



## **Executive and General Meeting**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2009

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

### **1. Opening**

The meeting was opened at 4:04 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, Sandra Lloyd, Maryke Booth, Tom Baker, Andrew Westcott, Stephen Skinner, Margaret Piper and Esther Duffy (ACT Landcare Coordinator, DECCEW).

Apologies were received from Claudia Nye and Bruce Taloni.

### **3 Minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009.**

**Motion:** Sandra Lloyd / Tom Baker

**“That the minutes be accepted”.**

**Carried.**

### **4 Business Arising.**

- (a) M2G: DECCEW has received and reviewed EIS. It meets criteria to be presented to the public. MCG will respond and address their points. Comment/feedback from the Public, especially about short-comings preferred.
- (b) Rabbits: Jim sent out a letter to PCL and received a 1 page reply from Andrew Barr interpreted as suggesting that individuals are not trusted and that they aren't prepared to train people due to budget constraints. Tenders were called for Rabbit Eradication last year but there was no outcome. Jim thinks follow up would be futile and what is required is more complaints from the public. Esther thinks we should involve ACT NRM Council.
- (c) Donations: Tom suggests a promotion and fundraising advertisement (30 seconds long) on QBN-FM 96.7 Community Radio, or that MCG become a sponsor for better coverage. Lynton will talk to the Deputy Manager (a neighbour).
- (d) MRR: Hugo's Action Plan. Where do we go from here? In stages, with a view to raising the river's iconic status and promoting it's uses and values.

### **5 Correspondence List.**

#### **In**

- (a) 11 copies of the ACT Weeds Strategy.
- (b) St. John's Ambulance: registration for 2 places for First Aid Training.
- (c) NSW Enviro Trust: unsuccessful application notification.
- (d) ACTEW: updates on enlargement of Cotter Dam.
- (e) CfoC: notification that our funding application was successful.
- (f) MDBA: overview of the Basin Plan.

- (g) ACT Landcare: 5 x invitations to Landcare Awards.
- (h) CCSERAC: membership renewal notice.
- (i) MCMA: flyer for the Murrumbidgee Landcare Forum.
- (j) ACTEW: invitation to the Casuarina Sands Upgrade Community Presentation.

#### **Out**

- (a) John Reid: letter of thanks.
- (b) Scott Eipper, Terry Korodaj, Kim Templeton, Mark Adams (CMSC), Malcolm Chalk and Margaret Ning (ACT Herpetological Society and FROG) – 50 Frog Guides.
- (c) St. John’s Ambulance: booking training courses for volunteers.

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

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) Equipping Molonglo: Andy’s position is now fully funded while Stephen’s is funded for 3 days per week. There is little funding for projects however.
- (c) K2C: now running on a shoestring with no project money.
- (d) MLM: we can’t find a GIS mentor for the students. No one available through CSIRO, will try at Uni. Of Canberra.
- (e) PlaceStories: 3 stories are now up on the website, Trailer, Wetland and Frog Brochure.  
[www.placestories.com](http://www.placestories.com)

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

- (a) Along The Molonglo: Floriade 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. The exhibition will be opened at 3:00 pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> in the ACTEWAGL “Look N Learn” marquee. A roster is being organised for us to man the displays for the week. The full Annual Exhibition of The ACT Artists Society will be opened by John Stanhope at 5:30 pm sharp on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October at the Albert Hall. Sponsors are ACTEW \$1,800, ACT NRM Council \$500, and MCG \$400.
- (b) 3D Catchment Model: The Queanbeyan Men’s Shed has started the model and is making progress. Tom says the model is looking good. Decisions need to be made regarding what features to show on the model. Thankyou Andy for your support. The Men’s Shed are also constructing bird and possum boxes for the Queanbeyan River Restoration Team.
- (c) The Poplars: winter spraying has begun with 2 contractors costing \$5,000 plus chemicals. Follow up spraying next week. The owner is now matching funding \$ for \$. Target weeds, African Love Grass and Serrated Tussock, with St. John’s Wort trial spray if there are any funds remaining.

### **8 Accounts – Maryke Booth.**

- (a) Sent out by email.
- (b) Not much change this month.
- (c) Main A/c \$143,000, General Expenses A/c \$46,000.
- (d) Preparing reports for auditor shortly.

**Motion:** Maryke Booth / Sandra Lloyd

**“That the Treasurers report be accepted”.**

**Carried.**

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

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) Activities Andy has been working on are:
  - Trailer: new tyre purchased and fitted.
  - Support for Landcare Groups and the Community: organised GPS Training for volunteers for 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. and 4<sup>th</sup> Oct. Maryke nominated for Individual Landcarer of the Year, and for Project of the Year; FoMM, Mt. Ainslie Weeders and Watson Woodland Working Group (joint project). Enviro Markets: proposed for Captain’s

Flat Markets, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November, to promote and revive Captains Flat Landcare.

- Educational Material: First draft of Pest Animal facts sheets received and reviewed, with changes to the introduction. Sheets and posters are currently being designed by Graphic Ark. We have a good photo of a fox now. Frog Guide completed and going fast. The Weed Calender poster is available now. Indigenous Planting Guides are currently being reprinted.
- 3D Catchment Model: progressing.
- Catchment from the Air Project: Natalie Forest's commentary on the video was deemed not suitable. She will still introduce the video but Justin Murphy will now do the commentary (free). A final video should be available soon, hopefully for Floriade.
- Funding: received notification that CfoC funding application was successful. Received notification that Environment Trust funding application was unsuccessful. Working through ACT NRM Council's proposed milestones and outputs for the next two years.
- Molonglo River Rescue: Hugo met with RiverSmart to discuss how to raise awareness of the project in the community and reconnect the community with the river.
- New Equipment: data projector, Waterwatch sampling equipment.
- Media: Queanbeyan Age Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July, interview with Lynton and Hugo about MRR. Canb. Times 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> July, article on RiverSmart (1 of 6 articles, one possibly on MRR). Bungendore Mirror, MRR adverts.

