

**Minutes of the meeting of Victor Harbor Coastcare  
held in the Old School Building on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.00 pm**

**1. Welcome and Present**

Loreto Cameron, Anita and Andrew Leak, Barb Francis, Tina Michell, Janine Hurley (special welcome for first meeting), Richard House, Rosene and Richard Edwards, Sue Robertson, Jen Priddle, David Thorn, Harry Rake, Bill Eden, Derek Conroy, Andrew Comas.

**2. Apologies**

Jeff McEvoy, Di Sinclair-Warren, John Ray, Nigel Ibbotson, Geoff Cope.

**3. Andrew Comas Q and A.**

Andrew thanked Victor Harbor Coastcare (VHCC) for their initiative of inviting council members to attend meetings.

Bluff Reserve; 500 tube stock to be planted by Fleurieu Natives in a fenced off area behind Whaler's Inn. 50 Sheoaks to be planted also, to replace casuarina glauca removals around the area.

Bluff masterplan; Still in progress.

Yandra Tce. Drain outlet upgrade about to commence. This will be a large project and council will be revegetating the site.

Coastal Monitoring; 12 month monitoring has been awarded to Integrated Coast. The first drone survey has been done; an update will be available in November. 2 "Storm" events will be monitored as well.

Coast Snap Grants; Waiting on news from Ali Turner from Coast Protection Board.

Carolyn Taylor from Landscapes SA will be undertaking some follow up Sea Wheat Grass control prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Gazania Swap Days ; 2 to be held in June at Bridge Point and Investigator Car Park.

Coastal Gardens Workshop. Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June with Alexandrina and Victor Councils promoting wise garden plantings.

Steps upgrades; Works at Yilke and Harborview Tce. Investigator Car Park steps are on the agenda but not scheduled yet.

Fox Den Locator; Successful use of sniffer dog.

Weed Control; Contractor employed for Oliver's Parade and other hot spots.

Volunteer Events for Volunteers Week; An event will be advertised soon.

Fencing will be extended and reinforced for Hooded Plovers near the Croquet Club.

Tina Michell informed Andrew that the gazania poster for bins is confusing.

Richard House questioned when the Tea Trees on the Bluff were going to be removed.

Loreto Cameron queried if the Cape Ivy near the Hindmarsh Lagoon was scheduled for eradication.

Getting a contractor is still a work in progress.

Richard Edwards will attend to spraying of African Feather Top on the Bluff.

Andrew was thanked for his information and answers.

**4. Minutes of the previous meetings**

*Motion* The minutes of the AGM held 19.04.2023 is an accurate record after apologies amended.

*Proposed* Anita Leak *Seconded* Sue Robertson *Carried*

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*Proposed* Tina Michell *Seconded* Jen Priddle *Carried*

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

- a) 2022/23 Community Participation Grant (DEW, Coast & Marine Branch). Decision expected late April but remains ongoing.
- b) Responsibility for keeping equipment clean at working bees. Ongoing vigilance is needed to keep our equipment in good order.
- c) Poison pellet gun. Corey Jackson informs us that Alexandrina Council has used this gun successfully and is willing to lend it to us in the future.
- d) Community Wellbeing grant option for a display cabinet in Old School House. Geoff Cope informs us via email that this is an ongoing task under the guidance of Heather Mullan.
- e) Bluff Marina proposals by Mark Taplin. Council has declined support of this.
- f) Friends of the Hindmarsh River event – 4<sup>th</sup> May was successful although few of the general public attended despite rigorous advertising. The Friends of the Hindmarsh River and Estuaries are to be commended for their determination to see this area remain a 'user friendly' environment for all (humans, birds and animals) Thanks to Loreto Cameron, Tina Michell, Anita and Andrew Leak for their input on the day.
- g) Ideas for grants. Geoff Cope is looking into a grant for possibly 3 more beach poles.
- h) Book on Wildlife Adelaide – Loreto will pass it to Janine Hurley when convenient.

