

**Minutes for the meeting of Victor Harbor Coastcare
held in the Old School Building on Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 7.00 pm**

- 1. Welcome and Present.** Loreto Cameron (Chair), Tina Michell, Richard House, Geoff Cope, Janine Hurley, Richard Edwards, Rosene Edwards, Bill Eden, Trevor Brand, David Thorn, Andrew Leak, Anita Leak, Lara Geach, Jen Priddle, Harry Rake, Sue Robertson, Sally St George and warm welcome extended to Margie Fredberg.
- 2. Apologies** Jeff McEvoy, Di Sinclair-Warren, John Ray, Nigel Ibbotson, Barb Francis, Eric Everitt, Bruce Lindqvist.
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting** 16th August 2023
Motion: The minutes of the meeting held 16.08.2023 is an accurate record, *once corrections have been made to the price of fencing (Item 5 f - \$85/m not \$85m) and the beach pole report (Item 9 - measurements to be recorded as mm, not ml)*
Moved: Bill Eden *Seconded:* Sue Robertson *Carried*
- 4. Business arising from the minutes** (not covered by other items on the agenda).
 - a) Visit to Corey Jackson’s Nursery in Yankalilla on Monday 4th September 11am – This was attended by Anita and Andrew Leak, Richard House, Richard and Rosene Edwards and Loreto Cameron. It was an excellent example of a well-run community nursery working bee. Corey and Michael and all involved are to be congratulated on their achievements, we came away very mindful of all of the background work put in regarding the plants we receive from this source on a regular basis. Corey may be propagating spinifex on the 16th October working bee at his nursery. If there are any Coastcare members who would like to attend and assist in this operation, please let Loreto know and, Corey will be approached to see if this is at all possible.
 - b) Hooded Plover Railing – David Thorn from the Hooded Plover group spoke regarding this and has advised that nothing can be done until the end of the nesting season as it would be too disruptive for the plovers that are currently nesting there, at least until the end of summer. Temporary fencing has been put in place by the Hooded Plover group, with the view of deterring walkers from making new paths through these particular dunes. Caroline Taylor from Landscape SA is aware of the unfinished railing and Council have indicated that it should be completed towards the end of this financial year. David also mentioned that temporary fencing is going to be installed at Encounter Bay where some Hooded Plovers are attempting to nest, the high tides have so far made this difficult for them, washing away at least one nest containing an egg.
 - c) Rebekha Sharkie meeting – Loreto Cameron, Tina Michell, Eric Everitt, and Richard Edwards were able to attend. The many activities of VHCC were outlined to Rebekha who wanted to know how she could assist our group. We expressed our interest in her office forwarding any future grant applications that might be suitable for our particular volunteer work. Rose from her office sent through details for a grant that we could access for 3 new toolkits. Geoff Cope already had that in hand. Rebekha expressed a desire to join VHCC ‘Clean up Australia Day’. Loreto Cameron will notify her office regarding time and date early next year.
 - d) Suckering Sheoaks on the Bluff – Loreto Cameron has had a discussion with Andrew Comas from Victor Harbor Council regarding our role in the management of the suckering sheoaks on the Bluff. There is some concern with VHCC paying out \$1000 annually on ‘follow up’ treatment. On recent Induction tours, Loreto has viewed this area and feels that Coastcare could knock off the current regrowth in a single working bee if there is good attendance on the day, and save spending \$1000 in the process. Andrew has indicated that Council intends hiring a local contractor over the coming summer months with instructions to move forward and treat new areas of the Suckering Sheoaks, and he would be most appreciative if VHCC could have one or two working bees annually to manage any trees and suckers that still show signs of life after this treatment. Council can then continue with their eradication program of this woody weed, and, with our support, contain it. Loreto Cameron will be meeting with Andrew Comas and Bronson Symmonds up on the Bluff in the coming few weeks to check out the site. Loreto will let anyone who is interested in attending also know the date and time scheduled for this.
 - e) Irrigation installation in the dunes near the causeway – Richard House is currently in contact with the Council regarding the supply of materials for this project, a date will be set once everything is to hand.

5. Financial Report

Andrew Leak

a) Balance \$2,240.53 [= last meeting balance – polo tops \$327.60]

Term deposits with Beyond Bank:

1. \$2,376.40 @ 3.05% matured 28/8/2023 and moved to Coastcare's Community Account
2. \$5,052.13 @ 3.90% maturing 4/10/2023

Motion: Start a new term deposit with Beyond Bank for \$7,500 for 1 year

Moved: Trevor Brand *Seconded:* Richard House Carried

b) Expenses

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| Anita Leak (thank you gift and card for Mark Koolmatricie) | \$ 41.00 |
| Lynx Print (polo tops 6M and 6L) | \$327.60 |
| Anita Leak (morning tea supplies) | \$ 27.75 |
| Biodiversity Victor Harbor (founding donation) | \$500.00 |

Motion: That the above expenses of \$896.35 be approved.

Moved: Andrew Leak *Seconded:* Richard House Carried

6. Publicity Reports

a) Publicity.

Anita Leak

- A Coastcare display continues at the library.
- An article 'Blue Rocks on the Coast' appeared in the Fleurieu Sun on 17th August regarding Mark Western's storm monitoring project.

b) Facebook and web site.

Andrew Leak

- Facebook posts August 29th and September 12th following working bees.
- Jen will be taking over the website maintenance role from the 21/9/2023. *Thanks Jen.*
- ***Our thanks to Andrew Leak for doing this role for so long, and, for his great contribution to Victor Harbor Coastcare's public identity.***

c) Instagram

Geoff Cope

Working bee activities including photos of the group gathering Acacia Cyclops for the Monarto Zoo were posted.

