

**Minutes for the meeting of Victor Harbor Coastcare
held in the Old School Building on Wednesday 16th August 2023 at 7.00 pm**

1. **Welcome and Present.** Loreto Cameron (Chair), Tina Michell, Richard House, Geoff Cope, Derek Conroy, Janine Hurley, Richard Edwards, Rosene Edwards, Bill Eden, Eric Everitt, Trevor Brand, David Thorn. Warm welcome to Bruce Lindqvist and Sally St George.
2. **Apologies** Jeff McEvoy, Di Sinclair-Warren, John Ray, Nigel Ibbotson, Sue Robertson, Andrew Leak, Anita Leak, Jen Priddle, Lara Geach, Harry Rake.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting** 19th July 2023
Motion The minutes of the meeting held 19.07.2023 is an accurate record.
Proposed Richard House *Seconded* Geoff Cope *Carried*
4. **Guest speaker – Mark Koolmatric** sent his apologies, as he was unable to attend. We will arrange a future date for Mark.
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 have completed and updated their certificates for this course.
 - b) Victor Harbor Coastcare – display case – which was to have been organised as part of the Community Wellbeing Grant by Heather Mullan, still has not been accomplished. Until then, we will continue with our display in the previous location of the Library window until further notice.
 - c) Wildlife Adelaide Book. This is in our display at the Library.
 - d) Coast Snap Program – Bronson Symmonds has advised that the funding and installation of two Coast Snap locations has been approved, one to be on the Old Causeway, and one near the Sailing Club. He ideally would like to have a third one installed near Kent Reserve, but has had no luck getting the extra funds for it. The cost to put one of these in is \$2,500. Victor Harbor Coastcare will continue down the avenue of seeking grants, we may eventually be lucky and receive the funds to install the final one that Bronson feels is needed. Perhaps when the other locations have been installed and are being used, the positive feedback may contribute to a 3rd post being easier to obtain.
 - e) Visit to Corey Jacksons Nursery on Monday 4th September 11am – 8-10 approx. attending. Loreto Cameron will contact Corey and set this up.
 - f) Hooded Plover railing – David Thorn questioned what was happening regarding the completion of this new railing to limit human traffic crossing the Dune area into where the plovers regularly nest near the Sailing Club. Bronson has advised that the work done so far was with remaining funds at the end of last financial year. At this point in time Council are already spending funds at this location for a Coast Snaps station, and there also may need to be some funding spent around containing the public in this vicinity. Bronson asked it to be brought to his attention later on in the financial year when he will know if he has the funds to complete this for the Plovers, (next May or June). It costs \$85/m for the materials only. Loreto Cameron will approach Rotary Encounter Bay to ask if they would consider a joint project with VHCC to complete this fencing. If this is unsuccessful VHCC will look at any available Grants to achieve the completion of this project as already there are new tracks being made through the dunes where the fence finishes. **(The first plover egg has been sighted)**
 - g) Meeting with Rebekha Sharkie – Now changed to 22nd August 1.30pm for Coffee and chat at Nino’s
 - h) Storm Monitoring – Done on the 5th August – Barb, Loreto, Anita, Jen, Janine, Geoff and Bronson were there, blue spray paint cans and small rocks. Geoff Cope explained the procedure and the purpose to the group. Eight zones are to be covered between the Yacht Club and the Bluff. The main aim is to gain an understanding of wave impacts during storm events on the coastline.
6. **Financial Report** Andrew Leak
 - a) Balance \$2,568.13 (= 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
 The term deposit maturing this month will not be rolled over. It will be held in our Beyond Bank Community Account and added to the other term deposit when that matures in October and a decision made at the September meeting regarding the most suitable investment option.
 - b) Expenses Anita Leak - thank you gift and card – Mark Koolmatric \$41.00
 ***Motion*: that the above expenses of \$41.00 be approved – **this procedure was not undertaken at the meeting and will be carried forward to the next meeting.
Moved *Seconded* *Carried*

7. Publicity Reports

- a) Publicity. Anita Leak
- A Coastcare display has been set up again at the library.
 - An article was sent to the Fleurieu Sun re blue rocks on the beach as part of Mark Western's storm monitoring project.
- b) Facebook and web site. Andrew Leak
- Facebook 23rd July post re planting and weeding working bee near Inman estuary.
 - Facebook 9th August post re melaleuca weeding working bee on the Bluff.
- Usual website maintenance. Thanks Jen.
- c) Instagram Geoff Cope
- Two working bees and storm monitoring activity posted with accompanying photos

8. Membership Report

Loreto Cameron

Loreto Cameron has still to do Lara Geach's induction, this should be done by the end of August.

9. Beach Pole Report

Geoff Cope

Yacht Club - no change
Memorial Park - +30mm
Willis Street - +20 mm
Esplanade - no change
King Street - +10mm

10. Working bees

a) Work done.

i) Sunday 23rd July WA 9 Inman River

Planting for Plovers

Planted 100 plants and removed Lachenalia bulbs that were flowering in the dunes nearby

ii) Wednesday 9th August WA 1G The Bluff slope

Removal of melaleuca seedlings in two patches – this was rather a massive project and done extremely well and quickly because we had such a great turnout again – 15 including Bronson. Richard Edwards and Trevor Brand tackled the usual culprits at the same time so there was a lot achieved on the day. Many thanks to all involved. This is an area we will need to revisit during the winter months to stop it getting out of control.

b) Work planned.

i) Sunday 27th August WA 10 Inman Street to King Street

Gazania control, wild fennel, 'wild gladi', Lachenalia and Tamarisk in this area, we will make a single large pile of everything in an open area for Council to come and pick up.

ii) Tuesday 12th September WA 21 Bus stop 3 Lagoon embankment

Removal of Cyclops Acacia, olives and other woody weeds along the side of the trainline just above the Lagoon area near bus stop 3. We will be co-ordinating with Monarto Zoo for this exercise and it will have to be on the Tuesday when the train does not run. For safety reasons, it can't be done at all when the train is operating, and very soon it will be running every day from the beginning of the next school holidays until the end of summer. There is also an area of Sea Statice which needs removing, so some of us can head down to the lagoon to do this and prune back the path and anything else that needs attention in this location.

