



Northern United Forestry Group

Monthly Meeting. Raywood Hotel, 8:00pm Wednesday 26 March 2008

1 Welcome and Apologies

President Ian Rankin declared the meeting open at 8:10pm.

Present: Rob Comer, Tim Johns, Phil Dyson, Ian Rankin, Mal Brown, Darren Kerr, Darren Bain, Shaun Quayle, Ken Wellard, Louise Wellard, Lindsay Cail, James Williams, Aldo Penbrook, Andy Hay, Robyn McKay.

Apologies: John Toll, Neville Sims, Adam Sims. Motion: "That the apologies be accepted." Moved MB. Seconded AH. Carried.

2 Minutes of previous meeting held 27 February 2008

Motion: "That the minutes of the meeting held at the Raywood Hotel 27 February 2008, be accepted as a true and accurate record of what took place at the meeting." Moved SQ. Seconded AP. Carried.

3 Business arising from previous minutes

Issue/Action	By Whom	By When	Status
FF Toolbox V5 – New person has taken over from Andy. Shaun to organise training day.	SQ	May 08	Active
MB has met with Geoff Park re- running a MTG course. Melb Uni /Rowan Reid/Budget put together by Mal.	MB		Ongoing
Saltbush seeder – Sandblasted and undercoated. Will be painted bottle green. Signage to be provided by Robyn McKay.			
MTG budget has been developed. Meeting with Uni Melb on 10 April regarding running a course.			
Polo shirts & caps. <u>Motion:</u> Due to the need for uniforms to identify members running the field day, cover the purchase of hats and caps via Kamo budget. Moved MB. Seconded DK. Carried.			

4 Correspondence In

- ♦ Trevor Barker- Loddon Landcare dinner 21/4/08 @ Serpentine 6pm. 8 members to go, TJ to correspond to TB.
- ♦ Rhonda Day- Wollemi Pine offer. If requests exceed available stocks a ballot will be held.
- ♦ Kowarra sandalwood field day.
- ♦ Sue Bennett- Central Vic Agribusiness Forum /NUFG membership call Sue.
- ♦ CSIRO- Agrifood awareness, hands-on gene technology 19/20 June 08 BRIT.
- ♦ Andrew Lang- FF field day Lismore, Titanga 11/4/08 12:30 to 4:00pm.
- ♦ Andrew Lang- Report on frame saw mill for milling small diameter timbers.
- ♦ Vic Landcare Mag- Autumn 08, Iss 42 – article on NUFG.

5 Correspondence Out

- ♦ MB- NLP Kamo final report 06/07 to NCCMA & Federal govt.
- ♦ MB- 2007 Animal use return to DPI.

Motion: "That the correspondence be accepted." Moved KW. Seconded LW. Carried.

6 Reports

- ♦ **President's report** – Ian Rankin reported on the National Landcare facilitator visit to Kamo. Present were Paul Carroll, Coral Love and Darren Williams with NUFG members. The visitors were impressed with the work being done, and a good afternoon was had

by all. NCCMA DVD Launch: Representatives of the group were present @ Sutton Grange winery. Very good production by Phil Ashton.

♦ **Treasurer's report** – Rob Comer reported on NUFG's income and expenditure as at 26 March 2008.

Motion: "That the Treasurer's report at 26 March 2008 be approved and that accounts received be approved for payment." Moved RC. Seconded LC. Carried.

♦ **Social Secretary's Report** – James spoke about the NCCMA DVD launch and the Field day.

♦ **Kamarooka Project Report** – Mal went through some of the logistics and information pertaining to the field day. 55 RSVPs, lots of advertising. Chairs and tent to be through hire company. 2 speakers and microphone booked. Swan Hill seed bank/ Ballarat seed bank present. Ian MacBean to launch poster. Various politicians to be present. Zöe Toll to be asked to prepare arrangements for dignitaries. Pembroke college/ East Loddon visit 17/4/08. Echuca bird observers visited Kamo – were really pleased with the bird-life present.

♦ **Kamarooka ground water** – Phil presented that the watertable under the plantation is still falling rapidly. Bores under the salt land also falling. The big depression under the plantation has re-established.

♦ **Climate change Project** – Mal presented data from Leichardt during Oct/ Dec/ March for evaporation. Phil showed evap. data from Circle T. Drilling complete. Rob/ Lindsay/ James to get enclosures happening for their monitoring equipment.

7 General Business

PD- Nico Marcar to visit Kamo with 3 Thai and 1 Pakistani experts on trees in saline landscapes on 28/3/08 from ~2:30pm.
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SQ- tree diaries available.

IR- NUFG Windcheaters, \$30 each.

PD- 28/3 Nico Marcar going to Kamo with 3 colleagues from Thailand.

8 **Meeting closed:** 10:00pm. **Next Meeting:** Kamarooka site following the field day, 24 April, 2008.