



## **Executive and General Meeting**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2008

### **Queanbeyan City Council Chambers – Committee Room 1**

#### **1 Opening**

The meeting was opened at 6:05 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, Jim Arnold, Tom Baker, Bayne Geikie, Margaret Piper and Zoe Wood.  
Apologies were received from Claudia Nye.

#### **3 Minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2008.**

Motion: Sandra Lloyd/ Maryke Booth

**“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, completed.
- (b) Draft Business Plan: still being worked on.
- (c) Weeds fact sheets: 1<sup>st</sup> draft back from printers.
- (d) Nominate delegate for CCSERAC: on agenda tonight.
- (e) Along the Molonglo: NRM project proposal to scope art media on agenda tonight.
- (f) Project deadlines and priorities: on agenda tonight.

#### **5 Correspondence List.**

- (a) Letter regarding Lanyon Drive upgrade.
- (b) Landcare Company invoice.
- (c) Indian Myna Action Group.

#### **6 Accounts (Maryke Booth).**

- (a) Accounts emailed out to committee.
- (b) Maxi A/c. \$227,000, Chq. A/c. \$3,000, General expenses \$24,000.
- (c) Maryke will meet with Lynton to further consider optimising accounting and reporting.

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

- (a) Coordination Project: projects and priorities mapped out for next 12 months. On completion of the 6 monthly report for the Molonglo Catchment Coordination project, it is now clear that we have underspent \$43,000. Lynton has asked John Feint about a part time coordinator to achieve the committed outcomes. CMA is happy to have another person in the office. We have to use the unspent funds or return them.
- (b) MCS-NLP field days: GA is organising a perennial pastures field day on an Upper Qbn. River property and ranger guided tour for Lower Molonglo Gorge.
- (c) Mapping Lower Molonglo: met on the 6<sup>th</sup> February, Keith is working on an Envirofund application for mapping. Next meeting 6<sup>th</sup> March.
- (d) Along The Molonglo Scoping Project: Tom and Lynton met with Caroline Young and John Reid to discuss framework for this project. ANU is doing something along similar lines.
- (e) K2C: monster open day on the 12<sup>th</sup> April to convince local landholders about benefits of joining in with the aims of this project.
- (f) Draft Googong LEP: Lynton has sent off submission.
- (g) UMCCC; Met on 31<sup>st</sup> January, launch of "Living with Drought" fact sheet, followed by inspection of Envirofund round 7 projects.
- (h) Envirofund round 8 project: Lynton inspected Patrick Cox's property, Carwoola, before signing off on partial reimbursement of expenses, this project is due for completion by 24<sup>th</sup> November.
- (i) Sawfly impact on willows: Lynton met with Dr. Fiona Ede and Trevor Hunt of the National Willows Taskforce in an attempt to assess if sawfly is killing off willows in the region. The NZ experience suggests that willows should be dying after 3 or 4 years of successive infestation. Drought is complicating interpretation of willow deaths.
- (j) Shared Landcare Facilities: no movement as yet but the responses to the proposal are looking promising.

## **8 Coordinators Report (Zoe Wood)**

- (a) Coordinators report sent out by email.
- (b) 2008 planning meeting outcomes to be discussed in "Other Business".
- (c) Ferals Animal Initiative: meeting planned with RLPB and other stakeholders to discuss direction and optimise outcomes.
- (d) Weeds Fact Sheets: package at printers, 1<sup>st</sup> proof available to view at this meeting. Packs available to all in 2 weeks.
- (e) FOMM: CVA groups approved for planned project. They will require volunteers to help out at their Birthday Party on 3<sup>rd</sup> May.
- (f) UMCCC Willow Workshop: held 9<sup>th</sup> Feb., went well.
- (g) First aid courses for Landcare group members in NSW will be funded by our group if

applicants meet our criteria to participate, up to 5 members per year (see webpage for details [www.molonglocatchment.com.au](http://www.molonglocatchment.com.au) ).

- (h) Reminder: Call Auswide if you have project work to be undertaken on 6497 5020 or 0428 265 779.

## 9 Other Reports

- (a) Waterwatch: Bayne apologised for not being at the last meeting. Over the next year Waterwatch will be more closely merged into MCG and it will be in every ones interest to have a better integrated working relationship between the partners. Bayne continues to present to teachers and students about M-CHiP/MCG. The AWA Water Education Conference will be held at Surfers Paradise in March. At the end of March 60 ANU 3<sup>rd</sup> year Environment students will be put into real life situations to experience what volunteers experience to further their education and skills base.
- (b) Along the Molonglo Art Exhibitions: Tom and Lynton continue to work with the scoping project. The model that is evolving should be applicable to all sizes of community, including large cities. The Fenner School at the ANU and the NRM Council are involved. It appears that we should be able to get a coordinator for the project and that the funding required is there.

## 10 Other Business.

- (a) Coordinator Work Plan: Lynton and Zoe spent 3 days reviewing this after the January planning meeting. Zoe emailed the details to committee members in an Excel Document. Zoe presented the document at this meeting and explained the process and detail to us. The plan covers priorities for the next 12 months. We have more projects to do than one coordinator is capable of so we are hoping to get another coordinator to assist with the workload (potentially using funding from NHT 3 and our unspent surplus). Much discussion followed and a motion was put;  
Motion: Tom Baker/ Maryke Booth  
**“That the work plan for the next 12 months as presented to the meeting be accepted.”**  
**Carried.**
- (b) Volunteering ACT membership: Zoe suggested that we join this group and all members agreed.
- (c) CCSERAC: next meeting 27<sup>th</sup> February, 4:30-6:00 pm, Tom has agreed to be our delegate for this group and will attend the meeting. Maryke has offered to be an alternate delegate if Tom can't attend meetings.
- (d) Chem Cert. Training for Phil Selmes: it was agreed to approve the \$125 cost for Phil's training.
- (e) NPWS & Rural Fire Service field day: Burra Hall, 9:00 am, 29<sup>th</sup> March.
- (f) K2C Grand Opening: Scottsdale property near Bredbo, 9:30 am, 12<sup>th</sup> April.

- (g) Orana School Water Harvesting Field Day: 9:00 am, 16<sup>th</sup> February.
- (h) Natural Sequence Association local chapter: Jim suggested we join this group, \$50 p.a. The committee seeks more information – objectives before committing to join.

**11 Next Meeting.**

Executive and General Meeting, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March '08, 6:00 pm, QCC Chambers.

**12 Closure.**

The meeting was closed at 8:35 pm.

Action By	Details	Start Date	Due Date	Completed
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
TB/LB/ZW	Prepare project proposal to scope art in NRM extension of Along the Molonglo	2/11/07	10/12/07	
All	Nominate delegate for CCSERAC at Strategy Meeting	10/12/07	14/1/08	Completed
All	Nominate delegate for Canb. Environment Centre at Strategy Meeting	10/12/07	14/1/08	Completed
ZW	List project deadlines and prepare advice on priorities	14/1/08	11/2/08	
JA	Provide information MCG to join NSA Upper Murrumbidgee Chapter.	11/2/08	10/3/08	
ZW/LB	Prepare workplan to optimise outcomes for Molonglo Catchment Coordination project	11/2/08	10/3/08	

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**(Chairman)**

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