



Northern United Forestry Group

Monthly Meeting. Raywood Hotel, 8pm Wednesday 22 August 2007

1 Welcome and Apologies

President Ian Rankin declared the meeting open at 8:07pm.

Present: Rob Comer, Tim Johns, Phil Dyson, Ian Rankin, Mal Brown, John Toll, Trevor Barker, Shaun Quayle, Lindsay Cail, Aldo Penbrook, Howard Perry, Darren Bain, Andy Hay, Carmel Hay, Stuart Ayson, Megan Ayson, Adrian Hocking, Robyn McKay, Paul Turnbull, Zoe Toll, James Williams

Apologies: Darren Kerr, James Williams, Prue Borschmann, Amanda McLaren, Mal Johnson, Tim Barden, Lindsay Cail.

Motion: "That the apologies be accepted." Moved HP. Seconded TB. Carried.

2 Minutes of previous meeting held 25 July 2007

Motion: "That the minutes of the meeting held at the Raywood Hotel 22 July 2007, be accepted as a true and accurate record of what took place at the meeting." Moved MB. Seconded JT. Carried.

3 Business arising from previous minutes

Issue/Action	By Whom	By When	Status
Improved adherence to timeliness of meetings	NUFG members	Ongoing	Ongoing
Send letter regarding issues with accessing EFARMER including infrastructure to relevant authorities	TJ	26/09/07	Active. More info required.
eFARMER training day – Drummartin PS good day. Next date Wed 5/9/07 5pm to 7pm	Members involved	5/9/07	Active
FF Toolbox V5 – Andy Warner CDs not in yet. Training to be delivered when CDs in.	-	-	Active
Provide photos for FF Tour 2 to Phil Dyson	Members who took photos	ASAP	Active
Next pruning day at Kamo	Members	Sun 16/9/07	Active

4 Correspondence In

- ♦ Landcare Vic - Group order for Landcare farm gate.
- ♦ Trevor Barker – Campaspe Shire Landcare bus tour to Loddon Shire, 8:30 Friday 7/9/07 including visit to Kamo project site.
- ♦ Landcare/ Governor of Victoria – Vic Landcare awards reception invitation.
- ♦ AFG magazine.
- ♦ Forests and Timber magazine, Issue 1, Vol 16.
- ♦ John Lambert – Plantation eucalypts for high value timber 2007 conference.
- ♦ Brittany Poulton – Terrick Terrick field day Sunday 23/9/07 10am-4pm, ph 5430 4435 by 19/9/07 to book.
- ♦ Norman Wettenhall Foundation – Innovative Projects.
- ♦ Mhrinral Brahve – Genetic research into salt tolerant plants.

- ♦ NCCMA – Biodiversity forum 2nd week Oct at Echuca.
- ♦ Paul Carroll – Jesse Blackadder Profile on NUFG document launch in Qld on Friday.

5 Correspondence Out

- ♦ Mal Brown – Kamarooka project quarterly report to NCCMA.

Motion: “That the correspondence be accepted.” Moved PT. Seconded SA. Carried.

6 Reports

- ♦ President's report – Ian Rankin thanked Mal Brown for the successful launch of the Kamarooka project DVD. Ian commented on the format of the launch and the excellent presentation given by Sharman Stone. Thanks also to Zoe Toll for beautiful native flower and foliage bouquet presented to Sharman Stone. Ian also thanked those responsible for FF Tour 2. The day was extremely good and a tight schedule was adhered to well. Particular thanks to James, Mal and Paul. The meeting agreed that the FF tours were extremely important and necessary to do regularly.

- ♦ Treasurer's report – Rob Comer reported on NUFG's income and expenditure as at 22 August 2007.

Motion: “That the Treasurer's report at 22 August 2007 be approved and that accounts received be approved for payment.” Moved RC. Seconded PT. Carried.

- ♦ Social Secretary's Report – James Williams gave a comprehensive report of Tour 2. It was suggested that a letter of thanks should be drafted to those who helped with funding the 2nd FF tour.

- ♦ Kamarooka ground water - Phil Dyson reported that the groundwater data shows – saline land falling, wooded areas rising and that there is good separation between the these 2 areas. The inference is that the water depression created by the trees is now being filled by water from under the saline areas due to the lack of rainfall. The original owner (Uncle Mac) of the Kamo project area when the salinity came in is returning to the area for a visit and will be interviewed on his impression of the site now.

- ♦ Climate change Project – Phil reported that drilling had not yet taken place due to availability of the drillers. Evaporation pan up and running, including bara and evap logger installation. A sub-committee meeting is required prior to the next general meeting (6:30pm). Need to get guttering in trees up and running.

7 General Business

- ♦ AP - presented info on carbon sequestration in sugar gum was around 5t/ha/yr – more discussion to follow at next meeting.
- ♦ TB – 2nd Generation Landcare grants due \$2K and \$10K available. Due 15/10/07.
- ♦ DB – EBMP – self-assessment for landholders. Assessment of each activity on a property. Landholders with EBMP will be looked at favourably wrt funding.
- ♦ SQ – Mulching trial – early thinnings @ Huntly plantation, early indications about \$1000/day profit possible.
- ♦ PT – Camaldulensis x Globulus – Violet Town 7y.o. exhibiting very impressive growth may be scope for people within group to grow. Expressions of interest in obtaining see SQ/PT.
- ♦ MB – Fly over of Kamo project site arranged via helicopter/ plane will obtain aerial photos.
- ♦ JW – NUFG farm gate signs – still have a number left. Previously have been \$10 per sign. **Motion:** New NUFG members to get farm gate sign for free until existing signs run out. Moved JW. Seconded AH. Carried.

8 Meeting closed: 9:40pm. Next Meeting: Raywood Hotel, 8pm Wednesday 26 September 2007.