

**MINUTES of the meeting of Victor Harbor Coastcare
held in the Old School Building on Wednesday 21st June 2023 at 7.00
pm**

1. Welcome and Present

Loreto Cameron (chair), Trevor Brand, Richard House, Anita and Andrew Leak, Tina Michell, Bill Eden, Harry Rake, Barb Francis, Geoff Cope, Rosene and Richard Edwards, Jen Priddle, Janine Hurley, Derek Conroy, Eric Everitt. A special welcome was extended to new member George Meola, and to Lara Geach attending for the first time. Mark Richards was welcomed as our guest speaker.

2. Apologies

Jeff McEvoy, Di Sinclair-Warren, John Ray, Nigel Ibbotson, Sue Robertson, David Thorn.

3. Guest Speaker Mark Richards, Co-convenor of Friends of the Hindmarsh River Estuary (FOHRE)

Mark explained his role in their group which covers the area formerly known as 'Greenhills' to the Hindmarsh River mouth up to and including Hayward Ct. Their group has an informal structure and focuses on weeding, planting, seed collection, propagation, watering and bird monitoring.

Mark has responded to the council draft Biodiversity and Natural Assets management Plan suggesting 3 recommendations;

-Creating an independent 'Biodiversity group' to lobby businesses, environmental groups and rural property owners into partnership.

-Creating an Endemic plant list available to developers etc.

-Creating a 'Community Biodiversity Nursery' as a supply chain of these plants.

4. Minutes of previous meeting 17th May 2023 – amendment – Bronson Symmonds to attend on the 19th July, not 21st June as stated in the Minutes.

Motion The minutes of the meeting held 17.05.2023 is an accurate record after date amended.

Proposed Anita Leak *Seconded* Tina Michell *Carried*

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

- a) Coast Snap grant: Geoff Cope reports that even though the grant application was unsuccessful, the council will still proceed with the concept and have identified 2 more potential sites for citizen science projects, possibly the old Causeway and near the Yacht club.
- b) Bluff Tea Tree removal: this was only half completed. Loreto Cameron queried Andrew Comas regarding this and he said he was aware of it and wanted to go up and look at the area before he put the completion of its removal on his schedule. We will probably need to revisit this in the new financial year.
- c) Cape Ivy Hindmarsh Lagoon and surrounds : Andrew Comas has this on his agenda to be done soon before it becomes any larger. It is in an important and fragile area and care will be taken so as not to disturb the surrounding vegetation. He will keep us updated regarding finding a contractor to complete this task. Again, we will need to revisit this in the new financial year.
- d) Community Wellbeing grants option for display cabinet in Old School House. Geoff Cope reports Heather Mullan's involvement and the possibility of an outcome around June.
- e) Ideas for grants: Possibility for additional beach poles in 2 or 3 sites.
- f) Wildlife Adelaide Book: Given to Janine Hurley.
- g) Hayward Court signage: Andrew Comas is aware of the sign and has advised he will try and locate the spares for this to be fixed. We will need to keep reminding Andrew until it is done.
- h) Backpack spray kit: Richard Edwards has researched this and the end result is that he will continue to use his personal spray kit, and will bring it to our working bees.

6. Financial Report

Andrew Leak

- a) Balance \$2656.63 [= last meeting balance – expenses approved last meeting
– irrigation fittings \$38.98 - \$88 sign work on pullup banners
+ \$160 subs + \$24 Entertainment Book sales]
Only 1 sub not received but promised later. One member decided not to continue.

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
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| Richard House reimbursement for irrigation fittings | \$38.98 |
| Southcoast Signs for changes to pullup banners | \$88.00 |
| Anita Leak reimbursement for morning tea supplies | \$10.85 |
| Anita Leak reimbursement for tools | \$6.80 |
| Anita Leak reimbursement for Whalefest catering | \$58.66 |
| Andrew Leak reimbursement for stationery | \$4.99 |

Motion: that the above expenses of \$208.28 be approved

Moved Andrew Leak *Seconded* Rosene Edwards Carried

7. Publicity Reports

- a) Publicity. Anita Leak
Article about Loreto's ideas for Coastcare's future 'Victor Coastcare is buzzing with new Chair' printed in the Fleurieu Sun on 18th May.
Copies of the latest version of the Coastcare flyer are now available in the Council foyer.
Richard's presentation 'Your Dunes, My Dunes' was successful, regardless of the 10 people who didn't turn up to this 'sold out' WhaleFest event.
- b) Facebook and website. Andrew Leak
Facebook posts:
 June 4 promoting Richard's Whalefest presentation
 June 5 following working bee in the Causeway dunes
 June 15 following Richard's presentation
 June 15 following the bee at the Sea Rescue Squadron and Bridge Point
Usual website maintenance.
- c) Instagram. Geoff Cope has posted several photos.

