



Executive and General Meeting

Monday 9th February 2009

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

1. Opening

The meeting was opened at 4:12 pm with Lynton Bond (President) in the Chair. A warm welcome was extended to all present.

2 Attendance / Apologies

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

Apologies were received from Claudia Nye, Sandra Lloyd and Bruce Taloni.

3 Minutes of 8th December 2008.

Motion: Maryke Booth / John Bruggeman

“That the minutes be accepted”.

Carried.

4 Business Arising.

- (a) Kings Highway Diversion: Tom reports that this process has now started. Photos of the old lookout have been unearthed. Tom will discuss his proposal with the engineer next time they meet.

5 Correspondence List.

- (a) Telstra: Registration of Telstra Online Services.
- (b) Queanbeyan City Council: Invite to Volunteering forum: Hosted by Hon Graham West (Minister for Volunteering).
- (c) Volunteering ACT: Volunteer of the year awards invite, launch of the awards will be held on 17th Feb. in the Reception room of the Legislative Assembly, RSVP 13th Feb.
- (d) Renewal of Trailer insurance from Austcover. Currently getting a quote to increase trailer contents cover, at present only covered for \$1000, which would be unlikely to cover the loss of trailer contents.
- (e) The Hon. Simon Corbell MP: Reply to MCG letter about Murrumbidgee River to Burra Creek water transfer.
- (f) Mike Sullivan of ACTEW: Reply to letter about Murrumbidgee River to Burra Creek water transfer. Mike ruled out running pipeline all the way to the dam due to “significant cost and environmental implications”.
- (g) Canberra Investment Corporation: Newsletter.
- (h) Jerrabomberra Wetlands Cycle Path Environmental assessment report.
- (i) Australian Landcare Magazine: December issue. The MCG’s launch of the weed pack is on page 7.
- (j) Volunteering ACT: Farewell to Lorraine Higgins and Robyn Pierce of Volunteering ACT.

- (k) The Hon Dr Mike Kelly MP: Letter regarding the Burra Creek meeting with ACTEW facilitated by Mike Kelly. Included meeting notes.

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

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) MCS3: Final report for MCS3.3 and Banksia Street Wetland funds submitted. All funds committed by the end of Dec. '08.
- (c) Equipping Molonglo: CFOC progress report and NHT/NAP final report completed and submitted. \$4,000 of NHT/NAP funds left over. 2nd instalment of funds for CFOC is dependent on report being submitted before payment. If this takes too long we will be in a precarious financial position. Do we have any comeback if this eventuates?
- (d) K2C: Steering Committee met Jan. 20th. CFOC investment proposals being prepared by BHA and Upper Demonstration Reach Project. Both have similar objectives and strategies, and committee will look into merging the two into one project.
- (e) CLA: Skills audit of ACT community groups completed at last meeting with the aim of putting together a CFOC investment proposal.
- (f) MLI: Lynton attended last meeting. 4 individual project applications are proposed, with a view to building on Woolworths funding opportunities.
- (g) UMCCC: Jacqui Stohl gave a presentation about the new Biodiversity in the Paddock book. Councils in the region approached in an attempt to extend the study results outside the ACT, Palerang keen, Monaro interested, QCC no response as yet.
- (h) New Faces: Bonnie Reynolds is the new GCG and Frog-watch coordinator. Jo Donovan now works for the ACT NRM Council as the Indigenous Natural Resource Management Facilitator.
- (i) CFOC Open Grants and Business Plan: Still waiting on the paperwork for the Molonglo River Rescue project before Terry commences work as facilitator. Andy prepared an outline on how we can provide community capacity building as partners in the project. This has also been applied to K2C CFOC investment proposal.
- (j) Queanbeyan Office: As nothing is happening with the Living Environment Centre we have applied to extend our tenancy in the present office until the end of June if possible.

7 Vice President's Report - Tom Baker.

- (a) Reminder: Queanbeyan Environment Expo, June '09. Our involvement will include displays in the annex, with the 3D model as centrepiece (hopefully). There will be lots of corporate people attending.
- (b) Along the Molonglo Art Show: The Q should be booked for 2 weeks to exhibit winning entries. However the Qbn. Artists Society has no money and wants to exhibit for only a week. Rent for the space is \$300/week. Should MCG pay for the second week? The exhibit there should open on the 5th June and we should tie it in with the Environment Expo.
- (c) School of Arts Scoping Project: No word from John Reid lately. He appears to not be contactable. Tom doesn't know what's going on. The funding for the project has been approved.

