

# MOLONGLO CATCHMENT GROUP Inc.

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**MCG Executive and General Meeting**  
Monday, 10 November 2014

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

## 1. Welcome and Apologies

Following the Annual General Meeting, the newly elected President, Karen Williams, declared the Executive and General Meeting open at 6.26pm and extended a warm welcome to all present.

In attendance were Karen Williams, Lynton Bond, Tom Baker, Linda Beveridge, Bernie Bugden, Carol Billett, Jim Arnold and Maryke Booth.

Apologies were received from John Bridge and Don Fraser.

## 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 13 October 2014 were circulated prior to the meeting. Linda requested that the second dot point at paragraph 6.5 of the minutes be amended to read, "Have been invited by *Friends of ANBG*", etc. The minutes were duly amended and Tom tabled a motion that they be accepted. Linda seconded the motion.

## 3. Business Arising

Reminders for membership renewal had been sent out and Bernie reported that so far six renewals had been received. He will report further at the next meeting. Tom and Jim advised that they had not received reminders. Bernie will follow up to ensure that addresses are correctly recorded.

## 4. Correspondence:

In (11/10/14 – 10/11/14):

Date	Source	Subject	From
13/10/14	Letter	Audit Fee – year ending 30/6/14	RSM Bird Cameron
16/10/14	Letter	14/15 ACT Heritage Grant – <i>Exhibition of Natural Heritage on Black Mountain</i>	Mick Gentleman MLA, Minister for Planning
16/10/14	Email	AGM Member feedback/issues	Richard Larson, Deputy Chair, Watson Community Association
20/10/14	Letter	Capital Region Landkeepers	Peter Davey, Chair, Capital Region Landkeepers Trust Board
28/10/14	Letter	ACT Environment Grant 12/13 Acquittal – <i>Catchment Wide Pest Species Mapping</i>	Mardie Kearns, Program Manager, NRM, Environment Planning
31/10/14	Email	Googong Bush on the Boundary Meeting	Jessica Wallwork, Senior Consultant, RPS Australia Asia Pacific
5/11/14	Email	K2C AGM	Rainer Rehwinkel, Chair, K2C Executive Committee

6/11/14	Email	Proposed Jerrabomberra Wetlands Office	Cathryn Saunders, Strategic Planning Coordinator, ACT Parks and Conservation Service
7/11/14	Email	Proposed Jerrabomberra Wetlands Office	Jodie, Canberra City Farm Committee
7/11/14	Email	Notice of Termination – Units 5, 7, 9 and 13 Cassidy Arcade	MJ Thompson, Group Manager, Sustainability & Better Living
7/11/14	Email	MCG Small Grants Application	Margaret Clough, Mount Ainslie Weeders
7/11/14	Email	MCG Small Grants Application	Maryke Booth, Royalla Landcare Group
7/11/14	Email x 3	MCG Small Grants Applications (3)	Linda Beveridge, FoBM
7/11/14	Email	MCG Small Grants Application	Waltraud Pix, FoMM

**Out:**

Date	Source	Subject	To
14/10/14	Email	MCG Small Grants Application	All MCG Member Groups
20/10/14	Email	Landcare Grant Application – friends of Jerrabomberra Wetlands	25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Landcare Grants (on line application)
30/10/14	Email	20 Million Trees application	20 million Trees (on line application)
6/11/14	Email	Googong Bush on the Boundary Meeting	All Googong BoB members
7/11/14	Email	Proposed Jerrabomberra Wetlands Office	Cathryn Saunders, Strategic Planning Coordinator, ACT Parks and Conservation Service

Lynton advised that the letter from Peter Davey was an invitation to the launch of Capital Region Landkeepers. Lynton received it as President of MCG but is unable to attend. Now that Karen has been elected President she should attend. Maryke will be attending as representative of Royalla Landcare and Tom will represent K2C.

Action: Karen to RSVP.

Linda stated that the membership renewals should be included in the Outwards correspondence.

## 5. Reports

### 5.1 President's Report (prepared by Lynton Bond)

The full report was circulated by email prior to the meeting.

- Deb Kellock has been working intensely on the Molonglo Waterwatch. Because of this she has been putting in extra hours and Lynton has advised her that if she exceeds the 30 hours flex limit the extra hours will be covered by unspent funds from the project from prior to Deb commencing.



- Grants – the first payments of the Heritage Grant are in the bank already. In the past 3 months we have received \$260K in grants; previously we received \$250K for the year.
- Only 10 people attended the Land for Wildlife workshop at Carwoola. Will follow up to see if more are interested. Perhaps the timing (Sunday afternoon) was not the best; Sunday mornings are generally better.

