

## **WACRA General Meeting 25th November 2015**

### **Attendance:**

### **Apologies:**

Marg Easson, Paul Caica, Bethany Boecher, Leanne Jely and Tony Flaherty Julie Williams

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting** Accepted moved by Lionel Edwards Seconded by Fernando Goncalves - carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Banking is doing well. A deposit was made of \$2385 last night. In a reasonably good financial position of \$4468. There is a couple of cheques outstanding to be paid. A lot of money was received from the quiz night auction. There has also been a few new members and renewals paid. The term deposit is \$3000.

### **Matters Arising from the Minutes and Agenda Items**

Lyn would like to know if there has been any progress in upgrading the computer for Jim now that there is money to do so. It is proposed that he purchase a new computer, either PC or Macintosh. Referred to the Executive.

### **Australian Youth Climate Coalition**

Guest speakers; Rose Crocker, Cassie Peto from the Port Adelaide Youth Action Group.

The Australian Youth Climate Coalition was first formed in 2007 and was formed from all the major youth organisations in Australia such as The Australian Student Environment Network, The Australian Medical Students Association, Young Scientists of Australia, etc. Lead by a collective recognition by youth that climate change was the biggest issue of our generation.

The AYCC are looking for solutions to climate crisis that are not only sustainable, but foster social equality and justice. It is a prominent not-for-profit organisation with a Board and affiliations.

Their aims and objectives are to move beyond coal and gas to ensure a safe climate and protect communities from impacts on their health, land and water. To transition into 100% renewable energy within 10 years to invest in a future powered by clean, safe, reliable and renewable energy. Reduce Australia's carbon pollution in line with the latest science.

They have 3 current campaigns leading up to the Climate Summit in Paris.

Richard Smith thanks AYCC for all the work that they're doing. Recently the State Government has signed on for 100% renewable energy, however their proposed time scale is way too distant.

There are 200,000 AYCC members Australia wide.

Jim thanked both woman and said it was fantastic presentation. WACRA will be at the rally on Sunday.

WACRA gave a donation of \$200.

Poles Apart - Mary Russell one of 3 artists painting 34 images onto boards - walking towards to beach - coastal and walking to the hills - flora and fauna. Using Old Depot as Central - 26 people involved in the project. Boards and paints ordered.

## **Agenda Items**

### **Coast Park**

Activity in Tennyson Dunes - Val Wales present at meeting Coastal Ecology Protection Group reviewed their position about a continuous pathway through the dunes - a Management Group has been formed of about 6 experts Val said the group has spent 7 hours walking through the dunes to find a path that will enable people in wheel chairs to negotiate the dunes with minimal damage. Meeting with Steven Mulligan on Friday morning. A report for the next meeting.

Richard asked whether the report was going out for consultation by NRM - limited to householders - Richard disputed the idea of householders being mainly concerned.

### **Torrens River Wetland**

We have been trying to have the horses removed from river bank - Tapley's Hills Rd down to the Torrens Outlet. 20 horses still there. Have set up an arena at the western end - we have lobbied very hard to get the Councils onside with the Concept Plan - we would like the horses agisted elsewhere. Paul Caica has informed us that the Riding Club had a rap over the knuckles, SA Water will be updating the licensing conditions - no timeframe on the lease or cost -the concept plan means the horses have no access to the water. 400m from Tapley's Hill Rd to the outlet. Duncan McFetridge and Paul Caica involved.

### **Groundwater**

The Antunes Development - 82,000 litres of groundwater being dumped on the beach for the past 4 years. A meeting with Minister Hunter went very badly. We wanted a pumping system to re-inject the water and reduce the water flow out and reduce the intrusion of sea-water - we wanted an equilibrium. Minister dismissive of any intervention. Paul Caica had spoken to Mike Fuller from SA Water waiting on a few minor issues from the Developer who is not cooperating. We need to have another discussion with Mike Fuller - the Exec needs to work out a strategy for the longer term. Minister told Mike Fuller not to answer a question from Paul Caica - response "maybe 5, 10, 20 yrs!!"

Probably need a demonstration - action - tinnie - need 50 to 100 people - maybe at the time of the Henley Square - Dec 8th - probably not be in their good books. The Corporate body and residents don't want to be involved.

Pedro said monitoring should have started as soon as water was being pumped - wants to send off a letter asking costing of any bores. Sandy asked who initially was responsible when the building was being constructed. The builders had two options - tank the whole building or the cheaper option - piping and pumping the water out - went ahead without approval - it is a water affecting activity which is against the law.

### **Jet Skis Exclusion zone**

Water Activity Licence - Council has taken the responsibility for the past 2 years. Council applied for the Licence but Minister Mulligan has disapproved the licence - Paul Caica wants both parties to talk to each other - unlikely to get one before the 1st December. We need to refocus on the Council.

The Mayor currently refusing to reconsider the problem. Pedro understood the council's concern about liability. Section 26 of Marinas and Harbours Navigation Act - however Section 27 may be a way around it - the Governor can ban any activity on any waterway if necessary - Pedro has been lobbying the Minister with this option but had no response. Nancy Fahey mentioned that there were many places interstate where bans existed. Lynn wanted direct lobbying to the Governor. The Govt expected there to be negotiation with the Council - if it is approved by Govt needs to change the Act - if decision against Crown Law Decision Jim said the Governor would take the directions of the Parliament. Richard said the Council should get the licence and then the Govt should give the Council indemnity. Nancy had a letter published in the Messenger this week about Jetskis - Anne Wheaton read out Nancy's letter appealing to Minister Mulligan to fix the problem. Marilyn Bruhm asked about the surf life-saving clubs but are concerned about their own boats. This should all have been sorted out months ago. Messenger Press wants an article in the morning. Ask the Minister to answer about Section 27. The press cannot get statements out of the Minister and the Mayor. Lynn said the beaches apply to everyone. Lionel said the net liability is less if there is an exclusion zone.

Anne has a standard letter to be signed.

### **West Beach**

Wacra made a presentation to the Coastal Conference - Jim was cut out on time - showed the damage to the beaches by Boat Harbour and the Groyne - the Presentation will be put on the website. Ian Dyson meeting on the beaches which are damaged with the ERD Committee of Parliament.

Val said Jim was the last speaker before afternoon tea and had a reduced time - from 15 minutes down to 10 minutes - thought should be 20 minutes presentations - the conference was very interesting. Jim was very angry - and Richard commended jim on an excellent presentation - 60 hours of work - both Jim and Anne.

Car Parking at Henley Square.

Council will not take any action against Antunes. The Developer will not comply with an agreement he made with the Council in the ERD Court and the Council will not enforce it. He promised CCTV Cameras and car parks open 10pm on weekday and 1am on Saturday. 80-100 car parks not utilised. No response to our letter from the Traders - Val suggested we leaflet cars not parking.

### **Henley Square**

Sandy asked if Zootz was going to re-open. Problems negotiating the square. Metal studs are to stop skaters. Jim said lots of ledges waiting for people to trip over. Richard suggested we make a tour and audit the square. Rina '100 ways Henley Square is Trying to Kill You'. Theo thought the new square looks terrific. Positive. Fernando - where is the monument and time capsule? 4 mature Norfolk Pine up to your waist?

Pedro wants people with cameras to record JetSkis when they misbehave. Compliance dept has been downgraded to 1 person and 2 part-timers for the whole state. Need to record and document it.

The meeting finished with a sing-along of 'by the Austerity Allstars.