

<p style="text-align: center;">CRVA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Tuesday, 25 August 2015, at Canterbury-Hurlstone Park RSL Club</p>

Meeting opened 7.00 pm

Prior to the commencement of matters listed for business, Nic Clyde addressed the meeting seeking CRVA support for a campaign being run by the Nature Conservation Council in response to the Federal Government's *Inquiry into the Register of Environment Organisations*, on the background of the Abbott government's proposal to defund NGO's whose advocacy may be against the government's interests.

Actions sought from CRVA members included mass signing of a letter to Barton MP, Nickolas Varvaris, CRVA joining a coalition of groups, and an invitation being extended to Nickolas Varvaris to tour Wolli Creek and the Cooks River to view the environmental works and advocacy undertaken by environmental organisations exemplary of those under scrutiny in the enquiry.

There was support and endorsement of the Nature Conservation Council's campaign.

Business commenced 8.15pm

Attendance: Ranjith Evas, Julie Corkery, John Murn, Brian Shaw, Barney Solomon, Peter Knock, Nic Clyde, Cath Renwick, Julie O'Connor, Rom Dortins, Louise Dortins, John Butcher, Peter Munro, Ann Leahy, Linda Eisler, Zoe Jenkins, and Jennifer Newman

Chair: John Butcher

Minutes: Jennifer Newman

The meeting commenced with an acknowledgement of country. In acknowledging Gadigal/Wangal country, Peter Munro paid respects to members who have passed – Chris Bartlett and Richard Grayson. Mentioning that Richard's ashes are to be scattered on the River, Peter said, "they join our past elders."

Apologies: Nadia Wheatley, Michael Thompson, Chris Shanley, Fran Munro.

John Murn took the chair as Returning Officer, declaring all positions vacant.

John commenced proceedings with an expression of thanks and congratulations to the outgoing committee, and to Peter Munro as Mudcrabs Co-ordinator.

Brian Shaw added his vote of thanks, saying "it is wonderful to see other groups in the catchment area doing so well and doing so much."

The result of nominations for the CRVA committee for 2016 were:

- President:** John Butcher
Nominated by Julie Corkery, seconded by Jennifer Newman *elected*
- Vice President:** Peter Munro
Nominated by John Butcher, seconded by Ann Leahy *elected*
- Secretary:** Jennifer Newman
Nominated by Ann Leahy, seconded by Julie Corkery/Brian Shaw *elected*
- Treasurer:** Chris Shanley, by written expression of interest
Nominated by Peter Munro, seconded by John Butcher *elected*
- Publicity Officer:** Ann Leahy
Nominated by Brian Shaw, seconded by Peter Munro *elected*
- Committee:** Julie Corkery
Nominated by Peter Munro, seconded by Jennifer Newman *elected*
- Nadia Wheatley
Nominated by John Butcher, seconded by Linda Eisler *elected*

John Butcher resumed the chair, with thanks to John Murn for overseeing the election.

Endorsement of the minutes from the 2014 Annual General meeting was moved by John Butcher and seconded by Peter Munro. *carried*

John Butcher formally acknowledged the time and enthusiasm Richard Grayson had contributed to CRVA, including his long-standing service as Treasurer.

John expressed thanks to Ann Leahy for her work to collate and produce the *CRVA 2014-15 Annual Report*, and expressed further appreciation to the various contributors, including (but not limited to) Peter Munro, Nadia Wheatley, Liz Millen and Russell Cail.

Linda Eisler addressed the meeting with regard to the urgency of action required to stay proposals for a Bike Education facility in Gough Whitlam Park and an archery field in Waterworth Park. These items are listed for decision at the next Ordinary Meeting of Canterbury Council, on Thursday 27 August 2015. Members are encouraged to write to individual Canterbury Councillors to express their position/opposition to the proposals and to register to address the Council meeting on Thursday night.

Brian Shaw suggested writing to the Lands Minister advising that Canterbury Council were proceeding with development proposals without a Plan of Management, which is a legal obligation for local governments.

The meeting concluded with an informative and engaging presentation by Burgess, Deputy Director-Senior Health Officer at the Sydney Local Health District Public Health Unit, NSW Health. Graham drew upon his vast experience monitoring water quality and working towards recreational safety of rivers like the Cooks River. Graham's strong message was that the CRVA goal of swimming in the river is achievable, and will be realized through continued promotion of that goal with local councils, and setting firm goals and time lines.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Next meeting: Executive meeting, Tuesday, 22 September 2015.