

CRVA General Meeting 18th February 2020

**Venue: School of Hospitality training room Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL
7pm**

Acknowledgement of Country: Jennifer Newman

Guest Speaker

Jennifer Newman welcomed our guest speaker **Gabby Richards**. Gabby's presentation covered the history of the land known as the "Riverside Estate" from 1877 until the present day. **Thank you** Gabby for your insightful and well researched presentation which was enjoyed by thirty three or more people.

Following the presentation the meeting was convened opening at 8.06pm.

Attendance: B. Solomon, D.Gilling, J. Honan, J. Newman, A. Gibbs, R. Cail, J. Langford, L. Millen, R. Evas, G. Wreford, A. Leahy, J. Butcher, K.A. O'Reilly, M.Cook, J. Corkery (minutes)

Apologies: Chris Shanley, Peter Munro, Martin Puchert.

Adoption of minutes October 2019 General Meeting: Moved: Gareth Wreford. Seconded: Ranjith Evas

Treasurer's Report: (via email) CRVA current bank balances are \$13,534.54 Paid membership for 2020 is 97

Paddle Against Plastic Event

Will be held on Sunday 23rd February from 9am onwards at River Canoe Club Tempe. Barney Solomon acknowledged the work done by Simon Wilks President of the River Canoe Club for organising the Paddle Against Plastic event in conjunction with the work done by Ocean Crusaders who have removed 9 tonnes of rubbish from Cooks River over the past week. Paddle against Plastic will culminate this joint venture on Sunday.

Earth Hour Candles on the River Event

Will be held at Steel Park Marrickville on 28th March commencing at 5.30pm. Once again, our appreciation goes to Simon Wilks and members of the river canoe club as this event is dependent on their participation.

Marrickville Golf Course

Peter Munro sent through the following update via email

Brief report on Marrickville Golf Course Master Plan

The Master Plan has been put on hold until the State Government finalizes the transfer of Crown Land parcels on the golf course to the Inner West Council. This may take up to 6 months.

The golf club has had a new president elected, Andrew Tighe. I have met with Andrew twice. These meetings have been very positive. Andrew is keen to get greater community involvement in the golf course. He is also very keen to see biodiversity improvements on the golf course, agreeing with many of the proposals listed in Option A of the proposed Plan of Management.

I suggest the CRVA continues to develop a positive relationship with the golf club management, particularly the President, endeavouring to find common ground so that a mutually satisfactory proposal can go to Council when the Master plan comes up for further action.

Peter Munro

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The topic of Dibble Ave Waterhole was then raised with concerned members noting that water from the redevelopment of Ashfield Pool had been placed into the waterhole.

Inner West Council Tree Policy

Justine Langford spoke at the meeting and has since provided the following information in writing. Thanks Justine.

On Tuesday 11 February Inner West Council voted to permit removal of trees within two metres of a private residence. The Mayor, Darcy Byrne amended the Development Control Plan (DCP) even further to allow the removal of any designated "weed" species, adding several "weed" species to the list including Norfolk Island Pines and Hoop Pines (Qld). Councillor Byrne's motion was supported by Labor and Liberal Councillors, and independent Councillors Macri and Stamolis.

Based on the latest round of Community Engagement, Council Officers put forward a proposal that tree removal be reduced to one metre from a residence. They also recommended reinstating pruning regulations that were deleted by the first amended Tree DCP proposed by Councillors Byrne, Macri and Passas. The Officer's proposal was not voted on. Clr Byrne's amended motion was put in its place. Now there are very few regulations on pruning trees located on private property.

The new tree DCP allows much greater latitude for residents to remove trees on private property and undermines the views of the majority of respondents to successive surveys of Inner West residents for greater tree protection. It is likely there will be a reduction of tree canopy on private property in the Inner West as a result. This is out of line with statements by the Greater Sydney Commission arguing for more urban forest to combat the threat of heat islands and heat continents as a result of global warming.

Full Moon Walk 10th March

Jamie Honan reported that his next Full Moon Walk will be held on 10th March. You can register for this walk through the EVENTBRITE website. www.eventbrite.com.au While tickets are free only those registered can participate due to OHS requirements. Numbers are limited. Kirsten Banks a proud Wiradjuri Woman and astrophysicist will speak during the walk.

General Business

Birdwatching

Mudlarks birdwatching group meets near Tennant Pde Bridge on the second Tuesday of each month. Photos taken by David Warren Noble can be viewed on his Facebook Page. Tempe Birdos is another local group of birdwatchers associated with David Warren Noble

Russell Cail reported that he, together with Alison Gibbs and Kerry Ann O'Reilly do regular bird surveys and location recording at Rosedale Reserve.

Russell Cail also reported that Rosedale Mudcrabs group have been invited by Tony Burke to apply for a Federal Grant to support bush regeneration at Rosedale.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

J.Corkery
(minutes)