



Executive and General Meeting

Monday 14th July 2008

Queanbeyan City Council Chambers - Committee Room 1

1 Opening

The meeting was opened at 6:15 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, John Bruggeman, Jim Arnold, Margaret Piper and Zoe Wood.

Apologies were received from Claudia Nye, Maryke Booth and Sandra Lloyd.

3 Minutes of 16th June 2008.

Motion: Margaret Piper / Tom Baker

“That the minutes be accepted.”

Carried.

4 Business Arising.

- (a) DGR Status: Amendments to MCG Constitution prepared.
- (b) Tom has prepared a submission for NRM extension of Along The Molonglo.
- (c) MCS3.1 funding now all committed.
- (d) Getting Involved Brochure: Jim has been having trouble getting responses from the designers.

5 Correspondence List.

- (a) QCC – LEP for Googong: Thank you for submission.
- (b) Thank you letter from The Queanbeyan Art Society.
- (c) Palerang Rural Residential Discussion Paper: Tom has prepared submission. Thanks Tom.

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

- (a) See report sent out by email. Not a lot going on.
- (b) Caring For Our Country: process is tedious.
- (c) Thanks Tom for helping organise the art display at the “Q” and the work you do with “Along the Molonglo”.

7 Vice President’s Report - Tom Baker.

- (a) QCC and others are organising an Environment Expo for June 5-6 '09, at the Bicentennial Hall. This will coincide with World Environment Day. Tom would like to try to get Along

the Molonglo winners displayed at the “Q” to coincide with the expo.

- (b) Floriade: roster to be sent out.
- (c) Fuel & Energy Senate Committee: submissions due by 29th August.
www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/fuelenergy_ctte/index.htm
fuelenergy.sen@aph.gov.au

8 Accounts - Maryke Booth.

- (a) Maryke wasn't at the meeting but has sent documents by email. Some things still need to be finalised. Maxi A/c \$271,000, Chq. A/c \$3,000.

9 Coordinators Report – Zoe Wood.

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) Ferals: project is moving slowly, needs speeding up.
- (c) Indigenous Planting Guides: Sandy is really concerned about inclusion of *Kunzea ericoides* in the guides. It was noted that it is a good plant for regeneration of damaged land, but has a tendency to form a monoculture.

10 Waterwatch Coordinator.

- (a) There is no Waterwatch Coordinator at present. Bayne only checks water reporting now and has been offering some training for new M-CHiP volunteers. His funding for Waterwatch has finished.

11 Committee Member's Report - Jim Arnold.

- (a) Friends of Aranda Bushland: 13 ADFA people attended their planting day and got a bit done. It was a good PR exercise.
- (b) NSA: problems with protocol relating to moving rocks to alter stream beds on private property. NSA received some exposure on the front page of the Canb. Times on 7-7-08.
- (c) “Getting Involved” Brochure: Still with the designers. Has quote, needs MCG approval.
- (d) On a recent trip to Googong Jim noticed serrated tussock around the picnic area and reported it to ACT Parks, Conservation and Lands and to the NSW Weeds Officer.

12 Other Business. These items will be decided by email correspondence as no committee quorum was reached with attendance at the meeting.

- (a) DGR Status and Amendments to the Constitution: listing on Register of Environmental Organisation (charity entitled to received tax-deductible gifts). We would be required to be actively fund raising and requires a separate management committee of at least 3 people including a majority of “responsible persons”. There two 2 reasons for becoming a DGR organisation, 1) After June '09 we will have to pursue funding, and 2) Flexibility for funding staff and projects. There are potential benefits for us but it will require extra work.
- (b) Trailer Hire Fees: Zoe recommends that we remove the fee (\$20, which hasn't been enforced as yet).
- (c) Trailer Insurance: who pays in case of damage to other vehicles?
- (d) Caring For Our Country: see printout.
- (e) Edwin Land Parkway: Are designated offsets appropriate? Real legitimate tangible

workable offsets are required.

- (f) SEE-Change “Food Choice and Sustainable Agriculture”: We have been invited to partner this project.
- (g) Ferals: The survey would need to be done professionally due to the complexity of the tasks involved.
- (h) Raffle at Floriade: not an option.
- (i) Weed Information Pack: phone call from Pamela Crouch of Molonglo River Drive congratulates us on the Weed Pack.
- (j) CIC - Googong Development: Letter to the developer regarding principles in the document developed with the CLA: “Assessing and Responding to Major Development Proposals in the ACT”.
- (k) CMA Investment Survey: closes 15th June. Consultation in Queanbeyan.

13 Next Meeting.

Exec. & General Meeting, Monday 11th August ‘08 6:00 pm, QCC Committee Room 1.

14 Closure.

The meeting was closed at 8:15 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
TB/LB	Letter to CIC re principles: “Assessing and Responding to Major Development Proposals in the ACT”	14/7/08	11/8/08	

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