

**MINUTES of the meeting of Victor Harbor Coastcare held in the
Old School Building on Wednesday 18th September 2019 at 7.00 pm**

- 1) **Welcome and those present.** Richard House (Chairman), Bill Eden, Murray and Janet Pettman, Eric Everitt, Sam Blight, Harry Rake, Richard Edwards, Trevor Brand, David and Sue Thorn, Barb Francis.
Richard House welcomed Andrew Comas, Group Leader Open Space of the Victor Harbor Council and invited him to speak. The following topics re Council activities were discussed:
 - a) On The Bluff:
 - i) The presence of five feral goats has been eliminated.
 - ii) There has been revegetation of the area burnt out during the summer. Richard House showed a photo of one of the shrubs that has been planted there and not seen by members of VHC before – Cullen Australasicum, Native scurf-pea. This is a native plant that is rarely seen.
 - iii) Maintenance has been done on the steps from the jetty road up to the mine site.
 - iv) Control of feathertop, bridal veil and cape tulip is ongoing.
 - b) Planting has been done in several places. Seedlings are grown from local seeds by a nurseryman at Willunga. Records are maintained of what is planted everywhere.
 - i) Franklin Parade near Yilki.
 - ii) Kent Reserve near the boat ramp, together with Rotary.
 - iii) The Esplanade near King Street and further west where an informal access point has also been closed off.
 - iv) Bridge Terrace by the beach volley ball (by VHC members). Concern was reiterated by members about the bulldozer that was clearing the drain outlet driving over plants. Andrew Comas said that an alternative route is supposed to be used now.
 - v) Oliver's Parade and other locations at Hayborough.
 - c) The boardwalk in the Hindmarsh Estuary is progressively being replaced. Further work will be done this financial year.
 - d) Weed control on the steep banks at Oliver's Parade will be undertaken by contractors this financial year.
 - e) Tamarisk control near the causeway will be continued by VHC.
 - f) The beach access for the camel rides has been moved to the west side of the causeway so as to protect the revegetation on the east side.
 - g) The Environment Plan will be submitted to the Council on 23rd September for approval.
 - h) At the Rise estate in Hayborough, revegetation of the area near the Urimbirra Creek wetlands near Waterport Road is the responsibility of the developer using plant types approved by the council.
 - i) The issue of supermarket trolleys being dumped in the rivers is ongoing. Andrew can arrange for removal on request.
- 2) **Apologies** Barbara Bond, Jeff McEvoy, Di Sinclair-Warren, John and Margaret Ray, Andrew and Anita Leak, Derek Sim, Derek Conroy.
- 3) **Minutes of the previous meeting** 21st August 2019
Those present should have included Julia Graham. Proposed by Bill Eden, seconded by Murray Pettman and accepted.
- 4) **Business arising from the minutes** (not covered by other items on the agenda).
 - a) Encounter Bikeway proposals along Bridge Terrace.
The proposed design which is straight through the middle of Bridge Terrace Reserve is highly contentious and a site meeting was held on 22nd August attended by council staff Glen Sandford and Brian Doman. There were nearby residents and other members of the community present.
Richard House has submitted an email complaint to the Mayor and all Councillors. Others have also done likewise.
The matter will be under discussion at the Council Meeting Monday 23rd Sept 5.30. VHC member Sam Blight and Bridge Terrace resident Colin Wood will both be making deputations. VHC members are strongly urged to attend to support them.
- 5) **Financial report** Report submitted by Andrew Leak
 - a) Balances Balance: \$611.91 (being last month balance – expenses approved last month \$28.50 + sales of Entertainment Book \$28 + subs \$10 + donation \$5.)
Term deposit with Beyond Bank now \$3281.01 @ 1.80% maturing 28/8/2020. \$81.58 interest earned in 2018/19 was capitalised at rollover.
 - b) Membership 43 including new members Sam Blight and Barb Francis.

- c) Expenses Andrew and Anita \$70 (Coastal Conference 50% of \$120 + thankyou gift & card for RAA \$6.50 + morning tea supplies \$3.50). Acceptance proposed by Trevor Brand, seconded by Harry Rake and passed.

6) Publicity Report submitted by Andrew Leak-

- a) Publicity Woolworths are now clearing their noticeboard weekly (5pm Sundays). Andrew thinks putting up a poster for one week every two months would be about right. On Pettman's suggestion he got a quote to print a DL size colour brochure instead of our photocopied one. Notable Imprint quoted \$307 for 1000, \$407 for 2000. He thinks it is a 'maybe-one-day' idea. Could be the subject of a grant application. Also maybe we should update our design.
- b) Facebook Photos were posted from the Bluff working bees on 25/8 and 11/9.
- c) Web site project with Uni SA students. Anita and Andrew Leak travelled to UniSA Magill on 27/8 to see what students had done in the way of mock-ups of their website ideas. Only spoke to two of the four students and only one of those had done what we expected. Since then, the same two have sent mock-ups that look promising. They are now about to develop their versions of a VHC website. Apart from responding to questions, our next involvement will be the final design approval get-together on 29 October."

