

**MINUTES of the meeting of Victor Harbor Coastcare held in the  
Old School Building on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 5.00 pm**

- 1) **Welcome and those present.** Richard House (Chairman), Cr Nick Hayles, Kevin Howard, Lynn Trenorden, Jen Jeffery, Bob Jeffery, Janet Pettman, Murray Pettman, Derek Conroy, Richard Edwards, Rosene Edwards, Anita Leak, Andrew Leak
- 2) **Apologies** Barbara Bond, Jeff McEvoy, Di Sinclair-Warren, John Ray, Margaret Ray, Bill Eden, Eric Everitt, Harry Rake, Julie Graham, Sue Thorn, David Thorn, Rebekah Vassos
- 3) **Minutes of the previous meeting**  
*Motion:* that the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 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) Circulation of award book Wildlife of Greater Adelaide.  
Currently the book is with Derek Conroy who will pass it on to Richard Edwards.
  - b) Clean Up Australia Day.  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020. Arrive 8.45 for 9 am. Two hours clean-up. Bring own gloves. Collection sacks and First Aid Kit will be provided. Anita Leak to confirm arrangements for care of Oscar Lane with Helen Jones.
  - c) Fennel along the River Inman.  
Roy Jones' reduction of the fennel was acknowledged, and this project remains a work-in-progress.
  - d) New Victor Harbor Coastcare shirts.  
Anita Leak was thanked for organising eight new shirts. Three have already been allocated. Richard House is storing the remainder.
  - e) Rotary King's Beach viewing platform project.  
It was reported that approvals have been finalised and work has commenced. A site meeting is planned after construction in April to determine Coastcare's involvement in planting the council supplied plants.
  - f) Bunnings SCEC sausage sizzle Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February.  
Anita Leak reported that takings were down from previous occasions. Left-over sausages and onions have been frozen and donated to Coastcare.  
After discussion, it was agreed that a sausage sizzle lunch would be held on Sunday May 24. This date was chosen to coincide with National Volunteer Week for which the council have recently sent application forms for their Small Grants Program. If successful with the grant, drinks, nibbles and dessert will also be provided at the lunch on May 24.
  - g) Purchase of more wide bandages for snake bites.  
Anita Leak was thanked for arranging the purchase. The new bandages are in the main first aid kit.
  - h) Pig face control (carpobrotus **edulis** – the 'bad' yellow one) opposite the Sea Rescue Squadron.  
Richard House suggested a strategy needs to be considered jointly with the council because of the size of the area involved and the need to avoid creating bare patches. Richard has emailed Andrew Comas.
- 5) **Financial report** Andrew Leak reported:
  - a) Balance                      \$198.98 (= last meeting balance – expenses approved last meeting \$353.14 - expenses approved in principle last meeting \$110.59 + \$10 subs + \$5 donation).  
The expenses approved in principle were a \$50 donation to CUA day and \$60.59 for rechargeable batteries.  
Term deposit with Beyond Bank \$3,199.43 @ 2.55% maturing 28/8/2019
  - b) Membership                      46 (= last meeting + Anne Berresheim and Rebekah Vassos)

- c) Expenses      Andrew Leak \$67.07 (Morning tea supplies \$13.10, First aid supplies \$14.38, Website expenses \$39.59)  
                          Richard House \$14.00 (Morning tea extras \$12, paint brush \$2)  
                          *Motion:* that expenses of \$177.66 (including the ‘in-principle’ expenses from last meeting) be approved.  
                          *Proposed:* Andrew Leak    *Seconded:* Derek Conroy    *Carried*

## 6) Publicity

- a) Publicity/Facebook  
 Andrew Leak advised that posters are still on noticeboards at most of the usual locations. Facebook posts have been made regarding working bees and Clean Up Australia Day.
- b) Times article.  
 An article titled ‘Coastcare looking after native plants’ appeared in the *Times* on 13th February.
- c) Web site project with Uni SA students.  
 Andrew Leak reported that the website has now been made public. The site will have its own domain name [vhcoastcare.org.au](http://vhcoastcare.org.au) that will not need to be changed when the UniSA free hosting arrangement expires in three years’ time. Members were asked to email Andrew with any suggestions about website content. Andrew was thanked for the time he has put into developing the website.

## 7) Beach Pole Report

Andrew Leak reported that the pole at Memorial Gardens is no longer surrounded by wrack so the sand height was able to be read last week for the first time in seven months. Graphs were circulated that showed sand height at Memorial Gardens is below the historic average but sand heights at the other four beach poles are good from an historic perspective.