8. Membership Report

Loreto Cameron congratulated George Meola in joining our group and welcomed Lara Geach to consider membership.

9. Beach Pole Report

Geoff Cope.

Poles were measured on 13th June prior to the recent storm event.

Yacht Club Pole	+ 20mm
Memorial Park Pole	was under water with high tide
Wills St Pole	+ 10mm
King St Pole	- 10mm
Esplanade	-10mm

Geoff did second measurements on 19th at lower tide and noted Memorial Park down 60mm since last month and now down 240mm since early April.

10. Working bees

a) Work done.

i) Saturday 3rd June WA 11 Causeway Dunes

Planting of 50 plants in area where Tamarisk have been removed.

Richard, Derek and Trevor spent the morning treating a large tamarisk stump that was still showing strong signs of life. We will need to watch that one and may need to continue treatment on it. Anita and Andrew worked on Gazanias

and also treated an olive tree that they had noticed on Clean up Australia Day. It was such a good turnout from everyone the plantings were done well within the time. The Council watered in the new plants for us the next day.

ii) **Wednesday 14th June WA 14 Sailing Club & WA16 Bridge Point**

Planting of 50 plants in front of Sailing Club and 20 further plants at Bridge Point plus extra pigface that Richard House had propagated. Also Pigface supplied by FOHRE.

Another good turnout and great weather for the planting in both areas. Trevor treated a couple of large boxthorns at the Bridge Point end, but there are still a couple that need looking at next to the area where the new planting was done on the slope. Loreto Cameron will endeavour to put this into our plan when we schedule in a working bee to weed and prune the Bridge Point Garden in the next month or so.

Show and Tell of Box Thorn root brought in by Trevor Brand. Good job Trevor!

Gazanias were removed in the usual lawned area next to the clubhouse. It was noticed that there were large gazanias in the garden of the Sailing Club and are probably contributing to the constant infestation in that area. Loreto will look into corresponding with the club in an endeavour to convince them that the gazanias are a nasty weed and offer to remove them with perhaps the offer of replacing them with pigface which we could ask Council to supply.

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

Now completed until warmer weather.

b) **Work planned.**

i) **Sunday 25th June WA10 Inman Street to King Street**

Gazania, Euphorbia, Coastal T-Tree, and possibly Lachenalia weed control day.

This area has a lot of good plants surviving well, but both the Gazanias and Euphorbias in particular have got a good foothold, so with a view to getting on top of it quickly we will be doing this area next while there is less concern for snakes. Please bring a garden fork to lift the weeds out. The Council are supplying bags for the gazanias and if we make a pile of the rest, it will be picked up by Council the next day.

Kings Beach Lookout has been postponed until Council have relocated the path that has been washed away yet again in the recent storm events. Andrew Comas hopes it will have been sorted by mid-September.

ii) **Wednesday 5th July 9AM Extra Working Bee on Tom Stephens Reserve with Friends of the Hindmarsh River Estuary**

Planting out 200 plants. Perhaps bring a small spade (just to fill in the hole) There will be 5 hole borers preparing the holes in advance of the planters, so not a back breaking job, just a lot of plants

ii) **Wednesday 12th July WA40 Investigator Carpark**

Planting 100 plants further along from previous planting. Corey Jackson will be there to pre-bore holes.

Again bring a spade for planting.

We need to visit this area beforehand to collect the tree guards already there for re-use.

Loreto Cameron will be collecting as many tree guards and sticks on the Monday prior from 10.30 on. Any help will be appreciated.

iii) **Watering at the Yacht Club and drippers opposite Hotel Victor** has ceased until the warmer months.

Loreto Cameron would like to acknowledge and thank all who were available for our watering roster for the past 6 months, having so many members on the roster meant we were able to spread the load significantly. Also a special mention and thank you to Richard Edwards, Derek Conroy and Eric Everitt for their time spent watering and caring for Bridge Point. The constant care there means it always looks as it is meant to. Also of course to Richard House for his persistence in beating the rats eating our pipes.

