

## Minutes of CRVA General Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Time: 7pm

Attendance: John Butcher(JB), Ranjilh Evas(RE), Brian Shaw(BSh), Nadia Wheatley (NW), Barney Solomon (BSO) Jennifer Newman(JN), Zoe Jenkins(ZJ), Julie Corkery JC(minutes)

Acknowledgement of Country:JB

Apologies: Julie O'Connor, Linda Eisler, Chris Shanley(CS), Peter Munro, John Murn, Gareth Wreford

Correspondence: Total Environment Centre

Treasurer's Report: Sent by email from Chris Shanley, CRVA Honorary Treasurer

Commonwealth Bank: 2020.70

ING Direct: 8,821.51

Cash in hand: 151.30

**TOTAL: 10,993.51**

CRVA has received a \$2000 donation from the organization Men of the Trees, which has wound up as an association and needed to donate its funds to a similar organisation. The money is to be used to support the work of the Mudcrabs, specifically work done at Rosedale Reserve.

Membership Report: Approximately 15 new members and some renewals were signed up following the talk given by Ian Tyrrell on 20<sup>th</sup> June.

Mudcrabs: Peter Munroe is to take a break as supervisor of Mudcrabs and calls to general membership for a replacement is yet to find anyone willing to take on this role. Ranjilh Evas is willing to cover the emails so perhaps this role could be shared.

Friends of Ewen Park: Nadia Wheatley presented an update of her recent communication with Canterbury Bankstown Council. In summary the community building "is still on the program for delivery," with "construction commencement currently anticipated as:

Lang Rd Footbridge -February 2018; Community Centre- June 2018(or earlier if possible)"

Martin Purchett has submitted a proposal for his "Crab Walkers" project hoping to gain funding for the project.

Sorry Day Walk was a respectful and reflective event with JN doing the Acknowledge of Country and NW sharing Aboriginal Stories collected as part of the "Papunya School Book of Country and History."

Ian Tyrrell gave an informative presentation of the history of the Cooks River at Marrickville West PS on 20<sup>th</sup> June with over 100 people in attendance.

Choir Performance by 3 choirs including The Bridge on the River Choir was held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June at St Peters Anglian Church, St Peters with all profits going to the Mudcrabs.

Water Quality testing at Kendrick Park is to be conducted by a Stream Watch Volunteer.

Meeting was held with Sophie Cotsis re her support for continued funding for the Cooks River Alliance. BSo spoke about efforts to regain support for CRA from Georges River Council and City of Sydney Council which so far have not been successful.

Culture and Community Project by Cooks River Alliance: JN spoke about the event which outlined the Aboriginal History of the Cooks River. A PDF of a booklet on this history can now be downloaded from the CRA website but JC raised the point that several people have expressed an interest in purchasing a hard copy of the booklet. Brett Levi is developing an interactive online experience and Asher Millgate is undertaking an oral history project.

Proposed development of Kogarah Golf Course: nothing appears to be happening at this stage

Bso spoke raised concerns about plans to upgrade the M6.

JN and BSo reported back from tonight's CB Council Meeting in regard to the compulsory acquisition of 15 Close St i.e Bowling Club. The State Gov plans to compulsorily acquire the site under a five year lease to use as a compound site during the construction of the Sydenham to Bankstown Metro. It would then be returned to the council after this time.

JB reminded the meeting of the public meeting re Sydenham to Bankstown Metro be held at Herb Greedy Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> July.

Naidoc Week: CB council has events listed on their website.

CRVA Annual Report: Motion that Ann Leahy be paid to prepare the annual report with a proposed budget of \$300. Moved: NW Seconded BSh Motion Carried. JB to contact Ann.

RE wrote to the Premier re two issues: Container Deposit Scheme and a ban on plastic bags. Premier responded that the CDS will go ahead BUT the State Gov is not considering a ban on plastic bags.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Julie Corkery