## 8) Working bees

- a) Work done.
- a. **Watering bees**  
 It was agreed that the watering has been beneficial to plant survival over summer.
    - i. Beach volleyball court dunes. WA 13 Flinders Parade  
 It was agreed that the roster list is working well.  
 Sea spurge (euphorbia paralias) can be thinned out but their sand retention quality should be considered to avoid erosion.
    - ii. Bridge Point. WA 16 Bridge Point.  
 Derek Conroy and Richard Edwards have been alternating. Some pelargoniums burnt in heat but generally plants surviving well. Need a top-up of seaweed mulch.
  - b. **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November**      WA 1H      Encounter Bay inland  
 Control of suckering sheoaks on The Bluff.
  - c. **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**      WA 21      Lagoon embankment  
 Weed control along the railway line from Bus Stop 3. African daisy, polygala etc.
  - d. **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January**      WA 1H      Encounter Bay inland  
 Control of acacia cyclops on The Bluff.  
 Nigel Ibbotson’s chain saw was a huge help.
  - e. **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**      WA 11      Playground to causeway  
 Tamarisk control.
- b) Work planned
- a. **Watering bees**  
 Roster re-issued on 31 Jan.
  - b. **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**      WA 1H      Encounter Bay inland  
 Control of acacia cyclops and pinus on The Bluff. Hopefully with Nigel’s chainsaw.  
 Meet at 10 am on the Bluff circuit, about 200m after Petrel Cove.
  - c. **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**      WA 11      Playground to causeway  
 Tamarisk control.  
 Meet at 9 am on Esplanade opposite the Red Orchid restaurant.

## 9) Other Business

- a) Death of Roy Jones.  
Richard House circulated a thank-you note from Helen Jones in response to the sympathy card that Richard sent on behalf of Coastcare. There will be a memory afternoon at The Boulevard cafe on 28 March 2.00 to 5.00pm. Wear Coastcare name badges (but not Coastcare shirts).
- b) Work Area recording map.  
Richard House displayed a map that Brian Doman had prepared as an example of what could be done with council software. It was agreed that it would be beneficial for all work areas to have a consistent look like the example. Andrew Leak to follow up with Brian.
- c) Donation to a bush fire recovery program  
Following a discussion, it was agreed to raise this matter again at the next meeting. It was felt that any donation should go direct to a group in need and Anita Leak suggested the Hanson Bay Sanctuary. Anita said that she would be visiting Kangaroo Island at the end of March and could assess its suitability. Members with other suggestions are encouraged to contact Anita.
- d) Bridge Terrace Reserve development  
In response to a question from Sam Blight, Nick Hayles reported that the agenda for the Council meeting on 24 February includes concept masterplans that are recommended to be issued for community consultation. Only the Bridge Point toilets/change-rooms work is budgeted for 2020/21.
- e) Extra equipment.  
There was discussion about additional frilling knives, hatchets and poison jars with paint brushes particularly for tamarisk work. Anita Leak to show Richard House an example of the tool belt that Scrubsavers use. It was agreed that purchasing more tools was justified.  
There was also discussion about the efficacy of neat glyphosate on tamarisks and the dangers and restrictions of garlon. Also, it was pointed out that no tamarisk control work should be carried out when the plants are inactive from May to October.
- f) Janet Pettman pointed out that Wright Island looks unusually white since the terns moved in en masse.
- g) Richard Edwards showed a photo of African daisies near a drain in the Tom Stephens Reserve and a photo of a 'camp' in the lagoon area that had been constructed from boards stolen from the nearby boardwalk. Both matters were mentioned to bring them to the attention of the council.

## 10) Correspondence

- a) Emails received and forwarded to members
  - i) NRM Regional Landcare News February Edition.
  - ii) South Coast Environment Centre Newsletter Jan/Feb 2020
- b) Other.
  - i) To Andrew Comas re pigface control near Sea Rescue Squadron
  - ii) Application form for Volunteer Week Small Grants Program received from council

**11) Hours worked** Richard House 38, Kevin Howard 7, Janet Pettman 7, Murray Pettman 7, Derek Conroy 14, Richard Edwards 13, Rosene Edwards 2, Anita Leak 16, Andrew Leak 56, Bill Eden 8, Harry Rake 10, Eric Everitt 6, Nigel Ibbotson 8, Derek Sim 2, Trevor Brand 8, Barb Francis 6, Bob Jeffery 2, Jenny Jeffery 2, Lyn Trenorden 2, Total 218

**12) Next Meeting**      Wednesday 18th March 2020.