



Executive and General Meeting

Monday 21st June 2010

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

1. Opening

The meeting was opened at 5:06 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, Sandra Lloyd, John Bruggeman, Maryke Booth, Andrew Westcott and Stephen Skinner.

Apologies were received from Tom Baker and Bruce Taloni.

3 Minutes of 10th May 2010.

Motion: John Bruggeman / Sandra Lloyd

“That the minutes be accepted”.

Carried.

4 Business Arising.

- (a) 6b – presenting, not presented.
- (b) Maryke prepared allocation accounts for agreed commitments.

5 Correspondence List.

In

- (a) Dickson Library: Steve sent a thankyou for Waterwatch
- (b) Peter Garrett: \$2,300 for admin under the GVEHO program, pending eligibility
- (c) DECCEW: notification of acquittal of GPS project
- (d) Telstra: phone bill
- (e) Kingston Old Bus Depot Markets: invitation to attend, Oct. 17, 18 and 19
- (f) Kingston Old Bus Depot Markets: acceptance of application to display at the markets
- (g) DECCEW: Woodland Wanderings
- (h) DECCEW: Tax invoice re Teacher release for Urban Wetlands unit writing
- (i) DECCEW: Acquittal of Along the Molonglo Art Prize projects from '07, '08 and '09
- (j) Stef Straub: water weeds resources
- (k) ACT Enviro Trust: notification for receipt of applications for funding
- (l) Floriade: program for organisations displaying at the event

Out

- (a) Invite to Mike Kelly for launch of MRR Action Plan
- (b) Account details to ActewAGL
- (c) MRR Action Plan to Hugo Bowman
- (d) Horse Guide to landholder
- (e) Applications for ACT Enviro Grant x3

- (f) Application to display at Kingston Old Bus Depot Markets
- (g) Acceptance of terms and conditions to display at the Kingston Old Bus Depot Markets
- (h) Final reports for Along the Molonglo

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

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) K2C: Bush Heritage is pulling back from leadership of the K2C project due to a funding shortfall. Ben Carr has been retrenched but Lauren's job is still secure at present.
- (c) UMCCC: The Look After Your Natural Assets booklet is at the printers now.
- (d) MRR Action Plan: will be launched Tuesday 29th June at Molonglo Reach.
- (e) BoB: first meeting last week, plenty of enthusiasm. Funding has been applied for facilitation of further meetings.
- (f) Vanessa is leaving us for a position with the Dept. of the Environment so a part time position is now available for another project person.
- (g) Funding Applications: May was a busy month. ACT Environment Grant total applied for biodiversity publications was for less than originally thought for reprinting guides as Vanessa did such a good job raising funding elsewhere. David Wong's photo exhibition and website will go ahead under our umbrella as David is capable of running the project satisfactorily (we will oversee his work). MCG supports Conservation Council application for seed funding for BoB Groups at East Lake - Jerrabomberra Wetlands and Southern ACT and from STEP for Stage 2 at the Arboretum. MCG submitted a NSW Environmental Trust proposal for FrogWatch in the upper Murrumbidgee, with the coordinator based in either Cooma or Bredbo.
- (h) Along the Molonglo: the launch on the 6th June was a great success.
- (i) Communities in the Landscape project: Met with Community Woodland Officer Kimberly Beattie to discuss project.
- (j) Dairy Flat Combined Facility: met with Drew English to discuss requirements if long term accommodation can be secured at this site for groups.

7 Treasurer's Report – Maryke Booth.

- (a) Accounts sent out by email.
- (b) \$197,115.37 in the bank, \$36,374 in General Expenses.
- (c) Helen has been busy working on end of financial year accounting.
- (d) We need to keep an eye on the slush fund, interest being earned is between \$6-7,000 pa.
- (e) The new accounting system is causing a bit of confusion at the moment.

Motion: Lynton Bond / Jim Arnold

“The committee accepts the Treasurers financial reports”.

Carried.

8 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: Displayed at the Wetland Fair. Met with Nadine Stephens from Disability ACT, who aims to place people with disabilities in environment based community work. Working with Susie Dunn on a program of speakers for Floriade to ensure the MCG is advertised in the events program.
 - Information Dissemination: MRR Action Plan, 1 each to Hugo Bowman and MDBA. Weed Packs, 40 to managers of small properties at the Burra Ideas Morning, 40 to landholders at Living With Lovegrass (SACTCG), 40 to CIT for environmental science students. Jane Myers' books, 1 to manager of a small property looking to establish Jane's property plan. Pest Animals Pack, 40 at the Burra Ideas Morning. Indigenous Planting

Guides, 40 at the Burra Ideas Morning. Frog Guides, 20 at the Burra Ideas Morning. About the MCG, 40 at the Burra Ideas Morning.

