



## Executive and General Meeting

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 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, Tom Baker, Sandra Lloyd, Claudia Nye, John Bruggeman, Maryke Booth, Jim Arnold, Bruce Taloni, Margaret Piper, Bayne Geikie and Zoe Wood.

3 visitors attended, John Buma (Southern Weed Management), Pauline Carder (UMCCC Facilitator) and Samantha Ning (Parks, Conservation and Lands).

#### 3 Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008.

Motion: Claudia Nye / Tom Baker

**“That the minutes be accepted.”**

**Carried.**

#### 4 Business Arising.

- (a) NRMA Volunteer of the Year awards: Maryke was acknowledged for being nominated. There was a good turnout of committee members to support her nomination.

#### 5 Correspondence List.

- (a) Thank you to Ange from GA and Michael Maconachie (Ranger) for organising the Lower Molonglo field day.
- (b) Mapping Lower Molonglo: Letter of support for Keith’s ACT Enviro Grant funding application from Lynton. Also a letter to the Chief Minister to get discussion started on MLM access to government data (and what we can do with it).
- (c) Weeds Pack Launch: Tony Bourke (Federal Minister) has declined to attend the launch but Jon Stanhope has agreed to attend. A letter was sent to him outlining what he needs to know for the day.
- (d) Invitation from Craft ACT Forum: “Art and the Environment - Baselines” 15<sup>th</sup> August.

#### 6 President’s Reports - Lynton Bond. New and outstanding business.

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) Molonglo Catchment Coordination Project: \$70,000 (for three quarters) in payments since last September has finally been paid

- (c) Zoe will be in her new office after 11<sup>th</sup> July. The new phone number will be circulated once established.
- (d) Mapping Lower Molonglo: Connections with community and Aboriginal groups continues.
- (e) Kosciuszko to Coast: Southern Rivers CMA are now full partners in this project.

**7 Vice President's Report - Tom Baker.**

- (a) Along The Molonglo Art Show: The Queanbeyan shows award winning paintings will be on display at The Q on the 23<sup>rd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> June. The exhibit will be opened by Andrew Campbell (6:30 pm, Wed. 25<sup>th</sup>).
- (b) The Canberra Artists Society show will be at Floriade in the ActewAGL Look'n'Learn tent (between 22<sup>nd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> September) and at Albert Hall (early October). Tom has set up a roster for volunteers to man the show for the week it is at Floriade. Floriade will be opened some evenings this year (Wed. Thurs. Fri., evenings cost, unless you are a display minder). The central theme is "Landcare".
- (c) Scoping Project: ACT School of Arts and the MCG, links in art and the environment. A Small Projects Grant application has been made with the ACT NRM Council for \$9,800 to research art bodies and artists working with environmental themes. This is regarded as a community education tool, exploring the links that art and environment share.
- (d) Queanbeyan County Council has received \$495,000 from MCMA to set up a team of indigenous Landcarers for rehabilitation of natural areas and \$300,000 to continue with willows removal projects. They are also pursuing \$75,000 funding for Jumping Creek erosion mitigation from NSW Environmental Trust.

**8 Accounts - Maryke Booth.**

- (a) Lots of money, \$278,000, \$14,200 interest this year. Accounts are being readied for end of financial year. New reporting for next financial year.

**9 Waterwatch Coordinator - Bayne Geikie.**

- (a) Bayne has trained 2 new volunteers for M-CHiP testing on the upper Queanbeyan River and possibly Roberts Creek.
- (b) He has also trained 3 members of Fernleigh Park Estate Landcare who will take over testing on Jerrabomberra Creek, where the previous long term volunteer has moved on.
- (c) ActewAGL, MCG and ACT Government negotiating support for Molonglo Waterwatch run by MCG. ActewAGL has indicated support for the catchment groups through running education activities and possibly through the provision of Waterwatch kits and consumables, and large format printing and laminating.

