Minutes for the meeting of Victor Harbor Coastcare
held in Carrickalinga House
on Wednesday 17th June 2026 at 7.00 pm

1. **Welcome**
Loreto Cameron (Chairperson), Geoff Cope, Sally St George, Christina Michell, Richard House, Richard Edwards, Harry Rake, Bill Eden, Bruce Lindqvist, Janine Hurley, Heather Castle, Lee Philp, Lara Geach, Anita Leak, Andrew Leak.

2. **Apologies**
Jen Priddle, Sue Robertson

3. **Minutes of previous meeting** 18th April 2026 (no May meeting)
Motion: That the minutes of the VHCC meeting held 18th April, 2026 be accepted as an accurate record.
Proposed Anita Leak *Seconded* Janine Hurley ***Carried***

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

5. **Financial Report** Geoff Cope
Beyond Bank Term Deposit
The term deposit of $7,500 matured on 4th May 2026. Accrued interest amounted to $943.49.
The term deposit of $7,500 was renewed for 6 months and will mature on 4th November 2026.

CBA Working account

Opening balance	**$ 1004.98**	
Deposits	$ 380.00	subs and donations
	$ 10.00	printing
	$ 24.00	hat
	$ 420.62	Grant funding
	$ 1839.60	
Expenses	$ 40.15	morning tea supplies
	$ 50.00	Landcare membership
	$ 255.00	Links printing for 10 hats
	$ 477.60	Links printing for polo shirts
	$ 420.62	Tools (using Grant money)
	$ 1213.37	

Closing Balance **$ 626.23**
Amounts foreshadowed to be paid include $55.95 for a replacement trowel for a toolkit
Motion: That this month's Finance report be accepted.
Proposed: Christina Michell *Seconded:* Harry Rake ***Carried***

6. **Publicity Reports**
a) Publicity Anita Leak
Anita has submitted two articles with photos to the Fleurieu Sun. The first article was published last month and contained a special summary of Loreto's annual Coastcare report. The second article will be published tomorrow and describes the work done by Friends of the Hindmarsh River and Coastcare, here on the Fleurieu.
The Entertainment book has now gone digital and operates through an app on your phone. Coastcare can receive a donation of $14 from each subscription. Many businesses in the book are based on the Fleurieu and offer good benefits for members.
b) Facebook Andrew Leak
Working bee posts and ongoing maintenance
c) Web site Jen Priddle
Ongoing maintenance
d) Instagram Geoff Cope
Working bee posts, Kent Reserve promotion and reposting of Biodiversity VH planting event and a couple of posts showing collaboration with Ausmap.

7. **Membership Report** Loreto Cameron
Christina Jarvis (and Lola) are new members

8. **Beach Pole Report** Geoff Cope
The last readings were taken on 14/06/26

Hayborough	30mm increase over last two months
Yacht Club	No change
Memorial Park	150 mm increase (in May)

Wills Street	10mm decrease
King Street	No change
Esplanade	No change
Kent Reserve	640 mm decrease in dune height mainly due to the storm on 3rd / 4th June. 1.3 metres of sand beyond the pole has disappeared following a strong low-pressure system that caused high tides under a prevailing westerly wind. Urgent remedial works are needed at Kent Reserve.

9. Working bees

a) **Work done**.

i) **Sunday 26th April – WA 1C The Bluff**
Continuation of treatment of Allocasuarina glauca suckers that had been removed by council, re-visiting those suckers and plants that had been missed previously, and re-treating others that looked like surviving. Richard Edwards took a team further down the slope and removed a large section of African Daisy.

ii) **Wednesday 13th May – The Bluff – WA 1A, 1B, 1C – directly to the right of the picnic area**
Removal of tree guards from plants that had outgrown the guard. Stacked and piled for Council collection. Over 200 were removed on the day. Replacement of dead Allocasuarina verticillata in new revegetation area.

