

Western Adelaide Coastal Residents' Association Inc

Minutes of the **General Meeting** held on 29th May 2019 at the Henley Town Hall

Chaired by Bert Brown, Vice-President, who welcomed everyone and explained that Paul Laris, the President, was away working with the Medical Board in Melbourne on the night.

Apologies: Paul Laris, Nancy Fahey, Anna Shepherd, Marilyn Bruhn, Julie Irwin, Angela Vaughan, Barry Stanton, Don Howie, Deb Cashel, Rod Whitehead, Bob Fiddock, Lisa Brien, Heather Brown, Lisa Redman, Marg Easson

Minutes of the previous meeting on March 28th 2019 - approved - Moved Jim Douglas, Seconded Theo Ellenbroek All in favour

Treasurer's Report - Richard Smith & Anne Wheaton

Income \$9,362.79 but \$3,385.99 was being held for Care Radio and has now been disbursed - we often oversee Discretionary Ward Allowances. Moved by Lynn, seconded by Anne.

General Business

Coastal Sand Management - Jim & Anne

Jim Douglas welcomed the large crowd in attendance - many more than we would expect on a cold blustery winter night - but explained that there had been a gathering at the Port Adelaide Environment Centre on the weekend of about 10 organisations all concerned with the coastal environment and there had been many good conversations about our concerns which had caused the influx of our extra visitors.

There has been much correspondence and media discussion between the Coastal Protection Board, the Minister for the Environment, the group called 'Save West Beach Sands', local govt, Dr Ian Dyson (present here tonight), Surf Lifesaving SA and WACRA.

The CPB advised Minister Speirs in February of the report done by the Danish Hydraulics Institute and proposed that:

1. the ongoing replenishment of sand could best be done by sand pumping using a pipeline from Semaphore to West Beach
2. Investigate the quality and quantity of sand from Port Stanvac.
3. Replenish or match the rate of the sand erosion at West beach with 100,000 cubic metres of sand each year, while at the moment it is losing 60,000.

'The Board believes the time has come to fix the critical state of the metropolitan beaches' - Signed off by Alan Holmes, Chairperson of CPB.

The Board put out a media release by Minister Speirs in mid-April saying that the govt was investigating a long-term solution but John Dundon (Save West beach Sands) backed up by Dr Dyson stated that sand carting was only a temporary solution and one storm event can remove it all - what we need is a way to hold the sand on the beach. The Charles Sturt Council had written to the Govt suggesting that together they engage Dr Dyson to do the modelling of placing groyne strategically on the beach to restrict the loss of sand.

The current plan of using a pipeline seems to us to be very short-sighted and highly expensive - the previous one built between Kingston Park and South Henley cost \$23M years ago, so what will the one between Semaphore and Henley South cost - and what damage will it cause?

The Federal Liberal Senator Simon Birmingham stated during the election campaign that "helping protect SA coastline was a priority which required a team effort from all levels of govt ... our govt supports State and Local govts who are seeking funding into research programs of climate science as well as targeting funding for coastal environment projects through our National Landcare Programme and the new \$100M Environmental Restoration Fund'. We need to follow up with Matt Cowdrey.

Motion: To write and request a meeting with Simon Birmingham concerning mainly West Beach but also the rest of the Metropolitan coastline. Moved Jim Douglas, Sec Alan. Approved.

Theo Ellenbroek suggested that the existing pipeline was not effective. Ian Dyson said you can't compare the beaches at Brighton and West Beach but added that West Beach was the most degraded beach in Adelaide - a loss of 2-3m in the vertical profile - any sand deposited there will just be swept away - also, the pumps were under-powered. Another concern raised by Tony from the Port Adelaide Environment Group that the sand trucking is coming from the Environmental levy paid to the NRM Board.

Anne Wheaton said that the Henley Dunes Group led by Lisa Redman and Bernadette Cranwell did not want a fence built and suggested that planting native tube stock would eliminate the need for a fence. They had a year to prove it and it has been a huge success with the Council and Community working together.

Dredging on Port River - Pedro Schultz

Pedro presented a slideshow on the dredging taking place of the Port River. The Latest info and data can be found at www.epa.sa.gov.au/businessandindustry/industry-updates/flinders-ports/

Pedro explained how the backhoe dredge works and how the EPA will be monitoring the turbidity and where the sensors are placed. It is complex but Pedro was happy with the alarms and stop triggers. Satellite tracking daily. It takes 2 hours to fill the barge and 3 hours each way to dump the spoil out to the same place the spoil was dumped about 20 years ago. They can only work when the water is cold because of the PONS virus. Flinders Ports has attempted to remove anything contaminated with PONS and sent it to landfill.

