

**MINUTES of the meeting of Victor Harbor Coastcare
held in the Old School Building on Wednesday 15th March 2023 at 7.00 pm**

- 1) Welcome and Present.** Harry Rake, Richard House (chair), Richard and Rosene Edwards, David Thorn, Geoff Cope, Trevor Brand, Anita and Andrew Leak, Barb Francis, Loreto Cameron, Tina Michell, Jen Priddle.
- 2) Apologies** Jeff McEvoy, Di Sinclair-Warren, John Ray, Nigel Ibbotson. Bill Eden, Sue Robertson.
- 3) Minutes of the previous meeting** 15th February 2023.
Motion The minutes of the meeting held 15.02.2023 is an accurate record.
Proposed Harry Rake *Seconded* Geoff Cope *Carried*
- 4) Business arising from the minutes** (not covered by other items on the agenda).
- a) Circulation of award book Wildlife of Greater Adelaide. Decided that the book will stay with Loreto Cameron and be loaned to new members as they join.
- b) Clean Up Australia Day, Sunday 5th March 2023.
Loreto reported that 20 people participated including 3 children. 7 full bags of rubbish and 2 of recycling were collected along with various larger items. Thanks to Loreto for coordinating the event and to Derek Conroy for rubbish disposal and attending to recycling.
Areas for extra attention next year include the riverbank opposite Meals on Wheels and the sea side of Qahwar coffee. Social media to be used for advertising this event next year.
- c) 2022/23 Community Participation Grant (DEW, Coast & Marine Branch)
Geoff has lodged this application in February and decisions will be made in late April. Thank you Geoff for numerous hours consulting Council and writing this application.
- d) Responsibility for keeping equipment clean at working bees.
Richard House reported that the mini kits were dripping with poison after the last working bee. Can people please tap the brush of poison against the side of the jar before moving to the tree to avoid spills please.
- e) First Aid Training on Sunday 26th February.
A First Aid for Snake Bite demonstration was given by Barb Francis before the start of the last working bee.
- f) Trees for Life Bushcare workshop.
Loreto Cameron attended this workshop and reports that we are using the correct practices for maintenance and control of plants.
- g) Poison pellet gun. Lee Jeffery to be followed up concerning this.
- 5) Financial Report** Andrew Leak
- a) Balance \$726.33 = last meeting balance – expenses approved last meeting \$157.45
+ Recyclables from Clean Up Australia Day \$6
Term deposits with Beyond Bank:
1. \$2,376.40 @ 3.05% maturing 28/8/2023
2. \$7,000.00 @ 2.80% maturing 4/4/2023
Recommend and agreed to withdraw \$2,000 into bank account, roll over \$5,000 for 6 month.
- b) Expenses Andrew Leak reimbursement for printer cartridge for display \$34.00
Andrew Leak reimbursement for PO Box renewal \$47.00
Richard House reimbursement for stationery and ink cartridge \$46.50
Total \$ 127.50
Motion that the financial report and the above expenses of \$127.50 be approved
Proposed Andrew Leak *Seconded* Geoff Cope *Carried*
A Volunteer Week small grant of \$150 has been applied for. A happy hour is planned for Friday May 19th to coincide with National Volunteer Week.
Using some money for hiring a contractor for Tamarisk control to be considered for possibly next spring.
- c) Community Wellbeing Grant Consideration of making an application for a display cabinet in the Old School House. Geoff Cope to approach Heather Mullan about involving other community groups.

6) Publicity Reports

a) Publicity. Anita Leak.

The display in the Council foyer has been removed. Thanks to Loreto Cameron and Anita Leak for their work.

An article 'Coastcare volunteers up to the challenge' was published in the 16 February issue of the *Fleurieu Sun* about the volunteer workshop that Loreto and Anita attended.

A front page article 'Jump up, join in, make a difference' was published in the 2 March issue of the *Times* promoting Clean Up Australia Day.

An article 'Dunes and foreshore cleaned up' was published in the 9 March issue of the *Fleurieu Sun* about the results of Clean Up Australia Day.

A new promotional poster for Coast Care has been developed by Anita Leak and was presented. Thanks are extended to her brother for his professional input. A minimal cost will be incurred for his services. Victor Harbor Council is promoting a "Whale Fest from 28th May until 25th June and is looking for groups to present associated environmental issues. Anita Leak will enquire about a suitable venue and equipment for Richard House to present his "Your Dunes, My Dunes Care" presentation for this event.

b) Facebook. Andrew Leak.

