



## **Executive and General Meeting**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008

### **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, Sandra Lloyd, Claudia Nye, John Bruggeman, Jim Arnold, Bayne Geikie, Margaret Piper and Zoe Wood.

Apologies were received from Maryke Booth and Tom Baker.

#### **3 Minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> February 2008.**

Motion: Sandra Lloyd/ Jim Arnold

**“That the minutes be accepted.”**

**Carried.**

#### **4 Business Arising – From table at end of minutes.**

(a) Natural Sequence Association: Jim presented handout listing incentives for groups to join NSA Chapter. Decision to join deferred until next month while members do more research into NSA.

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

(a) Weeds Pack: invoice received.

(b) Climate Change, Carbon Farming and Trading: YAN public seminar in Yass on 9<sup>th</sup> April.

(c) CIC Googong Plan submission response. Developers are collecting more information about guidelines from NSW govt. authorities.

(d) Murrumbidgee Landcare Inc.: Letter of Support for Sustainable Practices application.

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

(a) Treasurers report circulated. Zoe asks to allocate funds for each project. We invoice the ACT for \$68,000 for Zoe’s pay to the end of February for catchment coordination.

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

(a) See report sent out by email.

(b) Molonglo Catchment Coordination Project: We currently have a significant underspend and are putting in place a plan to “accelerate expenditure” by engaging a part-time

coordinator to assist in achieving agreed outcomes. At present we are looking at an additional 5 days/week April – June inclusive, and 3 days/week to the end of November. We can use UMCCC pass over applicant details to speed things up

- (c) Mapping Lower Molonglo: plan to print 2,000 brochures. Show and tell day at Hawker College on 1<sup>st</sup> April.
- (d) K2C: steering committee met on 10<sup>th</sup> March. The open day is now at Ingelara on 12<sup>th</sup> April. 2 additional CMA's now involved (Southern Rivers and Murrumbidgee) which means more funding for the project.
- (e) UMCCC: Met on 27<sup>th</sup> February, presentation by Natasha Abbott on QCC's environmental projects.
- (f) Landcare Muster: 20<sup>th</sup> October, field trips 21<sup>st</sup>, and forum 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- (g) Farm Dams: we are listed as a partner.
- (h) Peri-urban Aquatic Weeds Project: Lynton met with Dr. Lauren Quinn, from CSIRO, who is undertaking a study on aquatic weeds above and below urban areas. An interesting study.
- (i) Murrumbidgee Landcare Inc.: met on the 20<sup>th</sup> February. Finances are poor and they are looking for other funding sources. Marian Benjamin is developing websites for UMCCC and ACT NRM Council (and other groups after this).

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

- (a) Coordinators report sent out by email.
- (b) Feral Animals: On advice Zoe is developing an attitudinal survey on "Ferals" issues to present to landholders to assist in targeting and refining our education initiatives and objectives.
- (c) Corinbank Festival: a worthwhile event for furthering MCG aims.
- (d) Weeds Fact Sheets: Packs available now.
- (e) Indigenous Planting Guides: Maryke is organising printing.
- (f) Illoura Horse Paddocks: GA/ACT Landkeepers to further this now.
- (g) NLP Farm Dams Application: UMCCC have applied for a 3 year NLP grant: "Sustainable Farm Dams – Improving the economic and ecological benefits of farm dams as a key component of an integrated farm water management approach". MCG is listed on the application as assisting the project if funding is received.
- (h) MCS3: still waiting for approval of variation.
- (i) 2008 Planning: Part time additional coordinator, under investigation now. Additional projects can now be taken up by coordinators ie. M-ChiP/Waterwatch recruitment campaign, Increased community support for projects, Increased media promotion of MCG and member groups, MLM contact, greater involvement to manage displays and presentations, Acquiring labour to assist for on ground activities, Environmental Project Mapping, Aboriginal Heritage brochure.

**9 Other Reports**

- (a) Waterwatch: Bayne enlightened us with an excellent talk and Power-point presentation on Waterwatch reporting, charting and analysis of results for the 07-08 testing period.

**10 Other Business.**

- (a) MCG Getting Involved brochure: Jim has volunteered to review this and get it organized for printing. Margaret offered to assist.
- (b) Weed Pack: confirm distribution plan. (See A4 Doc. handed out at meeting).
- (c) Recreational Fisheries: grants now available.
- (d) On ground project work: contact Daniel Bennet at Auswide for 6 month projects.

**11 Next Meeting.**

Executive and General Meeting, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April '08, 6:00 pm, QCC Chambers.

**12 Closure.**

The meeting was closed at 7:44 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	
ZW	List project deadlines and prepare advice on priorities	14/1/08	11/2/08	completed
JA	Provide information MCG to join NSA Upper Murrumbidgee Chapter.	11/2/08	10/3/08	Deferred to next meeting
ZW/LB	Prepare workplan to optimise outcomes for Molonglo Catchment Coordination project	11/2/08	10/3/08	completed

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**(Chairman)**

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**(Date)**