

MINUTES for the meeting of Victor Harbor Coastcare
held in the Old School Building on Wednesday 15th May 2024 at 7.00 pm

1. Welcome and Present

Loreto Cameron (Chair), Christina Michell, Jen Priddle, Derek Conroy, Bill Eden, Geoff Cope, Andrew Leak, Anita Leak, Richard House, Richard Edwards, Janine Hurley, Lara Geach, Sue Robertson, Trevor Brand, Sally St George, David Thorn, Eric Everitt.

Guest: Heather Castle

2. Apologies: Jeff McEvoy, Di Sinclair-Warren, John Ray, Nigel Ibbotson, Barb Francis, Rosene Edwards and Harry Rake

3. Minutes of previous meeting including AGM 17th April 2024

Motion: The minutes of the Victor Harbor Coastcare AGM meeting held 17th April 2024 be accepted as an accurate record.

Proposed Jen Priddle *Seconded* Christina Michell *Carried*

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Proposed Bill Eden *Seconded* Richard House *Carried*

4. Special welcome to Sophie Rawson – Victor Harbor Council (Open Space Biodiversity and Conservation)

Coastcare Update

- Planting season will start in the last week of May continuing through to late August
- The new Bridge Terrace sign will be installed next week
- Contractors for woody weed control at Oliver’s Parade have been organised for late June
- A fox den near the Causeway was fumigated Monday (13th May)
- Weekly litter pick up continues every Monday morning
- Two staircases have been completed at Investigator car park
- Steps onto the beach at Alexander St beach access will commence at the end of May
- Council is still moving forward with a PhD student
- Council have awarded a biodiversity and conservation apprenticeship to a local student (Jay) for 1 day a week for 3 years
- The Bluff Master Plan has 90% detailed design complete; and are currently working with the Ramindjeri and Ngarrindjeri community regarding this
- Council are following up with Steam Ranger regarding the spraying of vegetation along the Cockle Train line
- If deceased penguins are noticed along the coast, please take note of the GPS coordinates and report it to National Parks, together with a photo if possible – 100 dead penguins since the beginning of 2024

Weed Control

- Council are monitoring Gazania spread along the dune system (from Inman River Estuary to the Causeway and along Oliver’s Parade)
- Sea Spurge (Euphorbia) removal at planting locations (Youth Park dunes and Kent Reserve dunes)
- Removed Aloes along Franklin Parade near Kent Reserve
- Ad hoc removal of garden escapees along Oliver’s Parade
- Sprayed Kikuyu (with a grass selective) near the lagoon in Hindmarsh River Estuary, to stop it smothering the Samphire

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

a) ***Junior Coastcare activity***

This was a most successful activity, thanks again to Geoff, Jen and Janine and to Richard House for supplying the pigface for this project. Marine Education are looking to do future activities with Victor Harbor Coastcare. To this end, Ali Bloomfield from the Council will be attending our October meeting.

b) ***Volunteer Week Grant***

We have received confirmation from Victor Harbor Council that our request for Grant money to celebrate Volunteer Week was successful. Geoff Cope has confirmed that the money is in our account.

6. Financial Report Geoff Cope

a) Balance

Beyond Bank Term Deposit

\$7,500 @ 4.95% due to mature on 4/10/24

CBA Working account			
Opening balance			\$1483.21
Deposits	Subs/donations	\$ 345.00	
	Volunteer grant	\$ 150.00	
Expenses approved last month		\$ 23.00	
Closing balance			\$1955.21
b) Expenses			
Richard House			
	Mortar	\$9.56	
Anita Leak			
	Anti-bacterial wipes	\$4.90	
<i>Motion:</i> That the above expenses of \$14.46 be approved			
<i>Moved:</i>	Trevor Brand	<i>Seconded:</i>	Derek Conroy Carried

7. Reports

- a) *Publicity* Anita Leak
Coastcare is involved in **Whale Fest 2024** and all members and their friends are encouraged to attend the **“Your Dunes, My Dunes”** talk by Richard House at the Whale Centre on Wednesday 5th June. Please support Richard and Victor Harbor Coastcare if you are able, by attending this free event.
5pm Wine and cheese (soft drink available)
5.30 pm Richard’s talk
6pm Questions and close
Bookings at www.winterwhalefest.com.au go to Eventbrite to book
- Volunteer Week**
The Anchorage is booked for morning tea on Wednesday 29th May at 10.30 am (private room) for your choice of coffee (or tea) and slices.
Let Anita know if you are attending:- **0458466888** or email **aleak@iinet.net.au**
- b) *Facebook* Andrew Leak
Andrew told us he had positive feedback on his recent post of the working bee
- c) *Web site* Jen Priddle
No changes to report
- d) *Instagram* Geoff Cope
News of the Junior Coastcare workshop was posted together with recent working bee photos
- e) *Membership Report* Loreto Cameron
Lara Geach introduced Heather Castle to the meeting, Heather has indicated that she would like to join Coastcare as a new volunteer. A warm welcome to Heather – Loreto will send the necessary paperwork to Heather before June.
- f) *Beach Pole Report* Geoff Cope
Readings taken on 8/5
Yacht Club No change
Memorial Park 30mm increase estimated
Wills Street No change
King Street 10mm increase
Esplanade 10mm increase
Seaweed quantity at these sites showed no change from the previous month except for the Esplanade where it had doubled in quantity.

