



GM minutes 30 June 2021

Welcome and apologies

Apologies: Rina Cohen, Marg Easson, Fernando Gonçalves, Ros Herbert, Bob Herbert, Erica Jolly, Tina Koch, Tom Matthews, Helen Manning, Angela Vaughan, Anne Wheaton

Acceptance of minutes

AGM and GM minutes 27 April 2021

Moved: Jim Douglas

Seconded: Bert Brown

Carried

Treasurer's report

Financial report (see <http://wacra.org.au/news-events/meetings/>)

Moved: Geoff Short

Seconded: Jim Douglas

Carried

President's report

Nothing to report

Membership fee review

Motion: Subscriptions are normally due 31 December although previously we have collected individual subscriptions on the anniversary of the member joining. This is unnecessarily burdensome for our accounts payable volunteers. Accordingly, it is proposed to adopt 1 July each year as the due date for all subscriptions. This should make the process easier to administer. For members whose membership expires prior to 1 July 2021, we do not propose to invoice for the unfinancial period but we invite members to make a suitable donation to cover that period.

\$20 and concession \$10 per year (up from \$12 for the last 20+ years)

Annual insurance bill adds to expenses.

Issue that people who have just paid shouldn't have to pay again, so there is a scale for people who have just paid (gradual phasing in). If people can't pay \$20 we can discuss with them.

At the AGM we passed a motion to realign subscriptions with 1 July. This method is easier administratively.

Moved: Richard Smith
Seconded: Geoff Short
Carried

General business items

Sand for West Beach

Geoff Short reporting

See 'Meetings' (WACRA website) for the full report (PDF): <http://wacra.org.au/news-events/meetings/>

Sand to West Beach – 400,000 tonnes initially from Mt Compass and other quarries. This is an enormous amount of trucks so this will be raised at the next community consultation meeting.

Pipeline from Semaphore to West Beach – questions raised (to be asked at meeting Tues 6 July):

- What is its operational life? (20-25 years?)
- Will there be one pipe or two? Last meeting – probably only one pipe or a water pipe in some parts (not clarified as to why)
- What is the alignment of the pipeline? Varies – under coastal path, in dunes, under road, on the beach (seaward-side of dunes) etc, including underground at Henley Square
- Why can't the path be on the seaward-side for the whole of its length? Otherwise a lot of damage to the dunes
- What are the discharge points, pumping stations etc?

Doug Lord report:

- Underwhelming, limiting – WACRA has gone back to the Coastal Protection Board (CPB) to point out the shortcomings of his report

Q: Is anyone talking about rising sea levels?

A: No

[This also implies a lowering sand level]

Sand is being mixed with seaweed but they're taking it from the shoreline and leaving it bare. This will be a problem with the next high tide.

Coastal Pathway Stage 1 (Semaphore to Tennyson Dunes Final Plan)

Jim Douglas reporting

There have been a lot of meetings of the group – WEDGE, Sand Pipers, Tennyson Dunes, WACRA. Also a meeting with DIT (Department for Infrastructure and Transport) representatives.

Walk was done by the group (Stage 1), then they looked at the plan.

There is agreement from all four resident groups of the final design. The Department are playing an active role. Not negotiables:

- The pathway will be a hard surface.
- It won't have any additional lighting.
- It will be a minimum of 3ms in width.
- It will remain in the approved linear park corridor.
- The path will be as far west as possible (to make a greater space between homes and pathway).
- Aim is to stop people walking through the dunes.
- Landscaping will include irrigation.
- 'Village green' will be removed and replaced with a 'place-appropriate' lawn between their homes and the pathway.

- The path will be line marked except for crossover zones.
- Pathway will be in different colours and consistencies (sections).
- Aboriginal and indigenous art will feature.
- Safety and interpretative signage will be used.
- Non-coastal plants will be replaced with coastal plants.
- The discovery path within the coastal reserve will remain unchanged.

Negotiables:

- Landscaping plan
- Furniture (seats) along pathway
- Lookout area
- Gathering places – popup vans, children’s activities, etc
- Drinking fountains

WACRA said we were open to negotiations re the hard path/discovery trail options.

