

**MINUTES of the meeting of Victor Harbor Coastcare held in the
Old School Building on Wednesday 20th November 2019 at 7.00 pm**

- 1) **Welcome and those present.** Richard House (Chairman), Brian Doman, Kevin Howard, Nigel Ibbotson, Janet Pettman, Murray Pettman, Derek Sim, Derek Conroy, Harry Rake, Bill Eden, Barb Francis, Jen Jeffery, Bob Jeffery, Eric Everitt, Trevor Brand, Richard Edwards, Anita Leak, Andrew Leak
- 2) **Apologies** Barbara Bond, Jeff McEvoy, Di Sinclair-Warren, John Ray, Margaret Ray, Rosene Edwards, Gayl Males, Brian Mayles.
- 3) **Minutes of the previous meeting**
Motion: that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2019 be approved as an accurate record.
Proposed: Nigel Ibbotson *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. The book (now with bookplate) was loaned to Eric Everitt until 8th January 2020.
 - b) Christmas break up function, Saturday 30th November 12 noon at Richard House's house, 23 Burke St. Bring own food and drink. Salads shared. BBQ available. Preferably bring chairs.
 - c) Clean Up Australia Day Sunday 1st March 2020. It was agreed to register the dunes between Bridge Point and Inman River. A reminder email to be sent out next year to Coastcare members. SCEC have offered to promote the event. Interested people to let Richard House know via email or phone by mid February.
 - d) Fennel along the River Inman. No report in Roy Jones' absence. Best wishes were expressed regarding Roy's health.
- 5) **Financial report** Andrew Leak reported:
 - a) Balance \$652.71 (= last month balance – expenses approved last month + \$5 subs + \$3.50 Bluff recyclables + \$112 EntertainmentBook sales).
The total EntertainmentBook contribution for 2019 was \$322 which will only be achieved next year if buyers switch to the digital format.
Term deposit with Beyond Bank \$3,199.43 @ 2.55% maturing 28/8/2019
 - b) Membership 44 (= last month + Kevin Howard)
 - c) Expenses Andrew Leak \$17.49 (Receipt book \$5.99, morning tea supplies \$11.50)
Richard House \$117.45 (Brushwet \$44.50, cartridges \$53.45, drill bit \$19.50)
Motion: that expenses of \$134.94 be approved.
Proposed: Trevor Brand *Seconded:* Richard Edwards *Carried*
There was in-principle support for money to be spent on a Clean Up Australia donation and purchase of a rechargeable battery.
- 6) **Publicity**
 - a) Anita Leak advised that posters are now on noticeboards at seven locations, including National Pharmacies and Carrickalinga House.
An article titled 'Coastcare's 20 year award' appeared in the *Times* on 14th November.
 - b) Web site project with Uni SA students.
Andrew Leak reported that a website has been chosen for further development from the four that were submitted by students. All the students were thanked and the winner, Chelsea Colbert, congratulated. Andrew and Anita will attend training at Magill campus on 26th November to learn how to maintain and publish the website. Several changes are desired before going public.

7) Beach Pole Report

Andrew Leak reported that there have been minimal changes to sand heights at four of the five poles. The sand height at Memorial Gardens is still estimated but appears to be 4cm better than previous estimates.

There was discussion about the recent erosion at the causeway. Richard Edwards suggested informing the Coastal Protection Board and offered to search for photographic history of similar erosion.

8) Working bees

- a) Show and tell.
 - a. Reciprocating saw.
Bunnings Victor Harbor was thanked for the generous donation of saw and blades.
Richard House demonstrated correct use of the saw.
 - b. First Aid for snake bites.
Barb Francis conducted a hands-on demo and training.
Richard House thanked Barb for the very useful update.
 - c. Improved poisoning methods required.
Some 'frill and paint' efforts on suckering sheoaks and tamarisks have proven unsuccessful. It is necessary to cut back to the cambium layer (white wood) for the poison to be transported through the plant.
- b) Work done.
 - a. **Thursday 17th October** WA 13 Flinders Parade
 - i. At beach volleyball courts.
Watering of plants that were planted during the winter. Training in use of equipment by council staff member Lindsay. Circulation of watering roster.
 - ii. At the yacht club.
Inspection of pigface (*carpobrotus edulis* – the yellow one) near yacht club.
 - b. **Sunday 27th October** WA 1H Encounter Bay inland
Suckering sheoak control on The Bluff.
Thursday 14th November. Follow-up with Council staff member Lee Jeffery.
 - c. **Thursday 31st October and Thursday 14th November** WA 13 Flinders Parade
Watering at the beach volleyball courts. Trevor Brand/Bill Eden. Murray/Janet Pettman.
Trevor Brand passed on some practical hints.
 - d. **Wednesday 13th November** WA 11 Playground to causeway
Tamarisk control. Some plants poisoned last summer showing signs of re-growth.
- c) Work planned
 - a. **Sunday 24th November** WA 1H Encounter Bay inland
Continuation of control of suckering sheoaks on The Bluff.
Park at turn off from Jagger Road. 10 am. Good sheoaks marked with ribbons.
 - b. **Wednesdays 11th December, 8th January 2020, 12th February 2020 (monthly)**
WA 11 Playground to causeway
Tamarisk control. Park on Esplanade near Hotel Victor. 9 am starts.
 - c. **Thursdays 28th November to 28th May 2020 (fortnightly)**
WA13 Flinders Parade
Watering of new plants in the beach volleyball court dunes as per roster emailed 25th October.

