



Executive and General Meeting

Monday 14th April 2008

Queanbeyan City Council Community Centre – Casuarina Room

1 Opening

The meeting was opened at 6:03 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, Maryke Booth, Tom Baker, Jim Arnold, Bayne Geikie, Bruce Taloni and Zoe Wood.

4 visitors or members attended, Eddie Davis, Pamela Orr, John Buma and Mervyn Lloyd.

3 Minutes of 10th March 2008.

Motion: Sandra Lloyd/Claudia Nye

“That the minutes be accepted.”

Carried.

4 Business Arising – From table at end of minutes.

(a) Art Scoping Project: John Reid and Sarah Ryan have met. Feedback is that the approach to the project is right. Sarah is up to date and happy with progress. Funding application is proceeding.

5 Correspondence List.

- (a) Ferals: Deed Of Grant to be signed.
- (b) Queanbeyan LEP: Thank you for Googong submission.
- (c) Murrumbidgee Rural Studies Centre: courses now available.
- (d) Cooma RLPB newsletter.
- (e) NRMA Volunteer Of The Year Awards: Invitation.
- (f) Artists Society Of Canberra newsletter.
- (g) Volunteering ACT: MCG delegate required.

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

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) K2C Open Day: 250 – 350 people attended, excellent. There was a steady stream of people past the display trailer. Bayne was there for the whole day with his Waterwatch and Reporting displays. Thank you Maryke, Jim, Sandy and Merv. People came from all over for the day. We gained 10 new people on our e bulletin list.

7 Vice President's Report (Tom Baker)

- (a) Along The Molonglo: The Queanbeyan show opens in the Trinculo Place Gallery on Friday 6th June at 7:15 pm. The Village building Company has increased their prize to \$1,000 and ACTEW has increased their prize to \$300. We now have heaps of sponsors to support the artists work. The show will be opened by Professor Steve David and Doctor Andrew Campbell.
- (b) Artists Society Of Canberra Annual Show: September and early October in the Albert Hall. We have our part of the exhibit in the ACTEW Show and Tell Tent for the first week of Floriade this year. Floriade will be open some evenings for the first time this year. There may be some involvement with the 3 other catchment groups and K2C with small displays this time around. ACTEW's prize has increased to \$1,500. Zoe will see if there's a 3D model of the catchment available for our use.

8 Accounts (Maryke Booth).

- (a) \$200,000 in both accounts, we are owed \$70,000, \$208,000 in allocated funds, \$23,000 in general expenses at 6.1% interest.
- (b) One invoice is still outstanding from last September, but is to be paid soon.

9 Coordinator's Report (Zoe Wood)

- (a) Coordinators report sent out by email.
- (b) Feral Animals: Zoe is still working on the survey, which is an in depth process aimed at achieving worthwhile feedback. It will be available soon for the committee to evaluate. It will be sent out electronically to target audience when finalised. A data base will have to be organised to collate feedback. We have a year to complete this project in.

10 Other Reports

- (a) Waterwatch: Bayne educated 220 students in the last month, "Source to Sewer" for 160 students, "Introduction to Catchments" for 60 students. He's been invited to participate in the development of a "Teacher Development Program" in July. He is promoting Web based M-CHiP reporting and analysis which is more thorough than PowerPoint presentations. Should he do site by site reports or general reports on each sub-catchment every 6 months? He had a big day at the K2C field day and signed up 3 new volunteers for site testing. He feels ACTEW should be more involved in K2C and will pursue them to this end. What can ACTEW do for the Burra Community, e.g. chart aquifers? Is a 3D catchment model available or possible to build?
- (b) Indigenous Planting Guide: Maryke reported that the printed proof was poor and not worth printing. It needs reworking and higher quality images. Royalla Landcare Weeds Day, Saturday 24th May.

11 Other Business.

- (a) CCSERAC: Tom can't attend Biodiversity Working Group meetings so Claudia has volunteered to step in here.
- (b) NSA: We agreed that the MCG become a member at an annual cost of \$50 p.a.
- (c) Jim notes that we now have Bathurst Burr and Serrated Tussock to contend with. The

process when noxious weeds are located is available on the “Legality” page in the Weeds Pack (but does require insertion of links for the ACT in the next print run). There are links on the web site.

- (d) Bruce informed us that Queanbeyan Council hasn’t been sending out Weeds Packs.
- (e) Getting Involved Brochure: Jim reports that there’s not much progress yet, but that he’s working on it.

At the end of the meeting our 3 visitors spoke briefly.

Pamela Orr: Bungendore land holder, was introduced to the MCG at the Hoskinstown Field Day.

Eddie Davis: runs a local weed spraying business.

John Buma: weed spraying contractor who has worked at Warragamba Dam, National Parks, Bush Heritage and Scottsdale, and currently at Molonglo Reach for the ACT Government. He continues to study Sustainable Environmental Management.

12 Next Meeting.

Executive and General Meeting, Monday 12th May ‘08, 6:00 pm, QCC Community Centre, Casuarina Room.

13 Closure.

The meeting was closed at 7:30 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	Completed
ZW/LB	Prepare work plan to optimise outcomes for Molonglo Catchment Coordination project	11/2/08	10/3/08	Completed

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(Chairman)

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