Minutes for the meeting of Victor Harbor Coastcare
held in Carrickalinga House
on Wednesday 15th July 2026 at 7.00 pm

1. **Welcome**
Loreto Cameron (Chairperson), Geoff Cope, Sally St George, Christina Michell, Richard House, Harry Rake, Bill Eden, Lee Philp, Anita Leak, Andrew Leak, David Thorn, Barb Francis, Eric Everitt

2. **Apologies:** Jen Priddle, Richard Edwards

3. **Minutes of previous meeting** 15th June 2026
Motion: That the minutes of the VHCC meeting held 15th June, 2026 be accepted as an accurate record.
Proposed Andrew Leak *Seconded* Richard House ***Carried***

4. **Business arising from the minutes** (not covered by other items on the agenda)
Southern Fleurieu Coastal Action Plan – Loreto has printed out and bound the 3 zones that Coastcare do the bulk of their work within. These copies are available to all members should you wish to borrow one.
However, please let Sally know if you do borrow one, and give her an indication as to when you are able to return it so that others may do the same.
I recommend everyone take the opportunity to read through each of these zones, they make most interesting reading and are of benefit to our group as a reference guide of all flora and fauna within each of the zones.

5. **Financial Report** Geoff Cope
Beyond Bank
On call accrued interest account of $943.49
The term deposit of $7,500 will mature on 4th November 2026.
CBA Working account

a)	**Opening balance**	**$ 626.23**	
	Deposits	$ 30.00	subs
		$ 30.00	hat
b)	Expenses	$ 55.95	Replacement tools
		$ 170.00	Printing costs (ink cartridges) and binding
	Closing Balance	**$ 460.28**	

Motion: That this month's Finance report be accepted.
Proposed: Anita Leak *Seconded:* Christina Michell ***Carried***

6. **Publicity Reports**
a) Publicity Anita Leak - N/A
b) Facebook Andrew Leak – Usual posts
c) Web site Jen Priddle – ongoing maintenance
d) Instagram Geoff Cope **–** Posts: Bluff planting, CC dogs in CC bandanas, Hoodies, working bee last week

7. **Membership Report** Loreto Cameron - N/A

8. **Plover Report** David Thorn
Victor Council area has five hoodies, seen today on our beaches, including the juvenile we suspect is from Whalers last season.
Birdlife Australia and Birds SA along with other departments are organising workshops for Bird Flu information.
After the confirmation of the Crested Tern found at Robe having Bird Flu, everyone became very worried as this is an Australian native bird, not a Sub-Antarctic bird like all the other cases found washed up.
We have large flocks of Crested Terns breeding regularly on West and Wright Islands that are considered very vulnerable because of their large flocks when breeding.
The use of portable signs is proposed to mark the location of sick and dead birds on beaches.
There is also the danger of foxes dragging birds into the dunes or onto the beaches.

9. **Beach Pole Report** Geoff Cope
The last readings were taken on 08 /07/26

Hayborough	70mm decrease
Yacht Club	30mm increase
Memorial Park	No change
Wills Street	No change
King Street	No change

Esplanade	10mm decrease
Kent Reserve	90 mm decrease in dune height 20cm recession in escarpment

10. Working bees

a) **Work done**.

i) **Saturday 27th June – WA 1H The Bluff**
2,500 seedlings were planted on this Community Planting event, with collaboration between Victor Harbor Coastcare, Biodiversity Victor Harbor, Friends of Hindmarsh River Estuary, Friends of Inman River, Rotary Victor Harbor and, Friends of Granite Island along with many members of the public.

ii) **Wednesday 8th July – WA 13 Croquet Club dune area**
Removal of tree guards from plants that had outgrown the guard. Planted out 100 coastal dune plants infilling the area we have worked in over the past 2 years. Last years plants had a survival rate of about 95% which was excellent.

b) **Work planned**

i) **Sunday 26th July – WA 10 Inman River mouth towards GS Read Reserve**
300 seedlings are to be installed to the left of the path at the end of Inman Terrace behind the foreshore dune (where we removed gazania and euphorbia last year)

ii) **Bay Village** – Gazania project
Due to the inclement weather, the working bee scheduled at Bay Village on the 1st July was changed, it is now to be held on **Wednesday 29th July** 10am for an hour. Please remember to wear your Coastcare shirts and high vis tops for maximum visibility.

iii) **Wednesday 12th August – WA 42 – the stormwater outlet area at end of Yandra Terrace.**
There are about 200 plants with guards that we need to plant out in this location, filling in above the drain once again, and spreading out from here towards Pt Elliot.

11. Other Business

1. Ausmap – Reminder – now to be **Sunday 30th August**, 9am at Hindmarsh Estuary

2. Biodiversity Victor Harbor Update from Loreto – The site for the indigenous native plant nursery has finally been purchased by Victor Harbor Council and the design consultants have already begun work on it. It is going to be at Martha Close, on the land opposite the Men's Shed.
There will undoubtedly be endless meetings over the next 4-6 months, but work on the site is planned to hopefully begin early in 2027 all going well.
This is a most exciting outcome for Victor Harbor as a whole as far as I am concerned, and the fact that the site will be shared with the Community Garden group led by Di Sinclair-Warren adds to the diversity as well as inclusion that will be had, having a project such as this within our local community. A little bit of something for everyone.
I must also add, the temporary nursery at Crow's Nest had a most successful year last year with approximately 9000 seedlings grown there.
The support from members of Victor Harbor Coastcare has been fantastic, and I doubt it would have been the success it has been without it, so thank you to all who have been able to be part of this wonderful project.

3. Toc H – Anita and Andrew are taking part in planting there at 9am tomorrow. Any help from Coastcare is welcome. Toc H is open to the public.

12. Correspondence – Letter from Jim Tulloch and Sofi from Colombia, thanking VHCC for all our work in the coastal dunes and revegetating of hoodie locations. Kindest regards to all of us.

13. Hours worked: -
Christina Michell 7; Lee Philp 5; Sally St George 9; Geoff Cope 8; Harry Rake 3; David Thorn 3; Andrew Leak 4; Anita Leak 5; Richard House 6; Bill Eden 3; Eric Everitt 3; Barb Francis 1; Jen Priddle 6; Lara Geach 3; Gavin Dally 5; Janine Hurley 3; Christina Jarvis 6; Sue Robertson 4; Bruce Lindqvist 2; Margie Fredberg 2; Loreto Cameron 14 = Total 102

14. Next Meeting - Next meeting will be on 19th August 7pm – Carrickalinga House