

**MINUTES of the meeting of Victor Harbor Coastcare  
held in the Old School Building on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.30 pm**

**This meeting is now chaired by Loreto Cameron – Loreto Cameron takes the Chair  
Loreto Cameron extended warm Thanks and Appreciation to Richard House for his extraordinary  
service to the community and Victor Harbor Coastcare for the past 20 years.**

- 1) **Welcome and Present:** Richard House, Andrew and Anita Leak, Charlotte Leak, Tina Michell, Loreto Cameron, Geoff Cope, Richard and Rosene Edwards, Jen Priddle, Sue Robertson, David Thorn, Derek Conroy.  
Mayor Moira Jenkins arrived 7.30pm.  
A warm welcome was extended to Mayor Jenkins and Charlotte Leak.
- 2) **Apologies.** Barbara Bond, Jeff McEvoy, Di Sinclair-Warren, John Ray, Jim Tulloch, Sofi Ospina, Nigel Ibbotson, Sue Thorn, Harry Rake, Bill Eden, Trevor Brand, Jenny and Bob Jeffery, Barb Francis.
- 3) **Mayor Moira Jenkins Q & A**
  - a) Bluff Proposal – Nothing is in place for the proposal to go ahead at this stage.
  - b) Bluff Proposal cont. – Moira stated she had come from a meeting with The Ramindjeri and Ngarrindjeri peoples at the council chambers. They voiced their heartfelt cultural significance of the area and will work with council during the Community consultations and the Master Plan for The Bluff.  
Mayor Jenkins stated that this proposal by Mark Taplin began 2 years ago. Mayor Jenkins mentioned that she was scheduling a special Council Meeting to decide whether to stop this proposal.
  - c) Friends of the Inman – Richard House raised concerns that community volunteer groups have grown and there is not enough council employees to support new groups. Mayor Jenkins stated that Council was addressing this issue.  
Mayor Moira Jenkins left the meeting at 8pm.
- 4) **Minutes of the previous meeting**

*Motion* The minutes of the meeting held 15.03.2023 is an accurate record  
*Proposed* Loreto Cameron *Seconded* Geoff Cope *Carried*
- 5) **Business arising from the minutes** (not covered by other items on the agenda).
  - a) Circulation of award book Wildlife of Greater Adelaide. Currently with Loreto Cameron who will pass it on to Tom Griffiths.
  - b) Community Coastal Grant – Nothing to report currently
  - c) Work Kits – Richard House reported – one kit returned not in order. He reiterated that the brush needs to be swiped before removing it from the jar.
  - d) Poison Pellet Gun – No feedback from Lee Jeffrey
  - e) Community Well Being Grant – Helen Mullan (Council) to be contacted by Geoff Cope regarding display case for volunteer groups.
  - f) Tom Roberts Reserve – Richard Edwards confirmed that the rubbish has been removed.

**Financial report**

Andrew Leak

- a) Balance \$2,682.83 (= last meeting balance – expenses approved last meeting \$127.50  
Entertainment App Sale \$24 plus \$20 Subs plus \$40 donation  
\$2,000 transferred from Term deposit

Term deposit with Beyond Bank \$2,376.40 @ 3.05% maturing 28/8/2023

Term Deposit with Beyond Bank \$5,052.13 @ 3.90% maturing 4/10/23

\$10 Subs for the year ending 31/3/2024 are now payable, preferably by bank transfer to Victor Harbor Coastcare BSB 065511 Account 10055812 Reference *your name*

- b) Membership 47
- c) Expenses Anita Leak \$4.25 morning tea supplies  
Anita Leak poster printing \$38.68 Total \$42.93

*Motion* that the above expenses of \$42.93 be approved

*Moved* Andrew Leak *Seconded* Derek Conroy *Carried*

**6) Publicity** Anita Leak.

- a) Publicity – New posters pinned up at City Inn Hotel, Avondale Deli, Raw, J F & C Fish & Chip shop, Woolworths. Planned – library, Aquatic Centre, Retirement Villages, Foodland and Harbour Traders Bakery.  
Whale Fest – With Stacey Richardson (Festivals and events officer for VH Council). On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm Richard House is giving his talk “Your Dunes, My Dunes”. VHC providing cheese and wine. Suppliers will be approached.  
Fleurieu Sun – Working with Michael Simmons on Article and Photo about Richard House
- b) Facebook – Andrew Leak  
Posts on March 22<sup>nd</sup> – New poster.  
Post April 13<sup>th</sup> – Bluff working bee with Council workers  
New poster can be found on the Victor Harbor and surrounding areas community board and the landscapes hills and Fleurieu Facebook pages
- c) Website - Andrew Leek  
Maintained usual coming events, minutes etc.

**7) Membership Report – Loreto Cameron**

Nothing to report

**8) Beach Pole Report**

Geoff Cope

Beachpole measurements done on 4/4.

Only small variations of +/- 1cm at all locations and also reduced weed.

