



Executive and General Meeting

Monday, 19th June, 2006

Queanbeyan Council Chambers

1 Opening

The meeting was opened at 5.40 pm with Lynton Bond (President) in the Chair. A warm welcome was extended to all present.

2 Attendance / Apologies

In attendance were Lynton Bond, Sandra Lloyd, Maryke Booth, John Bruggeman, Charles McDonald, Bruce Taloni, Margaret Piper and Heather Colman.

Apologies were received from Claudia Nye and Tom Baker.

3 Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion: B Taloni / C McDonald

“That minutes be accepted”

Carried

4 Business Arising

(a) Vision Statement; Expand on Greening Australia version.

Motion: J Bruggeman / L Bond

“That the vision statement be adopted”

A healthy, diverse and productive environment treasured by the whole Molonglo Catchment community.

Carried

5 Correspondence list - Coordinator.

(a) As per Heather’s folder.

(b) Tree guards to try out.

(c) “Grassy Ecosystems Management Kit”.

6 Accounts (Maryke Booth) – A/c to be forwarded.

(a) Bank A/c still healthy. Over \$300,000 earning interest in main A/c.

(b) \$7,000 in current account.

(c) Co-ordinator, \$69,000 left in A/c.

(d) We are waiting for projects to start, Banksia Street Wetlands, Trailer, and invoices to come in: MCS Rollout, LBG Willow Management Plan.

7 President’s Reports (Lynton Bond)

(a) Environment ACT working through funding for the next two years. We have milestones that we have to achieve in this time. We need to form a sub committee to assess Heather’s progress, with achievable and progressive goals. Bruce Taloni and John Bruggeman have volunteered for this.

- (b) New structure for NRM council, to replace old advisory structure, which will be more at “arms length” from govt. influence.
- (c) Tour for the NRM on the 23rd June, spaces for 3-4 of us. Preliminary tour on 21st.
- (d) NLP rollout, 1st year, extension to the end of August, \$115,000 altogether, spent \$10,357 so far. GA has approved additional \$60,000 to spend. The next Project is for 2 years with funding to March, '08, subject to successful reporting for 1st of 2 years. \$37,000 for GA management. Greater emphasis on the ACT. Seeking a variation for Pro Graz courses for landholders in the ACT. (19 lessees in the ACT subsidised \$250 for perennial pastures work. \$450 course still needs approval from joint team).
- (e) Banksia Street wetlands, additional funding through ACT govt's NAP allocation, but NAP bilateral agreement needs the PM to sign off. Otherwise Banksia Street can now go ahead.
- (f) LBG Willow Management Plan, GA has final draft ready for printing, after circulation for final approval by all.
- (g) ACT Environmental Grants deadline extended by 1 month to receive more applications. Closed by 2nd June. Our application is for Canberra Stormwater education initiative. Two letters of support for Majura Primary School and ACT Frog Watch. Grassy Ecosystems application not being submitted now, we will do our own work on this now.
- (h) World Environment Day walk, 4th June, - feedback – 98 people signed on, 34 more for another time, 50 filled in response form, rating 1-5, fantastic feedback. A lot of people were turned away before and on the day. Our mailing list nearly doubled after the walk. Next walk, 16th July, 10:00 am.
- (i) Small Area Farming Expo at Qbn. Showground, 1,700 people through the gate, Heather did well, positive feedback here too. We are learning how to do these things.
- (j) New M-ChiP Brochure, Bayne, Mike Schultz and Lynton worked on this, feedback required.
- (k) Along The Molonglo Art Prize, 7th – 28th July, QAS asked for assistance printing invitations. Tom and Lynton offered \$100 for “highly commended” prize.

Motion: C McDonald / M Booth

“That MCG offer \$100 for ‘highly commended’ prize and \$50 QAS for assistance for printing invites”

Carried

8 MCG Inc Coordinator (Heather Colman)

- (a) Visitors to CMA Qbn. now have to sign in before entering.
- (b) We now have “vision statement” for MCG., see sheet.
- (c) Brochures for MCG will now be available at ACT govt. shopfronts.
- (d) Heather attended the ACT Volunteer awards, 4 nominations.
- (e) ACT Parkcare with ACTEWAGL will provide input every 6 months for OH&S, how to change the culture of their staff to do a better job and also repair their damage from the past. Be more environment aware.
- (f) MS Project course, 18-19th July, for Heather to attend if she is able.
- (g) The bamboo stakes used on the Mt. Ainslie walk are to go to John Bruggeman and Murray Kirkland for tree planting on Campbell Ridge.
- (h) Trigger Nozzle hose fitting available for volunteers.
- (i) Communications Strategy, Bruce's input will alter format to make it easier to follow. Hopefully this will be finalised by the end of the month.
- (j) Trailer Quote, Bruce is still waiting for a second quote to come in.
- (k) Drain Stencilling, nothing to report.
- (l) Catchment Tours, nothing to report.
- (m) Vision Statement – business arising above.

9 Other Business

- (a) “Bushland Booklet” to be launched at Qbn. library on 27th July, no time yet.
- (b) The Sony camera we won for being first to register from ACT NRM region on “Landcare On Line” has arrived and we should make it available for use by all volunteer landcare groups in the ACT. Have to set up usage sheet. Lynton is present custodian. Needs to get a memory stick to expand capacity. Maryke has added it to the assets list. We need to get both cameras engraved for identification. Lynton will look into insurance for them.
- (c) Lynton met Kate Boyd, ranger for Jerrabomberra Wetlands, suggests we should have a field day there, Proposed for Aug./Sept.
- (d) ABC Landline will investigate “Willow Wars” on the 25th-26th June.
- (e) MCMA Photographic competition, \$250 cash prize. \$100 for next four runners up.
- (f) UMCCC “Defeating the Weeds” Successful: the application for updating the Willow Management Strategy for the Upper Murrumbidgee for \$392,000 over three years. Heather helped with the application.
- (g) International Landcare Conference in Melbourne on the 8-11th October. Lynton has registration brochures. He and Heather will be attending.
- (h) Email from Steve Welch. He has access to a volunteer with e-commerce skills who is available to us if we need him.
- (i) Bookings for future walks.
- (j) Margaret Piper talked about a rally at the woodchip mill at Eden on the 2nd July
- (k) The Salinity Field Day at *Glenmack* was very successful, with 20 people attending. Charles said that he learnt a lot.

10 Next Meeting, Monday, 10th July 2006, at 5.30pm, QCC Chambers.

11 The meeting was followed by a light supper and a presentation by Ben Cavuoto from GA on “Seeds For Survival”. Three public guests attended.

12 Closure

The meeting was closed at 8.30 pm.

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Action By	Details	Start Date	Due Date	Completed
Email all	Vision Statement	10-04-06	8-05-06	yes
All	Proposal for Social Event for Exec. Members	10-04-06	8-05-06	yes
Working Group	6 month review of Coordinator position	10-04-06	8-05-06	yes
All	Vision Statement – ideas needed	9-05-06	19-06-06	
LB	Expand website to 100MB	9-05-06	19-06-06	yes
LB	Insurance for assets (cameras, M-ChiP meters)	19-06-06	10-07-06	
LB	Purchase memory stick for Sony camera	19-06-06	10-07-06	yes
All	Feedback on M-ChiP brochure	19-06-06	10-07-06	

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