



Executive and General Meeting

Monday 10th May 2010

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

1. Opening

The meeting was opened at 5:17 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, Maryke Booth, Tom Baker, Andrew Westcott and Stephen Skinner.

Apologies were received from Sandra Lloyd.

3 Minutes of 12th April 2010.

Motion: John Bruggeman / Tom Baker

“That the minutes be accepted”.

Carried.

4 Business Arising.

- (a) In Attendance/Apologies: Jim Arnold did attend.
- (b) In section 7: should read The Q, not Floriade.
- (c) In section 11: should read 5:00, not 5:15.

5 Correspondence List.

In

- (a) Captain’s Flat Landcare: receipts from MCG project funding.
- (b) MCMA: Murrumbidgee Community Partnership Funding now available.
- (c) DEWHA: Community Action Grant deed.
- (d) ACT NRM Council: Bush Capital Legacy.
- (e) Emily’s Café: Invoices for SSF field days.
- (f) DPI: print out of Ferals flyer.

Out

- (a) Marjo Rauhala: 3 Frog guides.

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

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) K2C Expo: open day and expo planned for Sunday 10th October. Lynton will talk to Tanya about a Waterwatch exhibit similar to that for Floriade for the expo.
- (c) Mt. Majura Vineyard and sponsorship: Lynton will meet a new spokesperson for the winery next week to discuss sponsorship.
- (d) UMCCC: The Look After Your Natural Assets booklet is at the graphic designers and should be ready for printing shortly.

- (e) Community Based Biodiversity Monitoring, Feasibility Study: Vanessa has arranged a training day with Sarah Sharp at Carwoola for the 16th May to train up 4 people in biodiversity on property evaluation.
- (f) MLM: had gained momentum but the GIS mentor has pulled out now.
- (g) Cons. Council - Biodiversity Working Group: attendance here will pay off, especially with regard to the Molonglo Development. Andy and Lynton met with John Hibberd to discuss forming a Bush on the Boundary group for Molonglo. Member Forum – on the 15th April Canberra Nature Park was discussed.
- (h) Bush on the Boundary: principles need to be updated and wording needs revision (too wordy).
- (i) SERRROC Sustainability Hub: a lot of interest in this proposal but nothing firm came out of the meeting on the 29th April.
- (j) Website: Waterwatch data reporting page has been revised. Still in prototype stage.
- (k) Funding Applications: Volunteer Grants application submitted. ACT Environment Grants due by 30th May. Andy is putting together a proposal for seed funding to coordinate a BoB group for Molonglo. Murrumbidgee CMA Community Partnership Grants and NSW Environment Trust Grants are now available.

7 Vice President – Tom Baker.

- (a) Along The Molonglo reminder: The Queanbeyan Art Society exhibition will be opened by Rainer Rehwinkel on Sunday 6th June at 2:30 pm. Award winning paintings go to The Q for exhibition from 14th to 21st June. The Artists Society of Canberra entries will be on display at Floriade from 17th to 24th September. A roster will be organised for the week. The main exhibition is at the Wesley Centre.
- (b) VBC: meet with Ken Ineson at the service station in Hume at 4:00 pm on Friday 21st May to learn about the Tralee development.
- (c) Platypus Monitoring: 21st May, see website for details.
- (d) African Love Grass Workshop: 22nd May, see website for details.

8 Treasurer’s Report – Maryke Booth.

- (a) Accounts sent out by email.
- (b) \$218,000 in the bank.
- (c) The account type has been changed.
- (d) Interest rates have increased.
- (e) Annual Return: figures from AGM and signed off by auditor don’t show allocation destination for monies in reports. Maryke will discuss this further with Lynton.

Special Motion: Maryke Booth / Lynton Bond

“Note that audited accounts presented at the AGM are the same accounts as presented at this meeting, and that they are accepted by this meeting”.

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: Trained 6 Landcare volunteers on 14th April and another 4 on the 19th April in use of the GPS. Cathy Robertson of STEP completed First Aid training. MCG project funding delivered to 3 successful applicants. Presenting at the Inner North Community Fair. Assisting Burra LC with preparations for a new settler’s information morning. The session will include a weed component. Working with Land Australia to place corporate volunteers with one of our groups.
 - Educational Material: An application for an ACT Environment Grant to reprint the MC Weeds Education Pack is being prepared. Information Dissemination: Weed Packs, 30 to

managers of small properties who attended the Horse Seminar in Queanbeyan. Another 40 go to GCG for giveaways at the Ainslie session. Jane Myers' books, 42 to managers of small properties who attended the Horse Seminar in Qbn. (we purchased 110 of these books). Pest Animals Pack, 30 at the Horse Seminar in Qbn. Indigenous Planting Guides, 8 at the Horse Seminar in Qbn. Frog Guides, 3 to Marjo Rauhala.

