



## Executive and General Meeting

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011

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

### 1. Opening

The meeting was opened at 5:06 pm by Lynton Bond (President) in the Chair. A warm welcome was extended to all present and Andy's joyous news was applauded.

### 2 Attendance / Apologies

In attendance were Lynton Bond, Tom Baker, Maryke Booth, John Bruggeman, Karen Williams, Jim Arnold, Margaret Piper and Dr. Stephen Skinner.

Apologies were received from Sandra Lloyd, Bruce Taloni and Andrew Westcott.

### 3 Minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

**Motion:** John Bruggeman / Lynton Bond  
"That the minutes be accepted".

**Carried.**

### 4 Business Arising.

- (a) 13a: African Lovegrass sprayed along roadside as well.
- (b) 14a: Gary Byles from TAMS failed to contact MCG so Andy will contact him.
- (c) 16d: Kyeamba, not Kiandra LC.

### 5 Actions Arising.

- (a) Allocations in accounts for agreed commitments: still being worked on.
- (b) Call Forwarding: Telstra WS \$29 for call forwarding, or \$19 with no hard line.
- (c) Gary Byles, TAMS: still waiting.
- (d) Review MCG Funding Small Grants: still have to do.

### 6 Correspondence List.

#### In

- (a) STEP: Invitation to Andy, Stephen and Lynton to attend their site on 21<sup>st</sup> May to look over work done to date, and a thank you card for small grant

#### Out

- (a) Membership renewals
- (b) Conservation Council: Letter of support for their ACT Heritage Grant application for developing *Molonglo's Treasures* brochure
- (c) Friends of Glenburn: Application sponsoring the Friends for their ACT Heritage Grant application for conservation work at Glenburn homestead
- (d) Mount Majura Vineyard: Letter of support for their Aust. Govt. Dept. of Resources Energy and Tourism grant application for tourist facilities at the cellar door

- 7 President's Reports - Lynton Bond.** New and outstanding business.
- (a) See report sent out by email.
  - (b) ACT NRM Council RIS 2011-2013: Frustrating process due to local and federal govt. sign-off time scales.
  - (c) ACT Environment Grants (and others): LOS for Mt Majura Vineyard. Sponsoring Friends of Glenburn for ACT Heritage Grant application. LOS for Cons. Council ACT Heritage Grant application. Assist David Wong's *Seeing Grasslands* project ACT Environment Grant application. Asked to sponsor Friends of the Pinnacle with a proposal for an ACT Environment Grant application.
  - (d) BoB Gungahlin: Attended at Mulligan's Flat meeting. Local landholders Craig Star and Paul Carmody seem to be relaxed about incursions onto their properties by new residents and discussed this and the challenges of land management re. short notice leases and how this is managed with the cooperation of some developers.
  - (e) Murrumbidgee LC: Murrumbidgee Landcare Awards were held at Wagga on 4<sup>th</sup> May, where Lynton picked up the award for Individual Landcarer. The MLI executive met with Greg Bugden (GM) and Investment Manager Mike Dunn to discuss possible projects under the CFOC 2011-13 Business Plan.
  - (f) Website: Chugging along nicely. 2,000 hits and 120 visits per day. Discussed improvements to Waterwatch database to bring all groups into a single shared database and reduce manual steps in data handling etc. with Tanya Noakes, Damon Cusack and Heath Chester. Marion has pledged to get back to work on migrating MCG website to the shared website.
  - (g) DonorTec: Software has been purchased and upgrades are being installed. MS email advises that we received \$3,000 r.r.p. of software for \$140.

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

- (a) Tom spoke about Lynton's award and how deserving he is of it as a result of his dedication to the environment. Lynton is right across everything to do with the MCG and his leadership as CEO/manager of MCG is admirable. Lynton commits 60 hours per week to the job and says Christine does all the work at home, which makes it all possible. Should we all take them both out to dinner soon? Yes.
- (b) We'll have to wait as the proposed review of the health of Lake Burley Griffin is still on hold.
- (c) Qbn. Enviro Expo reminder, it should be good this year. *Sustainable House and Garden* the theme, with a sustainable gardens competition added this year.
- (d) Along the Molonglo: The QAS show will open at the gallery on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 2:00 pm. Karen has put her hand up to be a judge. We still need someone to open the show. The Canberra show will be at the Wesley Centre on 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> September. Spoke to John Fitzgerald and ASOC re. *Seeing Grasslands* and discussed how to find subjects online.
- (e) Tom walked along the Molonglo below Yass Road recently and notes that the river is recovering fast after the floods, with clean water and wattles and tea tree re-establishing, partly due to no cattle in the area.

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

- (a) Accounts sent out by email.
- (b) Just under \$133,643 in the bank, \$11,558 in General Expenses, Allocated Funds \$7,950.
- (c) There are hiccups along the way with GST.

**10 MCG Coordinator's Report – Andrew Westcott.**

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) Andy wasn't at the meeting due to the birth of a baby.

- 11 Waterwatch Coordinator's Report – Dr. Stephen Skinner.**
- (a) See report sent out by email (Stephen was absent on annual leave).
  - (b) This month was a good one for data reporting with 45 sites being reported on from 20 groups (and only 8 sites missed). Richard Larson is not well at present.
  - (c) The Valley Ponds: the work on the permanent wetlands at The Valley Ponds looks as if it will go well.
  - (d) *Centipeda cunninghamii*: Indigenous plant with disinfectant properties traditionally used by local Aboriginal groups.
- 12 Members Report – Maryke Booth**
- (a) Royalla Landcare: Rabbit workshop, 40 people booked to attend. 2 sessions planned.
- 13 Members Report – Margaret Piper**
- (b) Margaret spoke about the book *The Climate Files* by Fred Pierce and recommends it. It discusses faults with data and process in the global warming debate.
- 14 Members Report – Jim Arnold**
- (a) FOAB: Next work party will be to maintain bush tracks. Trees are being cut by Aboriginal people practising culture (and also in PCL shirts). Elders will be approached to address this problem.
  - (b) NSA: There's a field day to Bungonia this Saturday on adjacent properties to see what has been done. On Friday there will be a symposium on water, carbon and climate interactions at Sydney Uni. On Sunday at Bredbo there will be a show and tell of equipment and a GA style potting session.
- 15 Members Report – Karen Williams**
- (a) Gary Byles: no movement yet.
  - (b) Oaks Estate is on the top of the list for the development of a master plan by Govt.
- 16 Members Report – Tom Baker**
- (a) Queanbeyan Landcare: A walk will be held this Sunday at Gale Precinct starting at 9:30 am for about 2 hours. Bring lunch if you want.
- 17 Members Report – Lynton Bond**
- (a) People from Carwoola are ringing Maryke about the rabbit sessions.
- 18 Business**
- (a) NIL
- 19 Next Meeting**
- Exec. & General Meeting: Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011, 5:00 – 6:30 pm.  
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- 20 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	
LB/AW	Preliminary review of Molonglo Catchment Strategy	13/12/10		In Progress

LB	Investigate call forwarding as an option in order to implement VOIP phone system.	21/3/11	11/4/11	In Progress
AW	Send out membership renewal notices	21/3/11	11/4/11	Completed
All	Review and assess small grant applications	8/4/11	11/4/11	Completed
TB	Attend ASOC meeting to discuss theme for this years show, invite <i>Friends of Grasslands</i> to attend	11/4/11	9/5/11	Completed
AW	Contact Gary Byles from TAMS, re. common ground on MRR	11/4/11	9/5/11	
AW	Review MCG Project Funding Small Grants process	11/4/11	9/5/11	

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