Flinders Ports happy to come and brief WACRA at our meetings - but we need to WATCH all that is happening. Richard wanted a workshop - to be discussed at the Executive.

Theo concerned about dolphins but there will be a marine observer for any marine mammals and can stop the dredges if the dolphins come in too close. The operation needs to be finished by October. Rina asked about working at night and the dolphins but Pedro suspected the noise would keep the dolphins away - also, the sensors have lights for night. The Dump site will need to be levelled if there are lumps when it is all done. The big concern is the sea-grasses.

A special thanks to Pedro and Tony for all their work on this.

Meeting with Matt Cowdrey Jim, Anne and Paul met about the water coming out of the Baju apartments - an application has gone to council about that. The Melt Drains have also been causing concern - Paul Laris has written to Council - and apparently changes will be made to the stormwater system but still awaiting a finish date.

Henley Square alcohol behaviour problem - Matt checking out how other Councils like Glenelg dealing with it. We have 21 current Licensees in the square. Adam Philly has asked us to complete a survey form - we plan to send it out to the members. Kenzie has been a great help. Military Road and Main St Precinct was discussed. Another Executive discussion. Richard suggested a Citizen's Management Plan and a bulk purchase of scooters to be parked outside the Ramsgate on a Sunday morning.

City of Charles Sturt Business Plan.

No mention of Climate Emergency by Council.

We would prefer partnerships with business and communities, rather than just supporting businesses in the Square. The \$40,000 eco-coastal bus proposal would be way too costly. We can't understand why the Council needs to spend \$100,000 on a review of the 40 km speed limit on Seaview Rd, given that the RAA did just such a survey a few years go. Bravo to Council on the Mosaic on the toilet block opposite the Henley Hotel. The Christmas Carol funding (\$30,000) for the Christmas Eve function needs to be reviewed. Also dismayed about the \$40,000 being planned for new Christmas decorations.

Airport - Lynn Walsh

Lynn has a big concern that the Charles Sturt Council is not taking any interest about the impact the airport has on its residents, No-one complains about planes breaking the curfew. The Master plan intends to ensure a big safety fence around the runways - the document to be released in August for consultation.

Lynn also worried about the massive job cuts at airports including 40% cut in the Safety Officers. There were 780 emergency flights out of curfew from January to March. Some planes are exempted during the curfew. Big story in the Messenger about the Masterplan. The short runway is being upgraded - supposedly for planes needing to come in during rough weather etc. All the commercial developments at the Airport are filling up the buffer zone - maybe the safety barriers are meant to catch the plane!! Quality air control in North Adelaide. We need to mention it on our Facebook page. Councillor Kenzie will now be on the Airport Committee.

Main Street Proposal - Anne Wheaton

We gave feedback on the Yoursay website (check the FAQs) which has now closed but our concerns were:

a) converting Main Street West to a pedestrian plaza with shade and seating - which we would prefer to have those at Henley Square

b) seats on main St East.

Also the Bus stop needs to be shifted - danger spot. Maybe the bus stop should be opposite the Police Station. Also going to be losing 20 car parks. Council wants people to use the on-street parking. Turf apparently rated higher than shade - obviously wrong. Removal of roundabouts - ugh!

Malobo - restaurant / bar above the Thai Restaurant - residents satisfied with what is planned and their application reflected our views - noise reduction and appropriate security and clothing. Another 260 customers. The Square could soon have 3,000 revellers and growing.

Planning & Heritage Review - Theo Ellenbroek

Theo is our representative on the Community Alliance and there are many issues - big concerns about urban infill - and an article from Paul/Theo was published in Messenger tonight.

Heritage and Conservation should not be under State Planning Commission - Heritage Council should do the listings with Council support. Contributory items need to be protected.

Any Other Business

Many totally opposed to the proposal to privatise the buses and trains currently being discussed. Jobs will be cut and will cause some great hardships. Trains and Trams should not be taken into private ownership since it often results in a run-down the services. **Motion:** that we disapprove the privatisation - passed.

Erica Jolly very worried by the closure of **TAFE at Port Adelaide** at the end of the year. It is going to force students to go to Regency Park. This can cause big problems with single mums trying to return to study - is there a childcare centre available?

Torrens River Governance work

Consultations are being run by Democracy Co and it seems that the Govt wants Councils, along with various govt depts, to take more control of Linear Park.

Meeting closed at 9:35pm