

## Western Adelaide Coastal Residents' Association Inc

**Apologies:** Richard Smith, Marg Easson,

**Attendance:** 30

### Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Theo Ellenbroek, Jim Douglas reported that our current balance is \$2,375.51 - 4 new members/ renewals, \$200 donation to the Conservation Foundation. \$5000 in our term deposit - reinvested at 2.45% Moved Lynn Secoded Marilyn. Carried

**Minutes of the Last Meeting** - Moved Peter Clements, Sec Lynn Walsh - Carried.

### Agenda Items

**Henley Beach Access Day** - we asked Council to agree to a roll-out mat and 2 special wheel chairs to allow people with a disability to gain access to beach and water. It has been set for Saturday 4th February between 10am and 2pm - should be a memorable day - and we encourage everyone to drop leaflets into neighbours' letterboxes.

### Nuclear Dump

Bert Brown and Paul Laris went through the Policy that the Exec came up with as discussed at the previous meeting. We are asking Council to declare the City of Charles Sturt be a Nuclear-free Zone, with some minor exceptions such as medical use, along with many other Councils. We want the Policy endorsed and then the Exec will decide how the Policy should be distributed and presented to the Council. It is also a media story. We expect the only government member to talk about it will be the Premier. Angela Vaughan wondered why the CS Council had not come out in opposition to the Nuclear. Rosemary, Val and several others made suggestions - All in favour Carried unanimously.

### Coast Park

A plan was presented to Council on the previous Monday with a recommendation that the Council endorse a 3m concrete pathway and some boardwalk, with the exception of the Tennyson Dunes.. It will be as close to the Eastern side of the dunes as possible. The same contractors as built Henley Square. We wanted a continuous pathway - a discovery pathway. We are unsure if the council has passed the recommendation. We will advise by our Newsletter and Facebook.

### Water Quality - River Torrens and Marlborough St

The water quality at Henley has been very bad this year, greatly exacerbated by storm events and the release of the storm water holding tanks situated in Marlborough St at low tide just before Christmas - a video can be seen on our Facebook Page - 3 cases of gastric following the release of polluted water into the Gulf. We contacted the NRM Board, EPA, Dept of Health and Council. We want The Govt to reconstitute the Torrens Task Force which produced a report in 2007 to manage the Torrens and it was generally ignored. Prof Don Bursell the head of the board and Allan Ockington, NRM Board, met with the minister and there were two attempts to help the river - some filtration racks and some bubblers to oxygenate the Torrens lake - both failed. We want experts from the Task Force and all those who contribute to the problem - farmers, ourselves, developers, to all meet up - we received response from Steve Gatty of the NRM Board who is going to look at the methods of discharge and talk with the Charles Sturt Council and will review the Task Force Report. We encouraged the NRM Board to finish the wetlands and the concept plan looks good. The CSC has cleaned the tank at Marlborough St and they discharged it again last week and had signs around the outlet. We don't know what is in the tanks.

If you cannot see your feet in the water, you should not swim in it. Anne Wheaton will post the alert on our Facebook page and link to the EPA. There are always alerts about Henley Beach and usually after a rain event or slow release. Pedro said the tests of water quality are very expensive and asked that anyone who could collect the dirty water in a clean bottle to take it to the Council for them to check. We want Council to analyse and pay for it. Pedro thinks all the suspended sediment in the water off our beaches will take years to clear, if at all.

### Council Assets

Anne and Jim met with Bruce Williams and Vesna Rozman in December, 2016 and gave a second power-point presentation regarding the Henley Town Hall, the white house which cost \$900,000, the Henley library, works depot, community centre, Paul Caica's office and Overflow Centre and old Grange Community Centre.

We proposed using the Town Hall (State-heritage listed) as an Art and Cultural Centre; more effective use of the Depot currently being used by the woodworkers - maybe divide the Depot in half and develop the side on Durham St; maybe the Community Centre to the Hall; What is happening to the RSL? The Council is in discussions to: possibly sell the Depot and build a new workshop next to the Art Society at Henley Oval, move the library into Paul Caica's and sell the White House .. and sell the land around the hall. They may seek an Expression of Interest for the library and the Hall. The Council is spending a lot of money on the West Lakes Library in preparation of the development at Amy Stadium.

We are very concerned about the possible move of the library which is currently overflowing with children two evenings a week. Many local residents will fight any move of the library. Heather said we need to be alert as the Council proposed to close the library a couple of years ago. We want open and transparent communication with Council. We have lots of schools in the area and they should be encouraged to make use of the books in the library. Erica gave an impassioned speech on the value of books and libraries and said that the problem with the emphasis on STEM subjects reduces the perceived value of those with a liberal arts background. Erica posts on Facebook - we will publish as a 'member's comment'. Everything is political. Life Matters discussed book reading and how valuable it was. The wood workers do not utilise the depot fully - it was setup by John Howland initially with 34 original group - but they have not had any encouragement from Council. Anne would like them next to the Art Society - dove-tail naturally. Jack Irish. Young people should be able to try woodwork, pottery etc - they can be life changing.

### **West Beach & Coastal Management**

Council has written to the Coastal Protection Branch offering to pay \$1.3m half the cost of rebuilding the West Beach wall - but will it be a waste? We believe the Living Beaches Strategy has failed - no sand at West Beach etc. We met before Christmas with Paul Sutton, the CEO of Charles Sturt, James Guy from the Coastal Protection Branch, Ian Dyson and John Dundin. Sutton wanted the CPB to provide a management plan by the end of February. There is a lot of sand north of Grange and it is being trucked back south all the time. But we think the trials proposed by Dyson should be carried out. Val found a report on the Council website that the EPB has had its funding cut.

Rosemary thought the Council does not want to spend anything on West Beach until the West Beach Surf Lifesaving Club has been resolved - either leave it where it is or move it north or move it to the Henley Sailing Club. Henley Surf Life Saving Club received \$900,000 and Grange \$750,000 from the Council. No money to upgrade West Beach Rd.

### **Antunes Ground Water**

Nothing to report from Mike Fuller - Antunes has put the main responsibility on the Corporate. They need to build a tanking system and then the Corporate pays the maintenance.

### **Telstra Tower**

The Council DAP refused the application - 14 presenters each had just 5 minute to argue their case and all were fantastic - feedback said the most articulate and researched arguments. 3 independents, 3 elected members and independent chair person vote 5 -1 against it. Telstra looking at other sites but most not strong enough to support the new tower. Heather said we should be thinking of the next plan - be ready because she thinks Telstra will be back. Heather has photo with a 35 m tower superimposed on her backyard.

### **Shade Structures**

Council has 2 dome shapes 'shade sails' to be placed on the beach - one has previously been blown away. They cost \$22000 for both. Cannot be climbed on but we have photos of kids on them. Don't provide much shade and only hold about one family. They were supposed to be moveable and trackable but are just hilarious. Shading at the Square is appalling. We are opposing the domes.

### **General Business**

Val reported on **Tennyson Dunes** - now under Resource Management Board - Val and Chris Daniels and Nick Crouch on a working group. The path has been designed and will be constructed by the person who did the paths on Kangaroo Island. Drones will be used to police the area for poor behaviour.

Paul worried about **loud motor bikes** on Seaview Rd.

Matthew Dowling wants to work with council and Community to have an Arts Auction to raise money to **landscape around Henley Square** - lack of green, verge gardens etc. Michelle reminded the meeting that Antunes was going to give \$1m to improve the realm.

Meeting closed at 9:40PM