

Western Adelaide Coastal Residents' Association Inc

Minutes of the General Meeting held on 30th January 2019 at the Henley Town Hall

Chaired by the President Paul Laris

Apologies

Val Wales, Angela Vaughan, Lisa Redmond Barry Stanton, Rob Whitehead, Rolf Herbert, Sonja Bajic, John Flannigan, Henry Rzemieniuk, Lionel Edwards, Diane Bugden

Attendance: 30, as per Roll

The Minutes of the Previous Meeting were approved: Moved Pedro Schultz, Seconded Theo Ellenbroek - Unanimous

Celebrate success

WACRA and the Hearty Henley Event has won the Charles Sturt Community Event of the Year Award - Congratulations to Rick Whitehead and the DAGs (Defibrillator Action Group). Thanks to Bert Brown for MC-ing the event and to Lynn Walsh who did lots of organising for the day.

Great to see Council recognising our work. Rick thanked WACRA for all our support and that it was just the beginning of getting defibrillators everywhere on the outside of walls. Also impressed by the warm feeling and positive reaction between Council and WACRA.

Treasurer's Report

Our current Balance is \$5674.05 Moved Richard, Sec Theo. Passed

Theo asked about the film that we donated to, '*The Dog, Horse & Dolphin*' based around Port Adelaide - and it is going to happen - they are still raising funds - details about the film can be found on Facebook.

West Beach Sand Management - Jim Douglas

Paul, Jim, Richard and Kenzie attended a workshop in December to hear a comprehensive presentation on the Report by DHI (Danish Hydraulics Institute) about the Sand Management along the coast. The report is available now. The focus was on Cell 3, the length of beach from Glenelg North to Henley and there were 3 options to be considered: a) move 1.5m cubic metres to the beach north of the Boat Harbour but where was such a quantity available? b) 100,000 cubic metres once a year and c) 50,000 twice a year - taking this sand from the Bower breakwater at Semaphore. Pumping sand from Semaphore has been stopped for a few years. Sand has been mined from the southern side of the River Torrens outlet for the past 10 years. There were discussions on where sand is available - such as Pt Stanvac and Semaphore - that could be used to replenish West Beach - and how it can be kept on the beach perhaps using geo-tex bags. Sand replenishing to start in March - first week - being trucked from Semaphore Monday -Friday Henley Beach Sailing Club to Rockingham Rd - Longterm solution in DHI Report will be considered by State Govt. Geo-tex Sand Groyne - Costing - lots of money - many truck movements. West Beach is vulnerable at the moment and so is the beach at Henley South - maybe the new sand may help.

Dredging - Pedro – slideshow

Flinders Ports is planning to widen the current channel in Port River and Outer Harbour from 130m to 170m and going 7km out to sea in order to accommodate the newer, very large boats. They plan to dump the spoil 30km out at sea but we are concerned about POMS - the Pacific Oyster virus that has devastated the oyster industry in Tasmania and elsewhere. We have been actively involved since the start of the Dredging Proposal. Public consultation - attracted 85 people - When the spoil (rock, limestone) is taken out from the river it is dumped into hoppers on the barges that have yet to be acquired, and it will consist of-80% water, 20% solid, it will need to be de-watered! 254,000 tons of sediment will be produced and dumped in 3 months - normally the Torrens and other outlets deposit an annual 3,100 tons. The EPA will issue a licence but we have yet to see it.

Adelaide Airport

A redevelopment is underway- new buildings, car parking, landscaping etc and safety zones at each end of the major runways. There is no active community participation on the Airport's Consultative Committee - nor representation from the Charles Sturt Council. We wrote to Councillor Kenzie who followed it up and so through the good services of Kim Voondersfitz, Principal Economic & Strategic Planner of CS Council, we have been invited to nominate a representative on that Committee - it meets 4 times a year, February, May, August etc to consider a 20-year Masterplan for the Airport.

Lynn Walsh has been appointed as our Representative - Moved Jim Douglas, Seconded Alan Goldsmith - Passed Unanimously. Lynn unable to attend the meeting in August and so Paul Laris is appointed as our Proxy for that meeting - moved Jim Douglas, Seconded Alan Goldsmith Passed.

Mosaic Project - Henley South - Kenzie van den Nieuwelaar

Jim & Anne & Kenzie spoke to local artist Mary Lovich about using mosaics to cover the toilet block at the end of Henley Beach Rd opposite the Henley Beach Hotel. The General Meeting was given a slideshow presentation showing lots of tiles etc produced by local students and examples of sea dragons etc. It will look terrific. We are trying to get money from the Hotel and Council for this. Theo was concerned by the poor state inside the toilet blocks and Kenzie said that the Council needs to be contacted if that is the case. Richard thought it would be an idea to show Council some good examples of safe, clean public toilets.

