

6) Publicity

- a) Anita Leak was reported to have responded to a request from Landcare Australia to provide a story on a project that had made a difference to the environment and local community. Anita sent an article about the development of the Bridge Point garden.
- b) Julie Graham advised that she is continuing to display Coastcare posters on supermarket noticeboards.
- c) Andrew Leak reported that an article about beachpole reading was published by the *Times*. But no response for a volunteer to take over was elicited.
The *Times* have again been updated with the Coastcare calendar as this meeting was not included in the Community Guide. A few old photos have been added to the Facebook page.

7) Beach Pole Report

Andrew Leak reported that, the only significant change to beach sand heights occurred at the Soldier's Memorial Gardens pole where wrack, that had previously surrounded the pole at the end of April, was scoured out causing a drop in sand level of 45cm compared to the last genuine reading.

Sand heights at the poles along the Esplanade are unchanged because a lot of wrack has been naturally piled at the water edge protecting the sand at the site of the poles.

Richard Edwards showed photos of the considerable volume of wrack that had recently been pushed up to the Esplanade dunes by the council front-end loader. He also showed a photo of the dunes just east of the Causeway where sand erosion was threatening the new plants there.

8) Working bees

- a) Work done
 - a. **Sunday 26th May** WA 29 Hayborough dunes.
Weed control continued. Mainly olives and buckthorn.
Brian Doman to supply map of relevant boundaries
 - b. **Wednesday 12th June** Hindmarsh Estuary upstream near Primary School.
Hakea drupacea etc. Working bee cancelled due to rain.
- b) Work planned
 - a. **Sunday 23th June** WA 13 Club Dunes.
Planting near beach volleyball courts. Bring a spade (n.b. not trowel) and hammer (for stakes). Also, WA 16 Bridge Point
Planting if time. Spades and hammers needed. Meet near volleyball courts 10 am.
 - b. **Wednesday 10th July** WA 31 Hayborough East dunes
Planting in area at far end of Investigator car park.
Dependent on plants arriving from Corey Jackson. Meet at 9 am.

9) Other Business

- a) The death of Bill Harvey-Crowson was noted and his contribution to Coastcare was discussed and recognised. Andrew Leak to arrange a sympathy card for his wife, Jan.
- b) Richard House spoke about the photos he had sent to the council showing erosion gullies that had been created on the beach at stormwater outlets after some recent heavy downpours. Particularly along the Esplanade beaches. Brian Doman gave an insight into the current checks (e.g. Friday drain clearances), the hidden methods of slowing the flow of stormwater to the sea (e.g. Ocean St rain gardens, Flinders Pde tree wells, Petrel Cove reed ponds), and the future (e.g. stormwater works in the next budget and development of a new master plan).
- c) On 25 May, Richard House sent an email to members listing the budget items that were of particular relevance to Coastcare (e.g. coastal protection and stormwater drainage)
- d) Richard House advised that Andrew Comas has been invited to attend the August meeting.
- e) Richard House requested (through Brian Doman) that council contact a hooded plover volunteer before work starts on upgrading the rock wall at the bowling club.
- f) Roy Jones gave an encouraging assessment of fennel control on the Inman River bank.
- g) Richard Edwards showed photos of the lagoon that showed the channel is working well.
- h) Andrew Leak advised that the council have planted about 300 plants in the Esplanade dunes.

10) Correspondence

- a) Emails received and forwarded to members
 - i) Clean Up Australia Day newsletter.
 - ii) SC Environment Centre June newsletter
 - iii) Caroline Taylor (DEW) re shorebirds film *Wrack or Ruin* Sat 22 June
 - iv) Sedge Snippet – May edition
 - v) Caroline Taylor NRM re plankton workshop and outing at the Port.
 - vi) Mel White of Southern Volunteering seeking project for 27 Flight Centre volunteers.
- b) Other.
 - i) Emails from Southern Volunteering, thanking us for being on their list.
 - ii) Email from David Speirs MP re money allocated for the environment in the State budget.
 - iii) Landholder consent letter from Brian Doman for forwarding to NRM re insurance.
 - iv) From member Tony Burfield showing interest in the Rotary viewing platform project.

11) Hours worked Richard House 23.5, Bill Eden 3.5, Roy Jones 6.5, Harry Rake 1.5, Rosene Edwards 14.5, Andrew Leak 14.5, Anita Leak 6, Murray Pettman 2, Janet Pettman 2, Nigel Ibbotson 5, Derek Sim 5, Eric Everitt 1.5, Total 84

12) Next Meeting Wednesday 17th July.