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

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) Activities Stephen has been to working on are:
  - Media Releases: nil.
  - Waterwatch Newsletter: in preparation, will contribute photos and summaries.
  - Public Activities: Tues. 21<sup>st</sup> July, meet with ACTEW and Burra Landcare committee. Tues. 4<sup>th</sup> August, meet Peter Clark (NCA) about catchment issues and finding better options for management of LBG. Wed. 5<sup>th</sup> August, meet Dr. Sandie Jones (DECC) and Burra Landcare about Burra Creek bulk transfer project. Mon. 10<sup>th</sup> August, meet Steve Whan MLA and Burra Landcare re. Burra Creek.
  - Training Session: Tues. 21<sup>st</sup> July, RARC refresher including Hugo at Coppins Crossing.
  - QA/QC Sessions: not until November.
  - Community Groups or Projects Assisted: Burra Landcare (see above).
  - State Of Database for Reporting: current data being entered, (20 + 2 reports from 10 groups and the Orana girls). 6 monthly M-CHiP report is being compiled by Stephen and Lynton and should be available later this month.
  - Molonglo Website Update: in hand.
  - Educational Programs Delivered: Tues. 28<sup>th</sup> and Wed. 29<sup>th</sup> July, and Tues. 4<sup>th</sup> and Wed. 5<sup>th</sup> August, Radford College year 6, 100 pupils, full Waterwatch program including MV, RARC, Platypus Watch, and the walk at Point Hut Crossing.
  - Meetings: ACT Waterwatch meeting scheduled for Tues. 11<sup>th</sup> August. Missed MCG meeting due to illness.

## **11 Members Reports – Jim Arnold**

- (a) NSA: Peter Andrews will be here for upcoming field days.

**12 Members Reports – Sandy Lloyd**

- (a) M2G: EIS due 17<sup>th</sup> August. ACTEW conducted 2 drop-in sessions at Burra Hall.

**13 Members Reports – Maryke Booth**

- (a) Reading The Landscape: this Saturday, 20 people booked in with a wide cross section of people attending.

**14 Business.**

- (a) Esther Duffy was introduced to the committee. She is ACT Landcare Coordinator (with Anna) for DECCEW and began there full-time 3 months ago. She was previously employed with CCSERAC and so has established networks here. Organising the Landcare Awards is keeping her busy. She is also engaged in the Mapping Project to get an idea of the NRM community and a broader look at what is happening in the ACT.
- (b) Walking Tracks – Geoff Pryor: SERRROC and ACT Health Promotions Grant. Discussion about walking tracks being brought together as a Canberra Centenary Project to promote well being and community and a better appreciation of our place. Some comment - Tom; we shouldn't forget QCC projects which already exist. Lynton; encourage understanding of the catchment as a whole. Stephen; there is a 1990's report somewhere regarding the Molonglo River Corridor and its values. Use the radio show to promote the walking track. Good timing for the Centenary.
- (c) M2G: Stephen comments that issue this is going on and on. Should have been done by the middle of March. Public Consultation doesn't start until 17<sup>th</sup> August. UMCCC and Burra LC received 3 parts of the relevant information (part of EIS). No access to ACTEW reports on water condition in the Murrumbidgee or Burra Creek. Burra Ck. information is old and out of date and thus not reliable. Aquatic Impact Assessment poorly and badly put together (only meets 1 criterion, other criteria not addressed). No assessment of important flow features. Stephen asks if the project is necessary at all as they are already taking water out of the Murrumbidgee. Stephen is not impressed.
- (d) Pest Animal Folder Draft: the introduction will be changed to explain the differentiation between Feral and Escapees.
- (e) MCG Hats: are we willing to spend \$8-9 per hat (lots of 100)?  
**Motion:** Lynton Bond / Tom Baker  
**“That the MCG spend up to \$1,200 on Corporate Hats (preferably mesh with a stiff brim) in an appropriate range of sizes”.**  
**Carried.**
- (f) Floriade Roster: Andy is compiling it . Parking will be arranged.

**15 Other Business.**

- (a) CCSERAC Membership:  
**Motion:** Lynton Bond / Tom Baker  
**“That the MCG renew CCSERAC Membership for 1 year at a cost of \$50 (less than 50 members)”.**  
**Carried.**
- (b) Casuarina Sands Community Presentation: Stephen will pursue this further.
- (c) Promotional Materials: stickers, badges etc. are being looked into.

**16 Next Meeting**

Exec. & General Meeting: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009, 4:00 – 5:30 pm.  
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**17 Closure.**

The meeting was closed at 6:00 pm.

<b>Action By</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Completed</b>
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	Thank you letter to John Reid for assistance with "Along the Molonglo" in Queanbeyan	15/6/09	13/7/09	Completed
TB/LB	\$1,000 for The Poplars weeds project	15/6/09	13/7/09	Completed
MB/LB	\$500 for "Reading the Landscape" workshop run by Royalla LC	15/6/09	13/7/09	Completed
LB/JA/AW	Letter of concern to PCL about what measures can be taken to promote community action on rabbits	15/6/09	13/7/09	Completed
LB/MB	Purchase Corporate Hats to the value of \$1,200	10/8/09	18/9/09	Ordered; awaiting delivery
LB/MB	Renew CCSERAC Membership	10/8/09		

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**(Chairman)**

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**(Date)**