

**Molonglo Catchment Group Inc.  
(ABN 78 210 867 987)**



**2010/11 Annual General Meeting, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011.**

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

**1. Opening and Welcome.**

The meeting was declared open at 5:03 pm by Lynton Bond, (President), in the Chair. A warm welcome was extended to all present.

**2. Attendance / Apologies**

In attendance were Lynton Bond, Tom Baker, Maryke Booth, John Bruggeman, Karen Williams, Jim Arnold, Andrew Westcott and Dr. Stephen Skinner.  
Apologies were received from Sandra Lloyd, Margaret Piper.  
One visitor attended, Don Fraser from Burra Landcare.

**3. Minutes of 2009/10 AGM Held on 15th November 2010.**

Minutes were available on the MCG Inc. website. A hard copy was tabled for the Chairman's signature when adopted.

**Motion: Bond/ Williams**

**"That Minutes of AGM held on 15th November, 2010, be adopted as a true record."**

**Carried**

**4. Business Arising.**

Lawler Partners were retained as Auditors for 2010/2011.

A thank you present was purchased for Helen for her work as bookkeeper.

**5. Reports:**

**a. President's Report - Lynton Bond**

The President circulated copies of his report by email prior to the meeting and spoke to the major issues for the year.

Lynton's impression of the year just gone: "steady as she goes", but we may be getting taken for granted.

We can be proud of the Majura Valley project. We've kept landholders talking and working to objectives, thanks to Andy and Sherry McArdle-English for doing some stirring up. As a result outcomes are affecting Eastern Broadacre development policy. Thank you Andy.

At Floriade this year we were by ourselves as the MCG (no art on display) and had quite a good week, particularly on the family day public holiday where we got to talk to locals. For the Regional Landcare Awards we had three nominations, two of which got up.

However, the third, Stephen's, didn't. Lynton was disappointed and thinks that Stephen was robbed.

In the Regional Achievement and Community Awards we made it into the semi finals (the plaque is not yet up on the wall). Lynton was disappointed as he stated that we do extremely good work and are equal to anyone else in the state. The document created for this entry will be useful in the future for other applications.

Lynton again congratulated Andy on becoming a fellow of the Peter Cullen Trust, despite his ongoing illness.

The year ahead won't be any easier than the one just passed with urban growth continuing and projects such as Eastern Broadacre, M2G, and now The Poplars etc. on the table.

Lynton is proud of the way the group acts as a group, a team that is working well together, and thanks all.

Tom, on the committee's behalf expressed appreciation for Lynton's leadership over the last 12 months and also since the establishment of the group. Well done, Lynton.

#### **b. Auditor's Report / Financial Statement - Treasurer - Maryke Booth**

The Treasurer has been away on holidays and as a result there is no Auditor's Report at present. Lawler Partners should have the audit of our books completed by Christmas. Maryke has completed the financial papers for the year to July 2011 and presented them at the meeting.

Acceptance of the business report has been deferred until received. Agreed to by all present.

#### **c. Coordinator's Report – Andrew Westcott**

The Coordinator's report was circulated by email prior to the meeting.

Seven recommendations have resulted from the process of the successful Majura Valley project, three having already been implemented, Eastern Broadacre review, establishment of a Landcare group and a reference group for the Majura Parkway. This is a brilliant project and it is important that MCG maintains its presence there.

The Arts community aspect of the Seeing Grasslands project was another highlight for this year.

The Sustainability on Small Farms project was excellent value for money, with nine field days being held (not the original five that had been planned for) and 216 people participating.

The application for an ACT Environment Grant for a Biodiversity Monitoring Feasibility Trial based on the Guide to Vegetation Monitoring with Sarah Sharp and Vanessa Keyser was successful and received funding.

The Guide to Water Plants of the ACT and Region developed by Stephen and Vanessa (thank you both) was completed and is as popular as the Frog guide.

Two new groups, Majura Valley LC and Friends of Glenburn joined us this year.

In closing Andy is wary that we may be spreading ourselves too thinly due to our commitments and scope and feels we should be cautious that we don't take on too much. He thanks Lynton, Stephen and the committee members for our support throughout the year. All up a busy year.

#### **d. Waterwatch Coordinators Report – Dr. Stephen Skinner**

The Waterwatch Coordinator's report was circulated by email prior to the meeting.

Stephen is a man of few words but he remarked that he often gets mixed up with weeds, not water: e.g. the Chinese Elm issue in Trinculo Place goes on and on and on ...

Stephen thanked all involved with Waterwatch and the committee for their enthusiasm.

#### **6. Appointment of Returning Officer**

Andy Westcott accepted nomination as Returning Officer.

#### **7. Election of Management Committee**

Lynton Bond vacated the Chair. The Returning Officer took control of the Meeting. Andy declared all positions on the committee vacant and called for nominations for the following positions:

**President.**

**Lynton Bond** Nominated: Williams Seconded: Baker  
No further nominations. Declared elected by acclamation

**Vice President.**

**Tom Baker** Nominated: Bruggeman Seconded: Bond  
No further nominations. Declared elected by acclamation

**Treasurer.**

**Maryke Booth** Nominated: Bond Seconded: Baker  
**Conditions:** Bookkeeper to be engaged, Maryke is happy to continue payroll duties. Accepted.  
Declared elected by acclamation

**Secretary.**

**John Bruggeman** Nominated: Booth Seconded: Williams  
No further nominations. Declared elected by acclamation

**4 Committee Members.**

<b>Don Fraser</b>	Nominated:	Baker	Seconded:	Bond
<b>Jim Arnold</b>	"	Bruggeman	"	Williams
<b>Margaret Piper</b>	"	Bruggeman	"	Arnold
<b>Karen Williams</b>	"	Booth	"	Arnold

No further nominations were received. The above 4 members declared elected. All positions filled.

**Public Officer.**

**John Bruggeman** Nominated: Booth Seconded: Bond

Andy Westcott vacated the Chair. The re-elected President, Lynton Bond, occupied the Chair.

**8. Appointment of Auditor**

Maryke recommends that we retain Lawler Partners to act as the group's auditors. Lynton would like to get some quotes for bookkeeping services before we approve the appointment of an auditor. This is to be carried forward to the next general meeting for approval. Accepted.

**9. Business**

Nil.

**10. Closure**

Lynton thanked the members for their commitment and interest and declared the meeting closed at 5:32 pm.

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(Chairman)

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(Date)