

MOLONGLO CATCHMENT GROUP Inc.

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MCG Executive and General Meeting

Monday, 9th September 2013

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

1. Welcome and Apologies

The meeting was opened at 5.15pm by Lynton Bond, President, who extended a warm welcome to all present.

In attendance were Lynton Bond, Karen Williams, Anna See, Tom Baker, John Bruggeman, Stephen Skinner, Mel Hillery, Mardie Kearns (MERI Officer for ACT Gov).

Apologies were received from Don Fraser, Maryke Booth, Carol Billett, Jim Arnold and Linda Beveridge

2. Minutes of Meeting of 12 August 2013

The minutes were unable to be accepted as there were not enough community members present to form a Quorum. Minutes will be held over for the October meeting.

3. Business Arising

4. Correspondence

In:

- a. 20 August – Australian Bureau Statistics – Economic Activity Survey
- b. 28 August – ACT PCS - Invitation to Lynton Bond (as chair of MCG) and Anna See (as Coordinator of BoB to a Community Reference Group for Lower Molonglo River Park
- c. 3 September – Invitation to Lynton Bond to Artists Society Spring Exhibition

Out:

- a. 26 August - Australian Bureau Statistics – Economic Activity Survey submitted online
- b. 30 August – MCG Comments on ACT Water Strategy

5. Reports

Reports were tabled this meeting as the focus of the meeting was to review the Draft Molonglo Catchment Strategy

Lynton introduced Mardie Kearns as MERI Officer for the ACT Government.

Mardie said she was pleased to be able to come so she could meet everyone and so they could put a face to the name. She is happy for her to be used as a contact in the ACT Government for MCG Committee members.

Anna said she can send Mardie's details to everyone.

Mardie reported that funding from the Caring for Our Country Grant is coming but there may need to be a MOU to allow funding to flow before the MERI is set up. There is a workshop being run by Commonwealth for the MERI plans, which need to be done for the full 5 years of the project.

Lynton said it was timely that Mardie should visit during this special committee meeting so she can see the Molonglo Catchment Strategy and understand the trade off between what information we want to collect and what we have to collect for MERI purposes.

Mardie said she would also like to see the outcomes extended to include the work we already do so that the Catchment Groups are better supported across all out interest and needs. However the Molonglo Catchment Group still has an obligation to complete and report on all hectares and workshops agreed in the schedule for our project. The outcomes will be reported to Commonwealth through the Atlas of Living Australia.

Lynton then handed the meeting over to Mel Hillery to present and discuss the Molonglo Catchment Strategy review.

8. Next Meeting

The next Executive and General meeting will be held on Monday, 14 October at 5.00-6.30pm at the MCG Office, Unit 13, Cassidy Arcade, 72-76 Monaro Street, Queanbeyan.

9. Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 8:15pm.

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Chairman

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Date