

**Minutes of the meeting of Victor Harbor Coastcare held in the  
Old School Building on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.00 pm**

- 1) **Welcome and those present.** Richard House (Chairman), Cr Nick Hayles, Janet Pettman, Murray Pettman, Derek Sim, Derek Conroy, Bill Eden, Richard Edwards, Rosene Edwards, Anita Leak, Andrew Leak.
- 2) **Apologies** Barbara Bond, Jeff McEvoy, Di Sinclair-Warren, John Ray, Margaret Ray, Harry Rake, Roy Jones, Julie Graham, Trevor Brand.
- 3) **Minutes of the previous meeting**  
*Motion:* that the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019 be approved as an accurate record.  
*Proposed:* Derek Conroy                      *Seconded:* Rosene Edwards                      *Carried*
- 4) **Business arising from the minutes** (not covered by other items on the agenda).
  - a) First Aid kit                      Anita Leak show and tell.  
Richard House thanked Anita for the purchase of the new first aid bag and bringing the contents up to date.
  - b) Happy Hour                      Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 5.30 to 7.30.  
Andrew Leak reported that acceptances were down on last year and that invitations would be sent again.
  - c) Draft Victor Harbor Council Environmental Plan  
Richard House reminded members that the Plan was expected to be released for final public consultation after the Council meeting on 27 May.
- 5) **Financial report**                      Andrew Leak
  - a) Balance                      \$572.92  
(= last month balance – expenses approved last month \$55.96 + subs \$130 + donation \$40 + Council grant for volunteer’s week function \$100)  
Term deposit with Beyond Bank \$3,199.43 @ 2.55% maturing 28/8/2019
  - b) Membership                      42 (= last month -1 resigned +1 Oscar Lane)
  - c) Expenses                      Anita Leak \$83.10 (first aid carry bag \$76.45, safety pins \$3.15, morning tea supplies \$3.50)  
*Motion:* that expenses of \$83.10 be approved.  
*Proposed:* Andrew Leak                      *Seconded:* Rose Edwards                      *Carried*
- 6) **Publicity**
  - a) Anita Leak spoke about a request from Landcare Australia to provide a story on a project that has made a difference to the environment and local community. Anita is planning an article about the development of the Bridge Point garden. Richard House to provide a ‘before’ photo.  
Brochure distribution was discussed, and Janet Pettman advised that the council maintain their own stock of Coastcare leaflets.
  - b) Andrew Leak spoke about recent Facebook postings to promote the Entertainment Book and to access old photos that have been published in the *Times*. Andrew has also submitted an article about beachpole reading to the *Times*. The article has also been posted to the Coastcare Facebook page and the *Times* Facebook page and it is hoped to encourage a volunteer to take over beachpole reading.  
The *Times* have also been updated with the Coastcare calendar and the Community Guide entry.
- 7) **Beach Pole Report**  
Andrew Leak reported that, despite some heavy swells in the past month, there was little change to the sand height readings at the poles. Some beaches were scoured nearer the water.

## 8) Working bees

- a) Work done.
  - a. **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April** WA 29 Hayborough Dunes. Buckthorn, olives, boxthorn, palm trees, pruning along pathways.
  - b. **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May** WA 1G The Bluff - Encounter Bay slope. Acacia cyclops, olives. Area swept for remaining olives.
  - c. **Others**
    - i. Tamarisk show and tell – Richard House
    - ii. Gazanias in dunes near caravan park actioned by Richard House
    - iii. Fennel along Inman banks actioned by Roy Jones and council operators.
- b) Work planned
  - a. **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May** WA 29 Hayborough dunes.  
Continue work as per April bee plus boxthorn near road.  
Meet at Hayborough Street. 10 am.
  - b. **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June** Hindmarsh Estuary upstream near Primary School  
New area – Tom Stephens Reserve. Hakea drupacea, olives and gazanias.  
Bring garden forks and heavy-duty gloves.  
Park on Wattle Drive near bridge to school. 9 am

## 9) Other Business

- a) Possible future working bee projects
  - i) The Bluff – near bottom of sealed walking track off Bluff Jetty Road. Boxthorn on west side of track, olives on east.  
Meeting with Lee Jeffery, Thu 16/5, to discuss work required on the west side of Bluff Road (off Jagger Rd). Especially colonies of suckering she-oaks.
  - ii) Rotary project at end of Kings Beach Road.  
Richard House reported on a meeting at the end of Kings Beach Road with Cr Andrew Robertson (representing the Rotary Club of Victor Harbor). Rotary have requested Coastcare assistance for plant selection and revegetation of grassland either side of a proposed viewing platform. After discussion it was agreed that Coastcare would be agreeable to a joint planting project. Richard House to question the timing of plant availability and coordination with construction. Anita Leak suggested SCEC could be used to call for additional planting volunteers if necessary.
  - iii) Winter plantings  
Richard House suggested planting bees were likely at the beach-volleyball court dunes and east of Investigator carpark.
- b) Nick Hayles advised that the Conference Report from the conference he attended for the Australian Coastal Councils is now available.
- c) Nick Hayles encouraged members to be involved in the draft 2019/20 Budget that is open for public consultation until 14 June. There is a public forum at the Civic Centre on 6 June at 6.30 pm.
- d) Murray Pettman spoke about the need to guard against loss of wetlands to housing development.
- e) Derek Sim suggested that the council install a bin for users of the Bridge Terrace Reserve.
- f) Derek Conroy commended the Alexandrina Council's campaign to encourage residents to remove gazanias from their gardens and swap them for native plants.
- g) Richard Edwards showed a bag containing a disturbing quantity of plastic shavings that had been allowed to fall below the Hindmarsh Estuary boardwalk during construction and had now washed into view because of the rising river level. Regrettably, a member of the public used a gopher to breach the river so the plastic went out to sea before more plastic could be collected.
- h) Members were reminded that the Council is holding a morning tea for volunteers on Friday 14 June between 10 and 11.30. Richard House is collecting (until 7 June) the names of members who will be attending.
- i) Members were reminded that a chemical handling workshop is being run by the NRM at Willunga on Wednesday 22 May between 10 and 2.30. Refer to Richard's email of 3 May for details.

**10) Correspondence**

- a) Emails received and forwarded to members
  - i) SC Environment Centre newsletter
  - ii) Sedge Snippet – May edition
  - iii) Caroline Taylor NRM seeking volunteers for butterfly recovery project
- b) Other.
  - i) Emails re renewal of Independent Community Insurance for volunteers. DEW/NRM.
  - ii) Emails to and from Brian Doman, Andrew Comas and Lee Jeffery re work on the Bluff and hakea drupacea control in Hindmarsh estuary.

**11) Hours worked** Richard House 16.5, Roy Jones 8, Janet Pettman 5.5, Murray Pettman 5.5, Derek Sim 3.5, Bill Eden 3.5, Richard Edwards 6.5, Rosene Edwards 1.5, Anita Leak 6, Andrew Leak 19.5, Harry Rake 2, Trevor Brand 2, Ashley Picot 2, Julia Graham 2, Total 84

**12) Next Meeting**      Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June.