Anti-Social Behaviour at Henley Square around Christmas

There has been much concern about this and Council has met with the management from the Ramsgate Hotel. Issues raised were: noise and violence of patrons leaving the hotel, serving under-age patrons, property damage, bouncers using excessive force on and off-site and motor bike excessive revving and being parked on the footpath. The Ramsgate normally has 645 patrons but around Christmas time that went up to 750 and they had 20 security guards on hand - better than the standard 1 per 100 patrons. They randomly check the patron age - but think the kids load up on alcohol in their cars - the hotel will contact Council and police directly about the motor bikes. The bar staff are going to open an hour earlier and will do a sweep of the area. Kenzie has the email address of the manager.

The big concern is that we have 21 licensed premises in Henley Square and some have licences that allow them to stay open to 2-3 am. Council has to stop rubber-stamping these licenses - it must be managed carefully - a few years ago we had police and the Police Greys in the Square

when it was busy. We helped with the community action to get the new Henley Beach Police Station to stay open 'til 11pm but it is not staffed by commissioned officers. All the licensed premises need to take some responsibility.

Groundwater from Baju and H2O and big issues with Melt

Supposedly there will be an announcement next week about the ground-water coming from the Baju site - according to Matt Cowdrey.

The Melt Restaurant is now muddying the discharge by dumping out water into the same drain that goes out onto the beach. Peter & Judy Inkster from La Mere, the apartments next to Melt, reported to the meeting that they were not concerned too much with the Patrons but by the practices of the Melt staff who, each night, wash out their floor mats and kitchen stuff in the back outside area and it all goes down into a sump overnight where it seems to ferment and it causes a repugnant stench that eventually goes into the stormwater that runs north along Seaview Rd. There are also complaints about the noise of doors banging, cleaners at 5am, bins taking out during the night, rubbish blowing over the fence and bright lights at 3am. Staff chatting late at night in the back area.

It is basically a problem with management - the manager has ATTITUDE - many of the issues can be fixed easily and one solution may be a 3m masonry wall on the boundary. Strata Management and body corporate of Baju are all involved. The sump is being pumped out at 5am. Smokers now moving out of the Square and smoking outside La Mere.

Jim queried whether Councillor Sykes has been a help - not since the initial meeting. Peter Inkster happy to wait for the Strata people to try to fix things first and then maybe need to meet up with Melt franchisee - perhaps WACRA can investigate the stench coming along the drain and footpath - and checking with the EPA about the grey water and how the sump is being used. The storm water flows under La Mere and there is a big open grate.

Pedro said the water being taken out to beach should be checked if it is still safe. Maybe send the summary of complaints about Melts to the other Henley Beach Traders.

Planning & Heritage Review and the Community Alliance - Theo.

Announcements from Minister for Planning, Stephan Knoll have all been positive lately. Tony Picolo, the shadow minister for Planning is going to have a consultation about the Planning system and how it is working in some areas and not in others - Theo thinks he will say he wants more community involvement but not sure yet. The Community Alliance is more concerned about Heritage - and making it working better and recruiting the community to help identify what buildings are listed or not.

The criteria for a place (natural or built environment) to be heritage listed means that it needs to satisfy one or more of the following: 1. be able to demonstrate important themes or evolution in the patterns of local history 2. has qualities locally rare or endangered or 3 it may provide important information understanding of the local history 4. Is comparatively significant in representing a class of place of local significance. If the planning laws are left as they are, much will be lost in the older suburbs. Heritage is the next issue to be considered by the Planning Dept - They are currently working on Productive Economy and the next is People & Neighbourhoods.. Community Alliance wants more public awareness of the sense of place. Letters will be written to local govts

etc. Paul asked about the Hotel on Adelaide Oval - Stadium Management Authority and John Olsen - it went through the State Commission Assessment Panel in 9 days.

West Torrens Council is calling a public meeting about the new regulations and how they fit the current residential code. Jim said it is all about urban in-fill which is not taking in the concerns for the people. The meeting needs to be held on or before the 22nd February. West Torrens wants the Public Meeting to expand to other councils. Trees, roads, public transport etc all affected.

Resolution that we or Councillor Kenzie contact the Charles Sturt Council and see where CS stands - should they be working with West Torrens - Kenzie to follow it up.

Coast Park - Richard Smith

Consultation over a long period of time - Council made a determination but the CEPG took Council to Court and won - it cost the Council over \$900,000. Council has changed its consultation policy (made it worse!) and this policy has also been contested and been taken to court by the CEPG- A Directions Hearing will be held on February 16th but in the meantime,, i means that it excludes any consultation for the moment. There is a biodiversity survey being conducted along the path that the Council initially wanted. We are planning to again get in touch with all the groups involved. In March 2015, we circulated our suggestion on what the path should look like - the Exec should see the latest proposal we sent to the CEPG and it should be put up on our Facebook Page. THE CEPG is waiting on the Court Case before engaging with us.

Meeting closed 9:30pm