



Executive and General Meeting

Monday 8th September 2008

Queanbeyan City Council Chambers - Committee Room 1

1 Opening

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

2 Attendance / Apologies

In attendance were Tom Baker, John Bruggeman, Bruce Taloni, Maryke Booth, Sandra Lloyd, Jim Arnold, Margaret Piper and Zoe Wood.

Apologies were received from Lynton Bond and Claudia Nye.

3 visitors attended: Sarah Ryan and Anna van Dugteren (ACT NRM Council) and Kate de Smeth (ANU student).

Kate de Smeth spoke about being a 4th year Science/Art student at ANU who is doing an internship with SeeChange as an information harvester looking into agricultural practices and opportunities to develop a long term alternative market approach and sustainable production methods within the ACT region. She is speaking to local producers and hopes that we can point some contacts her way (her contact details are with Zoe). We will support her through our contacts and Radio Landcare.

Sarah and Anna gave a presentation on “Bush Capital Legacy: Iconic City, Iconic Assets”, a draft plan for managing the natural resources of the ACT, and concerning “Caring for our Country” and the need for change to sustain the natural environment of the Bush Capital. 3 Workshops will be held in September and feedback forms are available on the ACT NRM Council website www.actnrmcouncil.org.au Zoe will compile our feedback.

3 Minutes of 14th August 2008.

Motion: Sandra Lloyd / Jim Arnold

“That the minutes be accepted”.

Carried.

4 Business Arising.

- (a) Letter to ActewAGL regarding Murrumbidgee to Googong Bulk Transfer Project.
- (b) Trailer insurance not done as yet. “Hire Terms and Conditions needs to be changed.
- (c) Letter to CIC about development principles. We should get in early and lobby them to

support development of Landcare groups and resources. Tom will draft a letter with principles set out and what we would like to see in the development.

- (d) Sarah Sharp and Rainer Rehwinkel have been approached to sit on the new MEHT committee. Sarah has declined but Rainer has agreed. Geoff Robertson from Friends of Googong has been approached for the committee but hasn't replied yet.

5 Correspondence List.

- (a) Floriade parking passes have arrived. They are with Tom.
- (b) NSW Environment Trust: approval of Ferals extension to Dec. 09.
- (c) Biodiversity in the Paddock, CSIRO: Brochures available now, Maryke will pursue.
- (d) The water management enquiry in the ACT has been shelved!
- (e) Invite to attend Parks Week in the ACT, with an event along Yarralumla Creek set down for 19th October.
- (f) Letter sent to ActewAGL regarding Murrumbidgee to Googong.
- (g) Letter sent to Riversmart regarding donations for redistribution to environmental projects.
- (h) Submission sent to the Senate enquiry into natural resource management.

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

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) Office Equipment: grants available now. Lynton is looking into 'printers' for the new office. A shared facility would make it easier to get good equipment.
- (c) Looking into QCC council premises for coordinator (or possibly with CVA at Dairy Flat Road).

7 Vice President's Report - Tom Baker.

- (a) Floriade: Monday 22 to Friday 28th September, ActewAGL Look and Learn Marquee. Bayne and Zoe will set up displays. The opening ceremony is on Monday 22nd 10:30am, to be conducted by John Reid of the ANU School of Arts.
- (b) Scoping Project: ACT funding grant successful. Sarah Ryan is promoting the project. 3 students have taken on canvassing the Art and Environment players/networks.

Motion: Sandra Lloyd / Jim Arnold

“That the MCG pay The Artists Society of Canberra \$500 as sponsorship of ‘Along the Molonglo’ Exhibition”.

Carried.

8 Accounts - Maryke Booth.

- (a) Bank A/c's: \$218,000 in main a/c, all accounted for. \$35,605 in general a/c.
- (b) Reports to do, invoices to do (CfoC etc).
- (c) Greening Australia: Angela reports that some projects are finishing up.

Motion: Maryke Booth / Sandra Lloyd

“That reports be accepted”.

Carried.

9 Coordinators Report – Zoe Wood.

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) Ferals: gained agreement with all stakeholders. Engage a student with the ANU to take on research project. Deer included on target list by RLPBs.
- (c) Burra Creek: create a list of concerns for Actew.
- (d) The Willow Workshop last Sunday went well. 20 people attended including some new faces.

10 Waterwatch Coordinator and MCG Coordinator – Positions Vacant.

- (a) Both positions are currently vacant. There’s been a good response so far, with 3 interviews for each position, (and a possible part time coordinator / project officer).

11 Other Business.

- (a) Thanks Maryke and Jim for “Planting Guides” and “Getting Involved” brochures.
- (b) Maryke, CfoC: Box Gum / Woodland field day last Saturday, 30 people attended.
- (c) Jim, Upper Murrumbidgee Chapter NSA: field day next Sunday, Williamsdale.
- (d) Banksia Street Wetlands: cancelled. We now have \$26,666 to spend on “on ground work” by June 09. Angela from GA says she has projects that require funds. Do these funds have to be spent in the ACT? What % does GA want to run the project? Bruce feels Landcare groups should receive a bonus for on ground work but this would depend on guidelines for required reporting, variations and milestones etc. Zoe will look into our options.

12 Next Meeting.

AGM, Exec. & General Meeting, Monday 13th October ‘08 6:00 pm, QCC Chambers - Committee Room 1.

13 Closure.

The meeting was closed at 8:25 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/MB/ZW	Review trailer insurance conditions	11/8/08	8/9/08	

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