

**Minutes of the meeting of Victor Harbor Coastcare held in the  
Old School Building on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.30 pm**

- 1) **Welcome and those present.** Richard House (Chairman), Brian Doman, Bill Eden, Eric Everitt, Harry Rake, Jenny Jeffery, Bob Jeffery, Derek Conroy, Richard Edwards, Julie Graham, Rosene Edwards, Andrew Leak.
- 2) **Apologies** Barbara Bond, Jeff McEvoy, Di Sinclair-Warren, Trevor Brand, Bob Marshall, Anita Leak, Janet Pettman, Murray Pettman, Drew Maywald, Nigel Ibbotson.
- 3) **Minutes of the previous meeting**  
*Motion:* that the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (amended to include Richard Edwards as an attendee) be approved as an accurate record.  
*Proposed:* Harry Rake                      *Seconded:* Bill Eden                      *Carried*
- 4) **Business arising from the minutes** (not covered by other items on the agenda).
  - a) Facebook.  
Andrew Leak reported that several old photos received from Richard Edwards have now been posted. The arrival of the new Entertainment Books at the RAA shop was advertised via the 'Victor Harbor and Surrounding Areas Community Board' Facebook group. The nature of future content is evolving.
  - b) First Aid box.  
*Motion:* that Anita Leak purchase a suitably rugged bag for the first aid kit to replace the existing box at a cost of about \$77.  
*Proposed:* Derek Conroy                      *Seconded:* Bill Eden                      *Carried*  
It is hoped that Anita can demonstrate the new (stocked) first aid kit at the next meeting.
  - c) Happy Hour for Volunteer's Week.  
It was reported that the application to the Council for a \$100 volunteers' appreciation grant was successful. It was agreed that a Happy Hour would be held at the home of Andrew and Anita Leak on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May between 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm.
  - d) Members list  
A contact list was distributed. The main purpose of the list relates to working bee issues.
- 5) **Financial report**
  - a) Balance                      \$358.88  
(= last month balance – expenses approved last month \$96.86 + subs \$10)  
Term deposit with Beyond Bank \$3,199.43 @ 2.55% maturing 28/8/2019
  - b) Membership                      42 (no change)
  - c) Expenses                      Richard House \$55.96 (2 chisel blade knives)  
*Motion:* that expenses of \$55.96 be approved.  
*Proposed:* Andrew Leak                      *Seconded:* Harry Rake                      *Carried*
- 6) **Publicity**  
Julie Graham reported that the new Coles store appears not to have a noticeboard yet. Julie passed on the form to update the Coastcare entry in the *Times* 2019/20 Fleurieu Business and Community Guide.
- 7) **Beach Pole Report**  
Andrew Leak reported that sand heights at the five beach poles were generally in better shape than last month. The sand height at the Esplanade pole had increased 14cm. The Memorial Gardens sand height was estimated because the pole is surrounded by wrack.

## 8) Working bees

### a) Work done

- a. **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March** WA 16 Bridge Point.  
Watering and pruning (mainly olearia) at Bridge Point.  
Clearing pathways along Bridge Terrace board walks.
- b. **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April.** WA 11 The Esplanade.  
Tamarisk control and digging out small palms and agave. Work has progressed as far as a large olive that is also to be tackled by Coastcare.

Richard House and Richard Edwards had a meeting with Corey Jackson at the Esplanade site. Corey suggested the best time to prune most native plants is in spring and possibly autumn.

He also commented on the tamarisk control alongside the market lawn, suggesting that some of the low priority tamarisks on Lee Jeffery's map were impeding native plants. Lee had already suggested suspending the tamarisk poisoning over winter and she agreed with Corey. Richard House to meet with Lee to tag those tamarisks that have been raised in priority when control resumes late August.

### b) Work planned.

- a. **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April** WA 29 Hayborough Dunes.  
Boxthorns etc. Meet at Hayward Street steps. (nb NOT Hayward Court) 10 am.  
Derek Conroy was advised that he could obtain a key from the council for access from Investigator Carpark, but the state of the track is unknown. Brian Doman to email Richard House a map to avoid private property.
- b. **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May** . WA 1G The Bluff - Encounter Bay slope  
Final(?) pass for olives etc.  
Meet at far end of car park immediately behind Whalers Inn. 9 am.

Brian Doman advised that council will be using a groomer/mulcher in the Bluff area including the burnt section and will be tackling willow myrtle next month. He suggested that Richard House meet with Andrew Comas to discuss work on the western side of the Bluff road. Brian will speak to Andrew Comas and Lee Jeffery about other areas that need work from Coastcare.

## 9) Other Business

- a) The council's Andrew Comas was commended for swift action in educating a householder about lawn clippings dumped near Bridge Point. Members are encouraged to report illegal dumping to council.
- b) In response to a question from Bob Jeffery, Brian Doman explained that it is ok to prune a dune plant for the health of the plant but not to improve a view. Views should be considered when planting.
- c) Brian Doman advised that a draft of the Environment Management Plan is expected to be presented to the Council in May followed by further public consultation.
- d) Bob Jeffery passed on his observation that the native rats in the Eastern Beach dunes appear to have disappeared. Possibly a natural cycle.
- e) Richard Edwards spoke about the NRM wind-up of the Hooded Plover season and the local disappointments

**10) Correspondence**

- a) Emails received and forwarded to members
  - i) Sedge Snippet - April edition
  - ii) SC Environment Centre April newsletter
  - iii) NRM Regional Landcare News – April edition
  - iv) Swamp Fest 2019 forewarning re Sunday 23 June
- b) Other.
  - i) Emails to/from Andrew Comas re dumped lawn clippings.
  - ii) Emails to and from Andrew Comas and Lee Jeffery re tamarisk control.

**11) Hours worked** Richard House 13.5, Derek Conroy 3.5, Eric Everitt 5.5, Harry Rake 3.5, Bill Eden 3.5, Richard Edwards 9.5, Julie Graham 2, Rosene Edwards 3.5, Andrew Leak 7.5, Anita Leak 2, Murray Pettman 2, Janet Pettman 2, Trevor Brand 2, Ashley Picot 2, Roy Jones 2, Bob Jeffery 1.5, Jenny Jeffery 1.5. Total 65.

**12) Next Meeting** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019.