

WACRA General Meeting 30 September 2015

Attendance: 20

Apologies: Marg Easson, Kenzie, Laura, Paul, Anne Wheaton, Barry Stanton; moved Anna Shepherd seconded Richard Smith

Treasurer's Report

\$1653.45 in the General Account. We have \$3000 in our term deposit. \$790 from the film night had 114 people and we raised \$85 from the raffle. No accounts to pay. Treasurer's Report Accepted Moved Richard Smith Seconded Julie Whitehead

Minutes of the last meeting were passed but need to mention in the minutes about the horses - we don't approve of horses on the river and we don't want attrition. Moved Julie Whitehead Seconded David Schofield.

Matters Arising from the Minutes and Agenda Items

Coast Park Update by Richard Smith

Jim, Richard and Marg met with Steven Mulligan to discuss the need for further consultation and find out where the legal issues stood. How would the coast park go into and out of the dunes? Mulligan may be wavering on the idea of a coast park all along the coast. Meeting 23rd October - 30 minutes for a further meeting. Ian Hunter has declared that Tennyson Dunes is now a legal place and there was an Open Day for it.

Theo Ellenbroek found a declaration about Tennyson Dunes by Minister Hunter on the Environmental Water and Natural Resources website.

Torrens River Wetland

The NRM Board has put together a concept plan for 3rd stage of the wetlands with the horses at the Tapley Rd end, provided West Torrens Council moves the stables to the Apex Park. Steve Gatti - manager of NRM board. 2007 Report that all animals should be off the waterway. We suggested a compromise of keeping the horse only for another 2 years. SA Water strongly want the horses removed from the waterway. Concept plan to both councils and have been endorsed and now for community consultation. Minister has said this will not happen in the short term.

Lockley's Riding Club has put in full-size equestrian arena - no knowledge or approval from anyone. Trees on SA Water land and were removed without approval. The LRC do not want to be near Tapley's Hills Rd and so are trying to establish their site near the outlet. They spent \$30,000 on this and it has been put over the top of an easement. Theo said that in the Final Concept Plan from the NRM board that there was a space to be set aside for the horses. David Schofield asked if there was a way of monitoring the numbers - there are supposedly 21 horses down from 35 - but who knows? maybe a fortnightly diary.

State Coastal Conference

The Conference will be held at Adelaide Shores 13th & 14th November - \$280 for non-scientific people - and so Jim Douglas asked Dept of Water and Natural Resources for a discount and they agreed to provide 40 places @\$75 for the 2 days. Jim has submitted an abstract - "*Challenging Coastal Science from a Community Perspective*" - it has been accepted. 10 minutes to present and then 5 minutes of question time. Plenty of photographic evidence of what has happened on the beach.

Jim will be assisted by Dr Ian Dyson, a marine geologist. Ian made a presentation to the ERD Committee of Parliament and they will be meeting with him in the second week of November and he will be showing them the results of poor management and groynes going out into the water. He wants to use geo-technical bags as used in Holland which can be moved around and adjusted.

Rosemary addressed the meeting. She is the former chairperson of the West Beach Coastal Reference Group that was disbanded by Council because both the lighting and the traffic issues were supposedly resolved. A small renegade group however, Rosemary, Richard and John, are still meeting and will work with Ian Dyson who wants to explain the purpose of a trial of the geo-technical bags. Rosemary also complained about the new lights that have been put along the path and many residents are very upset by the look - very ugly, low lying - probably all the money has been spent on Henley Square. After Rosemary complained loudly about this Bob Randall sent out a letter to all residents (apart from members of the former committee!) asking for any concerns. The old lights have still to be removed - an old lady received a shock when her dog peed on the pole. The Executive Committee will check out the lighting.

