

**MINUTES of the meeting of Victor Harbor Coastcare held in the  
Old School Building on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7.00 pm**

- 1) **Welcome and those present.** Richard House (Chairman), Bill Eden, Harry Rake, Barb Francis, Derek Sim, Murray Pettman, Janet Pettman, Kevin Howard, Derek Conroy, Andrew Leak

**Coronavirus consideration**

After discussion, it was agreed to continue this meeting, hold the AGM outdoors at 11.00 am on 8<sup>th</sup> April, defer the meeting in the Old School Building planned for 15<sup>th</sup> April to 20<sup>th</sup> May, and continue with working bees as normal.

- 2) **Apologies** Barbara Bond, Jeff McEvoy, Di Sinclair-Warren, John Ray, Margaret Ray, Richard Edwards, Rosene Edwards, Brian Doman, Anita Leak, Sam Blight, Eric Everitt

3) **Minutes of the previous meeting**

*Motion:* that the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 be approved as an accurate record.

*Proposed:* Derek Conroy

*Seconded:* Derek Sim

*Carried*

Richard House passed on kind comments about the minutes from Philip and Anne Hicks.

4) **Business arising from the minutes** (not covered by other items on the agenda).

- a) Circulation of award book Wildlife of Greater Adelaide.  
Currently with Richard Edwards.
- b) Clean Up Australia Day Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020.  
Richard House thanked all participants especially Derek Conroy for transporting the collected rubbish.
- c) Pig face control (carpobrotus **edulis** – the yellow one) opposite the Sea Rescue Squadron.  
No action. Awaiting outcome of Bridge Terrace bikeway development.
- d) Roy Jones memory day at the Boulevard Café, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2pm till 5pm.  
Members will be advised by email if Helen Jones notifies any change.
- e) Donation to a bush fire recovery program.  
A proposal from Anita Leak was read to the meeting suggesting that Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary on Kangaroo Island is a worthy cause for a direct donation. There was discussion about an appropriate amount and discussion about subs and reserves in general.  
*Motion:* that a donation of \$250 be made to the Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary by the end of May 2020 (when 2020/21 subscriptions will have been collected).  
*Proposed:* Barb Francis                      *Seconded:* Derek Sim                      *Carried*

It was foreshadowed that, at the AGM, the Treasurer would be recommending an increase of annual subs to \$10.

It was also foreshadowed that funds would need to be withdrawn from the term deposit when it matures on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020. An amount to be decided at that time.

- f) Bridge Terrace shared pathway.  
Richard House gave a report of the meeting held on Bridge Terrace on Tue 17<sup>th</sup> March where some attendees questioned whether it was necessary to 'fix something that wasn't broken'. He urged members to go to [www.yoursay.victor.sa.gov.au](http://www.yoursay.victor.sa.gov.au) and make a submission before 27<sup>th</sup> March. Variations to the two concepts are still possible.
- g) Extra equipment.  
Richard House advised that he has submitted a grant application to the RAA Community Sponsorships Program for 5 sets of tools and tool belts. Andrew Leak displayed the belts used by Valley View Scrubsavers.

- 5) Financial report** Andrew Leak reported:
- a) Balance \$88.11 (= last meeting balance – expenses approved last meeting \$81.07 + \$9.20 CUA Day bottle deposits).  
Term deposit with Beyond Bank \$3,281.01 @ 1.80% maturing 28/8/2020
  - b) Membership 46 (no change)
  - c) Expenses Andrew Leak \$36.96 (\$34 print cartridge, \$2.96 morning tea supplies)  
Australia Post PO Box renewal \$39

*Motion:* that expenses of \$75.96 be approved.

*Proposed:* Andrew Leak    *Seconded:* Derek Conroy    *Carried*

- 6) Publicity** Andrew Leak reported:
- a) Publicity/Facebook  
No change to the places where posters are on display.  
A Facebook post was done after Clean Up Australia Day.  
More Coastcare brochures are needed and Murray Pettman mentioned that the council have kindly photocopied them in the past.
  - b) The *Times*  
An article about Clean Up Australia Day titled ‘Cleaning the coast’ appeared in the *Times* on 12th March. The printed photo was cropped on the sides meaning 6 people (+ Buddy) weren’t shown. The full photo is shown on the *Times* website.  
  
The *Times* haven’t printed the Community Diary for a few months, but it is now available on their website. Entries are still missing for Coastcare, so the *Times* have been sent a copy of our 2020 calendar again.
  - c) Web site project  
Other websites will be reviewed to determine common practice regarding the display of BSB and Account number for collection of subs.  
No change to the website other than to add a photo for Clean Up Australia Day with participant’s names. Murray Pettman commended the website to members if they haven’t seen it already. The address is [www.vhcoastcare.org.au](http://www.vhcoastcare.org.au).

