

**MINUTES of the meeting of Victor Harbor Coastcare held in the  
Old School Building on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7.00 pm**

- 1) **Welcome and those present.** Richard House (Chairman), Barb Francis, Nigel Ibbotson, Janet Pettman, Murray Pettman, Roy Jones, Derek Sim, Derek Conroy, Richard Edwards, Rosene Edwards, Anita Leak, Andrew Leak. Possible new member Kevin Howard was welcomed.
- 2) **Apologies** Barbara Bond, Jeff McEvoy, Di Sinclair-Warren, John Ray, Margaret Ray, Bill Eden, Brian Doman, Julie Graham, Eric Everitt, Harry Rake, David Thorn, Sue Thorn.
- 3) **Minutes of the previous meeting**  
*Motion:* that the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019 be approved as an accurate record.  
*Proposed:* Nigel Ibbotson                      *Seconded:* Murray Pettman                      *Carried*
- 4) **Business arising from the minutes** (not covered by other items on the agenda).
  - a) Encounter Bikeway proposals along Bridge Terrace.  
Richard House outlined the process so far, i.e. site meeting with residents, Councillors and council staff; deputations by Sam Blight and Colin Wood at the Council meeting Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept; decision by Council to develop a masterplan for the reserve.
  - b) Receipt of award at NRM Environmental Volunteer Award Day on 29 September.  
Anita Leak gave a report on the day and the activities that she attended with Andrew. Anita displayed the framed certificate and book 'Wildlife of Greater Adelaide' that she accepted on behalf of Victor Harbor Coastcare that was awarded for twenty years of volunteering.  
After discussion, it was agreed to approach Brian Doman regarding display of the certificate in the Council foyer. The book will be loaned to interested members for a month at a time and will possibly end up as a SCEC loan item. Richard House to insert a nameplate at the front of the book.
  - c) Purchase of reciprocating saw.  
Richard House advised that a letter has been sent to Bunnings Victor Harbor requesting a price reduction for the saw and blades.  
*Motion:* that a Makita reciprocating saw and 2 blades be purchased at the price offered by Bunnings below the RRP.  
*Proposed:* Derek Conroy                      *Seconded:* Nigel Ibbotson                      *Carried*
- 5) **Financial report**                      Andrew Leak reported:
  - a) Balance                      \$541.91 (= last month balance – expenses approved last month)  
Term deposit with Beyond Bank \$3,199.43 @ 2.55% maturing 28/8/2019
  - b) Membership                      43 (= last month)
  - c) Expenses                      Anita Leak \$9.70 (morning tea supplies)  
*Motion:* that expenses of \$9.70 be approved.  
*Proposed:* Andrew Leak                      *Seconded:* Richard Edwards                      *Carried*
- 6) **Publicity**
  - a) Anita Leak talked about the posters that are currently on display around Victor Harbor. Where posters are taken down frequently, such as the Woolworths noticeboard, it was felt that only occasional replacement was warranted. Two months was suggested. New noticeboards such as at Carrickalinga House and National Pharmacies were proposed.
  - b) Web site project with Uni SA students.  
Andrew Leak advised that there has been no communication with the students, but their final presentations are still expected on 29 October. Training for maintenance of the chosen website is planned for 26 November.

## 7) Beach Pole Report

Andrew Leak reported that sand height levels are almost the same as those in September.

## 8) Working bees

### a) Show and tell.

Richard House showed an olive that demonstrated the need to get poison into the lignotuber for the treatment to be effective. He also displayed a flowering boneseed and spoke about eradication methods.

### b) Work done

- a. **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** WA 1H Encounter Bay inland  
Control of suckering sheoaks on The Bluff. Bee cancelled because of rain.
- b. **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October** WA 39 Tom Stephens Reserve.  
Control of hakea drupacea, olives, gazanias and bridal creeper as directed by Richard Edwards who was pleased with the result that was achieved.

### c) Work planned.

- a. **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October** WA 13 Flinders Parade
  - i. At beach volley-ball courts. 9 am.  
Watering of plants that were planted during the winter. Council staff in attendance. Richard House to develop a roster for summer watering. Probably fortnightly.
  - ii. At the yacht club.  
Inspection, to consider removal of pigface (carpobrotus **edulis** – the yellow one) near yacht club.  
Requested by Corey Jackson (NRM liaison) as a result of nearby resident request. An example was circulated of a ‘good’ (native) pigface leaf with a smooth ‘knife edge’ which distinguished it from the serrated feel of the ‘bad’ hybrid pigface leaf.
- b. **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October** WA 1H Encounter Bay inland  
Suckering sheoak control on The Bluff. Park at turn off from Jagger Road. 10 am.  
Lee Jeffery has put ribbons on the ‘good’ sheoaks.
- c. **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November** WA 11 Esplanade playground to causeway  
Tamarisk control. Meet at car park opposite Hotel Victor. Park on the roadside for no charge. 9 am start.

## 9) Other Business

### a) Christmas break up function.

After discussion it was agreed to have a lunch at the House’s on Saturday 30 November after 12 pm. BYO everything. A BBQ will be available.

### b) Clean up Australia Day. Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

Members were urged to consider a site they would like cleaned up next year.

- c) Barb Francis spoke about the re-usable boomerang bags she and a group of volunteers are creating from donated fabrics to replace plastic bags for shopping and vegetables. They are available from SCEC for a gold coin donation. Donations of clean fabrics are very welcome especially sheer curtain material. Fabrics can be dropped off at Whyte House Gallery, SCEC or to Barb.
- d) Murray Pettman commented that singing honeyeaters can be seen around the beach volley-ball area where Coastcare have helped with recent plantings. These birds are now rarely found on Kangaroo Island.
- e) Roy Jones gave an update on his efforts to control the fennel on the banks of the Inman River on Kent Drive.
- f) Derek Sim endorsed the Transmutation organisation that he came across in Robe. They recycle plastic waste to form useful products examples of which can be seen at SCEC.
- g) Richard Edwards gave an update on the state of four local hooded plover sites.
- h) Anita Leak advised that SCEC is holding an event called ‘Sea Creatures and Sea Shores’ at Toc-H on 8 November at 7 pm.

**10) Correspondence**

- a) Emails received and forwarded to members
  - i) Sedge Snippet October edition.
  - ii) SC Environment Centre October newsletter
- b) Other.
  - i) Email from Corey Jackson re pigface near yacht club.
  - ii) Correspondence with Andrew Comas re watering.
  - iii) Letter to Bunnings re reciprocal saw discount.

**11) Hours worked** Richard House 16, Janet Pettman 2, Nigel Ibbotson 2, Murray Pettman 2, Derek Sim 2, Kevin Howard 4, Richard Edwards 6, Rosene Edwards 2, Anita Leak 8.5, Andrew Leak 17, Derek Conroy 4, Roy Jones 2, Barb Francis 4, Bill Eden 2, Total 78.5

**12) Next Meeting** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November