

## **CRVA General Meeting 22 October 2019**

**Venue: School of Hospitality training room Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL**

Meeting opened 7.12pm

Acknowledgement of Country: Ann Leahy

Attendance: B. Solomon, D.Gilling, J. Honan, J. Newman, P. Munro, R. Evas, A. Leahy, J. Corkery (minutes)

Apologies: Justine Langford, Martin Puchert, Gareth Wreford

Adoption of minutes August General Meeting: Moved Jennifer Newman, Seconded P.Munro.

### Correspondence:

- Email from Gareth Wreford advising that our application for a grant under Community Environment Program was unsuccessful
- Letter from Sophie Cotsis MP containing her speech to Parliament supporting Clr Clare Raffan's motion to Canterbury-Bankstown Council re possible removal of metal sheet piling from the banks of the Cooks River
- Reply from Sydney Water to Gareth's letter on behalf of CRVA to Minister Pavey re concerns on the proposed location of an Odour Control Unit at Wolli Creek Regional Park. Sydney Water made the decision to locate the OCU on the original site despite concerns raised by Wolli Creek Preservation Society and CRVA.
- Email from "Faith and Barney" re donating money to Mudcrabs. \$1 from each coffee sold at their cafe on the opening weekend 2-3 November will be donated to Mudcrabs
- Email from Radio Skid Row re opportunity for digital media training

Seaside Scavenge: Community event where rubbish is collected and sorted for recycling or disposal will be held at Ewen Park on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November from 9am-1pm. CRVA will be involved and urge interested members to attend. For more information contact [www.seasidescavenge.org](http://www.seasidescavenge.org)

Ewen Park Bushcare Site 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration will be held on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November** beginning with a weeding bee from 3.30pm-5pm followed by drinks and nibbles from 5pm-6pm. If you are unable to assist with weeding you are still welcome to come at 5pm to celebrate. This invitation is open to CRVA members, Mudcrabs and Friends of Ewen Park.

Village Wholefoods at Marrickville have generously donated funds raised through recycling to CRVA. **Thank you Village Wholefoods!**

Mudcrabs Christmas Party and Presentations of Life Memberships to John Butcher and Chris Shanley will be held at Rosedale Reserve on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Council Reports: Inner West Council- Peter Munro reported that the decision about the future of Marrickville Golf Course has been put on hold. Part of the land is Crown Land so IW Council has applied to have this Crown Land handed over to IW Council. While this will be an automatic hand-over there is a waiting time for the process to occur.

Peter also reported that local historian Gabby Richards has done some interesting presentations on the history of the golf course and surrounding area. It was decided that CRVA will approach Gabby with an invitation to speak at a CRVA meeting in 2020.

#### General Business

Mudlarks Report – Peter Munro and Jamie Honan reported that 15 people attended this month's event. Mudlarks meet at Tennant Ave bridge at 7am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. So far the group has identified 32 species. Peter thanked **Doug Benson** for devising a scientific system for recording the bird sightings.

Foord Ave Mudcrabs Site – Peter Munro advised that Ausgrid has agreed to pay \$200 to compensate for damage to plants while undertaking work in the area. This will mean that 60 plants can be purchased from the Addison Rd Nursery. Peter will advise Mudcrabs site organiser, Liz Millen.

Cooks River Changemaker Course – Jamie Honan (river changemaker) reported on the first day of the course which involved the 32 participants visiting various wetland areas and points of interest along the river. Speakers addressed the group at various locations including Jennifer Newman who spoke at Boat Harbour, Hurlstone Park. This course is being run by Cooks River Alliance. [www.cooksriver.org.au](http://www.cooksriver.org.au)

All Abilities Playground at Steel Park will be officially opened on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 12pm.

[Proposed Change of Dates for CRVA Meetings in 2020](#) - As our meetings currently clash with meetings of both IW Council and CB Council it is proposed that our meetings be re-scheduled to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month in 2020.

Meeting closed at 8.49pm

J.Corkery  
(minutes)