



Executive and General Meeting

Tuesday 9th March 2010

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

1. Opening

The meeting was opened at 5:05 pm with Lynton Bond (President) in the Chair. A warm welcome was extended to all present.

2 Attendance / Apologies

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

Apologies were received from Jim Arnold.

3 Minutes of 8th February 2010.

Motion: Tom Baker / Sandra Lloyd
“That the minutes be accepted”.
Carried.

4 Business Arising.

- (a) 6c should spell Marion.

5 Correspondence List.

In

- (a) E-Water summer magazine
- (b) PCL: Landnews, including MCG article re: Pest Animal Pack and another re: Rising deer populations
- (c) ACT Govt.: rejection of volunteer parking permits application
- (d) STEP membership form: \$50 p.a.
- (e) STEP: MCG membership acknowledgement
- (f) ACTEWAGL: update on Murrumbidgee to Googong Bulk Transfer project
- (g) CIC: notification of name change to CIC Australia
- (h) Canberra Nature Park: acknowledgement of receipt of submission

Out

- (a) Terry Luke, Burra: 1 Pest Animal Pack
- (b) Alison Baker, Urila: 1 Pest Animal Pack
- (c) Artur Baumhammer, Cooma: 1 Pest Animal Pack
- (d) Canberra Nature Park: submission

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

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) K2C: The Nature Conservation Trust has sold “The Parlour” grasslands, the second property at Jerrabattgulla, to Canberra International Airport as an ecological offset of the

grassland they are now developing. An ongoing relationship now exists between the two parties. The CIA is not a member of MCG. The Strategy Planning Reference Group is finalising the Conservation Action Plan through to 2016, which will feed into CFOC proposals. The Murrumbidgee Turbidity Stakeholders group met to discuss and plan ways to address turbidity and erosion issues (progressing well).

- (c) UMCCC: meets tomorrow, field trip to Gudgenby. "Look After Your Natural Assets" reprint taking longer than expected (graphics hold-up).
- (d) Molonglo River Rescue: winding up at the end of March, no printed product yet, final meeting 17th March. Shaun Morris (Native Fisheries officer, NSW I&I) is looking into fish friendly road causeways to replace some of the road crossings currently on the Molonglo.
- (e) Mapping Lower Molonglo: action to promote the profile of this project in the next few months. Jeni Murdock (Hawker College) is keen to keep this going.
- (f) Conservation Council – Biodiversity Working Group: discussed establishing Bush on the Boundary groups for the new suburbs being developed, including Googong. BoB will establish and publish "Principles" document for how things should work (maximum 3 pages), in agreement with ACT Govt., ACTPLA and developers. Word of mouth is spreading about Forde style developments and this creates a competitive advantage for developers to proceed with this approach.
- (g) Submissions: Canberra Nature Park, Molonglo River Corridor, Googong Township submission circulated. Projects coming up: Googong Voluntary Planning Agreement on view from 26th March, Draft Federal Golf Course Crown Lease Deconcessionalisation EIS due 24th March, Eastern Broadacre Study, Palerang LEP.

7 Vice President – Tom Baker.

- (a) Along The Molonglo: Qbn. Show will open on 6th June. Main sponsor was to be Village Building Co. but due to the North Watson development it is felt that unless things change we don't need to be associated with this group now because this development doesn't comply with our principles. Bush on the Boundary is trying to engage with them about their (and our) concerns. As a result we require another main sponsor. ACTEW are putting up \$1,000 this year but wish to be main sponsors. We could approach the airport again. The Quarry should come to the party again (\$300 to \$400). Monaro Conservation Society will again put up \$300. For the Canberra and Floriade Show ACTEW is putting up \$2,000. ACTNRM Council needs to put up a money prize (not grant) or we may have to drop them. Mt. Majura Vineyard should also be approached for sponsorship. MCG will contribute again.

Motion: Maryke Booth / Sandra Lloyd

"That MCG should sponsor a prize in the Canberra Artists Society "Along The Molonglo" section of their annual art show".

Carried.

- (b) Regatta times have been organised, registration opens at noon, regatta from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Rowboat, recycled raft and 6 rowers.
- (c) The Poplars: Tom thanks MCG, QCC, GA and MCS. The property is in great condition now after weed spraying.

8 Treasurer's Report – Maryke Booth.

- (a) Accounts sent out by email.
- (b) \$243,050 at the bank, \$35,000 in General Expenses.
- (c) P&L A/c's look strange because of the way that budgets are being built into the accounts.
- (d) We should bring into accounting what we agree to spend (item and cost).

