for Coastcare's tool storage and her long service as a Councillor.

ii) Hooded Plover friends request for donation.
David Thorn spoke on behalf of the Friends of the Fleurieu Hooded Plovers about the short-term requirement to fence the walkway between the croquet club and the yacht club prior to the council extending the double rail fence.
*Motion* That Coastcare donate $100 to Friends of the Fleurieu Hooded Plovers for fencing rope
*Proposed* David Thorn *Seconded* Richard Edwards *Carried*

iii) Friends of the River Inman initiative of Rotary Victor Harbor.
Richard House gave a report on the open day held on 15th October. Outcomes will be advised when known.

iv) Christmas breakup party.
There was general agreement that a party would be appreciated. A Wednesday BBQ at the end of November or early December was suggested. Anita Leak to discuss with Barb Francis.

v) Clean Up Australia Day, Sunday 5th March 2023.
It was agreed that Coastcare would organise a clean-up. Richard House said he has organised this for many years and is looking for a new Volunteer Coordinator to contact him.

vi) Dripper system extension
Andrew Leak advised that Bob Jeffery is not able to attend working bees at the moment, but Bob has repeated his offer to make available his collection of irrigation fittings.

vii) Fig tree in Franklin Parade rocks
Loreto Cameron will borrow a poison kit to deal with this plant.

viii) Out of date first aid kit offer
David Thorn suggested that Barb Francis may have a use for expired items from the Friends of the Fleurieu Hooded Plovers first aid kit for education demonstration purposes.

ix) Card for Sarah Everitt
Anita Leak advised that Sarah appreciated the caring card she received from Coastcare.

x) Toc H land for sale
Anita Leak reported that the remnant scrub at Toc H that Scrubsavers has been maintaining has been put on the market. A solution is being sought that is acceptable to all parties.

xi) Causeway revegetation
Richard Edwards reported that Friends of Granite Island have planted native plants on both sides of the causeway at the Victor Landing as organised by McConnell Dowell.

xii) Boat ramp voting guide
Trevor Brand noted that it would be helpful to know the intentions of prospective councillors regarding building a boat ramp at Eastern Beach. He pointed out that any structures in this vicinity could have a serious impact on the adjacent beach environment.

**13) Correspondence**

a) Emails received and forwarded to members.
   i) Re food for the Monarto Safari Park.
   ii) Re Friends of Inman River founding open day
b) Other emails
   i) To members with new Rules as approved at previous meeting.
   ii) From Friends of the River Hindmarsh. News sheets.
   iii) To Gayl Males, thanking for donation from South Coast Environment Centre.

**14) Hours worked**

Richard House 20, Andrew Leak 5, Anita Leak 3, Barb Francis 2, Christina Michell 3, David Thorn 2.5, Derek Conroy 4, Geoff Cope 6, Harry Rake 4.5, Jen Priddle 4, Loreto Cameron 10.5, Richard Edwards 7, Rosene Edwards 2, Sue Robertson 4, Trevor Brand 7.5, Total 85.

**15) Next Meeting** Wednesday 16th November. No meetings in December and January.