Given this meeting was AGM, it is interesting to compare dune height change compared to April 2022 as follows:

Yacht Club down 190mm

Memorial Park down 380mm

Wills St up 240mm

King St up 50mm

Esplanade up 90mm

Variations could be attributed to the effect from Causeway construction/completion.

Members reported beach erosion issues that have occurred in the last month, notably near Kent Reserve – discussion regarding using a grant for extra beach poles for Encounter Bay

**9) Working bees**

a) *Work done*

i) **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

(1) WA 11 Playground to the Causeway

(Rescheduled from Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> – Rain) – Tamarisk control in dunes adjacent to car park.

(2) Planting of pigface grown by Richard House – Loreto extended thanks to Richard for propagating them. Some were planted at the Causeway, some at the yacht club and Richard Edwards took the remainder to Bridge Point.

ii) **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April** WA 1G The Bluff – Encounter Bay slope

Council staff cut down 5 casuarina glauca which were then treated by Victor Harbor Coastcare.

Melaleucas in the Sheoak copse were treated at the same time

iii) Trevor Brand removed juvenile coastal tea trees near car park 1, earlier in the week. Many thanks to Trevor for doing this

Plans for Council to fell Tea trees in this vicinity on the 12<sup>th</sup> didn't eventuate. Andrew Comas has been in contact. The main tea tree at the front is being scheduled for approx. a months time, the rest to be programmed for the new financial year

iv) *Watering* at the Yacht Club and drippers opposite Hotel Victor ongoing.

Rabbit control by council not successful according to Richard House

b) *Work planned.*

i) **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

WA 1G Bluff Slope. Continue Casuarina control directly behind Whalers apartments

ii) **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

WA 11 Playground to Causeway Tamarisk Control in the dunes – last session for the season.

iii) *Watering* at the Sailing Club and opposite Hotel Victor to continue for another month.

## 10) Any Other Business

- i) Interviews of Richard House and Loreto Cameron by Emma Heidenrich  
Richard and Loreto met with Emma, and Richard put across Victor Harbor Coastcare's concerns most succinctly. The question is though, how will it eventually be conveyed by the paper, we will wait and see.  
Once we have a date for the submission of public opinion regarding the Marina, it would be beneficial, Richard and Loreto both feel, for Victor Harbor Coastcare to address the concerns of the community regarding parts of the proposal in writing. i.e. making the Bluff a quarry.....etc.  
If it is acceptable to them, Loreto will ask Geoff and Andrew for assistance in putting something together with a view to sending it to all members for further comments/additions before submitting it.
- ii) Friends of the Hindmarsh River 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary and bird survey event Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 9.30 – 1.00  
This looks to be an excellent venue for us to have a display showing our activities to the public also. Request for people to volunteer an hour each.  
Tina, Loreto, Anita, Andrew volunteered their time.
- iii) Support for Ozfish grant application from the Hills and Fleurieu Grass Roots Grants program  
Richard has sent a letter of support as requested by Rachel Williams
- iv) Invitation from Friends of Hindmarsh River to assist with planting near the Primary School.  
(Loreto).  
This is in the area of the garden beds at the top of the reserve adjunct to the school car park. Lee Jeffery has agreed to provide suitable native plants for this, and the school's head grounds person is on board with what is proposed.  
Loreto has accepted their invitation for Victor Harbor Coastcare to join them for the planting when the time comes, so long as we get reasonable notice. Richard Edwards, to show Loreto this area under discussion.
- v) Ideas for grants  
Geoff Cope has requested we get updates on Grant availability through Regional Development. Potentially grants may suit what we do with Coastcare but, also other groups that look after the Hoodies or Penguins etc. Geoff has suggested that we consider having a wish list of things that we would like to do that may be outside the scope of normal budget so that if a grant became available, we would have a project ready to go.....there is no guarantee of approval, but if we have considered options, we might be better placed to apply.
- vi) Invitation to have a stall at the Winter Whale Fest Expo Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
We will politely decline the invitation. Maybe participate next year.
- vii) 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Planting instead of 28<sup>th</sup> May Working Bee – Invitation by Victor Council to be involved with the Fleurieu Youth Climate Summit by hosting a tree planting session with a group of local high school students as part of the Youth Climate Summit on Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Loreto to confirm and get further details from Amelia Graham.

## 11) Correspondence

- a) Emails received and forwarded to members.
  - i) OzFish newsletter.
  - ii) Friends of the Hindmarsh River and bird survey event.
  - iii) Email from the Joint National Coast to Coast and NSW Coastal Conference 2023.....
- b) Other emails
  - i) Emails from OzFish.
  - ii) Richard House letter to Fleurieu Sun. Also copied to members.

## 12) Hours worked

Richard House 19, Christina Michell 2, Richard Edwards 9, Rosene Edwards 2, Trevor Brand 3, Geoff Cope 6, Andrew Leak 8, Anita Leak 9, Derek Conroy 4.5, Charlotte Leak 2, Eric Everitt 1.5, Loreto Cameron 12, Bill Eden 9, Harry Rake 4, David Thorn 2, Jen Priddle 6, Sue Robertson 4 Total 103

## 13) Next Meeting

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
Andrew Comas booked for attendance.