

## CRVA AGM and General Meeting August 27 2019

Venue: Heritage Room Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL

Meeting opened 7.12pm

Acknowledgement of Country: Jennifer Newman

Attendance: A. Leahy, B. Shaw, B. Solomon, C. Shanley, R. Evas, J. Newman, P. Munro, D. Gilling, S. Orddhani, F. Hbdi, S. Burton, B. Geddes, J. Geddes, G. Svolo, D. Fairburn, J. Kent, K. Lumley, B. Cleaver, C. Verheyden, M. Ferracin, T. Bray, Jamie Honan, P. Gynlay, M. Puchert, J. Murn, I. Tyrrell, M. Cook, J. Langford, G. Wreford, M. Childs, J. Corkery (minutes)

Apologies: John Butcher, Chris Brogan

**Guest Speaker: Diego Bonetto** Many thanks to Diego for his informative and entertaining talk on foraging skills. More information can be found at [www.diegobonetto.com](http://www.diegobonetto.com)

### Annual General Meeting

Adoption of minutes from 2018 AGM: Moved A. Leahy; Seconded; P. Munro. Carried

Adoption of CRVA Annual Report Moved: G. Wreford; Seconded: B. Solomon. Carried

Many thanks to Ann Leahy for such a good job compiling the Annual Report

Adoption of Financial Report: Moved: G. Wreford; Seconded: P. Munro. Thanks to Chris Shanley for his work as Treasurer. Chris spoke to the report and stated that while funds are fine at the moment CRVA does need to increase income to continue to support the Mudcrabs as we ended the financial year with a deficit of \$1,626.80.

Current financial statement: CBA: \$1,001.94; ING Direct: \$11,198.04 Total funds: \$12,199.98 Liabilities \$800 **Net assets: 11,399.98**

### Election of Officers for 2018-2019

John Murn acted as Returning Officer and declared all positions vacant. Nominations were called for and all members were encouraged to nominate for any roles that interested them. Election results are as follows:

**President: Ann Leahy** (moved by Jennifer Newman and seconded by Gareth Wreford)

**Vice President: Jennifer Newman** (moved by Julie Corkery and seconded by Ann Leahy)

**Secretary: Julie Corkery** (moved by Ann Leahy and seconded Peter Munro)

**Treasurer and Public Officer:** As there were no nominations Chris Shanley has agreed to stay on in the role temporarily. Chris has moved to the Blue Mountains so does need to step down from the role. Please contact [info@crva.org.au](mailto:info@crva.org.au) if you are able to assist or take on this role.

The following members were elected to the **Executive Committee: Ranjith Evas** (Baney Solomon; Jennifer Newman) **Gareth Wreford** (Self; Ann Leahy) **Barney Solomon** (Jennifer Kent; Jennifer Newman) **Martin Puchert** (self; Jennifer Newman) **Justine Langford** (Jennifer Kent; Jennifer Newman)

Peter Munro commended Chris Shanley on all the work he has done, not only as Treasurer but as Public officer and his commitment to clarifying the CRVA Constitution. **Thank you Chris!**

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Adoption of minutes from June General Meeting: moved Peter Munro, seconded Jennifer Kent

Ewen Park Bushcare Site – Ann Leahy reported that there has been significant damage to the site which may have been done by children. When posted on Facebook there were several negative responses. Discussion followed on how to manage this. Ideas included upping the profile of the site by making it more public, increased signage, personal replies to Facebook posts explaining the extent of the damage, a possible Ewen Park Community Get Together. Ian Tyrell reported that there has been damage at other sites as well.

Cooks River Alliance

Sue Burton from Cooks River Alliance advised that CRA will be holding a seven week course for interested people to increase engagement with Cooks River. CRVA will be promoting this course to its membership. Details can be found on CRA website [www.cooksriver.org.au](http://www.cooksriver.org.au)

Mudcrabs – Christmas Party has been scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> December. It was proposed by Michael Childs and Peter Munro that Mudcrabs nominate as a charity for Return and Earn scheme.

Wolli Creek Preservation Society has requested CRVA participation in an application for a grant from Tony Burke to be used to renew signage on the Two Valley Trail.

Mudlarks reported that they have eleven people who regularly attend the monthly birdwatching excursion which departs from Lang Road bridge and heads north one month and south on the alternate month. Contact Jennifer Kent or Peter Munro for more information.

Crabwalkers – Martin Puchert confirmed that there is a good level of interest and participation.

Marrickville Golf Course – Peter Munro has requested that CRVA endorse a letter to be sent to all councillors from Inner West and Canterbury Bankstown Councils to state our position and encourage them to vote on the proposed options.

Ranjith moved the following motion which was seconded by Ian Tryell and passed unanimously by the meeting.

## Declaration of Climate Emergency

Cooks River Valley Association declares a climate emergency and requests immediate and accelerated action to address the climate crisis and limit global warming to 1.5° C by all citizens, local, state and federal governments, businesses and other organisations.

**We acknowledge the following:**

1. Climate change is an urgent unfolding crisis that presents a serious threat to global stability and human existence.
2. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) issued a special report on the impacts of global warming and the need to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions well before 2030 to hold warming to 1.5° C and avoid the most catastrophic impacts of climate change, which may still be possible with ambitious action from all members of the society including individuals, organisations, businesses and governments at all levels.
3. The current pace and scale of national climate action is not sufficient to avert substantial damage to the economy, environment, and human health over the coming decades. Climate change will continue to make basic human necessities such as food, housing, healthcare, transportation and energy more expensive and, along with a living wage, difficult to obtain, leading to further wealth inequality. To stay within 1.5° C, entire population of the world will need to significantly reduce their per capita emissions by 2030, and our association has an obligation to lead by example.

### **BE IT RESOLVED:**

That Cooks River Valley Association declares a Climate Emergency is threatening our local environment, the river and valley, state, nation, humanity, and the natural world. All of us as individuals, organisations, businesses and governments at all levels commit to a just transition, with a vision of a zero-carbon future that is 100% fossil fuel free and based on 100% renewable energies as quickly as possible, and no later than 2030.

Justine Langford moved that the above motion be sent to all councils in the catchment and to local MPs.  
Seconded by Jennifer Newman. Passed.

Ewen Park Scavenger Hunt – Bankstown Riverside Scavenge will be held at Ewen Park on 10<sup>th</sup> November.  
For more information please contact [www.seasidescavenge.org](http://www.seasidescavenge.org)

Meeting Closed 9.45pm

J.Corkery (minutes)