

Minutes of WACRA General Meeting 27 November 2019

Present - 35 members

Apologies - Jim Douglas, Matt Cowdrey, Julie Williams, Tina Koch, Angela Vaughan, Paul Caica, Ros Herbert, Bob Herbert, Heather Brown, Kenzie van den Nieuwelaar, Bob Stuart, Margaret Stuart, Mark Pierson, Lynn Walsh, Deb Cashel, Sandy Schultheis

Reports

1. President - Paul Laris

1.1 Telstra tower - brickbat from Australian Civic Trust to Council -

<http://www.civictrust.net.au/FB-Telstra.pdf> (full list of activities nominated for 2019 awards are at: <http://www.civictrust.net.au/Citations-2019.pdf>)

1.2 South Australian new Planning & Design Code - WACRA working with Community Alliance (CA). The document 3000 page document is difficult to interpret and respond to within a short time frame. Consultation ends Feb 2020. CA engaging expert planner, Dr Iris Iwanicki, has been contacted to assist in developing an appropriate response to the Planning and Design Code
Agreed that WACRA donate \$500 to assist CA in engaging Dr. Iwanicki.

1.2 Treasurers - Richard Smith/Anne Wheaton.

Bank balance at \$4061.56 (\$2061.56 + Term Deposit \$2000.00)

Attention drawn to membership payments received; expenditure on Public Liability insurance, membership of Conservation SA/Conservation Council of SA, CA donation.

That report be accepted - Anne Wheaton/Julie Whitehead - carried.

2. Minutes of previous meeting - That minutes be accepted - Bert Brown/Lionel Edwards - carried.

3. Other business

3.1 West Beach management & Semaphore sand carting - Report from Tony Bazeley - Pt Adelaide Residents' Environment Protection Group (PAREPG).

- The State government planned to truck 300,000 cu m sand south over 2 yrs - from dunes between Semaphore & Largs Bay.
- A bitumen road was proposed through dunes affecting the flora and fauna. PAREPG objected to this plan and blocked access to construction.
- Government then started negotiations with locals and decided to only take 10,000cu m only over 1 week.
- At Point Malcolm -100,000 cu m of sand removal occurred in 2018/9. Point Malcolm is expected to receive sand via longshore drift but this will still impact areas north and south. The problem will continue next winter.
- Government needs to establish a more scientific understanding of the local dynamics re natural sand movement along coast. No sense in destroying one beach to save another.
- Huge amounts of sand needed to maintain the coastal beaches. Pipeline that government intends to install will only have a lifetime of 20 years.
- Govt has been taking money from the NR levy to move sand.
- A more informed plan is required by govt. authorities to address future coastal sand erosion.
- A Coastal Reference Group is being proposed to address the problems in the longer term.
- The govt has not seriously addressed alternate options for sand shifting, e.g. Section Bank(also known as Bird Island)
- Reference:
<https://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/adelaidemtloftyranges/coast-and-marine/coast-and-marine-ecosystems/bird-island-project>
- *Bird Island (also known as Section Banks) is situated at the northern end of the Outer Harbour breakwater. It is an exposed artificial island made of coarse shell-grit, clay and sand that extends for approximately 1600m. It has been created by a combination of anthropogenic and natural processes.*

- Suggested reading;<https://inspiringsa.org.au/citizen-scientists-bring-native-oysters-back/>
- https://coastadapt.com.au/sites/default/files/case_studies/CS82_Nature_base_d.pdf
- Also at Ardrossan - <https://www.natureaustralia.org.au/explore/newsroom/south-australia-s-biggest-ever-reef-reconstruction-project-gets-/>
- WACRA looks forward to future involvement with the Govt. and other coastal groups to ensure our coastline is protected.

3.2 Are urban trees properly protected? - Pedro Schultz presented an excellent Power Point Presentation (slides from presentation can be found at the end of this email).

4.0 Extinction Rebellion - Adelaide Presentation - Guest speakers, Yarrow and Keith

A very detailed and informative presentation on the impacts of global warming throughout the world was presented to members. Strategies for raising awareness of the issues and convincing governments to adopt policies for change were outlined. For a comprehensive understanding of this world wide active organization go to web page <https://xrsa.com.au/> or facebook <https://www.facebook.com/xradelaide/>. Their principals and values are shared vision of change, mobilising the population to achieve change, a need to regenerate culture, challenge ourselves, value reflections and learning, welcome all to become involved, breaking down power for a more equitable society and non violent action.

Meeting closed 9.40pm. Next General meeting Wed 29 Jan 2020.