



## **Executive and General Meeting**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2008

**MCG Meeting Room: Unit 10 Cassidy Arcade, 72-76 Monaro St, Queanbeyan.**

### **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. He mentioned that Zoe says hello and that she is enjoying her new job and continuing with her studies.

### **2 Attendance / Apologies**

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

Apologies were received from Claudia Nye and Jim Arnold.

One visitor attended, Peter Duffy (UMCCC).

### **3 Minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> November 2008.**

Motion: Sandra Lloyd / Maryke Booth

**“That the minutes be accepted”.**

**Carried.**

### **4 Business Arising.**

- (a) Review trailer insurance “Terms and Conditions” again, there has been another incident.
- (b) National Tree Day funding applications: FoMM are the only applicants for assistance at present. There may be no further applicants as NTD is in the middle of winter here.

### **5 Correspondence List.**

- (a) Waterwatch: invitation to launch of new book.
- (b) River Smart Australia: Bill Phillips has gotten in touch again and is interested in developing a major project with MCG.
- (c) Baker Deane & Nutt Solicitors: Central Café have applied for a liquor licence.
- (d) Floriade Certificates of Appreciation for Bayne, Tom and Zoe for their efforts at Floriade this year. Well done Bayne, Tom and Zoe.
- (e) ACT NRM Council: thanks MCG for our submission.
- (f) Canberra Investment Corporation: invitation to a briefing breakfast they have organised.
- (g) Actew Enlarged Cotter Dam; Letter from Chris Webb.
- (h) Volunteers ACT: Annual Report.

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

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) MCS: Extension sought for MCS3 NLP project until the end of the year to give time to access funding that has already been spent. The project is supposed to end this month and there's still \$30,000 to spend.
- (c) Register of Environmental Organisations: Application to register has been sent off. It may take up to 6 months to process.
- (d) OurCommunity: We have registered with this organisation to accept donations on our behalf.
- (e) NSW Gaming & Racing: An application has been submitted to allow us to undertake fundraising in NSW. No permit required in the ACT if the level of funding remains below \$20,000.
- (f) Living Environment Centre: On hold at present. Time constraints on participants.
- (g) Bush on the Boundary: Steering group met on 25<sup>th</sup> November.
- (h) UMCCC: Peter Duffy from Burra is the new chairman.
- (i) Corporate Clothing: Order sent off to Sears Workwear. There is a sample of the logo for us to approve.
- (j) New Faces: SACTCG Waterwatch Coordinator Martin Lind started work earlier this month, with assistance from Stephen. New ACT Regional Landcare/Parkcare Facilitator Edwina Richardson (a sustainable gardens expert) starts work on 10<sup>th</sup> December for 3 days per week.
- (k) CFOC Grants: The ACT won 2 grants, the Murrumbidgee Demonstration Reach and the Molonglo River Rescue, both to be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> November '09. Payment is expected shortly. CFOC Business Plan was released on 27<sup>th</sup> November. The future for catchment groups as they now stand remains unclear. Tom suggests we should involve the Real Estate Industry as funding partners.
- (l) MCG Office: seek extension for rental tenure to end of February due to holdups with The Living Environment Centre.
- (m) Media Training: The ACT NRM Council and TAMS have organised 2 half day media training sessions for February. Stephen and Andy will attend.

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

- (a) Reminder: Queanbeyan Environment Expo, June'09.
- (b) As part of realignment of Kings Highway though Kingsway to Captains Flat Road intersection: Tom suggests we lobby RTA for a lookout on the escarpment.
- (c) School of Arts Scoping Project: No word from John Reid lately. Tom will report back when he knows more.
- (d) Queanbeyan Landcare: coordinated a rapid and intensive control of weeds at "The Poplars". \$13,000 has been spent spraying weeds on this important ecological resource. Qbn. Council, ACT NRM Council through GA, National Parks and the owners have done woody weed spraying. St. John's Wort to be done next. Tom suggests we contribute to the project as it will become a nature reserve in 4-5 years and conservation efforts will continue into the future. The MCG should put some money aside for herbicides. The Yam Daisy is found here (cool). 15 years of work is coming to fruition on this project.

## **8 Accounts - Maryke Booth.**

- (a) Bank A/c's: \$198,000 in main a/c, \$12,000 in misc. a/c, as per mail-out.
- (b) Monies still owed to us: ACT Govt. \$116,600, misc. \$345.
- (c) Still to pay: final invoice from MCMA for hosting coordinator position, MCS contractors.
- (d) Trying to optimise electronic payments within the \$5,000 EFT limit and the \$2.75/upload

of MYOB files for transfers and payments.

## **9 Coordinators Report – Andrew Westcott.**

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) Activities Andy has been working on are:
  - Pest Animal Education pack
  - Support for Landcare Groups and the Community
  - Funding
  - Weeds Day
  - Queanbeyan River Rehabilitation Team
  - Tending The Grassroots Conference
  - Queanbeyan High School Project
  - M2G Water Transfer Project
  - Meetings with stakeholders
  - Catchment from the Air Project

## **10 Waterwatch Coordinator – Stephen Skinner.**

- (a) See report handed out at the meeting.
- (b) Activities Stephen has been working on are:
  - Community Awareness
  - Monitoring
  - Natural Resource Management Targets
  - Caring For Our Country business
  - School and Community Learning Opportunities

## **11 Other Business.**

- (a) New meeting time for new year, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month, 4:00 pm start from 9<sup>th</sup> February.
- (b) Corporate Membership: can we do better here? We need to form partnerships with companies who have a community support facility in their charter (for donations, assistance etc). We need to be careful not to endorse or promote any business in our activities. Who can we target and what do we want?
- (c) Mobile Phone Plans: Maryke has access to a spare handset, but not Helen's old one.
- (d) CFOC Meeting: Andy has report to email to us.
- (e) IMB Foundation Funding available: Grants from \$5,000 to \$35,000 available from June '09. Educational themes, possibly Waterwatch 3D model, other ideas needed. We could potentially partner with CIC to use this funding.
- (f) Display Trailer: New chain and clip now. Julie will have to talk to her insurance company for resolution of issue. Andy will talk to her about claim.
- (g) Catchment Video: as discussed at previous meetings. \$13,000 allocated for this project.

## **12 Next Meeting**

Exec. & General Meeting, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February '09, 4:00 – 5:30 pm.

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## **13 Closure.**

The meeting was closed at 7:35 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/	Review trailer insurance conditions	11/8/08	8/9/08	

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**Chairman)**

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**(Date)**