## 6. Financial Report

Andrew Leak

- a) Balance \$2608.01 [= last meeting balance – expenses approved last meeting – Richard’s celebration \$431.89 + \$280 subs + \$120 donations]  
About 70% of subs have been received.

Term deposits with Beyond Bank:

1. \$2,376.40 @ 3.05% maturing 28/8/2023
2. \$5,052.13 @ 3.90% maturing 4/10/2023

- b) Expenses

Andrew Leak reimbursement for Richard’s celebration	\$431.89
Anita Leak reimbursement for morning teas	\$8.40

Total \$ \$440.29

*Motion* that the above expenses of \$440.29 be approved

*Proposed* Tina Mitchell *Seconded* Jen Priddle *Carried*

The report at the March meeting that stated that an application had been submitted to Council for a Volunteer Week Small Grant was incorrect. The Treasurer apologised for the oversight. The function intended for May 19<sup>th</sup> has been deferred.

A Council function for Open Space volunteers is expected in late June. The timing of another social function will be discussed at a subsequent meeting.

The Treasurer advised that, following the election of office bearers at the AGM, bank signatories need to be changed in accordance with the ‘Rules’ of the group.

*Motion* That the Chair (Loreto Cameron), Secretary (Barbara Francis), and Treasurer (Andrew Leak) be authorised for full access to all Victor Harbor Coastcare accounts with CBA (1 to sign) and Beyond Bank (2 to sign).

*Proposed* Richard House *Seconded* Derek Conroy *Carried*

*Motion* That authorisation be revoked for other previous signatories of all Victor Harbor Coastcare accounts with CBA and Beyond Bank, namely Richard House, Rosene Edwards, and Dianne Sinclair-Warren.

*Proposed* Richard House *Seconded* Sue Robertson *Carried*

## 7. Publicity Reports

- a) Publicity Anita Leak

New posters pinned up at: Rosetta Village and Bay Village.

Latest flyer given to VH Council with minor changes made to contact details.

Whale Fest: Contact with Stacey Richardson (Festivals and Events Officer for VH Council). On Tues 13<sup>th</sup> June 5 pm Richard is giving his talk ‘Your Dunes, My Dunes’. VHC providing cheese and wine. Suppliers will be approached.

Three articles appeared in the local papers to celebrate Richard’s 20 years as Chairman:

*Fleurieu Sun* 20<sup>th</sup> April. Article “Richard House is passionate about the coastline”.

*Times* 25<sup>th</sup> April. Article “Coast carer calls it a day”.

*Fleurieu Sun* 4<sup>th</sup> May. Full page spread “Full ‘House’ says goodbye to Richard” with a report and photos of the morning tea at the Anchorage.

Article about last working bee and Loreto’s plans for upcoming working bees sent to Michael Simmons to be published in the *Fleurieu Sun*.

Pullup banners used at the Hindmarsh River bird event need to be updated because of obsolete phone numbers. Website address instead of phone numbers has been quoted. \$140 for two banners from Lynx Print has been accepted. Could make more use of these banners such as morning teas in public areas and such events as the Whale Fest talk.

- b) Facebook Andrew Leak

Two posts and two shares in relation to Friends of Hindmarsh Estuary event on 4<sup>th</sup> May at Cootamundra Reserve.

Post: May 13 Sea Rescue Squadron working bee.

- c) Website Andrew Leak

Maintained usual Coming Events, minutes etc.

Jen Priddle has volunteered to be involved in website maintenance and now has access.

- d) Instagram Geoff Cope

1 post of the working bee on the Bluff with council.

## 8. Membership Report Loreto Cameron

1 new member, Janine Hurley, courtesy of Jen Priddle. Thank you Jen and welcome again to Janine.

## 9. Beach Pole Report Geoff Cope

Latest measurements completed on May 4<sup>th</sup> after doing watering at the Yacht Club. The main movement is again at Memorial Park with a reduction of 17cm. On the measurement day there was a relatively high tide and the wave height was greater than usual. By comparison, the other 4 locations were relatively stable with variations of 1-2 cms.

