



## Executive and General Meeting

Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2006

### Queanbeyan Council Chambers

#### 1 Opening

The meeting was opened at 5.37 pm with Lynton Bond (President) in the Chair. A warm welcome was extended to all present.

#### 2 Attendance / Apologies

In attendance were Lynton Bond, Claudia Nye, Sandra Lloyd, Maryke Booth, John Bruggeman, Charles McDonald, Bruce Taloni, Tom Baker, Lauren Van Dyke and Heather Colman.

#### 3 Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion: S Lloyd / B. Taloni

**“That minutes be accepted”**

**Carried**

#### 4 Business Arising

- (a) “To-Do” Table at the end of minutes; Vision Statement needs thoughts from the group. examples cited: Sthn ACT Catchment Group – Too Long; Greening Australia – Good One
- (b) Social events for the Ex. Comm., Meal together after August meeting, potentially. Thai restaurant in Qbn., Heather will book private room.
- (c) 6 month review of Heather’s progress. Sub-committee met on the 19<sup>th</sup> July, present L. Bond, S. Lloyd, B. Taloni, Tom Baker. Reduce Admin. Duties – reduce burden.

#### 5 Correspondence list - Coordinator.

Media Releases, see Heather’s current list (sent out by email).

#### 6 Accounts (Maryke Booth) – A/c to be forwarded.

- (a) Over \$300,000 earning interest in main A/c., \$1,600 in other A/c.
- (b) No big bills this month.
- (c) Petty cash setup working well.

#### 7 President’s Reports (Lynton Bond)

New and Outstanding Work

- (a) ACT Environment Grants extended, not enough applications by previous closing date probably because of competition with Envirofund.
- (b) Salinity field day at *Glenmack*, C. McDonald’s place.
- (c) Hoskintown/Carwoola willow control field day being organised.
- (d) ACT NRM Board, tour of parts of the ACT, end of June preferred.
- (e) World Environment Day guided walks, 4<sup>th</sup> June, MCG walk on Mt Ainslie in the morning, Friends of Mt Majura walk in the afternoon.
- (f) Asked to agree to a variation to our deed of funding, to more clearly acknowledge government on our public documentation. They have told us what they want to see.
- (g) MCG Strategy rollout, quarterly report to end of March 06, spent about half of what we

are committed to. Another \$24,000 coming.

- (h) Website, we need a larger web site to accommodate Waterwatch data currently 50MB, can expand to 100MB for an extra \$100p.a.

Motion: L. Bond / B. Taloni

**“We expand the web site to 100mb.”**

**Carried**

- (i) Membership; Email out our information, we will look for groups that aren't getting support, so as to not step on the toes of independent groups that are already established and operational.
- (j) Apply for a ACT Env. Grant to develop material for our “Grasslands” displays.

Motion: C. McDonald / C. Nye

**“That we proceed with a joint application proposal for \$15,000 to prepare a ‘Grassland’ display.”**

**Carried**

- (k) Heather's review, she has built up 15 days work in advance. She will take 4 day weeks and half days to reduce the excess. Discussion.
- (l) Resources and budget need to be kept under control.

## **8 MCG Inc Coordinator (Heather Colman)**

- (a) Six month review. The report in table form will focus on outcomes, by date. We have to assess outcomes and know where we are falling short. We are still not meeting expectations. We have to concentrate on getting more people involved, reinvigorate Landcare in the catchment. Maybe hold meetings around the catchment, different times, different days. Think laterally, have issues to attract people, eg “Seeds For Survival” etc. Discussion.
- (b) New phone number as of 19<sup>th</sup> May, 6128 3376.
- (c) “Small Farms Expo” 27 – 28<sup>th</sup> May, Qbn. Showground. UMCCC are interested in supporting this. We will get posters made up, Lynton has prepared some, will email out in PDF. Discussion. Lynton has ideas for associated brochures. We need to roster people to man the displays on the 2 days.
- (d) Communications Strategy.
- (e) Display trailer. Bruce has gotten quotes for his designs. Resort Trailers – reasonable quote. Better Trailers, Fyshwick – not heard back. Bruce hopes to have things organised by next meeting. He will keep us up to date by email.
- (f) Drain Stencilling – nothing.
- (g) MCG walk on Mt. Ainslie, 4<sup>th</sup> June. Publicity to be organised. Friends of Mt. Majura walk to follow in the afternoon.
- (h) Vision Statement, to be worked on by the group, any thoughts please.

## **9 Other Business**

- (a) The website now has a trial calendar of events. Google has a calendar that Lynton is using on the website. Lynton would appreciate feedback.
- (b) There is now a “Subscribe” button on the website.
- (c) Draft “Stormwater Management Strategy” for the Woden Valley is now available.

At 7.00 pm the meeting adjourned for supper, followed by a presentation by Adam Muyt of the CMA on “Property Vegetation Plans in NSW”.

**10**    **Next Meeting**, Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2006, at 5.30pm, QCC Chambers.

**11**    **Closure**

The meeting was closed at 8.30 pm.

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<b>Action By</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Completed</b>
Email all	Vision Statement	10-04-06	8-05-06	yes
All	Proposal for Social Event for Exec. Members	10-04-06	8-05-06	yes
Working Group	6 month review of Coordinator position	10-04-06	8-05-06	yes
All	Vision Statement – ideas needed	9-05-06	19-06-06	
LB	Expand website to 100MB	9-05-06	19-06-06	yes

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**(Chairman)**

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**(Date)**