



Executive and General Meeting

Monday 10th December 2007

Queanbeyan City Council Chambers – Committee Room 1

1 Opening

The meeting was opened at 6:35 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, Bruce Taloni, John Bruggeman, Maryke Booth, Claudia Nye, Tom Baker and Zoe Wood.

Apologies were received from Bayne Geikie and Margaret Piper.

One visitor, Jim Arnold from the Upper Murrumbidgee Chapter, Natural Sequence Assoc. and Friends of Aranda Bushland.

3 Minutes of 12th November 2007.

Motion: Claudia Nye / Sandra Lloyd

“That the minutes be accepted.”

Carried.

4 Business Arising – From table at end of minutes.

- (a) Communications Strategy: test drive for Hoskinstown Weeds Field Day, summary of feedback still to come.
- (b) Draft Business Plan: still being worked on. Work plan for coordinator to be decided on at January Strategy meeting, Monday 14th, 3:00 – 6:00 pm.
- (c) We are now members of Canberra Environment and Sustainability Resource Centre and they are now members of MCG.
- (d) Final review of Weeds fact sheets.
- (e) AGM held earlier tonight.
- (f) Phil Selmes: no application submitted, Zoe will remind him.

5 Correspondence List.

- (a) Invoice from Murrumbidgee Landcare for membership fees.
- (b) Invoice from UMCCC for membership fees.
- (c) Invoice from GA for direct seeding in River Restoration Project.

- (d) Acknowledgement of receipt of our submission for Googong Foreshores Draft Plan of Management.
- (e) ACTPLA and the Draft Territory Plan: resubmit previous comments about 2 changes from earlier in the year.
- (f) Lanyon Drive Upgrade and Duplication: letter from GHD P/L (planning consultants) inviting comment on NSW section of works by 14th January '08.
- (g) Molonglo Valley Submission sent to ACTPLA, NCA, Jon Stanhope, John Hargreaves, Andrew Barr and Mick Gentleman.
- (h) East Lake Urban Renewal comments sent to ACTPLA.
- (i) Draft Googong Foreshores Plan of Management submission sent to TAMS.

6 Accounts (Maryke Booth).

- (a) Accounts presented; we need to review reporting and chart of accounts. Helen is willing to continue undertaking book-keeping. Sandy suggested we should get a gift voucher and card for Helen. It was agreed by all to get a gift voucher to the value of \$50 from the Botanic Gardens Bookshop.

7 President's Reports (Lynton Bond) New and outstanding business sent out by email. Additional items since then:

- (a) Mapping Lower Molonglo: on 3rd December Lynton meet with 4 students, Keith Joliffe and Stephen Selden at Hawker College to work on a brochure (A4 tri-fold) to promote the project. Logo based on the Pink Tailed Worm Lizard, set out to look like a map of Australia. The committee will view the brochure before going to the printers, which the students are organising in collaboration with Goanna Printers in Fyshwick.
- (b) Draft Googong LEP: Queanbeyan City Council released the Draft Googong Local Environment Plan for public comment on Friday 30th November. It is available at the QCC Offices, QCC Library and the website at www.qcc.nsw.gov.au/page.aspx?page=6868. Comments on the DLEP will be received until 15 February 2008. Lynton and Zoe met with Elton Consultants last Thursday to run through the proposal. Exciting project with world's best practice water use envisaged. Passive solar township layout (as with CIC proposal for Forde in the ACT). LEP doesn't enforce this vision. Information session by CIC at the Monaro Room (Queanbeyan Community Centre, 262 Crawford St, opposite the QCC Offices) on Wednesday 12 December 5pm-9pm.

8 Coordinators Report (Zoe Wood)

- (a) Coordinators report sent out by email.
- (b) Plant Identification course completed by Zoe, thank you committee.
- (c) Ferals Animal Initiative: still waiting for NSW Enviro Trust advice on application for funding.

- (d) River Restoration: ongoing meetings with GA's Sue Streatfield and Angela Calliess, we need to spend funding monies by June '08. We propose to extend the range of incentives to include native vegetation conservation and enhancement to ensure we get all funding on the ground. GA's ability to get "Under New Management" funding out so rapidly demonstrates there is a need out there.
- (e) Weeds Fact Sheets: introduction will be larger than originally expected with around 8 pages and the cover will be printed front, inside (acknowledgements, ISBN) and back (Tom's poem) and so we will need to get new quotes for additional design and printing. The sheets should be back from the designer for our final scrutiny and corrections next week. They will take approximately 2 weeks to print. Zoe advises that we can expect they will be ready by the end of January.

