

## Minutes CRVA Executive Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Meeting held online via Zoom

Time: 7pm

Attendance: Jennifer Newman, Ranjith Evas, Ann Leahy, Justine Langford, Martin Puchert, Jamie Honan, Julie Corkery (minutes)

Acknowledgement of Country: Ann Leahy

Apologies: Gareth Wreford, Chris Shanley

Adoption of Minutes from July Executive Meeting: Moved Ann Leahy, Seconded Jennifer Newman Carried

Brain on Nature Podcast Proposal: Discussion centred on CRVA's ability to auspice a grant for this project. The executive all agreed that it is a worthwhile project. Ann moved a motion of support for auspicings the grant. This was seconded by Justine and carried by the committee.

Grants for Mudcrabs: Gareth updated us on successful grants: Community Environment Program grant to expand/join up selected Mudcrabs sites. Gareth also provided site plans for these Mudcrabs sites; a Volunteer grant for Mudcrabs equipment and training; Canterbury Bankstown grant for Mudcrabs equipment. **Thanks and congratulations to Gareth on all the work he has put in to secure these grants.**

### Mudcrabs Report

Ranjith reported that a group called Brazilian Aid participated in one of the clean-ups at the Close St site. Ranjith also spoke on the proposal for Mudcrabs and River Canoe Club to work cooperatively to reduce litter on Cooks River. This is only possible if the grant application by River Canoe Club is successful.

### Cooks River Community Collective - Justine

- The inaugural meeting has been rescheduled to 22 October via Zoom
- Invitations will be sent out and the agenda will be developed based on the RSVPs
- Agenda items will include: aim of the collective; areas of concern; common ground amongst the organisations
- Ann to speak on behalf of CRVA

October General Meeting: The committee discussed ways of keeping members engaged during this time when we are unable to hold face to face meetings or events. It was then decided to hold an online presentation about birdlife on and around the river. Ann and Jennifer agreed to contact the Mudlarks and collaborate with them and perhaps Greenway Birdos to produce the event.

### General Business

- Canterbury-Bankstown Council have called for “Have Your Say” feedback on upcoming projects. See the council website for details.
- Work has commenced on Lang Rd Bridge with an expected completion date in November.

Meeting closed 8.06pm

Julie Corkery

(minutes)