**Minutes CRVA Executive Meeting 29th January 2019**

Venue: The Club Café Canterbury-Hurlstone Park RSL

Time: Meeting opened 7.05pm

Attendance: Chris Shanley, John Butcher, Ranjith Evas, Barney Solomon, J. Newman, Ann Leahy, Gareth Wreford, Julie Corkery (minutes)

Acknowledgement of Country: Jennifer Newman

Adoption of Minutes from November Executive Meeting: Moved Ann, Seconded John. Carried

Treasurer’s Report: Total bank balances: $14,189.19 Quarantined funds: Men of the Trees $1,900; ANTAR film grant: $2,000**.** All of Crabwalkers grant of $2,974 has been expended. Recent membership drive raised $765

**Operational Funds: $10,289.19**

Membership: Membership for 2019 is currently 85 which includes a lot of family members that are only counted as one. Ann commended Chris on his work contacting and updating the membership and securing membership renewals. Thank you Chris!

Correspondence: Two membership applications; ING Statement; Xmas Card for Mudcrabs from Tony Burke and Jodi McKay seeking support for CRVA priorities will be signed and sent out by Jennifer Newman; email from Friends of Ewen Park requesting that CRVA members submit feedback for the plan of management for Ewen Park and proposed new bridge- will be forwarded to members; Email 16/1 from Catarina from CRA re Mullet Festival, Brian Keogh contacted John Butcher re his plans to lobby Sydney Water, RMS, local councils and CRA re storm water runoff and removal of steel piling. Brian Keogh has formed a group: Cooks River Initiative To Transform the River: CRITTR

CRVA Website: needs updating e.g. better ways to manage membership. Chris to follow-up. Gareth suggested that a UTS student might take this on as a project: Shopfront is a program that links students with groups that need IT support.

Mudcrabs: Clean-up at Robert St Canterbury has been rescheduled for Clean Up Australia Day on 3rd March.

Earth Hour: Candles on river event to be held on 30th March as per last year. Sunset 6.52pm High tide 5.58pm. Barney to approach a local musician Ajay to play on night. Ukelele Group could be another alternative. Juliette Bar from Golf Club. Event will run from 6-8pm. Ann to contact River Canoe Club and list event on Earth Hour Website. Jennifer to contact IWC and CRA. Meeting beforehand to plan event to be held at Ann’s place. Suggested date 17th March.

Wirradjul (Mullet Festival): Runs the whole month of March. Thursday 31st March tele conference organized by Sue Burton and CRA. CRA will consolidate and send out a calendar of events including Mudcrabs and Earth Hour. Promote at CRVA general meeting, perhaps invite a speaker such as Nadi Simpson-Jennifer to approach and also ask Catarina Fraga Matos from CRA.

General Business

* Discussion of CRVA policy on change of date for Australia Day. Jennifer suggested the possibility of a panel of speakers to address a general meeting.
* 2019 is the UN Year of Indigenous Language
* CRA is undertaking research into whether the entire Cooks River ever had one Indigenous name
* John raised idea that current ad campaign by Sydney Water needs to address wider issues. Ann to message Rodd Kerr from Sydney Water. CRVA letter could be sent to Sydney Water and local members….anyone able to draft a letter?
* Signage re not feeding bread to water birds on river. Action: Jennifer to email Sue Burton; Ann to email council
* Guest speakers for CRVA General Meetings to be followed up.
* 2019 is 60th Anniversary of Canterbury Pool- Ann to speak to Judy Playfair-perhaps Judy could speak at a general meeting

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Julie Corkery

(Minutes)