



Executive and General Meeting

Monday, 18th June 2007

Queanbeyan City Council Chambers

1 Opening

The meeting was opened at 6:07 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, Tom Baker, and Claudia Nye.
Mark Jones from Greening Australia also attended.

3 Minutes of 16th April 2007.

Motion: Bruce Taloni / Tom Baker

“That the minutes be accepted.”

Carried.

4 Business Arising

(a) Nil.

5 Correspondence List.

- (a) Queanbeyan Art Society Newsletter, telling about our show and prize money. Sarah Ryan will open the show.
- (b) Our comments to changes in Territory Plan have been received by Andrew Barr and ACTPLA and will be reviewed and addressed by the Territory Plan Review Team now that the consultation period is over.
- (c) Carwoola Enviro Project signed by us on the 23rd March has been returned, signed by Envirofund on the 24th May.
- (d) Taxation Office, reminding us to review the status of our endorsement as an income tax exempt charity organisation.
- (e) Ginninderra Catchment Group Frogwatch Census Report released. A new population of Green and Gold Bell Frogs has been found in the Molonglo catchment.
- (f) NSW Enviro Trust, Weeds Education Initiative. Invited to proceed to application stage.
- (g) Our submission for w2W has been received and acknowledged and will be taken into

consideration in the review process.

6 Accounts (Maryke Booth).

- (a) \$2,100 in normal account, \$200,000 in maxi saver account.
- (b) Trailer, sent bills to partners, no payments received yet.

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

- (a) NLP Planting Guides, for Queanbeyan River, Molonglo River and Burra Creek. Qbn. delayed because of delays in getting cadastral data for Cooma-Monaro Shire from the Dept of Lands; Burra nearing completion; Molonglo acceptable as it is as only a small proportion is in the Cooma-Monaro Shire.
- (b) Website, statistics for May, around 2,000 visits per month, 293 accesses for MCS, 30-60 accesses to various reports. Mailing lists are still being tested. Common documents are now up on the website (Membership Forms, Communications Strategy, Letterheads, etc).

At this point Mark Jones from Greening Australia gave a presentation on Greening Australia's "Under New Management" project which brings funding streams to previously untargeted new small acreage landholders (less than 10 years on their property) in rural subdivisions within our catchment in NSW. Riparian Revegetation is a primary target of this scheme. Good management of properties is a priority. Lots of interest has been shown by land holders in this project. A site assessment by GA is the first step. Local councils are becoming aware of this project and with time should factor this into their planning processes. Money figures for the project have not yet been fixed.

8 Vice Presidents Reports (Tom Baker).

- (a) "Along The Molonglo" art show, 10 sponsors now, \$3,175 in total prizes. Sarah Ryan (chair ACT NRM Council) will open the show. Friday 6th July, 7:15 pm, Trinculo Place. This will be the first exhibition held in the newly extended gallery. (For membership details for the Qbn. Artists Society contact Jean Helmers on 6297 6994 or Derek and Joy Rogers).
- (b) w2W working group, see ACTEW website.
- (c) Molonglo Valley Development, MCG has done some ground work on this development. ACT Government has money in their budget for the Kama Nature Park, which is a good start.
- (d) Queanbeyan Landcare has been lobbying Qbn. Council about the proposed Edwin Land Parkway, ensuring that wildlife corridors are not destroyed by employing the use of underpasses and suitably high fencing where possible.
- (e) There is an extra \$30,000 in the council's budget for weeds this year.

9 Treasurers Report (Maryke Booth).

- (a) Membership, review MCG views and objectives to present to potential corporate sponsors to encourage them to participate. We should enlarge our target list. Maryke will rehash

invitation information.

10 Coordinators Report (Zoe Wood).

- (a) Display Trailer, will be at next meeting for the committee to view.
- (b) CUSP, Zoe had a site visit to Burgman Collage, Gungahlin to see its potential as a site for a new wetland.
- (c) Weed Education Initiative, Zoe continues working on the information sheets. Bruce is testing formatting of the document. Quotes for Graphic Designer to do sheets are not yet in. Feedback from Geoff Butler on progress so far is positive.
- (d) Ferals
Motion: Bruce Taloni / Claudia Nye
“That we form a steering committee to manage “Ferals”, members to be Bruce Taloni, Lynton Bond, Maryke Booth and Sandra Lloyd.”
Carried.
- (e) Communications Strategy, Zoe and Lynton have finalised it. Has not been tried out as yet.
- (f) Friends Of Googong, application for ACT Environment grant, which we are sponsor for, no reply as yet.
- (g) Zoe has done some training for online reporting, NHT/NAP/NLP.
- (h) Community Water Grants, close 4th July.

11 Other Business.

- (a) K2C, meeting on the 19th June to discuss the formal launch of K2C. Bush Heritage Australia sponsorship of a coordinator for 2.5 days per week for the next 2 years. There is also DECC K2C funding for GA incentives. Lauren Van Dyke has been offered the position, based in the woolshed at *Scottsdale*.
- (b) Shared website, involving all of the local catchment groups. Avoids duplication of what groups are doing, encouraging collaboration and minimising potential for clashes in project proposals. Groups should think regionally while acting locally. Proposal to use one of the recently closed schools to house offices for all of the groups is being investigated.
- (c) Bayne is to accept a higher position at ActewAGL, leaving the Molonglo Waterwatch coordinator position vacant. The position will be advertised.
- (d) Tom announced that Lynton has been nominated for “Landcarer of the Year” by the Catchment and Landcare Association.

12 Next Meeting.

Monday 9th July, QCCC - Committee Room 1.

13 Closure.

The meeting was closed at 7:40 pm.

Action By	Details	Start Date	Due Date	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	Completed
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 awaiting response
ZW/LB	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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(Chairman)

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