



Executive and General Meeting

Monday 8th August 2011

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

1. Opening

The meeting was opened at 5:04pm with Lynton Bond (President) in the Chair. A warm welcome was extended to all present.

2. Attendance/Apologies

In attendance were Lynton Bond, Tom Baker, Maryke Booth, Karen Williams, Margaret Piper, Jim Arnold, Dr. Stephen Skinner, Andy Westcott, Andrew Clive.

Apologies were received from Bruce Taloni, Sandy Lloyd and John Bruggeman.

3. Minutes of General Meeting, 11th July 2011.

Motion: "That the Minutes be accepted"

Seconded:

Carried.

4. Business Arising

a) 4b: Should read Personnel Assistant not Press Secretary

b) 13b: In touch with David Wong who is busy with science week but will get back to us soon regarding Floriade exhibition.

5. Actions Arising

a) Lynton, Karen, John & Tom met with John McRae (PCS) and Tristan Adrian (TAMS) re debris removal and willow management at Oaks Estate.

6. Correspondence List

[Preparation of the August minutes was not completed due to illness. Consideration of correspondence was deferred to the September Meeting.]

7. Presidents Report – Lynton Bond

See report sent out by email

a) Future Funding: Signed deeds for Catchment Coordinator, Waterwatch Coordinator and Biodiversity Monitoring. Catchment Coordinator has been paid. A new 'Moral Rights' clause has been inserted which is of some concern. We must get agreement from all contributors to MCG projects that they agree to the Moral Rights clause. The clause allows the government to get the acknowledgment of projects wrong and to attribute work to the wrong person.

b) GVESH0: Applied for a grant to cover administration grant, no reporting required so it is in effect a donation. Applied for \$10k for VOIP and electricity per year for 2 years.

- c) ACT Environment grant: Waiting on announcement of successful applications.
- d) Molonglo Catchment Strategy: Email to groups has gone out to get the ball rolling with community consultation.
- e) Bush on the Boundary: Next meeting to be held on 9th August, 2011.
- f) Catchment Landcare Association: Sarah Ryan took comments on the process of applying for funding and how it can be improved. The Regional Landcare Facilitator is seeking notification for events from 5th to 11th September. SACTCG-centenary trail process has not been thorough in consulting with Parkcare groups about the potential impacts of construction, the maintenance required and who will be responsible for maintenance.
- g) Upper Murrumbidgee Catchment Coordinating Committee: Meeting 10th August. Peter Cullen Trust position sponsored and Andy will be away next week (starting 15th) for the program.
- h) Grants: Mount Majura Vineyard successful with their Tourism grant to develop a garden area that provides insights on geology and soils of the area that influence the wine. The information will also cover interpretive signage of the indigenous history of the area and native vegetation, there will also be a tree planting.
- i) RACA application-Application has been submitted, the document will be very useful for reporting and other funding applications.

8. Vice President's Report-Tom Baker

- a) Along the Molonglo: Along the Molonglo on for the 7th time, will be running from 9th to 11th of September with the theme of *Hidden treasures of native grasslands*. Friends of Grasslands are also sponsoring the exhibition this year. Opening on Friday 9th from 5:30pm for a 6pm start. The Artist Society wants the MCG to provide a speaker to present our prize. ACTION: Tom to email John Fitzgerald re presentation.

9. Treasurer's Report-Maryke Booth

- a) See accounts distributed by email.
- b) \$164,816.52 cash on hand, \$47,600 payable to us, unexpended funds of \$167,606. \$13,649 of this is allocated.
- c) Allocation of employee provisions has been done incorrectly, looking into correcting this.
- d) Bendigo Bank offers community EFTPOS terminal to take to events that may be useful.

10. MCG Coordinators Report-Andy Westcott

See report sent out by email

11. Waterwatch Coordinator's Report- Dr. Stephen Skinner.

- a) Change of heading in template to reflect new milestones.
- b) Frogwatch session in Queanbeyan went well, a good turn out. Anke-Maria did a good job, she has been snowed under with administrative work up until now, 2 days a week for the extent of the project makes it difficult.