Groundwater

The saga goes on. 82,000 litres of groundwater still being released onto the beach every day. The owner Antunes has closed his restaurant and changed the ownership to a Trust. The Govt has drawn up some legal documents to serve. Wacra sent a letter to the Minister Ian Hunter listing all the meetings and history and since it is a Water Affecting Activity, requesting a meeting with Ian Hunter. The Developer wants to push the responsibility on to the Body Corporate. We will let everyone know any outcome. Julie mentioned that he owns a lot of property, including the Mental Health Services property opposite the Council Chambers. David Schofield asked about the Council responsibility - the Council does not accept any responsibility as they did not issue the consent on the development - certified by a private company but the Council allowed him to connect his water to their storm water pipe and they were involved with the traffic management. We had to go to the EPA to stop some of the construction - the pile driving and control the traffic. Pedro said the re-injection solution has yet to be approved and funded - and he suspects the proposal will not be funded and won't work anyway. We asked Mike Fuller what would happen if the developer went into liquidation - the govt would do it and then seek the money from Antunes.

The govt has sent the final plan to Coffeys for approval to see if it works - the govt hydrologists don't want to be responsible. Coffeys wrote the initial report for the H2O Development and told the developer that pile driving was the worst possible option and recommended strongly that the **building should be tanked** - but the developer went against their recommendation.

Public Art Along the Coast

Our request for 3 interpretive signs under the Discretionary Ward Allowance was rejected by Council - Councillor Wasylenko canned the WACRA application - Richard and Anne gave a powerpoint presentation to Council outlining the reason we need the signs but it was doomed; 12 - 2 votes. Main argument by Wasylenko was that other councillors had not been consulted - the mayor said it would be unwise to approve this application as more relevant as a 'place making' matter not be approved, unlike all the others that were approved - under ward allowances. The whole process is dodgy. Council has a set against WACRA.

The meeting requests the Executive to examine what the circumstances of our non-approval of our DWA application and put a complaint to the Mayor about the process. Moved Richard, Seconded Rina. Cost shifting occurring because Commonwealth shifted to State and the State to Local Govt. Rina said there is a move to have people in councils declare any political affiliations.

Leanne said we should phone the place-making group. The Council has appointed 3 people to the Place-Making Group, being led by Nicole Reynolds - we have met with her once and need a conversation with her. Julie said that Adelaide City Council limited rate rises to 2%

Poles Apart

The Council has approved \$4,500 for Pole Painting in Main St, by employing two artists: one Artist Meredith Russell and a group called Creating Canvas, formerly Sea House of Glenelg. Meeting on Friday with artists and Vesna Rozman from Council and the Community Centre Director to discuss the method to paint the poles - maybe panels which are attached to the poles. Artists design the theme and it also involves Henley Art Society.

The *Blue Groper Fish* sculpture has been adopted by the City of Onkaparinga and will be placed at Pt Noarlunga - we will give a donation to this and the Friends of Gulf St Vincent - the project will cost around \$18000. *Well done* to Val Wales and Rob for pushing it though.

State Planning Act

Theo Ellenbroek reported on the new **State Planning Act**

It's a big deal. Theo representing us on the Community Alliance who are investigating it - Iris Iwanacki, Carolyn Wigg, Helen Willmore (from Gawler and PhD in Planning), Professor Paul Leadbeater etc - a lot of questions at Forum October 21st at the Burnside Town Hall. Consultation on the 8th October by the LGA will discuss the Bill's ramifications.

The Bill has been presented to Parliament. David S suggested the forum and questions from the Community Alliance should be put up on the WACRA website. The current items have been toned down for the Forum.

Jet skis

Charles Sturt Council is not re-applying for the Aquatic Exclusion Zone due to dispute over the public liability between the State Govt and Council. Paul Caica has tried to persuade the Govt but not hopeful. Jim writing a protest letter to Minister Mulligan. Council has been advised they will be taking a big risk.

Car Parking

Two hour meeting with Paul Laris, Bruce Williams and Lara Hollenby and Kenzie about serious concerns about inadequate car parking once Henley Square completed. The Council and Paul Caica are going to try to get the ERD Court to force Antunes to honour agreement about car parking after-hours. Can we take them to court? set a deadline by Friday for the Council and Caica to tell us if we are able to take them court.

Any Other Business

David asked about the Grange PS students to visit and explain their view for the future.

Quiz Night - our major fundraiser - 15 tables - everyone to check with Anne Wheaton
Meeting closed around 9:30pm