

**Minutes for the meeting of Victor Harbor Coastcare held in the Old School Building
on Wednesday 18th October 2023 at 7.00 pm**

1. **Welcome and Present.** Loreto Cameron, Andrew and Anita Leak, Barb Francis, Harry Rake, Tina Michell, Geoff Cope, Sue Robertson, Richard and Rosene Edwards, Richard House, Janine Hurley, Gavin Dally, Lara Geach, Derek Conroy, Eric Everitt, Trevor Brand. A special welcome to our new member Gavin Dally.
2. **Apologies.** Jeff McEvoy, Di Sinclair-Warren, John Ray, Nigel Ibbotson, Bruce Lindqvist, Jen Priddle, Bill Eden and Margie Fredberg.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting.** 20th September 2023
Motion The minutes of the meeting held 20.09.2023 is an accurate record.
Proposed Tina Michell *Seconded* Sue Robertson *Carried*
4. **Business arising from the minutes** (not covered by other items on the agenda).
 - a) **Follow up treatment on the suckering sheoaks on the Bluff.**
Andrew Comas and Bronson Symmonds are yet to get back with a day and time for a meeting on the Bluff. Loreto Cameron will let those interested in attending know when informed. This will include looking at the cyclops acacia on the slope directly in front of the Whalers apartments.
 - b) **Irrigation installation.** This has now been done with many thanks to Richard House for instigating and organising it. The system is now operational and Loreto has done the first scheduled watering for this area.
 - c) **Watering roster.** Thank you to everyone for your assistance with this. Also to Richard Edwards for coordinating the Bridge Point watering. We really appreciate your help there Richard. There are print-outs of the rosters available for those of you who would like one.
 - d) **Xmas lunch.** 6th December at Barb and Colin Francis' home. Invitations to follow from Barb with food details. Anita and Andrew Leak will organise some beverages. Andrew Comas, Bronson Symmonds and Moira Jenkins to be invited to attend.
 - e) **Richard's Dune book.** A grant has been awarded by the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay for a \$525 contribution towards a revised edition run of 100 books. Rotary are suggesting a cheque presentation with Richard on 11 November in the Esplanade dunes and they are hoping Richard will speak at one of their future meetings. SA Design and Print have given a quote of \$638 including GST for a print run of 100 with an extra 4 pages which enables inclusion of an extra 8 plants. Richard is working on the content.
The Rotary Club of Encounter Bay also enquired about the possibility of a tour of sites that are interesting from a Coastcare perspective. To be discussed next meeting.
 - f) **CoastSnaps.** Thanks to Geoff Cope for his tenacity in seeing this project through along with Bronson Symmonds from Victor Harbor Council. A great 'citizen science' project which will show benefits for years to come in the forward planning towards protection of our coastline. The first photo taken and downloaded to Uni NSW was done by none other than Richard Edwards, followed up a close second by Geoff Cope. Victor Harbor Coastcare first heard of it at the Coastal Forum in Marion Bay this time last year, and Victor Harbor is now leading the Fleurieu Peninsula with this concept.
Geoff made the suggestion of "those who live in Encounter Bay could assist with this area until the Yilki project has been completed" He would like an unofficial photo site that we could use to keep a record of beach erosion in the period until the official post is installed.
 - g) **Working kits grant.** Geoff Cope is still following up.
 - h) **New Poison bottles.** Trevor Brand has purchased 8 for us. Thank you for your assistance in this Trevor.

5. Financial Report

Andrew Leak

- a) Balance \$2,291.97 [= last meeting balance – expenses approved last month + \$20 subs + \$100.19 interest]
\$500 donation to Biodiversity Victor Harbor deferred until November
Term deposit with Beyond Bank:
\$7,500 @ 4.95% maturing 4/10/2024
- b) Expenses Derek Conroy – Irrigation fitting \$14.98
Trevor Brand – 8 squirty bottles \$80.00
Motion: that the above expenses of \$94.98 be approved.
Moved Andrew Leak *Seconded* Rosene Edwards *Carried*

6. Publicity Reports

- a) Publicity. Anita Leak
A Coastcare display continues in the library.
An article about the CoastSnap project is being developed for the local paper in collaboration with Geoff Cope.
- b) Facebook. Andrew Leak
Facebook posts Sep 19 and Sep 24 and Oct 11 following working bees and Oct 17 re CoastSnap
- c) Website. Jen Priddle
Usual website maintenance.
- d) Instagram Geoff Cope
Posts from 3 recent working bees and about CoastSnap. Feedback from CoastSnap post concerning trampling of plants in front of CoastSnap post has been discussed with Victor Harbor Council and they are considering installing a path to the post.

