



# Northern United Forestry Group

## Monthly Meeting. Raywood Golf Club, 8:00pm Wednesday 25 June 2008

### 1 Welcome and Apologies

President Ian Rankin declared the meeting open at 8:00pm.

**Present:** Darren Kerr, Shaun Quayle, Tim Johns, Phil Dyson, Ian Rankin, Ken Wellard, Lindsay Cail, Aldo Penbrook, Andy Hay, Anne Murphy, Louise Wellard, Darren Bain, Paul Turnbull, James Williams, Andrew Wall, Robyn McKay, Malory Weston, Keith Murphy.

**Apologies:** Rob Comer, Mal Brown, John Toll, Mark Phelan, Penny Wall, Tim Barden, Amanda McClaren, Trevor Barker, Zoë Toll.

Motion: "The apologies be accepted." Moved DK. Seconded AM. Carried.

### 2 Minutes of previous meeting held 28 May 2008

Motion: "The minutes of the meeting held at Raywood Hotel 28 April 2008, be accepted as a true and accurate record of what took place at the meeting." Moved KW. Seconded LW. Carried.

### 3 Business arising from previous minutes

<b>Issue/Action</b>	<b>By Whom</b>	<b>By When</b>	<b>Status</b>
FF Toolbox V5 – Need to organise some time pre/post meeting to present V4 (4-5 weeks)	SQ/TJ	Sept 08	Active
BIFFN didn't attend Kamo as planned due to insufficient numbers.			
Kangaroo Flat & Gilmore Colleges also cancelled on a trip to Kamo.			
Landcare CarbonSMART members DB, AP, JT, ZT, KW attended. Discussion about Carbon credits for plantations. There is a process for locating and assessing each plantation wrt carbon sequestration and payment at market rate each year for 20 years. To be considered by members.			

### 4 Correspondence In

- ♦ Vic Govt. – Funding to Support Volunteers across Victoria.
- ♦ Fed Govt via MB/AMcC – Caring for Country Grants open 2008-09.
- ♦ Dept of Ag Fish Forest – Remittance Advice Climate Change final 20%.

### 5 Correspondence Out

- ♦ NUFG/NCCMA – NUFG 2008 MTG Co-ordinator.
- ♦ NUFG/NCCMA – Unsuccessful applicant letters MTG co-ordinator(x3)
- ♦ TJ – NLP NREG 2006/07 final report.

Motion: "That the correspondence be accepted." Moved LC. Seconded AW. Carried.

### 6 Reports

- ♦ **President's report** – Ian Rankin reported on the NUFG MTG committee meetings he has attended during the month. Has been a lot of activity getting the MTG course off the ground.

♦ **Treasurer's report** – In Rob Comer's absence a run-down of NUFG's income and expenditure as at 28 May 2008 was given from Rob's tendered report.

Motion: "That the Treasurer's report at 25 June 2008 be approved and that accounts received be approved for payment." Moved DK. Seconded RMck. Carried.

- ♦ **Social Secretary's Report** – James asked for ideas for the 10 year celebration. Ideas included a bus trip, Ranx's or James' hut - have a catered party, Nullarbor timber and Moama bowling club to follow. It was generally agreed that it would be good to do something "different".
- ♦ **Kamarooka Project Report** – Mal absent; finalising the Kamo report.
- ♦ **Kamarooka ground water** – Phil gave a history on Kamo site ground water. Separation between woody veg and the saltbush/native grass areas. Sap-flow meters showing usage of water by trees on those being monitored (cladocalyx and occidentalis). Dendrometers measuring change in circumference of tree ~10mm/60 days in late autumn/early winter.
- ♦ **Climate change Project** – Soil pits exhibited very interesting pH profiles which open up areas for further study. The water balance diagrams were shown and feedback received from members as to how best to present the information. Rain intensity has been an important gain in the data retrieved from the project. Climate change seems to be sending up high intensity storms, and this can be measured with great accuracy using the tipping bucket gauges. The final report was sent in and a copy of the report circulated at the meeting.

## 7 General Business

1. International salinity conference – Adelaide. Andy went for 2 days of the conference and attended saltbush sessions and 12-14 different rooms for discussions. Andy felt that the work being done in Australia seems to be well ahead of other nations represented. Shaun presented a range of photos he took from a tour during the conference. This included a range of views of various salinity sites around the outskirts of Adelaide, Waikerie, a salt-pan, citrus groves, interception engineering and fish farming. Phil's highlight was presenting the Kamo story to ~70 people. Having people come back to him really interested about the work being done. Phil commented that it was refreshing to be part of one of only 2 or 3 real success stories presented at the conference.

2. Aldo presented to the meeting about the NCCMA community consultation session (focus group). A position statement for NUFG is being worked on by Phil to provide feedback to this forum. There was a wide-ranging discussion during this item including an assertion by James that it was essential to keep supporting the community consultation area. There is a follow-up session to come.

3. MTG – The steering committee has met. The course will start 4/8/08. 1<sup>st</sup> day to include Rowan Reid. At this stage 25 starters. Need a few more to be sure in case there is some drop-out. Flier to be sent out with minutes. Data projector – PD said ok to use his data projector for the course sessions. Screen – SQ/LC both have screens that can be used.

8 **Meeting closed:** 10:10pm. **Next Meeting:** Raywood Hotel 23 July 2008, following the AGM, which starts at 8pm.