



## Executive and General Meeting

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 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, Sandra Lloyd, Tom Baker, Bruce Taloni, John Bruggeman, Margaret Piper, Andrew Westcott and Stephen Skinner.

Apologies were received from Maryke Booth.

### 3 Minutes of 9th August 2010.

**Motion:** Tom Baker / Sandra Lloyd

**“That the minutes be accepted”.**

**Carried.**

### 4 Business Arising.

- (a) 15 b. Associated membership: Lynton is preparing a document.
- (b) Wildlife Friendly Fencing: Feedback sent back to designer of brochure but not acted upon.
- (c) Allocated accounts for agreed commitments: Problem of budgeting appears to be resolved.

### 5 Correspondence List.

#### In

- (a) UMCCC: Thank you for contribution to LAYNA.
- (b) Simon Corbell: Funding offer for 3 projects under the ACT Environment Grants 2010-11.
- (c) NSW Enviro Trust: Acknowledgement of receipt of application for funding.
- (d) FOTPIN (Friends of the Pinnacle): Call for comment on their draft Community Weed Management Plan.
- (e) IACRC: Feral flyer.
- (f) ACT Legislative Assembly: Inquiry into Ecological Carrying Capacity of ACT and region.
- (g) STEP Newsletter.
- (h) eWater Newsletter.
- (i) National Archive: Request for images.

#### Out

- (a) Application for CBA Award.
- (b) National Library: 2 copies of Isabella Ponds Rowing Regatta (as it now has a ISBN).

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

- (a) See report sent out by email.

- (b) K2C: Biodiversity and Farming Fair is on at Bredbo, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October. The executive will meet on 22<sup>nd</sup> September to plan fund raising strategies.
- (c) Accepting donations: still waiting to hear from Mt. Majura Vineyard.
- (d) CLA: The Landcare Facilitator, Brett de Hayr is putting together an archive of Landcare project based knowledge. Some hard copies of older projects need to be scanned and digitised.
- (e) The Australian Landcare Council tour went ahead in the ACT at the end of August.
- (f) UMCCC: The forum is now to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> October. Does MCG subsidise attendance? Corporates expected to be \$100, Landcare individuals \$50. See “Business” at end of meeting.
- (g) MLi: MCMA and Mli are now interacting.
- (h) Website: Marion informs that she is starting on the structure of the website.
- (i) Eastern Broadacre Discussion Paper: Submissions extended to be due by 26<sup>th</sup> November. Tom is keen to draft something.
- (j) Funding Applications: 3 ACT Environment Grants were successful. Grants still pending; CFOC Open Grants, NSW ET Restoration and Rehabilitation Community Grant for Frogwatch in the upper Murrumbidgee, and a NSW ET Education Grant for sustainable horse management on small properties. African Lovegrass Education Initiative; \$2,000 application should get up. \$16,500 + GST is needed. Application is only for the ACT at this stage.
- (k) Along the Molonglo at Floriade: MCG isn’t mentioned again in the Floriade program.

## 7 Vice President’s Reports – Tom Baker

- (a) Along the Molonglo: 20-26<sup>th</sup> at Floriade, then to the Wesley Centre for the opening on 1<sup>st</sup> October.
- (b) The Poplars: Last season’s weed spraying has been successful. Serrated tussock requires follow-up. Queanbeyan City Council has offered free herbicide and \$1,000 towards additional spraying. Queanbeyan Landcare is doing the spot spraying in sensitive areas. Can MCG again contribute towards this project?

## 8 Treasurer’s Report – Presented by Lynton on behalf of Maryke Booth.

- (a) Accounts sent out by email.
- (b) Approximately \$120,000 in the bank, balance is running down.
- (c) Bank transfer not finalised yet.
- (d) A couple of invoices have been resent to ACT Govt. for Q3-4 CFOC grant instalments to cover Andy and Stephen’s pay.
- (e) \$150 donation received from Canberra Grammar Infants South, thank you.

## 9 Coordinators Report – Andrew Westcott.

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) Activities Andy has been working on are:
  - Weeds: Plan to combine a weeds expert with a Jane Myers Equiculture field day at Burra on 7<sup>th</sup> November. Survey forms from SSF show that no landholder could identify Chilean Needle Grass but most could identify Serrated Tussock. These findings will be incorporated into future weeds events we run.
  - Information Dissemination: 40 Weed packs to Wamboin/Geary’s Gap Landcare, 12 Pest Animal packs to SACTCG for display at Bungendore Rural Supplies, LANA to interested landholder, 30 Frog Guides and MCG flyers to the Conservation Council for display in their office. Wildlife Friendly Fencing brochure has arrived.
  - Sustainable Farm Practices: SSF workshop feedback an indicator to possible future workshops. Promoted Fish Friendly Farms seminar. Spoke to the Landcare Council Tour

about the CAG for the Majura Valley. Organising Vegetation Monitoring workshops with Sarah Sharp. Assisted farmer from Adaminaby with his nearest NRM agency.

