



Executive and General Meeting

Monday 8th October 2007

Queanbeyan City Council Chambers – Committee Room 1

1 Opening

The meeting was opened at 6:30 pm with Tom Baker (Vice-President) in the Chair. A warm welcome was extended to all present.

2 Attendance / Apologies

In attendance were Bruce Taloni, Claudia Nye, Sandra Lloyd, Tom Baker, John Bruggeman, Zoe Wood, Margaret Piper and Bayne Geikie.

Apologies were received from Lynton Bond and Maryke Booth.

Visitors to the meeting were Robert Faulkner and David Emmerson from ACT Car Recyclers.

Robert Faulkner and David Emmerson from ACT Car Recyclers gave a presentation on an innovative idea they have to improve the standard of salvaging resources from the recycling of “old” cars in the ACT and asked for a letter of support from the MCG to be presented to the ACT Government to gain access to an industrial block in the Hume Resource Recycling Centre to run their operation from. Tom asked them to state their proposal in letter form so as to assist the MCG to decide how it should respond.

3 Minutes of 10th September 2007.

Motion: Bruce Taloni / Claudia Nye

“That the minutes be accepted.”

Carried.

4 Business Arising

- (a) K2C forum hosted by Queanbeyan Landcare at the Qbn. Community Centre on the 11th Sept., 35-40 people attended, the presentation was well received by all present. Launch of K2C and a field day will likely be held at Scottsdale on the 30th Nov. – 1st Dec.

5 Correspondence List.

- (a) Actew “River to Reservoir” proposal, involving pumping water from the Murrumbidgee River to Googong Dam. Zoe sent off a letter raising concerns about transfer of Black Willow seed into the dam.

6 Accounts (Maryke Booth).

- (a) No Accounts this month as Maryke wasn’t present at the meeting. She will present them at the next meeting.

- 7 President's Reports (Presented by Tom Baker)** New and outstanding business.
- (a) Shared Landcare resource centre, three public meetings held recently about reusing closed schools in the ACT. Our joint proposal is for a “one stop shop” for sustainability, fully integrated and equipped. Zoe has documentation from Drew English of CVA, including a growing list of possible functions for such a centre.
 - (b) Mapping Lower Molonglo, NRM Council small projects grant application has been submitted and the council has agreed in principle with the project but has decided that the aims need revision.
 - (c) Along the Molonglo, exhibition at Floriade and Albert Hall went exceptionally well. NCA want to co-sponsor next year. The MCG will investigate the likelihood of attracting a Small Projects Grant to employ a coordinator for next year's exhibits and associated activities.
 - (d) Water Use Submission, Tom and Sandy continue to refine the submission. From the recent consultation on the Canberra integrated Urban Waterways Project, it emerged that in the ACT there are more and more current and potential users for a finite amount of water resources being taken out of the lake and other water bodies for non-potable uses.
- 8 Waterwatch Coordinator (Bayne Geikie)**
- (a) Bayne presented his calendar for school visits for October.
 - (b) Macro invertebrate training for M-CHiP volunteers, 4 training sessions, November 24 and 25, December 8 and 9.
 - (c) ANU has joined M-CHiP, students have been trained in laboratories and on site and will be testing 6 sites.
 - (d) Water Week Event “Source to Sewer Catchment Tour” Thursday 18th October.
- 9 Coordinators Report (Zoe Wood)**
- (a) CVA is looking for projects for their volunteer teams by Friday, the focus being Sustainable Agriculture.
 - (b) Along the Molonglo at Floriade, lots of information brochures about the MCG were taken by the public. 8 people put their names down on the contact list. Sarina Lock interviewed both Bayne and Rachelle (Frogwatch) after the official opening. Better planning is required for next years show, with funding needed to make it all more professional, possibly through an ACTNRM small grants funding application.
 - (c) Weeds Education Initiative, Two information sheets went to the designer today. Concept drafts will be sent to the committee as soon as they are developed and Zoe will be seeking comments for fine tuning the design (ASAP). This will be our template for future document design needs. A Weeds Day will be held at the ANU on Thursday 11th October between noon and 2 pm, with Tom and Zoe attending. Another Weeds Day will be held at Hoskinstown Community Hall on 25th November between noon and 3 pm, supported by Hoskinstown Landcare, Palerang Council, and the Upper Murrumbidgee Catchment Coordinating Committee. The focus will be on weeds identification and control.
 - (d) Indigenous Planting Guides, final versions for Burra Creek and the Molonglo River are on

Zoe's desk now.

- (e) The AGM of the MCG will be held on the 10th December.
- (f) Auditing accounts and incorporation, we have accepted a quote for \$800 for an auditor. For the time being we have decided to remain incorporated in the ACT however we may revisit the issue in the future.
- (g) Landcare Making a Difference: The Australian Landcare Council is putting together a coffee table book of good stories in Landcare, Zoe is submitting a report covering Lynton and Tom's Landcare awards and other good stories from local Landcare. Hopefully our stories will be selected by the editors.
- (h) Ferals, the steering committee met on 17th Sept. and decided that we need to consider our aims with "Ferals" more thoroughly. Do we need to be looking at this issue at all, as other groups and departments are already covering it? The issue does have educational value however its ability to link to on-ground action is questionable and therefore we need to reassess the aims.
- (i) John is proceeding with the Lower Molonglo submissions. He is examining the draft variations for both ACT and Commonwealth jurisdictions. We have until 23rd and 26th November to finalise our submissions.
- (j) Water Use and Management Inquiry submission, deadline 31st October, but can be extended.
- (k) UMCCC Mulloon Creek Natural Sequence Farming, using Peter Andrew's system, "Back from the Brink".
- (l) Display Trailer for hire; please consider using it to publicise your group and Landcare when organising field days and working bees. Header panels for the trailer have been approved and should be available soon. ActewAGL will pay for theirs.
- (m) Planting Day at Keefe's Travelling Stock Reserve, Burra, on Tuesday 9th October.
- (n) NSW State Landcare Forum and Awards, Tamworth, 25th – 27th October, sponsorships available for Landcarers to attend.

10 Other Business.

- (a) CSIRO Community Consultation on the proposed Eastlake development, expected to house another 10,000 people beside the lake, this Wednesday at Narrabundah College between 3 and 5 pm. Tom and Margaret will attend and report back to us.
- (b) ANU Birdwatch survey, Saturday 20th October, 6 – 9 am.

11 Next Meeting.

Monday 12th November, 6:00 – 7:30 pm, QCC Committee Room 1

12 Closure.

The meeting was closed at 8:12 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	Submitted awaiting response
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	Completed
ZW/TB/SL	Prepare draft submission on Water Use and Management	9/7/07	31/10/07	
MB/ZW	CCSERAC – apply for membership	10/9/07	8/10/07	Submitted awaiting response
JB/TB/BT	Prepare submission on Molonglo Valley Development	10/9/07	23/11/07	
MB	Bumper sticker price quote	10/9/07	8/10/07	
BG	Water Week Event “Source to Sewer Catchment Tour”		18/10/07	
BG	Macro invertebrate training for M-CHiP volunteers	24-25/11/07	8-9/12/07	
All	MCG AGM		10/12/07	

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