

CRVA Executive Meeting 24th July 2018

Venue: 15 Waterside Cres Earlwood Meeting commenced 7.10pm when Chris Shanley called via video conference

Attendance: J. Newman, R. Evas, A. Leahy, G. Wreford, B. Solomon, J.Corkery, C. Shanley via video conference

Apologies: M. Puchert, J, Butcher

Motion to accept minutes of previous executive meeting: Moved G.Wreford; Seconded B. Solomon. Carried

Correspondence: Need to follow-up with John Butcher at General Meeting in August

Treasurer's Report: Chris Shanley spoke to the financial report for the last year. This report will be tabled at the AGM in August. Chris raised the idea of an increase to membership fees as follows: Single membership \$10 1yr \$25 3yrs. Family membership \$20 1yr \$50 3yrs. Committee members supported this proposal which will be put to August meeting for approval.

Mudcrabs Guidelines for New Sites: Chris Shanley presented a set of general principles for the establishment of new Mudcrabs sites. A motion was carried that these principles be endorsed. Moved: G. Wreford Seconded: Ranjith Evas

Mudcrabs sites: Ranjith Evas reported that Sugar Mill site is up and running. Michael Childs is the supervisor of this site. Sydney Water has built access gates near Charles St to facilitate clean-ups. Ranjith to organize combination padlocks for the gates. Gates were organized by Cooks River Alliance and built by Sydney Water. 50 new style shirts for Mudcrabs volunteers have arrived.

Crab Walkers: Barney reported that all is going very well with Crab Walkers.

Annual General Meeting: John Butcher has advised that he will not be re-nominating as President for 2018-19. The committee commended John on his outstanding commitment as President. Discussion followed on how these big shoes may be filled. The idea of a shared presidency was raised with Jennifer Newman and Ann Leahy expressing interest. Chris Shanley agreed to re-nominate as treasurer and Julie Corkery agreed to re nominate as secretary. Ann Leahy will contact John Murn to chair AGM. Ann Leahy will compile the Annual General Report and send out an email requesting reports from affiliated groups including Mudcrabs (Ranjith), Sorry Day Event and Guest Speakers (Jennifer) Canterbury Racecourse (Gareth)

Guest Speakers: Jennifer Newman has agreed to be guest speaker at the August General Meeting. Jennifer will contact Chris Noble to speak at October meeting.

Ewen Park Community Building: Discussion followed and concluded that while CRVA passed motion supporting the building of a community centre at Ewen Park site as per original plan of management there was probably nothing more we could do as an organization.

Boating on Cooks River – Barney is to caption and distribute the slides from his presentation. Barney also raised issue of the cage on boom at boat harbor overflowing. Barney to raise with CB Council the possibility of a second cage being added to that boom. Barney also expressed concern that someone is deliberately placing objects in boat harbor possibly with aim of encouraging mangroves to grow.

General Business

- CB Council-Special Interest Group meeting 25 July re development along Sydenham to Bankstown Corridor.
- CB Council-Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee to meet 7 August. Gareth Wreford and Liz Millen are reps.
- Gareth to respond to the latest information released on Sydney to Bankstown Metro Line Construction
- CRA is holding Cooks River Catchment Congress 22August Strathfield Town Hall 5-8pm.

Acknowledgement of Country: Jennifer Newman

Meeting Closed 9.05pm

J. Corkery