Minutes of the meeting of Victor Harbor Coastcare held in the Old School Building on Wednesday 20th March 2019 at 7.00 pm

1) Welcome and those present. Richard House (Chairman), Councillor Nick Hayles, Andrew Comas, Jack Laybourne-Vandenbroek, Derek Sim, Bill Eden, Roy Jones, Trevor Brand, Janet Pettman, Murray Pettman, Derek Conroy, Eric Everitt, Harry Rake, Julie Graham, Richard Edwards, Rosene Edwards, Anita Leak, Andrew Leak

Richard House welcomed Nick Hayles as the new councillor representative for Victor Harbor Coastcare, Jack Laybourne-Vandenbroek as a potential new member, and Andrew Comas (City of Victor Harbor Group Leader Open Space).

Andrew Comas gave a comprehensive update on council projects of relevance to Coastcare and answered questions. He agreed to provide a similar update in six months' time.

2) Apologies Barbara Bond, Jeff McEvoy, Di Sinclair-Warren, John Ray, Margaret Ray, Bob Marshall, Bob Jeffery, Jenny Jeffery, Ashley Picot, Nigel Ibottson.

3) Minutes of the previous meeting

Motion: that minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2019 be approved as an accurate record.

Proposed: Anita Leak Seconded: Derek Conroy Carried

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

Andrew Leak reported that brief postings have been published for this meeting, working bees and the OscarW outing but there have not yet been any enquiries from potential new members. Richard Edwards has provided some photos that will be posted soon but more would be welcome.

- b) First Aid box
 - Anita Leak reported that the council have provided an old backpack with some additional first-aid supplies. If it looks reasonable after cleaning, Anita will stock it and bring it to the next meeting, otherwise she will suggest the purchase of a new backpack.
- c) Clean Up Australia Day
 - Richard House thanked the 17 people who participated on Sunday 3rd March in what was a productive clean up.
- d) Anniversary party
 - Richard House thanked Andrew Leak for organising the outing on Saturday 9th March 2019 on the OscarW cruise/lunch. 27 Coastcarers had a very pleasant day.
- e) NRM notification of our 20th anniversary
 - Anita Leak advised that NRM have a record of this milestone in connection with the volunteers' event in November.
- f) Victor Harbor Council Environmental Management Plan
 - Richard House and Trevor Brand gave brief accounts of their submissions. Richard's submission included the suggestion that less plants and more watering would be more efficient. Trevor's submission included the need to control Wright Island boxthorn for the sake of the terns, the unfortunate comparison of the Inman estuary to the Hindmarsh, and urging the planting of slow-growing grass trees.

5) Financial report Andrew Leak

a) Balance \$445.74 (= February balance – folding saw \$6.50

- Aust Post P.O. box renewal \$35 + CUA recycling \$6.70)

Term deposit with Beyond Bank \$3,199.43 @ 2.55% maturing 28/8/2019

b) Membership 42 (no change)

c) Expenses Richard House \$62.48 (Knife \$27.90, print cartridge \$34.58),

Aust Post P.O. box renewal \$35, Andrew Leak receipt book \$5.99,

Anita Leak morning tea supplies \$28.39. Total \$127.86.

Motion: that expenses of \$127.86 be approved.

Proposed: Andrew Leak Seconded: Harry Rake Carried

6) Publicity

Julie Graham noted that Richard House's item and photo about Clean Up Australia Day was printed in the *Times*.

Julie advised that she has reprinted posters for noticeboards. She would like to stand down as publicity officer at next month's AGM but will continue to maintain the noticeboards at Woolworths and Coles. Richard House noted that noticeboards have proven to be successful.

7) Beach Pole Report

Andrew Leak reported a 9 cm drop in sand height at the Yacht Club from 'high' to 'good' and a 15 cm increase at Soldiers Memorial Gardens from 'normal' to 'good'. No change at the other poles.

8) Working bees

- a) Work done.
 - a. **Sunday 24th February** WA 16 Bridge Point.