7. Membership Report.

Loreto Cameron –

Margie Fredberg and Jenny and Gavin Dally are all now signed up members, congratulations and we look forward to getting to know all of you. Thanks to Anita for helping Loreto Cameron out time wise, by taking the Dally's on the induction tour.

8. Beach Pole Report

Geoff Cope

Beach pole measurements updated 11th October and noted low weed level being <10% at all locations. Variations-
Yacht Club- down 10mm
Memorial Park- down 50mm
Willis Street- down 5mm
King Street- up 10mm
Esplanade- down 20mm

Beach pole grant update. Grand application to Coast Protection Board is with Council for review and provision of support letter so we can submit by due date 25th October.

It looks like the pole at the Memorial Gardens is going to be permanently removed as it is in bad condition and could be a risk to the public. The readings from this pole haven't been very informative. There are plans to install another 2 in new locations.

9. Working bees

a) Work done.

i) Sunday 24th September

WA 26 Lagoon End Dunes (East)

Bottom of Hayward Court steps – Cape Ivy

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 cut back the boobialla to get into the middle.

ii) Tuesday 10th October – Extra Working Bee – WA 11 Playground to Causeway

Installation of Dripper system on recent re-veg project. Now up and running.

iii) Wednesday 11th October

WA 26 Lagoon End Dunes (East)

Bottom of Hayward Court steps – Cape Ivy

Further work on this boobialla removing and treating the Cape Ivy. We will be returning again next year to continue to monitor and treat this. Three patches of Livingstone Daisy were removed and the overgrowth impeding walkers down the Hayward steps was cut back.

b) Work planned.

i) Sunday 22nd October WA 16 Bridge Point

Pruning and weeding. – We will be giving the area a general tidy-up which will include pruning, weeding and cutting back. Please bring your small or medium garden forks for this bee. Richard Edwards will have all the saws and loppers we will need on the day. Richard House will also be bringing a poison kit in case there is a need for it. Bronson Symmonds will arrange for Council to pick up the prunings on Monday.

ii) Wednesday 8th November WA 16 Bridge Point

Spreading mulch around – there are 2 loads being delivered, so it will be a big day – perhaps bring a container to help you carry the mulch to the areas being done.

10. Any Other Business.

- Richard House spotted a fox den near the recent irrigation installation. Bronson Symmonds had a contractor in the area fortunately and it was seen to quickly.
- Richard House also reminded members of the cost of tool kits and the need to return them with all equipment present. He recently found a ‘missing’ pair of secateurs at a working bee site. Well done Richard!
- Loreto Cameron reports that Bio-Diversity Victor Harbor is going ahead with the next stage of discussions with the City of Victor Harbor for the development of a local Community Indigenous Plant Nursery. They are getting great support from the Hindmarsh Island Nursery and also the Currency Creek Nursery.
- Loreto Cameron and Richard House have been invited to visit the Hindmarsh Island Nursery by Richard Owen in view of the development of Victor Harbor Bio-Diversity in the future.
- Loreto informs us that Sophie Rawson will be replacing Lee Jeffries position up to June 2024.
- Richard Edwards reports only 1 Hooded Plover chick in the Yacht Club area. He has also noted dwindling supplies of high visibility vests which Andrew Leak will order from the council. 3 x Extra Large, 2 x Large, 3 x Medium and 2 x Small.
- Andrew Leak showed a photo of the mouth of the Inman River which has recently moved position.
- A refresher of Snake Bite first aid according to the Australian Resuscitation Council was given by Barb Francis and several members practised Compression Immobilisation bandaging on our victim Harry. Thanks Harry once again!

11. Correspondence

- a) Emails received and forwarded to members – Landscape SA re Fleurieu’s Seabirds and shorebirds workshop
- b) Emails received from Bio-Diversity Victor Harbor – meeting dates

12. Hours worked – Loreto Cameron 25 ½, Geoff Cope 11, Janine Hurley 3, Richard Edwards 7, Derek Conroy 3, Richard House 10, Harry Rake 4, Gavin Dally 3, Jenny Dally 3, Anita Leak 6, Christina Michell 5, Rosene Edwards 1, Jen Priddle 3, Andrew Leak 9, Margie Fredberg 2, Bill Eden 4, Sue Robertson 3, Lara Geach 3, Tom Griffith 2, Total: 107 ½

13. Next Meeting Wednesday 15th November, 7pm 2023 (Last one for the year) – Guest speaker – Kathy Hayter