



Executive and General Meeting

Monday 12th November 2007

Queanbeyan City Council Chambers – Committee Room 1

1 Opening

The meeting was opened at 6:08 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, Sandra Lloyd, Maryke Booth, Tom Baker, John Bruggeman, Zoe Wood and Margaret Piper.

Apologies were received from Claudia Nye and Bayne Geikie.

3 Minutes of 10th September 2007.

Motion: Sandra Lloyd / Tom Baker

“That the minutes be accepted.”

Carried.

4 Business Arising – From table at end of minutes.

- (a) Communications Strategy – Useful, adequate for Hoskinstown Weeds Field Day.
- (b) Draft Business Plan as for Murrumbidgee Landcare Model should be ready for January committee meeting.
- (c) MCS variation with increased rates for perennial pastures and fencing has been submitted.
- (d) We are now members of Canberra Environment and Sustainability Resource Centre and they are now members of MCG. Acknowledgement required.
- (e) Review Weeds fact sheets, feedback from nearly all members has been received.
- (f) Review Molonglo Brochure, completed by Tom, thankyou.
- (g) Water Use And Management submission completed, thankyou Tom, Sandy, Lynton and Zoe.
- (h) CCSERAC, our membership confirmed.
- (i) Molonglo Valley submission, draft sent to Tom, Bruce and Zoe last week.
- (j) Bumper stickers, Maryke is still waiting for additional quotes.
- (k) Waterwatch, Tour by Bayne completed, MV training put on hold because of small response.
- (l) AGM, 10th December, note, we are still short 2 committee members.

5 Correspondence List.

- (a) Invoice from Canb. Times for advert in Qbn. Age.
- (b) Invoice from ANU for BBQ for Weeds Field day
- (c) ChemCert certificate, Thankyou from Zoe for this opportunity.
- (d) ACT Car Recyclers letters of support to ACT govt, thankyou John and Margaret.
- (e) Invitation received from ACT Govt. to be involved in public consultation on the new Territory Plan (Nov 12 to Dec 7). Check on 2 points from earlier this year.
- (f) FOMM, grant application to ACT Govt.
- (g) Invitation to the launch of “Field Guide to Native Trees of the ACT”, Zoe couldn’t attend.

6 Accounts (Maryke Booth).

- (a) What is and isn’t relevant for reporting purposes. We should wait for Auditors Report to be completed and then evaluate what the committee wants to see in reports.

Motion: Bruce Taloni / Sandra Lloyd

“That we accept the treasurer’s report.”

Carried.

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

MCS

- awaiting Commonwealth agreement to proposed variation for perennial pastures subsidy rate and corrected milestones (previously annual milestones were set as six-monthly milestones)
- still a few more takers for projects
- community planting day at O’Keefe’s TSR on Burra Road with GA volunteers
- Field day at Spring Valley Farm (ANU) on Uriarra Rd on 2 November, ~10 people, Mike Keys presented Paddock Plants.
- next field day is at Carwoola – Stoney Creek Hall, Johnson property and Molonglo River Park on 17 November.

Mapping Lower Molonglo

- met on 17 October;
- Hawker College students have prepared a range of templates for a brochure about the lower Molonglo Valley, which will show some of the features and encourage participation in a mapping project next year by College, University and CIT students in further mapping;
- organising digital data license for MCG use of ACT data;
- seeking additional data (veg mapping) from Sarah Sharp at Wildlife Research & Monitoring.
- getting pictures of legless lizard (thanks to Queanbeyan Landcare) for Hawker College students to design a logo for project;
- Keith Joliffe has prepared the text for the brochure from the project brief.
- session at Hawker College with Steve Selden and Zoe, to see what data we have and the ease of working with it.
- Next meeting 21 November

Shared Landcare Centre – ACT Living Environment

- Scoping document distributed at former school sites meetings
- Melrose Primary, Weston Primary, Flynn, North Curtin workshops attended.
- met on 3 November to firm up proposal, availability of funding, potential space requirements;
- further consultations on 20th Nov (Weston Primary), 27th Nov (Melrose Primary) and 29th Nov (North Curtin Primary).

Willow Workshops

- Cooma 26 October, 5 attended, well run, very well received
- Queanbeyan 10 November, cancelled, despite pushing publicity to attract more people.