11. Any Other Business

- i) Biodiversity Victor Harbor meeting – This was held at the Grosvenor on the 7th August, with about 25 attendees with several apologies. It is still very early stages, but all present were most enthusiastic and supportive of the prospect of Bio-Diversity Victor Harbor and the proposed nursery. Mark Richards from Friends of Hindmarsh River is spearheading this project and has since met with and gained the full support of the Victor Harbor Council who are actively seeking a location for the proposed community nursery. Mark is also seeking groups, businesses or individuals who wish to become Foundation members of Victor Harbor Bio-Diversity. Loreto Cameron requested the approval of VHCC members to become one of the Foundation Members of Biodiversity Victor Harbor, the cost of which is \$500.
- ii) Gazanias at the Sailing Club - Charlie Coombes, the Sailing Club groundsman, is very happy for VHCC to remove the gazanias on those grounds which we noted were spreading into the dunes and surrounding areas, and replace them with pigface and other local groundcovers. Andrew Comas from VHC has agreed to supply us with suitable plants at planting time next year. So, when doing our annual gazania control there next year, we will be replacing them with something else at the same time.

- iii) Meeting at Kings Point – re planting and work to be done with Andrew Comas and Bronson Symmonds – Richard House and Loreto Cameron met with Andrew and Bronson on the 8th August and discussed this area. Council have now redirected the water run-off but still more work has to be done before it stops being an issue for the public on the walking path to Kings Beach. This is an ongoing work operation. Loreto Cameron picked up the 30 plants that Lee Jeffreys set aside for VHCC to boost the volume of plants on the right-hand side of the path (these have now been installed). Once the water run-off is no longer an issue VHCC will look at planting out on the dirt pile behind the large display rocks at the front. This area is in very good condition and at this point in time the need for a full working bee on this site is not necessary, as there is little to do. The weeds that are there will eventually disappear under the vegetation, so any future work there will be for the occasional cutback.

Andrew and Anita Leak mentioned overgrowth on the walking path from Petrel Cove to the Lookout and this was brought to the attention of Andrew Comas, who said it was being completed in the coming week, plus, the grass surrounding the picnic setting would be cut back.

- iv) Follow up treatment on suckering sheoaks on the Bluff by Nick Anderson – it was felt that this was still necessary, and once again we need to ask Council to contract Nick to continue this work. VHCC will contribute our usual amount towards this.
- v) Hayward Court – Richard House and Loreto Cameron met with Bronson Symmonds, Tuesday 15th August, regarding the Cape Ivy that has jumped to the other side of the train track near the location of the recent train derailment. Bronson will be changing the course of the walking path in this vicinity with a more direct route to the railway crossover. He will be installing 3 posts (tops to be painted yellow) directing walkers along the trail. Coastcare are going to tackle the Cape Ivy here, it is a large job and it may take 2 working bees to achieve the necessary removal of this plant. The Boobialla that it is growing through will need to be cut back allowing access to the Cape Ivy, if we can, we will place everything in a pile away from the path and trainline, if this is not possible, Bronson will arrange to have it removed for us. Richard Edwards also mentioned a patch of Livingstone Daisy close by which we will also need to remove.
- vi) Cape Ivy – Bronson looks to have contracted someone to tackle the two problem areas, the Lagoon area and the very large area below Hayward Street. We will need to be vigilant from now on regarding this invasive plant.
- vii) Foreshore spruce-up - Bruce Lindqvist - Our newest member has done an amazing job tidying up the foreshore from the Fisher playground to the Bowling Club – he spent 4 hours of hard work there and it does indeed look much improved. It coincided nicely with the Council putting down mulch in the area, so it all came together well and looks all the better for it. Thank you, Bruce, a great effort. Council are going to collect the piles by the end of the week if not before.
- viii) Grants – Geoff Cope has submitted an application for \$1000 grant to Rebekah Sharkie’s office for VHCC to put together 3 more large working bee kits. Thank you for your efforts, Geoff, much appreciated by all of us.
- ix) Irrigation installation – Foreshore Dune area recent planting in front of the Hotel Victor carpark - Richard House has measured and calculated the materials needed for this installation and sent a request for the supply of same to Andrew Comas at VHC. Once we have this, we will arrange a special bee for installation, which needs to be done by October at the latest.

12. Correspondence

- a) Emails received and forwarded to members
- Letters from Mark Richards re the Biodiversity Meeting
- b) Emails received from Dana Miles – Landscape SA – thanking VHCC for ‘Planting for Plovers’

13. Hours Worked

Loreto Cameron 32, Bill Eden 3, Richard Edwards 8, Rosene Edwards 1, Derek Conroy 1, Christina Michell 6½, Richard House 3 ½, Trevor Brand 3, Geoff Cope 8, David Thorn 3, Bruce Lindqvist 7, Eric Everitt 5, Janine Hurley 7, Kevin Howard 2, Andrew Leak 5, Anita Leak 15, Jen Priddle 6, Sue Robertson 2, Barb Francis 8, George Meola 2, Harry Rake 2 **Total = 130**

14. Next Meeting Wednesday 20th September 2023