## 10. Working bees

### a) Work done.

- i) **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** WA 1G Encounter Bay slope  
Casuarina glauca control directly behind the apartments at Whalers. Trevor Brand gave a demonstration of the correct method for drilling and frilling and also eradicated some olive trees.
- ii) **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May** F 11 Sailing Club  
Euphorbia and 'bad' pigface at the Yacht Club.  
A few plants were queried and identified later by Andrew Comas. *Wild Gladys* which needs to be dug up including the whole bulb rather than the "Tongs of Death". *Sea Rocket* and *Tetragonia* were identified as "good" plants.
- iii) **Watering at the Yacht Club, and drippers opposite Hotel Victor.**  
Ongoing until at least May. Rabbits are still present. Please be careful when watering as the surface is very slippery.

### b) Work planned.

- i) **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May** **CHANGED to Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 10.30am – 12.30pm** F11 Causeway  
**Dunes – where we have eliminated a good patch of the Tamarisk.**  
Tree planting with students- please bring a small spade/shovel to make bowls around plantings. We have been allocated 50 plants for this area by Lee Jeffery. We will look into extending the irrigation to this area later.
- ii) **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June** WA14 In front of Sailing Club & WA 16 Bridge Point  
Planting out 50 plants in the newly weeded area and 20 plants on the slope at Bridge Point. Lee Jeffery has arranged for council to prepare this area for planting. Richard Edwards, Derek Conroy and Eric Everitt will cover watering of these new additions.
- iii) Watering at the Yacht Club and drippers opposite Hotel Victor.  
Ongoing as the soil is still dry there.

## 11. Any Other Business

- i) Backpack poison spray kit. Richard Edwards has suggested that we purchase a spray kit. All members were in favour. Richard will look into acquiring a unit with rechargeable batteries compatible with other systems.
- ii) Lagoon area. Richard House and Loreto Cameron recently visited Hindmarsh Lagoon where there is a large infestation of Cape Ivy. Andrew Comas has been contacted re Council using a contractor to remove this.
- iii) Future plantings. Corey Jackson has allocated 200 plants for us to plant out in the next few months. 100 of them are for the Inman River area near the plantings for Plovers and another 100 for the far end of the Investigator car park area. Corey can drill holes for the Wednesday working bees for us. Plant protectors need to be removed from previous plantings at the Investigator car park, please contact Loreto if you can assist.
- iv) Extra working bee with the Friends of Hindmarsh River to assist with planting near the Primary School on Wednesday 5th July. They will ask Corey Jackson to drill holes for planting. Please contact Loreto if you are planning on attending on this day.
- v) Richard House and Peggy gave heartfelt thanks for the celebration of his 20 year service as chairperson.  
Richard has also been showing our equipment to John Swinscer from the Victor Harbor Rotary Club. Rotary are supporting the Friends of the Inman River group to help establish themselves.
- vi) Andrew Leak thanked Trevor Brand for removing Olive trees which were discovered on Clean Up Australia Day. The hot water thermos pump for our morning teas has finally been replaced
- vii) Richard Edwards has noted a black cat in the Lagoon area.
- viii) David Thorn queried the use of QR codes on signage.

## 12. Correspondence

- a) Emails received and forwarded to members.
- b) Other emails
  - Samphire identification workshop (DEW) Noarlunga 1<sup>st</sup> June 10am

**13. Hours worked**

Harry Rake 4; Richard Edwards 5½; Barb Francis 2; Christina Michell 7; Bill Eden 2; Anita Leak 10; Derek Conroy 4; Jen Priddle 6; Richard House 6; Andrew Leak 10 ½; Sue Robertson 2; Loreto Cameron 28½ ; Geoff Cope 3; Trevor Brand 2; Tom Griffiths 2. Total: 94½

**14. Next Meeting**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June