Minutes CRVA Executive Meeting 26th March 2019

Venue: The Club Café Canterbury-Hurlstone Park RSL

Time: Meeting opened 7.10pm

Attendance: Chris Shanley, John Butcher, Ranjith Evas, Barney Solomon, Ann Leahy, Gareth Wreford, Julie Corkery (minutes)

Apologies: Jennifer Newman

Acknowledgement of Country: Ann Leahy

Adoption of Minutes from January Executive Meeting: Moved Barney, Seconded Ranjith. Carried

Treasurer’s Report: Total bank balances: $12,042.69 Quarantined funds: Men of the Trees: $1,381out of $2,000. ANTAR film grant: $670 out of $2,000**.** Crabwalkers nil out of $2,974 has been expended. Total grant moneys held: $2,051

**Operational Assets: $10,186.13**

Correspondence: Letter from Bayside Council informing us that the Draft Planning Proposal for Turrella Industrial Precinct has been withdrawn by the proponent.

Email from Sydney Water re “Beat the Bottle” community clean up to be held at Ewen Park 5th May. CRVA to promote and take part.

Email from River Canoe Club re: 19th May-“Paddle Against Plastic” event. CRVA to promote event.

Request for donation from Total Environment Centre (committee discussed and decided against donation on this occasion)

Earth Hour Candles on River Event: Ann outlined final details ahead of event to be held on Saturday 30th March from 5.30pm at Steel Park

Pemulwuy Trail and Plan of Management for Marrickville Golf Course: Jennifer and John to meet with Greens Councillors Tom Kiat and Colin Hesse to discuss these issues.

Gareth reported on the most recent Canterbury Bankstown Council (CBC) Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee (ESAC) meeting which included the recent launch of a native plant guide: <https://www.cbcity.nsw.gov.au/media/news/native-plant-guide> and discussion about Council's approach to managing regrowth, planted and native vegetation. At the ESAC Gareth tabled the Inner West Council's draft Weed Management Strategy that includes steam spraying of weeds within 50 metres of waterways. The CBC is committed to developing a biodiversity strategy in the next couple of years which may be an opportunity to tie together the various threads of discussions with Council including weed management, verge gardens, tree canopy, parks maintenance and approaches to native vegetation. In the meantime a direct and local initiative to stop Council mowing or spraying bushcare sites may be to place signs highlighting the Mudcrabs / community involvement in maintaining sites.

**Action:**

Gareth to contact Mudcrabs for logo to create signs

Gareth to consider drafting CRVA letter to CBC re support for the future biodiversity strategy

IWC Draft Management Plan – follow-up with Jennifer at another time

Mudcrabs Report-Ranjith

3rd March – 100 people attended Close St Canterbury site. Cooks River Alliance provided food and a first aid officer.

March Working Bee at Rosedale was part of Mullet Festival. National Parks and Wildlife took part.

General Business: Discussion of possible guest speakers for general meetings. Ann to follow up.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Julie Corkery

(Minutes)