Post: March 6 of Clean Up Australia Day

c) Website. Andrew Leak.

Added Instagram link.

Maintained usual Coming Events, minutes etc.

d) Instagram. Geoff Cope.

Posts about Clean Up Australia Day and the latest working bee.

7) Membership Report. Loreto Cameron

a) Loreto is following up an enquiry from a couple who expressed interest when seeing members doing Clean Up Australia Day.

b) New member, Tom Griffiths has attended a working bee.

c) Landscape SA Volunteer Recruitment Workshop. See 4) f).

8) Beach Pole Report . Geoff Cope

The sand height at the Yacht Club marker has increased by 90mm. There are marginal fluctuations elsewhere. The weed cover has moved closer to Encounter Bay area and most of the dead carp have been swept out to sea.

9) Working bees

a) Work done.

i) **Sunday 26th February** WA 1G Encounter Bay slope
Casuarina glauca follow-up of the regrowth in the copse that we dealt with in 2022.

ii) **Wednesday 8th March** WA 11 Playground to Causeway
Rain necessitated cancellation.

iii) **Watering at Bridge Point, the Yacht Club, and drippers opposite Hotel Victor.**

Ongoing. Trevor Brand reports that the 19mm pipe has been "eaten through" in 2 areas and he has done a temporary job of fixing this. Thanks Trevor for your ingenuity! Trevor and Richard House to meet in the morning to do a further repair. Andrew Leak reports that 'baiting' signs have been placed along the esplanade by Council recently and this may help alleviate the pipe chewing.

b) Work planned.

i) **Sunday 26th March** WA 11 Playground to Causeway.
Tamarisk control. Meet opposite the Victor Hotel.

c) **Wednesday 12th April** WA 1G Encounter Bay slope
Council staff to fell more of the large casuarina glaucas. VHC members to do vertical drilling into the stumps, and move prunings into agreed location. Richard House will send a reminder to Council.
Trevor Brand to cut down the coastal tea tree seedlings and poison the Buckthorn near Car Park 1

10) Any Other Business

i) Bluff Marina proposals by Mark Taplin. General discussion re Marina proposal.

ii) Apologies from absent member Sofi Ospina and congratulations to Coast care re our achievements.

iii) Concern of Helen Jones about fennel along the banks of the River Inman opposite her house at 10 Kent Drive. Council cannot commit work at this stage.

iv) Friends of the Hindmarsh River and Estuary are setting up a Citizens Science Bird Survey Program with display panels along the river. There will be an official launch event at Cootamundra Reserve on May 4 2023. They have invited numerous environmental groups to participate. Decided that Victor Harbor Coastcare will also have a display.

- v) Geoff Cope has purchased a tripod and is happy for it to be used for perhaps a time lapse video of working bees.
- vi) David Thorn reports that 7 Hooded Plover fledgling have left their nests out of 120 eggs.
- vii) Richard Edward notes that the Bridge Point watering should have been added to the watering agenda.
He reports that 2 'camps' have been established along the Hindmarsh River and trees have been cut down. Richard Edwards and Loreto Cameron to follow this up with Council.
- viii) Barb Francis reminded invited guests to RSVP to Richard House's 20 year celebration on 21.04.2023.

11) Correspondence

- a) Emails received and forwarded to members.
- b) Other emails
 - i) Emails from OzFish.
 - ii) From and To Sofi Ospina.
 - iii) To Helen Jones re fennel.

12) Hours worked

Richard House 13, Andrew Leak 8, Anita Leak 17, Barb Francis 10, Christina Michell 7, David Thorn 4, Derek Conroy 2, Eric Everitt 6, Geoff Cope 8, Harry Rake 4, Jen Priddle 3, Loreto Cameron 13, Richard Edwards 21, Rosene Edwards 4, Sue Robertson 2, Tom Griffith 1, Trevor Brand 15, Total 138

13) Next Meeting and AGM Wednesday 19th April 2023.

City of Victor Harbor Mayor, Moira Jenkins, will be in attendance.

The AGM will be followed by routine meeting.

The routine meeting will be held after the AGM and therefore will be conducted by the new Chair Person.