CRVA General Meeting 24th April 2018

Venue: School of Hospitality training room Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL

Meeting opened 7.05pm

Acknowledgement of Country: John Butcher

Attendance: J.Butcher, Z. Jenkins, M. Simpson, B. Solomon, B.Shaw, R. Evas, J. Newman, C.F. Matos (CRA), P. Munro, M. Puchert, Rod Kerr, J. Corkery (minutes)

Apologies: G. Wreford, A. Leahy, J. Murn, C. Shanley

Adoption of minutes from February General Meeting: J.Corkery noted that the Treasurer’s report from February General Meeting had been omitted and moved that the minutes be amended to include this information. Moved: J. Corkery Seconded: M. Puchert. Carried

The amended minutes were then adopted. Moved J.Newman; Seconded B. Shaw

Guest Speaker: Rod Kerr, Service Planning Lead, Sydney Water gave a presentation to the meeting about water quality in the Cooks River with particular reference to the project in the Wolli Creek catchment. Sydney Water conducted a study of Bardwell Park and Wolli Creek areas and implemented improvements to address the cause of wet weather sewerage overflows. Storm water enters private sewerage through illegal connections. Keeping storm water out of sewers is a priority for Sydney Water. The results of these improvement works will become evident following the next significant rain event. **Thank you Rod!**

Correspondence:Letter from Canterbury Council advising CRVA of council’s concerns in relation to NSW National Parks and Wildlife Services.

A motion was put: That CRVA reply to Canterbury Bankstown Council thanking them for taking this stand and that a copy of this response be sent to Gabrielle Upton in her capacity as NSW Minister for the Environment.

Moved: B. Shaw Seconded: M. Simpson. Carried

Treasurers Report sent by email: Balance of accounts as follows: ING $13,369.00 Cheque account: $326.00

Crab Walkers: Martin Puchert advised that there are 58 active volunteers. Each month the amount of rubbish collected increases with a total of 100 bags collected in March 2018.

Mud Crabs: Ranjith Evas advised that a new Mud Crabs site is being established adjacent to the Sugar House. The dog park was moved to accommodate the site. It will be supervised by Mike Aldridge. Upcoming events include River Canoe Club Clean Day to be held on Sunday 29th April. Also planned is a Geocaching Clean Up event.

Catarina Fraga Matos from Cooks River Alliance informed the meeting that the Coastal Management Plan has been signed off. She spoke of the “Get the Site Right” campaign that focuses on soil erosion and sediment plans for new builds and developments. CRA has been successful in gaining three litter grants: Strathfield $100K, Lakemba $100K and $10K to clean up industrial sites in Chullora.

Cooks River Oral History Project containing 107 projects will be on display in Redfern from June 26 – July 8 2018.

Canterbury Racecourse: Ranjith mentioned that it would be helpful if Mud Crabs could be given access to Canterbury Racecourse to allow clean-ups.

John Butcher acknowledged the work Gareth Wreford is doing in relation to the future of both Canterbury Racecourse and the Sydenham to Bankstown Railway corridor.

Greenway Corridor Expansion: Master Plan is in draft. Jennifer Newman will send a link. It was reported that Mark Drury a Councillor for Ashfield on IWC said a number of initiatives have been implemented and a document is to be put up at tonight’s meeting of IWC on improving inner west waterways.

Peter Munro praised the work of Nell Graham form Canterbury Bankstown Council as a proactive and committed supporter of both CRVA and Mudcrabs. Details of a farewell for Nell who is moving on from CB Council will be sent to members of CRVA and Mudcrabs. Peter also suggested that we give Nell a CRVA tee-shirt.

Hurlstone Park Association: Zoe Jenkins reported that the HP Chamber of Commerce is raising concerns re the future of the Hurlstone Park Bowling Club.

General Business: Brian Shaw reported that the rubbish boom in Muddy Creek is working well and that works at J.J. Cahill are as follows: Stage 1 completed and Stages 2 & 3 are progressing.

Coming Events: ANZAC Day a gathering will be held at Richardson’s Lookout at Peace Park Marrickville 10.30-11.30am

Sorry Day will be held on May 26th.

Meeting Closed at 9.14pm

J. Corkery (minutes)