



Northern United Forestry Group

Monthly Meeting. Raywood Golf Club, 8:00pm Wednesday 23 July 2008

1 Welcome and Apologies

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

Present: Darren Kerr, Penny Wall, Jan MacKay, Tim Johns, Phil Dyson, Ian Rankin, Mal Brown, John Toll, Ken Wellard, Louise Wellard, Lindsay Cail, Aldo Penbrook, Andy Hay, Amanda McClaren, Anne Murphy, Darren Bain, Robyn McKay, Keith Murphy, Mal Johnson.

Apologies: Trevor Barker, Shaun Quayle, James Williams, Rob Comer, Malory Weston, Andrew Wall.

Motion: "The apologies be accepted." Moved AP. Seconded JT. Carried.

2 Minutes of previous meeting held 25 June 2008

Motion: "The minutes of the meeting held at Raywood Hotel 25 June 2008, be accepted as a true and accurate record of what took place at the meeting." Moved AP. Seconded DK. Carried.

3 Business arising from previous minutes

Issue/Action	By Whom	By When	Status
FF Toolbox V5 – Need to organise some time pre/post meeting to present V4 (4-5 weeks)	SQ/TJ	Sept 08	Active
Hay/NUFG agreement – forestry at Kamo.	IR	Ongoing	Active

4 Correspondence In

- ♦ NCCMA (Allison Long) – NC Vic June LC update 2008. NUFG – MTG course. Governance training NCCMA/LC for LandCare groups. Caring for our country grants 2008/09. LC volunteer recruitment grants. Australian LC June 2008. Victorian LC Autumn 08 Issue 42.
- ♦ Vic FF – Vic LC winter 08 Issue 43.
- ♦ CGB LC (Greg Akers) – Agribusiness summit Sept 24/25 2008 – Bendigo.
- ♦ DPI (Darren Bain) – Sustainable living & land use field day, Sun 3/8/08 1-4pm, Huntly & Bagshot Nth.
- ♦ Dept Climate Change via Steve Gibbons – Budget overview 2008/09.
- ♦ Dept Env, Water, Heritage & Arts via Steve Gibbons – Budget overview 2008/09.
- ♦ Shire of Campaspe (Rhonda Day) – Caring for our country. Vic volunteer small grants info. Vic LC Gateway info. Governance training. Campaspe LC brochure. Major LC expo. Our Water Mark.
- ♦ Loddon Shire (Trevor Barker) – Loddon LC newsletter (e-mail).
- ♦ DPI (Darren Bain) – Swan Hill seedbank newsletter. North Bendigo LC invitation.
- ♦ Otway FFN – Andrew Stewart harvest field day
- ♦ Westpac LC award for treasurers.
- ♦ Minister for Agric., Fish, Forestry – Caring for our country acceptance (1 Year funding). AMcC noted that there were 14 projects in the region of which only 3 were funded.

5 Correspondence Out

- ♦ MB – Offer for presentation to Agribusiness Summit by NUFG.

- ♦ IR – Support for East Loddon P-12's Australia's Open Garden scheme grant program application.

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

6 Reports

- ♦ **President's report** – Ian Rankin reported that the steering committees for both Climate Change and MTG programs have met to finalise various details.

- ♦ **Treasurer's report** – The report was tendered as per the AGM.

Motion: "That the Treasurer's report at 23 July 2008 be approved and that accounts received be approved for payment." Moved IR. Seconded LW. Carried.

- ♦ **Social Secretary's Report** – Not present (apology).
- ♦ **Kamarooka Project Report** – Mal presented information on the Chemical analysis done on soils at Kamo. He also showed diagrams illustrating the amount of salt in the soil at Kamo.
- ♦ **Kamarooka ground water** – Phil presented that all areas of groundwater under Kamo have reached a plateau. Sap flow data is showing that even with short days and cold nights, when the sun is up – trees are using (saline) water each day. Dendrometers are measuring trunk diameters every 10 minutes. Upper catchment bore which had a data logger added some 18 months ago has had data downloaded and analysed and has shown GW falling at ~ 1m over 18 month period. Temperatures have also been measured. Discussion is happening widely about the tree use and tolerance of saline water. Photos were shown of Weebill nest. Pruning day on August 3 at Kamarooka.
- ♦ **Climate change Project** – Workshop to be held to consolidate results of the project with participants.

7 General Business

1. MB - Agreement between Hay family and NUFG regarding the forestry rights and obligations. Discussion to continue on how this might work.
2. PD - Stuart Fraser – Beekeepers saying sugar gums looking really good for flowering in November this year.
3. IR - With new funding for CC & Kamo project , present steering committee to continue.
4. PW – Has given 3 kidney trays borrowed from NUFG to Trevor Barker.
5. PW – Friday 22/8/08 Mitiamo FC rooms 5pm mapping, 6:30 dinner for NCLC/Bendigo ck FP/Kamo LC, etc.
6. PW – Envirofund/EL-P12 – Thursday 21/8/08 launch of site 10am including morning tea.
7. AP – LC CarbonSMART – Aldo stated that there is some flexibility with the 10yr agreement mentioned at the last meeting.
8. Contact List – Members to state whether their contact information is for the entire group or Executive only.
9. PD - Ed Barrett-Leonard visiting Kamo next Wednesday.

- 8 **Meeting closed:** 9:50pm. **Next Meeting:** Raywood Hotel 27 August 2008, starting at 8pm.