

Minutes of CRVA GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday 28 February 2017

VENUE: CANTERBURY-HURLSTONE PARK RSL CLUB

TIME: 7.00 pm

Attendance: Mike Aldridge, Julie O'Connor, Ronald Raynor, Michael Cook, John Butcher, Peter Munro, Chris Shanley, Nadia Wheatley, Penny Hopkins, Ranjith Evas, Ann Leahy, Barney Solomon, Ian Tyrrell, Linda Wong, Brian Shaw, Gareth Wreford, Julie Corkery, Zoe Jenkins, Andrew Graf, Linda Eisler, Chris Brogan, Martin Puchett, Bernie Hobbs

Special Presentation: Dan Cunningham Lead Planner, Liveable City Solutions & Anne-Marie Mitchel, Lead, Community Relations from Sydney Water, presented an overview of the current & future naturalization & water sensitive urban design projects in and around the Cooks River catchment. Presentation & plans broadly supported by attendees

Adoption of Minutes of general meeting 25.10.16 – moved Julie Corkery, seconded Barney Solomon

Correspondence: Nil

Reports: Financial – Current balances – Comm Bank acct - \$1,452.22

ING acct	\$9,623.72
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Total	\$11,075.94
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Note: cost of new CRVA pamphlets to be covered next week (\$1,089) so this amount will be deducted from above balances

Membership – no report. Gareth Wreford enquired if he could get an indication of the geographical spread of the membership. Action: JN & PM to investigate

Clean Up Australia Day – Martin Puchett reported on Mudcrabs plan for CUA at Marrickville Golf Course site (Sunday 5th March).

Greater Sydney Commission Green Grid – Gareth Wreford reported on his correspondence & discussions with Rod Simpson (Green Grid) & Morris lemma (GSC). Consultations are ongoing through March & April. Gareth encouraged CRVA Executive to meet with both officers to discuss CRVA concerns & support Sydney Water WSUD projects.

Canterbury Racecourse – Gareth Wreford has discussed issues related to future sale of the Racecourse (2021) & need for green space with Morris lemma, Rod Simpson & Sophie Cotsis (Member for Canterbury). CRVA exe has also discussed with Sophie Cotsis who has offered to assist with determining title holders of land covered by Canterbury racecourse

Gough Whitlam and Waterworth parks – Canterbury Bankstown Council has just concluded a new round of public consultation with a totally new design for both parks. CRVA exec broadly supports proposed changes to PoM for both parks.

Cooks Cove development and relocation of Kogarah Golf Course - submissions have closed for this development. Over 700 submissions received by Bayside Council. CRVA will continue to support Save

Barton Park group to keep this 58 hectares of public land in public hands and accessible to the community.

Ewen Park community building – Nadia Wheatley reported back that she & Chair of Hurlstone Park Chamber of Commerce had met with the Administrator & GM of Canterbury Bankstown Council. A commitment has been made to guarantee to funding of the building, but new Lang Road footbridge has to be built first because of engineering issues. CRVA will continue to monitor this undertaking.

Sydenham to Bankstown metro Alliance – CRVA is a member of this Alliance and continues to support the actions & strategies of the Alliance. Discussion indicated general opposition to the proposal to replace the Bankstown heavy rail line with a metro type service which will entail major disruption to transport of 6-12 months with no net gain.

Marrickville golf course – Plan of Management for golf club & over-use of Dibble St waterhole discussed. Issue being discussed at meeting of Inner West Council tonight. Will report back to members on Council decisions.

Cooks River Alliance – Executive members have discussed continued funding of Cooks River Alliance of Councils with Sophie Cotsis (MP for Canterbury). Sophie has agreed to raise issue of continuation of funding of Alliance by all member Councils with appropriate Ministers. Action – PM & JB to get copy of Gareth Wreford/CRVA letter to Premier & others re funding for Alliance to Sophie Cotsis.

Earth Hour - Candles on the River – will not be held in 2017 as no-one is willing to organize event.

Other Business – Karool Ave bridge – Canterbury Bankstown Council has called for comment on their intention to demolish the wooden footbridge and replace with a new bridge. Public can comment on this proposal on Cant/Bankstown Council website.

- Container Deposit Scheme – announcement that the implementation of the CDS has been delayed by 5 months. Will now commence on 1st December 2017.
- Canterbury Bowling club, Hurlstone Park bowling club & Close St DA discussed briefly. More information available from Hurlstone Park Assoc.

Meeting closed – 8.55 pm


Peter Munro
Secretary