



Executive and General Meeting

Monday 10th November 2008

Queanbeyan City Council Chambers - Committee Room 1

2 Opening

The meeting was opened at 6:07 pm with Lynton Bond (President) in the Chair. A warm welcome was extended to all present. He introduced Dr. Stephen Skinner, our new Waterwatch officer, to the committee.

3 Attendance / Apologies

In attendance were Lynton Bond, Sandra Lloyd, John Bruggeman, Maryke Booth, Tom Baker, Jim Arnold, Margaret Piper, Stephen Skinner and Andrew Westcott.

Apologies were received from Claudia Nye.

One visitor attended, Helen King (ANU – CRC).

4 Minutes of 13th October 2008.

Motion: Sandra Lloyd / Jim Arnold

“That the minutes be accepted”.

Carried.

5 Business Arising.

- (a) Review trailer insurance “Terms and Conditions”, there are problems with the word “hire”. In order for the trailer to be covered by insurance, it cannot be hired but may be *loaned* out.
- (b) Gift voucher purchased for Helen Tyssen; she thanks us.
- (c) Volunteering ACT Membership renewed.
- (d) CCSERAC membership renewed.

6 Correspondence List.

- (a) ACTEW: draft EIS information package.
- (b) Volunteering ACT: notice of AGM, 27th November, 5:15 pm, Challis St. Dickson.
- (c) Banksia Street Wetlands NLP Funds: Letter of offer from G.A. re. managing project for an extension of MCS3 project
- (d) CCSERAC: letter to ACTEW re. EIS.
- (e) Australian Landcare Journal: new issue available now.
- (f) Scribbly Gum Newsletter: new issue available now.
- (g) eWater: invitation to eWater CRC function.
- (h) CVA: FoG project management.

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

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) MLM: Certificates of Appreciation prepared for participating students for presentation at Speech Day ceremonies. Dot points prepared for final report for ACT NRM Council Small Projects grant. Steven Selden has prepared new maps showing PCL data and data collected by students. Lynton will prepare maps for the website. Next meeting is at Café Momo, Fern Hill, 10th February 2009, 7:30 am.
- (c) CLA: Lynton met with Steve Welch and Drew English on 7th November to develop a business proposal for the Living Environment Centre. The group will meet weekly and work on a presentation to promote the project.
- (d) Listing on REO: Application will be submitted once the ACT Registrar-General accepts the updated constitution and a bank account is opened (slow process). Lynton has prepared a document detailing MCG projects since inception to accompany the application.
- (e) K2C: meeting 11th November.
- (f) Accounts and Reporting: Lynton met with Helen Tyssen on 5th November to go over principles necessary for adding budgets to the accounts for reporting and setting up a revised account list. He will prepare an upload file, based on the "Equipping Molonglo" project budget, to assist with set up account budgets into individual projects. Maryke will seek assistance from MYOB Support to see if account budget splitting is possible with their software.

8 Vice President's Report - Tom Baker.

- (a) No word as yet on the Art Scoping project.
- (b) Queanbeyan Landcare arranged for the MCG trailer to for the Working Life Folklore and Heritage Festival as part of Queanbeyan in Bloom Festival, on 7 and 8 November and also the Landcare Queanbeyan Council Weed Swap on 9 November. This was more successful than past swaps because it was held in conjunction with Queanbeyan in Bloom and Sustainable Gardens Competition and held in middle of town, opposite the Riverside Plaza.
- (c) Queanbeyan Landcare will again borrow the trailer for the Queanbeyan Family Fun Day on Saturday 22 November in Queanbeyan Park. Volunteers are sought for this, as this event will include the Queanbeyan Leagues Club Gift, 10am till 7pm and there will be a huge crowd. MCG will be located near food vans, near Campbell Street.
- (d) Queanbeyan Landcare recently held a very successful weeds working bee with Queanbeyan Scouts on the Queanbeyan River section (White Rocks) of the Gale Precinct high conservation grassy box woodland just south of Queanbeyan.
- (e) Queanbeyan Landcare is also coordinating a rapid response control for a serious infestation of invasive weeds on the privately owned Poplars estate (Lanyon Drive), having grasslands and patches of woodland with a number of threatened species and two threatened ecosystems. Much of these grasslands are likely to be conserved in a reserve, once development is approved in the south east section of the Poplars.
- (f) Reminder that the Queanbeyan Environment Expo will be held on 12 and 13 June 2009 and the MCG needs to consider how it will participate.

9 Accounts - Maryke Booth.

- (a) Bank A/c's: \$240,000 in main a/c, \$37,000 in misc. a/c, as per mail-out.
- (b) Lynton worked with Helen on reporting and accounting procedures.
- (c) Maryke has new employee paperwork.
- (d) The bank is presently charging for electronic transfers (we are a charity?). Maryke will

- attempt to cut down or avoid these costs by changing the way she does pays.
- (e) MCG purchased brochure holders from Shop Basics for \$130, significantly discounted from normal retail price.
- (f) Insurance for Laptops: do we need insurance?

10 Coordinators Report – Andrew Westcott.

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) Banksia Street Funds: John Feint has accepted G.A.'s proposal. They estimate that it costs \$1 to get \$2 on the ground; their proposal is in line with this..
- (c) Andrew has prepared FAHSCIA grant application that includes petrol subsidies for volunteers.

11 Other Reports.

- (a) Jim: FoAB: successfully completed 5 day Volunteering ACT exercise over a 5 week period. It looks like this may continue as an annual thing, involving local school kids.
- (b) NSA: held a field day yesterday at Mulloon Creek, with 235 people attending. Peter Andrews, who has a new book out was also present on the day.
- (c) Margaret congratulated Lynton on being a finalist in the National Landcare Awards. She attended this month's CCSERAC meeting. There was no discussion the Murrumbidgee to Cotter transfer project; discussion centred on the Cotter Dam extension.
- (d) Sandy reports that the planting guides have been distributed in Burra.

12 Other Business.

- (a) Professional Indemnity Insurance: \$2,040 p.a. Andy and Maryke don't think that it is necessary as long as our communications do not carry advice but indicate where to get that advice.
- (b) Mobile Phone Plan; Terry's proposal (as per handout) recommends pre-paid phones. \$50 credit for 3 months per phone. Helen has offered us a spare SIM card that she has (\$50).
- (c) FoMM: Application for funding for National Tree Day '09 approved. Application form is on the website for other interested groups.

Motion: Maryke Booth/ Sandra Lloyd

“That MCG fund FoMM for their National Tree Day '09 activities (\$510)”.

Carried.

- (d) Wollemi Pine presentation to ActewAGL: as per Bayne's suggestion: at Mitchell office, with government representative, media, etc. This could be a strategic action provide a foundation for support in the future. Perhaps the ACT NRM Council and ACT Waterwatch should do the presentation. John Feint agrees. Should the event be postponed until early next year?
- (e) Burra Creek: prepare for a planned meeting with ACTEW. Andy will circulate some questions for us to access so that we ask the most relevant questions initially. Is there an EIS for the NSW part of the proposal? For the pipeline easement, landholders should be treated equally in regard to vegetation rehab., weeds, etc. For the section in Googong Foreshores, is this going to become a 13 km. long gutter? How long is the pumping period, 100 ML per 8 hours or 24 hours? Etc. etc.
- (f) Carwoola LC received notification of Grassy Ecosystem Training: Mary Appleby is seeking expression of interest in a one day course in February, \$20 including kit. Details on the website.

13 Next Meeting.

Exec. & General Meeting, Monday 8th December '08, 6:00 – 7:30 pm.

14 Closure.

The meeting was closed at 7:18 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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