



Executive and General Meeting

Monday 12th October 2009

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

1. Opening

The meeting was opened at 4:05 pm with Lynton Bond (President) in the Chair. A warm welcome was extended to all present. Lynton introduced our new project officer Vanessa Keyzer to the committee and acknowledged the birth of baby James Westcott into the world.

2 Attendance / Apologies

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

Apologies were received from Claudia Nye and Sandra Lloyd. Claudia has formally tendered a resignation from the committee for personal reasons.

3 Minutes of 14th September 2009.

Motion: Jim Arnold / Maryke Booth
“That the minutes be accepted”.
Carried.

4 Business Arising.

- (a) Justin Murphy: do we need to develop a script for the radio advertisement?
- (b) Promotional Floral Card Pack: Andy and Lynton have reviewed proof cards (they look good). A print run of 500 packs at a cost of \$2,000 should be ready later this week. Some suitable organisations to place card packs with would be Botanical Gardens Bookshop, National Museum, National Library, Government Shopfronts and other Government outlets, Pialligo traders and other Garden Centres, Visitors Centres, Shop Basics.

5 Correspondence List.

In

- (a) Signed deeds for Catchment and Waterwatch Coordinators.
- (b) North East Downs Landcare Inc.: building high carbon - low emission farming and grazing soils.
- (c) ACT NRM: 2 invitations to the launch of the ACT NRM plan.
- (d) Murrumbidgee CMA: invitation to the launch of the grazing management project, Cooma Wednesday 14th October.
- (e) Spring E-water magazine.
- (f) ACTEW: M2G letter.
- (g) Burra Landcare: Graeme Costin, M2G monitoring program.

Out

- (a) Frog Guide to DEWHA.

- (b) Final project report for GPS training.
- (c) 2 submissions on M2G proposal.

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

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) K2C: proposal to extend the area of this project. Also plan to hold an open day on 10/10/10 (UMCCC plan a biennial forum around the same time).
- (c) National Landcare Facilitator: is seeking public comment to inform the Federal Government on how Landcare can be structured for future planning.
- (d) Community Based Biodiversity Monitoring: Sarah Sharp and Lori Gould's guidelines have been changed and are now more technical. The manual is in the final draft and expected to be launched before Christmas.

7 Vice President's Report - Tom Baker.

- (a) Along The Molonglo: Floriade and the Albert Hall Exhibition have raised Canberra's outlook of Landcare and the environment. Our pamphlets left at the Albert Hall all went. Tom thanks all the people who helped out at Floriade. We received good publicity in the Canberra Times and Chronicle. Improvements for next year, better signage at the Look 'n' Learn Marquee, inside and outside.
- (b) The Poplars: weed control is finished for this year with just the paperwork to do. What to do next year?
- (c) Thanks Lynton and Ros for the Spring Wildflower Walk at Carwoola on Sunday.

8 Accounts – Maryke Booth.

- (a) Sent out by email.
- (b) \$220,000 in the bank account.
- (c) Maryke is pushing Helen to get accounts into auditors.
Motion: Tom Baker / John Bruggeman
“That the committee accepts the Treasurer's Report”.
Carried.

9 Coordinators Report – Andrew Westcott.

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) Activities Andy has been working on are:
 - Support for Landcare Groups and the Community: attended the Inner North Community Fair where 60+ people signed up to assist in planting of the Banksia Street wetland (half a dozen signed up for our e-bulletin). Displayed at Floriade for one week. Assisted planning for sustainable farming field day on 24th October and Environment Fair at Captains Flat Markets on 7th November.
 - Educational Material: Pest Animal facts sheet packs are printed. Preparing for a launch of the pack.
 - Catchment from the Air Project: Justin Murphy is reviewing the script but recording has been delayed due to other commitments.
 - Sustainability On Small Farms: MERI plan has been submitted and we are now waiting on DAFF for a response.
 - Funding: Completed final report for GPS training workshops. Also working on final reports for CFOC funding for January to June.
 - Molonglo River Rescue: Sari Glover (MCMA) is continuing to contact landholders who have responded to the EOI advert and letters.
 - Media: Canberra Times, Wednesday 7th, Along the Molonglo exhibition.

