

**Minutes of the meeting of Victor Harbor Coastcare held in the
Old School Building on Wednesday 21st August 2019 at 7.00 pm**

- 1) **Welcome and those present.** Richard House (Chairman), Tony Holiday, Eric Everitt, Bill Eden, Richard Edwards, Rosene Edwards, Trevor Brand, Samantha Blight, Brian Doman, Janet Pettman, Murray Pettman, Derek Sim, Anita Leak, Andrew Leak.
Richard House welcomed prospective new members Tony Holiday and Sam Blight.
- 2) **Apologies** Barbara Bond, Jeff McEvoy, Di Sinclair-Warren, John and Margaret Ray, Roy Jones, Nigel Ibbotson, Andrew Comas, Derek Conroy, Barb Francis (possible new member).
- 3) Minutes of the previous meeting
Motion: that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2019 be approved as an accurate record.
Proposed: Anita Leak *Seconded:* Bill Eden *Carried*
- 4) **Business arising from the minutes** (not covered by other items on the agenda).
 - a) Draft Environmental Management Plan.
Brian Doman expressed his appreciation for input from Coastcare. The draft plan has been presented to elected members and will be presented to the November Council meeting for approval.
 - b) Possibility of Council use of drain socks with monitoring by Victor Harbor Coastcare.
Brian Doman will let Jodie Roberts know of Coastcare's offer when the stormwater management plan is reviewed.
 - c) Richard House's talk about *Your Dunes My Dunes* to Native Plants Society on Thursday 18th July at Encounter Centre.
Richard expressed his appreciation for the strong support from Coastcare members at the talk.
 - d) Display of Entertainment books at RAA.
As there are only a couple of books left for sale it was felt that it could wait to next year to make the point about having a display book on the counter.
- 5) **Financial report** Andrew Leak reported:
 - a) Balance \$597.41
(= last month balance – expenses approved last month \$3.50 + subs \$10 + sales of Entertainment Books \$28)

Term deposit with Beyond Bank \$3,199.43 @ 2.55% maturing 28/8/2019
There was discussion about allowing the term deposit to roll over at maturity.
Motion: that the term deposit be allowed to roll over.
Proposed: Andrew Leak *Seconded:* Trevor Brand *Carried*
 - b) Membership 41 (= last month +1 reinstated)
 - c) Expenses Anita Leak \$28.50 (morning tea supplies \$3.50, petrol for trip to UniSA Magill for website introduction \$25)
Motion: that expenses of \$28.50 be approved.
Proposed: Andrew Leak *Seconded:* Trevor Brand *Carried*
- 6) **Publicity**
Anita Leak reported that recruitment posters are now on display in 6 locations (Library, IGA, Woolworths, Coles, SportsPower and SCEC). A sample poster was circulated. Anita will take over from Julie Graham. Richard House thanked Julie for her past involvement.
Anita advised that the article in the *Times* on 8th August was written by a *Times* reporter by way of apology for getting Coastcare's Community Notices entries wrong on 3 occasions since May.
Andrew Leak advised that Facebook postings were made after the last working bee and as a final promotion for this year's Entertainment Book.

Andrew Leak reported that Coastcare has been accepted as a non-paying participant in a UniSA course that involves four students developing a Coastcare website and hosting it for three years. Andrew outlined the process to date and the steps leading to delivery in January 2020 (requiring 3 more trips to UniSA Magill).

A new email address for Victor Harbor Coastcare (vhcoastcare@gmail.com) has been created.

7) Beach Pole Report

Andrew Leak reported that a considerable quantity of wrack has been washed away from the beach pole at Memorial Gardens allowing a better estimation with the result being a 19cm improvement in sand height. Elsewhere there was not much change in readings but the readings at the poles were not always a true indicator as sand has been scoured from beaches but not as far as the poles. Graphs of all readings were circulated.

8) Working bees

a) Work done.

- a. **Sunday 28th July** WA 31 Hayborough East dunes.
Completion of planting at the far end of Investigator car park
and WA 8 Kent Reserve
Weed control in dunes between the boat ramp and past Harbor View Terrace.
Trevor Brand commented on the swift council collection of the weeds tackled, including cyclops, agave, olive, mirror bush, cordyline and daisy.

