

Committee Attendance (Thiel/Tesch Residence and Zoom)

Pete Muskens (Scribe)	Y	Rohan Brown (Chair)	Y
Cathy Phillips	A	Jill Maddock	A
John Coulter	Y	Kathy Hill	A
Leone Thiele	Y	Geoff Glare	A
Marci Katz	Z	Paul Byrne	A
Clive Vernon	Resigned	Cheryl Padgett	Y
John Godfrey	A		
A- apologies	Y - attended	Z by zoom; N – no show	

- Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country and Apologies-** Rohan opened the meeting at 1:00 PM. Apologies received from Paul, Geoff, and Cathy, John G, Jill, Kathy. Noted: Clive Vernon's resignation from Committee
- Minutes from June** – confirmed out of session after amendments.
- Goal Areas-**

I. Planning and Infrastructure-

i. Infrastructure issues

- LATMP** – no further news from our May submission. Filling in of potholes in the past week noted.
- DAMP** – CPRRA has responded to draft report recommending focus is on the consistency and clarity of rules and signage
- DAL** – Responsible Public Entities (RPE's) have endorsed Draft final Statement of Planning Policy (SPP). Awaiting Gazettal of the SPP to make permanent town boundary at Seaward Drive. Meeting endorsed awarding lifetime CPRRA membership to John Coulter in recognition of his outstanding and long term effort in seeing this issue through to its conclusion.

II. Biodiversity-

i. July August September and October Working Bees –

- July's working bee was a follow up to the Birdlife spurge removal working bees. A significant amount of spurge was observed in the dunes on Park Vic's coastal reserve. None was observed on the BCSC administered coastal reserve. 5 attendees.
- August's working bee continued replanting the Boat Ramp slope. Council had resprayed the kikuyu grass and it was notable that there were fewer green runners compared to last year. There was also a good survival rate from last year's planting. 9 attendees planted 200+ plants
- September's working bee added to the replanting west of the Cape Paterson Surf Lifesaving Club. We've had about 50% survival of last year's planting and zero regrowth of the boneseed previously eradicated. 6 attendees planted 150+ plants
- October – today we continued boneseed removal to the west of the CPSLC. 5 attendees continued this work. It is hoped that BCSC and Park Vic will engage contractors to continue this work.

- Grants** – no grant applications have been submitted recently. It is hoped that 2 grants can be applied for in the new year. They are a fire resistant indigenous planting to the

north boundary of Seaward Drive (pending the new town boundary) and a combined grant for boneseed removal in the BCSC and Parks Vic coastal reserve between Cape Paterson and Harmers Haven.

- iii. **Strategic Plan** – the plan is subject to exigencies as they arise and depends on engagement in the local community. The ongoing work (12 month plan and grant applications) are still being done. The 2024 to 2026 plans should be revised to specific achievable projects given the reduced participation in working bees.
- iv. **Birdlife Victoria** – Hoodie working bees were successful. CPRRA hosted the Birdlife lunch at WLSC
- v. **Lunch** Meeting agreed to approach Michael Turton for a light pub lunch to be paid for by CPRRA in appreciation of working bee participants. To be held at the end of the November working bee.
- vi. **Next Working Bee:** November 9th 2025 at 9:00am. Pete is absent for this – Mike Tesch will conduct this working bee with follow up weed removal at planting site (2 years ago) next to Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club with the possibility of extending this working bee to the Boat Ramp planting site if there are sufficient numbers. Meeting endorsed proposal to have a Cape Tavern end of year light lunch for working bee volunteers

III. **Wellbeing and Community-**

- i. **Parents' Group** – Continues to have popular support. Attendance is up to 15 children with up to 10 parents which is all fostering free of charge, unstructured play and community connections that continue beyond the parents group.
- ii. **Community Hall renewable energy and Resilience** – Fob access to Community Hall for emergencies will be allocated to Clive Vernon, Helen Tennent, Dave Brown and Kathy Hill.

IV. **Governance –**

- i. **Anti -Discrimination Policy** is not the final version – current policy is version 1
- ii. **Other Policies** are otherwise complete – meeting thanked Cheryl for the outstanding work involved in the committee adopting the finalized policies.
- iii. **AGM** – 17th of January 2026 11am proposed if hall is available – Leone to check with council
 - 1. **Speakers** Suggested - South Gippsland Water Wonthaggi Treatment Plant Upgrade
Pete to check availability, Night Sky by Phillip Island Nature Parks, Revegetating Private Land
 - 2. **Plants** – Pete to see if free plants can be provided by BCSC

V. **Communication and stakeholders –**

- i. **Facebook** – operation still to be continued mainly by Marci with occasional input by Pete
- ii. **Website improvement** –
 - 1. Need for committee to find an IT savvy member to assist with the ongoing editing of the website
 - 2. Conflict between two websites is largely resolved – Blue Vapours to be engaged on and occasional basis for website re-design as needed
 - 3. Membership data handling – two lists are currently extant (membership and friends on the .asn broadcast list, current membership list being monitored by Leone). Proposal for John C to forward the .asn list and have Kit Fenessy of Blue Vapours consolidate members to .org and to have separate friends list. Leone to liaise with Kit.
 - 4. Proposal for 1 committee member to hold free single Mailchimp account for broadcasting to membership such things as the working bee notice, newsletters etc.

- iii. **Newsletter- Topics and Timing-** Submission deadline November 3. Topics to include: weed watch, working bees, DAMP, LATMP, the Cape Farm Gate, call for new committee members, DAL & SPP, fire smart planting, AGM notice.
- iv. **Correspondence –**
 - 1. **A Resident** – requested that the CPRRA support the call for a master plan for the community hall precinct which was not supported due to the more pressing funding requirements for the Bay Beach Master Plan
 - 2. **WLSC and CPSLSC newsletters** – committee approved these to be forwarded to members
 - 3. **CFA summer briefing** – has been forwarded to members
 - 4. **South Gippsland Water** – Wonthaggi sewerage treatment works upgrade

4. Treasurer's report-

- I. Committee endorsed Leone to rollover the long term deposit when it matures.
- II. Of the \$3,702 remaining DAL donations, committee recommended that this be retained. This will be put as a motion to the AGM in January for membership endorsement

5. AOB-

- I. Committee membership for next year. Of the current committee, Cheryl, Cathy and John Coulter are not re-nominating. Committee is urged to encourage other candidates to apply.

The meeting closed at 2:45 PM.

NEXT MEETING: Meeting Scheduled for November 29th (TBC) - AGM 17th January 2026 at 11am.