



# Northern United Forestry Group

## Monthly Meeting. Raywood Hotel, 8pm Wednesday 25 July 2007

### 1 Welcome and Apologies

President Ian Rankin declared the meeting open at 8:45pm.

**Present:** Rob Comer, Tim Johns, Phil Dyson, Ian Rankin, Mal Brown, John Toll, Trevor Barker, Ken Wellard, Louise Wellard, Shaun Quayle, Lindsay Cail, Aldo Penbrook, Howard Perry, Amanda McLaren, Mal Johnson.

**Apologies:** Tim Barden, Darren Bain, Darren Kerr, Andy Hay, James Williams, Prue Borschmann.

**Motion:** "That the apologies be accepted." Moved SQ. Seconded JT. Carried.

### 2 Minutes of previous meeting held 27 June 2007

**Motion:** "That the minutes of the meeting held at the Raywood Golf Club 27 June 2007, be accepted as a true and accurate record of what took place at the meeting." Moved KW. Seconded RC. Carried.

### 3 Business arising from previous minutes

<i>Issue/Action</i>	<i>By Whom</i>	<i>By When</i>	<i>Status</i>
Improved adherence to timeliness of meetings	NUFG members	Ongoing	Ongoing
Send letter regarding issues with accessing EFARMER including infrastructure to relevant authorities	Tim Johns	25/07//07	Not Complete more info required.
Plantation development notice for Kamo site?	Mal Brown	25/07/07	Complete
Provide a list of items to develop a pro-forma for FF Tour 2	James Williams	before 25/07/07	Complete
Develop pro-forma as above	Tim Johns	25/07/07	Complete
Provide photos to Phil Dyson from FF tour 1	Members with photos from tour	ASAP	Complete
Send flier to BIFFN for pruning day	Tim Johns	28/06/07	Complete

### 4 Correspondence In

- ♦ DPI Animal Ethics Committee – Report on Kamo NUGF grazing trial accepted and recorded as complete.
- ♦ DSE Justin Popp – Alcoa Landcare Community Group Award.
- ♦ Victorian Environmental Assessment Council – River Red Gum Forests investigation summary
- ♦ Amanda McLaren – Healthy & Sustainable Soils (Electronic newsletter).
- ♦ Marc Moncrief – Carbon Trading.
- ♦ BRIT – Course in sustainable water management.
- ♦ Trevor Barker – variety of information including courses available at Inglewood Community Centre. Weed replacement plants, etc.
- ♦ RF Moulds/ Smarttimbers – Book – The Dynamic Forest.

### 5 Correspondence Out

- ♦ James Williams – Official report Farm Forestry Tour 1 2007.

- ♦ Mal Brown – Kamarooka Plantation development notice.

**Motion:** “That the correspondence be accepted.” Moved JT. Seconded MJ. Carried.

## 6 Reports

- ♦ President's report – Ian Rankin reported on the Kamarooka pruning day held 1<sup>st</sup> July 2007. The day had 9 members participating and undertaking pruning in the forestry section. 2005 plantation still needs some work, 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of 2004 plantation to go. The 26<sup>th</sup> of August has been put forward as the next pruning day for the group at Kamo.

- ♦ Treasurer's report – Rob Comer reported on NUFG's income and expenditure as at 25 July 2007.

**Motion:** “That the Treasurer's report at 25 July 2007 be approved and that accounts received be approved for payment.” Moved RC. Seconded LC. Carried.

- ♦ Kamarooka project report. Mal Brown commented on the pruning day held at Kamarooka including the well-received support from Paul Turnbull. Arising from discussions on the day an A.stenophylla monitoring project has arisen with various treatments & measuring key growth criteria. Mal has written the brief for the economic analysis of the Kamo grazing trial and sent it for appraisal. The field day planned for September 2007 postponed until April 2008. Phil Dyson's abstract for the International Salinity conference in Adelaide Mar/Apr 2008 edited. The Ecohealth conference abstract has been accepted and will be developed into a full paper. Mal requested support for conference registration (Nov/Dec 2007), which was accepted. Mal has been liaising with Tracey Reed, DAFF, re 2007/2008 project application detail. The plantation development notice was written for the Kamo site. Ranx and Mal met with Bill Hunter re – launch of Kamo DVD, launch imminent. Mal attended soil health workshop, & soil carbon measurement will be included across the four treatments at Kamo.

- ♦ Kamarooka ground water - Phil Dyson reported on the major changes in groundwater under the treatments at Kamo following rains. Simplistically – the wooded areas are rising a little and the rest far more rapidly. There is now good separation between the plantation, remnant and biodiversity versus the saltbush/saline areas.

- ♦ Climate change Project – Phil reported that he now had in place the first of the locally manufactured evaporation pans as part of the project. Security to be worked on. Drilling of bores not started as yet due to availability of drillers (1 to 2 weeks).

## 7 General Business

- ♦ SQ discussed with the meeting the necessity for a pruning/thinning day to be held at Ranx's – deemed not necessary at this stage.
- ♦ Steering Committee meeting for Climate Change Project to be held 6:30 at Raywood hotel prior to the next NUFG meeting.
- ♦ Aldo Penbrook gave an informative presentation on Carbon Trading – the status and possibilities for the group.

**8 Meeting closed:** 10:30pm. **Next Meeting:** Raywood Hotel, 8pm Wednesday 22 August 2007.