

**Minutes of the meeting of Victor Harbor Coastcare held in the  
Old School Building on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.00 pm**

- 1) **Welcome and those present.** Richard House (Chairman), Nigel Ibbotson, Janet Pettman, Murray Pettman, Brian Doman, Harry Rake, Derek Conroy, Richard Edwards, Rosene Edwards, Anita Leak, Andrew Leak
- 2) **Apologies** Barbara Bond, Jeff McEvoy, Di Sinclair-Warren, John Ray, Margaret Ray, Trevor Brand, Eric Everitt, Julie Graham, Bob Marshall, Derek Sim.
- 3) **Minutes of the previous meeting**  
*Motion:* that minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018 be approved as an accurate record.  
*Proposed:* Nigel Ibbotson                      *Seconded:* Anita Leak                      *Carried*
- 4) **Business arising from the minutes** (not covered by other items on the agenda).
- a) Facebook.  
 Andrew Leak advised that the Victor Harbor Coastcare page is now operational thanks to South Coast Environment Centre (SCEC) Coordinator (and new member) Gayl Males.
- b) First Aid box.  
 Anita Leak reported that Council staff have updated the first aid box contents and added some new items. When a new carry bag is provided, Anita will bring it to a future meeting to show the contents.
- c) Bunning BBQ for SCEC.  
 Anita Leak reported on the BBQ held on 8<sup>th</sup> December, being the second occasion that VH Coastcare has helped. SCEC has donated \$400 to VH Coastcare as support of an environmental group and as thanks for helping. Richard House thanked all those who participated.  
 No date has yet been set for future BBQs.
- d) Clean Up Australia Day  
 Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Meet at the Visitor Information Centre at 8.45 for 9 am start. BYO gloves. Nigel Ibbotson volunteered to dispose of collected rubbish. Richard House to advise Brian Doman of anticipated number of people needing to park.
- e) 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary party  
 Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Members \$40, non-members \$65.  
 27 confirmed so far including 4 guests.  
 Meet at OscarW at 10.10 am. Andrew Leak to send a reminder email the week before.
- f) Bridge Point watering during summer  
 Derek Conroy reported on a successful watering programme. He touched on the soil condition and the application of a soil wetting agent that has been worthwhile in keeping plants alive despite high heat and low rainfall. Derek has now passed the watering to Richard Edwards who advised that two plants need replacement. Richard House thanked both Derek and Richard.  
 Brian Doman suggested using seaweed as a mulch.
- g) Chainsaw course.  
 Richard House advised that future training for Bob Jeffery and Bill Eden is included on the Council's WHS matrix.
- h) Fennel growing along Inman bank.  
 Richard House reported that Council have not yet followed up on the work done by himself and more substantially by Roy Jones.
- i) NRM notification of our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
 Anita Leak agreed to check with Andy Raymond that NRM are aware of the VH Coastcare 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary milestone with regard to the NRM Volunteers' recognition day next November.
- 5) **Financial report**                      Andrew Leak
- a) Balance                      \$480.54 (= November balance – previously approved expenses \$63.88 + \$20 subs – Richard House Dec expenses \$55 + SCEC donation \$400 – 23 OscarW subsidies \$550).
- b) Membership                      Term deposit with Beyond Bank \$3,199.43 @ 2.55% maturing 28/8/2019  
    42 (= November count +5. 4 new members + 1 reinstatement)  
    New members are Ashley Picot, Derek Sim, Gayl Males and Brian Males.
- c) Expenses                      Richard House expenses Dec 2018 \$55 (CUA Day donation \$52, name badge clips \$3). Richard House expenses Jan 2019 \$6.50 (folding saw).  
    *Motion:* that Richard House's expenses of \$61.50 be approved.  
    *Proposed:* Andrew Leak                      *Seconded:* Derek Conroy                      *Carried*

## 6) **Publicity**

- a) No report in Julie Graham's absence.
- b) Richard House advised that the news item and photo he sent to the *Times* after the November bee did not get used.
- c) Andrew Leak advised that the diary entry expected in the *Times* Community News for the first working bee was not printed but the notice for this meeting was (albeit without a phone number).

## 7) **Beach Pole Report**

Andrew Leak circulated graphs that showed sand heights at normal levels for the five beach poles.