Q: What’s coming first, the pipeline or the path, in that section?

A: It’s very complex – two departments and two projects. So there are two different teams. These teams are trying to work together on an alignment of these things. They’re hoping the pathway will commence by January 2022.

Q: Issue of sound due to skateboarding, wheelchairs etc. So concrete is good.

A: There will also be a speed issue.

Q: Why is the path going to be narrower (2ms) at the point where it goes into the Dunes?

A: People will be encouraged to get off their bikes and walk through the Dunes. The aim is to make them notice the indigenous input and the flora/fauna. There will be signage.

The four groups agree that signage needs to be clear on this point.

This pathway is under state jurisdiction and they will be able to introduce bylaws. Council will have maintenance responsibilities.

Presentation to Parliamentary Environment Committee (future of Coast Protection Board)

See WACRA website: <http://wacra.org.au/coastal-management/> (under ‘Coastal sand management’)

There are 54 written submissions. Some people are being invited to give evidence, including WACRA who presented last week and provided a 4-page summary.

- CPB seems to be focused on planning and not so much on coastal management.
- The CPB needs more staff expertise so they can understand and assess evidence.
- More governance information is required (eg inadequate minutes) – so that it is transparent
- Evidence-based information needs to be provided and supported in making decisions.
- Community engagement and decision making – ineffectual, don’t comply with international principles.
- There should be appeal/review mechanisms available to the public.
- We reinforced Charles Sturt’s submission – picking up that the CPB owes a duty of care to residents re climate change (as per recent court case).

The transcript is available on the SA Parliament website. Other people are giving evidence in July.

Meeting with council – various issues (report back)

Paul Laris reporting

Paul Laris, Bert Brown and Sandy Ball met with Council recently.

Useful discussion about:

- Tree canopy in CCS
- Planning and Development Code impact on a range of things
- Lack of arts cultural officer (they are getting a communications adviser instead)
- Spaces for community groups to meet – lacking (Library is on hold for now)
- Cycle paths – not much in strategic plan – lack of safe spaces, suggestion of an app to help them with this
- WB surf lifesaving club – risk of further storm damage and waste of money
- Parking problem Henley Square
- Tree removal compensation scheme is effectively paying developers to rip trees out

WACRA has written to Bicycle SA, Dept of Transport and other bodies re doing more to support cyclists.

Q: What about arts and culture?

A (Kenzie van den Nieuwelaar): Arts and Culture Program is going out to consultation soon, on Your Say and to stakeholders. There is a recognised shortfall.

There is too much emphasis on sport, without thinking about what else the community needs.

40km speed limits on our local roads – discussion

Paul Sutton raised this with Council Connect group. What is WACRA's position?

Community consultation, pilots... – while there wasn't enough data to say it reduced accidents, the view of some was that they wanted to drive faster.

What do we think?

Pedro – the data doesn't support returning to 50kph. Even though traffic volumes had gone up, the speeds had changed by very little. The safety view was it's much better at 40kph and doesn't really affect the time it takes.

Kenzie: A workshop is upcoming on this (12 July). She will be able to report back on that.

It's a polarising issue – some are for and some against.

Q: What happens elsewhere? Is there research on this?

A: There was research on targeted areas in Council (Findon, Henley...). We will know more in a couple of weeks, waiting for state government policy has delayed things.

RAA (Mountain) on radio – raises a number of issues. Pollution output, urban infill are factors. More cars means less width for passing. Bikes/gophers etc another issue. It's not just about cars. Seaview Road has 4 speed limit changes, it's very confusing, and the road narrows as you go south plus a high footpath. It would be good if Council got an expert in who can see things more broadly (eg a planner). We need a holistic view.

We look forward to hearing more from Council via Kenzie.

The Council website will say if the workshop is open to the public.

Climate change – Henley High School 'Biodiversity Garden' and 'My Tree Project' etc

Julie Whitehead reporting

WACRA did a deputation in support of Mark Hannan who asked Council to support the Asset Management Committee 'GROWING GREEN: Tree Canopy Improvement Strategy 2021 – 2045' report which supports 25% canopy increase by 2045.