Kosciuszko to Coast

- new website www.k2c.org.au under construction
- email facilitator@k2c.org.au functioning (sort of)
- Plant ID and Indigenous Interpretation field day on 1 December; meet at Bredbo Community Hall for bus at 9.45am. Audience is landholders.
- Next meeting tomorrow 13 November.

GCG/UMCCC Tour of Ginninderra Catchment

- Impressed by talk by CIC/Delfin at Forde – providing a community development officer in a new development is something that we could push for at East Lake, Googong, Tralee and Molonglo Valley.

Googong Foreshores Draft Plan of Management

- comments drafted, to be sent 13 November Bruce and Tom have provided comments. (Draft circulated, Action: committee to respond with any additional comments by 3pm 13 Nov)

8 Coordinators Report (Zoe Wood)

- (a) CMA, Zoe's office, space available in the new NSW Government Offices Building in Queanbeyan. We can expect a rise in rental costs.
- (b) Ferals, Australia Post Grants, requested extension granted.
- (c) Weeds Education Initiative, feedback from all for design template for fact sheets tonight.
- (d) Hoskinstown Weeds field day, 19 RSVP's so far.
- (e) Zoe presented her report as sent out by email.

Motion: Sandra Lloyd / Tom Baker

“That we accept the coordinators report.”

Carried.

9 Other Reports

- (a) Molonglo Valley Development submission, John sent out his draft to Tom, Bruce and Zoe last week.
- (b) “Along The Molonglo”, Tom had 4 points to make.
 - Tom, Zoe and Lynton met with John Feint of ACT TAMS and Sarah Ryan, Chair of ACT NRM on Friday 2nd November to discuss future plans for the Art Show.

- Tom and Lynton presented a brief outline of the “Along the Molonglo” Art Exhibition and Competition, pointing out the exhibits value over the last 3 years and its potential to expand and reflect the iconic values of all of Canberra as the “Bush Capital”.
 - John and Sarah invited the MCG to submit a proposal to employ a suitable person to scope/investigate transferring the “Along the Molonglo” model to other art forms, to promote the profile of NRM in the ACT region, with emphasis on community awareness and involvement.
 - This may lead to Natural Heritage Trust funding for the next 3 years.
- (c) East Lake Urban Renewal, Tom and Margaret attended the CSIRO meeting and Tom will put together a page with his views on this. CSIRO has a team of people working on this development. ACTPLA has an online feedback form which Tom will check out.
- (d) Water Use and Management Inquiry, Tom and Sandy’s submission went in on Friday, thankyou both for your work.
- (e) Canberra-Sydney Corridor, Bruce has been reviewing this Planning NSW document. This is the 7th draft of this document and doesn’t appear to be a very tangible report. Covers housing, environment, water and transport. Relies on local councils for infrastructure. Not much financial information included. We should do a submission for this (due 7th Dec.) which Tom and Bruce will discuss (water being one concern).

10 Other Business.

- (a) Phil Selmes, subsidise Chem. Cert course, discuss at next meeting.
- (b) CCSERAC, we should have a councillor to represent us at their meetings, to interact on common points of concern between our group and theirs. Zoe believes that they are on top of issues. Zoe is going to their AGM (Wednesday 21st, 3 Childers Street, City, 7:00 pm) and would like one of us attend also. Zoe will get details about meetings, times etc. Margaret will attend.

11 Next Meeting.

AGM, Monday 10th December, 6:00 – 7:30 pm, QCC Committee Room 1

12 Closure.

The meeting was closed at 7:52 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	Finalising feedback forms from Hoskinstown weeds field day

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	Completed
ZW/BT/LB	Review Weeds fact sheets, and assess graphic design potential	9/7/07	20/8/07	Completed
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	Completed
MB/ZW	CCSERAC – apply for membership	10/9/07	8/10/07	Completed
JB/TB/BT	Prepare submission on Molonglo Valley Development	10/9/07	23/11/07	Completed
MB	Bumper sticker price quote	10/9/07	8/10/07	
All	MCG AGM		10/12/07	
TB	Prepare comments on East Lake Urban Renewal Consultation Process	12/11/07	23/11/07	Completed
LB	Prepare comments on Draft Googong Foreshores Plan of Management		13/11/07	Completed
TB/LB/ZW	Prepare project proposal to scope art in NRM extension of Along the Molonglo	2/11/07	10/12/07	

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