

MOLONGLO CATCHMENT GROUP Inc.

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MCG Executive and General Meeting.

Monday 18th June 2012.

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

1. Opening.

The meeting was opened at 5:05 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, Jim Arnold, Tom Baker, Anna See and Dr. Stephen Skinner.

Apologies were received from Maryke Booth, Don Fraser and Margaret Piper.

3 Minutes of 14th May 2012.

Motion: Lynton Bond / Karen Williams
"That the minutes be accepted."

Carried.

4 Business Arising.

(a) Nil

5 Action Table.

- (a) Preliminary review of Molonglo Catchment Strategy: ongoing.
- (b) VOIP telephony: ongoing. Internet/phone cost \$130/month at the moment. Exetel offer ADSL2 and phone for \$79/month (free calls).
- (c) Small Grants Funding: Completed.
- (d) Effects of Starane on frogs: Jim has sent letter of to Dow Chemicals.
- (e) Austcover Associations Liability Insurance: Lynton is still looking into this. Bendigo Bank has the same package through Austcover.
- (f) Small Grants and Memberships are still waiting for attention.

6 Correspondence List.

In

- (a) Numerous Rabbit surveys.
- (b) Westpac Commercial Card – 29 May.
- (c) Email from Joeys leader thanking Stephen for his fantastic Waterwatch session – 30 May.
- (d) Box-Gum Grassy Woodlands Kit from Conservation Management Network – 30 May.
- (e) Water Regime for Wetland and Floodplain Plants – May.
- (f) Survey of vegetation and habitat in key riparian zones, Murrumbidgee River, ACT – May.
- (g) The Queanbeyan Platypus Awareness and Conservation Strategy 2012 – June.
- (h) Membership renewal request from Canberra Environment Centre – 14 June.

Out

- (a) Horse Project Final Report – 31 May.

- (b) Submission on Majura Parkway DA – 31 May.

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

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) Accept report as read.
- (c) CLA: Problem, CLA is becoming more a coordinator and facilitator network than a community network; looking to hold a workshop to determine if this needs attention.

8 Vice President's Report – Tom Baker.

- (a) Platypus events recently in Queanbeyan were successful, with good turnouts (full room) on the Tuesday and Wednesday nights.
- (b) Along the Molonglo: Planning for 2013 underway, the Canberra Centenary Celebrations year and Queanbeyan's 175th birthday. Tom envisages an art show with a difference. Negotiations are underway with Canberra Grammar School to use their hall for a week. The art show will be open to public entry, with high school and college student's art included, and mentoring for students a feature. Alan Jones (ASOC) is keen to have student input. Looking for a couple more sponsors and more support from ACTEW.

9 Treasurer's Report – Maryke Booth.

- (a) Financials statements provided. Lynton presented report.
- (b) Total assets \$154,000. Liabilities \$85,000. Adjustments are needed. No bank balance available. Jobs Transactions listing \$15,904 for MCG discretionary funding.
- (c) Reports are there, but not accepted yet.

10 MCG Coordinator's Report – Anna See.

- (a) See report sent out by email.
- (b) Hydrology in the Majura Valley: SMEC, the consultants, are interested in running a hydrology workshop for landholders.
- (c) BoB: ACTEW are interested in joining the Googong and East Lake BoB groups. Lara Odell will get back to Anna re getting things moving. Organising a meeting in July for the Molonglo BoB group to discuss revegetation with TAMS.
- (d) Molonglo Catchment Strategy: Anna has created a draft plan for updating our strategy.
- (e) Riverside Plaza Stall: 5th June, sold 4 books and 3 packs of cards and signed up 3 new subscribers to our newsletter.
- (f) Managing Horses on Small Properties: Final report submitted.
- (g) Biodiversity Mapping: Anna discussed the project plan with Sarah Sharp and Mary Appleby (project officer) and Mary is starting to implement the plan.
- (h) Rabbits Workshops: Completed surveys are coming in.
- (i) Your Molonglo Catchment: Sent today.

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

- (a) See report circulated at meeting.
- (b) Platypus Walk: 16th June, Riverside Cemetery, 3 people turned up on a cold, bleak day.
- (c) Murrumbidgee to Googong ERG: There was a long meeting on the 6th June at Williamsdale, which went well. The Chairman asked what each group was involved with the project for, and now everybody knows why others are involved. The 'buried stick' technique for testing biological activity in dry creek beds was explained and applauded. The offsets are going well but pigs are a problem. The plan is to test the pipeline in August if dam levels allow. Trout Cod and Murray Cod numbers are improving in the Murrumbidgee (including above Angle Bend where they have been sighted for the first time in 40-50 years).