- Sustainability On Small Farms: 2 sessions on managing horses on small properties were held in Ainslie and Queanbeyan. 47 people attended the Queanbeyan session, returning positive feedback. We purchased an additional 68 Jane Myers booklets for attendees. Pialligo Apples field day was held on 8th May, with 30 people attending.
- Community Based Biodiversity Monitoring – Feasibility Study: Vanessa has engaged volunteers and is organising a training workshop. Also promoted on Radio Landcare.
- Majura Valley: Andy and Sherry promoted the project on Radio Landcare. Letter for stakeholders has been finalised and sent out.
- Administration: Contacted by ANU to take Applied Environmental Management course students on a tour of MCG projects, planned for early in 2011 and funded by the ANU. Spoke with Sarina Locke about MCG projects. Submitted application for CFOC funding. Met with CIT GIS students. Assisting Burra LC with preparations for a new residents information morning to be held on 16th May, 10:00 am -12:30 pm. BoB met on 22nd May at the PCL depot. Grant to establish BoB group in Molonglo completed.

10 Waterwatch Coordinator – Stephen Skinner.

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) Activities Stephen has been to working on are:
 - Waterwatch Newsletter: “April in our Catchment” is on the website and has been sent to the network.
 - Targeted Works: circulated quote for printing of “Patience of the Water Scorpion” from Bluestar to the committee.
 - Community Groups or Projects Assisted: assisted with Managing Horses on Small Properties session held in Queanbeyan on 22nd April. Indigenous interaction: worked with Alison Elvin and 6 Indigenous Trainees at Jerrabomberra Falls and Dane Street on 28th April.
 - Public Events: ANU Natural Resources course lecture on Sullivan’s Creek catchment and support with equipment on 13th April for 70 students. Australian Laboratory Services (formally Ecowise) preparatory meeting to assess the Gudgenby and Paddys River riparian status at the Crown Plaza meeting room.
 - State Of Database for Reporting: In March 16 groups submitted data on 35 sites, from the high Tinderrys to Coppin’s Crossing.
 - Seasonal Indicator Species Program: working on complete review of CHiP with DECCEW.
 - Volunteer Training: Held Conspicuous Algae Rating Workshop on 17th April with 12 people attending.
 - School Visits: Daramalan College Year 12, 29th April, 36 students, with support from Vanessa Keyzer. Dickson Library Preschool Reading Group, 6th May, 20+ little ones, plus parents and grandparents.
 - Meetings: MCG.
 - Technical Support and Administration: Bruce Davies (Fernleigh Park LC) about Conspicuous Algae Rating. Hilary Gunn about algae, data entry and more calibration fluids.

11 Members Reports – Jim Arnold

- (a) The talk on Biodynamic Gardening that was held on 22nd April at the Orana School went well with 15 people attending. Discussed permaculture with a bloke from Mulloon Creek after the daylight went. Plan to do another session before the end of June.

12 Business.

- (a) “Patience of the Water Scorpion”: quote \$1,790.89 incl. GST. We need to sell 400 copies to cover costs. We can take forward orders at Floriade and have copies for sale at the Botanic Gardens and National Museum etc.

Motion: Tom Baker / Lynton Bond

“That the MCG set aside \$1,791 to cover printing costs for “Patience of the Water Scorpion” booklet”.

Carried.

- (b) Boobook Declaration: committee agree to support and sign this declaration.
- (c) MCG Project Funding: Andy will readvertise with a new closing date of 11th June. All new applications will then be assessed. 3 projects have been approved already. Groups have to be MCG members to be eligible.
- (d) Lower Molonglo Fencing Project: not happening now as farmer is applying for a Capital Works Grant and would only require a letter of support from MCG. They want to do additional fencing in their plan now.
- (e) A-Frame panels for advertising outside of MCG office: cost \$50 x 4.

13 Other Business.

- (a) Nil.

14 Next Meeting

Exec. & General Meeting: Monday, 21st June 2010, 5:00 – 6:30 pm.
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15 Closure.

The meeting was closed at 6:30 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)