



## MCG Executive and General Meeting.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

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

### 1. Opening.

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

### 2 Attendance / Apologies.

In attendance were Lynton Bond, John Bruggeman, Karen Williams, Don Fraser, Margaret Piper, Anna See and Dr. Stephen Skinner.

Apologies were received from Tom Baker, Maryke Booth and Jim Arnold.

### 3 Minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

**Motion:** Karen Williams / Don Fraser  
"That the minutes be accepted".

**Carried.**

### 4 Business Arising.

- (a) 12(b) The article in the Burra Intermittent supported, not objected to the removal of the old pine trees around Burra Park.

### 5 Action Table.

- (a) Preliminary review of Molonglo Catchment Strategy: Anna will be looking into this.
- (b) VOIP telephony: Purchased new ADSL modem/router with built in VOIP and a new phone system, which works properly. Should save us money.
- (c) Small Grants Funding: No action yet.
- (d) Effects of Starane on frogs, no information available at this point.
- (e) New office gear has been purchased.
- (f) FOSP: No change, see John's report.

### 6 Correspondence List.

#### In

- (a) NSW Enviro Trust: Molonglo River Regeneration Project funding application has been accepted. We'll know if it was successful by May or June, with project to start in August.
- (b) K2C: seeking members for committee.
- (c) Austcover: Insurance renewal as usual but with additional information about Association Liability Insurance included. \$650 premium for \$1 million cover (not required now). Lynton is concerned about revised workplace OH&S requirements in the future for NSW.
- (d) GVESH0: Funding application successful, \$4,000 deed to be returned by 30<sup>th</sup> March.

#### Out

- (a) Nil.

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

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) Accept report as read.
- (c) CLA: Drew resigned as Chair at the meeting last Thursday. Kate Boyd didn't show up but Libby Gordon did and talked about the Centenary Trail Project. A EPBC is necessary, and trail management is needed to do monitoring to make sure people are doing the right thing on the trail. The plan isn't embedded as done yet. Andy Westcott didn't show but was replaced by Craig Conchie speaking on Biodiversity Fund project. The chair is now Lynton for 4 months, after which Glenys will take over.
- (d) UMCCC: Lynton attended the Next Generation Murrumbidgee Catchment Action Plan workshop and was heartened by movement on this by the CMA. (We'll include some of the stuff that came out of this meeting in our strategy also).

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

- (a) Absent.

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

- (a) Presented by Lynton upon Maryke's absence.
- (b) Palerang Council don't seem to have paid a \$1,100 invoice. Lynton contacted Simon Holloway who said that the invoice hadn't been passed on to the right person internally.
- (c) Everything is reasonably on track except for Sustainable Horse Management on Small Properties re funding, \$12,000 unspent, could we do more workshops? This project is due for completion by the end of May. Biodiversity Monitoring funding balance \$24,000 underspent because we have no project officer. We will advertise for one soon for the Molonglo Restoration Project if funding application is successful.

## **10 MCG Coordinator's Report – Anna See.**

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) Outcomes & Milestones: See report.
- (c) Getting to meet people in office.
- (d) 105 Weeds Packs were given to Bruce Davies for CIT students.
- (e) Met onsite with Friends of Glenburn to assist with development of ongoing volunteer opportunities and develop wind-breaks.
- (f) Attended the St. Johns Wort in Googong stakeholder meeting.
- (g) Projects: Venue booked for rabbit poisoning workshop and flyers printed for 4 groups.

## **11 Waterwatch Coordinator's Report – Dr. Stephen Skinner.**

- (a) See report circulated at meeting.
- (b) ERG: Stephen attended the ERG meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March at Williamsdale. Interesting! Most reports suggest reasonable success with replanting and revegetation and that the size and condition of offsets is large compared to what they started of with. The land was not so good quality before the drought ended but is better now. Subcommittee formed to help clarify people's perceptions of the use of AUSRIVAS in Burra Creek.
- (c) Lake Users Group: The slipway will now be near the Yacht Club. Not as much debris in the lake after this flood event. Spinnaker Island will be replanted with natives in April. The last sentence in this part of Stephen's report worries him. Dr. William Phillips and Riversmart are raising funds for something called *Canberra Lake Care*, supported by CVA. Stephen and Lynton know nothing of this. Stephen has samplers doing surveys all around the lake and Dr. Phillips system may upset this system. Do we want to be involved because we should be? Lynton will contact drew English of CVA about this plan. We all need to work together.
- (d) Stephen again presented at 6 school sessions in the last month.