- b. **Wednesday 14th August** WA 16 Bridge Point
Weeding, pruning, and planting pigface. Again, swift council collection of prunings.

b) Work planned

- a. **Sunday 25th August** WA 1C The Bluff – Between the tracks (formerly called “car park to mine”).

Weed control (boxthorn, olive and teatree) near the start of the footpath that goes from the jetty road up to the first car park.

Meet at 10 am on Bluff Jetty Road at the bottom of the footpath - about 500m south from Whalers Inn.

Richard House demonstrated a different style of poison applicator – the dabber bottle.

- b. **Wednesday 11th September** WA8 Kent Reserve

Continue weed control in dunes south of the boat ramp.

Meet at 9 am on Franklin Parade in the carpark bay between Harbour View Terrace and Bartel Boulevard. Bring a spade to dig out cordylines.

Trevor Brand and Bill Eden agreed to tackle the two intersecting boobiallas at Bridge Point in a two-stage pruning approach.

9) Other Business

- a) Encounter Bikeway proposals along Bridge Terrace.

Brian Doman outlined some of the issues to consider and he encouraged interested members to attend an on-site meeting on Thursday 22nd August at 1 pm. The general feeling of the meeting was against a 3m bike track running through the Bridge Terrace Reserve.

- b) Removal of spurious sign along the Esplanade near CS Read Reserve.

Richard House commended the council on a swift removal following his prompt.

- c) 2019 SA Coastal Conference, Thursday/Friday 7/8th Nov, Napier Theatre, Adelaide Uni.

Richard House spoke about the relevance of this conference, details of which can be found at <https://www.conferences.com.au/2019sacoastal/>.

Motion: that Coastcare subsidise members 50% of registration for the Coastal Conference.

Proposed: Trevor Brand *Seconded:* Janet Pettman *Carried*

Registrations before 30th August are \$120. Andrew Leak indicated his intention to attend.

Richard House is unable to attend.

- d) Richard Edwards reported that the first hooded plover egg for the season has been found near the croquet club. A fence will be erected soon.

- e) Richard Edwards remarked on the volume of wrack that has washed up on Victor's beaches this winter.
- f) Trevor Brand remarked on the beach off Franklin Parade that appears to have grown, possibly from sand dumped near Yilki.
- g) Janet Pettman (prompted by a SCEC newsletter) asked about pygmy possums at Newland Head. Anita Leak advised that pygmy possums already live in the area and are using the nest boxes built for them.
- h) Murray Pettman spoke about a coastal protection trial at Maroochydore comparing sand-filled bags and cement blocks. He was surprised to hear that the cost of 100m of blocks is about half the cost of 100m of bags.
- i) Derek Sim reported that recent plantings near the volleyball courts have again been driven over by the council's front-end loader when clearing the nearby drain.
- j) Anita Leak stated her intention to give a thankyou gift to Meri at the RAA office for her efforts in selling Entertainment Books to raise funds for Coastcare. The idea was met with approval.
- k) Andrew Leak mentioned that he and Anita would be apologies for the September meeting.

10) Correspondence

- a) Emails received and forwarded to members
 - i) From Glenn Sandford (Council Director Environment and Infrastructure Services) re Encounter Bikeway meeting at Bridge Terrace Reserve Thursday 22nd August 1 pm.
 - ii) Sedge Snippet – August edition
 - iii) Caroline Taylor (NRM) re off-road vehicles parliamentary inquiry.
 - iv) SC Environment Centre August newsletter
- b) Other.
 - i) Apologies from Andrew Comas.
 - ii) To Andrew Comas requesting removal of spurious sign.
 - iii) From Rachel Godoy (Volunteer Support Officer, DEW Willunga) re provision of dabber bottles.

11) Hours worked Richard House 19, Harry Rake 2, Barb Francis 2, Ashley Picot 2, Bill Eden 6.5, Richard Edwards 9, Rosene Edwards 2, Trevor Brand 10, Janet Pettman 4, Murray Pettman 4, Anita Leak 8, Andrew Leak 22 Total 90.5.

12) Next Meeting Wednesday 18th September. Andrew Comas in attendance.