

Minutes CRVA Executive Meeting 23rd July 2019

Venue: School of Hospitality Training Room, Canterbury-Hurlstone Park RSL

Time: Meeting opened 7.15pm

Attendance: Jennifer Newman, Chris Shanley, John Butcher, Ranjith Evas, Barney Solomon, Ann Leahy, Gareth Wreford and Peter Munro (CRVA Life Member)

Apologies: Julie Corkery

Acknowledgement of Country: Chris Shanley

Adoption of Minutes from May Executive Meeting: Moved Gareth Wreford, Seconded Ann Leahy. Carried

1) Treasurer's Report

The 2018/19 Financial Report was tabled (**attached**). Net assets \$11,399.98. Operational deficit \$413.13. Net assets (reserves) have been reasonably consistent over the last five years and CRVA may wish to maintain reserves of \$10,000 going forward. Need to consider sources of income in addition to membership fees as the fees do not cover annual operating costs.

Action: Chris to email Financial Report to Ann for inclusion in CRVA Annual Report.

2) Correspondence

* CRVA correspondence to Inner West Council re future of Marrickville Golf Course and Dibble Waterhole was CC'd to the CRVA Committee. Replies acknowledging correspondence from the Office of the Mayor, Clr Tom Kiat and Clr Colin Hesse.

* CRVA Committee member Gareth Wreford wrote to Canterbury Bankstown Council (CBC) re destruction of native vegetation East of Cup and Saucer Creek. Reply from CBC Mayor acknowledging that the CBC maintenance crews will allow native vegetation in this area to grow in their natural shape and form.

Action: Gareth to write to Cooks River Alliance (CRA) noting precedent in the CBC Mayor's correspondence and requesting other Cooks River catchment Councils take a similar approach to native vegetation.

* CBC Clr Linda Eisler emailed the CRVA seeking clarification re minuting of correspondence.

Action: CRVA Chair to reply outlining process differences between CRVA Executive Committee and CRVA General Meetings.

3) Annual Report

CRVA Committee noted the value of the Annual Report as a snapshot of all CRVA activities throughout the year.

Action: Report on Mudcrabs sites and other CRVA events to Ann by 12 August so they can be incorporated into the Annual Report ahead of the AGM

4) Replacement Treasurer / CRVA Committee

At the 27 August 2019 AGM CRVA Treasurer Chris Shanley will step down, as will longstanding Committee Member and previous Chair John Butcher.

Chris's current responsibilities include: all financial management of the CRVA (in conjunction with Peter Munro for payments), Australian Tax Office (ATO) contact point, Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) contact point, NSW Office of Fair Trading Public Officer, maintaining CRVA membership register and payments (a requirement of incorporation as an Association).

Discussion of need to ensure CRVA Commonwealth Bank Account (CBA) has two signatories and potential need to migrate to a business account to maintain privacy of signatories where they may have personal CBA accounts.

Actions:

- **Ann to ask Russell (Rosedale Mudcrabs coordinator) if he wishes to be Treasurer**
- **Ann to email CRVA members encouraging nominations for CRVA Committee Membership at the AGM including Treasurer, Publicity Officer, Membership. Ranjith to circulate to Mudcrabs e-list.**

5) Mudcrabs – CRA, Landcare, CBC

5a) Cooks River Alliance (CRA)

The CRA has sought and received in principle support from the Mudcrabs for a Cooks River Families planting day grant application as part of the 2020 Wurridjal Festival.

5b) Landcare Corporate Volunteer day

Landcare has approach the Mudcrabs (Rosedale Reserve) to facilitate a corporate volunteers day on Wed 25 September. The day may see up to 100 volunteers participate in planting and associated activities at Rosedale Reserve. Mudcrabs planning for the day is well advanced thanks to Russell supported by Peter Munro. The day has the potential to be a very significant fundraiser for the Mudcrabs though requires many volunteers and equipment to make it successful. CBC are providing plants.

Action: Peter to confirm budget details and seek approval for CRVA expenses.

5c) Canterbury Bankstown Council (CBC) 2019/20 budget support for Mudcrabs

The Mudcrabs have received an email from a CBC staff member seeking ideas for future support of the Mudcrabs.

Action: CRVA Committee members to provide feedback to Ranjith / Martin re future CBC funding priorities to support the Mudcrabs.

5d) Landcare AGM and Mudlarks

Landcare will be holding its AGM at the River Canoe Club and has requested the Mudlarks conduct a guided walk of the Cooks River.

Action: Peter to follow up re Mudlarks guided walk for Landcare AGM.

6) CRVA AGM

The CRVA AGM is taking place on 27 August 2019 at the Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL Club.

Guest speaker is Diego Bonetto on edible weeds along the Cooks River:

<https://www.diegobonetto.com/about>

7) Greenway, Golf Course and Ewen Park planning

The CRVA Committee discussed the three current planning processes all happening across Council boundaries for the intersection the Greenway Southern Gateway with the Ewen Park Plan of Management and the future of Marrickville Golf Course.

A Greenway meeting held on 22 July discussed a 10 page Inner West Council (IWC) report on the recent Golf Course survey and named current projects and financial commitments across this section of the Cooks River e.g \$600k for a concrete pathway South of the Cooks River between the Lang Road and Foord Avenue bridges.

The IWC Golf Course survey had 1275 responses indicating that:

- * 277 respondents supported Option A: retain 18 holes with improvements.
- * 561 respondents supported Option B: 9 holes with improvements.
- * 309 respondents (primarily Golf Course members) supported Option C: no change.

Action: CRVA to maintain watching brief and consider future responses seeking integration of the multiple planning processes in support of core CRVA objectives including biodiversity.

8) CRA Dual Naming of the Cooks River

The Cooks River Alliance (CRA) had discussed engaging a consultant to investigate potential dual naming (Indigenous / English) of the Cooks River. La Perouse Land Council research indicates there were different Indigenous names for different sections on the Cooks River.

9) Tempe House Open Day

The Tempe House Open Day program is coordinated by the Historic Houses Trust and will take place on 4 August with the program and tickets online.

10) Other Business

* CBC ESAC report back re native vegetation

On 24 July the Canterbury Bankstown Council (CBC) Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee (ESAC) will discuss maintenance of native vegetation along the Cooks River.

Action: Gareth to report back to CRVA Committee on ESAC meeting.

* National tree day 28 July

A Mudcrabs planting day will take place at the Sugar Mill site on Sunday 28 July.

* Wiley Park

The CRVA Committee noted the work of Chris Brogan from the Bankstown Bushcare Society to have scar trees at Wiley Park recognized and protected. Canterbury Bankstown Council has also rejected a proposed State Government sponsored road widening that would remove mature trees at Wiley Park.

* Boat Harbour

A local resident William Allport has raised concerns about Hutton Street flooding, sediment and impact on trees in Boat Harbour parklands.

Action: Barney to draft CRVA letter to Council proposing the installation of a rain garden and improvements to drainage to address safety and amenity concerns and include potential dredging of Boat Harbour to support boating on the Cooks River.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Gareth Wreford

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