



Northern United Forestry Group

Monthly Meeting. Raywood Golf Club, 8pm Wednesday 25 March 2009

1 Welcome and Apologies

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

Present: Phil Dyson, Ian Rankin, Rob Comer, Tim Johns, Mal Brown, Darren Bain, Darren Kerr, Robyn McKay, John Childs, Lindsay Cail, Stewart Ayson, James Williams, Marg Dack, John Toll, Mal Johnson, Penny Wall.

Apologies: Ken Wellard, Trevor Barker, Andy Hay, Meg Ayson, Louise Wellard, Malory Weston, Shaun Quayle

Motion: "The apologies be accepted." Moved SA. Seconded RMcK. Carried.

2 Minutes of previous meeting held 25 February 2009

Motion: "The minutes of the meeting held at Raywood Hotel 25 February 2009, be accepted as a true and accurate record of what took place at the meeting." Moved DB. Seconded JC. Carried.

3 Business arising from previous minutes

1. Monies donated to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal.
2. Monitoring instruments at Kamo and other places are not insured (RC).

4 Correspondence In

- ♦ MB – Loddon shire LC dinner at Serpentine 4/5/09, Names and numbers to Ranx.
- ♦ NCCMA – State of the Environment Report 2008, Tues 7/4/09 3-5pm, Capital Theatre Bendigo, RSVP NCCMA.
- ♦ NCCMA – "Celebrating Our Most Significant Changes", Stories of LC in NC Victoria.

5 Correspondence Out

- ♦ None recorded.

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

6 Reports

President's report – Ian Rankin stated that he will attend the MTG meeting with SQ next Tues/Wed. SQ to deliver the FF toolbox at the next meeting.

Treasurer's report – Rob Comer reported on NUGF's income and expenditure as at 25 March 2009.

Motion: "That the Treasurer's report at 25 March 2009 be approved and that accounts received be approved for payment." Moved RC. Seconded LC. Carried.

Social Secretary's Report – Robyn stated that the NUGF Trivia night will be at the Dingee Hall. \$110 hire. Friday 19/6/09 chosen as the night. Robyn will put out a flyer. Bar licence to be sorted by IR. Need to chase up prizes. Dressed lamb to be provided by John Toll. Thanks John.

Kamo/CC2 Report – Phil updated the group on the status of Kamo. The watertable is now at 5.27m below the surface of the NUGF plantation and 4.7m below the biodiversity planting and is continuing to fall. Wed 29/4/09, BRIT students to visit the Kamo site – need volunteers to help. Pembroke college. East Loddon P-12 also to visit 28/4/09. The Climate Change project is at the stage of putting down more groundwater monitoring bores. Watson's drilling has drilled holes at Ranx's place. A shallow watertable is present at about 8-10m ~2700ppm. Another aquifer from 12-17m ~ 800ppm. In the treed area the water is ~700ppm @ 6m. The aquifers are in sand seams. Fort Milloo is fully operational. Evap. basin, rainfall recorder, upper and

lower aquifer and plantation bores. The data logger is now in at Cail's. Kerr's place – plan to put a bore in at South end of the “swamp”. There is water at about 6m. The drill rig broke down at Kerr's and is currently being repaired. At the Williams' – floodplain drilling, sown to lucerne, around 500,000 trees, water at 2 depths, ~35 feet and ~90 feet. Then heading to the Johns'. At the Ayson's ~10km South of the Williams', there is an existing bore 22m deep which has very clean water at 13m. Another aquifer is present with very mineral-rich water. Soil pits are to be dug between now and June 30 at the various project locations.

7 General Business

1. IR – Thanks to Trevor Barker for representing NUFG manning stand at Loddon LC event.
2. MB – LC Celebration – Little Lake Boort – NUFG display, Paul Haw indigenous display, mental health display, DPI – Farm plan 21.
3. MB – LC funding for LC officers being pulled by Commonwealth Govt. NCCMA and shires working on what will happen to LC positions.
4. Motion: “That a letter to be written in support of shire based LC co-ordinators in this area.” Moved JW. Seconded RMcK. Carried.
5. MB – Tang Tang Swamp proposal update. Proposal will be entered next week. Various issues and opportunities discussed. More info to be collected on sites of significance. Work being done to further the proposal. Has been discussed at the last few meetings.
6. PD – Phil has presented the Kamo story to various interested parties recently, including; La Trobe Bundoora (now part of curriculum and assessment based on Kamo), Arnold - LC Kangderaar Ck, Murphy's Ck, etc, Science Academics and post graduate students at La Trobe university. Well-done Phil!
7. DB – Farm Plan 21 – Salisbury West keen, dates to be set. Call Darren if interested. Interested parties may be able to fit in with Salisbury West. Six four-hour sessions required for the course.
8. IR – Marg Dack presented with a plaque for her involvement in the Kamo project and as a group member as part of the 10 year celebrations. Congratulations Marg!

8 **Meeting closed:** 9:25pm. **Next Meeting:** Raywood Hotel 22 April 2009, starting at 8pm.