

Western Adelaide coastal Residents' Association Inc

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 31st March 2010

Attendance: 26

Apologies: Paul Caica, Nicole Brammy, Tanya Potter, Marg Eassom, Chris Fitzpatrick, Lyn English

Minutes of last AGM Approved - moved Paul Laris, Sec Leonie Maddern = Passed

Treasurer's Report - Theo Ellenbrook

We started the new term with \$1370 in the bank. Our main expenditure has been - insurance \$578 + subscriptions to Conservation Council, WAC, expenses to Jim \$95 and assistance for Di Bugden to attend water conference Our current Balance is \$296 Moved Jim Fitzpatrick Seconded Marie Crisp - Passed

President's Report - Jim Douglas

Another busy year with the following key issues:

Henley Hub - minimal consultation; opposed the sale of the white house, cnr of North St and Military Rd, bought by the Council for \$850K (we believe); we are strong supporters of keeping the RSL separate but it may be put in the new complex; we are concerned about the cost and the asset sales - the Henley Community Centre, the Overflow (Paul Caica's office) and The Depot - The woodworkers may be relocated to the Findon Community Centre, however WACRa has not been involved as was promised.

Sand Management - pipeline Semaphore to Brighton with a booster pump station every 2 Km - the sand is pumped along from Semaphore by water and can then be deposited at selected sites on the beach. The costs have blown out - it's estimated to be about \$23M now - probably not as good as trucking - where will the pipes be put around Tennyson Dunes? - being negotiated. How to protect the Dunes?

Tennyson Dunes, The Semaphore Dunes Group, Coastal Ecology Group and WACRA met on 30/3/10. We want to put a group application through the National Trust to give the dunes Heritage Risk Protection. The Tennyson Dunes have 5 different lots each managed by different parties such as the Council and State Govt - there are 6 lots owned privately which go down to the shoreline A Submission is being prepared. Worth preserving - worth conserving!

Motion that the Group Application of the 5 non-private lots continue to be consolidated - the 5 titles into one - researched through the lands titles office, that we invite Council to join with us in the Application - Approved.

Torrens Taskforce - almost nothing implemented - WACRA pushed Adelaide Council to act on the recommendations and it is spending \$400,000 to implement a bio-filtration system in the Torrens Lakes; there is still much more work needed such as remediation of all the creeks. The Second wetland has been completed - we want the third stage to be implemented - water quality has improved as it gets into the wetlands - less sediments, less turbidity.

The proposal to install **Boom Gates** at West Lakes Shopping Centre has been a heated topic and Westfields is now going to ERD court 26th August, despite over 100 protesters and 11,000 petition signatures.

Water Action Coalition - WACRA has been a big supporter of this group and has helped with a number of events; WAC is opposed to desalination plants and we also want BHP to change the Port Lowly site - many forums and debate - over 400 people attended one at UNiSA early this year. Our ultimate goal is to "Let the Murray River run" and to stop the privatisation of water - it's a human right, not a commodity.

We have had success in helping to get agreement by Transport SA and Council to install **a pedestrian crossing on Military Rd** near Grange school - installed by mid-year.

The Community school garden at Henley High School has been a great success - 2 students have gained subsequent employment in the horticulture industry. We have over 25 garden beds now established and we picked fruit for the first time from the orchard.

Rabbits have been a problem in the Grange Dunes but apparently they have been outfoxed and their numbers are diminishing.

We have been active in supporting the huge community opposition to the **St Clair Land Swap** - Labor promised in the last week of the election campaign to increase open space from 12.5% to 25%. Not sure of the next move by the group however concept plans are available to view and be commented on.

Cheltenham Park - we keep supporting the campaign opposed to the Sale and loss of Open Space but the decision is still in the Courts.

Adelaide Airport - there have been many complaints about planes landing on the diagonal runway and breaches of the curfew. We were lied to by airport management who said only a few light planes were involved but there have been 200 airplanes a month still landing after curfew. Non-jet aircraft can land anytime and most times create more noise than jets.

The **Grange Precinct Redevelopment** looked terrible and needing fixing - especially the road signs but these in the main have been done and has improved the area.

Our website - **www.wacra.org.au** - been operating for most of the year - it is still being upgraded but at least key dates and events are visible.

There has been serious community concern over the **350 Seaview Rd Development** - this will be dealt with in the General Meeting but the rights of nearby residents have been trampled on, houses are being cracked and the noise and stress levels have to be seen to be believed - and no-one is accepting responsibility.

Thanks also to the committee - we have additional Executive meetings beside the 5 General meetings held during the year.

And finally, many thanks to the community, without whom none of our work would be possible.

Moved that it be received: Fernando Goncalves, Seconded: Julie Whitehead - Carried unanimously

Theo Ellenbrook moved a **huge vote of thanks to Jim** for all his tireless and unpaid work - acknowledged fully by all attendees.

Election of Officers for 2010

All the positions were declared open - Paul Laris took the chair.

President: Jim Douglas - nominated Alan Goldsmith, Sec Richard Smith - unanimous

V/President: Paul Laris

Secretary: Alan Goldsmith

Asst Secretary: Richard Smith

Treasurer: Theo Ellenbrook

The following were elected to the Exec Committee

Val Wales

Bronwyn Gartner

Simon Holmes

Julie Whitehead

Kenzie van N

Andrea Rankin

Lara Hollamby

Fernando Goncalves

We are delighted to welcome the three new members to the Exec and greatly appreciate all the work and support given by the previous Exec Members.