

WACRA General Meeting - 29th March 2017

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Matters Arising: 3 more shade structures have been purchased by the Charles Sturt Council @ \$13,000 each. The Term Deposit Rate was 2.3% for 6 months. Minutes Accepted - Moved Bert seconded Pedro - carried

Treasurer's Report same as that for the AGM:

Treasurer's Report

We have \$5000 in our Term Deposit which is due at the end of May. Treasurer's Report Accepted - Moved by Lynn Walsh, Seconded by Desley Goudie. Theo thanked Anne Wheaton for all the computer and worksheets. moved Barry Stanton seconded Lynn Walsh

Agenda Items

Most items covered by our Newsletter produced by Anne Wheaton and Jim Douglas

Excellent newsletter - Congratulations from Barrie Stanton - 'Fabulous, comprehensive, well-formatted. Brilliant newsletter'.

Coast Park - Grange to Westlakes Shore

Contractor BDM has been appointed by Council. The Coastal Environmental Protection Group which includes the Wedge and Sandpiper group is taking out legal action to stop the pathway against the Council in the Supreme Court- matter adjourned - their lawyers are calling the Minister Ian Hunter to explain why the land has been re-titled. WACRA wanted a Discovery Pathway whereas the CEPG does not want a path and are believed to have raised \$130,000 to contest the issue. The Tennyson Dunes Group have mapped out a pathway through the Dunes.

Telstra Communications Tower

Heather and Kelvin are part of the Action Group. Two members of the action group are joined to the Council in the case between Council and Telstra being heard in the ERD Court in a closed conference at the ERD Court tomorrow. The Telstra report is comprehensive and compelling however the Council is defending their DAP panel and has engaged 3 experts - the lawyer representing the Council is George Manos.

Other sites examined were Henley Surf life Saving Club, present location, Uniting Church, the Police Station, Henley Oval, the Coffee Shop and the Ramsgate. The tower needs to be in the area within a certain range and height. It is taller than a 10 storey building.

Telstra will try to discredit any experts put up by the Action Group or Council. Bob Randell said that the Group was NIMBY and has since apologised.

Coastal Management Report

Ian Dyson, John Dundin and Jim Douglas and Coastal Protection Branch and Paul Sutton from the Council had a meeting on 28th March on how to manage the sand in Cell 3 - south of boat harbour and west beach. James Guy (CPB) showed various survey maps and actions that they have taken shifting sand over the years and how effective it has all been.

There has been a massive trucking of sand this summer - the highest in years. There was 70,000 cubic metres from Semaphore and trucked to West Beach and 30,000 cubic metres from Henley South - total of 100,000 cubic metres which has created a noticeable sand bar currently from West Beach through to Grange. There is substantial sand on the beaches - the most at Henley for past 10 years. But the sand will move northward and if you go out to sea 1,000 -1500 metres out - there is no seagrass. We have lost 1metre of sand out there. There is no equilibrium of sand movement.

Under pressure from Council, the CPB is planning to conduct an extensive study in Cell 3 at West Beach using a private international company, DELFT, with big credentials from Holland and Australia's east coast. The study will cost about \$70,000 (\$10K from Adelaide Shore, \$10K Charles Sturt, 20K CPB and 30K from Living Beaches) and will involve modelling possibly 3 breakwaters parallel to the coast - just south of the Outlet at Torrens River where they can collect the sand being deposited there. The study will be finished by July. Another 30,000 cubic metres of sand will be pumped to West Beach from 18th April.

Another consideration being explored is the proposal by Ian Dyson to use geo-tech bags as temporary groynes to hold sand back on the beach - pocket- beaches. The Council is going to meet with Dyson to ensure he will be involved in the study in some manner. The Adelaide Living Beaches Strategy was supposed to be in place until 2025 but it is not working.

WACRA's **Nuclear free zone policy** has been endorsed and a small subcommittee of Richard, Bert, Jim and Paul are planning a strategy on how to introduce it to Council. Paul has a draft letter for all councillors who we hope will have a conversation with us.

This General Meeting notes the Policy and supports the strategy for interacting with Council.
Moved Richard; carried unanimously.

Asset Management Plan

Possible Council plans for its buildings - the Library, Depot etc were detailed in our Newsletter and many interested groups, such as the Card Makers who meet regularly in the Town Hall, have been discussing it. Comments such as ..\ 'we don't need any more Council bullshit' have been heard. Angela Vaughan plans to write an article for the newsletter and website about the importance of using library to help with the Clever society.

Torrens River

West Torrens Council wants to move the horses to the Lockley Oval. Questions about the Olympic-size arena near Seaview Rd. SA Water are not helping regarding the horses but instead have hand-balled the whole responsibility to NRM board to implement their plan for the horses

General business

Calvin thought the concrete structures used to hold up the Shade Structure in Henley Square could be painted. There is a desperate need for shade in the Square but currently only for the traders. The shade analysis in the concept plan was totally wrong - suitable if you are sitting in Seaview Rd.

Angela Vaughan introduced herself as the endorsed Labor Candidate for Colton.

Meeting closed 21.25