

2015 Annual General Meeting - 26th March 2015

Attendance: 24

Apologies: Anna Shepherd, Sandy Schultetis, Sandra Kanck, Bob Randell, Paul Caica, Michele Tucker, Kenzie van den Nieuwelaar, Lara Hollamby . Chris Schultz, Marg Easson moved Julie Whitehead seconded Lyn Walsh passed

Minutes of the 2014 AGM Accepted - moved Pedro Schultz Seconded Richard Smith passed

Treasurer's report

Theo Ellenbroek to supply a printout

Theo tabled a report that showed that the Earth hour Grant from the Charles Sturt Council was \$1468 and this will be paid out to the artists after event - any excess will be refunded to the Council. In 2014 our insurance was \$515. We gave the Conservation Council \$495 leaving a balance of \$610. We have a term deposit of \$4000 which is due 2015. We have an audited report by Frances Magill.

We need to send out renewals moved Richard Smith seconded Julie Whitehead

President's Report from Jim Douglas Received moved Theo Ellenbroek Seconded Pedro Schultz - Lyn Walsh gave a vote of thanks to Jim - supported unanimously amidst much clapping!

Jim to supply

Election of officers

Paul Laris conducted the election of officers

President: Jim Douglas

Vice President: Paul Laris

Treasurer: Theo Ellenbroek

Secretary: Alan Goldsmith

Assistant Secretary: Richard Smith

Executive Members: Andrea Rankin, Pedro Schultz, David Schofield, Kenzie van den Nieuwelaar, Lara Hollamby, Lyn Walsh, Julie Whitehead, Anne Wheaton and Fernando Goncalves.

It was stressed that people can be co-opted - the Exec can bring in people as needed.

The Public officer is Don Lewis moved Jim Douglas seconded Lyn Walsh

Our representative on the Conservation Council is Jim Douglas, with Pedro Schultz as a proxy, and on Community Alliance Jim Douglas with Theo Ellenbroek as the proxy.

The AGM closed at 8:17 pm and was immediately followed by the General Meeting

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Our guest speaker was Mr Phil Palmer, secretary of the Ambulance Employees Union and he gave a talk on 'Transforming Health' which is causing huge concern here in the Western Suburbs due to the plan to close the Emergency Department at the QEH and the Daws Rd Repatriation Hospital. The Govt has committed \$50 million to upgrading the system but needs to ensure it is safe before closing the EDs. There is grave concern about patients living in places like Outer Harbour who may need 40 minutes to get to the new Royal Adelaide Hospital.

Maureen said there were lots of people at the DSL meeting in Port Adelaide last night.

Phil explained that due to budgetary difficulties, the Minister for Health Jack Snelling has to close one hospital due to the increasing costs involved. Private hospitals are mainly for elective care, while the current hospitals are being over-crowded, often used for aged care etc and they often resort to ramping - which has a lack of dignity when an end of life situation. There is often ramping in Victoria for 14 hours.

Our major concern was the perceived lack of transparency of what is proposed but apparently a 300 page report is now available on the web.

Phil gave a well balanced report and received a vote of thanks from Fernando Goncalves and the other attendees.

Coast Park

Richard Smith and David Schofield gave an overview of Wacra's position and how the responses from all the key stakeholders had been collated and sent to the Minister - with disagreements from 2 of them. There were two options put up on the Charles Sturt website and the community vote was virtually evenly split with just .2% difference. Richard said it cannot be resolved.

Our proposal will be put up on the website - we are still open - and we want a consolidated post. Rae wanted all the responses to be put up on the website - will bring to the general meeting and preferred a split path that did not go through Tennyson dunes.

Groundwater issues with the H2O and BAJU development

We think we are being given the run around with this long-running dispute but have been told that negotiations are at a delicate stage and we need to wait ... Should we go to media? - the exec to decide. Lyn was concerned about the quality of the water going back into aquifer.

Pedro said there should have been monitoring in 2011 to establish a baseline to see if the new scheme is working - monitoring is essential.

West Beach

A **Shifting Sand Reference Group** has been set up and the council staff are working with the coastal protection board in response to the disastrous state of West Beach. And it will get worse with the high tides in the winter months. There is a meeting on 31 March. Jim will sit in on the meeting of the West Beach Community Reference group

New website

Andrea Rankin gave a demo of our new website - www.wacra.org.au Many thanks to Jen and Andrea and Fernando and Anne and Jim

The meeting closed at 9:40 pm