

Minutes CRVA Executive Meeting 27.11.17

Venue: 6/14a Hurlstone Ave Hurlstone Park

Time: 8pm

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

Acknowledgement of Country: John Butcher. John suggested that at future CRVA meetings we could use oral histories of local Aboriginal people that have been collected and recorded.

Apologies: Nadia Wheatley, Peter Munroe

Adoption of Minutes from general meeting 24.10.17

Correspondence: Chris Shanley circulated information on Administrative and Governance Aspects of CRVA

Martin Puchert reported that over 50 people have responded to his Crab Walkers Program

John Butcher thanked Gareth Wreford for his ongoing communication with Inner West and Canterbury-Bankstown Councils in regards to environmental issues including the future of Canterbury Racecourse and the Sydenham to Bankstown Metro project. Gareth reported that he is happy to continue lobbying on behalf of CRVA.

Discussion of Cooks River Alliance

- Profile of river has been raised
- It would be good if the Alliance had a legal status as one entity and a legal plan of management

Discussion of Mudcrabs End of Year Event to be organized by Russell and Joy

- R&J need to liaise with Nell Graham from C-B Council – John Butcher to follow-up
- Chris Shanley to organize table at the event to distribute CRVA information and membership forms

Guest speakers for CRVA General Meetings in 2018

- February: Andy Kissane- poetry related to Cooks River
- April: Rodd Kerr from Sydney Water to report on illegal sewerage connections and health of the river. Sydney Water is treating Wolli Creek as a catchment area and perhaps this could be a model to improve health of Cooks River
- CHP RSL has confirmed bookings for general meetings in 2018

General Business

- An application to demolish Hurlstone Park Bowling Club has been submitted. Hurlstone Park Association is proactive on this matter.
- Earth Hour Event: Ranjith and Ann are willing to organize an event at Steel Park
- Container deposit scheme to be launched 1st December
- Jennifer distributed a calendar showing dates of important environmental events including World Rivers Day
- Gareth suggested CRVA have a presence at events that are organized by local councils and/or Cooks River Alliance
- Ann to contact CRA re possibility of co-hosting events related to the river
- Ranjith and John to meet Danielle from C-B Council.
- John suggested we invite Sue Burton from CRA to our executive meetings and raised the idea of Sue Burton being a future guest speaker at a general meeting
- Gareth suggested that we could survey CRVA membership on their views re priorities for CRVA going forward
- Mention was made of the Earlwood Environmental League and Jacquie Trembath and Close St site
- Chris suggested CRVA could invite local action groups to a meeting/forum to discuss issues common to all of us

Meeting closed 9.30pm

J.Corkery (Secretary)

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