- Sustainability On Small Farms: Met with Bonnie, Steve Welch, Anna and Esther re. maintaining momentum and engagement with the community after the Jane Myers sessions. Reviewed the feedback from these sessions. Additional workshops are being organised based on feedback.
- Community Based Biodiversity Monitoring – Feasibility Study: Sarah Sharp’s training workshop was held on 16th May with volunteers returning positive feedback. They are now carrying out surveys on 4 sites and providing additional feedback which will be used to make changes to the ACT Vegetation Monitoring Manual.
- Majura Valley: Letter for stakeholders has been finalised and sent out. Site visits will begin shortly.
- Administration: Contacted Sarina Locke to gain her attendance at the MRR Action Plan launch. Submitted 3 ACT Environment Grant applications. Assist Cathy Robertson with STEP ACT Environment Grant application. Assist Burra Landcare with ideas morning. Promoted FoMM World Environment Day walk. Promoted opening of Along the Molonglo Art Exhibition. Assist with the formation of a new Landcare group for Spinnaker Island. Prepared an article for the Conservation Council newsletter.
- Catchment from the Air: Met with Freeswimmers to listen to Justin Murphy’s voice over for the video. A first edit should be available for comment by July.

9 Waterwatch Coordinator – Stephen Skinner.

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) Activities Stephen has been to working on are:
 - Waterwatch Newsletter: “May in our Catchment”, “Queanbeyan Platypus Walk Wrap-up” and “These Are Not Toadstools” are on the website.
 - State Of Database for Reporting: In March 17 groups submitted data on 35 sites across the catchment.
 - Targeted Works: both “The Patience of the Water Scorpion” and the 2nd edition of “The Isabella Pond Rowing Regatta” are now at the printers. All but one of the photos for “Glove Box Guide to Aquatic Plants” have now been compiled. Reviewed draft reprint of “Frog Friendly Habitat” for Emma Keightly, Frogwatch Coordinator.
 - Community Groups or Projects Assisted: contributed several articles to the Winter 2010 edition of the UMCCC Waterwatch newsletter. Attended Inner North Community Fair and judged the kids’ water bug models, 16th May. Attended the May Platypus Walk around the Queanbeyan Weir, 22nd May. Attended NCA Lake Users Group meeting, 16th June. Attended the Hawker College walk to Tongs Hole, 16th May. Attended the launch of the ACT Sustainable Schools Aboriginal Natural Resource Management Curriculum Program at Wanniasa Primary School, 18th May.
 - Volunteer Training: 29th May, The QA/QC for Waterwatchers was moved back to the Cassidy Arcade office due to wet weather. 30 people attended.
 - Land-manager Training Programs: Met with Bruce Ainsworth and Friends of Googong on 20th June at Tin Hut Dam to re-establish Waterwatch and Frogwatch at this site.
 - Waterwatch Holiday Program: involved with Venturer Scouts these school holidays.
 - Seasonal Indicator Species Program: meeting with Lynton and Tanya regarding the use of CHiP on the regional server, and inclusion of SACTCG data and Frogwatch as CHiP components.
 - School Visits: Dickson Library, 11th and 14th May, 30 toddlers each day, and their adults.
 - Meetings: MCG.
 - Technical Support and Administration: supported Amelia Lester and Soraya Nour with work on Sullivan’s Creek sub-catchment. Got Campbell Allen and Mathew Banister

started at the Banksia Street Wetland. Visited Rossi to look into concerns raised by Mrs Noble re. state of Yandyguinula Creek catchment.

- Stephen has proposed to open the office on sampling Saturday mornings for a couple of hours for people who cannot make it in during the week for new supplies, buffers etc. Agreed.

10 Members Reports – Jim Arnold

- (a) Working bee to be held at Bredbo, 4th July, 10:00 to 3:00, see website for details.

11 Members Reports – Sandy Lloyd

- (a) The Ideas Morning went well, with some new faces present.
- (b) Burra Road trees completed.

12 Members Reports – Lynton Bond

- (a) Carwoola Landcare Rabbit Field Day on the 26th June, 2:00 pm, at Lynton’s place at 237 Radcliff Circuit.

13 Business.

- (a) Project funding applications. STEP \$419, approved by committee, FoAB \$347, approved by committee, Royalla Landcare Inc. Adopt a Roundabout Project, Maryke has agreed to look into Council guidelines and get some sort of commitment from them for this type of project. Signage is expensive.

- (b) “The Isabella Pond Rowing Regatta”: requires a reprint at a cost of \$2,000. Funding will be allocated.

Motion: Lynton Bond / Sandy Lloyd

“That the MCG set aside \$2,000 to cover reprinting costs for “The Isabella Pond Rowing Regatta” booklet”.

Carried.

- (c) Conservation Council ACT Region membership, cost \$55 for groups with less than 50 members. Agreed by committee.
- (d) Landcare Awards, 24th June. Good luck Maryke. Please vote online.
- (e) MRR Action Plan launch on 29th June at Molonglo Reach at 11:00 am.
- (f) Website proposal: Regular stories with outcomes and wrap-up of completed projects to be put up on the website, with some hard copies for the office counter, possibly quarterly.

14 Next Meeting

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

The meeting was closed at 6:29 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)