Council approved it and there will be community consultation.

Kenzie van den Nieuwelaar (ward councillor Henley): It was a great presentation and a great strategy.

One issue is how do you get residents on board re private plantings and working with developers?
LGA has complained to the state about the Planning and Development Code.

Congratulations to Julie Whitehead, Kate Denton and Andrea Rankin (assisted by Bert Brown) and to Mark Hannan whose report was exceptional. Thanks also to Chris Farran and others who gave input on this.

Action: Put link to Minutes (deputation and Mark Hannan's presentation) and pages on CEG webpage.

WACRA wrote to the Planning Minister/Attorney-General Vickie Chapman saying the tree offset scheme is not adequate.

Q (to Kenzie van den Nieuwelaar): Would council consider running public forums to support and promote their position? We need to find a way to get the message out to the broader community. Tree plantings etc could be initiated. There might be areas within the CCS where public plantings could happen and people could feel responsible for a tree.

Action: Kenzie will take this up with Mark Hannan.

Tree planting in Henley Square would be good.

AdaptWest/Red Cross workshops – networking will occur out of these workshops, projects are listed that we can get together on. We recommend that others go.

Henley High School grant application – WACRA put in a support letter. We won't know till later this year re Green Adelaide grant outcomes.

Council has put forward funding to this project (\$4000) to plant trees on the site regardless of whether grant is received.

My Tree project deferred till 2022. Lara will work with school groups.

Bring Back the Butterflies project – WACRA put in a support letter for this to Green Adelaide. Aim is to produce a manual outlining the steps involved to create a garden that supports butterflies, insects etc. WACRA is keen to work with this group (Steve Fuller and Deirdre Knight) (AAEE).

Some places have been identified to work in. Currently the project is focusing on schools to support the project.

Action: Julie will get in touch with Steve Fuller to find out more

Conservation Council SA – idea of getting all climate action groups together. Regular monthly meetings are proposed to support this.

Zali Steggall has responded to us because we submitted to the Climate Action Bill (<https://www.aph.gov.au/ClimateChangeBills2020>) aiming to achieve net zero emissions by 2050 – the Bill was rejected by the House Environment and Energy Committee.

AOB

Baju / H2O

Paul Laris reporting

The Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) is taking the developer Antunes and Bayspring to court because Antunes never got permission from the department to do the works. Antunes has appealed. The matter is still in conciliation. There is a 'directions hearing' at the end of July. The situation has escalated.

Would the department do the work and present the bill to Antunes, given that Antunes is unlikely to do it?

Lawyers acting for Bayspring have contacted Council and the Dept to ask for documentation (FOIs).

We will seek advice from the Department following the hearing.

Action: WACRA (Paul Laris) will express in writing its concern to the Dept and local member that buildings can fall down due to building issues (eg as in Miami)

Breakout Creek

Jim Douglas reporting

3rd stage of the wetlands – the final plan is out. There is a notification from Green Adelaide <https://www.greenadelaide.sa.gov.au/> if anyone wants a final view of the plan. It is the final plan – no further consultation.

The horse area has been reduced – one half of the southern bank (= ¼). Apex Park has facilities for horses.

This waterway will be an ideal area with lots of biodiversity. Development will commence in spring.

WACRA has found some good allies within DIT.

Thanks particularly to Jim Douglas on this project.

Official launch was 30 June.

GM venue (Grange Sailing Club)

Thanks to Bert Brown for organising this venue. Two more bookings are tentatively made for this year.

There is a booking system for multiple groups to book spaces but there is contention re the charges. Cost needs to be addressed.

WACRA has always had special dispensation from Council mayors. We can't afford to pay for a venue each time.

Q: Does Council have an inventory of community spaces?

A: Yes, the booking system is meant to provide this but the charging process is a problem. But it is not possible to list every space.

Action: Kenzie to follow up re costs and availability (of Henley Community Centre) and get back to Bert Brown

Next meeting: Wednesday 29 September 2021

Meeting closed 8.57pm