iii) **Sunday 24th May – WA 10 – Esplanade to Playground**
Euphorbia and gazania removal, from the playground heading towards the Inman. Richard Edwards and others also treated tamarisks that were showing re-growth in front of the Hotel Victor.

iv) **Wednesday 10th June - WA39 – Tom Stephens Reserve**
Joint planting with Friends of Hindmarsh River Estuary at Tom Stephens Reserve.
Planted about 350 gahnia filum, knobby club-rush and wallaby grasses in the area both sides of the path.

b) **Work planned**

i) Sunday 21st June **– Changed to Saturday 27th June – WA 1H - The Bluff**
This is once again, the Community Planting Day that is a joint collaboration with Biodiversity Victor Harbor, Coastcare and Victor Harbor Council. On the day we will be assisted by Friends of Hindmarsh River Estuary and Rotary Victor Harbor who are all going to be there to assist where they can. Rotary will be supplying delicious food and a coffee van there as well. We plan to plant 2,500 seedlings in the front seaside section on the left-hand side of the road heading out. If possible, I would advise getting there early (8.30am) to get a park and assist with the setting up. If it is anything like last year, and the weather is good, we should be finished well before 11.30am. Bring a tool for hammering in stakes if you have one.

ii) **Wednesday 8th July – Croquet Club –** This is to be a planting day – **location to be advised**

Loreto expressed heartfelt thanks to Jen Priddle and Richard Edwards for running the working bees during her absence.

10. Other Business

1. Ausmap – this has been changed to Sunday 30th August and a reminder will be sent out closer to that date.
2. Junior Coastcarers – Due to the weather, this unfortunately had to be postponed. It is being re-scheduled for mid-late July
3. Erosion near Kent Reserve, beach pole location – please see photo
   Landscape Australia and Landscape SA value the photos that Geoff uses, a recent one taken by him on The Bluff working bee was used for their social media post and another taken of Kent Reserve erosion, was used in the Southern Fleurieu Coastal Action Plan.
4. Geoff has entered VHCC in a Landcare Australia photo/story competition with the winner getting $1,000 for their group. Winner will be announced in September.
5. Loreto has been approached for the involvement of VHCC in next year's Rural Women's Weekend 15th – 17th October in Victor Harbor. Loreto will confirm details closer to the date.
6. The illegal camper has not been seen on the dunes lately.
7 Bay Village Gazania Project – This has been rescheduled for 10am on the 1st July for 1 hour with the primary aim to remove as many gazanias as possible. If there are any volunteers willing to assist on that day, please let myself and/or Geoff know. Please wear Coastcare fluoro vests for visibility.
8. Volunteer morning tea – at this stage 10 people are confirmed as attending.
9. Grant approval – Geoff has applied for and been approved a grant for tools. He has purchased 4 good quality ARS folding saws and 2 Fiskars small Loppers from a supplier in Mt Barker.
10. Hats – A new stock of bucket hats has arrived and is now available for purchase. Please let either Loreto, Sally or Geoff know if you would like one.

Further Business

Andrew Leak mentioned that the Southern Fleurieu Coastal Action Plan produced by Landcare SA can be seen via a link on the Coastcare web page. Loreto will print only the pages that concern our group, not the whole 1200 pages.

11. **Correspondence –** none

12. **Hours worked**

    Lara Geach 3; Christina Michell 7; Lee Philp 11; Sally St George 15; Richard Edwards 11; Anita Leak 16; Richard House 6; Bill Eden 3; Harry Rake 6; Andrew Leak 13; Heather Castle 3; Geoff Cope 10; Janine Hurley 5; Bruce Lindqvist 3; Jen Priddle 11; Kevin Howard 1; Sonja Peter 3; Margie Fredberg 3; Barb Francis 1; Gavin Dally 3; Eric Everitt 6; Chelsea Cameron 6; Adam Lord 2; Christina Jarvis 2; Loreto Cameron 22 **Total: 172 hours (2 months)**

13. **Next Meeting -** Next meeting will be on 15th July 7pm – Carrickalinga House