**10 Committee Member's Report - Jim Arnold.**

- (a) Friends of Aranda Bushland: suffer a neighbour leaseholder on 3 sides who doesn't control his weeds.
- (b) NSA: will lower their sights and concentrate on smaller problems, e.g. erosion gullies at Williamsdale. Approvals for larger projects are still being worked through.
- (c) "Getting Involved" Brochure: Jim is ready to give all relevant information to the designers

for a quote for design. Hopes to have all ready and printed by Floriade.

## **11 Coordinators Report – Zoe Wood.**

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) Ferals Survey: Trial survey responses and feedback from committee members are being compiled. Are the right questions being asked?
- (c) Indigenous Planting Guides: The new office phone number will be included. Only a small print run at this stage as phone number may change again in the near future.
- (d) Weeds Field Day/Launch and Information Session: Set for Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 12:00 – 3:00 pm, Blue Gums School Friends Lounge, Hackett. Jon Stanhope will be launching the Weeds Pack. Please come along to support the launch. Some discussion about suitability of venue for what could be a large entourage for Jon Stanhope and workshop. Zoe to assess venue and see if an alternative is available if necessary.
- (e) MCS 3: Still awaiting approval of variation for 2<sup>nd</sup> years budget and expansion of the project to non-riparian revegetation. We currently have no official contract with GA because of this holdup. The project is still significantly underspent.
- (f) Molonglo Catchment Coordination Project: Funding is now guaranteed for the 08-09 year.
- (g) Canberra Urban Stormwater Education Initiative Project: Extension of project to 30<sup>th</sup> June 09 has been approved. Urban Waterways Coordinator has been employed as yet.
- (h) CMA/MCG Office: Zoe will be moving to the new office on 11<sup>th</sup> July. New phone numbers will be advised.
- (i) Planting Day with local partners: Planting Day involving QCC, Qbn. Landcare, St. Gregory's Parish, Little Burra Community Association and visiting international pilgrims here for World Youth Day will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 9:00 am.
- (j) Caring For Our Country: Zoe attended Performance Story Reporting training session.
- (k) "Parks Week": 11th-19<sup>th</sup> October.

## **12 Other Business.**

- (a) Lynton reports that significant funds need to be spent before the end of the year. Office equipment is required for Zoe's new office, and Waterwatch coordinator and part-time project persons office.
- (b) DGR - Charity Status: To qualify as a charity organisation we will have to change our constitution. Lynton will look into this, using the Conservation Council constitution as a template.
- (c) Plan for Floriade: Use of a helicopter to film our catchment to help explain Waterwatch and to give before and after images of projects we are undertaking. Discussion turned to a raffle, with flights as prizes to raise funding for the project if it goes ahead.
- (d) Territory Plan Variation 281 Development: The moratorium on Central Molonglo is in place but there has been no change to the 281 variation to the Territory Plan. Additional submissions are due by the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- (e) Palerang Council "Rural Residential and Environmental Areas" discussion paper now available.

- (f) Website: Local weed contractors are now listed on the website.
- (g) Murrumbidgee to Googong Water Transfer Project will be the topic at the next UMCCC meeting.

At the end of the meeting our 2 new visitors spoke briefly. Pauline Carder spoke about her new job as UMCCC coordinator (2 weeks into it) and how she is trying to meet everybody in NRM in the region. She has taken over from Jo Harding. Samantha Ning works for Parks, Conservation and Lands as Community Programs Officer. She’s redoing the “Parkcare” brochure and is involved with “Scribbly Gum” newsletter. She hopes to engage not just parkcare groups but also community landcare groups in working on public land.

**13 Next Meeting.**

Executive & General Meeting, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July ‘08, 6:00 pm, QCC Committee Room 1.

**14 Closure.**

The meeting was closed at 8:00 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	Completed
TB/LB/ZW	Prepare project proposal to scope art in NRM extension of Along the Molonglo	2/11/07	10/12/07	Completed
LB	Prepare amendments to constitution to establish a public fund for DGR status	16/06/08	14/07/08	First draft completed

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**(Chairman)**

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