12 Members Report – Jim Arnold.

- (a) Friends of Aranda Bushland: FoAB conducted a work party yesterday for their annual chopping of brambles, hawthorn etc. in the bushy parts of the rural lease. The paddock near Snow Gums was sprayed for Patterson's Curse recently by the Rangers, but needs follow-up spraying. The kids from Radford College helped. Next month FoAB and the Mount Painter mob will hold a combined work party.

13 Members Report – Karen Williams.

- (a) Oaks Estate River Project: The planting day on 20th May was a success, with 40 people attending. Thanks go to Lynton (BBQ) and QLC for assistance. There has been a minor flood since but the plantings survived. The contact list has 23 names on it now, from the day. Tube stock planting by GA should be completed by 25th June. Karen is attempting to encourage SCS to establish an active community environment project involving HACT tenants. She's had contact with ACT Govt. representative, Katrina, re interpretative pathway/trail.
- (b) Oaks Estate Master Plan: Karen spoke with the planners again. They should be contacting MCG and EPA re environment.

14 Members Report – Tom Baker.

- (a) Platypus: "The Queanbeyan Platypus Awareness and Conservation Strategy 2012" has been released by QCC.
- (b) Queanbeyan LEP: Gale Precinct, QLC is not happy and will be taking further action.

15 Business.

- (a) Majura Parkway: There is to be a meeting on Thursday with CSIRO re restoration of Woolshed Creek. A Plants List has to be drawn up for the creek for revegetation project. This will involve the Majura Valley group. It looks like the creek will be straightened for a small part of its length only, which means that Mrs Southwell will have a billabong.
- (b) Unsuccessful Grant Applications: Feb., application for NSW ET funds (\$200,000 over 6 years) to weed the river downstream from Captains Flat to improve habitat for the Green and Golden Bell Frog failed. More Sustainability on Small Farms CFOC Open Round funds application also failed. This was to protect Grassy Box Woodlands. The letters have contact details to chase up why grants weren't successful. Anna will follow up. This means the project officer position for the two projects will not happen and that our project officer will not be full time employed.
- (c) Molonglo Catchment Strategy Review: Anna is having trouble with what to do with it. Annual and three yearly reviews, Anna has pulled out bits of the strategy that need to happen for each review: update spatial inventory of catchment, performance indicators to 2007 (have we achieved them). Anna will contact us to see what we want to do, new goals etc. Tom says: highlight successful actions we have achieved, including community participation, aspects, knowledge etc. Anna will send around 'Survey Monkey' survey to stakeholders, as per previous CMA survey.
- (d) Extra item of business transacted out of session by email on 19th June 2012: MCG Inc. 2011 Financial Statement and Management Rep. Letter 30-06-11, requiring approval by committee and notice for the President and Secretary to sign documents.

16 Other Business.

- (a) Stall at Riverside Plaza: Feedback, valuable exercise, networking achieved, interest shown by kids, some revenue was raised. Do we do it again? Opportunities to raise funds are limited. Do we hold a raffle? Maybe for Landcare Week in September, for more than one day (Floriade is coming up, are we still there?). Lynton put this question "can we buy a painting from the Queanbeyan Art Show, 'Water Rat' by Vivien Pinder, for \$250, with

the intention to include it as a prize in a raffle should the opportunity arise”. Agreed by all.

- (b) QLC, Tom: QLC is updating information for its pages on MCG and UMLC websites. Information has been forwarded to Lynton.

17 Next Meeting.

Exec. & General Meeting: Monday, 9th July 2012, 5:00 – 6:30 pm.
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18 Closure.

The meeting was closed at 6:25 pm.

Action By	Details	Start Date	Due Date	Completed
LB/AS	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
JA	Investigate effects of Starane on frogs, Jim to write to Dow Chemicals for info. Progress report at next meeting.	13/02/12	ASAP	In Progress
LB	Research Austcover Associations Liability Insurance and report back	19/03/12	ASAP	Completed
LB	Purchase “Water Rat” by Vivien Pinder	18/6/12	22/6/12	Completed
AS	Seek committee feed-back re proposed goals for revision of MCS	18/6/12	9/7/12	In progress
AS	Seek follow-up re funding applications	18/6/12	9/7/12	In progress

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 (Chairman)

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