

Western Adelaide Coastal Residents' Association Inc

Minutes of the General Meeting held on 30th May 2018 at the Henley Town Hall

Attendance: 35, as per Roll

APOLOGIES

Tina Koh, Olympia Ferakis, Pedro Schultz, Bob Herbert, Kate Denton, Matt Cowdrey, Andrea Rankin, David Noonan, Jeff Moylon, Julie Fielding

Paul Laris acknowledged that we are meeting on Kurna land.

Paul also reorganised the schedule so that we could hear from our guest speaker Jackie Stretton from the Charles Sturt Council about all that is happening with libraries.

There are various plans:

- 1 Gadgets for fun & Practicality
- 2 Festival of Ideas
- 3 Containers, batteries - recycling bins
- 4 Toy Library
- 5 Allow patrons to borrow laptops & use in a quiet area - possibly loaning out laptops
- 6 Change the entrance so that the library can be accessed from Seaview Rd and update signage
- 7 Team up with local ideas and businesses - e.g. The Marine Centre
- 8 Update the browser and Office
- 9 Newsletter

Update the children area and a whole of library make-over now that it seems the library will remain in its present location.

A document is going to be produced for consultation. They are keen to run other Idea Cafes across the other libraries to gain feedback.

A new West Lakes library is being designed - the current library is being leased. The new Library will be owned by Council and will be a strata building with the upper-floor used for residential or commercial. Julie is now the Manager for Libraries and Community Connections and is working on a strategic plan. She would welcome feedback. Discussion about the building and heritage listing and connecting to Henley Square. An Art Gallery space will be incorporated at the West Lakes building. Angela thought its might be better to 'gut the current building' and 'Do it once and do it Right'. Policy on parents. Historical Society - several unique collections - would welcome working with Community Connection.

Digitising. The State Library has many digitised images of Henley and Grange. Sonya wanted easier access to more journals and other databases. Jim wondered how better to utilise the Town Hall - currently 75% and being used by calisthenics etc - the sprung floor is good for dancing. The building is run-down. Wondered if we could do something like Docklands in Melbourne. Paul wondered if there would be community consultation about the West Lakes Library before its final approval by Council and said the recent consultation about the library had been exemplary.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: *Correct record of the meeting except for spelling of SARDI*
Moved Theo, Seconded Chrissy, Minutes Carried.

Treasurer's Report Joint effort by Richard Smith and Anne Wheaton.

Total funds: \$6,886.62 Moved Richard Smith Seconded Bert Brown.

President's Report

Paul Laris acknowledged the contribution that **David Schofield** made to our community. Tragically, he died the day after the last Meeting while riding his bicycle on Portrush Road near Glen Osmond early in the morning. It was all the more horrific in that David had highlighted his concerns to the Meeting about the danger to pedestrians on Seaview Rd.

We will naturally convey our deepest condolences to his partner Tina and acknowledge all the wonderful work he had done for his community. He will be greatly missed.

Nothing has happened yet about the pedestrian crossing.

Henley Jetty Shelter - the round roofed shelter will be a pitched roof - no consultation about the change of the iconic roof style - ridiculous prices being quoted - the roof was unique amongst jetties along the coast. Apparently the expense is prohibitive. Maritime Constructions. It is supposedly a much more robust design and less attractive for Jetty Jumpers. Theo thought he might drop a letter to Bob Randall. Initiated by Department of Planning, Transport & Infrastructure.

We supported the Council and quick consultation for **Alcohol Free Zones** on the beach.

Discretionary Ward Allowances for Dune Conservation - both Val & Lisa are applying for support.

Conservation Council - peak body - concerned that their public funding is going to diminish - they have met with the new Minister David Spears but not confident about future funding - probably going to change the name to *Environment SA*.

Jim Douglas moved a **Motion** that "that we give \$300 to the Conservation Council - they run the Joinery. A major donor will match any donations." Seconded Alan, Carried.

Telstra Tower Report by Jim, Photos by Anne. Theo expressed his disappointment that we have the Telstra tower in an historic conservation zone. The Council at a secret meeting of the DAP had reversed their decision and so withdrew at the ERD Court. We tried to get Telstra to camouflage the pole - Heather Flannigan - it has been painted sky colour but no shrouding of the panels. Heather reported that an email between the Council and Telstra showed that the tower was going to be its 35m height to accommodate other antennas - lack of transparency. Council is planning an ePanel.

An incident happened last night - a diesel motor operating in the building went wrong - loud noise - obnoxious fumes - triggered by an electric outage somewhere in Henley. We have contacted the EPA which has listed it as high priority. John Flannigan was very sick after being there just 5 minutes. Two people from ETSA - SA Power - wondered how much power the generator is putting into the system and concerned about how much power was being generated before they could reswitch on the mains power.

Thank you to Jim and Anne - called in an emergency - Ghostbusters! - 'Wacra a lifesaver'.

