



Executive and General Meeting

Monday, 16th April 2007

Queanbeyan City Council Chambers

1 Opening

The meeting was opened at 6:03 pm with Lynton Bond (President) in the Chair. A warm welcome was extended to all present.

2 Attendance / Apologies

In attendance were Lynton Bond, Sandra Lloyd, John Bruggeman, Claudia Nye, Maryke Booth, Bruce Taloni, Margaret Piper and Zoe Wood.

Apologies were received from Tom Baker.

Ken Simons was a visitor.

3 Minutes of 12th March 2007.

Motion: C Nye / Zoe Wood

“That minutes be accepted.”

Carried.

4 Business Arising

(a) LBGWMP – printers proof done, requires revision, final printers proof next week, hopefully

(b) Milestones – approved by ACT NRM Council, NHT part paid.

5 Correspondence List.

(a) Molonglo Valley Development, more information is now available.

(b) Water2WATER, Zoe to arrange information session with ACTEW and the 3 catchment groups involved.

Motion: Maryke Booth / Lynton Bond

“That our coordinator arrange a joint session with 3 catchment groups and ACTEW for a w2w workshop.”

Carried.

(c) Lynton has received the latest bill from web hosting provider: \$425 for one year.

(d) UMCCC, first willow strategy update, Tom Nilsen.

(e) Bill for coordinator, July '06 to March '07, \$23,000, being queried as the itemised

amounts don't reconcile with previous bills.

6 Accounts (Maryke Booth).

- (a) \$242,094.52 in main account.
- (b) General expenses, \$15,828.45, growing at about \$1,000/month with interest.

7 President's Reports (Lynton Bond) New and outstanding business.

- (a) ACT Regional NRM Facilitator, Steve Welch, is leaving and will be replaced by Felicity Grant.
- (b) Collaborative projects between the 3 catchment groups, urban stormwater, willows. Stronger links are required between the 3 groups.
- (c) Delay in National Action Plan on Salinity, waiting on the minister's signature. Catchment groups in serious financial situation due to funding. NHT is funded, but not NAP. MCG is fine at present. There are feelings that Catchment groups are not being treated as true partners, despite commitments that they carry.
- (d) Relationship with Greening Aust. is a partner in managing projects. Lynton is not entirely happy with progress. No clarity between partners. For example: LBG WMP incremental delays. Have established a steering committee and communication is starting to happen now. .
- (e) ACT NRM Plan workshop and review last Thursday of actions and targets. We should start to see progress.
- (f) UMCCC and CLA: Val Wiseman is retiring from chair of UMCCC and is seeking consideration of the roles of the various community organisations, with the discussion focussing on reducing workload on volunteers. At present there seems to be too much inertia to achieve a reasonable outcome..
- (g) Web site, Netspeed costs \$425 p.a., 4 times what we should pay. Lynton is checking out other options. We need to be provided with more facilities for our money.

Motion: Maryke Booth / Bruce Taloni

“That we change web site host provider.”

Carried.

- (h) Strategic Plan, who, how, what, why etc. no further work but needs to be completed to assist in attracting sponsors.
- (i) K2C, Scottsdale launched on the 27th March, Tom spoke there.
- (j) Trailer, issues with partners, funding is fine. UMCCC \$1,000. SACTCG, how much can they afford at present? A private contribution of \$1,000. ACT Rural Landholders also contributing. Trailer will require on-going maintenance which needs an allocation from general expenses. If there is no response from other partners by the end of the week we will go ahead with sign-writing anyway.

Tom wasn't present at the meeting so Lynton spoke on his behalf:

- (k) Letters have been sent to potential sponsors for the art show.

- (l) Tom went to the Conservation Council's water workshop.
- (m) Molonglo Valley development, Tom is working on our submission. We have to work within our principles, which we have to state and sign off on.

8 Coordinators Report (Zoe Wood).

- (a) CUSP collaborative project. Project should be re-written and led by relevant groups. Problems are - gaps in current application, delays in money, shortened program, major costs are not realistic, and the budget is way out. Issues are - site location, size of wetland, cost of Urban Waterway Coordinator. Ginninderra CG have a person on board to lead this project. Not achievable in current form. No NAP funding yet. Solutions soon, hopefully.
- (b) Work-plan update, Signed off by ACT NRM Council. Zoe has a progress report.
- (c) Weeds, finalising a list of weeds for the information pack.
- (d) ChemCert Training, 50% subsidy available to applicants through the MCG.
- (e) Fernleigh Park Field Day, 16 attended. Smoother format next time, but generally it went pretty well.
- (f) Funding applications, including for the Molonglo Catchment Feral Animal Education Initiative, and Zoe's work plan for coming 6 months. Meeting for the committee on 4th June, 5:30 pm, MCMA Office
- (g) ACT Environment Grants open now until the 18th of May. Zoe will help with applications.
- (h) M-CHiP, final brochure is done.
- (i) Procedures Manual, petty cash procedure, weekend work etc. updated. Lynton will e-mail it out to the committee.
- (j) Molonglo Gorge Willow Removal will proceed from Burbong Bridge to the bottom end of the gorge only.

9 Other Business.

- (a) Please use Zoe's correct e-mail address. coordinator@molonglocatchment.com.au to avoid any potential confusion about which organisation is setting the coordinator's work plan.
- (b) Membership, list of potential members required. Sandi and Maryke will look into promotion of the group for new members. A sales pitch is needed for next months meeting.
- (c) Claudia has finished up with the MCMA and is looking forward to working more on a local level.

10 Next Meeting.

Monday 14th May, QCCC.

11 Closure.

The meeting was closed at 7:54 pm.

Action By	Details	Start Date	Due Date	Completed
All	Review Communications Strategy draft	10-07-06	14-08-06	On going
HC/BT	“Test drive” the Communications Plan on an activity	14-08-06	11-09-06	
HC	Complete media plan for Sony camera and return to LAL	08-05-06	19-06-06	
LB/ZW	Draft business plan based on Murrumbidgee Landcare model	12/2/07	ASAP	
MB/BT	Trailer signage and fit-out	12/2/07	ASAP	
LB	Seek variation to MCS2 for PMP training instead of perennial pastures Now changed to increased subsidy rates for perennial pastures in line with MCS3.	12/2/07	12/3/07	submitted
ZW	Organise w2w workshop for 3 catchment groups	16/4/07	ASAP	completed
LB	Look for other suitable web site host providers	16/4/07	14/5/07	completed

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(Chairman)

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