

# Western Adelaide Coastal Residents' Assoc Inc

## General meeting 27th May 2015

**Apologies:** Lynn Walsh, Marg Easson, Sandy Shultheis, Paul Caica

**Minutes from the previous meeting** were approved - moved Richard Smith seconded Paul Laris - carried

Jim Douglas gave thanks to Andrea Rankin and Jen Clift for our new WordPress website and the fabulous banner

### **Treasurer's Report**

We have \$316 in our working account with \$4000 in our term deposit. We paid \$250 for the Reedbeds for our Quiz night on the 31st Oct and still owe \$480 to Jen Clift. Earth Hour - we have one cheque of \$100 still waiting to be cashed for Richard Tonkin and refunded the surplus \$166.62 back to the Council.

Fundraising: Last Cab to Darwin - 6th August and Quiz night 31st October  
Report accepted Moved Alan Goldsmith seconded Bert Brown

### **Agenda**

#### **Coast Park**

We prefer option 1 for the coast park - a continuous path next to the beach and through the Tennyson Dunes - the nearby residents prefer option 2 which is a mix of using Seaview Rd and Military Rd. The bike groups like option 1. We have informed the mayor of Charles Sturt Council. Minister Hunter is exploring the possibility of a continuous pathway through the dunes.

#### **Torrens river wetland consultations**

The proposed third stage of the Torrens River wetlands was the subject of public consultation and Catherine Ward from the NRM Board said they had received a lot of feedback from the Lockleys Riding Club. There will be a workshop mid-June. We have long campaigned to have the horses removed from the river bank and had hoped it would happen through natural attrition but now know that will not occur - it's a miracle, a miracle! and so there needs to be a new phase - maybe move the horses over to the southern side in Apex Park where they would need to be fenced off from the water. The NRM is planning to plant new trees and the West Torrens Council is planning a major upgrade to the area.

#### **Slideshow with music - courtesy of Anne Wheaton**

Anne has produced a slideshow of the public art works - photos taken by Fernando Goncalves - 32 mosaics on the beach and 40 mosaics from the river - very impressive! The audience loved it - subdued lighting, swing music - all very cool!

#### **West Beach sand management**

We received an in-depth update on the problems at West Beach from Rosemary Candivali. There is substantial erosion due to the recent storms - so much so that the Surf life saving club does not have a beach. Sand is being trucked in from Semaphore which has larger grain size than the dust-like sand at Henley.

The Council will spend \$10,000 to repair part of path then plans to spend \$240,000 to repair the rock wall but we think that it should be the government's responsibility and Jim Douglas found evidence in Hansard to prove it. There is much anger over the state of the beach from both Adelaide Shores and Saadi.

A Reference Group, of which Rosemary was the Chair, had been setup by the CS Council to deal with two issues - the problems with traffic management and the deteriorating beach. The Reference has recently been closed down because the Council considers its work done but 25 of the group felt this is very much not the case. The group can meet but they have no status. Cr Bob Randall had said the group was radicalised and any decisions should be left to the Coastal Protection Board and internal Council committees.

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The problem with West Beach stems from the Boat Harbour that was built despite a huge public protest over a decade ago. Rosemary said that one proposal to save the beach may be to put a breakwater between the boat harbour and the surf life saving club.

She mentioned Ian Dyson a geologist who together with Ruth Trigg thinks that geotexture groynes strategically placed may be able to alter the flow of water - a positive Tombolar Effect - and thus avoid the shifting of the sands from the beach. When the boat harbour was built, there was a budget of \$500,000 per year set aside for the Glenelg dredge to keep the marina clear and \$250,000 for West Beach - the cost has soared since then.

We need both councils - West Torrens and Charles Sturt to help with a trial of the groynes. A date will be set - we need money for the meeting and a flyer.

We are inviting the west beach group to join us - Rosemary will try to contact others

We will send a letter to council stating our objection to the closing of the group moved David Schofield ; seconded Paul Laris Passed unanimously

### **Groundwater**

An email from Mike Fuller of SA Water about the groundwater problem at the Foodland block has left us concerned that nothing really is happening - we will deal with it at the Exec level.

### **Climate change**

David Schofield gave a report to the meeting about AdaptWest, an initiative of 3 Councils - CS, Pt Adelaide Enfield and West Torrens, to identify vulnerability due to climate Change - exposure, sensitivity and adaptability. David and Pedro Schultz attended 2 workshops - mainly concerned with a report on an AdaptWest Plan that dealt mainly with council properties and public assets but there was only 2 lines on public housing! David wrote a letter highlighting the omission and this has caused a major rethink! a second report should be available soon.

Modelling for 2070 - life cycle - we expect a 1/2m sea rise.

### **Transforming health**

There is still major concerns in the west with the proposed down-grading of the Emergency Ward at the QEH to concentrate the expert surgeons at the new RAH. There has been two public meetings.

Another 72 staff and more ambulances will be needed to ferry patients and the cost per trip in an ambulance is \$800 or, if you are in a fund, \$34/year.

We possibly need another forum to decide where primary health fits in. Hindmarsh has the highest incidence of strokes in Australia and the QEH were stroke specialists.

### **Other business**

Rates rebate come out today.

Wacra has asked for 3 interpretative signs for \$4500 - no money after 1st July

The Environmental Defenders Office has been de-funded and so are having a film night on Saturday 6th June - Woman in Gold

There will be a big concrete pour tomorrow at Henley Square.

Meeting closed at 9:35