



Executive and General Meeting

Monday, 10th April, 2006

Queanbeyan Council Chambers

1 Opening

The meeting was opened at 5.37 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, Maryke Booth, John Bruggeman, Charles McDonald, Tom Baker, Bruce Taloni and Heather Colman.

Apologies were received from Claudia Nye, Bayne Geikie, Lauren Van Dyke and Ruth Kharis.

3 Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion: C McDonald / S Lloyd

“That minutes be accepted”

Carried

4 Business Arising

(a) Charles talked about quorum requirements for holding meetings. We require a minimum of five to hold or continue with meetings.

5 Correspondence list - Coordinator.

See Heather’s current list (sent out by email).

6 Accounts (Maryke Booth) – A/c to be forwarded.

(a) No major changes. Maryke has been away.

7 President’s Reports (Lynton Bond)

(a) See Lynton’s “New and outstanding work” report emailed out previous.

(b) National Landcare Awards. Last year’s state winners move up to the National award level this year. 2 places are available for NLA which is being held during the International Conference in Melbourne on 10th October for an overnight stay. A 5 minute presentation on our catchment strategy will be required by those who attend. Heather has prepared a PowerPoint presentation which can be used. The NLA will be one part of the International Landcare Conference is being held between 8 – 11 October.

(c) Willows draft plan is out now for comment. Lynton has prepared his comments. Final date for comment – 30th April.

(d) ACT Environment grants available now. Closing date – May 1. (We should seek funding for display materials).

(e) NSW Env. Trust will be starting soon. Public meeting on 11th April, no location ???

(f) Membership letters have been sent out. Lynton has found an old list of names in early pre MCG documentation to send letters to. More letters to go out. Who else should we contact, eg. plant nurseries. We need to see what we can offer business as

promotion for them on our web site in return for membership.

8 MCG Inc Coordinator (Heather Colman)

- (a) Posters and displays, 3 large maps from Ecowise, 3 smaller ones at the airport.
- (b) Heather has photos of the display at the airport.
- (c) Lynton has set up another poster which looks professional, therefore it appears as if we can now do our own posters in future. Lynton has offered his services for this. This avoids \$1,500 cost per poster for a professional designer.
- (d) We can print posters to A0 size at the CMA office in Qbn. Do we do a single issue poster which can change and evolve as time progresses?
- (e) We have several quotes for laminating posters. Prices have been getting better. \$135 for the large maps (A0 and A1) we currently have. Discussion.

Motion: C McDonald / L. Bond

“That 6 posters be laminated”

Carried

- (f) Grasslands display, stages 1, 2, 3. There are 5 major grassy ecosystems in the region. Prepare display materials to be used for MCG presentations at landcare groups.
- (g) Vehicle signage, quote from Exhibition Centre for \$282.60 given go ahead.
- (h) Communications Strategy, Heather wants to have it completed by the end of April.
- (i) Display trailer, Bruce and Heather will access where we are up to. Hope to have things finalised by the end of May. Details and decisions by email.
- (j) Groundwork for drain stencilling program has commenced. Scout groups will help out and the first stencilling should be begun by September. Tom thinks the NCA should also be involved. At this point we discussed our relationship with the NCA.
- (k) Catchment tours. Bayne and Heather will reconnoitre the catchment for potential tour sites. Problem sites, rehabilitation projects, etc. Guided tours on private land. Self guided tours using brochures etc.
- (l) We need to review our Vision Statement as per the top of the meeting agenda, which was taken from the MCG Strategy. We need to think about it and email any thoughts to Heather.
- (m) Media Training workshop. 2 places available, Heather is going, Sandy and Lauren Van Dyke are also interested in attending. Are there more places available?
- (n) ‘Making Volunteers A Sustainable Resource’ seminar, 2 places available, CVA Workshop at Hotel Kurrajong.
- (o) ‘Communicating With The Community’ Sat. 6th May, 3 places available.
- (p) Social event for MCG members. Ideas please.

9 Other Business

- (a) Nomination for Waltraud Pix, coordinator of Friends of Mt. Majura for NRMA Volunteer of the Year award.
- (b) Art Exhibition. (Tom’s report): Readymix Quarries has put up a \$400 open order as a minor prize. We still have to hear back from the Canberra Airport about major prize sponsorship. The Canberra Times has stepped up as another major prize sponsor, offering advertising (3x double column ads) for the Queanbeyan exhibition. Ron Coffey has offered to hold an exhibition in his gallery throughout August for us.
- (c) The Executive Committee are to complete a 6 month review of Heather Colman’s work and work load. Milestones are difficult to set and we have to review what’s happening in relation to ACT Government targets. Lynton will email out a guideline document for us to consider to help in making decisions. Discussion followed after

Heather had left the room. Meeting scheduled for the Wednesday after Easter (19th). We require some guidelines and priorities for her operate by.

At this point the meeting adjourned for supper. After supper we watched a presentation by Patrick Paynter from ACTPLA on “Water Sensitive Urban Design, Guidelines For Sustainable Development In Canberra” and the proposed Lower Molonglo Development.

10 Next Meeting, Monday, 8th May, 2006, at 5.30pm, QCC Chambers.

11 Closure

The meeting was closed at 8.30 pm.

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| Action By | Details | Start Date | Due Date | Completed |
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| Email all | Vision Statement | 10-04-06 | 8-05-06 | |
| All | Proposal for Social Event for Exec. Members | 10-04-06 | 8-05-06 | |
| Working Group | 6 month review of Coordinator position | 10-04-06 | 8-05-06 | |

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(Chairman)

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