



Executive and General Meeting

Monday, 14th May 2007

Queanbeyan City Council Chambers - Committee Room 1

1 Opening

The meeting was opened at 6:10 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, Maryke Booth, Bruce Taloni, Margaret Piper, Zoe Wood, Marlene Eggert and Bayne Geikie.
Apologies were received from Tom Baker and Claudia Nye.

3 Minutes of 16th April 2007.

Motion: Sandra Lloyd / Margaret Piper

“That the minutes be accepted.”

Carried.

4 Business Arising

- (a) Number 8a in the last minutes should read Ginninderra Catchment Group.
- (b) MCS2 variation has been submitted.

5 Correspondence List.

- (a) Email from Greening Aust. about a new incentives program – “Under New Management – Engaging New Land Managers In NRM” and seeking a letter of support for an NLP application “Good Neighbours – Creating Opportunities for Small Acreages in and around the ACT”.
- (b) K2C – Agreed in principle for Lauren van Dyke to become K2C coordinator based at “Scottsdale”. Further discussion happening.
- (c) Letter of support for G.A. – for the “Good Neighbours” project.
- (d) A2A – Request for comments and letter of support.
- (e) Trish Harrop – Lower Molonglo development, change in legislation.
- (f) Qbn. Art Prize – sponsorship from Village Building Co. \$800, Magnet Mart, some gift vouchers.

(g) Feral Education Initiative – letter of support from Invasive Species CRC.

6 Accounts (Maryke Booth).

(a) Not done yet. Maryke will email them out when done.

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

(a) Reports on 3 meetings - the CLA Meeting of 19th April, the UMCCC Meeting of 2nd May, and the CLA Chairs Meeting of 3rd May.

(b) Our new web host – set up on the 29th April. \$144 p.a. 500MB. disc space. More versatile host than previous.

(c) Lynton spoke for Tom about the Qbn. Art Prize. We now have several sponsors – Village Building Co. \$800, Readymix Quarry \$300, Leighton Contractors 2 of \$300 each, Monaro Conservation Society \$300, Landscape Direct 3 x \$100 vouchers, Magnet Mart 2 x \$25 vouchers. This year we will have a first prize and prizes in different categories.

8 Treasurers Report (Maryke Booth).

(a) Membership – sent out forms to prospective members.

9 Water Watch Coordinator's Report (Bayne Geikie).

(a) Bayne is presently busy with education duties but will promote M-CHiP better as time allows. Data is coming in huge slabs. Gave a presentation to ACT NRM Council at the beginning of April where the Chair commended M-CHiP. We need more volunteers for testing, especially in the lower Molonglo area (ACT).

10 Coordinators Report (Zoe Wood).

(a) Insurance update – an extra \$60 p.a. gets us up from 10 to 20 million dollars public liability insurance cover. Sign on sheets at our functions are essential. Individual group events not run by the MCG are not covered by this insurance.

(b) LBGWMP will be launched at 8:30 a.m., 18th May at the Carillion.

(c) W2W info session went well, with good responses.

(d) Trailer – Should we charge non-contributors to the project for usage to help with ongoing costs? Zoe suggests \$20/ hire. We should have a procedures manual, a sign in/sign out system, and an inventory sheet for non partners when hiring the trailer. Hopefully signage will be approved this week.

(e) CUSP – wetlands, what's really involved in building them?

(f) Weeds Education Initiative - Application for NRM small projects funding need to be resubmitted, July deadline. Facts sheets started on weeds, time is short, list is long. Should we contract fact sheet production out? Get Geoff Butler's feedback on work done so far, then continue down the same path if Geoff is happy.

(g) Funding Application Summary –

- Friends Of Googong, Marlene Eggert spoke about a rehabilitation project the group wants to

undertake on the shores of Googong Dam and asked the committee for a letter of support and sponsorship by MCG requiring agreeing to the funding deed if successful.

- Stromlo Park, revegetation of Holden’s Creek.
- Zoe will submit a funding application to ACT Env. Grants, for ferals as per weeds. Meeting for all of committee 4th June, 5:30 to 9:00 p.m., CMA Qbn.

(h) G.A. will attend the next meeting to fill us in on their new project, *Under New Management*.

(i) Canberra Environment and Sustainability Resource Centre – request for us to become members. \$27 p.a.

Motion: Zoe Wood/Lynton Bond

“That MCG joins Canberra Environment and Sustainability Resource Centre”

Carried

(j) Reminders – MCG Feral Animal Education Initiative meeting June 4. Landcare awards are open. Community Water Grants Round 3 open online registration required by 22 June and applications close July 4. Lynfield Park open day, Gunning, no details yet.

11 Other Business.

- (a) Margaret Piper asked - Is mistletoe a problem in our catchment? Bees in America are not being killed by a mite but by mobile phone tower microwave radiation.
- (b) Bags for Goodies Packs, Maryke had several styles of bag (calico, polypropylene, paper) and prices. Minimum quantities apply; paper bags are the cheapest and may be easiest to get plain bags and have stickers printed to go the bags.

12 Next Meeting.

Monday 18th June, QCCC.

13 Closure.

The meeting was closed at 8:08 pm.

| Action By | Details | Start Date | Due Date | Completed |
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| All | Review Communications Strategy draft | 10-07-06 | 14-08-06 | completed |
| BT/ZW | “Test drive” the Communications Plan on an activity | 14-08-06 | 11-09-06 | |
| LB/ZW | 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 | |

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| 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 | Canberra Environment and Sustainability Resource Centre – apply for membership | 14/5/07 | 18/6/07 | |
| ZW/MB/LB | Develop T&C for trailer hire and booking sheets | 14/5/07 | 18/6/07 | completed |

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