## 8) **Working bees**

- a) Show and tell – Richard House demonstrated the best way to use poison injector bottles.
- b) Work done.
  - a. **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November** WA 1G The Bluff – Encounter Bay slope.  
Woody weed control at far end of road behind Whalers Inn units.
  - b. **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** WA 16 Bridge Point  
Watering and pruning. Raised root of Norfolk pine reported to Council and fixed.
  - c. **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019** WA 16 Bridge Point  
Watering and pruning. Also pruning along railway track near the chicane.  
Much more to do along railway but outside normal Coastcare work area.
  - d. **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February** WA 11 The Esplanade.  
Tamarisk control alongside the market lawn. Also, two mini palms and some agave.  
WA 12 Soldiers Memorial Gardens  
Removal of plant guards around flourishing seedlings between causeway and boat ramp. Council watering was commended.
- c) Work planned
  - a. **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February** WA 16 Bridge Point  
Preparation for watering including mulching with seaweed.  
Richard House to bring CUA bags for seaweed carting.  
Bring a spade and garden fork. Meet at 10 am.
  - b. **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March.** WA 11 The Esplanade.  
Tamarisk control alongside the market lawn.  
Following Lee Jeffery's weed map priority.  
Trialling scrape and paint where drill and fill not practical.  
Meet at 9 am at western end of VIC carpark.

## 9) **Other Business**

- a) Woody weeds along Franklin Parade between boat ramp and jetty.  
Brian Doman and Andrew Comas have investigated and decided this area is lower in priority than other Coastcare projects.
- b) Richard House dunes tour for 7 new councillors.  
Richard House outlined the background and the area covered on the four 2.5-hour tours. He circulated a copy of the illustrated handouts that were given to participating councillors. Richard reported positive feedback and he felt the effort was well worthwhile.
- c) New Council representative  
Richard House has written to Mayor Jenkins suggesting Marilyn Henderson be nominated as the representative councillor for Victor Harbor Coastcare.
- d) Council watering new plants near beach volley ball courts  
Richard House expressed disappointment regarding the frequency of watering. Brian Doman suggested that seaweed mulch might help.
- e) Council Volunteer Week small grants offer  
There was discussion about previous Volunteer Week functions and Anita Leak presented some alternatives. It was decided to submit a grant application based on a 'happy hour' at Andrew and Anita Leak's on a date to be determined.
- f) Invitation to meet Sally Modystach, consultant Director *Healthy Environs* who is writing Victor Harbor Council Environmental Management Plan.  
Brian Doman spoke about the background to this event that was held on 18<sup>th</sup> February and was attended by several members from VH Coastcare. He spoke of the holistic approach and consultation that is intended to include the

wider benefits of environmental management. A public consultation feedback form was distributed seeking submissions before 15 March. The form is available on the Council website.

- g) Invitation to Andrew Comas to come to March meeting.  
Confirmation pending.
- h) Entertainment Book sales at RAA  
Anita Leak advised that the 2019/20 books will be available in April and the RAA office in Ocean Street have agreed to sell them again. The 2018/19 books were all sold.
- i) Consideration of morning tea after Wednesday bees  
Anita Leak offered to organise coffee and muffins following Wednesday working bees. It was agreed that would be generally appreciated and that expenses would be covered by Coastcare. Richard House thanked Anita.
- j) New boardwalk at the Hindmarsh mouth  
Richard Edwards reported that the replacement boardwalk is well underway. He is impressed by the new construction but was disappointed to see that drill shavings were swept into the surroundings.
- k) Bluff fire  
There was discussion about a fire on the Bluff on February 17 that was in an area that Coastcare has done work. About an acre of scrub was burned but was quickly contained by the fire services. No recent plantings were destroyed. It will be interesting to observe the long-term effect on the flora.

## 10) Correspondence

- a) Emails received and forwarded to members
  - i) Sedge Snippet December, January and February editions
  - ii) SC Environment Centre December and February newsletter.
  - iii) Landcare Australia newsletter Landlink, Tackling Marine Debris
- b) Other.
  - i) Emails to/from Andrew Comas re
    - (1) chainsaw course,
    - (2) fennel along Inman
    - (3) watering at beach volley ball.
  - ii) Emails to/from Brian Doman and Andrew Comas re
    - (1) woody weeds along Bluff jetty road
    - (2) *Coca Cola Foundation Coastal Protection and Landcare Australia Coastal Protection Grants*
  - iii) Email to Andrew Comas re acacia cyclops near chicane on Jagger Road
  - iv) Emails to/from Lee Jeffery re
    - (1) flax leaf broom at Hayborough
    - (2) watering at beach volley ball courts
    - (3) tamarisk near causeway.
  - v) Emails to/from Mayor
    - (1) requesting a Councillor be appointed to come to our meetings
    - (2) offering Councillors guided coastal visits.
  - vi) Email from Southern Volunteering re insurance.

**11) Hours worked** Richard House 53, Nigel Ibbotson 5, Janet Pettman 4, Murray Pettman 4, Harry Rake 8, Derek Conroy 13, Richard Edwards 9, Rosene Edwards 2, Anita Leak 3, Andrew Leak 19, Bob Jeffery 4, Trevor Brand 4, Bill Eden 2, Julie Graham 2, Lynn Trenorden 2, Ashley Picot 4, Total 138

**12) Next Meeting** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019.