8. Working bees

- a) **Work done.**
- i) **Sunday 28th April 2024 – WA 10 – Causeway Dunes**
Continuation from the last working bee removing euphorbia. It was quite dense as this area has not been worked by Coastcare in some time. There were little or no gazanias in this vicinity. A jasmine vine was discovered and treated, Coastal t-trees, succulents and galenia also taken out from this area. There is still a lot to do before we reach our previous work areas in this dune location.
- ii) **Wednesday 8th May 2024 - WA 40 Olivers Parade**
Worked along the road side of the train track at the Alexander Street/Hayward Street end of Olivers Parade. Removal of Acacia cyclops, Coastal t-trees, olives and pine trees as well as a large patch of gazanias and galenia further along the track towards Investigator carpark.
Council have a contractor working from Yandra to Hindmarsh Estuary treating woody weeds, Cape ivy and Dolichos pea over the next couple of months. We will need to return to check the area later in the year.
- b) **Work planned. -**
- i) **Sunday 26th May – WA 13 – Club dunes in front of Croquet club – Hooded Plover area**
Removal of Euphorbia and gazanias – and revegetation planting – 40 plants – no guards here, but a stake placed next to new plants. Bowls to be dug around each one. Council will water the next day

(Monday 27th May). Euphorbia and gazanias to be placed in a pile at the edge of the car park for easy access by Council team for removal.

- ii) **Wednesday 12th June 2024 – Bridge Terrace dunes – planting with guards**
- iii) **Sunday 23rd June 2024 – Causeway Dunes – 80 plants** in new area where tamarisks have recently been removed – with guards
- iv) **Wednesday 10th July 2024 – Joint planting with Friends of Hindmarsh River Estuary - Tom Stephens Reserve - 125 plants**

9. Other Business

- a) *Horses on the beach* – concerns raised by David Thorn – Letter by Loreto was sent to the compliance team at Victor Harbor Council who responded by requesting if Coastcare or the Hooded Plover group find that the regulations are not being adhered to regarding manure removal and location of horses, to please contact them, to this end, they have provided a number to ring at the time of the presumed offence.
- b) *Grant application* – Rebekah Sharkie’s office – application for 3 large toolkits to the value of \$1000 has been approved. Geoff will let Richard House know when the money is in our account.
- c) *Insurance* – Landscape SA – are once again providing insurance for our group. Loreto has already received the ‘consent to work on Council land’ letter from the VH Council. Geoff Cope will attend to this while Loreto is away if necessary.
- d) *Letter to VH Council re foreshore planting* - Loreto has met with Council regarding the strip in front of the Soldiers Memorial Gardens and the possibility of planting vegetation along here thus alleviating the annual ‘clean up’ for Anzac Day. Bronson and Andrew are agreeable to the concept, but will look into the type of plants suitable which will tolerate all conditions. Loreto suggested grasses such as knobby club rush and similar. Council are going to investigate doing a section as a trial run. *Atriplex isatidea* is already established and encouraged along this strip..
- e) *Leucopogon x 5* – Corey Jackson has kindly donated these to Coastcare for installation at the Bridge Point garden. Richard House will be planting them out along with the new signage over the coming weeks.
- f) **June VHCC meeting cancelled** – Loreto will be overseas for most of June and has cancelled this meeting, we will meet again on 17th July.
Richard Edwards and Jen Priddle will be supervising the June working bees.

10. Correspondence

Landscape SA – Insurance renewal

Victor Harbor Council compliance team – response to letter re Horses on beach

11. Hours worked

Derek Conroy 3; Christina Michell 5; Richard House 9; Bill Eden 5; Richard Edwards 9; Trevor Brand 9.5; Geoff Cope 9; Jen Priddle 6; Janine Hurley 5; Lara Geach 1; David Thorn 1; Sue Robertson 1; Barb Francis 1; Bruce Lindqvist 1; Sally St George 7; Andrew Leak 5; Anita Leak 5; Eric Everitt 3; Margie Fredberg 1; Jenny Dally 1; Gavin Dally 3; Tom Griffiths 2; Harry Rake 2; Loreto Cameron 21 = **Total 115.5 Hours**

12. Next Meeting

Wednesday 17th July – Andrew Comas - Victor Harbor Council
Manager Open Spaces and Environment attending