Spreading sea grass around plants, and watering. Sea grass was carted from the bowling club thanks to Bob Jeffery and his ute.

b. **Wednesday 13th March**. WA 11 The Esplanade.

Tamarisk control alongside the market lawn.

Richard House showed an example of tamarisk re-growth and passed around the new frilling knife which has proved useful in tackling tamarisks that have branches too thin to drill and fill.

Motion: to purchase two more frilling knives.

Proposed: Trevor Brand Seconded: Derek Conroy Carried

b) Work planned

a. **Sunday 24th March** WA 16 Bridge Point.

Spreading sea grass around plants, and watering. Some pruning. Richard Edwards to supervise in Richard House's absence. Meet at 10 am.

b. **Wednesday 10th April.** WA 11 The Esplanade.

Tamarisk control alongside the market lawn.

Meet at 9 am.

9) Other Business

a) Causeway future

The Victor Harbor Community Action Group forum summary was discussed. Nick Hayles reiterated that the causeway is a State Government responsibility, but the Victor Harbor Council have expressed their preference for the long-term solution to be replacement with a new structure (possibly with a heritage look). In the short-term work is about to commence to enable resumption of horse tram operations.

b) Victor Harbor Coastcare badges

Richard House requested members to let him know if they need a name badge.

c) Induction forms

Richard House advised that he will be meeting with Mike Ross (Council Operations Manager) to check that the council register for Coastcare volunteers is up to date.

d) Nick Hayles views

Nick Hayles spoke about his appointment to the Committee of Management of the Australian Coastal Councils Association along with Alexandrina's Mayor Parkes as S.A.'s representatives. Nick attended a recent conference and he urged interested members to go to the ACCA website to view the presentations. In response to a question from Roy Jones, Nick agreed to raise the question of oil exploration and drilling in the Bight, and take the Victor Harbor Council's position (i.e. opposition) to the ACCA.

Nick thanked Richard House for the five tours he conducted to familiarise (nearly all) the new Council with Coastcare issues.

- e) Murray Pettman expressed concern about blowouts in the dunes caused by people accessing the beach without using the stairways.
- f) Roy Jones gave an update on his eradication of new-growth fennel near the Inman estuary.
- g) Janet Pettman commended the Esplanade market people for cleaning up after their markets.
- h) Murray Pettman expressed an interest in learning more about the diversity of plants in the dunes and which plants are planned to fill the gaps. He will follow up on Andrew Comas' suggestion to speak with Lee Jeffery.
- i) Richard Edwards requested that a list of members names and phone numbers be circulated.
- j) Andrew Leak requested members to think about whether a mid-week night would work for the Happy Hour in May. A 22nd May Wednesday night possibility will be put forward for discussion at the next meeting.

10) Correspondence

- a) Emails received and forwarded to members
 - i) SC Environment Centre re info sessions in April on solar power battery bulk buy.
 - ii) SC Environment Centre March newsletter.
 - iii) Victor Harbor Community Action Group newsletter with info re the causeway.
 - iv) Info re Ocean Film Festival.
 - v) AMLR NRM e-News Summer edition.
 - vi) AMLR NRM promotion re Coastal Garden design workshop.
 - vii) DEW info re Port Environment Open Day Sat 30th March
- b) Other.
 - i) Emails to/from Andrew Comas re watering at beach volley ball.
 - ii) Emails to/from Council advising appointment of Councillor Hayles as representative.
 - iii) Email from Mike Ross requesting meeting.
- 11) Hours worked Richard House 22, Derek Sim 4, Bill Eden 2, Roy Jones 8, Janet Pettman 6, Murray Pettman 6, Derek Conroy 2, Harry Rake 4, Richard Edwards 11, Julie Graham 4, Rosene Edwards 4, Anita Leak 6, Andrew Leak 10, Bob Jeffery 2, Drew Maywald 2, Ashley Picot 2, Trevor Brand 4, Total 95
- **12**) **Next Meeting** Wednesday 17th Aril 2019. AGM.