7. Membership Report

Loreto Cameron

Lara Geach is now officially a member of VHCC – great to have Lara join us officially.

Sally St George has been delayed due to health matters and we will re-schedule her induction when she feels well enough and ready to continue, meanwhile we enjoy her company at our monthly meeting.

A further three people have expressed their intention to join Coastcare.

Margie Fredberg – induction is scheduled on Friday 29th September,

Jenny and Gavin Dally - induction is scheduled on the 27th of this month – ***Special thanks to Anita Leak who will be doing their induction tour on Loreto's behalf.***

8. Beach Pole Report

Geoff Cope

Yacht Club - +20mm

Memorial Park - +70mm

Wills Street - -10mm

Esplanade - +30mm

King Street - no change

Low weed level at all locations on measurement date 12/9/2023

Geoff also raised the subject of the grant application that he is currently working on for 3 new poles and replacement for beach poles that are in poor condition due to age. Geoff is waiting on information from Bronson Symmonds from Council and Ali Turner from DEW for estimated costs of this project before he can submit the application. Thank you, Geoff for all your work in this matter.

9. Working bees

a) **Work done.**

i) **Sunday 27th August**

WA 10

Inman Street to King Street

Gazania control - The gazanias were everywhere in the foreshore dunes; we will need to revisit this spot to continue their removal on a regular basis. Once they are under control, we will then concentrate on the euphorbia. Bill, Tina and Janine worked on the other side of the walking bridge across the Inman River planting out plants and removing a vine which was smothering quite a few plants there. Thanks to everyone involved.

- ii) **Tuesday 13th September** **WA 21** **Bus Stop 3 Lagoon Embankment**
Removal of Acacia Cyclops along the side of the trainline just above the Lagoon area near bus stop 3. Everything was successfully loaded onto the Monarto Zoo trailer for Cris Katona to take back as food for his large animals there. A large acacia was also removed along the walking track towards Hayward Court steps.

Tuesday 19th September **WA 21** **Bus Stop 3 Lagoon Embankment**
Extra working bee – thanks to everyone who were able to assist with this working bee. It only took an hour, but we managed to fill the Monarto Zoo trailer again for Cris which was excellent.

A special mention and thanks to Ben Cameron who spared his time to assist us on both of these working bees with his chainsaw.

b) **Work planned.**

- i) **Sunday 24th September** **WA 26 Lagoon End Dunes (East)**
Bottom of Hayward Court steps – Cape Ivy - *below are the notes in the Work Sheets by Richard House from the last time at this site – August 2012*
- Pruning Cape Ivy from the boobialla just over the railway line on the right at the bottom of the steps. Huge amount pruned and poisoned just in the one boobialla. Also had to prune the boobialla to get into the middle.
Must be followed up. - *Still applicable today.*
- ii) **Wednesday 11th October** **WA 26 Lagoon End Dunes (East)**
Bottom of Hayward Court steps see above

10. Any Other Business

- i) Squirt bottles – Trevor Brand has looked into purchasing these for us, some for the new kits which we hope to get and some to replace old ones. There will be 8 in total. The price looks to be \$10 a bottle.
Thank you for your help in obtaining these Trevor.
- ii) Polo Shirts - 6 medium and 6 large – these seem to be the two sizes we go through more than the other sizes. Ordered and received.
- iii) Watering roster – if there are any changes or, if any members are unavailable to assist with this roster (holidays etc), please contact Loreto Cameron as soon as possible.
- iv) Xmas lunch – This has been scheduled for the 6th December at Barb's home.
Many thanks to Barb and Colin Francis for their generosity of spirit in sharing their home once again. Another day in Barb's beautiful garden, it is such a lovely setting, so it really is something we all look forward to.
- v) Hot weather policy – it was discussed and agreed that the 'cut off' temperature for cancellation of a working bee over the summer period will be 30 degrees at 9 am on the morning of the working bee.
Motion proposed by: Anita Seconded by: Janine Carried
- vi) Lee Jeffreys replacement - Andrew Comas has advised that Council have finally found a suitable replacement for Lee Jeffrey which is very good news. A local person looking to return to Victor Harbor to live, with a speciality in Bio-Diversity.
- vii) The Parkway Riverbank slopes - the Acacia Cyclops and other woody weeds growing on the slopes of the Hindmarsh in this vicinity are 'off limits' to VHCC. Council has this on their agenda to do soon, and contractors using harnesses will be hired for this reasonably dangerous work. Richard Edwards expressed a hope that Council will contact Cris Katona from Monarto Zoo to collect the Acacia Cyclops that make up some of the woody weeds to be removed from this site, for their animals.
- viii) Richard's Dune book – SA Design and Print have been approached for a quote on a print run of 100. They last did this in 2017 for \$490 which was funded by the Fleurieu Community Foundation Community Wellbeing Grant. This time it is intended to submit a grant application to the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay. Richard House will be making some improvements and additions to this with assistance from Richard Edwards and Trevor Brand, before the order is placed.
Thank you, Andrew and Anita Leak. Your assistance organising and overseeing this re-print is most appreciated.
- ix) Coastsnap Project – Geoff Cope gave an update on this project; it looks as though Victor Harbor will end up having 3 sites (the 3rd one at a later date) giving data for most of the bay which is excellent.
- x) Geoff Cope has applied for a grant for a further 3 working kits – it looks promising,
Thank you again Geoff.
- xi) The old stand of Suckering Sheoaks and Melaleuca Amaryllis on the Bluff (there are 10-12 remaining) - Trevor Brand requested that Coastcare continue to work with Council once again with the aim to remove another 6 or more of these as has been done in the past, by chainsaw, with VHCC

