Minutes CRVA Executive Meeting 25 Sept 2018

Venue: 1 Bruce St Marrickville

Time: Meeting opened 7.20pm

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

Acknowledgement of Country: John Butcher.

Apologies: Ann Leahy, Gareth Wreford, Jennifer Newman

Adoption of Minutes from July Executive Meeting. Moved John, seconded Ranjith

Discussion of roles of Executive Committee

It was acknowledged (and greatly appreciated) that past President John Butcher had many roles and responsibilities. In order to share roles more equitably amongst committee members the following actions were resolved:

* John will draw up the agenda and send out the notice of meeting for October General Meeting
* Chris and Julie will meet with John on October 29 to learn how to access CRVA website and mailing list
* From November onwards Julie will call for agenda items from executive committee, draw up meeting agendas and send out the notice of meeting for both executive and general meetings
* Julie will be responsible for writing and distributing minutes for both executive and general meetings
* Chris will take over monitoring membership applications and renewals
* Chris will contact Ann Leahy in regard to a committee member who is willing to accept and disseminate CRVA emails
* Julie will collect mail from CRVA PO box at Hurlstone Park
* John will confirm current and future bookings for CRVA general meetings with CHPRSL
* John will continue to store CRVA leaflets and banners at his home
* Julie suggested that future executive meetings could be held informally in café/bistro area of CHRSL. This will be trialled at the November meeting when we may like to gather for a meal beforehand to celebrate our achievements over the past year.

Discussion of Mudcrabs End of Year Event and Ewen Park Picnic 10yr POM for Ewen Park

* It was decided that these two events would be celebrated separately
* CRVA will promote an informal picnic event run by Friends of Ewen Park on 11th Nov 2018
* Mudcrabs end of year event will be held in December at Rosedale Reserve as usual
* Ranjith to speak to Nadia about Ewen Park Picnic

Guest speakers for CRVA General Meeting in October

* Barney will contact David Warren Noble to see if he is available

Correspondence

* CRVA member, Brian Keogh, has raised concerns about storm water from new developments draining into Cooks River. John spoke to Brian suggesting he write formal letter to CRVA outlining what action he would like CRVA to take. This can then be discussed at a future meeting

General Business

* Inner West Council is setting up environmental advisory groups for both Parramatta and Cooks River. John Butcher has applied to be on the committee for Cooks River
* Cooks River Alliance initiatives: Chris and Ranjith to confer on a date for a “special clean up event” details of which will be sent to Sue Burton. This event will support community engagement goals of CRA
* Barney spoke of his calls to CB Council and his research into funds that have become available for environmental projects following the amalgamation of Canterbury Bankstown Council. Information on CB Council website indicates there is $5.4m available through the “Stronger Community Fund” Barney was put through to Sue Burton from CRA even though she is not on CB council. Barney spoke to CB Council’s Environmental Officer Joanne McDonald.

Meeting closed 8.55pm

J.Corkery (Secretary)