

## **General Meeting January 27th 2016**

Apologies Anne Wheaton, Matt Williams, Paul Caica, Pauline Crosby, Cindy Martin, Val Wales, Richard Smith, Margaret Easson, Paul Laris

Attendance: 24

**Minutes from last meeting** were approved - Moved Sandy Shultheis  
Seconded Pedro Schultz - amend previous minutes to 'both women' - carried

### **Matters arising**

The 'Poles Apart' panels will be attached to the designated stobie poles by 2nd week in February. The art work has been done by 34 people - high quality

The Groundwater from the Foodland block continues to pour on the beach. Wacra had 4 members of the Exec meet with Greens MLC Mark Parnell and gave a two hour overview of the problem. Mark's researcher will verify the details and then Mark will raise the matter in the Legislative Council. We want the government to take the developer to the courts.

### **Treasurer**

In the absence of our Treasurer, Jim Douglas reported that our Bank Balance at the end of December was \$3932. We have a membership of over 100 and a supporter list of over 200. Well done Anne Wheaton! We have \$3000 in a short term investment and will need to find \$600 for the public liability insurance which is about due. Moved Lynn Walsh Seconded by Julie Whitehead. Carried.

### **Coast Park**

The Tennyson Dunes group over the past few weeks have mapped out two possible recreational pathways from Bournemouth St through to Cormorant Court via the Dunes. They have tried to avoid all endangered plants which have all been named! The plan will go out to public consultation - 2 options - people must pick option one and/or option two. There will be a reduced consultation with the Wedge Group (Westlakes Shore), Sandpiper Group, Tennyson Dunes Group and the Coastal Ecology Protection Group - 4 representatives from each. A second consultation will take place with the two bike groups - and a separate meeting with WACRA who met all 4 selection criteria. Also consultation via the Your Say website and letter-boxing specific

residents. The Management Committee will be led by Chris Daniel, head of the NRM Board, and 2 people from NRM 2, from DUNA, an eco-planner, represent from Tennyson Dunes and 2 people from Charles Sturt Council.

Full credit to Raelene Marsden, Nick Crouch and Val Wales and Lena Z - they hope to have first interim by mid-March and final report by the end of March - The Eco-technical planner is an engineer who did a lot of pathways in KI and Innes Park. includes an engineer. The width of the path will be 1.8m with a 20cm verge. limestone and cement and then topping. Passing spots.

It is likely that there will be a shelter along the pathway with seats and viewing platform.

### **Torrens Wetlands**

Chris Daniels - head of NRM - DUNWA West Torrens Council, Charles Sturt and SA Water

Theo Pedro and Jim went for early consultation on the look of the wetlands. to Duna - 2 options - both options have horses on the river but they will have no connection to the water. West Torrens want the horses to be moved to Apex Park not Lockleys Oval - plan ready to go out for consultation

Wacra will meet with Chris Daniels on 17th February at 205 Greenhill Rd.

### **Jet ski Exclusion Zone**

Success! Many jet skis have been taken off the beach - lots of lobbying more than 50 people. The Council agreed 8 votes to 7 but Govt must make it a permanent zone into regulations - we want the zone extended to the west lake inlet.

### **West beach coast management**

We did a tour with Ian Dyson - had maps etc - sands from Kingston Park - he wants a trial first - it has been done in Holland and Venice - He proposes a temporary groyne below the waterline which will result in the sand being trapped in pocket beaching. There is no hope of restoring 2m of sand at West Beach. Ian Dyson will give presentation to all six metro seaside councils in March. It is not like Semaphore which is a breakwater - not parallel beach - which creates a tombolla effect which causes the sand to build up. The intention was for this sand to be pumped but ran out of money. The sand is being trucked from there.

## **The Ramsgate Hotel**

It is becoming a nightmare. They are applying for an extra 14 outside dining spaces on Main Rd (taking it to 34) and having standing room on the Seaview Rd footpath for 74 people - taking up half the path.

Council approved the development on 14th November without any community consultation - we have written to the council on 3 occasions, without any success, to meet with them as we have grave concerns about the:

Safety issue on Seaview Rd

Noise - and the residents in the Apartments opposite

Children in new water feature

Safety pedestrian crossing

There are already 9-10 locations in precinct to get liquor.

We are opposing on 4 major conditions and a copies of our objections must be lodged by Friday to the Licensing Court and to the hotel giving our grounds and reasons.

There will be a Hearing on 5th February at the Licensing Court - we want to have a conciliation meeting with the Ramsgate but have had no response from the Council - the councillor at Henley ward had no idea about it being approved.

We will send a copy of our grounds for objection to all our Supporters - an additional 74 people are now able to go outside - the Ramsgate has a licence for 650 patrons. We want SAPOL involved especially as the Council has agreed to the Ramsgate using glass bottles and glasses - not poly-carbonates.

Two more traders want to increase outside dining - Bacchus wants 4 additional spaces as they have more spaces and the Thai Orchid. Standup drinking is the concern with all these. There will be a 6 month trial ending in July - how can people walk between the tables and the possibility of closing Main St between Seaview and Military Rd

## **Car Parking**

The number of patrons in Henley Square has doubled or tripled. Antunes will not open the car park under Foodland for the community - maybe soon paid car parking in the Northern car park. We have suggested a shuttle bus etc.

## **Violence**

The Attorney General has put up a discussion paper for new regulations about violence. Angela Vaughn plans to respond to the discussion paper.

There is often violence at the Ramsgate but the police are not called until they have left the hotel and so it is not mentioned in the police reports. The police should be asking where the people involved come from. In one incident, violence broke out and the brawl went across to the car park. The security would not ring police despite 4 cars being damaged in Sussex st - police have a few reports from 2 weeks ago.

Seaview Rd is part-local and part-govt.

Peter Inskster remarked that Woolworths owns the Ramsgate and other hotels.

Peter Schofield said the bus stop will be very near to the Ramsgate. and asked that the meeting give an endorsement to Jim's actions.

**'This meeting gives Jim Douglas and the WACRA Executive authority to pursue actions in the Licensing Court regarding the Ramsgate'**

Moved David Schofield seconded Lynn Walsh - passed unanimous

Peter Inksteer suggested there is no need for more car parks - people will manage and start using public transport.

Estia is expanding out further.

## **Adapt West**

How do we adapt to sea level rise in the face of Climate Change and we will invite Verity Sanders as a guest speaker about Adapt West.

## **Henley Square**

People like it at night but there are problems with the shower at the Northern End which won't turn off - we have written 4 times - and pouring out on to the beach. Runs all the time.

The taxi cabs are pulling in at the crossing between the lights.

The wave seats are creating trouble for older people.

The square is filthy.

Peter Inksteer wrote to Randell suggesting the water feature be turned off at set times and should be turned off if winds greater than 10 kmph,  
The new balustrade, the EDGE, is good - an amphitheatre

Bethany said there was enormous congestion in the southern car park - really dangerous - there is a need for drop-off points.

Robert Loiello said that shade was only available if you pay for coffee. Was it part of the design process.

Council has to clean out the sand and muck out of the grates - have to pull a grate out - chlorine needed after a dog poo-ed in the pool. The maintenance bill will be a continuing and increasing expense.

Meeting closed 9pm