



Executive and General Meeting

Monday 12th September 2011

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

1. Opening

The meeting was opened at 5:07 pm by Lynton Bond (President) in the Chair. A warm welcome was extended to all present. Lynton also introduced Alexi Williams, student at UC to the committee.

2 Attendance / Apologies

In attendance were Lynton Bond, Tom Baker, Maryke Booth, John Bruggeman, Karen Williams, Jim Arnold, Margaret Piper, Dr. Stephen Skinner, and Alexi Williams. Apologies were received from Sandra Lloyd, Bruce Taloni and Andrew Westcott.

3 Minutes of 8th August 2011.

Motion: Karen Williams /
“That the minutes be accepted”.

Motion amended to hold the acceptance of minutes over until next meeting as the minutes are incomplete – there are items, correspondence, actions arising, yet to be added to the minutes: Tom Baker / Karen Williams. The amendment was agreed and the amended motion was agreed.

4 Business Arising.

- (a) Action Table: all items are being addressed.
- (b) 12(b): Bernie’s Gully work completed, re. completion date.

Adjustment to Agenda: because of the amount of Business to be covered at this meeting it was agreed to bypass all reports and correspondence, listen to and confer with Alexi Williams on her project details and proceed straight on to the Business in hand.

5 President’s Reports - Lynton Bond. New and outstanding business.

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) Website updated, including Along the Molonglo.
- (c) Lynton sent out the Landcare Awards winners list by email. 4 of our nominations got up at the Landcare Awards, but not Stephen’s.
- (d) ASOC Along the Molonglo Art Exhibition: Sandra House won the ACTEW prize for her work titled “Molonglo Grassland Triptych”, Caroline Lawrence got 2nd prize (donated by MCG) for her work titled “Grasslands” and An Pan 3rd prize (donated by Friends of Grasslands) for his work titled “Sun Rise”. There were 34 entries in our section of the show titled “The Untold Riches of our Native Grasslands”.

6 Vice President's Report – Tom Baker.

- (a) Nil this month due to excessive Business.

7 Treasurer's Report – Maryke Booth.

- (a) Accounts sent out by email.

8 MCG Coordinator's Report – Andrew Westcott.

- (a) No report this month due to illness.

9 Waterwatch Coordinator's Report – Dr. Stephen Skinner.

- (a) See report to be sent out by email.
(b) Stephen missed out with Community Support award for LC Awards.

10 Members Report

- (a) Nil this month due to excessive Business.

11 Business

- (a) Alexi Williams: undergraduate in Bachelor of Science/Arts at UC. Alexi is a third year student currently studying a course "Human social movement - groups". She has selected environmental groups to study the demographic of over time for her project. There could be a benefit to the community, outcomes being constructive and useful as recommendations to stimulate membership and recruitment methods, assess demographic in groups such as why people drop out and techniques to broaden age range and diversity of membership (both young and indigenous people). We are prepared to help out with access to member LC groups and WaterWatch groups eg. Royalla & Queanbeyan LC, MCG WW. A model for recruitment can be built for WW by comparing the 3 groups that operate in the ACT, and extending this further to LC groups etc. Alexi will have to define methodology for her research. Lynton and committee are excited by the potential of this project, particularly if it improves recruitment of indigenous and young people.
- (b) Mount Ainslie Weeders project: Chilean Needle Grass control and revegetation around the old Ainslie Tip site that we funded earlier this year. The site will not regenerate due to the type of poison used and needs resistant varieties employed instead. Vittadinia (daisy, two types) are an endemic pioneer species and are suitable to re-establish vegetation on the site. Can MAW redirect funds to these varieties? Lynton suggested that they proceed with this strategy.

Motion: Lynton Bond / Tom Baker

"That MAW redirect funding to purchase the 2 suitable species of Vittadinia to re-establish the tip site".

Carried by unanimous acclaim.

- (c) Update of MCG staffing/project officer position: Andy is suffering from Vertigo and is presently working from home. We will have to advertise for a project officer to further projects such as Horse Field Days and seminars and the Biodiversity Monitoring project. Su Wild-River at ANU, Kathy Eyles, David Wong and Alexi Williams are looking for suitable candidates, possibly third year or post graduate students for an average of 1 day per week at the equivalent of \$63,000 p.a. to fill this position. The projects are due to be running soon and we need the project officer to fill in for Andy until he is well again.
- (d) Floriade: Tuesday 4th to Monday 10th October. Set up on Monday evening, 3rd October. Lynton will send the roster around for members to nominate times they can volunteer on.
- (e) Meeting with PCL and TAMS re. Oaks Estate River Corridor rehab work: \$1 million available for this work, to remove debris, produce development application for willow removal and involve community in project. Locals are keen for this project to go ahead and have a real sense of place revolving around the river corridor. Tom suggested

producing a video of this stretch of the river and doing GPS and photo points before, during and after of the progression of the project. OEPA are doing a web page to put images up on with the assistance of Sarah Hooper. This project fits in with the Qbn. LC work done in the past. Ange (GA) is keen to see the crossing and has offered volunteers (see email). 3 indigenous groups could be involved and Jo Donovan needs to be contacted (ACT NRM Council).

- (f) Chinese Elm plantings in Trinculo Place: 150 of these weeds have been planted along the eastern side of the river to celebrate 150 years since Reformationist religious services have been held in Qbn. with the go ahead given by Mayor Overall. Stephen suggests that we write to council re. environmental protocols and the Qbn. councils plan of management which wasn't even consulted (obviously). Stephen is in contact with Neil Hancock re. this issue.
- (g) Community Hub/City Farm Project: Draft proposal being promoted by Haydn Burgess could potentially involve the 3 catchment groups all together and sharing resources. He includes a lot of detail and mentions 7 paid staff. Who is funding this? ACT NRM Council is talking to the Regional Development Authority which would require matching ACT funding. For example ACT might donate land, Commonwealth to provide infrastructure? Potential for more shared resources, manager, administration, shared equipment, networking. Consistent with the old Dairy Flat proposal. More questions need to be asked re. this proposal.
- (h) Flickr websites: Check them out, see Lynton's Presidents Report re. Our Story.
- (i) MCG Small Grants funding: Lynton will send the link for application forms, assessment guide and how to guide as used last time. This is still 6 months away. Discussion to go to next meeting.

12 Next Meeting

Exec. & General Meeting: Monday, 17th October 2011, 5:00 – 6:30 pm.
MCG Office: Unit 13 Cassidy Arcade, 72-76 Monaro St Queanbeyan.

13 Closure.

The meeting was closed at 6:35 pm.

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.	21/03/11	11/7/11	In Progress
AW	Review MCG Small Grants Project Funding process	11/04/11	11/07/11	In Progress
TB	Email John Fitzgerald re presentation of MCG award	09/08/11	12/09/11	Completed
SS	Purchase Waterwatch equipment	09/08/11	12/09/11	Completed
AW	Meet MAW regarding ground cover project	09/08/11	12/09/11	In Progress
LB	Circulate Floriade roster to members	12/09/11	ASAP	Completed

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(Chairman)

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