

Minutes CRVA General Meeting Tuesday 24 October 2017

Time: 7pm

Attendance: Chris Shanley, John Butcher, Penny Hopkins, Robert Randall, Ronald Rayner, Martin Puchert, Sue Burton, Peter Munro, Michael Puchert, Ranjith Evas, Michael Cook, Fran Munroe, Ann Leahy, Chris Brogan, John Murn, Alison Gibbs, Barney Solomon, Jennifer Newman, Julie Corkery(minutes)

Acknowledgement of Country: John Butcher

Apologies: Nadia Wheatley, Linda Eisler, Carmen Galan, Brian Shaw

Adoption of Minutes from last general meeting 22nd August

Correspondence: No correspondence was tabled.

Treasurer's Report: Total current funds \$12,228.12

Membership report: Current membership stands at 75 for 2017; 52 for 2018

Guest Speaker: Martin Puchert.

Presentation: The Amazing Underwater Life of Sydney

Martin's presentation was full of beautiful photographs of sea life off the coast of Sydney and nearby coastal regions. He spoke about his involvement with Reef Life Survey and the impact of fishing on bio diversity and numbers of fish. He advocated for a marine park for Sydney.

Reports

John Butcher: Gareth Wreford has written to CB and Inner West councillors re: concerns over Urban Renewal Corridor, Metro and Priority Precincts. John made the point that respect for country should be the basis for development with open space and green space as a priority.

Peter Munro attended the Cooks River Forum. Labor politicians Linda Burney, Anthony Albanese, Jo Haylen and Tony Burke were in attendance but nothing new was reported.

Alison Gibbs reported that Jo Haylen and Sydney Water have come out against the proposed development of the Carrington Rd site in Marrickville, stating that the most effective way to monitor the Cooks River would be to have it under one body. Alison also announced a coming forum organised by Tony Burke on Monday 30th October at Campsie Orion Centre. The forum will address the issue of over development.

Cooks River Alliance: Sue Burton-CRA is in process of engaging with four LGAs Bayside, Inner west, Canterbury-Bankstown and Strathfield to develop a Coastal Management Plan. CRA is trying to develop a broader base inviting community groups and organisations to have input. Discussion followed re damage to riparian zone caused by over development in Cooks River

catchment area. Also discussed was the clean-up programme of the Community Services people.

Peter Munro has a meeting with Ausgrid at 1pm on 27th October in regard to their planned work on Foord Ave Bridge and damage to plantings and bushland.

Men of Trees: damaged sign adjacent to Canterbury Race course has now been repaired. MOTT group has been disbanded and their funds have been dispersed to Mudcrabs especially for the group working at Rosedale Reserve..

Chris Brogan; Bankstown Bushland Society: scarred trees in Wiley Park. Chris fears that road widening may endanger some scarred trees which have been acknowledged by Metropolitan Aboriginal Land Council as being scarred trees with high Aboriginal significance. Chris believes that there could be plans to remove some of these trees in the process of widening the road.

Ranjith Evas: Container deposit Scheme is to due to start on December 1st but no locations for vending machines have been announced yet. Woolworths and Aldi have agreed to host vending machines. Only new containers with appropriate barcodes can be returned.

General Business: Sue Burton raised the possibility of a discussion on litter. Sue also mentioned that Sydney Councils are planning a blitz on construction sites re: construction litter in November. Inner West and CB Councils have links for community submissions re Greenway. Fran Munroe spoke about a community forum on open space to be held in the Herb Greedy Hall, Petersham Rd Marrickville on 1st November.

Meeting Concluded 8.55pm

J. Corkery

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J. Corkery', written in black ink.