



Executive and General Meeting

Monday 11th August 2008

Queanbeyan City Council Chambers - Committee Room 1

1 Opening

The meeting was opened at 6:05 pm with Lynton Bond (President) in the Chair. A warm welcome was extended to all present.

2 Attendance / Apologies

In attendance were Lynton Bond, John Bruggeman, Claudia Nye, Maryke Booth, Sandra Lloyd, Jim Arnold, Margaret Piper and Zoe Wood.

Apologies were received from Tom Baker and Bruce Taloni.

3 Minutes of 14th July 2008.

Motion: Jim Arnold / John Bruggeman

“That the minutes be accepted.”

Carried.

4 Business Arising.

- (a) Letter to CIC: based on CLA document, not done as yet.

5 Correspondence List.

- (a) “Equipping Molonglo” CFOC Coordination project: Final project details sent to ACT Government by email, ACT NRM Investment Plan has been signed off by the Chief Minister, giving broad approval to projects.
- (b) Caring for our Country: Letter of support for QCC CFOC Open Grant funding application for “Stringybark Hill Revegetation and Conservation Project”.
- (c) SEE-Change: MCG support with minimal involvement.
- (d) Willow removal: LoS for ACT NRM Council funding application, Molonglo Reach to Oaks Estate.
- (e) MLM: Letter received from the Chief Minister regarding digital data. Coordination between different departments needs to be established (data is owned by several different agencies).
- (f) ACTPLA Eastlake Planning Team: www.actpla.act.gov.au
- (g) CCSERAC: constitution sent to us.

- (h) MLI: letters for emergency funding support sent to Tony Burke (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), Lee O'Brien (MCMA), and Verity Firth (Minister for Climate Change and the Environment) for ongoing employment of a part time coordinator.
- (i) Australia Post Grant: Maryke received reminder for final report for weeds project.
- (j) Googong Project: QCC received our submission.

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

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) ACT NRM Council Investment Plan: signed off.
- (c) MCS Project: Angela reports renewed interest following Burra presentation and article in the "Burra Intermittent".
- (d) MLM: Funding application successful, students are available for mentoring.
- (e) K2C: Incentives Factsheets now on website, www.k2c.org.au.
- (f) MLI: critical stage now with no funding after November. Marion knows we want our website updated.
- (g) CLA: ACT Landcare website not working yet. Lynton, Zoe and Jim attended "Strategic Collaboration" breakfasts.
- (h) Caring for our Country: ACT Govt. has not matched Fed. Govt. funding.
- (i) UMCCC: Met 30th July, Luke Pope spoke on the *Healthy Soils – Healthy Landscapes* and *Benchmarking Soil Chemistry* projects and their outcomes. Graham Costins spoke on the proposed Murrumbidgee to Googong Water Transfer Project.
- (j) MCG & REO: Approval from committee members granted. We now have to create a governing committee (with 2 responsible non-committee member persons and a committee member) to oversee this. Should we remain catchment based or become more regional in focus for activities involving REO funds?
- (k) MCG AGM: Tentatively for 13th October, allowing 21 days for member notification.

7 Vice President's Report - Tom Baker.

- (a) Tom was absent at the meeting but he has provided a roster for Floriade.

8 Accounts - Maryke Booth.

- (a) Memberships now due.
- (b) Bank A/c's: \$258,000 in main a/c, all accounted for. \$31,000 in general a/c. Project accounts require adjustments for accrued expenses to finalise for audit.

9 Coordinators Report – Zoe Wood.

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) Ferals: withdraw previous extension for survey. The project will be progressed in collaboration with NPWS and RLPBs. Concentrate on 5-6 ferals and add to the list with time. Zoe met with Scott Seymour to inspect pig damage in the Tinderrys.

- (c) Weeds: Zoe thanked us all for our assistance at the launch of the pack. Next weeds workshop will be in Cooma Monaro Shire Council jurisdiction, but still within our catchment.
- (d) Friends of Grasslands: FoG members want to create a glove-box size brochure covering local indigenous plants. It will be their project but Zoe will attend meetings because of the useful contacts and networks she has available to her.

10 Waterwatch Coordinator.

- (a) Waterwatch Coordinator: advertising at present. Hopefully the position will be filled by next month.

11 CCSERAC Delegate – Claudia Nye.

- (a) Central Molonglo: Now off the draft variation for West Molonglo (DV281). There is pressure from NCA for the establishment of a 20 year management plan for the area. Molonglo Valley Forum, 16th September, Shine Dome, Academy of Science, 5:30-7:30 pm.
- (b) Caring for our Country discussion on matching funding by governments put off until next meeting.
- (c) An open day will be held at Pegasus Riding School sometime after the ACT elections.

12 Committee Member’s Report - Jim Arnold.

- (d) “Getting Involved” Brochure: updated map is coming.

13 Other Business.

- (a) Murrumbidgee to Googong Bulk Transfer Project: For our submission we need to include expert opinion to support our concerns about Burra Creek erosion. SACTCG Waterwatch Coordinator, Dr. Stephen Skinner may be able to assist with this or suggest someone who could. Claudia will bring this to the next Conservation Council meeting.
- (b) Trailer Insurance: insurance claims and excesses to be negotiated by the tow vehicle driver’s insurance. Maryke will distribute the trailer insurance policy for all to check and understand by email. Multiple drivers to be continued.
- (c) DGR Status and Amendments to the Constitution: Approved by the committee by email. 3 responsible people required for a committee to be signatories and oversee projects (2 non MCG committee people). Lynton will invite Sarah Sharp and Rainer Rehwinkel to participate on the new committee. A possible name was proposed “Molonglo Environmental Heritage Trust”.
- (d) Banksia Street Wetland: \$26,666 is still in the bank for this project, which has been stopped. We have to spend this money so projects are needed. On the agenda for next meeting.

14 Next Meeting.

Exec. & General Meeting, Monday 8th September '08 6:00 pm, QCC Committee Room 1.

15 Closure.

The meeting was closed at 8:20 pm.

Action By	Details	Start Date	Due Date	Completed
LB/ZW	Draft business plan based on Murrumbidgee Landcare model	12/2/07	ASAP	
TB/LB	Letter to CIC re principles: "Assessing and Responding to Major Development Proposals in the ACT"	14/7/08	11/8/08	
LB	Invitation to Sarah Sharp and Rainer Rehwinkel to sit on MEHT committee	11/8/08	8/9/08	completed
All	letter to ACTEW re M2G	11/8/08	8/9/08	completed
LB/MB/ZW	Review trailer insurance conditions	11/8/08	8/9/08	

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