- Landcare: Investigating feasibility of increasing maximum amount available through MCG project funding in the future (no change). Providing ChemCert subsidy for a member of Friends of Spinnaker Island. They are still organising their membership and we will promote their first volunteer session once they are organised. Provided ChemCert subsidy to Burra LC volunteer. Assist Geary's Gap/Wamboin Landcare with a field day they are planning. Attended and presented at the STEP workshop. Their ACT Environment Grant application that Andy assisted with was successful. Completed interim final report for MRR. Assisting Frogwatch with planning for Qbn. introductory frog seminar. Met with Friends of the Pinnacle to discuss projects and communication with other groups. Approached Defence Dept. for assistance with a fish-way at Banjo Crossing. Attended workshop on Stage 2 of the Molonglo development. Spoke to 2 grade 2 classes about Landcare at Arawang Public School.
- Sustainability On Small Farms: No change to plans for indigenous workshop with Rod Mason. Reading the Landscape workshop for Burra on 18<sup>th</sup> September. A Jane Meyers field day is planned for 27<sup>th</sup> November, most likely at Bungendore. Andy approached Alison Elvin to see if she would like to be our local weed expert at the field day.
- Community Based Biodiversity Monitoring: Feasibility Study, all volunteers have completed their surveys, with some doing more sites than others. Workshop to discuss the process was held on 4<sup>th</sup> September. Sarah Sharp is collating feedback and Rainer is undertaking analysis of the data.
- Majura Valley: Site visits have begun. Esther has moved on with her work so planning for a field day associated with this project will now most likely have to be organised by MCG.
- Catchment from the Air: Edits from the last meeting have been incorporated and final version should be ready for Floriade.
- Grants: All 3 applications for ACT Environment Grants were successful, along with applications that we supported from the Conservation Council and STEP. Still waiting on NSW Environment Trust grant.

## 10 Waterwatch Coordinator – Stephen Skinner.

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) Activities Stephen has been to working on are:
  - Publications and Website, Waterwatch: "August in our Catchment" is on the website. Completed a review of Willow Management for the website. Arranged for proof reading and publication of The Isabella Pond Rowing Regatta booklet and sent The Patience of the Water Scorpion off to the Children's Book Awards. Working with Graphic Ark on the design of the Glove Box Guide to Water Plants of the ACT and Region.
  - Catchment Health Indicators data collection: In August 21 groups submitted data on 45 sites across the catchment. Most groups are now reporting conspicuous Algae, and there were requests for Dissolved Oxygen kits. John will now test a new site at Pialligo.
  - Seasonal Indicator Species program: Flier and backup for Frogwatch at Qbn.
  - Indigenous Interaction: Stephen, Alison Elvin and the indigenous crew went to all Qbn. Waterwatch sites on 18<sup>th</sup> August (3 people, 3 hours).
  - Public Events: Attended the launch of publications by Dr. Ryan and Mr. O'Brien for UMCCC on 11<sup>th</sup> August. Attended the Lake Users Group meeting at the NCA on 8<sup>th</sup> September. The Lake Users Group wonder what the 2 columns built from stone at the end of Anzac Parade are for.
  - Volunteer Training: Reviewed kit use with Ian and Bryce Bell before they visited Burra Creek on 21<sup>st</sup> August. Went through the La Motte Dissolved Oxygen kit with Richard Larson on 26<sup>th</sup> August.

- School Visits: Radford College year 10 at Lake Ginninderra, 19<sup>th</sup> August, 120 students, 4x1 hours. Majura Joey Scouts at North Watson Wetland, 30<sup>th</sup> August, 18 Joeys, 1 hour.
- Technical Support and Administration, Waterwatch: Assist with 22 enquiries, including algal, equipment and calibration fluids requirements.
- ACT Police have 3 new ski mobiles for use on the lakes.

**11 Members Reports – Tom Baker**

- (a) Phil Selmes has left Qbn. Landcare and the QBN-FM 96.7 radio show, therefore Tom wonders if MCG could run the show once a month.

**12 Members Reports – John Bruggeman**

- (a) I discussed with Marilyn Folger from the Qbn. Museum the Timothy Beard “Queenbeeann” historic site and associated Aboriginal campsite and artefact scatter in relation to the Eastern Broadacre Discussion Paper. The Honeysuckle site across the river was also mentioned.

**13 Business**

- (a) Floriade: Passes handed out. There are still places to fill on the roster (see Andy).
- (b) Horse Management Field Days: 2 to be held, one each by ActewAGL (at Burra on 7<sup>th</sup> Nov.) and MCG (possibly at Bungendore on 27<sup>th</sup> Nov.). CIT classes on weed management, fodder management and horses precede these field days (26<sup>th</sup> Sept. and 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov., cost \$100) with Sue Wilmington.
- (c) Associate Membership: Requires a change in MCG constitution. Protocol needs to be established. This follows the Geary’s Gap/Wamboin Landcare Group enquiry. Lynton will draft something and circulate by email.

**14 Other Business**

- (a) Subsidy for UMCCC Forum attendance: \$50 (field day cost is additional). Last year was 100% subsidy for committee members and 50% for other members, up to 10 individuals, i.e. \$500.  
**Motion:** Sandra Lloyd / Lynton Bond  
**“That the MCG provide a subsidy of up to \$500 for committee members and members to attend the UMCCC Forum, 100% for committee members and 50% for other members”.**  
**Carried.**
- (b) The Poplars: Funding, MCG will match QCC \$ for \$ for additional weed spraying (\$1,000). Owners need to be approached as yet.

**15 Next Meeting**

Exec. & General Meeting: Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010, 5:00 – 6:30 pm.  
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**16 Closure.**

The meeting was closed at 6:23 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)