

## **CRVA General Meeting Minutes 26 February 2019**

Venue: Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL School of Hospitality Room

### **Meeting commenced 7.05pm**

**Attendance:** Jennifer Newman, Barney Solomon, Catarina Fraga Matos, Ranjith Evas, Peter Munro, Ann Leahy, Tony Bray, Simon Wilkes, Gareth Wreford (minutes)

**Acknowledgement of Country:** Peter Munroe

### **1. Apologies**

Julie Corkery, Chris Shanley, John Butcher

### **2. Minutes of last meeting – October 2018 General Meeting**

1<sup>st</sup> – Ranjith Evas

2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Munro

### **3. Correspondence**

- CRVA PO Box Renewal
- CRVA website domain name and hosting
- Email Ocean Crusaders invitation to support Cooks River Clean Up event in May 2019

### **4. Treasurer's Report and Membership**

Minimal movement in CRVA account since previous report – two bills paid being for postbox and website.

CRVA noted thanks to Chris Shanley for the significant work involved in sending individual emails to all members for renewals.

### **5. Clean Up Australia Day – 3 March**

Cooks River Alliance and Mudcrabs collaborating on event to be held 2-4pm (2:45pm is low tide) at Close Street, Canterbury near dog park. Have 70 registrations to date.

### **6. Mudcrabs and site coordinators meeting**

Meeting hosted by Peter Munro who will send minutes separately.

Congratulations to Keith Hughes (Mudcrabs – Rosedale site) who is the 2019 Strathfield Environmental Citizen of the year.

Noted approval of new Mudcrabs sites at Boat Harbour (extension of existing Sugar Mill site) and Burnett Street Reserve.

## **7. Wurridjal Festival events**

CRVA events are book ending the Wurridjal (Mullet) Festival: Clean Up Australia Day and then Earth Hour Candles on the River. Thanks to Cooks River Alliance for promoting all events in print and online and putting the extensive program together. Interesting events include the Ella brothers (Rugby) regaining cultural rights to Mullet fishing and launch of a Pemulwuy Mural at Ewen Park.

**Action:** CRVA planning meeting TBC prior to Candles on the River.

## **Other Business**

### **8. Ocean Crusaders clean up**

Ocean Crusaders (<http://oceancrusaders.org/>) has contacted the CRVA seeking support for a proposed river clean up event 15-19 May 2019 using a floating barge and giant vacuum (snuffleupagus). The organization is also talking to Sydney Water and the Cooks River Alliance about support. The River Canoe club is supporting the event and working through logistics including insurances, event permits, collection points and associated land based events.

**Action:** Ann to contact Ocean Crusaders offering inkind CRVA support.

### **9. Inner West Council (IWC) weed management / Canterbury Bankstown Council (CBC) approach to weeds and native vegetation.**

The IWC 26 February 2019 agenda item 5 weed management report will be released for public comment shortly. The report seeks to build on the work of the former Marrickville and Leichhardt Councils in reducing herbicide use. It includes provision for residents to 'opt out' of having herbicide sprayed near their property and steam weeding for sensitive areas like playgrounds and within 50m of watercourses.

[https://innerwest.infocouncil.biz/Open/2019/02/C\\_26022019\\_AGN\\_3669\\_AT\\_WEB.htm](https://innerwest.infocouncil.biz/Open/2019/02/C_26022019_AGN_3669_AT_WEB.htm)

Discussion then broadened to include the CBC approach to managing planted, regrowth and native vegetation. Gareth has recently complained to CBC about its removal of native plants in an approved Bushcare site and met with CBC staff.

**Action:** Gareth to raise CBC management of native vegetation at next Environmental Sustainability Advisory Council (ESAC) meeting and consider future CRVA follow up.

Meeting closed: 8.15pm

Gareth Wreford (minutes)