11. Any Other Business

- i) Samphire Workshop: Tina Michell and Loreto Cameron attended this at Noarlunga Surf Club which included a field walkabout along the Onkaparinga estuary. A most informative and interesting event. There are more than one species of samphire and of particular interest is one that is on the decline and which I note from Lee Jeffreys lists grows in our wetland areas and takes 100 years to get to knee height. One to look after.
- ii) First Nations Cultural Induction: Another interesting educational workshop which included a 'walk on country'. This included understanding native title, learning culturally significant plants, cultural considerations for revegetation and weed control. Also the stories and their meaning to Ngarrindjeri and other First Nations People which in our case includes the Ramindjeri. The pigface and Muntries feature well in their diet and medicines. Highly recommend.
- iii) Lagoon areas: Sea statice/cyclops acacia/coastal t-trees along train line. This is an area which Loreto Cameron and Richard Edwards inspected and noted a lot of woody weeds from the steps along the train line. Richard Edwards has advised that it is accessible for the Monarto Zoo ute and trailer with a view to filling it for their animals. We will probably need to do this on a day that the Steam Ranger does not run, but we will still inform them of our activity there just in case. We looking to do this area August/September, at the same time, if we get a good turnout from members, some of us can go down to the lagoon area and tackle the sea statice that is getting ahead of itself also.
- iv) Meeting with Andrew Comas and Bronson Symmonds: Hayborough 6th June with Richard Edwards, Richard House and Loreto Cameron: This was a good time to show Council the area of concern regarding the Cape Ivy as it is currently in flower. Work on this weed had been delayed due to the installation of new steps and revegetation nearby. Andrew said it needs attention sooner rather than later and with that in mind will be looking to do something towards the end of August, into the new financial year. Bronson has contacted and is meeting Corey Jackson on site to see if he has any helpful advice regarding this weed. Andrew will keep us updated.
- v) Richard Edwards: African Feathertop and melaleucas on the Bluff. While he was doing this he noticed a couple of large clumps of immature melaleucas which we will need to remove before long. They are small enough to dig out with a shovel at this stage. Perhaps when we go up before the end of the year to finish off the copse of suckering sheoaks behind the apartments, we include them in that working bee as well as a couple of olives that we noticed last working bee. Thank you for doing that Richard.
- vi) Volunteer Morning Tea at McCracken: To be attended by 13 members.
- vii) Lee Jeffery leaving: A small gift of a book from Victor Harbor Coastcare in appreciation to be signed by members tonight and presented by Loreto at the volunteer's morning tea.
- viii) Friends of the Inman River: They had their first event Saturday 3rd June with about 20 volunteers who turned up, and another working bee is planned for the 24th June, so positive feedback from them at this stage that it will continue and grow.
- ix) First Aid refresher courses: Currently the only member fully up to date is Sue Robertson. We have been invited to send 3 of our members to obtain a current certificate at the cost of Landscape SA. They are only paying for those who wish to do the full day course, not the half day CPR refresher course. We have dates that it is available here in Victor Harbor. If you want company, Barb Francis and Loreto Cameron have registered for 7th August, so at this stage there is room for 2 more volunteers. This generally gets offered each year, so if you can't do it this year there is always next.
- x) Chainsaw training/certification: Barb Francis to look into costs/sponsorship etc. Harry Rake may be interested.
- xi) Ngarrindjeri Cultural Tour by Mark Koolmatrie– Goondooloo Ridge Lookout This was an excellent and informative visit to Deep Creek with Mark Koolmatrie as the guide and speaker. Mark has been invited by Geoff Cope to attend a future Coastcare meeting with a view to explain the cultural significance of the areas we work in and the plants we plant. Mark has since replied that he is delighted to have been asked and will definitely attend our meeting in September.

12) Members' opportunity for other business.

Geoff Cope informed us that Mark Western (Coastal Monitoring) is happy to come to a meeting to discuss his field of work. Janine Hurley, Jen Priddle, Anita and Andrew Leak are interested in helping with storm damage monitoring.

13) Correspondence

Emails received and forwarded to members.-

- City of Victor Harbor draft Biodiversity and Natural Assets Management Plan 2023-28. Loreto Cameron has read through this and recommend it, it has been put together well with a great deal of input by Lee Jeffrey. Coastcare have been mentioned quite a few times throughout this report. Print outs are available if anyone would like to see it.
- Birdlife Australia, in conjunction with the Limestone Coast Landscape Board and Alexandrina Council invite you to a Shorebird Conservation workshop.
- Coastal Gardens workshop - 8th June Victor Harbor.
- Update your St John First Aid Certificate – paid for by Landscape SA – 3 members per group

14) Hours worked

Bill Eden 2; Tina Michell 7; Trevor Brand 3; Harry Rake 6; Richard House 12; Geoff Cope 5; Richard Edwards 8; Janine Hurley 4; Eric Everitt 4; Andrew Leak 14; Anita Leak 11½; Barb Francis 8; Derek Conroy 2; Sue Robertson 4; Sam Blight 2; Kevin Howard 2; Loreto Cameron 38½ Total 133 hours

15) Next Meeting Wednesday 19th July
Bronson Symmonds booked for attendance