## **5.2 Vice-President's Report** (prepared by Karen Williams)

- Sent an email regarding a meeting for Block 2 Section 128 and asked addressees to respond to the MCG Coordinator. Some replies have been received.
- Heritage Grants – the head of the Directorate commented on the good environmental work of MCG.
- Working with Tyronne and Wally Bell. Tyronne is organising a joint Catchments meeting about the “walks and talks”. Would like to develop funding through social welfare funding opportunities as well. In spite of Wally's award there is no pathway for the project participants now that the two years are up. Wally has resigned as a ranger as there is no permanent job offer. Exploring avenues to set up working in a natural environment as a sustainable pathway of caring for Ngunawal country.

## **5.3 Treasurer's Report**

The full report was circulated by email prior to the meeting. Lynton proposed that the report be accepted. Linda seconded the motion.

The Treasurer is to look at budget and cash flow requirements and opportunities for improved cash management.

## **5.4 Staff Report – Bernie Bugden**

- Current focus is getting on top of projects. Have approximately \$140K of projects in the system at present. There is the opportunity for the Lower Molonglo Vegetation project to be linked with Vegwatch. Mel and Bernie are trying to link projects to Vegwatch and Waterwatch for strategic impact.
- On target in terms of Regional Investment Strategy (RIS). Unable to measure the 20 Million Trees project under RIS as it is Commonwealth funding.
- Linda advised that she now has confirmation of a seventh information session. She is concerned that the other catchment groups have not taken up Vegwatch. Some groups are interested in autumn surveys. Bernie has talked to Tim Wong, ACT Government; he is interested in partnering. The Conservation Council is interested in a forum on monitoring.

**Action:** Linda to discuss with Bernie developing Vegwatch in the other catchments.

## **5.5 Royalla Landcare – Maryke Booth**

- Maryke thanked Linda for lending her skills to Vegwatch and advised that Jim Noble, Vice Chair Royalla Landcare, photocopied all specimens, then checked all the names on the Internet and compiled two folders as per Rainer's book. He has asked Rainer to check them and he will be a guide for next year. Jim pressed the specimens not identified and will do all the report writing.
- The Spring Flower walk was held last week. Identified Fletcher's beard heath, three types of rice flower, *Swainsona recta* and the purple rough burr daisy. Fun was had by all.
- Thanks to Bernie for helping with the funding application.
- Royalla Landcare AGM was held yesterday.

### 5.6 K2C / Queanbeyan Landcare – Tom Baker

- K2C AGM will be held on 21 November at the Community meeting rooms in Crawford Street. At 11.35am there will be a presentation by Kristie Moyle who also worked for SELLS doing connectivity mapping across the K2C region.
- Carried out a survey of the pink-tailed worm lizard, *Aprasia parapulchella* on Fairlane Drive. There was more disturbance by children turning rocks but still found seven lizards.
- A small sub-group is working in Bicentennial Park, protecting orchids, etc.

### 5.7 Friends of Aranda Bushland – Jim Arnold

- A wild flower walk was held last month.
- Fieldwork concentrating on Patterson's Curse, St John's Wort and Capeweed. Now allowed to use MPCA. Did about 23 hours' spraying and has done about half of the total team's work but may have been too late for Capeweed as seeding is already occurring. Also tackling thistles but now have African Lovegrass and Chilean Needlegrass to contend with.

### 5.8 Oaks Estate – Karen Williams

- Vegwatch activity was held on 2 November.

### 5.9 Friends of Black Mountain – Linda Beveridge

The full report is attached.

- A successful weeding day was held on 1 November.

### 5.10 Carwoola Landcare – Lynton Bond

- A Land for Wildlife walk-and-talk was held instead of a wild flower walk on 25 October.
- A weeds day with Palerang Council will be held on 23 November.

## 6. Other Business

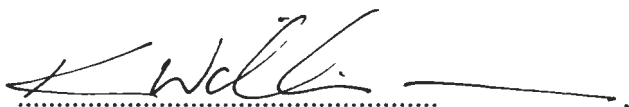
Office Accommodation – on 6 November Parks and Conservation advised that they were unable to offer MCG office accommodation at the former outdoor school site at Jerrabomberra. On the same day Queanbeyan City Council advised that they were preparing to move their staff out of office accommodation in Cassidy Arcade and that MCG would have to take over the full lease or move out also. Lynton sought the Committee's approval to spend \$1,950 per month on rent for the Cassidy Arcade premises until other accommodation is found. Linda seconded the motion and the Committee agreed unanimously. We will have to be out by February but it will give us time to consider other options.

## 7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 5:00pm on Monday, 8 December 2014 at the MCG Office, Unit 13, Cassidy Arcade, 72-76 Monaro Street, Queanbeyan.

## 8. Meeting Close

As all business was concluded Karen declared the meeting closed at 7:30pm.



President

9/2/2015

Date