

Minutes: CRVA general meeting 26 June 2018

Venue: School of Hospitality training room Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL

Meeting opened 7.05pm

Acknowledgement of Country: Barney Solomon

Attendance: J. Butcher, C. Shanley, B. Solomon, B. Shaw, R. Evas, J. Newman, C.F. Matos (CRA), P. Munro, G. Wreford, Nadia Wheatley, S. Bishop, R. Cail, A. Leahy, L. Millen, J. Corkery (minutes)

Apologies: Martin Puchert, Zoe Jenkins

Adoption of minutes from April General Meeting: Moved: B. Solomon, Seconded: J. Newman. Carried

Correspondence: Letter from Total Environment Centre requesting a donation. Motion to donate \$100 was moved by Chris Shanley. Seconded P. Munro. Carried

Treasurers Report- Chris Shanley : Balance of accounts as follows: ING \$13,001.49 Commonwealth Bank account: \$109.26 Total: \$13,110.75 Chris informed the meeting that as CRVA Public Liability Insurance covers the Mudcrabs the Mudcrabs draft guidelines need to be transparent. Chris and Ranjith to meet to discuss. Input from MC site supervisors Liz Millen and Russell Cail supported an update. There are currently 96 Mudcrab members on the books. OH&S guidelines will also be reviewed.

Boating on Cooks River – Presentation by Barney Solomon including results of a survey conducted by Barney re community opinions on boating on Cooks River

River Timeline:

- Indigenous use of river
- Arrival of Captain Cook
- Boating for commercial purposes
- Damming of river for water supply – this was ineffective as salt water leaked in. It served a second purpose in providing easy access to the south side of the river. In blocking the river boat access was restricted.
- 1940s changes to river including a storm water channel and addition of steel pilings meant that people could not access the river
- At present time from Princes Hwy to Botany Bay there are very few boat access points into the river
- There are 8 boat launching spots along the length of the river

Survey Results Summary

- Support for boating on river: **No 15%** (preserve tranquility; leave it undisturbed; no active use.)
- **Yes 85%** (most respondents supported human powered boating only; not motor boats, jet skis etc)

Discussion followed. Thanks to **Barney** for his comprehensive presentation.

Reports

Hurlstone Park and Ewen Park Community Building Proposals

Nadia Wheatley addressed the meeting in regard to concerns that the long planned Ewen Park Community Building may not be built. In 2016 Canterbury Council allocated \$2million to the project which rolled over to Canterbury Bankstown Council following the amalgamation. In February 2017 there were assurances from Canterbury Bankstown Council that the project would go ahead. Plans were then signed off in March 2017. It was proposed that the Lang Rd Bridge be built first. Work on the Ewen Park Community Building was to begin in January 2018 and completed later in 2018. It now appears that Canterbury Bankstown Council may renege on this commitment and explore the possibility of a community building on the site of the Hurlstone Park Bowling Club. Discussion followed. The following motion was then put to the meeting:

The Cooks River Valley Association affirms that the community of Hurlstone Park and the broader Cooks River community need a multi-purpose Community Building adjacent to the river in Ewen Park, on the site formerly occupied by the Sydney Olympic Soccer Club, as promised by Canterbury Council in the Plan of Management for Ewen Park, 2008, and as agreed in four well-attended community consultations (March, April, and September 2015) as well as in meetings between CRVA representatives and Canterbury Council, and Canterbury-Bankstown Council, between 2008 and 2017.

We note that in the City of Canterbury's Annual Budget for 2015/16 (p. 69) the sum of \$2,000,000 was allocated for 'Ewen Park — Redevelopment — Construction of Building' and took into account the needs of the site, including stormwater drainage (and flooding)

Moved: Nadia Wheatley Seconded: Peter Munro. Russell Cail suggested the amendment "and flooding" be added which was accepted by the mover.

Discussion followed. The motion was put as amended and carried.

Marrickville Golf Course - plan of management is underway.

Greenway – RMS will fund a bridge across the golf course as part of the plan of management.

Mudcrabs Shirts-new sun safe design, long sleeves, collared. Fifty shirts to be funded by Canterbury-Bankstown Council.

CRVA Shirts- design process is underway.

General Business- Brian Shaw advised:

- Sydney Water grants are now open
- Public consultation for F6 extension is open
- Regional planning document to change easement to facilitate sporting grounds is open for consultation

Report to CRVA meeting (26 June 2018) on initial meeting of the Catchment Advisory Group of the Cooks River Catchment Coastal Management Program (CRCCMP) on Tuesday 29 May

The goal of the CRCCMP is to develop a co-ordinated management approach across the entire River and its catchment. The first step is to develop a scoping study with all land managers and other interested groups. BMT (British Maritime Technology) consultants will be preparing the Scoping Study Report.

The Office of Environment & Heritage (NSW) will be the approving and funding organization. They will assist with the preparation of the CRCCMP plan and fund projects that arise from the Plan. Debbie Milliner (Coasts & Estuary Officer – OEH), advised that there are significant funds available (\$24 mill?).

There were 28 invitees representing Bayside Council, Randwick Council, City of Canterbury Bankstown Council, City of Sydney Council, Inner west Council, Georges River Council, Strathfield Council, Roads & Maritime services, National Parks & Wildlife, Dept Primary Industry, Sydney Water, Sydney Airport, Qenos, Caltex, Greater Sydney Local Land Services, Port authority of NSW as well as community reps from CRVA, Wollie Creek PS & Botany Bay Alliance. Unfortunately there were many absentees including representatives from Inner West Council, Sydney Water, Caltex, Qenos, Port Authority. However all of these organisations have expressed support for the CRCCMP.

It is anticipated that the CRCCMP will cover all of the catchment of the River including the original wetlands at the natural outlet of the River into Botany Bay (pre-airport) on the northern side of Botany Bay, north & east of Sydney Airport. However this goal may be contentious.

BMT will now prepare the Scoping Study for the CRCCMP plan and report back in late July 2018.

Peter Munro 26/6/18

Meeting closed 9.14pm

J. Corkery