**7) Beach Pole Report**

Andrew Leak reported that sand heights at all pole sites are marginally better.

**8) Working bees**

- a) Work done.
  - a. **Watering bees**  
Richard House thanked all those who have participated over summer. He reported that the effort has been worthwhile.
    - i. Beach volleyball court dunes. WA 13 Flinders Parade (Roster list).
    - ii. Bridge Point. WA 16 Bridge Point. (Derek Conroy and Richard Edwards).  
Derek suggested that the council provide an extra tap.
  - b. **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**                      WA 1H                      Encounter Bay inland  
Control of acacia cyclops and pinus on The Bluff. Nigel Ibbotson and his chain saw were much appreciated.
  - c. **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**                      WA 11                      Playground to causeway  
Tamarisk control. Progressing slowly.
  - d. **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**                      Meeting on Bluff with Council staff to identify work opportunities. Thanks were received from Andrew Comas for previous work on the

suckering sheoaks. Richard House passed on advice from Lee Jeffery about patches of suckering sheoaks that need to be left alone for fear of also killing parasitic quandongs that feed off the roots of the suckering sheoaks.

- b) Work planned
  - a. **Watering bees**  
An extra watering roster will be advised by email if watering needs to be extended.
  - b. **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**                      WA 1C                      Between the Tracks  
A new project proposal on the Bluff. Control of suckering sheoaks, olives and African daisies. Meet at the first carpark. 10 am. Parking available just beyond first carpark.
  - c. **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April**                      WA 11                      Playground to causeway  
Tamarisk control. Meet on the Esplanade opposite the Red Orchid Restaurant. 9 am. AGM to follow at 11 am near Wills Street.
  - d. **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April**                      WA 1C                      Between the Tracks  
A new project proposal on the Bluff. Control of suckering sheoaks, olives and African daisies. Meet at the first carpark. 10 am. Parking available just beyond first carpark.
  - e. **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**                      WA 11                      Playground to causeway  
Tamarisk control. Meet on the Esplanade opposite the Red Orchid Restaurant. 9 am. This project will be suspended after May during the tamarisk non-growth phase.

## 9) Other Business

- a) Work Area recording map.  
No action yet.
- b) Foxes on the Bluff.  
Richard House has been assured that the council is aware of the issue.
- c) Crazy interpretive signs on the Bluff.  
Brian Doman has advised that these have been added to the panel replacement program.
- d) Proposed bike/pathways from Hindmarsh Estuary to Hayborough.  
Richard House distributed maps showing three options for bike path realignment. A walk through the area has been arranged for Wed 25<sup>th</sup> March to better appreciate the issues involved. Meet at bus stop 3 (near the Hindmarsh Road lagoon) 9 am. Allow 2 hours.
- e) Bill Eden showed examples of polished wooden eggs that he had turned from acacia cyclops retrieved at a working bee. Donations to hooded plover protection result from sale of the eggs at the Old Post Office in The Strand at Port Elliot.
- f) Derek Conroy reported on the weed issues he became aware of during Clean Up Australia Day in the Esplanade dunes, notably succulents, acacia cyclops and olives. It is proposed to tackle these weeds after May.

## 10) Correspondence

- a) Emails received and forwarded to members
  - i) NRAMLR eNews Summer edition.
  - ii) Sedge Snippet February edition.
  - iii) Marine Sanctuaries opportunity to swim with the giant cuttlefish.
  - iv) SCEC Newsletter March 2020, and publicity re coming events: butterflies talk, bush tucker walk.
  - v) Landcare Australia *Coastcarer* March 2020
  - vi) Caroline Taylor NRM re SA Volunteer Awards and RAA Community Sponsorship program.
  - vii) ECF News and Events Feb 2020.
- b) Other.
  - i) To members re the Council proposals for Bridge Terrace shared pathway.
  - ii) To Andrew Comas re foxes on the Bluff.
  - iii) Brian Doman re interpretive signs on the Bluff.
  - iv) To members re Clean Up Australia Day and watering bees.

**11) Hours worked**

Richard House 19, Harry Rake 9, Bill Eden 6, Barb Francis 6, Derek Sim 4, Murray Pettman 6, Janet Pettman 6, Kevin Howard 7, Andrew Leak 16, Derek Conroy 10, Anita Leak 7, Charlotte Leak 2, Trevor Brand 4, Oscar Lane 2, Nigel Ibbotson 4, Julie Graham 2, Eric Everitt 1, Richard Edwards 4, Rosene Edwards 2, Ashley Picot 2, David Thorn 2, Sue Thorn 2, Total 121

**12) Next Meeting** AGM Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020 11.00 am at the BBQ shelter on the Esplanade reserve at the Wills Street corner. Morning tea will be provided. Rsvp to Anita on 0458 466 888.