

Minutes of CRVA General Meeting 23 August 2016

Time: 8.30 pm (This truncated General Meeting followed the AGM)

Venue: Canterbury-Hurlstone Park RSL

Chair: John Butcher

Attendance: Jennifer Newman, Brian Shaw, Ranjith Evas, Horst Thiele, Penny Hopkins, Gareth Wreford, Chris Brogan, John Butcher, Julie O'Connor, Julie Corkery, Nadia Wheatley, Mike Aldridge, Robert Randall, Linda Wong, Edmund Benson, Irene Ladds, Wendy Thornthwaite, Pat Thomas, Laura Zusters, Damon Bassett, Martin Purchett, Deirdre Ferguson, Keith Foulcher, Carolyn Lee, Barney Solomon, Jennifer Kent, Justine Langford, Russell Cail, Ann Leahy, Peter Munro, Zoe Jenkins (note: some of the above left before the conclusion of the meeting)

Apologies: Chris Shanley

Issues for discussion:

Canterbury Racecourse: overview of issues around pending sale of Canterbury Racecourse for development. Background provided by Gareth Wreford.

Action: CRVA to seek out and ally with other community groups concerned with this issue (eg Sydenham to Bankstown Metro community group).

Closure of Hurlstone Park Station : recent media coverage suggested that Hurlstone Park Railway Station may be removed as part of the Sydenham to Bankstown Metro development. Zoe Jenkins reported that the Hurlstone Park Chamber of Commerce had written to the relevant State Govt Minister seeking confirmation of intent to remove the Station.

Action: Need to alert community to the proposal and ally with community groups that are forming around this issue.

Tagged Trees along Cooks River: Peter Munro updated meeting about issue. Viva Energy (pipeline manager) intends to remove more than 300 mature trees along the course of the River as these trees are seen to present a potential threat to the integrity of the oil pipeline. Contact has been made with local State & Federal politicians about this issue and with local Councils.

Action: prepare press release about threat to trees.

Cooks River Alliance & Cooks River Day Out: threat of potential cessation of funding of Cooks River Alliance by Councils following council amalgamations. Issue has been raised with Inner West Council Administrator.

Action: raise issue with Canterbury/Bankstown Administrator at meeting on 26 August 2016

Other Business: Chris Brogan raised issue of former Bankstown Council rezoning parkland for residential development and also rezoning of Riverlands Golf Course (80 hectares) for residential development. Chris informed meeting that significant Aboriginal scar trees had been identified on the site and had been listed with Dept Heritage & Environment as significant.

Action: Chris Brogan will provide more information to CRVA about these issues.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Peter Munro

Secretary