



Executive and General Meeting

Monday, 20th August 2007

Queanbeyan City Council Chambers

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, Bruce Taloni, Claudia Nye, Sandra Lloyd, Tom Baker, John Bruggeman and Bayne Geikie.

Apologies were received from Maryke Booth and Zoe Wood.

3 Minutes of 18th June 2007.

Motion: Tom Baker / Lynton Bond

“That the minutes be accepted.”

Carried.

4 Business Arising

(a) Water use and management submission, 1st draft pending. Due 31st October.

(b) Weeds information sheets, Bruce is looking after quotes, Tom has looked at preamble / introduction.

5 Correspondence List.

(a) Weeds, Deed of Grant received from the ACT NRM Council Small Project Grant, \$6,000 for info packs, field days, chemicals.

(b) Keith Joliffe - GIS Mapping project with Hawker College and Environment Centre, invitation to participate in projects.

(c) Notice of Boneseed Weed Alert, containment lines being established at the South Australian border and the Murray River.

(d) Landcare Online newsletter, Landcare Week September 3-9, theme of weeds awareness.

(e) Weeds Awareness News, 1st edition.

(f) Green Corps. teams available.

(g) Invitation to Landcare Awards for Lynton, Tom and Zoe. Regatta Point, 7:45 am, 7th September.

6 Accounts (Maryke Booth).

- (a) 6 monthly report due.
- (b) \$253,000 in maxi account, \$4,000 in current account.

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

- (a) NAP and NHT funding for coordinator, still waiting for NAP 1st quarter payment, believed to be waiting for sign-off on payments. We are still solvent and trading.
- (b) Planting Guides, We have the Jerrabomberra guide, Molonglo River guide is in 1st draft. Should we alter our look compared to these guides? Lynton is getting cadastral data for the entire Molonglo Catchment in NSW through the CMA but this is a new arrangement and is taking time to sort out.
- (c) NCA invite next Thursday for pre-consultation for variation to the National Capital Plan for the Molonglo Valley development. No background provided. Lynton, Tom and John will attend.
- (d) M-CHiP, Bayne has provided graphs in Excel to Lynton to provide commentary on testing results for water samplers. We need a snapshot of the catchment with Macro Invertebrate sampling included. Bayne will get onto MV testing shortly. The surveys are due in Spring and Autumn. There's a water bug data entry page on our website waiting for testing and acceptance. Bayne has also provided a table of his activities for July and August. A Memorandum Of Understanding is being worked on for the Waterwatch coordinator by Lynton and Bayne.
- (e) NLP Project Report from Angela of GA, rollout of MCS: 22 site visits, promotion in local and regional newspapers and websites. A reasonable number of enquiries are being made as a result.
- (f) Canberra Art Show, advertised on the Floriade web-site. Our exhibition will be held in the ACTEWAGL "Look 'n' Learn" marquee at Floriade between the 24th & 27th September and will be opened at 10:30 am on Monday 24th (the main exhibition will open at the Albert Hall at 5:00 pm on the 22nd September). Bayne will be speaking about the catchment every day at 11:00 am during the Floriade exhibition. This part of the exhibition will then return to the Albert Hall on the 27th September until the 2nd October.
- (g) Banksia Street Wetland, Ginninderra CG still not sure if they will take on the UWC position. We have assurances on the budget for the wetland.
- (h) UMCCC, community survey on how peri-urban households are getting all of the relevant information and data required for developing their blocks. Weeds field days will be trials for this survey.
- (i) Willows workshops, UMCCC Forging Partnerships program, 6th October Yass, 13th October Michelago, 27th October Cooma, 10th November Queanbeyan, 23rd November Bredbo, 1st and 3rd February Canberra. MCG is to assist in running 2 of the workshops.
- (j) K2C communications meeting was held in late July. Lauren is working on fact sheets and website with GA and Lynton.

8 Coordinators Report (Zoe Wood)

- (a) Aust. Landcare Council meeting last week, assess the “Health of Landcare”. Strategic planning meeting to be held after MCG AGM, (possibly 8th October) to work through where we’d like to be in 12 months, 2, 5 years etc. Review MCS if necessary.
- (b) Weeds Education Initiative, Weed Busters Week, Tom will speak to students and staff at the ANU on the 11th October and Zoe will speak on Radio Landcare on the 9th about the weeds menace in our environment. Zoe is calling for volunteers to speak about weeds on QBN-FM on the 7th and 14th October.
- (c) Weeds info pack progress, 18 facts sheets done, 16 with Bruce. Zoe and Tom are working on the introduction. Cooma Monaro Shire Council has agreed to contribute \$1,836 to this project. Three quotes are in for design: Octavo \$2,354, Graphic Ark \$2,579. Giraffe \$3,520. How flexible are the 2 leading quotes, reprints, changes etc. The design features should be transferable to “Ferals” and other fact sheets. Is it possible to print up for launch of Weed Busters Week? Tom, where is your poem?
- (d) “Ferals” application for funding, no reply yet from ACT Enviro Grants.
- (e) Flemington Road Wetlands, water harvesting is the main focus. \$17 million project for 3-6 wetlands in the ACT. Looks like businesses may be lining up for water grab and benefits of this project.
- (f) Canb. Environment Centre joint projects, will this clash with Landcare Resource Centre proposal?
- (g) Benchmarking Soil Chemistry, continuing call for additional workshops, expected completion is June next year.
- (h) Blindspot Project with Keith Joliffe, and using Hawker College facilities, mapping project for the Lower Molonglo Valley Development for students. Keith Joliffe is championing this project. Needs data host, corridor mapping and indigenous sites survey.
- (i) Display Trailer for hire, no bookings as yet.
- (j) Landcare Aust. is to do a story on Tom and Margaret and their dedication to Radio Landcare. Should be in the September edition.
- (k) M-CHiP was nominated for a KAB Sustainable Cities award in the Environmental Innovation category by Bayne for both MCG and ACTEW.

9 Other Business.

- (a) Is the MCG in the phone book under “Landcare” and in the Qbn. Age Rural Directory? This is a suggestion from Tas. Landcare and was brought up at the Aust. Landcare Council meeting recently. Lynton will take this to the CLA meeting tomorrow.
- (b) GA Green Corp teams require projects for ’08. Projects need to be for 14 weeks duration and involve a variety of landcare tasks. They are scheduled to start in January ’08 for a June ’08 finishing date.
- (c) Serrated tussock workshop in Canberra on the 12th October.
- (d) Claudia talked to Charles in Darwin recently. He says hello to us all and is fine, and

anticipating his first wet season there.

10 Next Meeting.

Monday 10th September, QCCC.

11 Closure.

The meeting was closed at 7:48 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	
LB	Seek variation to MCS3 for increased subsidy rates for perennial pastures in line with current charges.	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/BT/LB	Review Weeds fact sheets, and assess graphic design potential	9/7/07	20/8/07	
TB	Review “About the Molonglo” brochure prior to reprinting	9/7/07	20/8/07	
ZW	Prepare draft submission on Water Use and Management	9/7/07	20/8/07	

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