

**Minutes for the meeting of Victor Harbor Coastcare  
held in the Old School Building on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.00 pm**

- 1. Welcome and Present.** Loreto Cameron (chair), Anita Leak, Barb Francis, Tina Michell, Geoff Cope, David Thorn, Richard House, Rosene and Richard Edwards, Lara Geach, Bill Eden, Harry Rake, Derek Conroy, Jen Priddle, Janine Hurley, George Meola. A warm welcome was extended to Bronson Symmonds, our guest speaker.
- 2. Apologies** Jeff McEvoy, Di Sinclair-Warren, John Ray, Nigel Ibbotson, Bruce Lindqvist, Sue Robertson, Andrew Leak.
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting** 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023  
*Motion* The minutes of the meeting held 21.06.2023 is an accurate record.  
*Proposed* Jen Priddle *Seconded* Tina Michell *Carried*
- 4. Report from Bronson Symmonds, Environment Sustainability Team Leader Victor Harbor Council.**

Lee Jeffrey's position is currently being advertised.  
The Council's Bluff Master Plan has been endorsed. This will be used as a tool for a 20 year plan. Funding has been endorsed for Petrel Cove and will include upgrades to paths and seating, and various plantings.  
Emergency work continues at Yilki concerning tidal impacts. A 650 metre protection wall is being designed by an engineering company which involves stone and geo-fibre which can be 'stacked'.  
Temporary stairs are being installed near Ridgeway St.  
Beach access near Kareena Ave needs repair.  
Yandra Tce. Beach access and storm water outlet needs repair.  
Investigator car park staircases need repair.  
Coastal monitoring Program. Bronson has been working closely with Loreto Cameron and Geoff Cope, including involvement with Mark Western.  
The proposed site for the Coast Snap Program photo stand (the Causeway) is complicated with regulations from the Department of Infrastructure and Transport.  
Cape Ivy control. Bronson has met with Corey Jackson and a contractor re this invasive weed around the Hindmarsh Lagoon area and railway line. He is awaiting advice on varying methods of eradication as the problem is extensive and varied. Our help will be needed near the site of the recent train derailment.  
Bronson thanked Victor Harbor Coastcare for their involvement in helping plant trees with the Friends of the Hindmarsh River Estuary. (FOHRE)  
Question from Richard Edwards re the pile of dirt left at the train derailment site. This has been left to divert foot traffic as there have been numerous close calls in the area. The storm water pipe in this area is damaged and Andrew Comas is looking into this.  
Question from Anita Leak re possibility of pushing seaweed wrack to the dune face near Kent Reserve as this technique has proven to be successful near the Causeway. This is evidently one of the many temporary measures under consideration.  
Question from David Thorn re whether the railing for the Hooded Plover protection could be permanent. This remains under consideration.  
Question from Tina Michell re the use of Permapine posts and mesh could be useful for erosion control. This is another one of the many temporary measures under consideration.
- 5. Business arising from the minutes** (not covered by other items on the agenda).
  - a) First Aid course – Barb Francis, Anita Leak and Loreto Cameron are booked for August. Tina Michell may possibly attend in September.
  - b) Community Wellbeing Grant option for display cabinet in Old School House – Geoff Cope. This is still under consideration with Heather Mullan. In the interim we will look into using the shelf in the Library as other community groups do.
  - c) Wildlife Adelaide Book. To be passed on to Bruce Lindqvist
- 6. Financial Report** Andrew Leak
  - a) Balance \$2575.33 (= last meeting balance – expenses approved last meeting)  
  
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 Anita Leak Morning tea supplies \$7.20  
*Motion:* that the above expenses of \$7.20 be approved.  
*Moved* Anita Leak *Seconded* Richard House Carried

## 7. Publicity Reports

- a) Publicity. Anita Leak  
Article '800 seedlings in one morning' in the Fleurieu Sun on 13<sup>th</sup> July that encouraged volunteers to get involved with Friends of Hindmarsh River Estuary or Coastcare.  
Article 'Coastal fight is constant' in the Fleurieu Sun on 13<sup>th</sup> July about Loreto's appointment as Chair person.  
QR code on banners now working ok. QR code also added to posters.
- b) Facebook and web site. Andrew Leak  
Facebook 5<sup>th</sup> July shared FOHRE post re Tom Stephens Reserve planting.  
Facebook 13<sup>th</sup> July post re Investigator Carpark planting.  
Usual website maintenance. Jen Priddle has taken over the archiving of Minutes on the website. A big thank you to Jen!
- c) Instagram Geoff Cope  
Posts from the Investigator car park bee and Tom Stephens reserve planting bee.  
Thank you extended to Corey Jackson from Green Adelaide for supplying plants.

## 8. Membership Report Loreto Cameron

Loreto Cameron has completed an induction for Bruce Lindqvist who is now a new member, welcome Bruce! Lara Geach is about to complete an induction on the 4<sup>th</sup> August and will be welcomed into our group.

Loreto Cameron has inducted multiple new members this year as Membership Officer on top of her Chairperson role. Anita Leak has offered to do this role and is thanked for her thoughtfulness, but both she and Andrew already contribute so much of their time to our group. Loreto would appreciate it if someone else could take over this role which would involve showing new members our worksite locations after they have received written documentation about our organisation. Loreto will continue inducting new members until the next AGM by which time hopefully someone else/ or a small group could share this role.

