

Wacra General Meeting 29th July 2015

Attendance: 26

Apologies

Paul Caica, Marg Easson, Richard Smith, Barry Stanton, Lara Hollenby, Kenzie van N.

Treasurer's Report

We have \$563.95 in the working account and \$3000 in the term deposit which is invested @ 2.65% for 12 months . We have paid our subs to Community Alliance and the deposit for the Reedbeds for the Quiz Night and refunded to the Charles Sturt Council the excess from Earth Hour of \$166.62. carried

Matters arising from the last meeting:

Anne Wheaton's slide show has gone to Chris Daniels Chairperson of the NRM board - he loved it and will use it. Can't wait for the next one!

The **ground water issue** on Seaview Rd - water continues to spill out from the beach - Mike Fuller is waiting for Coffey's assessment before putting in the cells around building.

Transforming health - we have serious concerns about the lack of any funding for primary health care

We have put in a request to Council for \$4,500 for assistance to have **Interpretative signs** made for the sea creature trail mosaics along the Esplanade and at the Wetlands. It is going to Council but other requests are being considered by 4 ward councillors. We want a meeting to be convened by 2 councils and 4 ward counsellors.

The **Environmental Defender's Office** is still going - but severely limited and only part time.

Henley Square - the concrete pour for the edge leading down to the beach edge was a bit too slippery - now we think the steps are too narrow and steep. Maybe neds hand rails.

Peter said the name 'Sardi' needed correcting in the minutes - **Minutes Accepted** and moved Andrea Rankin, seconded Anne Wheaton

Agenda items

The planned **presentation by students from Grange PS** has been deferred to the next meeting due to the teacher's sinus infection

Film Night - Andrea checked that we were all going to the film - the film is receiving rave reviews. We would prefer payments tonight. booking the downstairs theatre with 125 people.

Torrens River Wetland

Theo, Pedro and Jim attended a special meeting of stakeholders with consultants called Australian Engineering Water at AWE - Australian Water Environments on Greenhill Rd along with reps from Charles Sturt, West Torrens and Lockleys Riding Club. We were presented with 2 concept plans:

Tapleys Hill Rd Bridge to outlet

Shared fenced horses close to Tapleys Hill Bridge or at end near Seaview Rd

1 fenced off from the water, access to both sides of the River - West Torrens council has a development plan to move the LRC stables to Apex Park so more room on Lockley's oval for more sporting things - they need the stable area - at eastern end of apex park

2 At the other end, there will be no stables but a lunging yard and an equipment shed that could be upgraded for temporary stable

There was definite support for coexistence of horses on the river. To remove the horses would be too divisive. West Torrens want horses off .

WACRA would prefer the horses to be removed from the river.

Theo would like an amphitheatre.

SLIDESHOW!!

Brilliant sideshow by Anne and Fernando on the Biodiversity Project on the Wetlands , together with music - 42 mosaics - cleaned by Anne. We are thinking of launching it at the Quiz Night. need to identify a sea snail. We are planning to pass it onto Chris Daniel

Jet skis

Council advised that it was not going to make an application for the Aquatic Activity licence this year - not easy to get info from Council so asked Paul Caica - Paul Caica met with mayor - they will reconsider their position since she was unaware of the who had spoken to the council - we think the compliance manager Donna Dunbar will make the application again once she has return from holiday.

Resolution - Paul Laris spoke to resolution exclusion zone licence

Motion

This General Meeting of Western Adelaide Coastal Residents' Association Inc held on Wednesday 29th July 2015 recognises the enormous improvement in beach safety and the reduction of on-beach incidents and noise since the introduction of the Aquatic Activity Licence over the past two summer periods from the 1st December to the 31st March by excluding jet skis in the area from the Torrens River outlet to Grange Road. We congratulate the City of Charles Sturt for listening to the community on this matter and request the council make an application for an Aquatic Activity Licence to cover the period 1st December 2015 to 31st March 2016. Further, we request that the application be made by the 1st of September 2015 and that WACRA and the Charles Sturt community be informed when this has occurred by a prominent public notice.

Moved Paul Laris, Second David Schofield - carried unanimously

Sand management at West Beach

Survey work done - up to 1.8 meter of sand lost off seabed which increases wave power - dunes greatly diminished - sand being piped from the southern side of Torrens outlet Henley and also trucked from Semaphore.

WACRA has been talking to many people and have been in contact with Geologist Dr Ian Dyson at Flinders Uni. A group has been looking at whole of coast. Ian has been overseas looking at sand management overseas - will give a scientific paper and presentation to parliament tomorrow - Chris Warren helping with presentation. He has 40 minutes to give the presentation to the Parliamentary Committee - environment and resources committee - it is open to public - be at 9 at steps through X-ray - He is suggesting trials of groynes - parallel and vertical groynes - he would like the trial to take place at west beach. Jim, Theo, Julie and Phil going to the presentation.

West Beach Reference Group disbanded by the Council and one of its key surveyor John Dundon is not available for meeting - they would like us to take notes.

Adapt West

David Schofield talked about mitigation and adaptation - adaptation is what is being done - trying to involve local communities - workshops for 9 groups of stakeholders - 100 page report with barely any mention of people's homes - good response to David's letter and Council appreciated that Wacra's suggestion to incorporate education in future plans - covering insurance and compensation etc. Looking forward for more than 70 years.

The letters and responses and links will be put up on our website. David's work was acknowledged with thanks.

Coast park - Grange to Westlake shores - we have written to Stephen Mulligan seeking meeting with him 3rd time also written to Min Hunter for the Environment - what is status of Tennyson Dunes?- is it going to be called a conservation zone - and what has happened to the application to get the area heritage listed?

Minister yet to be determined boundaries of Tennyson: We think Bournemouth St to Cormorant Court and if this is the area then there could be 3 areas responsible for this area . who are custodians? We want the boundaries defined and we need to know its heritage and conservation status. Still unresolved - where path and whether continuous. We have different views to 4 other groups

Rae was at meeting with Jim and other groups - heritage listing been waiting 2 years. We don't know who has the allocated and un-allocated crown land. We hope our letters will help get the matter resolved

Community and public art project

Anne Wheaton hoped we could work in partnership with Council to paint Stobie poles. Christine Loveday, director of community centre and Anne is treasurer of art society - Henley square precinct Main St - Military Rd - York St, Kent St and East Tce - Council will letter box nearby residents

Other events being planned - The watershed and Wetlands - maybe have an afternoon. or Adelaide Clipper.

New flyers - recruit new members - messenger article needed

Pole painting not so simple - can't just paint your pole but a better simpler policy - need to be de-rusted, undercoated - and then two coats. Council asked us to put forward a couple of artist's names. funding?? Themes to be decided by artist.

Marine Discovery Centre - slides shown of the visit to the Marine Centre - Matt Williams trying to get money for Tim. Matt Williams - River Torrens green army - revegetation - Tennyson dunes - in justice portfolio Greens once a month do a clean of Torrens

Meeting closed at 9:29