



## Northern United Forestry Group

### Monthly Meeting. Raywood Golf Club, 8:00pm Wednesday 28 January 2009

#### 1 Welcome and Apologies

President Ian Rankin declared the meeting open at 8:15pm.

**Present:** Phil Dyson, Ian Rankin, Rob Comer, Tim Johns, Mal Brown, Malory Weston, Darren Bain, Paul Haw, Paul Turnbull, James Williams, Tim Barden, Penny Wall, Andrew Chapple, Colin Falls.

**Apologies:** Darren Kerr, John Toll, Lindsay Cail, Stewart Ayson, Meg Ayson, Ken Wellard, Louise Wellard, Trevor Barker, Barbara Lindemann, Andrew Wall, Amanda McClaren, Drew Gailey.

Motion: "The apologies be accepted." Moved MW. Seconded TB. Carried.

#### 2 Minutes of previous meeting held 26 November 2008

Motion: "The minutes of the meeting held at Raywood Hotel 26 November 2008, be accepted as a true and accurate record of what took place at the meeting." Moved MB. Seconded MW. Carried.

#### 3 Business arising from previous minutes

No business arising.

#### 4 Correspondence In

- ♦ TB – Loddon LC Newsletter Dec 08, Ed 8; Season's greetings.
- ♦ Rhonda Day – Payment for URS surveys (\$60 cheque); Campaspe LC diary; 2009 events; eFARMER training; Campaspe LC grants.
- ♦ VFF Farm tree & LC Assoc – Membership certificate; FTLA Governance Training Programme, Tuesday March 26, 2009, Bendigo.
- ♦ NCCMA – Vic LC mag spring 08 Issue 44; Waterwatch Catchment Connection winter newsletter; Australian LC mag Dec 08; LMCLP Developing Community Leadership in NC region; Aust LC mag Oct 08; Invitation to participate in Vic Investment Framework Workshop.
- ♦ MB – Tang Tang swamp proposal (via email)
- ♦ Liz Hamilton – Corangamite FF Project.
- ♦ IR – Australian Forest & Timber magazine, Issue 8 Vol 117, Dec 08.
- ♦ Rowan Reid – Invitation to MTG review meeting 31/3 to 1/4/09 Deans Marsh.

#### 5 Correspondence Out

- ♦ TJ – G-M Water Bore Permits.

Motion: "That correspondence be accepted." Moved PD. Seconded JW. Carried.

#### 6 Reports

**President's report** – Ian Rankin reminded the group of the well-attended and highly successful Christmas break-up for the group. Ian thanked the contributions toward the success of the day including Trevor Barker of Loddon Shire LC for food and Andy Hay for lamb for the BBQ.

- ♦ **Treasurer's report** – Rob Comer reported on NUGF's income and expenditure as at 28 January 2009.

Motion: "That the Treasurer's report at 28 January 2009 be approved and that accounts received be approved for payment." Moved RC. Seconded JW. Carried.

- ♦ **Social Secretary's Report** – Not present.

- ♦ **Kamo/CC2 Report** – Phil gave a representation of the history of the Kamo project for the new members present. Phil presented the watertable elevation (RHD) across the Kamo site showing the depression underneath the plantations & remnant veg. compared with the saltbush. CC2 - progress report done, comments from Feds in, drilling next week. Evap pans done, all going well, Fort Milloo up and running.

## 7 General Business

1. IR – Presentation made to proprietors of Raywood Hotel regarding their part in the success of NUFG and the Kamo project over the life of the group. A sugar gum Kamo project plaque will now hang in the hotel.
2. MB – Tang Tang swamp project proposal to meeting. Mal presented the Tang Tang values and threats, goals, index of wetland condition (IWC), redgum canopy density, brolga breeding. The group discussed the merits of the project. The meeting was in general agreement with the proposal going forward. <u>Motion:</u> NUFG support MB to go forward with Tang Tang project as presented. Moved JW. Seconded MW. Carried.
3. DB – Whole Farm Planning available to interested parties.
4. IR – Master Tree Grower review meeting discussed, will be on 31/3 to 1/4/09 at Dean's Marsh.
5. DB – To send out update of e-FARMER to members. TJ to disseminate as appropriate.

- 8 Meeting closed:** 9:58pm. **Next Meeting:** Raywood Hotel 25 February 2009, starting at 8pm.