## 9. Beach Pole Report Geoff Cope

Details for measurements taken on 14<sup>th</sup> July as follows.

Yacht Club height increase 30mm.

Memorial Park height increase 140mm.

Willis St height unchanged .

King St height down 10mm.

Esplanade height down 20mm.

Note the significant change at Memorial Park likely impacted by storm and high swell that occurred on 8<sup>th</sup> July as noted from other observations at the Causeway boat ramp that was covered with sand and weed.

## 10. Working bees

### a) Work done.

i) Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June - F11 Inman Street to King Street – Cancelled due to stormy weather

ii) Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Extra working bee

Tom Stephens Reserve with Friends of Hindmarsh River (FOHRE) – 380 plants were put in by 20 volunteers. The Council supplied 200 plants which were made up of Gahnia filum, scarlet bottlebrush and saltwater paperbark. Corey Jackson supplied another 80 Gahnia filum for the Yellowish sedge skipper butterfly recovery program and 100 Melaleuca halmaturorum. This was a very successful day and a lovely get together afterwards for morning tea.

There were an extra 20 plants that were meant to be planted at the school car park which were not available on the day. They have now been delivered to Ann Wright from Friends of Hindmarsh River Estuary and Loreto Cameron will be helping her to plant these on Friday.

iii) Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July WA 40 Investigator Car Park

Planting of 100 plants. Again a good effort by a good turnout of volunteers, thank you everyone. Pip Burfield from Friends of Granite Island visited us on site to invite us to assist in the planting planned on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

### b) Work planned.

i) Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July WA 9 Inman River

Planting for Plovers. 100 plants supplied by Corey Jackson. Everyone please bring a small spade and a small container for the gel (we will use up the remainder of the gel from previous dune plantings) There will be no tree guards on this day. The seedlings in this area will need to be planted much deeper than usual to enable them to get well established.

- ii) Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August WA 1G The Bluff slope  
Removal of as many melaleuca seedlings as possible. They require pulling out, not poisoning, as they are in an area where there are good plants emerging. Lee Jeffery advised the second area could possibly be cut and sprayed with poison.

Perhaps bring a small spade or fork for the difficult ones. This needs to be done before the ground hardens up and it becomes too difficult to remove them. If we get a good turnout on the day, we should make a huge impact on this problem.

## 11. Any Other Business

- i) Meeting on the Bluff with Lee Jeffrey concerning melaleucas as above.
- ii) Meeting with Cathy McEnroe. Richard House and Loreto Cameron met with the Manager of People & Culture VH Council re insurance and forms. As VHCC are a volunteer group who have their own bank account and are governed by their own set of rules, under the changes to the Local Government Risk Management Services, we no longer fall under the Council volunteer banner. Our insurance cover now will be through Landscape SA as a separate entity and not through the VH Council as has been in the past. This means we no longer have to abide by the Council forms and the need to forward all information to them is no longer applicable.
- iii) Meeting with Rebekha Sharkie on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2pm at Ninos for coffee and chat. Richard House, Anita and Andrew Leak, Tina Michell, Jen Priddle, George Meola, Derek Conroy, Loreto Cameron and Richard Edwards to attend. All are welcome but please RSVP. We will give her a quick overview of what we do and our history, awards, collaborations (FOHRE) Council (Coastsnaps), Beach poles, storm monitoring and of course our future plans and ideas.
- iv. Storm monitoring – Andrew and Anita Leak, Jen Priddle, Janine Hurley and Loreto Cameron met with Geoff to discuss our roles in the storm monitoring project. Which in the event of a storm, involves us:
  - 1. taking photos and up to 1 minute video.
  - 2. Make any notes or observations on wave direction.
  - 3. Make any notes or observations on weed trail direction via a blue rock
- v. 7<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup> August. Invitation by Corey Jackson for VHCC to visit his Yankalilla Nursery where he supplies plants grown by the Fleurieu Environment Centre volunteers at the Fleurieu Coast Community Nursery which is supported by Green Adelaide. Decided to organise a visit possibly on the first Monday of September.

## 12. Correspondence

- a) Emails received and forwarded to members. Whale sightings for June.
- b) Letter from Friends of Hindmarsh River re the Biodiversity plan ( A copy of what VHCC submitted to Council regarding this is available)
- c) Letter from Landscape SA regarding dividing our region:
  - \* Fleurieu District (Victor Harbor, Yankalilla and part Onkaparinga councils),
  - \* Eastern Hills and Plains District (Mount Barker and Alexandrina councils) &
  - \* Adelaide Hills District (Adelaide Hills Council)Dana Miles will no longer be our representative, she is moving to Eastern Hills and Plains at the end of August, Shane Johansen is covering the insurance side of things, it is unsure who is taking over Dana Miles' role.
- d) Emails received from Mark Richards – Draft Biodiversity Victor Harbor Incorporated.

## 13. Hours worked

Loreto Cameron 29½, Geoff Cope 6, Bill Eden 3, Richard Edwards 5, Harry Rake 3, Christina Michell 3, Richard House 2, Barb Francis 8, Jen Priddle 4, Janine Hurley 3, Anita Leak 3½, Andrew Leak 5, George Meola 5, Trevor Brand 2, Kevin Howard 4, Eric Everitt 2 = Total: 88 hours

## 14. Next Meeting

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August

Mark Koolmartrie (local indigenous identity) booked for attendance.