

Western Adelaide Coastal Residents' Association Inc

Minutes General Meeting 30th Nov 2016

Attendance: 30

Apologies: Val Wales, Marg Easson, Heather Brown, Calvin Brown, Paul Caica, David Schofield, Tina, Elizabeth Preston, Pedro and Christie Schultz, Sue Burnell, Anna Shepherd, Andrea Rankin and Greg Cashel moved Lyn Walsh sec Alan Goldsmith - Carried

Treasurer's report

\$2,491 is the current balance. Our term deposit of \$5000 is due to be reinvested now. Our insurance costs \$515.37 and is with the Local Govt Insurance Assoc - LGRS. We have \$10 million liability cover. The Term Deposit is @ 2.45% and we received only \$60 this year due to mixed investment - The Treasurer's report was received - moved Alan, seconded Richard Passed.

Many reports were handed out:

- Agenda
- Minutes of last meeting held - 27th July - the September meeting was cancelled due to extreme storm and blackout
- Report by URPS consultants on West Beach Coastal Workshop attended by Richard and Jim
- letter from Stephen Mulligan confirming the Jet Ski Permanent exclusion zone between the River Torrens and Grange Road
- Report from EPA outlining the concerns we should have about the storm water flowing into the sea. Conflicting opinions on what is the safe level regarding viruses in the water.
- Meeting notes of Jim and Paul Laris with Ian Hunter - Coastal Management, coast park, ground water (Antunes), River Torrens Wetlands, Planning and Development and Adapt West.
- 2003 Resolution of Wacra about Nuclear Waste.

Nuclear Waste Dump - address by Craig Wilkins and Bert Brown

Richard Smith introduced Craig Wilkins - 90,000 members under Conservation Council.

Craig gave a quick overview, then was assisted by Bert Brown, followed by a general forum.

The proposed imported nuclear waste will be stored above ground for over 100 years. Is it wise to work out first where we should store it before we import the stuff? In the past 6 weeks there has been a community rally - thousands of people attended, the Citizen Jury was initially neutral but then rejected it. A 35,000 signature petition was against it. Liberals and Nick Xenophon don't like it but the Premier still persists - a continuing conversation - there are 2 proposals international and national domestic - Wirielpa - the place for local waste is a very poor choice for Lucas Height Waste.

Bert was one of 350 people for 3 weekends - witness list - Democracy Co were the consultants - 160 witnesses - Business Council suggested it was an opportunity too hot to miss. Invited more witnesses from the country and indigenous community. No, No, No. Premier was extremely sensitive to the indigenous community who wanted to be engaged, not consulted. The group was evenly balanced at start but by the end more than 2/3rd majority had concerns with: 1. safety in shipping, 2. little trust of govt, 3. social and community consent was not truly transparent or fair, 4. economic analysis did not add up - economic experts laughed at the figures. The Jury Report was rejected in view of another survey that has apparently been run and there may be a referendum.

Questions: Richard reported that the Premier won't have a referendum until he gets the answer he wants. Lionel mentioned the military implications behind the nuclear dump and about approaching the local councils and putting bans on transporting the waste.

Michelle asked about the moral obligation of taking waste back but very little is ever imported back - like asbestos and cars - it may encourage more waste - also are we committing to whole of life of nuclear waste.

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Bert mentioned concerns about the artesian basin. Finland is still a trial storage facility - not ready until maybe 2030 - and there are still very tricky technical issues with burying the stuff underground.

Lyn asked about second use of waste-rods and worried about just storing national waste here in SA. There is no evidence of second use and suggestions that sending the spent fuel rods to the sun seemed unfair on that heavenly body!

Also, if the facility was setup, there would be a need for security. The Govt has already spent \$15.3 million when work could/should be done on renewables. Richard asked what the proposed \$600 million would buy if invested in renewables. It is a massive distraction.

The exec will make a resolution for the January meeting following Lionel's RINWA lead wondered should we take to Council ban on all transport through their boundaries - maybe a joint presentation to council by WACRA, RINWA and others. The meeting agreed to the Exec coming up with a resolution - Deb Cashel said a congrats letter should be sent to Paul Caica and Steve Marshall and the Liberals and express our concerns to Jaye Weatherill - Moved Deb Cashell, sec Anne Wheaton - carried

Discussion that we approach the various councils that will be affected as well as the broader councils - the land councils like Coober Pedy etc. Lyn wondered if unions could be involved - SA unions totally opposed.

The meeting thanked both Craig and Bert and provided each with a bottle of wine.

Minutes of meeting of July 2016 - endorsed Moved Peter Seconded Sandy passed unanimously.