- (e) Membership drive and renewals: send invoices to existing members and membership applications to new prospective members. Old prospective membership list needs updating.

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: Met with Sally McIntosh (PCL) regarding GPS training. MCG funding and support for member groups. Planning for MCG presence at Qbn. Regatta, Festival of the Forests, Footprint Festival, Carp-Out and Dickson Wetland Fair. Liaise with QCC to ensure MCG logo appears on all regatta promotions, and involvement in an editorial on the regatta in an upcoming edition of the Qbn. Age. Banksia Street Wetlands planting days planned for April 11 and 12. FoMM trailer hire for 40th Anniversary of Downer (27-28th March). Royalla Landcare planting day under Mobile Muster Initiative being planned. Met with CMA to discuss potential projects. Sustainable Agriculture day planned at Pialligo Apples on Sat. 8th May. Majura Valley Community Action Grant rollout is being planned.
 - Educational Material: Frog Guides, 6 to Canberra Grammar. Weeds Packs, 13 to Greening Australia and Southern Tablelands Ecosystems Park (STEP). (STEP is now a member of MCG. How can they help us and us them?) Pest Animals packs, 16 to Greening Australia and community members.
 - Sustainability On Small Farms: Jane Myers of Equiculture has 2 sessions on managing horses on small properties planned for Ainslie on the 21st April and Queanbeyan on the 22nd. Planning serrated tussock field day on Robert Hyles property. Another “Reading the Landscape” field day being planned with David Tongway.
 - Steve Welch is preparing a basic catchment group flyer for the 3 catchment groups, which we will be able to print out ourselves.
 - “Keeping Track of your Local Bushland” (Gould and Sharp) has been made available for planning for biodiversity monitoring trial. Too detailed to be an initial guide, but parts can be used for our purposes.

10 Waterwatch Coordinator – Stephen Skinner.

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) Activities Stephen has been to working on are:
- Waterwatch Newsletter: “February in our Catchment” is on the website and has been sent to the network.
 - Targeted Works: draft of Glove Box Guide to Aquatic Plants being reviewed. Algae workshop planned for April 17th.
 - Community Groups or Projects Assisted: Discussed with Craig Woodfield (QCC) how to include regular Waterwatch monthly involvement with the Indigenous Crew.
 - Attended the final Urban Waterways Steering Committee meeting on 9th February. Attended the Lower Molonglo Development display on the 4th March.
 - State Of Database for Reporting: In February 12 groups submitted data on 25 sites. Several included Photo Point photos of their sites.
 - Seasonal Indicator Species Program: Draft document being prepared on the use of Filamentous Algae as an indicator of site health. Volunteer reporting will be trailed after a workshop in Queanbeyan in April. It is hoped that Frogwatch data can be used in the ChiP in future.
 - Volunteer Training: discussed with Tammie Spackman (DECCEW and Carwoola) her testing Yass Road and Rossi Road sites.

- School Visits: St. Peter & Paul, 100 pupils on 22/2/10. Rosary Watson, 50 pupils on 25/2/10. St. Gregory's Qbn., 78 pupils on 2/3/10 and 76 pupils and a beagle on 3/3/10. Stephen also received a Community Leadership Award from St. Gregory's.
- Meetings: MCG, UMCCC Waterwatch Coordinator's meeting on Friday 5th March.

11 Business.

- (a) Brian Lay and David Steptoe from the Queanbeyan Men's Shed brought the 3D model of the catchment to the meeting for members to review and submit feedback. Everyone was impressed with the work put in so far. Feedback was positive, with only a few alterations mentioned. Next step is to add major streams and roads and to apply colours corresponding to elevation. Hopefully it will be ready by the 6th June but there is no deadline to finish.
- (b) Village Building Co. will be sent an invoice for membership renewal.
- (c) STEP: membership invoice sent, \$50. MCG has agreed to become a member of STEP.
- (d) Festival of the Forests: 14th March, roster organised, Tom until 12 noon, Lynton noon til 4pm, parking on site, finishes at 4:00 pm.

12 Other Business.

- (a) Nil.

13 Next Meeting

Exec. & General Meeting: Monday, 12th April 2010, 5:00 – 6:30 pm.
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14 Closure.

The meeting was closed at 6:55 pm.

Action By	Details	Start Date	Due Date	Completed
MB	Make allocations in accounts for agreed commitments.	9/3/10	12/4/10	

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(Chairman)

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(Date)