



Executive and General Meeting

Monday 20th April 2009

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

1. Opening

The meeting was opened at 4:10 pm with Lynton Bond (President) in the Chair. A warm welcome was extended to all present. Lynton introduced Hugo Bowman, our new project officer, to the committee.

2 Attendance / Apologies

In attendance were Lynton Bond, Jim Arnold, John Bruggeman, Sandra Lloyd, Tom Baker, Andrew Westcott, Stephen Skinner, and Hugo Bowman.

Apologies were received from Claudia Nye, Maryke Booth, Bruce Taloni and Helen King.

3 Minutes of 16th March 2009.

Motion: Sandra Lloyd / Lynton Bond

“That the minutes be accepted”.

Carried.

4 Business Arising.

- (a) The Q: rental for art exhibit finalised. Tom has receipt.
- (b) Water testing: Stephen didn't have to approach ACTEW for additional testing kits as it appears that we have sufficient kits now.

5 Correspondence List.

In

- (a) Murrumbidgee Rural Studies Center: What does your garden grow.
- (b) ACTEW: Notification of intended partnership in the development of commercial solar power generation. ACTEW intends to make land they own at Williamsdale available for the project.
- (c) Purdon Associates: Call for input into the proposal to construct electrical infrastructure within the East Lake area near Fyshwick. Purdon Associates are conducting the EIS. See www.purdon.com.au for documentation.
- (d) Volunteering ACT: Notification of “Volunteer of the Year” award. Poster to display as Volunteer Week approaches.
- (e) DEWHA: Notice of acquittal of funds for Fencing and Regeneration of Native Pasture and Trees at Carwoola.
- (f) Floriade: Thank-you letter for taking part in ‘Films That Shaped Our Nation’.
- (g) Telstra: Telephone Bill.
- (h) Murrumbidgee River Rescue: Deed of Agreement for the project.
- (i) Certificate of Entry onto the Register of Environmental Organisations. Note that we will be notified in due course by the ATO that we have deductible gift recipient status.

Out

- (a) Weed pack sent to community member from Festival of the Forests.
- (b) Edwina Richardson: acceptance of variation to Urban Storm-water Education funding.
- (c) Application for CFOC funding.

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

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) Equipping Molonglo: Hugo has been with us for 3 weeks, working as Project Officer for MCG, and Project Facilitator for MRR. CFOC funding, 2nd instalment paid, 3rd instalment submitted.
- (c) K2C: CFOC Proposal submitted.
- (d) Register of Environmental Organisations: Waiting for Tax Office notification, then we are ready to engage with Our Community. Lynton has prepared a page for the website to submit donations on www.molonglocatchment.com.au/HelpUsMakeADifference.htm and a brochure seeking potential donors (which points out what your dollar can do for the environment). We now need to actively pursue benefactors. Organisations pursuing green credentials are a potential target. Maryke is meeting with a bloke from BarterCard on Friday re. partnering and support.
- (e) NCA and Waterwatch: No outcome as yet re. water quality survey results.
- (f) CLA: Esther Duffy is the new ACT Landcare Facilitator (3 month contract at present).
- (g) Living Environment Centre: Presentation to ACT NRM Council listing issues involved with establishing the centre. Potential partners abound if this project comes to fruition (Horticulture School, Botanic Gardens, other CG's etc). We will continue to pursue this but it is turning into a slow process.
- (h) UMCCC: Nothing from planning meeting as yet. Ground Water fact sheet almost prepared. Turbidity discussed. Reprint of "Look After Your Natural Assets" approved. \$10,000 for 5,000 copies. Peter Duffy is sending a letter out to local councils to garner contributions.
- (i) CFOC: Business Plan/Investment Proposal submitted, for \$99,000.
- (j) MLM: Lost momentum at present.
- (k) Website: switch over to a new provider at end of week.