9 Other Reports

- (a) Waterwatch: Bayne wasn't present so Zoe presented his report. Bayne has been working through the M-CHiP data and compiling graphs and maps so that volunteers can see feedback from the results of their work. He is learning what to do with the data. He expects to do 6 month reports with results. Information usage has to be transferrable to people employed as Waterwatch coordinators in the future.
- (b) Draft Canberra-Sydney Corridor Strategy: Bruce has been reviewing this Planning NSW document. A letter was sent on our behalf last week; he will circulate the letter by email.
- (c) Along the Molonglo Art Exhibitions: following the meeting with Sarah Ryan, John Feint, Lynton and Zoe, and after reviewing objectives with Lynton and Zoe Tom is putting together a funding proposal to employ a suitably qualified person to scope a project to further the use of artistic expression as a tool to promote Natural Resource Management in the region, extending the reach beyond the Molonglo catchment and the range of media involved.

10 Other Business.

- (a) ACTPLA Territory Plan: disappointing that ACTPLA has forgotten their commitment to correct the error which was the subject of our previous notification of 2 changes made in original draft which still remain in present draft. A further submission has been sent to ACTPLA and ACT Minister for Planning.
- (b) CCSERAC: we need to nominate a delegate and alternate to attend their meetings, now we are members. Zoe attended their AGM recently. They have quarterly general meetings, the next one scheduled for Wednesday 27th February '08 at 7:30pm at 3 Childers Street, City. They also run a Biodiversity Working Group which meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month between 4:30 – 6:00 pm at the same venue. They lobby government and are very up to date with issues. We are encouraged to attend. Tom offered to attend the next Biodiversity group meeting.
- (c) Lanyon Drive Upgrade and Duplication: comment due 14th January '08. Tom and Maryke

have provided comments about animal underpasses and bicycle lanes etc. should be included in planning.

- (d) Canberra Environment Centre: we need a delegate to attend meetings. Zoe attended their last meeting and is now on committee (as a private individual). They meet quarterly, have a great resource library, have community projects up and running, and have a web site.
- (e) “About The Molonglo” brochure: text has been reviewed for another print run. Zoe will get quotes for printing, for inclusion in Weeds pack plus additional (1000, 1500, and 2000) supplies for display trailer and other activities.
- (f) Googong Development: Tom, Lynton and Zoe met with Craig Harris (CIC), and Brian Elton (Elton Consulting) last Thursday to discuss proposal. Queanbeyan Landcare and Monaro Conservation Society will be reviewing proposal. Tom has been given a hardcopy of the LES. CIC are holding a community information session on Wednesday 12th 5-9 pm at the Queanbeyan Community Centre.
- (g) Bumper stickers: Maryke has quotes as per email, thank you. No action as yet.
- (h) Water Use enquiry: Tom, Sandy and Zoe will attend tomorrow’s enquiry at the Legislative Assembly to represent our views on future water use in the ACT.
- (i) Jim Arnold (our new committee member) advised us about a documentary on “Natural Sequence Farming” shown on WIN TV on the 11 November, and a transcript available on their website.

11 Next Meeting.

Committee Strategy Meeting, Monday 14th January ‘08, 3:00 – 6:00 pm, venue to be advised by email.

12 Closure.

The meeting was closed at 8:05 pm.

Action By	Details	Start Date	Due Date	Completed
BT/ZW	“Test drive” the Communications Plan on an activity	14-08-07	11-09-07	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

MB	Bumper sticker price quote	10/9/07	8/10/07	Completed
TB/LB/ZW	Prepare project proposal to scope art in NRM extension of Along the Molonglo	2/11/07	10/12/07	
LB/MB	Gift voucher, \$50 from Botanic Gardens Bookshop for Helen	10/12/07	14/1/08	
ZW	Weeds Fact Sheets, get quote for additional pages.	10/12/07	14/1/08	
All	Nominate delegate for CCSERAC at Strategy Meeting	10/12/07	14/1/08	
All	Nominate delegate for Canb. Environment Centre at Strategy Meeting	10/12/07	14/1/08	
ZW	Quotes for "About the Molonglo" brochure printing	10/12/07	14/1/08	

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