8 Accounts - Maryke Booth.

- (a) Bank A/c's: \$165,000 in main a/c, \$4,500 in misc. a/c, as per mail-out.
- (b) Helen is getting the accounts in order, despite teething problems with the new system.
- (c) PAYG tax: \$11,000 still owed. General expenses, \$37,855.

9 Coordinators Report – Andrew Westcott.

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) Activities Andy has been to working on are:

- Pest Animal Education Pack: The due date for submission of the 1st draft has been delayed until 16th February.
- Support for Landcare Groups and the Community: Bungendore Scout Group, Blue Gum Community School, FROG, GHD Grassland project.
- Funding: CFOC and NHT/NAP reports, \$1,500 under Mobile Muster program.
- Weeds Day: Weeds field day proposed for Jerrabomberra.
- Queanbeyan High School Project: contacted model builders.
- M2G Water Transfer Project: ongoing negotiations with govt., ACTEW.
- Meetings with stakeholders: CLA, RiverSmart and CMA QCC SERRROC,
- Catchment from the Air Project: Filming has started.
- CFOC: monitoring and evaluation program for K2C.
- Frog Field Guide: being developed to augment GCG's poster and CD.

10 Waterwatch Coordinator – Stephen Skinner.

- (a) See report handed out at the meeting.
- (b) Activities Stephen has been to working on are:
 - Media Releases: Waterwatch Holiday Program, Radio Landcare.
 - Waterwatch Newsletter: preparation of new edition.
 - Public Activities: M2G meeting, Qbn. Indigenous Crew and water test procedures.
 - Training Session proposal: oxygen, phosphorous and nitrate testing workshop.
 - QA/QC Sessions: possibly to be held at CSIRO Entomology.
 - Community Groups or Projects Assisted: Yarralumla Creek training, Bungendore Joey Scouts.
 - State Of Database for Reporting: Long term M-ChiP scores have been calculated, program for returns organised, January data being entered.
 - Molonglo Website Update: being prepared.
 - Educational Programs Delivered: Tuggeranong Holiday Program, 12th January. Flyers mailed out to schools.

11 Members Reports – Jim Arnold.

- (a) NSA: Last weekend was scheduled to be a working bee day but due to the heat a visit to Crackenback to meet a local Weeds Officer eventuated instead, with 10 people attending. Peter Andrews also attended. The group dropped in to Scottsdale on the way back. The next day 3 NSA properties were visited including Ingelara, with 14 people attending.

12 Other Business.

- (a) Being Investor & Partner Ready: discussion required on the proposal that Andy has prepared. We have to build our profile in the community to gain sponsorships. Maryke and Tom shared their experiences at promotion. Tom pointed out the hard work required to attract partners, and suggests we should target 1-3 organisations at a time, and move on to others with each success/failure. We should start with our current corporate sponsors and move on from there.
- (b) New Equipment: 2 GPS units are available (½ price), MP3 (Voice) Recorder.
- (c) Along The Molonglo: \$300 for rental of The Q for second week of art exhibition.
Motion: Lynton Bond/ Maryke Booth
“That the group provide \$300 for the showing of the winning entries in the Queanbeyan Art Society “Along The Molonglo” exhibition at The Q”.
Carried.
- (d) Waterwatch Training: As proposed by Stephen for oxygen, nitrate and phosphate testing training. Stephen would like to meet all participants. We should purchase more testing kits (could ACTEW help here with finances?).

Motion: Lynton Bond/ Tom Baker
“That MCG provide in the order of \$2,000 for testing kits, on the condition that Stephen try to get additional funding from ACTEW”.

Carried.

- (e) Qbn. Rural Guide: Wide distribution of 6,000 copies. Andy informed us of advertising costs in this publication. \$300 per ½ page advert.
- (f) Petrol Subsidy: Waterwatch component is acceptable and should be subsidised by MCG at the \$1.30/litre rate, paid retrospectively.
- (g) Corporate Clothing: Sears Workwear are busy doing logos and have not replied. Maryke will get additional quote from Ad-Pro.

13 Next Meeting

Exec. & General Meeting, Monday 16th March, 2009, 4:00 – 5:30 pm.
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14 Closure.

The meeting was closed at 6:10 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	
TB/AW	\$300 for The Q rental	9/02/09	16/03/09	
SS	Approach ACTEW for WW testing kit sponsorship	9/02/09		Deferred

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