7 Vice President's Report - Tom Baker.

- (a) Reminder: Queanbeyan Environment Expo, 12-13 June '09. Invites sent out to chosen participants. All can give presentations, workshops etc.
- (b) 'Along the Molonglo' Art Show: John Reid will open the Queanbeyan show on 5th June after 7:00 pm. Winning paintings go to The Q for the next week. Tom has the invoice for The Q rental for 1 week.
- (c) Bungendore Hill Lookout: Tom met with RTA, Qbn. Mayor and Chief Engineer on site.
- (d) Wickerslack Lane and Dr. Mols: The doctor's sub-division proposal has been knocked back by council. Council was critical of the proposal, with many reasons for why it should not happen.

8 Accounts – Maryke Booth.

- (a) Sent out by email.

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: Hugo is working on "Options". 2 Feral Information sessions are being organised.

- Support for Landcare Groups and the Community: Assist FoMM with rabbit warren mapping, talk to 3 classes at Canberra Grammar about the MCG and sustainability, still assisting with establishment of a Mount Pleasant group, distributing more Weeds Packs to the community, nominated Waltraud Pix for Volunteer of the Year, Soul Survivors project on hold because asbestos was found on the tip.
- Indigenous Planting Guides Posters: final copies of the posters have arrived, excellent.
- 3D Catchment Model: The Queanbeyan Men's Shed will further the project. QCC are currently developing the maps.
- Weeds Field Day: The Jerrabomberra Weeds Field Day was held on 28th March, with 10 people attending. The event received good media coverage, including follow up coverage.
- Catchment from the Air Project: Due to shoot final aerial videos later this week.
- New Staff: Andy has run through the various projects we are engaged in with Hugo, our new Project Officer.
- Frog Field Guide: 1st draft reviewed by Dave Hunter and GCG and final product developed. John Wombey is assisting with a picture for the front cover. Graphic Ark is preparing the guide.
- Urban Stormwater Education: Attended 1st steering committee meeting for the Urban Waterways Initiative. It was proposed that the MCG Urban Stormwater Education Initiative funds be transferred to the educational component of this project. The MCG has agreed to transfer \$14,825 and John Feint has agreed to the variation.
- Queanbeyan Environment Expo: Our EOI to display has been submitted. Interactive display planned using botanical specimens and laptops.
- Project Planning: Community based biodiversity project, Indigenous guided walks.

10 Waterwatch Coordinator – Stephen Skinner.

- (a) See report distributed at the meeting.
- (b) Activities Stephen has been to working on are:
 - Media Releases: Bungendore Mirror, Isa News.
 - Waterwatch Newsletter: None this month.
 - Public Activities: UMCCC: presented Burra Creek report, Turbidity discussion, London Bridge walk.
 - Training Session: 21st March, dissolved oxygen and orthophosphate training session.
 - QA/QC Sessions: 19th April, Discovery Centre, CSIRO.
 - Community Groups or Projects Assisted: SERROC and water matters, visitor from Murray Bridge and willows, working with Tom and Indigenous Restoration Crew.
 - State Of Database for Reporting: Database being updated, 8 groups reported in for March, recording 11 sites.
 - Molonglo Website Update: 'March in our Catchment' submitted to web page.
 - Educational Programs Delivered: Mt. Taylor Scouts, Merici College at Molonglo Gorge, Canberra Grammar School at Pine Island, Queanbeyan Public School at Glebe Park.
 - Meetings: MCG.

11 Members Reports

(a) Sandy reminded us of the Burra Creek walk to be held on the 3rd May.

12 Other Business.

- (a) CCSERAC: MCG representative on the biodiversity group. Claudia has stood down as rep. Tom will approach Margaret to see if she would like to represent MCG.
- (b) 3D Model: Agreed to pay material costs incurred by Queanbeyan High School, \$193.44.
- (c) Pest Animals case studies: Horrific stories abound, we should use them in our documentation. Agreed that shock is more likely to work, despite turning some people off.

13 Next Meeting

Exec. & General Meeting: Monday 11th May 2009, 4:00 – 5:30 pm.
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14 Closure.

The meeting was closed at 5:30 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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