

Western Adelaide Coastal Residents' Association Inc

Minutes of the General Meeting held on 28th March 2018 at the Henley Town Hall - this followed on immediately from the AGM and was chaired by the new President, Paul Laris.

Attendance: 24, as per Roll

APOLOGIES

Deb & Greg Cashel, Andrea Rankin, Sandy Schultheis, Erin Jolley, Tina Koh, Heather & Calvin Brown, Paul Caica, Barry and Cas Stanton, Anna Jessop, Joey Llewellyn, Adele, Val Wales - *Apologies Received* - Moved Fernando, Seconded Marilyn, Carried.

Minutes of Previous January Meeting: *Correct record of the meeting* Moved Richard Smith, Seconded David Schofield. Carried Unanimously

Treasurer's Report - this was given at the AGM

Our Total balance for the year is \$6,524.99 however our term deposit is now only \$2000 - we have supported quite a few causes this year. Our books have been audited by Frances Magill. Chrissy Schultz read out the Report by Frances who stated it 'presented a fair and true' representation of our accounts. *The Report was Received* - Moved Angela Vaughan, Seconded Theo Ellenbroek - Carried. David Schofield asked what the item in the expenses called '*Dog, Horse and Dolphin*' was about and Anne Wheaton explained it was to help a film being made in and about Port Adelaide.

Jim gave a special thanks to Chrissy for a magnificent job as she is standing down as Treasurer this year.

Agenda Items

Charles Sturt Public Consultation Process - a report by Richard Smith

The draft policy that has been put out by Council is too minimal and too brief. We have spoken to the authors of the Policy and have learnt that there will be some guidelines to supplement the Policy and WACRA will be invited to be part of the consultation on the guidelines. Paul said that the Council had been caught out by the Supreme Court for not implementing its existing consultation policy and so instead of changing the implementation process that had failed, they have reduced the Policy - lowered the bar. Pedro said the downsizing of the Policy has been huge and the simplification has been harrowing. The Elections happen at the end of the year.

Library Policy - Pedro Schultz

The CLAG group, in conjunction with WACRA, managed last year to prevent the Henley Library being moved and down-sized to Henley Square. Pedro and others from CLAG, have been meeting with Jackie Stretton, the chief librarian at Henley Library, since then and been suggesting that there is great value in keeping many of the staff constant rather than people seeing new faces continually. An 'Ideas Cafe' will meet next Wednesday from 3pm-7pm to discuss how the library can be improved - people can also use the YourSay website. No loss of services for children, retain good staff, ensure space for meetings.

Telstra Communication Tower - Anne Wheaton and Heather Flannigan

Telstra is putting up a 35m Communication Tower in the Heritage Conservation Zone. The Monopole will be delayed for a few months. We have a shroud that is light grey-blue. Council

wanted a wrap for the pole but it will not be allowed. Clouds will need to be added with a cherry picker. Anne showed many slides - including one that made the tower look like a spaceship. Heather has sent out a media release wondering why it should take 6 months for Telstra to decide whether to allow a shroud. The Messenger is following up Heather's media release. Heather's relationship with Bruce Williams has deteriorated over the question about who supplies the paint for the shroud. Bruce has been warned that there could be a blockade when the tower arrives. Theo said Port Adelaide Council has rejected a bid to put a Telstra Tower in a Park - we suspect Telstra will appeal it.