Angela Vaughan told about Andrew Bains new project - 'Burying Henley's history' - a way of us documenting the issue in history - a funeral march - wreathes - Heather & Kenzie and Angela all very involved. Death of heritage - an effigy -

Motion that “Wacra partners with artist Andrew Baines in the creation of a theatrical event titled ‘Burying Henley’s History’ to commiserate the demise of the Henley historic conservation zone and the loss of the Henley Jetty shelter roof.” Moved Angela Vaughan, Seconded Alan Goldsmith Passed.

Richard brought up the matter of real-estate compensation for those living close to the tower.

Alan Goldsmith moved a **Motion** that “there needs to be battery backups for Telstra towers and that Councils should pressure the Telcos to install them, rather than relying on diesel motors.” Seconded Fernando. Carried.

Review of the new Council public consultation policy - Report by Richard Smith

The policy has many ‘might’s in it - they might consult if ... **we want it to state ‘will consult’** ..

Submissions need to be in by the 27th June - second round of consultations - we managed to get the Council to institute a second round of consultations. Jim said we have a working party - contact Richard for our submission if you need a copy. We are working with the Coastal Ecology Protection Group. Calvin said that in part 3 of the Policy stated that Council had no obligation to consult on any major projects. The Council is snubbing its nose at the comments of a judge that cost the Council and hence the ratepayers about \$1million. Would they resurrect the Residential Working Groups? Who is running the Council?

The Council has ‘lowered the bar on Consultation’. Theo shocked by the payout.

Coastal Management - Jim Douglas

West Beach - part of the so-called cell 3 area— Coastal Protection Board removed the sand bar and moved 20,000 cubic metres onto the dunes two days ago. We suspect the sand will be washed away soon. Jim’s car got bogged but assistance from Richard’s neighbour towed it out.

Breakout Creek Matt Cowdrey said the govt will not provide \$5m for Breakout Creek.

Coastal Pathway - Community Land Management Report on West Beach - the wall has collapsed - now a wet beach. A scientific report costing about \$100,000 has been commissioned through a group called DHI and they are doing extensive modelling to work out how best to protect the beach. We cannot make a sensible comment on West Beach without knowing the science behind it - the report is complete but not available to public - nothing should be done to West beach until the science is understood.

Dredging of Port River and Outer Harbour We made a submission, along with other groups, against the dredging of 1.5million tonnes of spoil which will be dumped by barge out at the same location as in 2005, 30 km out. 2000 hectares of seagrass were killed off. New dredging method apparently. We met with Stefan Knoll, the new Minister for the Environment, but the Govt has allowed that dredging will continue as happened last time. We are disappointed. 70,000 c metres will be removed from Torrens Island so they can moor a ship as permanent backup. The Dolphin Sanctuary has been discussed - many baby dolphins have been killed by direct contact with jet skis and speed boats moving at high speeds.

Groundwater Baju The issue has been going on for 7 years. The Dept of Water assures us that the Council, the Corporate body and Developer will start work on the tanking shortly. We have done a story on this for the Messenger Press.

Revegetating and looking after the dunes

Lisa and Bernadette talked about the newly founded Henley Dunes Group. From Gilmore Rd to Henley Beach Rd. They did not like having a fence put there so Lisa and Bernadette went back to Council determined to vegetate the dunes. They were concerned about the process that had allowed a fence to be constructed. The fence was supposed to stop informal access to the beach through the dunes - lots of goat tracks - so, instead of spending \$75,000 on a fence, the Council will put up a temporary fence, and thanks to Lisa and Bernadette, who will plant new vegetation and good signage. No money had been allocated for plants to fill the goat tracks etc. More green, natural, low impact way. They received great help from Val and Jim and explained the proposal to Bob Randall who eventually came onboard on 14th May. The Fence has been delayed to April 2019. If anyone wants to help once a month - Facebook. Angela asked Lisa if schools can get involved. Sunday 17th June will be the first meeting. Suggestions to talk with Hindmarsh Island Conservation Group.

A meeting has been arranged with Gary Griffith - and a big thanks to Paul, Jim and Val.

The Council Business Plan - Bert Brown - we put in a submission about various expenditures - 16 page document - we are waiting for a response and wondering how we can be involved. Report to Council within the next couple of weeks. Council was talking about spending a huge amount on IT. Risk Management issue - they will spend the money. \$2.5m for the rock wall.

Meeting with Matt Cowdrey. Jim collected all the election promises - coastal management \$6m, opening hours of the Police Station at Henley, Traffic management, Torrens outlet, Transparency with local govt, Antunes development, Telstra tower, access mats to the beach - one will be installed at Henley and there should be one at Grange, dredging at Outer Harbour. Motor bike noise - hoped the police be open from 7am-11pm.

Rick White talked about a defibrillators - and explained how he saw they are all over England - i you have a heart condition and CPR does not work, the defibrillator should get the heart started until the ambulance arrives. A unit costs around \$2,500 and Rick wants the community to help fund raise - start at Henley first.

Meeting closed at 9:45pm