7) Beach Pole Report Report submitted by Andrew Leak

Minimal changes to last month's readings. Wrack piled up on eastern beaches again except at the bowling club. Not able to read Memorial Gardens pole. Dunes eroded east of causeway and concrete blocks exposed, but plenty of wrack there that could be pushed up to the dune face as council have done on the Esplanade beaches. Noticed some access to the beach blocked with new fencing near the Esplanade pole. Also, more council plantings in Esplanade dunes near King St and west of CS Read Reserve. Hooded plover fences at croquet club and 150m east of Inman River and near Yilki.

8) Working bees

- a) Work done
- a. **Sunday 25th August** WA 1C The Bluff – Between the tracks.
Weed control near the bottom of the footpath from the jetty road up to the first car park. The work was mainly olives and boxthorns.
- b. **Wednesday 11th September**
- i. WA 8 Kent Reserve
Weed control in dunes between the boat ramp and the end of Harbor View Terrace. Big effort digging up cordyline regrowth (last done 2016).
- ii. WA 7 Bartel to Harbor View
Weed control in the dunes and along pathway towards the Bluff using a new weed list made by Richard House. Some work was also done further west from Bartel Boulevard.
- iii. WA 16 Bridge Point
Pruning the larger boobiallas.
- b) Work planned.
- a. **Sunday 22nd September** WA 1H Encounter Bay inland
Control of casuarina glauca (also known as swamp sheoak or suckering sheoak) on The Bluff. This is a native from the eastern states which has been misguidedly introduced here. Richard House demonstrated a short length of trunk from a previously poisoned sapling showing how frilling should be done.
The sheoaks on the Bluff are in a copse mixed with other types of sheoaks which are to be retained. Lee Jeffery from the council has banded these 'good' sheoaks with red markers showing which trees are NOT to be poisoned.
Meet at the bottom of the Bluff road where it turns off Jagger Road.
- b. **Wednesday 9th October** WA 39 Tom Stephens Reserve
Hindmarsh Estuary upstream near Primary School. Hakea drupacea etc.
Meet on Wattle Drive by the footbridge that crosses over to the Primary School. Note that the best meeting place is on the east side of the river even though the bee will be on the west side.
- c. **Watering of seedlings near the beach volley ball.** Andrew Comas has agreed for the water tank to be brought for this job during the summer – more or less on request. Probably a good idea to start in early October and repeat monthly or more often in very hot weather. Best not to do it on Mondays or Tuesdays when the cart may be used by Lee Jeffery or others.

9) Other Business

- a) Invitation to NRM Annual Environmental Volunteer Award Day 29 Sept 9.45 - 3.00 at Marble Hill. Victor Harbor Coastcare will be getting an award to celebrate the 20-year anniversary. This is an all-day event when there will be several interesting presentations and tours. Richard House is unavailable to go that day. Nobody else volunteered. Maybe the Leaks can go? Volunteer(s) are sought.
- b) Possible purchases to be discussed again when the Treasurer is present.
 - i) Cordless reciprocating saw. The use of this does not need any special council permission/training such as the chain saw which can only be operated by Nigel Ibbotson. Generally agreed that this could be very useful. Need to get a Makita which would then be compatible with our drills for battery swapping and charging. Probable cost \$199 (Bunnings) plus a pruning blade \$15.99. Thanks to Eric Everitt for also researching this item.
 - ii) More VHC shirts. Stocks are getting low in some sizes.
- c) Enquiry from Uni South Australia student Reena Gupta doing Masters in Urban Planning. Richard House sent some photos of block walls (she thought they were made from breeze blocks).

10) Correspondence

- a) Emails received and forwarded to members
 - i) Caroline Taylor (NRM) re Hooded Plover workshop.
 - ii) Caroline Taylor (NRM) re Oystercatchers workshop
 - iii) SC Environment Centre September newsletter
- b) Other.
 - i) Email to Council requesting removal of prunings.
 - ii) Invitation from NRM to award day.

11) Hours worked Richard House 24, Bill Eden 6, Janet Pettman 4, Murray Pettman 4, Eric Everitt 4, Julie Graham 2, Harry Rake 4, Richard Edwards 8, Trevor Brand 6, Barb Francis 4, Bob Jeffery 2, Sam Blight 1, Sue Thorn 2, David Thorn 2, Andrew Leak 12, Anita Leak 4, Total 89.

12) Next Meeting Wednesday 16th October