Agenda items

Coast park

Tennyson dunes has been declared a Conservation Reserve. The group is negotiating with the government - Chris Daniels - and have reached agreement on a discovery trail.

The Coastal Ecology Protection group (Terminus St to Bournemouth St) has filed an application to the Federal Court - claiming they have been denied natural justice and had no proper say in the process run by Charles Sturt Council. The Council however plans to proceed to discuss location of pathways.

The Tennyson South group has come to an agreement with the Council - south of Tennyson dunes to put a pathway in the swale - boardwalk and pathway.

Other end of the Coast Park - Sand Piper and Wedge group - both are opposing any pathway in front of their homes.

We want a continuous pathway through dunes including a 2metre (max) discovery path and some meeting nodes. We believe the true compromise would be a pathway, not concrete - groups can protect the pathway however the coastal protection board have mapped out a path location - council not wanting to talk with us. Peter has a unit in Cormorant Court and has a map from Council which is keen for 3m concrete path. The only group that had a discussion with us was Tennyson Dunes. We should all be able to get together and then approach the council but some don't want a pathway - full stop! The Coastal Ecology and Protection Group has about 300 people while the Wedge Group is representing 600 people. Sandpipers has 30 people.

Telephone Tower

Heather Flannigan reported on the proposed Telstra tower; she said that according to a staff member on Council, Telstra believed they had exhausted all possibilities of locating their proposed tower other than on their site in East Tce and that it would be permitted at the next Development assessment Panel that would be meeting probably on 21st December. The Council will send out a letter a week beforehand to all those who lodged an objection. We should have a joint meeting beforehand to formalise a possible strategy on what will be said at the DAP meeting. Anne to provide email list. Optus is planning to put in a tower at a park near the Grange railway line.

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Sand Replenishment

A report from URPS on a workshop held on 16th September attended by Jim and Richard. We are awaiting a report from the Council to the members on who is ultimately responsible for the beach and its cost. Over 100,000 cubic metres of sand has been carted from Semaphore and put near the caravan park and holiday villages in the past month. A story in the Advertiser and the Messenger tells of the plan by the Govt approved by Holdfast Bay Council to set up a series of groynes on the beach at Brighton; it has been described by Ian Dyson as a Mickey Mouse plan which will produce 'jigsaw beaches' - each bag has 4.5 tonnes of sand and will be perpendicular to beach 24m in length, 1.5 m in height. Jim has met with surveyor John Dundin and together they will talk with Council on Thursday week about West Beach and Henley South. The Henley south dune is now vulnerable as it has been breached by several metres. Minister Ian Hunter promised to setup an expert committee to look at whole of coast issues. People are very concerned about pumping and many want a trial proposed by Ian Dyson. The Rock wall at West Beach needs to be pulled down and replaced for \$2m - we believe it is a State responsibility but it is being disputed.

We need to contact the Minister about the Expert Committee and wait for Council to receive the report. Lots of money involved but new science is needed.

Torrens River Pollution

We are worried about the turbidity and waste on the beach after the recent rain events. Julie Whitehead contacted EPA and has received a paper on the beach water quality - with grave warnings; there are conflicting arguments. WE have been given a website to check on the water safety. David Cunliff from the Dept of Health agreed however another official from the EPA has down-played the danger. The link to the warnings on water quality should be put up on our website - Julie had contact with a woman who wants to help - and will follow up.

Antunes groundwater issue and Brickbats

Anne Wheaton reported on the brickbats award Civic Trust Awards - Many different awards; excellence in design was given to the Anzac Walk- excellence in urban planning - Tonsley Park. There were 7 brickbats awarded - we nominated two - Adelaide coastal degradation and the Baju and H2O groundwater still to be resolved. Lionel and Maureen from RINWA nominated Bianco. Paul read out a letter sent to the Minister about the extraction of groundwater and the danger of salt water incursion and the lack of monitoring - the response was 'we're looking at that!'

We have written many times to the Minister and Council - maybe need a protest on the beach! Plans to make Evida 3 storeys but the Council has objected to his application - parking, noise, height. - but it is a Category 2 Development so only objections within 60m away.

Any other business

Val Wales has sent a radio transcript on the Tennyson Dunes which will be put on Facebook - a misrepresentation of their position in regards to Coast Park.

Anne and Jim met with Council on the possibility of an Arts and Culture Centre and gave a PowerPoint presentation on possible uses of properties near Henley. A letter has been sent to Council asking what is happening and questioning the rumour that the Henley Library may go to West Lakes. There is possibility that the Council wants the RSL to move into the library. We would like to see the Hall being used properly with the white house property and also help the wood workers. Our powerpoint may go on the website but it is a big document.

Meeting closed 9.45, followed by Christmas cheer!