- c) Gambusia netting training held, the net needs some modifications which Tanya is taking care of. A good catch at Banksia Street which included a by-catch of yabbies and snails.
- d) STEP working bee went very well, a good turn out.
- e) Cassie Hancock's project has gone very well.
- f) Mirribai, the photographic essay of plants with indigenous significance is being considered with the help of Jo Donovan.
- g) Barracks Creek vegetation essay-Tom Baker to email Peter Hewson's details to assist.

12. Members Report

- a) **Andrew Clive, Captains Flat Landcare:** Finishing off the CMA grant for Willow removal and tree plantings. Just about finished clearing from Kerrs Creek up to the bridge. Andrew is required to undertake Placestory training as part of the project. Next on the agenda is a Council block from the Pub bridge up to the dam where there is a Broom issue, access is difficult due to ownership and weed infestation.
- b) **Jim Arnold: Natural Sequence Association** July 31st field day looking at leaky weirs at Bernies Gully a discussion of what's working and what wasn't after recent heavy rainfall. Not just about slowing down the flow but also preventing erosion. The AGM is on the 21st at Strathnairn. Next field day is on 18th September. **FOAB** are busy chopping out thorny shrubs on lease hold land as part of their agreement to work in the area. Kangaroos are eating down all the greenery, the thorns are being used to deter them.
- c) **Maryke Booth: Royalla Landcare,** Swainsona Reserve brochure is progressing well, waiting for spring to plant Allocasuarinas as part of the Glossy Black Cockatoo project.
- d) **Karen Williams (Oaks Estate)** Junction to railway now in lines for work to repair fence which will require clearing of debris and removing trees. Willows are re-shooting, rabbits loving the harbour provided. Interested to know what studies were undertaken regarding the Beard wetlands where there is known indigenous and European heritage sites.
- e) **Tom Baker (Queanbeyan Landcare):** Rolling out a range of projects. Tom and a few members of the group walked the Molonglo Gorge recently and were amazed by the great job that has been done removing willows from very difficult areas. Sue Crickmore took some photos which will be circulated to the group.
- f) **Lynton Bond (Carwoola):** About release Calici on 35 properties, the broadcast carrots has gone very well with landholders reporting that the rabbits are getting into them.

13. Business

- a) **Group Involvement:** Are we doing enough to get out and meet the various Landcare groups that are not regular attendees to our meetings. Andy suggested he should make an effort to visit one group a month, either by attending meetings or visiting them on site. The monthly email to groups will continue to get their updates before MCG meetings. Also a recommendation to explore the potential to have a MCG Christmas party at Mount Majura Vineyard.

- b) **MCG Donations:** We now have enough in the MCG donations kitty to run a small project. The project would need to get the approval of the trustees, Rainer Rehwinkel, Sandy Lloyd and Geoff Robertson. A recommendation to explore the Mount Ainslie Weeders project outlined in their update to the group. **ACTION:** Andy to meet with MAW to explore potential project.
- c) **FLICKR:** We now have 6 Flickr sites. The different sites could be used for various projects such as a Waterwatch site, a Seeing Woodlands etc. We could also offer the sites to our member groups as a portal to share images.
- d) **Waterwatch Equipment:** Stephen needs to purchase 4 \$1,500 Waterwatch kits.-Action: Approved by committee to purchase equipment.

14. Next Meeting

Exec & General Meeting: Monday, 12th September 2011, 5:00-6:30pm.

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

15. Closure.

The meeting was closed at 6:30pm.

Action By	Details	Start Date	Due Date	Completed
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	11/07/11	In Progress
AW	Contact Stephen Hughes to arrange meeting with Gary Byles from TAMS, re. common ground on MRR	06/06/11	11/07/11	Completed
AW	Review MCG Project Funding Small Grants process	11/4/11	11/07/11	In progress
TB	Email John Fitzgerald re presentation of MCG award	09/08/11	12/09/11	
SS	Purchase Waterwatch equipment	09/08/11	12/09/11	In progress
AW	Meet MAW regarding ground cover project	09/08/11	12/09/11	In progress

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