CRVA Executive Meeting 20 March 2018

Venue: 6/14A Hurlstone Ave Hurlstone Park Meeting commenced 7pm.

Acknowledgement of Country: John Butcher

Attendance: R. Evas, A. Leahy, M. Puchert, G. Wreford, B. Solomon, J.Butcher, J.Corkery (minutes)

Apologies: J.Newman, C. Shanley

Motion to accept minutes of previous executive meeting: Moved J.Butcher; Seconded J. Corkery,

Water quality of river was reviewed: consistent results show that when weather is dry water quality readings are good and water is safe to swim. However after rain e-coli readings are high as Sydney Water releases excess sewerage into the river.

Discussion followed and the following questions/points were raised:

* What are we aiming for?
* Do general public think possibility of swimming in river is hopeless?
* Is Kendrick Park a potential swimming site?

Motion: To invite Sue Burton from Cooks River Alliance to an executive meeting Moved: G. Wreford Seconded: M. Puchert

Membersip Report: 91 members. Gareth Wreford presented a membership analysis:

* By Cooks River catchment council membership numbers are as follows C-B 29, Inner West 17, Burwood 2, Strathfield 1, City of Sydney 0, Bayside 0

Prososed actions suggested by G. Wreford:

* Contact members without addresses to request details
* Target membership in river catchment council areas with low or no members to ensure CRVA has representation

How can we keep better records re financial membership? Action in 2019- M. Puchert to follow up.

Clean Up Australia Day Report: Marrickville Golf Course site supervised by M.Puchert-good turnout, 33 bags collected. Much less than last year (110 bags). Return and Earn CDS is catching on. Crab Walkers: 55 registered volunteers, growing slowly, first social gathering of the CW group has occurred recently

Earth Hour Organisation became focus of the meeting – 5.30pm start for event

* J. Newman to do Acknowledgement of Country and formal introduction
* A. Leahy and J. Corkery to assist with boat making
* R. Evas, B. Solomon, J. Butcher, M. Puchert to launch boats
* C. Shanley waxing boats and organizing musicians
* River Canoe Club volunteers to collect boats from river

Meeting closed 9pm

J. Corkery (minutes)