

General meeting - Wednesday 28th January 2015

Apologies: Lara Hollenby, Jasmine Wood, Kenzie van den Nieuwelaar, Val Wales, Sandy Schultheis, Bert Brown,

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted. Moved Theo, Seconded Chrtine Passed

Matters arising out of the minutes.

Coast Park

Our proposed position on the Coast Park has changed to that of option 2 since our previous preference, Option 1, has been ruled out by the Minister who will not allow the use of 2 main roads.

Jim Douglas and Richard Smith addressed the meeting and explained the reasons for the change but these were challenged strongly by Rae Marnham who had grave concerns about our sudden switch.

We believe the Coast Park through the Tennyson dunes can be broken up into 3 cells and each cell can be treated differently. We have taken advice from the park ranger at Innes National Park and Pondalowie about low impact boardwalks and want to make the pathway accessible to all. We want a path that is 2.4 metres in width with a meandering natural surface - not concrete.. The path will go a short distance into the dunes. This part of Coast Park should be done in 3 stages, cell 1, cell 3 and finally cell 2, the middle stage - the dunes themselves - but only after the work on cells 1 and 3 is deemed appropriate for the more sensitive part.

The meeting passed a Motion that directed Wacra to write to the minister and ask

- a) when the Tennyson Dunes will be heritage listed?
- b) When will a management board be setup for the Dunes and what will be its terms of reference?

Agenda Items

Groundwater from the Seaview Rd Development

SA Water is waiting on the final design plans but is confident that the proposed trenches around the building to capture and then recirculate the water will keep sea water intrusion at bay. The crown solicitor is writing up the agreement with the developer.

Noise abatement

Noise from the Ramsgate late at night is now so bad that 2 residents have taken the Ramsgate to the licensing court. There are various options being considered, including building a roof over the open area - we want access to the plans - the previous extension was a category 1 and the residents had no access to development

Jet Skis - Jet ski exclusion zone working even better this year

West beach sand removal - no update

Nature Play by Tim Hoile - Marine Discovery Centre, Star of the Sea. Angela Vaughn said this event is planned for sea week in November and it is hoped will bring families to the coast

The Torrens wetland will undergo a slow flush through to the end of summer - Anne Wheaton said that Wacra is keeping eye on the EPA website - there is likely to be a few big flushes during Mad March and the festival

The NRM board has allocated \$50,000 for the concept plan for the third and final stage of Breakout Creek. We want the council find another site for the horses since their attrition rate is static or possibly negative!

Western Adelaide Coastal Residents' Association Inc

Public Art

The 'wheels of peace' sculpture is not happening - there were 17 objectors to the location of the sculpture - it was a category 3 development. Bruce Williams from the council staff recommended that it not proceed, saying that there was a need for \$14000-\$25000 additional money for the install. We will ask Paul Caica and Matt Williams if there is any other possible source of funding.

<Matt said at the meeting that he will check if any other funding available. >

The council wants all public art to go through the policy process, something the CEO initially overruled but the new council is insisting on.

We have written to many local schools about being involved in the project and all schools want to be part of it - local, state, national significance. Maybe armistice day can be used to promote the project.

PublicArt Work - We want a Facebook page to incorporate all the public art work from Henley to semaphore.

Website The new WACRA website will be available in February and still at the same address - www.wacra.org.au

State planning review

The Hayes review is looking at the state planning act and has the aim to reduce local government. There are plans to create regional planning committees made up of people with planning background. There may be a citizen review panel - like Manly in NSW- and this may be where the community has a role in the design. All the councils are protesting about these reforms and submissions will be taken by 17 February. Curiously the property council supports the report but the planning institute has some reserves about aspects it does not like.

Pensioner Rebates

There is concern about the State Govt not paying the \$190 pensioner concession rebates with 27,000 pensioners in our area. The State govt says it is up to the Feds.

Pedro said the Council passed a motion so that it won't fund pensioners with any shortfall.

Michele suggested everyone approach their mp

Matt Williams answered questions from the meeting for a good 10 minutes.

He said the Federal Govt had given \$1m for the Torrens River and only ever give 10% of the pension rebates - the rest is from the state. The state govt is currently paying \$2m/day interest on debt while the Federal govt is \$30m/day.

The Federal Govt was giving 28 billion more to the States over 4 years

Michele asked about the cpi increae for pensioners that is based on the male average weekly earnings and Rae asked *why hit the little people for the debt repair levy?*

And everyone wondered why the super rich were not taxed proportionate to their wealth - and of course it is not easy if they are unwilling to pay.

QEH downgrading

We want to know what possible rationale could there be to downgrade the emergency services at the QEH. There is huge concern here in the West over what is happening to the hospital and the Daws Rd Repat etc.