Coastal management - Jim Douglas

There has been campaign to try to retain the sand at West Beach and Henley South by John Dundin and a group called *Save West Beach Sands* - check Facebook - they gave all candidates at Colton 8 questions and we now have the reply from Matt Cowdrey - Liberal Party. The response \$5.4million - 'whole of coast management' study. The wall at West Beach has collapsed and there are talks about the West Beach Life Saving Club - should it be moved? - has to be decided by the club. We have been working with Dr Dyson who wants to trial a new scheme but Jim and John may need to meet to discuss with the Council and Coastal Protection Branch - a proposed model is being examined and we hope the report will allow key stakeholders to hold a third workshop in April. Jim has all the flyers of all the promises made by all the parties. John congratulated Jim and WACRA for all the help and support over many years. Theo said it was a government issue and that John Olsen, the then Premier, had said the Govt would be paying for any consequences of putting the Boat Harbour in the future. A clause was put into the Local Govt Act to remove any responsibility for the Charles Sturt and West Torrens Council - the clause has been quietly removed by the previous Labor Govt less than 2 years ago. It is now not a state govt issue but it will cost millions - now up to 10 million!

Dredging of Outer Harbour - Jim Douglas

Flinders Ports want to dredge 1.5 million cubic metres to deepen the harbour. Last time lots of turbid water. They are planning to use the same method this time. SCAT Committee hearing. Origin Energy want to dredge 70,000 c.metre in order to moor a barge with gas cylinders at Torrens Island. We queried if it is necessary to widen the Port for the new larger boats .. and if it has to go ahead, the dredge spoil should be put on land - they plan to dump the spoil where they dumped it last time - 2000 hectares of seagrass is dead. Records of 50-100 years have been kept by the fishing people - 3 generations - on what dredging does, tidal movements etc - when is it best to do it. If you are dredging, don't send it north to the fish nurseries. Paul mentioned that the virus called Pacific Oyster Mortality Syndrome is in the Port River. SAADI has implemented an exclusion zone and doing lots of test in the River.

Torrens River Breakout Creek - Paul Laris

The previous govt said \$5m would be available to complete the final stage of restoring the river, along with contributions from the Councils. A saga over 18 years - We have a general commitment to improve water quality from the Libs. NRMB want it to go ahead and we will need to discuss with Matt. Flood mitigation has been taken into the design so that water will need to be removed quickly in extreme floods. David Speares, who used to work in the Dept of Premier & Cabinet as the Community Engagement Officer, is in charge of the Environment. Angela wondered if Sturt Creek could be incorporated.

General Business

David Schofield was concerned about the safety of pedestrians at the crossings on Seaview Rd. We have written to CS (Jan Cornish) about the different types of pedestrian crossings and varying speed limits. A concern about trucks - including on Military Rd where the trucks stop and cars right turn on the entrance coming out of the Woodland car park. Council is in discussion with DPTI

about the dangers. We are also very concerned about the water area in Henley Square and the inherent problem of young children running into Seaview Rd.

The Council has blocked Main St to stop people turning left from Seaview Rd because some customers at the Coffee Club were brushed by traffic. Motor bikes are a big problem for the police and DPTI. The volume of traffic has increased drastically.

Fernando wondered about the repairs to the Henley Jetty - it is about to happen!

Jim raised concerns about the brochure being distributed around Henley HS - the school wants to develop a big complex on the Tennis Courts. Serious parking problems and may be open to 10pm at night - plus flood-lighting. It may not need approval by Council as the proposed development is on State land - a big loop-hole! from Theo.

Thank You Jim

Lionel Williams from RENWAI gave a special ThankYou to Jim Douglas - " I've really enjoyed the meetings that you have chaired - found them really inspirational .. and whenever people have asked you a question you have always been able to answer it and explain it way beyond what could be expected - you make it a story so that people can follow what you are talking about - the exact opposite to the bureaucrats we are dealing with ... you find humour in stuff - and just as well! or it will all drive us crazy .. and I admire your perseverance as I know some of these issues have gone on for years .. your perseverance - despite serious health issues. With residents' groups you have been a leader, a mainsail, and a figurehead - and now there will be blank space in the Messenger every week! You've done many things like stuck up with Community Engagement issues with Councils and networked ... and I just want to say a big Thank You!"

And now sadly, the formal business was over and the recording on my phone ran out before the special communal song was recorded - a real tragedy!!

Meeting closed around 9:30pm