

**MINUTES for the meeting of Victor Harbor Coastcare
held in the Old School Building on Wednesday 17th April 2024 at 7.20 pm**

1. Welcome and Present

Loreto Cameron (Chair), Richard House, Richard and Rosene Edwards, Trevor Brand, Bruce Lindqvist, Janine Hurley, Jen Priddle, Tina Michell, Derek Conroy, Harry Rake, Sally St George, Geoff Cope, Lara Geach, Bill Eden, David Thorn, Margie Fredberg, Barb Francis.

2. Apologies

Barbara Bond, Jeff McEvoy, Di Sinclair-Warren, John Ray, Eric Everitt, Andrew and Anita Leak, Nigel Ibbotson, Jenny and Bob Jeffery, Sue Robertson, Gavin and Jenny Dally.

3. Minutes of previous meeting 20th March 2024

Motion: The minutes of the meeting held 20.03.2024 be accepted as an accurate record.

Proposed Barb Francis *Seconded* Jen Priddle *Carried*

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

a) **Watering Roster** – Please note: the hose attachment for the dripper watering is to remain with the hose when it is wound up and placed in the cover to be taken to the next person on the watering roster.

b) **Signage – Bridge Point-** Cory Jackson of the Yankalilla Nursery has kindly donated three Leucopogon parviflora plants to VHCC for Richard House to install at Bridge Point.

5. Financial Report

Compiled by Andrew Leak and presented by Geoff Cope

a) Balance \$1,483.21 + last meeting balance – expenses approved last meeting

Term deposit with Beyond Bank:
\$7,500 @ 4.95% maturing 4/10/2024

b) Expenses Anita Leak
Morning tea supplies \$23.00

Motion: that the above expenses of \$23.00 be approved.

Moved: Christina Michell *Seconded:* Derek Conroy *Carried*

Andrew Leak has submitted the annual application to VH Council for the Volunteer Week Grant.

6. Publicity Reports

a) Publicity. Anita Leak (currently away – update next meeting)

b) Facebook Andrew Leak – 1 working bee posted

c) Web site. Jen Priddle - General maintenance

d) Instagram Geoff Cope – 1 working be posted

7. Membership Report Loreto Cameron – nothing to report

8. Beach Pole Report Geoff Cope

Measurements were completed on 13th April. Relatively small variations with exception of Memorial Park.

Yacht Club - no change
Memorial Park- decrease 230mm
Wills St- increase 10mm
King St- increase 10mm
The Esplanade - decrease 10mm

The Memorial Park variation was significant but followed a day with relatively vigorous seas with high swell and tide. There was a similar event in around May 2023 and sand levels returned to normal levels in the following months.

Weed levels were generally low on the Yacht Club side on the causeway. There were large clumps of weed from the area that we worked on tamarisk down to the Wills St beach pole. A large amount of weed has also accumulated at Encounter Bay.

9. Working bees

a) Work done.

i) **Sunday 24th March 2024 – WA 10 – Causeway Dunes**

Weed removal from King Street towards the Inman River mouth. Olive, buckthorn, palms and mirror bushes were all removed beside euphorbia. Bill and Trevor worked on tamarisk regrowth while Derek tackled an acacia cyclops. Thank you to Richard Edwards and Jen Priddle for standing in for me that day.

ii) **Wednesday 10th April 2024 - WA 1G The Bluff Slope**

Removal of more Casuarina Glauca from the old copse - Council staff cut down 8 more of these. There are only 7 remaining, which we will endeavour to do this time next year. The small copse nearby was checked and emerging suckers treated as well as several small melaleuca armillaris. 3-4 of the larger melaleuca armillaris were cut down by the council team, who are going to return to complete the job when they can.

b) Work planned.

i) **Sunday 28th April 2024 – WA 10 Causeway Dunes**

Continuation from the last working bee which ended in front of King Street weeding gazania, euphorbia etc. Please bring a garden fork or similar to assist you in the removal of these weeds. We will also have a supply with us should anyone need anything.

ii) **Wednesday 8th May 2024 – WA 40 Investigator Dunes**

Beginning from in front of the car park dunes, we will be concentrating on the removal of gazania, euphorbia and other weeds heading in a line towards the Hindmarsh River Estuary. Please bring a garden fork or similar to assist you in the removal of weeds. We will also have a supply with us should anyone need anything.

10. Other Business

a) **Biodiversity Victor Harbor** - the Forum by Hugh Possingham was most interesting and informative and had a good turnout of the public who went to hear him speak.

The deputation to Council also went very well, Loreto thanked all of those who turned up on behalf of VHCC it was most appreciated.

b) **Hooded Plovers** – David Thorn

The final chick seems to have fledged in front of the Sailing club, which is terrific news.

c) **Junior Coastcarers** – this is going ahead on 18th April, thanks to Geoff, Jen and Janine for taking this project on for Victor Harbor Coastcare which involves planting 20 propagated pigface by Richard House on one side of the boat ramp area.

11. Correspondence - none

12. Hours worked

Loreto Cameron 28 ½, Bruce Lindqvist 3, Barb Francis 6, Rosene Edwards 1, Sue Robertson 2, Gavin Dally 2, Andrew Leak 7, Anita Leak 3, Derek Conroy 5, Lara Geach 4 ½, Christina Michell 9 ½, Geoff Cope 8, Richard Edwards 8, Janine Hurley 5, Richard House 6, Trevor Brand 7, Harry Rake 5, Bill Eden 5, Margie Fredberg 3, Sally St George 3, Jen Priddle 11, David Thorn 1.
= **Total 133 ½ hours**

13. Next Meeting **Wednesday 15th May – Sophie Rawson attending – Victor Harbor Council (Open Space Biodiversity and Conservation)**