- (e) The draft July-December 2011 M-CHiP report was presented for comment.

## **12 Members Report – Margaret Piper.**

- (a) Radio Landcare: Phil Selmes helps Margaret present the show. Phil now works for Parkcare and produces the Scribbly Gum Newsletter.

## **13 Members Report – Lynton Bond.**

- (a) Carwoola Rabbit Control Program: 5 people have signed up so far.
- (b) Lynton is talking with a local landholder who has African Love Grass in her lawn. He is contemplating a Community Action Grant application on how to manage this.

## **14 Members Report – Don Fraser.**

- (a) Don's been a little bit out of touch at the moment, mainly due to having no internet or phone for 3 weeks.
- (b) Burra LC meeting next Monday. Main topic, the pipeline. Burra LC are talking to John Turville re landscaping, mainly grasses. It was proposed to landscape with exotic grass species but Burra LC want natives. Holden's Creek is to be replanted with trees.
- (c) 364 mm of rain so far this year at Don's place.

## **15 Members Report – Karen Williams.**

- (a) Oaks Estate River Project: OEPA queried what is being done by TAMS re gates, fences, river corridor etc. Poisoning has had a visible affect on the river corridor. There's been some additional debris deposited by the recent floods, particularly at Bede's Forest. Karen's interview has been published in The Chronicle. QBN-FM contacted Karen for an update.

## **16 Members Report – John Bruggeman.**

- (a) FOG: A working bee was to be held at Stirling Park on 4<sup>th</sup> March for weed removal but was postponed due to the wet weather during that week.
- (b) Friends of Stirling Park: I attended the meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February to try to establish a "friends" group for this area. There was no outcome and conservation work will continue in the area under the auspices of FOG. It was suggested that a "friends" group become a sub-committee of the Yarralumla Residents Association.
- (c) It was felt by committee that I have talent to offer re excellent photos, knowledge etc. and that efforts would be made to get some of my stuff onto the website, Flickr etc.

## **17 Business.**

- (a) GVESHO Funding: Lynton proposed that we accept funds being made available by the Commonwealth Government. Obligations: they require audited reports by 30<sup>th</sup> September each year.

**Motion:** Lynton Bond / Karen Williams

**"That MCG accept offer of \$4,000 being made available by the Commonwealth Government for GVESHO funding".**

**Carried.**

- (b) K2C Committee - delegate: More members are required for the K2C committee to make up numbers. Tom is already on the committee, representing Tom. Does anyone else want to be on the committee? No, at this point.
- (c) Molonglo Catchment Strategy review: Anna found some of Andy's comments to put forward re review of strategy. Concepts discussed with Matt de Jongh, community consultation meetings planned, develop a draft. Have issues changed?
- (d) OCSE Eco-tourism submission: The ACT region is large. One thing we would like to see is self guided tours of the catchment, including environmental and cultural highlights.

Lynton has spoken with Chris Holly about this. We envisage a joint venture with other groups in the region.

- (e) Austcover: Associations Liability Insurance, Lynton will do some research and get back to committee via email.

**18 Next Meeting.**

Exec. & General Meeting: Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012, 5:00 – 6:30 pm.  
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**19 Closure.**

The meeting was closed at 6:36 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   | 11/07/11 | In Progress |
| AW        | Review MCG Small Grants Project Funding process                                   | 11/04/11   | 11/07/11 | In Progress |
| JA        | Investigate effects of Starane on frogs, Jim to write to Dow Chemicals for info.  | 13/02/12   | ASAP     | In Progress |
| LB        | Contact Drew English about <i>Canberra Lake Care</i>                              | 19/03/12   | ASAP     | Completed   |
| LB        | Research Austcover Associations Liability Insurance and report back               | 19/03/12   | ASAP     | In Progress |

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(Chairman)

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