



## **MCG Executive and General Meeting.**

Monday 10th December 2012.

**MCG Office: Unit 13 Cassidy Arcade, 72-76 Monaro St. Queanbeyan.**

### **1. Opening.**

- (a) The meeting was opened at 6:09 pm after the AGM by Lynton Bond, (President), in the Chair. A warm welcome was extended to all present.

### **2. Attendance / Apologies.**

In attendance were Lynton Bond, Tom Baker, Karen Williams, Maryke Booth, John Bruggeman, Don Fraser, Carol Billett, Jim Arnold, Stephen Skinner, Margaret Piper and Anna See.

Apologies were received from Linda Beveridge.

### **3. Minutes of 12th November 2012.**

- (b) minutes were circulated and accepted.

### **4. Business Arising.**

- (a) Anna had distributed a list of pros and cons for the potential move to Griffith. Comments received were very positive. Prior to any decision being made, Lynton will contact ACT Property Services to organise an inspection of the premises for the committee.
- (b) Anna has distributed the Community Review of the Molonglo Catchment Strategy for comment.
- (c) A response to the draft Conservation Strategy will be sent.

### **5. Action Table.**

- (a) See table at end of minutes.

### **6. Correspondence List.**

#### **In:**

- (a) 21 November: Notice of AGM - STEP and Conservation Council.
- (b) 26 November: Queanbeyan City Council - re exhibition of Poplars.

**Out:**

- (a) 15 November: Dow AgroSciences - Letter about Starane.
- (b) 26 November: Your Molonglo Newsletter - Col McAlister.
- (c) 10 December: Submission on Draft Nature Conservation Strategy.

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

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) Accept report as read.
- (c) UMCCC going ahead. The Chair, Peter Duffy is retiring. The AGM is on Wednesday, 12 December 2012.
- (d) BoB: BoB Molonglo has been asked to support one more meeting this year, 11th December, a field trip to Misery Hill.
- (e) Website: progressing slowly.
- (f) The draft Nature Conservation Strategy submission has been done.

**8. Vice President's Report – Tom Baker.**

- (a) Along the Molonglo: has sent out an email as Along the Molonglo is now joining with the Artists Society of Canberra as part of the ACT Heritage Festival, 21-29 April with a theme of "*a Journey Along the Centenary Trail – past present and future*". The two other catchment groups have joined in which has taken the emphasis off "Along the Molonglo". There are three types of entry: artists; students; and the third category is anyone can apply with the auspices of a catchment group. The two other catchment groups are providing a prize and it would be appropriate for MCG to do so too.

**Motion:** Tom Baker/Maryke Booth

**"That MCG provide \$500 for Along the Molonglo prize".**

**Carried.**

**9. Treasurer's Report – Maryke Booth.**

- (a) the financial report has been circulated.
- (b) Karen, the new bookkeeper, is unable to continue as she is going back to full time study. The new bookkeeper commences on Thursday.
- (c) Lynton had asked Karen (bookkeeper) for a report on whether Rachel could be employed an extra day per week and Karen was able to respond the same day. Lynton was very pleased to confirm that funding for an extra day is within the finances.
- (d) Project Officer: Lynton mentioned that MCG has not had a project officer for some time and asked if there was capacity to employ an indigenous coordinator for 3 days per week. Maryke said there is the potential to do so and will follow up.

- (e) Financial reports: Lynton stated that we need to get used to looking at the reports, especially if there are red figures in the variance area as this denotes an underspend.

**9. MCG Coordinator's Report – Anna See.**

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) MC Strategy and Traditional Land Management Field Day - we need to discuss how we deal with it. Anna could discuss with CIT regarding an indigenous apprentice supported by the course.

**10. Waterwatch Coordinator's Report – Dr. Stephen Skinner.**

- (a) See report circulated at meeting.
- (b) Lake Users Group: Head of Rowing has now been changed to Head of Yachting. The new person is looking after two sites, one of which is a drain at Yarralumla near the YMCA, that is sending interesting things like faecal coliforms into the lake.
- (c) Stephen attended a meeting re new drainage in Fyshwick and has been in on discussions regarding Jerrabomberra Creek. He will be able to monitor the wetlands, Tralee, etc.

**11. Members Report – Carol Billett.**

- (a) Friends of Black Mountain: a General Meeting was held on 22 November. 13 people attended.
- (b) Linda has had discussions with a couple of colleges re biodiversity monitoring and has identified sites.

**12. Members Report – Don Fraser.**

- (a) (No notes)

**13. Members Report – Tom Baker.**

- (a) (No notes)

**14. Members Report – Maryke Booth.**

- (a) Maryke is controlling St John's Wort on her property but there is no control in Symonston.

**15. Members Report – Lynton Bond.**

- (a) Carwoola LC: 14 people attended the Weeds field day and BBQ on 1 December. The evening was good but will also try a weekday meeting perhaps in March. Still trying different venues and different times.

**16. Members Report – Jim Arnold.**

- (a) FoAB: having a spraying battle re St John's Wort and are getting assistance from PCL. There is very little time left for spraying.

**Action:** Anna will seek an update on strategies to control SJW.

## 17. Members Report – Karen Williams.

- (a) Oaks Estate: meeting with the Chief Minister on Wednesday morning and will be reiterating the importance of the Environmental Management Action Plan. Environmental protection should be in the master plan.

## 18. Business.

- (a) K2C: MCG has been asked at the partners' forum to answer questions about partnership satisfaction. Tom stated that K2C is now part of the Great Eastern Ranges Connectivity Project and has taken on projects in its own right. It has also taken on a new role in promoting traditional land management practices, conservation management, etc. The argument may be that it is competing for funds. Partners have 5 minutes to comment at tomorrow's meeting. Lynton has concerns and believes that the role of K2C should be to coordinate the partners and encourage collaboration instead of competing. K2C Inc is involving the partners but not collaborating. Not all other partners were not offered the Glossy Black Cockatoos Project or the Biodiversity Fair. MCG is the only partner that has provided funding for coordination. Tom represents MCG on K2C Inc and is a community member on K2C. Lynton clarified that Tom is nominated as the delegate of MCG and will be representing MCG at the Partners' Forum. With regard to the future role of K2C, Lynton stated that they need to identify priority areas and available funding. Projects seem to be opportunistic. K2C needs to complete the Conservation Action Plan started by Bush Heritage as it sets the strategy for the business plan which needs to identify where the connectivity dollar could be most effective.
- (b) Community Survey: members are to let Anna know if they want a copy or a summary of the survey.
- (c) Lynton expressed the committee's thanks to John for his contribution as secretary and gave him a small token of esteem.

## 19. Next Meeting.

Exec. & General Meeting: Monday, 11th February 2013, 5:00 – 6:30 pm.

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Closure.

The meeting was closed at 7:30 pm.

Action By	Details	Start Date	Due Date	Completed
LB/AS	Preliminary review of Molonglo Catchment Strategy	13/12/10		In progress
AS	Distribute draft MCS review	13/11/12	10/12/12	Completed
AS	Seek update on St Johns Wort control by PCL	10/12/12	11/2/13	Completed
LB	Contact ACT Property Services re potential alternative accommodation	10/12/12	11/2/13	Completed

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(Chairman)

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(Date)