



Northern United Forestry Group

Monthly Meeting. Raywood Hotel, 8pm Wednesday 28 March 2007

1 Welcome and Apologies

President Ian Rankin declared the meeting open at 8:05pm.

Present: Rob Comer, Darren Kerr, Tim Johns, Andy Hay, Phil Dyson, Ian Rankin, James Williams, Trevor Barker, Ken Wellard, Louise Wellard, Lynda Cartwright.

Apologies: Shaun Quayle, Darren Bain, Greg Rankin, Prue Borschmann, Marg Dack, Mal Brown, Lindsay Cail, Mal Johnson, John Toll, Tim Barden, Roger Trewick, Di Trewick, Stuart Ayson, Megan Ayson.

Motion: "That the apologies be accepted." Moved Ken Wellard. Seconded Louise Wellard. Carried.

2 Minutes of previous meeting held 28 February 2007

Motion: "That the minutes of the meeting held at the Raywood Golf Club 28 February 2007, be accepted as a true and accurate record of what took place at the meeting." Moved Andy Hay. Seconded Rob Comer. Carried.

3 Business arising from previous minutes

- ♦ Rhonda Day – awaiting monies from completed forms (still waiting)

4 Correspondence In

- ♦ Trevor Barker – Loddon shire Landcare celebration – Monday 16 April. Contact Trevor by 30 March, phone 5494 1200.
- ♦ Andrew Lang – Farm forestry group newsletters
- ♦ Andrew Lang – Smarttimbers – farm forestry management plan (Rokewood, Colac, Hamilton)
- ♦ NCCMA – 2nd Generation Landcare (bus tour) – cheque.
- ♦ BIFFN – enquiries and new members – flyers.

5 Correspondence Out

- ♦ Climate change project – invoice for first 50% of funds.

Motion: "That the correspondence be accepted." Moved Darren Kerr. Seconded James Williams. Carried.

6 Reports

- ♦ President's report – Ian Rankin handed over to Trevor Barker to give run-down on Kids Landcare at East Loddon. The site is adjacent to the school along Bullock creek. The school is supportive and the kids are as well. The children will collect seeds and propagate the trees so that they can go right through the entire process to planting and follow-up. Penny Wall is the project officer. The project site is 17ha. On the 19th and 20th of April Pembroke College will visit the Kamarooka site. Ian asked for members to look at the site and help with provision of information and help with the kids.
- ♦ Treasurer's report – Rob Comer reported on NUGF's income and expenditure as at 28 March 2007.

Motion: "That the Treasurer's report at 28 March 2007 be approved and that accounts received be approved for payment." Moved Rob Comer. Seconded Phil Dyson. Carried.

- ♦ Kamarooka ground water - Phil Dyson presented data from the groundwater monitoring bores, which is "fairly conclusively" indicating that the trees are lowering the water table.

7 General Business

- ♦ Timing of FF Tour. Date set at Thursday 26 April 2007 for the tour, James Williams to organise.
- ♦ Climate Change Project. Drilling to start in 2-3 weeks time. Rainfall Loggers being built by Envirodata. Bore loggers and other items to be purchased. Evaporation pans to be fabricated. E-farmer photos should be loaded up by next week. Most of the equipment should be in place by the next meeting.
- ♦ 10 year celebration for NUFG. Lynda Cartwright to have a think about what to do for this celebration. Rough timing around November 2007.
- ♦ Website developments. A link to the Bureau of Meteorology has been added as well as a counter for visitors to the site.
- ♦ Trivia Night – Lynda offered to run a trivia night around September 2007.
- ♦ Seed orchard proposal. Ken Wellard discussed the various issues found and contacts he has made regarding a seed orchard for acacia *Stenophylla*. Ken to measure and check out some 10 year old plantations. Very little research has been done on the species. Ken is still investigating.

8 Meeting closed: 9:25pm. **Next Meeting:** Raywood Golf Club, 8pm Wednesday 25 April 2007.