CRVA Executive Meeting 22 May 2018

Venue: 8 Hutton St Hurlstone Park Meeting commenced 7.10pm.

Acknowledgement of Country: Jennifer Newman

Attendance: J. Newman, R. Evas, A. Leahy, G. Wreford, B. Solomon, J.Butcher, J.Corkery (minutes) Sue Burton (guest speaker)

Apologies: M. Puchert, C. Shanley

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

Guest Speaker Sue Burton Executive Officer of Cooks River Alliance addressed the meeting to outline future plans and priorities of Cooks River Alliance. Following is a summary of the information Sue presented to the committee.

* CRA will communicate with Councils in Cooks River Catchment Area and local groups to plan, manage and implement best practice re: ecology, natural growth areas, sport and recreation facilities, public amenities and access, no mow areas
* Greater Sydney Plans – priority is the development of a green grid along the Cooks River
* Coastal Management Plan is a whole river State plan. CRA believes that these whole river plans need to be consistent
* Coastal management reforms mean that all councils must have a Coastal Management Plan to gain funding for future works
* Aboriginal Heritage must be an integral part of any Coastal Management Plan
* Cooks River Catchment Area Councils are: Canterbury-Bankstown, Inner West, Burwood, Strathfield, City of Sydney, Bayside

Treasurer’s Report: Chris Shanley sent a message to the meeting that there has been no change in finances since last month’s General Meeting.

Mudcrabs sites: Ranjith Evas reported that Sugar Mill site is up and running. However further safety advice is needed in regard to the Dibble Ave site.

Sydney Water Grants: Discussion of possible grants of $1000 from Sydney Water: Would Mudcrabs and/or Crab Walkers be interested in applying? Application period 25 June-27 July. No decision was made at this time. CRVA Tee-Shirt: Following discussion the meeting decided to initiate a design process for a new CRVA tee-shirt.

Guest Speakers at CRVA General Meetings: **June 2018**- **Barney Solomon** will speak on recreational use of boating on the Cooks River. Barney will devise and distribute a survey prior to the meeting and the results will form part of the discussion. Jennifer Newman will contact David Noble to determine his availability as a future guest speaker.

**CRVA Annual General Meeting to be held on 28 August**

Coming events: **Sorry Day** **Even**t to led by Jennifer Newman and Payne Dr Ann Maree will be held on Saturday 26th May at Steel Park commencing at 10am

Meeting Closed 9pm

J.Corkery

* Contact members without addresses to request details
* Target membership in river catchment council areas with low or no members to ensure CRVA has representation

How can we keep better records re financial membership? Action in 2019- M. Puchert to follow up.

Clean Up Australia Day Report: Marrickville Golf Course site supervised by M.Puchert-good turnout, 33 bags collected. Much less than last year (110 bags). Return and Earn CDS is catching on. Crab Walkers: 55 registered volunteers, growing slowly, first social gathering of the CW group has occurred recently

Earth Hour Organisation became focus of the meeting – 5.30pm start for event

* J. Newman to do Acknowledgement of Country and formal introduction
* A. Leahy and J. Corkery to assist with boat making
* R. Evas, B. Solomon, J. Butcher, M. Puchert to launch boats
* C. Shanley waxing boats and organizing musicians
* River Canoe Club volunteers to collect boats from river

Meeting closed 9pm

J. Corkery (minutes)