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: “September in our Catchment” is on the website and has been sent to the network.
 - Public Activities: attended Floriade Look ‘n’ Learn Marquee 21-24th September, presented 3 formal talks on the condition of water in the catchment and provided displays on macro-invertebrates and plankton in our waterways. Attended Platypus Count meeting at the Kangaroos Club on 20th September (only 4 people attended) and was among the bucket carriers at the filming of a water conservation campaign advertisement.
 - Training Session: attended Frogwatch Advanced Training session at Tidbinbilla on 30th September, as trainee and support.
 - QA/QC Sessions: coming up - George Harcourt Inn, 5:30 pm, 26th October.
 - Community Groups or Projects Assisted: provided Cameron with a kit and a rundown on Cyanobacteria for his D of E work. Supported Peter Robinson with calibration of his EC meter. Dealt with 7 e-mail enquiries.
 - State Of Database for Reporting: 11 groups submitted data on 23 sites. The M-CHiP report for Jan-June '09 is available on the website after having been presented to the committee at last month's meeting. There are 16 active volunteer Waterwatch groups. Refresher training in Macro-invertebrates is scheduled for Saturday 14th November.
 - Educational Programs Delivered: attended Radford year 6 presentation on their work on water for the Baccalaureate program at the school on 17th September.
 - Waterwatch Holiday Program: provided ancillary support for the ACT Waterwatch Facilitator for the October Waterwatch program, but didn't attend due to the low number of children attending.
 - Meetings: MCG.

11 Members Reports – Jim Arnold.

- (a) NSA: Jim attended the field day on 26th September at Braidwood (Peter Hazell's property) where the chain of ponds was inspected. They are steadily filling up. Jim will also attend the Soil workshop at Yass on 21st October.

12 Members Reports – Tom Baker.

- (a) Queanbeyan Landcare brochure printed.
- (b) Maryke was interviewed on Radio Landcare on 2XX FM 98.3.

13 Members Reports – Maryke Booth.

- (a) Reminder of workshops with Nicki Taws and David Tongway.

14 Members Reports – Lynton Bond.

- (a) Carwoola Landcare: Spring Wildflower Walk, on a block subject to an Aboriginal Land Claim.
- (b) Weeds Field Day: Bowen Park 2:00 pm 6th December with Neville Plumb from Palerang.

15 Business.

- (a) Insurance Renewal: After discussion, and assessment of replacement cost of office equipment, agreed that that the Group raise General Business Insurance cover to \$15,000 for fire and theft. Premium \$446.56 p.a., subject QCC covering glass breakage.

16 Other Business.

- (a) Claudia Nye has formally resigned from the committee due to family matters. We need to seek more committee members through our groups before the AGM in November.
- (b) Donations through Our Communities: re. Thankyou cards time lag. Attach note on “Our Donations” page referring to emailing receipts to us if you want a Thankyou card sent. 24 hour turnaround. Our own facility through Westpac provides for a 60% discount of fee for community groups with other options available (still expensive). PayPal? Lynton will investigate further.
- (c) Floriade: a review of this year’s event. How it went and can it happen better in the future? The marquee needs external bill boarding to promote what we are doing inside. Can our stuffed animals be used at future events? They would require display cases, which Maryke will look into. Clearer and more prominent winner and place getter logos. List of Sponsors and prizes. Explanation for why our art exhibition is at Floriade. Encourage volunteers from other groups to present etc. More ideas please, how can we make it all better?
- (d) Mapping Lower Molonglo: PCL rangers will conduct a walk this Saturday starting at the Lower Molonglo Water Treatment Plant.
- (e) Queanbeyan Business & Community Directory (Queanbeyan Age): should we have a listing in this publication?

17 Next Meeting

AGM and Exec. & General Meeting: Monday 9th November 2009, 4:00 – 5:30 pm.
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18 Closure.

The meeting was closed at 5:45 pm.

| Action By | Details | Start Date | Due Date | Completed |
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| LB/MB | Renew Volunteering ACT Membership | 14/9/09 | 12/10/09 | Completed |
| LB/MB | Investigate facilities for receiving donations directly | 14/9/09 | 12/10/09 | Completed |
| LB | Investigate options for PayPal for donations. | 12/10/09 | 9/11/09 | Completed |

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