



Executive and General Meeting

Monday 12th July 2010

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

1. Opening

The meeting was opened at 5:00 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, Andrew Westcott and Stephen Skinner.

Apologies were received from Sandra Lloyd, Tom Baker and Bruce Taloni.

One visitor attended, Karen Butler from Weetalabah.

3 Minutes of 21st June 2010.

No Quorum present.

Carried over to next meeting.

4 Business Arising.

(a) Maryke is still preparing allocation accounts for agreed commitments.

5 Correspondence List.

In

(a) DECCEW: Who Cares About the Environment in 2009

(b) Emily's Café: invoices x 2

Out

(a) National Library: Patience of the Water Scorpion x 2 and MRR Action Plan x 2

(b) MRR Action Plan to various people

(c) Fulfill requests for copies of the "Blackberry Control Manual" and the "Weeds are Everyone's Problem" flyer

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

(a) See report sent out by email.

(b) Lynton spoke on behalf of K2C Partnership at the Extraordinary meeting of Palerang Council on 24th June, re Draft LEP and plan for riparian corridors, found meeting outcome to be disappointing. Wait to see how NSW Govt. responds.

(c) The Landcare Framework has been reworked and is out for comment until the end of the month. Lynton is trying to push this forward.

(d) Environmental Grant Applications: results due in early August.

(e) Shared Landcare Facility: John Feint is enquiring to see if Stromlo Offices can be used by the groups after PCL vacates during the Coombs development. CVA are still trying for the Dairy Flat Birragi School site.

- (f) BoB: propose to establish new groups as the new suburbs are developed in Molonglo.

7 Treasurer's Report – Maryke Booth.

- (a) Accounts sent out by email.
- (b) \$193,000 in the bank, \$13,843 in Accounts Receivable list.
- (c) Funded projects list sent around today.
- (d) Indicative Interest has to be used for the project the funds are for.
- (e) Some reallocations are to be done before accounts are sent to the auditors.
- (f) Annual return submitted.

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: Met with Nadine Stephens from Disability ACT, Daniel's carer Dean Wheeler and Jeanette Ruxton from Mt. Ainslie Weeders at the Mt. Ainslie site. Daniel attended the working bee on 4th July. Everyone is pleased with his input. 24 bookings have been taken for the frog call evening which will be held at Qbn. TAFE.
 - Weeds: A grass identification and weeds information night is being organised for managers of small properties for 4th August.
 - Information Dissemination: UMCCC materials, Weed Pack and PAEP to a Burra landholder. Ordered copies of the "Blackberry Control Manual" and "Weeds are Everyone's Problem" information sheet for the office and upcoming field days.
 - Sustainability On Small Farms: 43 people booked in for the grass and weed ID session with Alison Elvin and Geoff Robertson on 4th August. Discussed running an indigenous land management day with Geoff Simpson and Matt De Jongh. Reading the Landscape session planned for Burra in September with Peter Duffy. This will be a good follow up to the Burra Ideas Morning. To date \$36,963.75 has been spent on-ground with \$48,775 in landholder contributions. 85 ha. serrated tussock controlled and mapped and 30.68 ha. of revegetation undertaken.
 - Community Based Biodiversity Monitoring – Rainer is preparing to undertake more field surveys and has presently got 3 sites to complete. He completes 2 sites per day and should come in under budget. Sarah Sharp is also coming in under budget and suggests that once all surveys are in a meeting should be held to discuss the process. All volunteers have until the end of the month to complete their surveys. Andy also attended the launch of MRR Action Plan and assisted Vanessa with the setup.
 - Majura Valley: Site visits planned for August. A field day is also planned.
 - Administration: Displayed MRR Action Plan for a week at the Government Service Centre in Qbn. Prepared a Place Story using Sarina Locke's interview with Maryke. Sue Mills informed Andy that notification for successful applicants for ACT Environment Grants will be late July or early August. Attended enQuire training (website used for reporting). Completed milestone reporting for Dec. to June for the coordinator and Waterwatch positions. Assisted ACT Landcare Facilitator with planning for the launch of the ACT Environment Grants.
 - Catchment from the Air: About a third of the film has been edited but some editorial decisions about the films final structure need to be taken.

9 Waterwatch Coordinator – Stephen Skinner.

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) Activities Stephen has been to working on are:

- Publications and Website, Waterwatch: “June in our Catchment” is on the website. “The Patience of the Water Scorpion” arrived from the printers on 30th June and an article appeared in the Queanbeyan Age Entertainment Section about it on 9th July. Now looking for sales outlets for it.
- Catchment Health Indicators data collection: In June 17 groups submitted data on 32 sites across the catchment. Preparation of Jan.-June 2010 M-CHiP report is well underway.
- Public Events: attended the launch of MRR Action Plan on the 29th June. Attended the Blue-Green Algae follow up meeting at ACT Health Protection Services, also on 29th June.
- Volunteer Training: discussed equipment and data entry with Max Banister and Andy Kaye.
- Land-manager Training Programs: Stephen was selected as a guinea pig for training for “Atlas of Living Australia” on-line and tested it at CSIRO Entomology on 30th June. Not user friendly in its present format.
- School Visits: Ainslie School, Yr. 1-2 attended the MRR Action Plan launch, with 37 students present.
- Technical Support and Administration: Waterwatch Coordinators meeting set down for Qbn. on 6th July.
- Indigenous Interaction: provided equipment and spent a couple of hours with 3 of the Qbn. Indigenous River Rescue Crew on 30th June.

10 Members Reports – Jim Arnold

- (a) NSA: Working bee held at Bredbo 2 weeks ago. Bad weather but a good day was had. Compost generation demonstration was postponed for better weather.
- (b) A joint Aranda and Mt. Painter groups bush tracks working bee was held.

11 Members Reports – Maryke Booth

- (a) Royalla Landcare: Rainer Rehwinkel and John Briggs inspected the river reserve and note that revegetation is looking good despite a few patches of weeds. Maryke hopes to get an appointment with Palerang council re. roundabouts. Council cleaned up Elm trees in Royalla Park. A landscape plan may be developed for the park, with community consultation (wish list: hall, recycling centre etc). Maryke is trying to find funds for a roof proof fence for her block. Environmental Impact Survey 1999: 6 properties with VCAs on them have not conformed to their agreements. VCAs aren’t being enforced by NPWS.
- (b) The Royalla-Williamsdale Landcare group is going to fold and after some fines have been paid it is proposed that left over funds and equipment will go to Royalla Landcare. The intention is to form a new Williamsdale Progress Association and Landcare group.

12 Members Reports – Lynton Bond

- (a) Carwoola Landcare Rabbit Field Day was held on the 26th June. 20 properties have banded together for free survey and baiting, using UMLC funding.
- (b) An Aboriginal “Place” walk was held on Black Mountain during NAIDOC Week recently, led by Adrian Brown. Lynton attended and took photos and asked Adrian if he could video for Place Stories. Adrian suggested a special trip could be organised; he also does similar walks at Googong.

13 Visitor Reports – Karen Butler

- (a) Karen is interested in NSA methods and asks ‘are weeds still in favour?’. Some willows are exempt e.g. weeping willows. Nobody is interested in managing community land at Weetalabah and she asks how to get community involvement happening out there.

Maryke offered to assist with advice regarding Landcare group set up. Lynton informed Karen about the benefits of being a MCG member for land carers and groups.

14 Next Meeting

Exec. & General Meeting: Monday, 9th August 2010, 5:00 – 6:30 pm.
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15 Closure.

The meeting was closed at 6:15 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)