9) Other Business

- a) New Victor Harbor Coastcare shirts.
Motion: that Anita Leak order 8 shirts from LynxPrint for \$223.20.
Proposed: Anita Leak *Seconded:* Nigel Ibbotson *Carried*
- b) Rotary King's Beach viewing platform project.
Richard House advised that Malcolm Menadue of Rotary Victor contacted him to discuss progress and to confirm Coastcare involvement. Council will oversee the landscaping.
- c) Richard House talk *Your Dunes My Dunes* for Rotary Encounter Bay (Paul Tipple) at McCracken on 12th December.
- d) Brian Doman spoke about the dredging at the Bluff boat ramp.
- e) Murray Pettman spoke about black-backed gulls (Pacific gulls) and how lucky we are that they seem to like Victor Harbor. They are becoming rare on the east coast of Australia. Derek Sim reported seeing a gull near the volleyball courts that was entangled in fishing line. Anita Leak to contact Wildlife Rescue.

Wildlife Rescue at Goolwa 0434 114 628 ask if people would advise them of any birds or animals in distress then stay with the bird/animal to help rescuers locate them

- f) Derek Conroy suggested that the seaweed around plants at Bridge Point needs topping up.
- g) Barb Francis promoted the boomerang bags that will be available in the Victor Harbor Shopping Centre on 21st November or through SCEC for a gold coin donation.
- h) Bob Jeffery sought confirmation that buffalo grass was on the 'bad' list.
- i) Trevor Brand received agreement that some of the euphorbia (sea spurge) near the volleyball courts were no longer needed now that new plants were established.
- j) Richard Edwards offered his help to Derek Conroy for Bridge point watering.
- k) Anita Leak advised that SCEC will be holding a fund-raising BBQ at Bunnings on Sat 8th February with part proceeds going to Coastcare. Several members indicated they could do a shift. An email from SCEC will be sent in January to get firm numbers.
- l) Anita Leak was given permission to purchase more of the wide bandages that were used by Barb Francis in her snake bite treatment demo.
- m) Andrew Leak gave a brief account of the Coastal Conference he attended on 7-8th November. He felt it would have been valuable to Council staff or elected members.
- n) Working bee volunteers were reminded of the Council thank-you function on Thursday 5th December at 5.30 pm.

10) Correspondence

- a) Emails received and forwarded to members
 - i) Invitation to Hooded Plover Workshops at Seacliff from NRM
 - ii) Sedge Snippet November edition.
 - iii) NRM re Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary virtual tour
 - iv) NRM re sand works at Semaphore
- b) Other.
 - i) Email to Corey Jackson re pigface near yacht club.
 - ii) Photos to members re block wall construction at bowling club and erosion at causeway.
 - iii) Correspondence to members and Andrew Comas re watering at beach volleyball.
 - iv) Thank-you letter to Bunnings Victor Harbor for the donated reciprocating saw and blades.

11) Hours worked Richard House 22, Kevin Howard 6, Janet Pettman 4, Murray Pettman 4, Nigel Ibbotson 4, Derek Sim 4, Derek Conroy 7, Harry Rake 4, Bill Eden 6, Barb Francis 4, Jen Jeffery 4, Bob Jeffery 5, Trevor Brand 8, Richard Edwards 5, Anita Leak 10.5, Andrew Leak 21, Eric Everitt 6, Total 124.5

12) Next Meeting Wednesday 19th February 2020.