

CRVA General Meeting 23rd April 2019

Venue: School of Hospitality training room Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL

Meeting opened 7.04pm

Acknowledgement of Country: Jennifer Newman and Julie Corkery

Attendance: J. Butcher, B. Solomon, R. Evas, J. Newman, J. Kent, N. Namzardatis, J. Langford, P. Munro, A. Leahy, J. Corkery (minutes)

Apologies: C. Shanley, Nadia Wheatley, Gareth Wreford

Adoption of minutes from February General Meeting: Moved Ann Leahy, Seconded P. Munro

Correspondence: Email from Sydney Water re “**Beat the Bottle**” Event to be held at Ewen Park on 5th May. Ann Leahy has been corresponding with Donna from Sydney Water in regards to this event which aims to educate and raise awareness in the local community about plastic and other rubbish entering the river.

Ocean Crusaders in conjunction with River Canoe Club, will be holding a “**Paddle against Plastic**” event at 9am 19th May at River Canoe Club, Richardsons Cres River Canoe Club and have invited CRA, CRVA and Mudcrabs to attend. CRVA will promote this event to its members.

John Butcher advised that he was contacted by the Good Shepherd School which is planning to introduce geography into its curriculum and was seeking some help. John agreed to help but has heard no more at this time.

Treasurers Report: (by note) Financial position is stable. Current balance is \$11,248

Mud Crabs: Ranjith Evas advised that there are regular clean-ups at the following locations:

- Sugar Mill
- Canterbury Racecourse
- Foord Ave

And bush care at Wave Rock and Rosedale Reserve . Ranjith advised that he received an email from Sophie Cotsis in regard to future community grants.

Council Reports: Peter Munroe reported on the Cooks River Coastal Catchment Management Congress which was held at Strathfield Golf Course on 14th March. Peter gave a presentation to council officers at the congress. This event was coordinated by the Cooks River Alliance.

General Business:

Guest Speaker for our August General Meeting will be Diego Boneto speaking on wild weeds. Save the date: 27th August

Mudlarks Report from J. Kent, P. Munroe and J. Butcher

Peter and Jennifer took a bird walk on 9th April from Dibble Ave to view water birds. David Noble took some beautiful photos which can be seen on his Facebook page as it is a public page. Inner West Council invited the Mudlarks to apply for a small grant for an iPad but the application was unsuccessful.

Mudlarks meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7am on the Hurlstone Park side of Lang Rd Bridge. Regular emails will be sent to CRVA and Mudcrabs members. Please RSVP if you would like to attend.

Greenway Steering Meeting on 29th April will be discussing plans for the Greenway and Marrickville Golf Course.

The topic of the future of Marrickville Golf was then opened for discussion. The two options being considered by council are to maintain the 18 hole golf course or to reduce it to a 9 hole golf course and return the remaining land to community use. The discussion was informal with no motions moved. **The general consensus of this CRVA meeting was that this item be put on notice for future discussion by CRVA membership.**

Peter Munroe commended Jennifer Newman for her support for a Cooks River Alliance initiative to train young indigenous river keepers. Good on you Jennifer!

John Butcher advised that the issue of Pemulwuy went to Inner West Council and is still being considered by council. John also advised the Cooks River Alliance has raised the possibility of an oral history project for Cooks River.

Meeting Closed at 8.54pm

J. Corkery (minutes)